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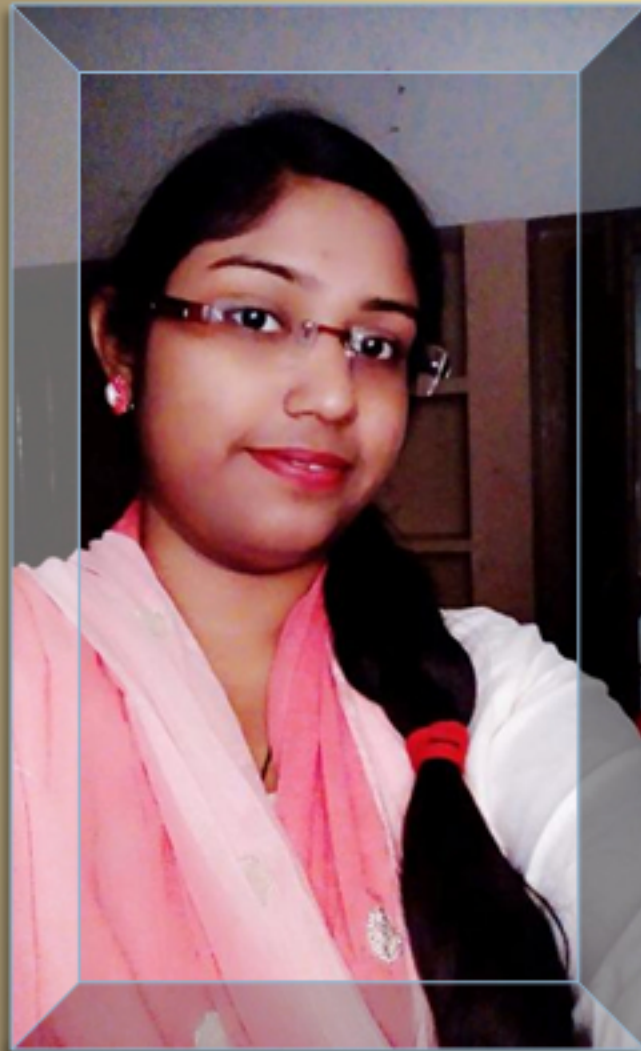
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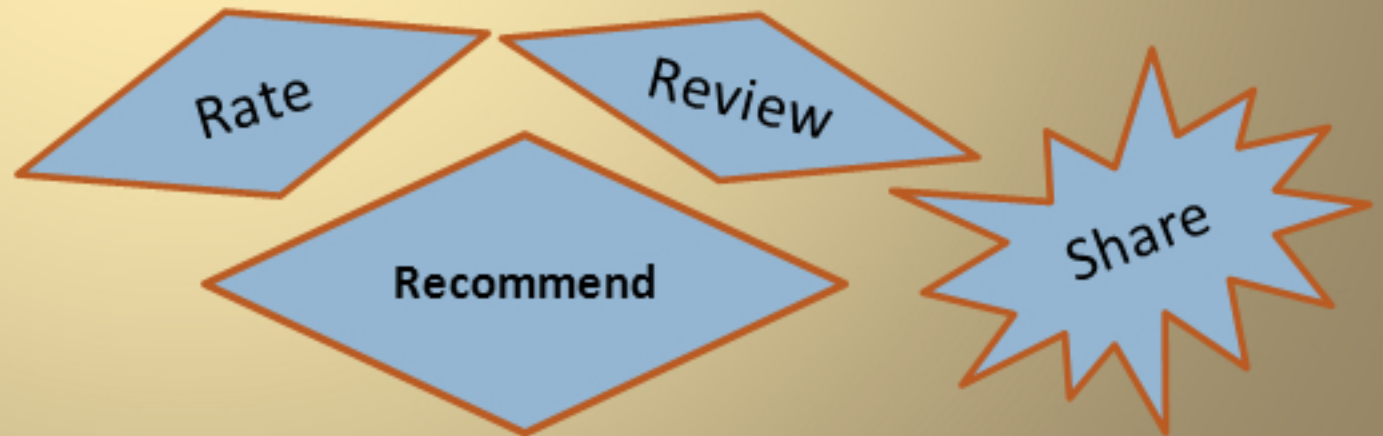
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Target
Audience

- Anyone interested in the history of North East India

Introduction

- **Bhogeshwari Phukanani (1885 – 20 September 1942)** was a prominent Indian freedom fighter from Assam during the British reign and played an active role in the Indian freedom struggle.

Background

Born in **Nagaon district**, Assam; Bhogeswari Phukanani was **married to Bhogeswar Phukan** and the couple had **two daughters and six sons**. Despite of being a mother of eight children and a housewife she had played an outstanding role in the Quit India Movement. Phukanani was **active in Berhampur, Babajia, Barpujia areas in the Nagaon district of Assam**. She was the **chief contributor** when it comes to the **establishment of Congress office at Berhampur in Nagaon district**. In **1930**; she **actively participated in a nonviolent march as an action of civil disobedience** against the British authorities and was **arrested for picketing**.



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Siliguri

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Baoshan
保山市

Deqen
迪庆藏族
自治州

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A Fearless Leader ...

As a part of the Indian independence movement, Phukanani would often take part in nonviolent protest marches against the British rule. In **1942**; the **Berhampur Indian National Congress office was seized by the British authorities**. Phukanani and her sons **took part in the protest march** which was organised in order to force the British authorities **to re-open the Congress office**. People from the surrounding villages came out in support of the attempt ; **carrying the Indian national flag** ; chanting '**Vande Mataram**' and freedom slogans in loud.

Bhogeswari Phukanani along with **Ratanmala (another freedom fighter)** led the mob. The police **resisted it with force** and in the ensuing scuffle a captain in the British army named "**Finish**" (in some accounts, the name is mentioned as '**Finch**') snatched the national flag from Ratanmala's hand, who fell down on earth. Furious by the disrespect to the national flag, Phukanani snatched the flag from his hand and **hit his head with the pole of the flag.**

Enraged by her actions, Captain Finish pulled out his revolver and fired at Bhogeswari Phukanani and she fell down to the ground. She succumbed to her injuries and died on **September 20, 1942.**