

# INCREDIBLE MARTYR 'BISMIL'

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**T**he martyrs of our nation strived for freedom but never bothered about name or fame. There are a number of martyrs whose names are not known but they should be always remembered and saluted. The wind sings songs in their praise and the sunrays also bow in front of them.

The moon showers its soothing light on the 'Martyrs memorial (Keerti Sthambha) built in memory of the martyrs. The future generations will sing in their praise and remember their valour forever. They will get inspiration, strength and feeling of determination to protect the motherland and its freedom

Their souls are resting in the foundation of monuments. Their blood was used to gain leadership. Castles of freedom were constructed on their crushed bodies. Each drop of their blood had immense strength that gained freedom for the nation. Had our great martyrs not sacrificed their lives for the motherland then we would still be slaves under British leadership.

The freedom struggle, which started in 1857, came to an end only after India became free on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947. A number of martyrs shed their blood in this period of 100 years. A few names are found in the history and the rest are lost. These sacrifices are as relevant today as they were in yesteryears. At that time they had the question of freeing India and today it is the question of protecting it.

Gorakhpur dist jail – Sri Rajendranath Lahidi – main accused in the Kakori event sacrificed his life for the motherland on 17<sup>th</sup> December 1927 two days earlier to his friends. On 19<sup>th</sup> December 1927 three other revolutionists gave their lives. Each one of them had seriousness that cannot be described. They had the passion of playing with their lives. They were not afraid of death.



**Execution cell in Gorakhpur (U.P.),  
Where Bismil Was hanged**

They were not brought to the lasso in unconscious stage like others. They were preparing themselves for this. Pandit Ramprasad Bismil prepared himself for death. Bismil was waiting for the time. He got the notice of the time of hanging along with sunrise; he smiled and shouted slogans – 'Vande Mataram' and 'Bharat Mata Ke Jai'. He was very happy to be hanged, he shouted 'I wish the downfall of British Emperor'. He was ready to sacrifice for the motherland and came to the lasso with smiling face. The air of his body blended with the atmospheric air. After a few seconds his body hanged from the noose and there was complete silence everywhere. He sacrificed his entire life for the nation. The nation was in deep sorrow. Everybody showered flowers on his body. His name is written in golden words in the history of freedom struggle.

The Gorakhpur region has a unique feature. Many eminent personalities have worked in different regions of India but chose this place for their salvation. We can recall Lord Buddha and Kabirdas in this regard. The

great martyr Pandit Ram Prasad Bismil is one of them.

Bismil did not work in Gorakhpur but he breathed his last here. The British hanged him to death as an accused in Kakori event on 19th December 1927. His last rites were performed on the banks of the river Rapti. Bismil wrote many letters and articles during his stay in the jail. These articles played an important role in the freedom struggle. His martyrdom was a ray of hope to the complete mankind.

His work was very effective and he became dear to the people of Gorakhpur and remains in his heart even today. Bismil wrote a letter before the Kakori event, which brought freedom successfully. The British seized his letter and literature. This paved way for his revo-

lutionary ideas and an armed revolutionary group namely – Hindustan Republic Association took birth, which spread all over in due course of time.

Bismil studied Lenin's literature thoroughly, after being arrested in Kakori case, the police and the District Magistrate pressurized Bismil and said that if he revealed about Bengal, he could be given 15 thousands cash prize and sent to England immediately after he was released from the jail.

His famous song titled, 'Sarfaroshi ki Tamanna', was very inspiring for the people who sacrificed their lives at the time of freedom struggle. Even today these words inspire us to struggle and save the motherland.

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अहमिद्धि पितृष्वरि मेधामृतस्य जग्रभ । अहं सूर्यैव बाजनि ॥

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**Saint:** Kandvo Vats || **God** – Indra || **Rythm:** Gayatri

**Word meaning:** **Aham It** – I! **Hi:** Certainly; **Pituh** – Father, **Ritasya** – Truthful God; **Medham** – Brain; **Parijgrabh** – I have achieved from all sides ; **Surya ev** – Like Sun; **Ajani** – I have become.

**Explanation** – I have become like sun. I feel as I have become sun among human being. Rays of truth from me are emanating Like all the creatures are getting light, life and heat from sun, in the same way people who come to me get knowledge, devotion and strength. I do not do anything but rays of life emanate naturally from me and they are making people pious and aware. I have done nothing. I have only worshiped the sun form of Almighty. As a result, his sun form is appearing from me. I have worshiped sun with my brain. A person's brain place (head) is the world of sun. I have attained truth from all sides and retained it. This is called 'Medha'. Therefore I have attained 'Medha'. Associating myself with sun, I have become like it. I have gained it from the truthful God. I have decided that I will follow only truth. I have achieved devotion and power along with true mind. My mind and body have become noble spirited. All the qualities of almighty father have come into me. I have become sun. Oh God! I bow down my head at your feet.