



# Shri. Birsa Munda

Bharatiya Svatantrata Yoddha, Tribal Leader

## EARLY LIFE

November 1875

- Grazed sheep in the forest of Bohonda. When he grew up, he shared an interest in playing the flute, in which he became expert.
- He came in contact with a Christian missionary who visited a few families in the village which had been converted to Christianity and attacked the old Munda order

## REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

- Sardar Patel's agitation in which Birsa was involved made him anti-missionary and anti-Government
- His slogan "Let the kingdom of the queen be ended and our kingdom be established"
- To the twin challenges of agrarian breakdown and culture change, Birsa along with the Munda responded through a series of revolts and uprisings under his leadership
- The Christian missionaries wanted to arrest Birsa who threatened their ability to make converts. Birsa went underground for two years but still attended a series of secret meetings

## TRIAL AND MARTYRDOM

June 1900

- He was arrested at Jamkopai forest in Chakradharpur on 3 March 1900.
- Birsa Munda died in the jail on 9 June 1900

## SUMMARY

He spearheaded an Indian tribal religious Millenarian movement that arose in the tribal belt of modern-day Bihar and Jharkhand in the late 19th century, during the British Raj

He said that the reign of the Queen Victoria was over and the Munda Raj had begun. He gave orders to the raiyats (tenant farmers) to pay no rents. The mundas called him Dharati Aba, the father of earth