



# Lecture-30



## **Rise and Role of Revolutionaries**

In the first half of the 20th century, revolutionary groups sprang up mainly in Bengal, Maharashtra, and Punjab.

- The revolutionaries were not satisfied with the methods of both the moderates and extremists. Hence, they started many revolutionary secret organizations.

## **REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES IN MAHARASHTRA**

### **Vasudeo Balwant Phadke**

- Phadke was influenced by the vision of Justice Ranade.
- He held the British government to be responsible for the sufferings of the people during the famine in the Deccan in 1876-77.
- Phadke denounced the British policy of ruthless exploitation of India.
- The government ordered the army to suppress the uprising.
- Avoiding pitched battle; Phadke recognized his force & started guerilla warfare against the British.
- He was ultimately captured and was sentenced to transportation for life. He was deported to Aden where he died in 1883 in jail.

### **The Chapekar Brothers, Damodar, Vasudev and Balkrishan**

- They established the **Hindu Dharma Sanrakshini Sabha** in 1894.
- During the Ganapati festivals of 1894, they circulated leaflets in Poona, and asked the Hindus to rise in arms against that rule as Shivaji had done against the Muslim rule.
- On 22 June 1897, **W.C. Rand & Lieutenant C.E. Ayearst** were shot dead by Damodar & Bal Krishna Chapekar.
- Damodar was arrested immediately after and was sentenced to death.
- Bal Krishna was later arrested in Hyderabad and sentenced to death.

### **Vinayak Damodar Savarkar**

- Savarkar joined the Abhinav Bharat Society founded by his elder brother Ganesh Damodar.
- At the time of his departure from India, Savarkar and his brother were also leaders of an

association known as the Mitramela, started around 1899.

• Savarkar later proceeded to London in 1906, but his organization continued to flourish in India.

### **MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION:**

**1. Who among the following is considered as the ‘Grandmother of Indian Revolutionary Movement’?**

A. Sarojini Naidu

B. Lakshmibai, the Rani of Jhansi

C. Annie Besant

D. Madam Cama

**Ans: D**

**2. Who among the following was the founding member of Anushilan Samiti?**

A. Madanlal Dhingra

B. Prasad Bismil

C. P. Mitra

D. Bhagat Singh

**Ans: C**

**3. Who among the following killed Curzon Wylie in London?**

A. Madanlal Dhingra

B. Prasad Bismil

C. P. Mitra

D. Bhagat Singh

**Ans: A**

**4. In which place, Gadar Party was founded?**

A. San Fransisco

B. California

C. Tokyo

D. London

**Ans: A**

**5. Who among the following established the Hindu Dharma Sanrakshini Sabha in 1894?**

A. Bagha Jatin, Bhupendra Natha Datta, and Barindra Ghosh

B. Chapekar Brothers, Damodar, Vasudev and Balkrishan

C. Vasudeo Balwant Phadke and VD Savarkar

D. Sri Aurobindo, Deshabandhu Chittaranjan Das, Surendranath Tagore and Jatindranath Banerjee

**Ans: B**