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*Celebrating 75 years of Independence*



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## Southern Revolts and the Great Revolt of 1857 - *the genesis*

The earliest resistance to British rule took the form of episodic uprisings in different parts of India. The South Indian Rebellion (1800-1801), organized by a confederacy of rebels was a major anti-British uprising. The Vellore Revolt of 1806 and the regional uprisings were precursors of the great revolt of 1857. In 1857, the sepoys in the British regiment rose against their commanders and soon were joined by native rulers, zamindars, peasants and common people. This revolt, though ultimately suppressed by the British, helped foster the spirit of nationalism in India.



The Fort and the Memorial of Vellore Revolt - 1806



The Relief of Lucknow - 1857

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## Uprisings of Peasants and Tribes - *different places and times, same purpose*

The discontent of peasants and tribes broke out into popular uprisings in various parts of India at different points of time during British rule. The Santhal Hool (1855-56), Indigo Revolt (1859-60), Kuka Revolt (1872), Pabna Revolt (1873-74), Deccan Riots (1875), Ramosi Uprising (1877-1887), Munda Ulgulan (1899-1900), Mappila Revolt (1921) Rampa Rebellion (1922), were some of the popular uprisings of peasants and tribes against British Rule.



Birsa Munda, Tribal rebellion in 1899-1900

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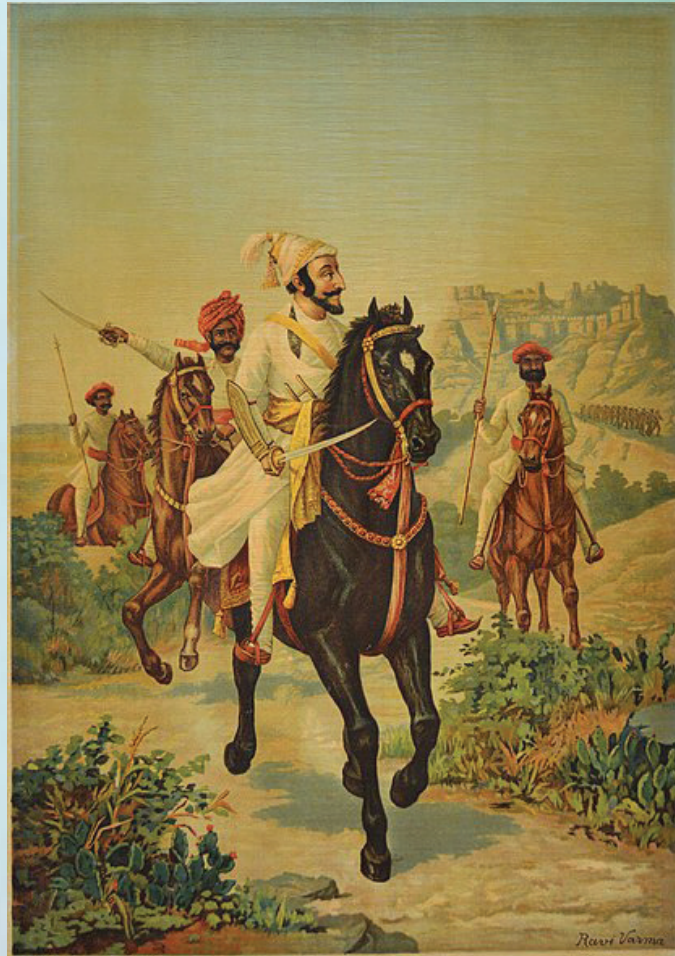
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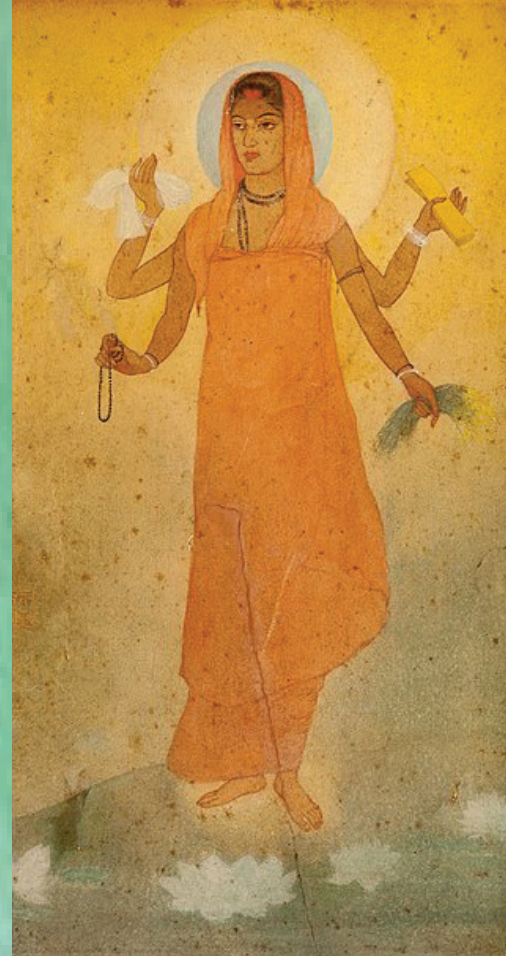


## Nationalism through Art, Education and Literature - *expressions of freedom struggle*

Nationalism inspired the birth of a new genre of art, education and literature devoted to the worship of the nation, inspired by India's ancient culture, heritage and the beauty of her landscape. Education at Shantiniketan gave way to focus on identifying the roots. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Rabindranath Tagore, Nandalal Bose, Raja Ravi Varma, Aurobindo, Bhartendu Harish Chandra, Subramania Bharathi, Sarojini Naidu and a host of artists and poets were the inspiring spirits of a growing feeling of nationalism. The slogan "Bande Mataram" and the image of mother India (Bharat Mata) in shackles aroused powerful emotions.



Shivaji, 1890, Oleograph Print by Raja Ravi Varma



Bharat Mata 1905 by Abanindranath Tagore



Bharat Mata in Vijaya Magazine, 1909

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\* Kandhoori Urs Festival  
(RH for Karaikal)

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Sri Kailasanathar  
Temple Car Festival  
(RH for Karaikal)

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\* Shah-e-Barath /  
Feast of St. Joseph

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\* Sandana Koodu  
(RH for Karaikal)

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## Swadeshi and Swaraj - sowing seeds of self-reliance

The partition of Bengal in 1905 by the British intensified nationalism and triggered the Bande Mataram Movement. "Swadeshi" and "Swaraj" became the watchwords of the nation. Bal Gangadhar Tilak in Maharashtra, Bipin Chandra Pal in Bengal, Lala Lajpat Rai in Punjab inspired the people to embark on the Swadeshi and boycott movements. In 1906, V. O. Chidambaram Pillai of Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu floated the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company and plied ships from Tuticorin to Colombo (Sri Lanka) before the British incarcerated him. In 1907, Sardar Ajit Singh spearheaded the Pagdi Sambhal Jatta Movement in Punjab against the stringent anti-peasant laws of the British.



Mahatma Gandhi with his spinning wheel demonstrating Swadeshi



Lala Lajapati Rai, Bala Gangadhara Tilak and Bipin Chandra Pal, 1906-1918

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Telugu New Year's Day  
(RH for Puducherry,  
Karaikal & Mahe)

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Sri Rama Navami  
(RH for Yanam)

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Dr. Ambedkar's Birthday /  
Tamil New Year's Day

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\* Lailathul Qadr

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## Mahatma Gandhi assumes leadership - *freedom struggle gains momentum*

Mahatma Gandhi returned from South Africa in 1915. His first Satyagraha in India was at Champaran district in Bihar, 1917, followed by Kheda district in Gujarat, 1918 and Amritsar, 1919. On 13<sup>th</sup> April 1919, Amritsar witnessed a tragedy when an armed battalion fired 1,650 rounds nonstop on a peaceful gathering of people at Jallianwala Bagh, leaving an indelible mark in the history of the freedom struggle. One year later, on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1920, Perungamanallur in Madurai district turned into another Jallianwala Bagh, when innocent villagers were violently killed by the British police force for protesting against the unjust Criminal Tribes Act.



Champaran Satyagraha at Bihar, 1917



Jallianwala Bagh Massacre site at Amritsar, 1919

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\* Ramzan (Id-ul-Fitr)

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(Krishuvinnetttram)

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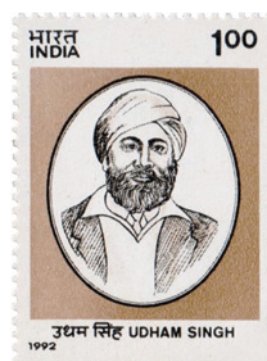
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## Non-Cooperation - *non-violent, yet powerful*

Mahatma Gandhi launched the Non-cooperation movement in September 1920 and called upon the people not to cooperate with the unjust British rule and boycott of British law courts, legislations and educational institutions. Desabandhu Chittaranjan Das gave up his gainful practice of law in response to this call and donated all his property to the cause of nationalism. Duggirala Gopalakrishnayya organized a peaceful volunteer force called Rama Dandu (Rama's army) and led the no-tax campaign at Chirala in Madras Presidency.



Mahatma Gandhi started the Non-Cooperation Movement, 1920



Bhagat Singh and others at National College, 1921

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(RH for Puducherry)

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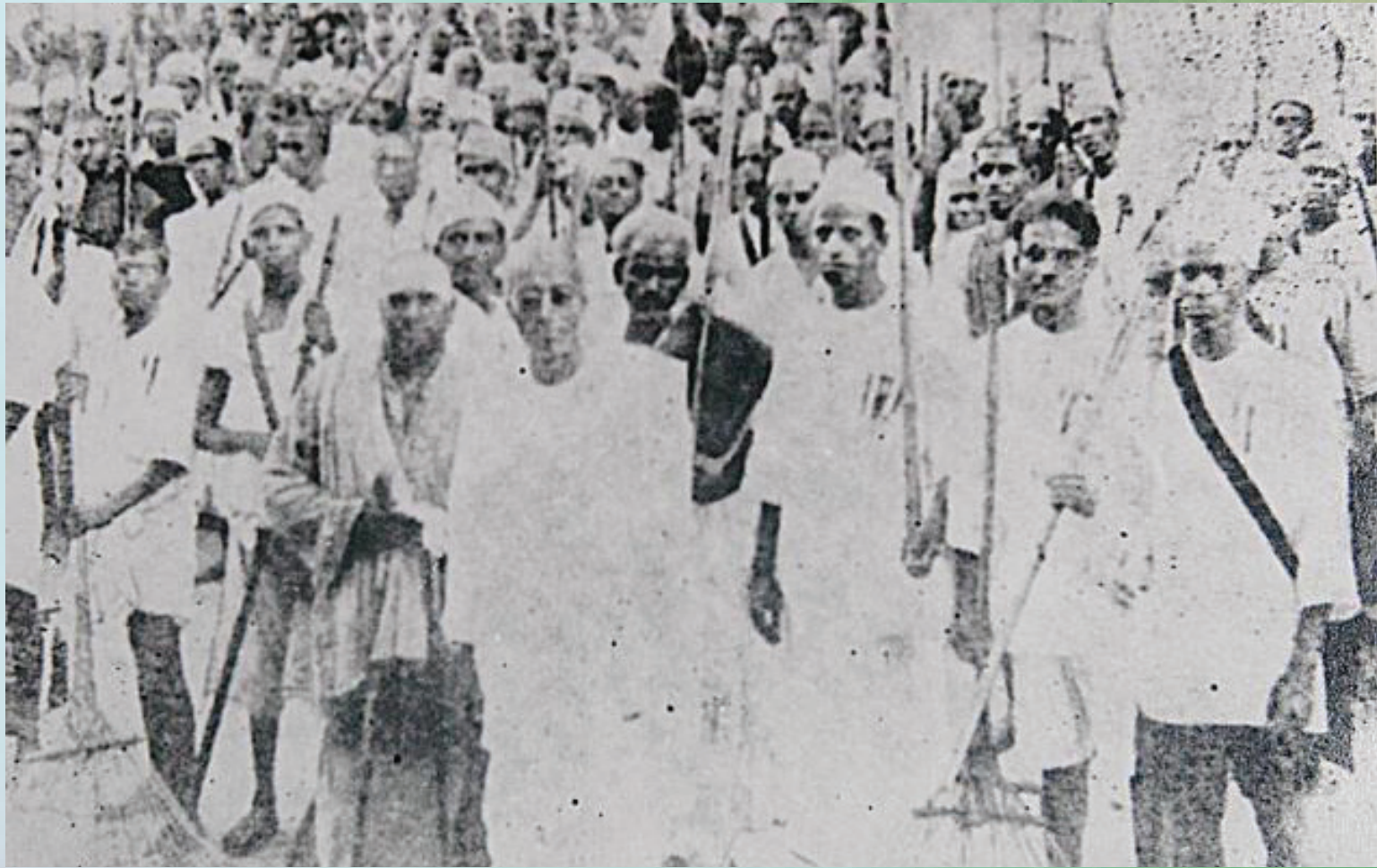
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## Civil Disobedience - *peaceful, yet impactful*

The Dandi March (12<sup>th</sup> March - 6<sup>th</sup> April 1930) organized by Mahatma Gandhi and his subsequent arrest led to a countrywide agitation. Women jumped into the fray led by Kasturba Gandhi, Sarojini Naidu, Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay, Avantikabai Gokhale and Durgabai Deshmukh. Satyagrahis made peaceful protest marches and broke the salt law in coastal areas. Mahatma Gandhi's southern commander Rajagopalachari and his follower Rukmini Lakshmi pati led the Vedaranyam Salt March (13<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April 1930). Rani Gaidinliu led the no-tax campaign in Nagaland. For the first time, the colonial government had to create space for women prisoners in the jails.



Rajaji march from Tiruchi to Vedaranyam beach, 1930



Mahatma Gandhi, Mithuben Petit and Sarojini Naidu, 1930

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## Quit India - *the final push*

In 1942, the nation witnessed the call to the British to “Quit India”. Mahatma Gandhi impelled the people to “Do or Die”. A spirit of aggressive nationalism led to a violent mass agitation and at several places the British administration came to a standstill. The leaders including Mahatma Gandhi, Abul Kalam Azad, Jawaharlal Nehru and Vallabhbhai Patel were put behind the bars. But the movement was continued by women. While Sucheta Kripalani publicly led the movement, Aruna Asaf Ali, was the spirit guiding the movement from underground, defying the ban order of the British and evading arrest with the help of the people. During August and November 1942, Usha Mehta, with assistance from the followers of Mahatma Gandhi, set up a secret Radio station in Bombay called “Voice of Freedom” to broadcast messages of nationalists.



Procession at Bangalore during Quit India movement, 1942



Procession during Quit India

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Janmanshtami / Veerampattinam Car Festival (RH for Puducherry) / \* Muharram (RH for Mahe)

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Vinayaga Chathurthi (RH for Mahe)

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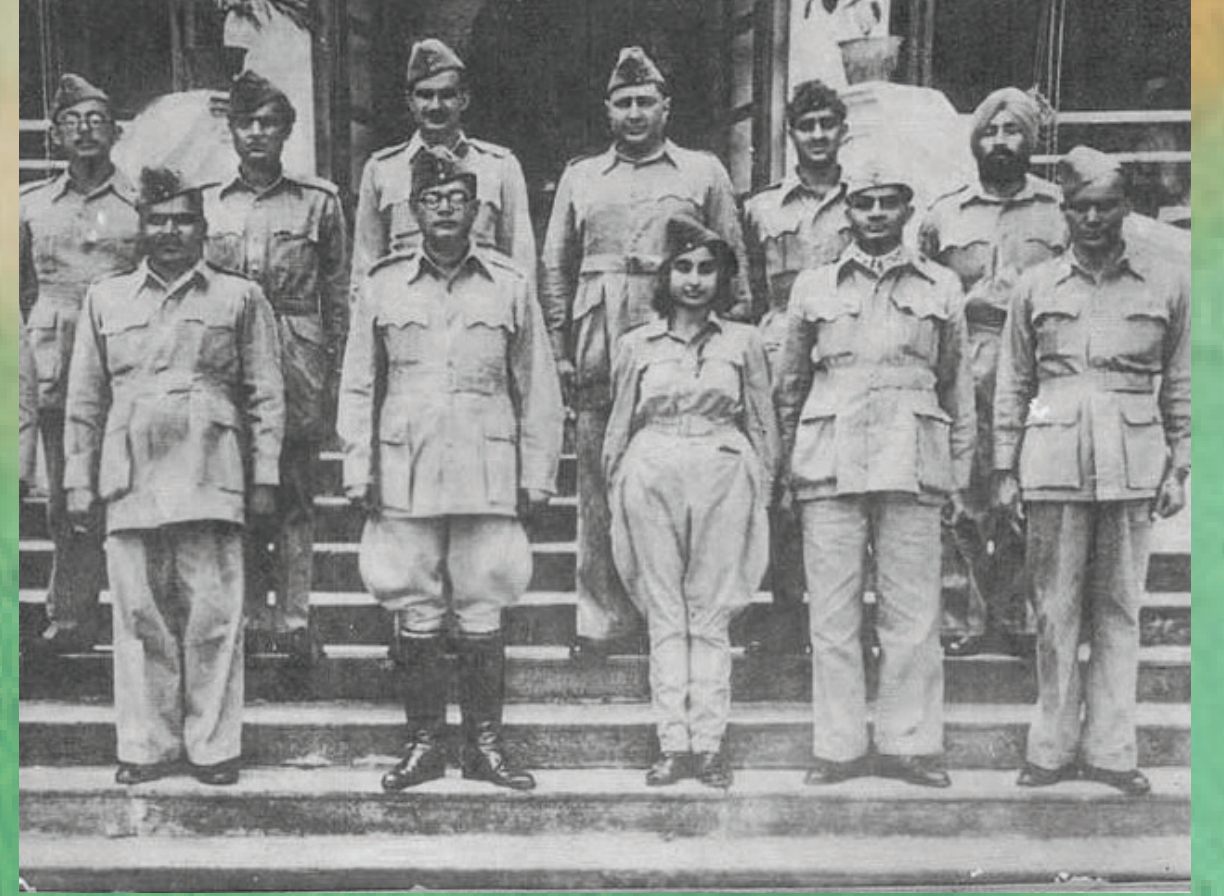


## Indian National Army - *different approach, same goal*

The Indian National Army was the armed force organized outside India in South East Asia by Rash Behari Basu and Mohan Singh in collaboration with Japan in an effort to enlist the support of Britain's enemies against the British empire in India. Taking over the INA in 1943, Subash Chandra Bose formed the Azad Hind Fauj and invaded British India from the northeast. Subash gave two slogans, "Jai Hind" and "Dilli Chalo" during this campaign. Though the British repelled the combined forces of the INA and the Japanese, the bravery and courage of the INA gave a fillip to the anti-British struggle in India. The Rani of Jhansi regiment, an all-women regiment of the INA earned fame under the leadership of Captain Lakshmi Swaminathan.



Women regiment of Indian National Army, 1940



Netaji and Lakshmi Swaminathan (Sehgal) of INA, 1943

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## Integration of Princely States - *towards one strong nation*

When India approached independence, there were 565 princely states in British India which were around one-third of the area of their Empire. The British announced an option to these Princely states to join India or Pakistan during independence. Sardar Valla Bhai Patel along with V. P. Menon took the challenge of negotiating the rulers diplomatically and brought them into independent India. The policy of instrument of accession was signed by most of the kingdoms by 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947.



Some of the Princely States Nizam of Hyderabad, Maharajas of Jaipur, Gwalior, Bikaner, Udaipur, Kashmir, Cochin, East Punjab States Patiala and Bhopal

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Gandhi Jayanthi

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Saraswathi Pooja /  
Ayudha Pooja

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Vijayadasami

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(Birthday of Prophet  
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St. Theresa Festival  
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Deepavali Eve

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Deepavali  
(RH for Mahe)

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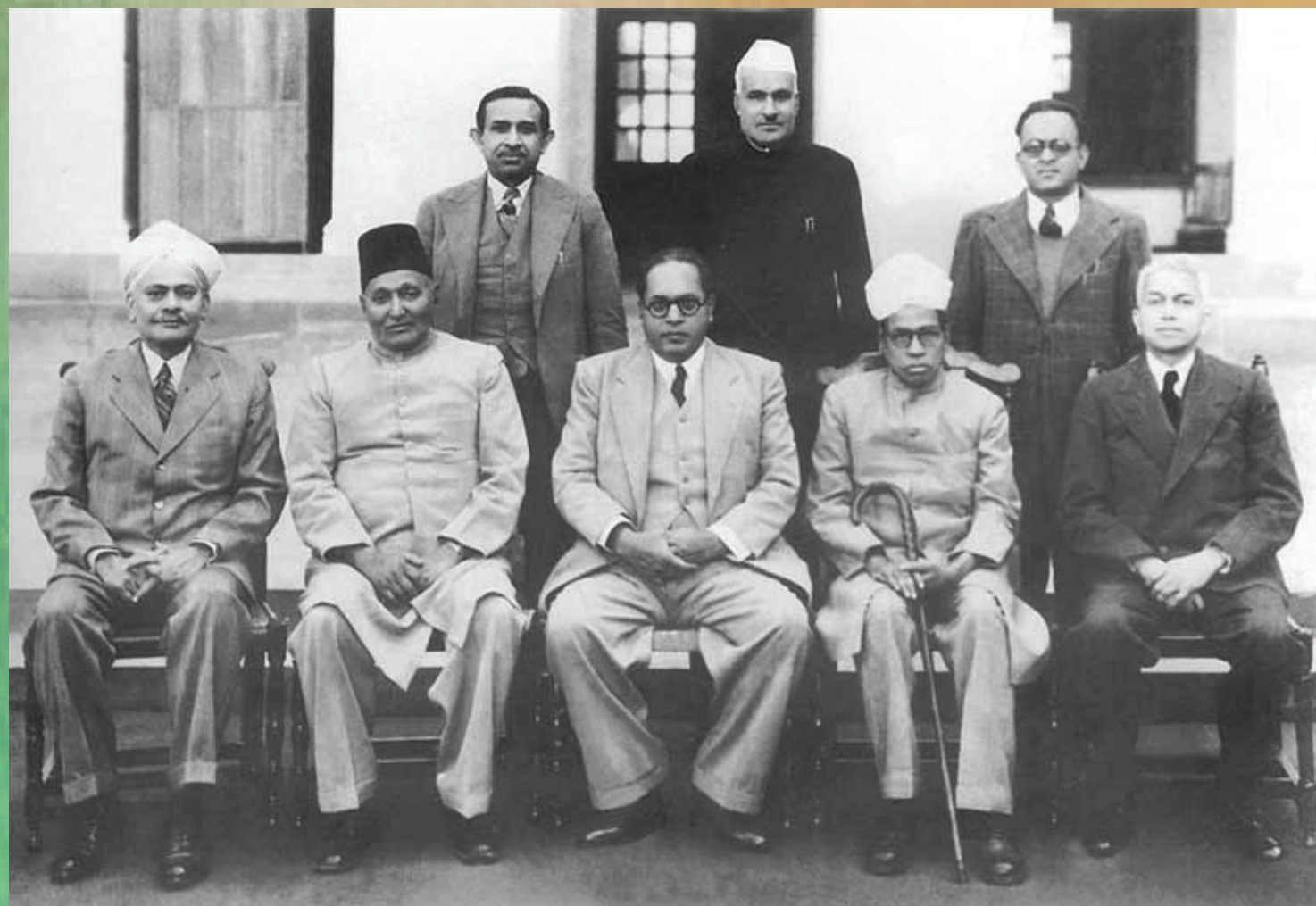


## The Birth of Freedom and the Constitution - *a nation wakes to new life*

When the free India awoke on the midnight of August 15<sup>th</sup> 1947, along with the Partition of India, the Constituent Assembly had already started its work of preparing the constitution. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Law Minister and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee piloted the draft constitution through different stages until it was finalized and received the assent of the President of India. On January 26<sup>th</sup> 1950, the world witnessed the birth of India, a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular and Democratic Republic.



Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, 1947



Drafting committee of the Constitution: N. Madhava Rao, Syed Muhammad Saadulla, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer, Sir Benegal Narsing Rao, S. N. Mukherjee, Jugal Kishor Khanna and Kewal Krishnan, 1947

## November 2022

Sunday

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Liberation Day

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All Souls Day

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Guru Nanak's Birthday

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Sri Subramanya Sasti  
(RH for Yanam)

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Public Holidays

Restricted Holidays

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## Liberation of Puducherry - *Pondy in the limelight*

Seven years after the independence of India, France agreed to transfer Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam to India on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1954. Kewal Singh, the first High Commissioner of Pondicherry and Pierre Landy, the special envoy of the French Government exchanged signatures for the transfer of power. However, this could happen because, on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1954, 170 of the total 178 elected members of the Representative Assembly and the Municipal Councils voted in favour of the merger of the French territories with the Indian Union in the Referendum held at Kizhur.



De Jure Transfer day (Transfer of Power), 1954



Flag hoisting in independent Puducherry



Prime Minister Nehru's visit post liberation

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Karthigai Deepam

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Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

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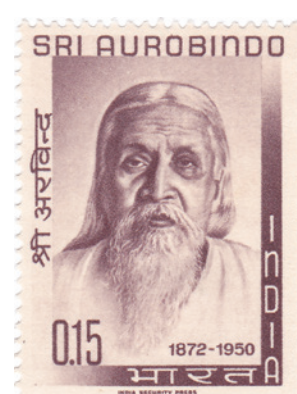
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