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FIRST DESIGNER OF INDIAN FLAG - HEMCHANDRA KANUNGO

Hemchandra Kanungo Das

(1871-1951), one of the pioneer leaders of the secret revolutionary organization , and a principal co-accused with Sri Aurobindo in the Alipore Bomb Case (1908-09). A close associate of Barindra Kumar Ghosh and Aurobindo Ghosh, Hemchandra Kanungo was instrumental in setting up the secret bomb factory that Barindra Kumar was a part of. Kanungo went all the way to Paris just to learn the art of bomb making. He returned to India and taught other freedom fighters what he had learned from his Russian friends in Paris. He went to England and Paris to learn the manufacture of explosives and bombs. He was sentenced to transportation for life in the Andamans, but was released in 1921. Hemchandra had a most colourful personality.





CAREER OF HEMCHANDRA KANUNGO

He was sentenced to transportation for life in the Andamans, but was released in 1921. He was probably the first revolutionary from India who went abroad to obtain military and political training. He obtained training from the Russian emigre in Paris.

He returned to India in January 1908.

Hemachandra decided that what was needed was technical know-how, and he went to Europe to get lieutenant To get money for the trip he sold his house in Calcutta. Arriving in Marseille toward the end of 1906, he spent a few months trying to get in contact with revolutionaries, or people who knew revolutionaries, in Switzerland, France, and England. Finally he found a backer to support him while he studied chemistry in Paris.



CAREER OF HEMCHANDRA KANUNGO

Hemchandra Das returned from Europe with a trunk full of up-to-date technical literature, the most important item of which was a seventy-page manual on bomb-making, translated from the Russian.

Hem had not intended to join forces with Barin, but after a talk with Sri Aurobindo, agreed to cooperate. A suicide squad of two members was sent to kill Kingsford (British Officer) at Mujjaffarpur, after bombing at wrong target, Shaheed Prafulla Chaki committed suicide before the British Indian Police detain him alive but Shaheed Kshudiram Bose failed to commit suicide in time and the Police arrested him. As a result of this incident, the covert bomb factory established by Hemchandra Kanungo was raided by the British Police and shut down. Almost all of the members were arrested in a short period of time.



POLITICS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Apart from this With the help of a female anarchist, apparently Emma Goldman, they were admitted to a party headed by a mysterious Russian known as Doctor of Philosophy During the latter part of 1907, the two Indians studied history, geography, economics, socialism, communism, and finally, the subjects they had come to learn: explosive chemistry and revolutionary organization.

He opened a secret bomb factory "Anusilonee Somitee" at Maniktala near Kolkata, founder members of which were Hemchandra Kanungo, Aurobindo Ghosh (Sri Aurobindo) and his brother, Barindra Kumar Ghosh.



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