

THE REVOLT OF 1857

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Outbreak of the Revolt .

On 9th MAY In Meerut a refused to use the greased the cartridge. They were dismissed and sentenced to imprisonment for 10 years. On hearing this other soldiers stationed at Meerut and revolted. ON 10TH May they realised the imprisoned soldiers, killed their British officers and marched to Delhi. There they proclaimed the old Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar as the emperor of India.

Spread of the Revolt

The Revolt in Kanpur was led by Nana Saheb with the help of his commander Tantia Tope and Azimullah

Nana Sahib



Tantia Tope

(1814 - 18 April 1859)

- ❖ In Lucknow the Revolt was led by Hazrat Mahal and Maulvi Ahmadullah

Begum Hazrat Mahal

The wife of Wajid Ali Shah and the Queen of Awadh (Oudh) though charming and affable in nature, was a strong leader and an adroit strategist. She bravely led her army in one of the central places of the revolt, Lucknow. Even after being a gallant woman she is lost in the pages of history.

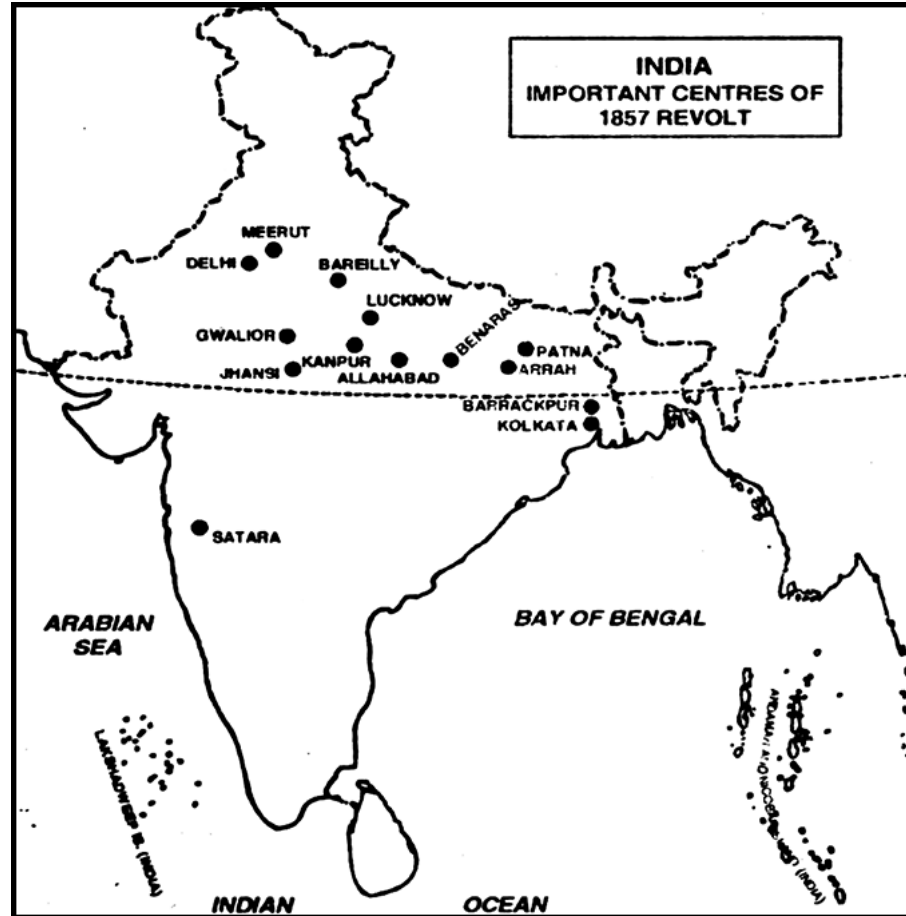


- ❖ In Jhansi the Revolt was led by Rani Lakshmibai

- ❖ With the defeat of Rani Lakshmibai, the Revolt was almost completely crushed by the British



Rani Laxmi Bai



The end of the Mughal Empire

Bahadur Shah Zafar



- ❖ Under the command of General O'Neil, British troops launched a massacre in Delhi
- ❖ Bahadur Shah Zafar's sons were captured and killed. The old emperor was exiled to Rangoon
- ❖ In Burma where he died. Thus the Mughal Empire came to an end.

Reasons for the failure of the Revolt

❖ Lack of Unity among Indians

The revolt did not involve the entire region or all the sections of the Indian society. Many of the Indian rulers and big zamindars refused to join the rebellion. Most of the educated, westernised Indian did not support the revolt.

❖ Lack of National Leader

There was no single leader who could unite the various groups for the revolt. The freedom fighters were not inspired by modern ideas of nationalism, Liberty, equality and democracy.

❖ Lack of resources

The rebels could not match the modern weapons and materials of war used by the British. Though the Indian soldiers were fearless and brave but they lacked organisation and discipline. The British had the railways at their disposal and an excellent system of communication.

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