



## Khudiram – Glimpses of his Life and Achievement

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The life of Khudiram is an extraordinary example of dedication and hurdles from the very beginning. When an individual would very much want to enjoy life, he had never given importance to that attitude. He considered his duty towards the country and its people to be more important than confirming himself only to his own work.

When India was desperately struggling for freedom, when the country was under the ruthless administration of the British rule, he joined with his Headmaster, Satyananda Basu for such a great cause. No precious thing was there for him rather than to achieve the freedom of Motherland. It could have been very difficult on the part of any young man to choose a path of turmoil.

He joined Satyananda Basu against the British. He helped the movement of boycotting foreign goods being inspired by the ideals of Aurobindo Ghosh. In this movement they had to stage *dharana* in front of the shops selling foreign goods. For this he had to tolerate many difficulties. He was aware that without the use of Swadeshi goods and boycott of the foreign goods, the economic development of the country is impossible. This consciousness made him a revolutionary which was reflected in his doings. To bring an end to the selling of foreign goods, he

burnt many shops with foreign goods. That time favoured Khudiram and he was not identified by the spy.

Slowly but steadily he started moulding the minds of the people against the British. For this he had to distribute the booklet named 'Sonar Bangla' which was written by the 'Gupta Samiti'. This booklet contained the British injustice towards the Indians. This work was dedicatedly done by Khudiram and while doing so he was captured by the police force. This time a case was filed against Khudiram and he was declared as the 'defaulter' but in this team his age was only 14 and not old enough for the imprisonment.

Khudiram's 'Gupta Team' joined with Shree Aurobindo. At that time Shree Aurobindo published two magazines. One in English is called as *Bande Mataram* and another in Bengali. These magazines aimed to create awareness about the English dictatorship and ruthless unlawful rule. That was effective in that time and made many people to join the movement of Aurobindo. That was a headache for the British Authority. For this Sri Aurobindo was arrested by the British. Subsequently Sri Aurobindo was released but the printing authority Bipinchandra Pal was imprisoned. This incident made an impact on the mind of the revolutionist like Khudiram. During

this time the revolutionist made plan to kill Kingsford but the British Administration came to know about the plan. The English government at that time transferred Kingsford to another place, Mozafarpur. But the revolutionists wanted to achieve their aim by any means. This target was given to the bold, enthusiastic, capable, young, energetic revolutionist Khudiram.

‘Do or die’ was the *mantra* for Khudiram at that time. He and his friend Prafulla Chakhi were sent to Mozafarpur to take revenge against the Kingsford. The revolutionists remained there and made plan to achieve their target. One day he bombarded the car of Kingsford. But in that car instead of Kingsford, the Kennedy family were travelling.

Only truth of this world is death. But the deeds of those great people make them ever remembered. It was proved in the life of Khudiram living only for 14 years which proved his life’s justification to the world. He will always continue to be the ideal of the entire country for his strong

and indomitable zeal and personality. Let the younger generation try to be worthy of Khudiram and fight against superstition, sorrow, difficulty, tragedy, and the ideals for which he stood.

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