

# Contribution of C.G. in National Movement

## CGPSC - {Part-8}



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Revolt of 1857

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Introduction: For the first time C.G. came under British rule in the year 1818.

In 1854, 13 March Lord Dalhousie, under Doctrine of lapse policy annexed Nagpur and C.G. was brought into deputy commissionership with Raipur as its Headquarters.

## Causes of Revolt of 1857

1. Use of cartridge made by fat of cow & pigs in Enfield rifles.
2. Invasion of territory of India
3. Strict taxation policies.
4. Doctrine of lapse

## Cause of the Rise of National Movement in C.G.

- i) Changes in the revenue system and also administrative system of C.G.
- ii) Exploitation of local peasants and severe famine in the region.
- iii) Conversion of locals by the christian missionaries.
- iv) Exploitation of human resources and tribal community of Bastar region.

## 9) Sonakhan Revolt:

In 1857 severe famine occurred and people started dying out of hunger.

Narayan Singh, Zamindar of Sonakhan was a kind hearted man, he distributed the food grain looted from a trader's godown, to the poor and needy people.

- He then informed about this incident to the then Deputy Commissioner.
- The Deputy Commissioner considered it as a crime and summoned Narayan Singh,
- Narayan Singh didn't turn up, so an arrest warrant was issued against him.

- He was arrested on 24, October, 1856 from Sambalpur and was sent behind bars in Raipur.
- He escaped from prison with the help of the soldiers of British army and reached Sonakhan.
- In Sonakhan he formed an army of around 500 men.
- Lieutenant Smith & Napier were deputed to search and arrest him and also to crush the Sonakhan army.
- The British army was helped by some other Zamindars and finally the British army surrounded the hill on which Narayan Singh was camping.

- British succeeded after a prolonged battle and Vir Narayan Singh was arrested and later hanged on 10th December 1857, and also the village of Sonakhan was burnt by the British force.
- Vir Narayan Singh is considered as

"The 1<sup>st</sup> Chhattisgarhi Freedom fighter".

## 2. Shruvarao Revolt :

Shruvarao was one of the Maria Tribe from Bastar region and belonged to Dorla tribe. He protested against the invasion of Britishers in Bastar region of CG.

All his tribesmen and people from other tribes supported him. This revolt is also known as hingqiri revolt and took place just before the revolt of 1857 i.e. in the year 1856.

Shuvarao Maria is considered as the

2<sup>nd</sup> Martyr of Bastar



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