

## Unsung Heroes of the Freedom Movement from Assam

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### Abstract

The long freedom movement in India come to an end with a triumph in 1947. In this year India achieved its freedom from about two hundred year of British supremacy. Like all other states, Assam also take part in country's independent struggle. It played a prominent role in India's Independent movement. The Assamese people mark conspicuous contributions at every stage of freedom struggle. Though many people played a vital role in country's freedom movement but their names always away from the time light. So, there is a need to highlights the noteworthy contributions of some unknown heroes of Indian independent movement. This article primarily deals with some unsung heroes from Assam who played a crucial rule in India's freedom movement.

**Key words:** Assam, unsung , heroes, freedom movement, India.

### Introduction:-

The freedom movement of India is a defining moment in country's history. It's a series of historic events and sacrifices by many freedom fighters. People from Assam also activity involved in country's freedom movement. The visit of Mahatma Gandhi in 1921 to Assam had a great impact among the mindset of assamese masses. Kushal Konwar, Kanaklata Boruah, Bhugeswari Phukanani, Chandraprabha Saikiani, Pushpalata Das are some prominent assamese freedom fighters. They are celebrated among the whole community. But there are some others who also played an important role in the freedom movement of India whose names still remain unknown to the common masses .The proposed study explores some unsung heroes of freedom movement from Assam whose contributions are away from the spotlights.

### Objective :

This research article deals with the unknown heroes of India's freedom movement from Assam. The study aims to through light on some unsung heroes and their contributions towards country's independence. The main aims are to highlight some unknown freedom fighters from various parts of Assam, reappraising some heroes and their contributions which has not written in common text books. Overall, it aims to anyalse some unsung heroes whose name faded into darkness.

### Methodology :

This research article is based on analytical method. This analysis basically concentrate on some unsung heroes who contributed a lot in country's freedom movement. Both Primary and secondary sources are used in this article. As a primary sources personal interviews has been taken from the family members of some unsung hereoes. Some secondary sources such as books, Journals, article are also used in this article.

### Results and Discussion:

There is no doubt that every masses of Assam and some parts of India hear about the contributions of Kanaklata Boruah, Bhugeswari Phukanani, Chandraprabha Saikia, Pushpalata Das and many more. They have got the spotlights. But there are some other freedom fighters whose contributions remain unknown to the masses today. Here some lesser-known freedom fighters of India from Assam.

### Sonaram Chutia :

Sonaram Chutia has played an active role in Quit India movement. He was arrested by the British and sent to Jorhat central Jail for participating in Quit India movement in 1942. In the time of his imprisonment he met some prominent freedom fighter such as Debeswar Sarma, Gopinath Bordoloi, Pitambar Dev

Goswami, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed etc. He had been imprisoned for 2 years 18 days. After his released in 1944 he was again placed for 6 months of house arrest. In 1972 Union Government and in 1973 Assam Government honoured him for his contribution as a freedom fighter.

#### **Debeswar Doloi :**

Debeswar Doloi was a freedom fighter from Jorhat district. He was founder-President of Assam Rajyik Mukti Joddha Sanmilan. Under the Asom Rajyik Mukti Joddha Sanmilan Doloi tried to create freedom fighters association units in every district of Assam. Doloi was a follower of Gandhi. He participated in quit India movement when he was a student and imprisoned for seven months in Jorhat jail. He met Hair Narayan Baruah, Nilamoni Phukan, Krishna Nath Sarmah, Sonaram Chutia and some others freedom fighters in Jorhat Central Jail. "Freedom movement in Assam" is the co-edited book of Debeswar Dobi and Tuleswar Bordoloi is the another author of this book.

**Bholanath Baruah :** Bholanath Baruah is another freedom fighter from Panigaon, Lakhimpur, Assam. He was born in 1925 at Panigaon. Leading the co-freedom fighter and volunteers of Lakhimpur, he took part in Quit India movement. As a prominent freedom fighter, Baruah was honoured by the President of India in 2014.

#### **Bidyawati Gogoi :**

Bidyawati Gogoi is a freedom fighter and social activist from Lakhimpur. She was born at Dhakuakhana, Lakhimpur in 1926. She joined in the Quit India movement and dared to raise slogans like "Up UP National Flag, Down down England Jack" "Mahatma Gandhi Ki Jay", "Bharat Mata Ki Jay" etc. She played an active role to communicate and convinced the women of Dhakuakhana to participate in India's independence movement.

#### **Chakradhar Bhuyan :**

Chakradhar Bhuyan is another freedom fighter from Lakhimpur district. Bhuyan was born at Panigaon, Lakhimpur on August 9, 1929. By following the path of Mahatma Gandhi Bhuyan joined in the Quit India movement in 1942. Bhuyan was given the responsibility of a spy to collect the confidential information of British at the time of freedom movement.

#### **Biju Bauri :**

Biju Bauri was a freedom fighter who lost his life in prison following torture by the British Jail Staff. According to Devabrata Sharma, secretary of Assam Jatiya Prakash "While sacrifices of other heroes like him have been extolled in history, Bauri remains an unsung hero". Biju Bauri also known as Beja Baisnab. He was a tea worker near Numaligarh. He got influenced by the speeches of other freedom fighter against British Raj. He was arrested and sent to Jorhat Jail for picketing and participating in non violent demonstration on February 19, 1932. Because of the torture of British Jail staff he lost his life in Jail. Not only Bauri but his whole family also joined in the freedom movement and got imprisoned.

#### **Bipin Pal Das:**

Bipin pal Das was another freedom fighter whose name is also far from the limelight. He joined in Quit India movement and played a vital role on spreading the message of freedom movement among the rural masses in Kamrup district. He was arrested in 1942 because of this campaign. After being released from jail he took part in some underground works. Das joined the congress socialist party in 1946.

Apart from these freedom fighters, there are some others also. They are such as – Akan Chandra Borah, Kushadev Gaswami, Kerketuwa Chutia, Keshav Ram Borah, Khargeswar Hazarika, Kamal Chandra Katak, Krishna Prasad Dutta, Khageswar Gogoi, Kamal Chandra Bhagawati, Haladhar Bhuyan, Motiram Borah and many more. They took part in country's freedom movement. Some of them got imprisoned for their participation in freedom struggle. They also contributed a lot for their motherland. Their contributions towards Indian's freedom struggle can-not be ignored.

#### **Conclusion:**

In the light of the above discussion, it can be concluded that people from various regions came together to fight for their motherland. Though they contributed a lot for their motherland. But they are away from the limelight. During the period of suppression the women also actively involved in every phase of freedom movement. They took part in the processions, picketing, Gandhi's programmes like weaving, spinning and many more. Some women played an important role to propagate the message of struggle in some remote areas.

Bidyawati Gogoi is the perfect example for it. However, not much has been written about them. It's the time to celebrate those unsung heroes whose contributions are unforgettable.

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