

Lecture-31



Rise and Role of Revolutionaries

REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES IN BENGAL

- The revolutionary activity in Bengal was the outcome of the failure of constitutional agitation to prevent the partition of Bengal in 1905. Anushilan Samiti
- The first revolutionary organization in Bengal was the Anushilan samiti.
- The Anushilan Samiti was established by Pramathanath Mitra, a barrister from Calcutta.
- The people associated with this samiti were Sri Aurobindo, Deshabandhu Chittaranjan Das, Surendranath Tagore, Jatindranath Banerjee, Bagha Jatin, Bhupendra Natha Datta, Barindra Ghosh etc. Bhupendra Nath Datta was brother of Swami Vivekananda.
- Barindra Ghosh was sent to Paris to learn the science of Bomb Making and here he came in touch with Madam Bhikaji Cama.
- Madam Cama was already associated with the India House and the Paris India Society.
- Its members Kudiram Bose and Prafulla Chaki were entrusted with the task of assassination of Kingsford the vindictive judge who had sentenced many political prisoners to heavy terms of punishment.
- On 30th April 1908, they threw a bomb at the carriage in which they believed Kingsford to be travelling. But unfortunately, two British ladies who were in the carriage were inadvertently killed. Kudiram was arrested and hanged on 11th August 1908.
- They published a periodical named Jugantar, which openly preached armed rebellion in order to create the necessary revolutionary mentality among the people. Both Sandhya and Jugantar openly preached the cult of violence.

The Alipore Conspiracy

- The government's search for illegal arms in Calcutta led to the arrest of thirty-four persons including the Ghosh brothers and their trial came to be known as Alipore conspiracy case.
- One of the arrested persons Narendra Gosain became the approver, but he was shot dead in jail before giving evidence.
- Of the accused in the Alipore conspiracy case, fifteen were found guilty and some of them including Barindrakumar Ghosh were transported to life.

• After the Alipore conspiracy case, Rash Behari Bose planned a nationwide-armed uprising with the help of Indian soldiers of the British army. However following the discovery of the plot by the police, Rash Behari Bose escaped to Japan & continued his revolutionary activities there.

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION:

1. Who was the founder of Gadar Party?

- A. Lala Hardayal
- B. Sohan Singh Bhakkna
- C. Taraknath Das
- D. All of the above

Ans: D

2. Who among the following was not associated with Kakori Conspiracy Case?

- A. Ram Prasad Bismil
- B. Ashfaqullah
- C. Rajendra Lahiri
- D. Muzaffar Ahmed

Ans: D

3. The Kakori Train Conspiracy was organised by which of the following Revolutionary organisation?

- A. Anushilan Samiti
- B. Gadar Party
- C. Hindustan Republican Association
- D. Hindustan Socialist Republican Association

Ans: C

4. Consider the following

- I. The conspiracy was for plundering the British Government Treasury that contains around Rs. 8,000.
- II. German made Mauser pistol was used in the robbery.

Which of the above statement (s) is/are correct about the Kakori Train Conspiracy?

- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Both I and II
- D. Neither I nor II

Ans: C

5. Who was the head of Chittagong raid on the Police armoury?

- A. Subash Chandra Bose
- B. Roshan Singh
- C. Chandrasekhar
- D. Surya Sen

Ans: D