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## “Amazing Indian Women’s Freedom Fighters”

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### **Abstract**

The history of Indian struggle would be incomplete without mentioning the contribution of women the sacrifice made by the women of India will occupy the foremost place they fought with true spirit and unafraid courage and faced various tortures exploitations and hard ships to earnus freedom.For the period of freedom struggle in the motherland.Women we not staying at the back. The role of women in freedom struggle is extremely significant and they also participated in Indian struggle for independence. The women in the brigade were certain the similar preparation seeing that it was given to men also still their uniform was comparable to the man warriors the list of great women whose names have gone down in history for their dedication and undying devotion to the service of India`s freedom struggle.

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### **Introduction**

In India the struggle for Independence from the British has been marked as the foremost freedom struggle in the country. Many such women freedom fighters had immense contribution towards this struggle. Many people belong to different regions, timelines but their dreams were same-India’s Independence from colonial rule or British Raj and amongst these people. Millions was women, some were known and some were not. These women spunk and determination in the face of adversity, their courage to look death in the eyes, their intense love and love for their mother land; all serve the same purpose-to flare up our minds and strive for a better world but these women leaders have been long gone and forgotten. They gave selfless sacrifices and even laid their lives to see their nation free and even laid their lives to see their nation free and prospering.For the period of freedom struggle in the motherland.Women we not staying at the back. The role of women in freedom struggle is extremely significant and they also participated in Indian struggle for independence. The women in the brigade were certain the similar preparation seeing that it was given to men also still their uniform was comparable to the man warriors the list of great women whose names have gone down in history for their dedication and undying devotion to the service of India`s freedom struggle.

And I am going to list some of them down in this article many women too shouldered several critical responsibilities in the When most of the men freedom Fighters were in prison the women came forward and took charge of the struggle the list of great women whose name have gone down in history for their dedication and undying devotion to the service of India is a long one.

### **Begam Hazrat Mahal**

Begam Hazrat Mahal was a great Indian Freedom fighter who played a major role during India’s first war of Independence. She was also known as Begam of Awadha and the wife of Nawab Wajid Ali Shah, ruler of Lucknow. She led a band of her supporters against the British, and worked in closed association with other leaders of the India’s First war of Independence including Nana Sahib; Begum was not only a strategist but also fought on the battle field.

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### **Velu Nachiyar**

She was the first queen to wage a war against the British and them a good run for their money. The former princess of Ramanathapuram opposed the British rule even before the sepoy mutiny.

### **Matangini Hazra**

Matangini Hazra was known as the champion of the Quit India movement. She was a staunch Gandhian and supporter of Non-cooperation movement. She at the age of 73 was also an active participant of the Quit India movement leading a procession of 6000 Supporters. This unsung heroine was shot by the British while trying to capture Tamluk Police Station. But Hazra didn't back down and marched forward with the national flag, repeating the slogan vande Mataram.

### **Moolimati**

Hailing from an extremely humble background Moolimati was the mother of freedom fighter Ram prasada Bismil who was hanged by the British Raj for his role in mainpuri conspiracy case and the Kakori conspiracy moolamati a simple woman supported her son through at his struggle for the freedom movement. Meeting bismil before his hanging at the Gorakhpur jail she was firm and told him that she was proud to have a son like him.

### **Abadi Bano Begum**

Her conservative background didn't stop Abadi Bano to come out and register her support for the independence struggle the protest against the arrest of her freedom fighter son bano who has barely stepped out of her house addressed a huge crowd in Lucknow behind her burka and of course her message was strong and firm in support of the freedom struggle.

### **Arun Asaf Ali**

She played an outstanding role in the Quit India movement. She was arrested on the charge that she was a vagrant and hence not released in 1931. Under the Gandhi Irwin pact which stipulated release of all political prisoners she edited 'INGUILAB' a monthly Journal of the India national congress Aruna was dubbed the heroine of 1942 movement in her later years.

### **Durgabai Deshmukh**

Durgabai deshmukh played a significant role in the freedom movement she also faced imprisonment thrice. She also participated in the khadi movement and also forbade Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru from coming in because he did not have ticket. She also worked for upliftment of women, 'gau seva' and the betterment of the lives harijans and their temple entry in 1928.

### **Janakidevi Bajaj**

Janakidevi Bajaj, the woman who gave up all comforts of life for freedom of India In the year 1921, inspired by Gandhi, Janakidevi Bajaj burnt foreign clothes being used in and out of the home. She worked on the charka and the spindle and went from house to house teaching spinning of the charka.

### **Tara Rani Srivastava**

Along with her husband, she led a procession in front of the siwan police station. Though he was shot, she bandaged his

wounds and kept going forward. By the time she returned, he had died. However, her will to go on was stronger still and she continued to fight holding the flag high.

### **Raj Kumari Gupta**

She and her husband worked with Mahatma Gandhi and Chandrashekhar Azad and she played a charge of supplying revolvers to those involved in the operation. Raj Kumara hid the firearms in her undergarment and went to deliver them, with her 3 year old son alongside. Ironically though, on being arrested, she was disowned by her marital home.

### **Parbati Giri**

Parbati Giri was only 16 but actively in the forefront of all freedom activities, especially the Quit India movement. She was imprisoned for 2 years for taking part in such activities, Giri served the public socially as the mother Teresa of western Orissa.

### **Kanaklata Barua**

She was an Indian freedom fighter from Assam. She took a leading part in the Quit India movement in 1942 at Barangabari and stood at the head of the women volunteer's line with the National flag at the British dominated Gohpur police station by shouting the slogans "British imperialists should go back" etc. but was prohibited by the Britishers. Though she tried convincing that her intentions were noble, British police shot her with several other picketers and at the age of 18 she sacrificed her life for the country.

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### **Sushila Chain**

The unsung heroine of India's fight for Freedom. Meet Sushila Chain Trehan, who fought against the British, Educated young girls in rural Punjab against every one's will, and dedicated every single minute of her life toward the nation's social good. Since India's Independence, she had been contributing towards the social good of the nation until her death.

All these women Freedom fighters with their contribution made the Indian freedom struggle successful, memorable and inspirational. Hundreds and thousands of Indian women dedicated their lives for obtaining freedom of their motherland. And only very few could include in this essay due to space. Infact handful women freedom fighters who were associated with Independence struggle came from elite of middle class backgrounds. There were a number of ordinary faces from humble backgrounds, conservative households and with no formal education, who battled the British Raj, gave selfless sacrifices and even laid their lives to see their nation free and prospering.

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