

ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

# INDIA'S FREEDOM STRUGGLE: RESULT OF FIGHT BETWEEN INDIANS AND BRITISH GOVERNMENT

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**T**here is no doubt about the fact that Indian independence struggle is seen as the biggest revolutions held so far. A number of people belonging to different schools of thoughts and classes were active in the political field. As a result of which powerful capitalist rule had come down on its knees. According to my view, India's freedom struggle was the result of internal disputes related to the interests of Indians and British capitalists.

With the passage of time the development, Indian national revolution took the form of one of the greatest revolutions in the history of world. The main source of this revolution was the sacrifice of people after 1918. The basis for Satyagraha was the active participation of people and those millions who did not participate actively, their empathy and support continued with the revolution. Besides a number of public movements and fights, Satyagraha movements were organized between 1919 and 1942. Millions of males and females were included in it and their determination and courage helped in keeping the flame of revolution alive. The revolution began as a fight of intellectuals and spread up to the villages, cities, farmers, land owners, youth, women, labourers, merchants, capitalists and even the poor living in the remotest part of the country.

The revolution took along the modern politics up to the people in different forms and stages. However, it did not influence the minds of people following the old system, who believed in loyalty towards religion, caste, place, traditional rule or authoritarian rule. This revolution did not unite the people with caste, religion and place as the focal point. People did not participate in the freedom struggle as Brahmans, Marathas or Harijans. It did not try to influence the identity of the person through his caste or religion because in a couple of cases the caste groups came into picture in order to maintain law and order in the struggle taking place at village level. But, its inspiration and demands had nothing to do with caste.

During the 20<sup>th</sup> century the social and cultural revolution that developed

against the capitalists in a defensive manner, were all included in the national freedom struggle. Most of them merged into national struggle and took a mighty form.

But the national struggle had to surrender partially in the last stage in front of communalism. Here we have analyzed the origin and development of communalism and the reasons due to which the national freedom fight was partially unsuccessful in facing this challenge. Women and people belonging to the lower strata did see some improvement in social conditions but this movement was not successful in taking the social and religious reformers towards the analytical and logical stage. Gandhi Ji had made several attempts to do this but this movement could not combine cultural struggle with political struggle.

This movement was dependent on the vast faith of the sacrifice of Indian people but it was aware of their limitations also. Therefore, the movement did not demand anything that was impractical or beyond one's imagination. In spite of all these, a revolution based on cadres is dependent on efficient people who have tremendous capability to sacrifice but in spite of having people with extraordinary talents and leaders, a people's movement has to believe in its people, its power and limitations. Hence the ordinary people are supposed to deliver extraordinary results.

The national movement utilized the capacity, talents and efficiency of the common man in different ways. It had room for everybody. Old, young, rich, poor, men, women, intellectuals and common man were all included in this freedom struggle. People had taken part in this fight in different ways, like going to prison, involving in Satyagraha, organizing public meetings, campaigns, taking part in procession, strikes, encouraging their groups, taking part in creative work, wearing khadi clothes and Gandhi cap, donating money for Congress, distributing newspapers and pamphlets that were declared illegal and reading them out to the people, organizing street plays and theatre shows, dramas, reciting poems, celebrations, writing stories, poems and novels on nation, organizing morning prayers, singing songs and taking part in the movements.

Managing the movement and including the common man in this process demonstrated the tremendous creative strength of the people. The people could express their power and capacity through this movement. This movement had a number of leaders, their followers, and their combined strength. This movement gave birth to several thousands of freedom fighters, but those who worked for days and nights with patience and calm, sacrificing their homes, family, children without bothering about their employment and food, losing their land, property, source of livelihood, who could not take care of their children's education were actual brave people. At last, India was successful in freeing itself from the clutches of British rule.

## DEVOTIONAL SONG

जिन्दगी में भूल कर न पाप कर।  
हर घड़ी परमात्मा का जाप कर॥  
जिन्दगी में .....॥  
भक्ति-शक्ति-मुक्ति मिलती मोल न-2।  
जितना भी करना है अपने आप कर-2॥  
हर घड़ी परमात्मा का .....॥  
भूल से हो जाये कोई पाप तो - 2।  
बैठ कर कुछ काल पश्चात्ताप कर-2॥  
हर घड़ी परमात्मा का .....॥  
आयेगा परमात्मा तुझको नजर-2।  
आईना दिल का तू पहले साफ कर-2॥  
हर घड़ी परमात्मा का .....॥  
राह में काटें बहुत मंजिल कठिन-2।  
हर कदम चलना संभल कर नाप कर॥  
हर घड़ी परमात्मा का .....॥

**Synopsis:** Do not commit sins in life and always think of god. Devotion, strength and liberation cannot be obtained with money and try to work yourself. If you commit some sin unknowingly then sit and repent for it seriously. You will be able to see the god and for that you have to first clean your heart. The path is very difficult and full of thorns, so be careful at every step.