

Paika Revolt of 1817

(The First Struggle for Independence of India)

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"Paika", derived from the word "Padatika" includes people of many castes, tribes even horses and elephants. They are peasants but militia during battles.

Enjoyed Jagir's offered by Raja's beheld securities, internal external used traditional weapons, lathies swords devoted to Raja and Zamindars all.

After Maratha rule came British Rule East India Company occupied Odisha last Abolished Zamindars Jagir, power of Rajas Right of salt manufacture and Forest.

Buxi Jagabandhu was directed by British to "Pay Rent for Jagir Rodanga gada in Court" Middleman taking rent, betrayed Buxi Jagir auctioned in middleman's name, at last.

March 1817, revolt hurled led by Buxi joined Paikas, Kandhas of Ghumusara Stormed companies Banpur office Killed hundred, looted money all.

Revolt spread over Kujang, Nayagarh Ghumusara, Ranapur, Gop, other corner British bewildered "they may be driven out" Granted concession to peasants out of fear.

Buxi surrendered to British in 1825 Pension of Rs.150 granted per month confined to Cuttack, died in 1829 India lost a pioneer leader of National worth.

Paika Revolt of 1817, Odisha is torchbearer and vigorous catalyst one Inspired Nationalists of India to proceed in struggle for Independence of the Nation.

Buxi, where he stayed at Cuttack is known as 'Buxi Bazar' now I hail you Oh ! freedom fighter for your mammoth valor and vow.

N.B. : Buxi's Full Name : Buxi Jagabandhu Bidyadhar Bhramarabara Raymohapatra, the Military Commander under King of Khurdha.

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