

What Bhagat Singh's legacy means beyond martyrdom



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Bhagat Singh was 23 when British authorities hanged him in Lahore on March 23, 1931. His execution helped make him one of India's best-known revolutionaries. Yet the story of his lasting influence is larger than the courage he showed in prison or the anger his death provoked. Singh wanted British rule to end. He also argued that independence would mean little if workers and the poor remained subject to exploitation. His socialism, secular politics and faith in reason gave his revolutionary commitment a broader purpose.

At the same time, his use of political violence, including an act that killed a police officer, remains difficult to defend. Any serious account of Singh must hold these facts together. His courage mattered, but so did his ideas and the human consequences of his actions. Born in Punjab in 1907, Singh came of age amid growing resistance to British rule.

He joined the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association, or HSRA, a revolutionary organisation that sought independence and a socialist republic. Its members accepted the risks of arrest, imprisonment and death. Those risks weren't abstract. Singh spent his early 20s organising and writing under the threat of surveillance and prosecution.

Stories about his private life, including a frequently repeated account that he refused to marry, have become part of his public image.

His political record offers clearer evidence of his priorities: he gave his youth to a cause that could cost him his future. In December 1928, Singh and fellow revolutionary Rajguru killed police officer John Saunders in Lahore. The attack followed the death of nationalist leader Lala Lajpat Rai after police assaulted demonstrators. Accounts commonly identify officer James A. Scott as the intended target, but the familiar version of the killing as a simple case of mistaken identity is not certain. Saunders was killed, and the motive doesn't erase that fact. The case became central to the prosecution of Singh and his comrades. Authorities hanged Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev on March 23, 1931.

Their deaths brought grief and anger across India, but their significance rests on more than the spectacle of execution. Singh's political vision challenged the idea that independence alone would deliver justice. By the late 1920s, the HSRA had adopted socialism as a goal.

Singh argued that transferring power from British officials to Indian elites wouldn't be enough if most people remained poor and powerless. Freedom, in his view, had to change the conditions under which ordinary Indians lived. He left no complete plan for governing an independent India. His writings nevertheless make clear that he saw political freedom and economic equality as connected.

A country could govern itself and still leave workers exploited. The question of who ruled India, he argued, couldn't be separated from the question of who



benefited from its wealth and power. Singh also opposed religious divisions in politics. He believed people from different communities could join a common struggle against colonial rule and social injustice.

His essay "Why I Am an Atheist," written in prison in 1930, reflects his willingness to examine belief through reason rather than accept it on authority. The essay is a personal argument, not evidence that the independence movement shared his atheism. That habit of questioning shaped his understanding of revolution. Singh wrote essays, letters and public statements, and he insisted that ideas must guide political action.

His jail notebook and writing for young activists reveal a thinker who continued to read and argue while imprisoned. They offer a fuller portrait than images of him at the gallows or slogans detached from his politics. His actions, however, weren't all the same. On April 8, 1929, Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt

threw low-intensity bombs in the Central Legislative Assembly in Delhi. They stayed at the scene and submitted to arrest.

The bombing was designed as a symbolic protest against colonial laws, not as an attempt to kill. That intent explains the act's political purpose, but it doesn't erase the risks of using explosives in a public chamber. The Assembly bombing also differed sharply from the killing of Saunders. One took a life; the other sought publicity without intending to kill.

Treating them as interchangeable obscures both Singh's strategy and the moral questions it raises. In jail, Singh joined a hunger strike demanding political-prisoner status and equal treatment for Indian prisoners.

The protest focused attention on prison conditions and the unequal treatment of inmates. Revolutionary Jatinder Das died during the strike, bringing further public scrutiny to the authorities' handling of prisoners. The strike didn't secure every demand, but it made prison treatment

part of the wider political debate. Singh and his comrades also used their trial as a platform. The proceedings gave them an opportunity to challenge British rule before an audience far larger than those who attended revolutionary meetings.

That visibility turned a criminal prosecution into a political argument. It didn't end colonial rule or settle whether revolutionary violence was justified, but it helped spread Singh's ideas. The HSRA was only one part of India's independence movement. Mass protests, labor and farmer organizing, political negotiations and nonviolent civil disobedience also challenged British authority. Gandhi's campaigns relied on nonviolent resistance and broad public participation. Singh and his comrades accepted political violence. Their methods differed, but both drew attention to a government that denied Indians control over their political future. Singh's fame shouldn't be mistaken for a claim that he alone secured independence. India's freedom came through the efforts of many people and organisations over decades.

His distinctive contribution was to insist that ending colonial rule wasn't enough if the new nation preserved deep economic inequalities. Today, Singh remains a figure of public commemoration and debate. March 23 is observed in India as Shaheed Diwas, or Martyrs' Day, in memory of Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev. Students, activists, labor groups, writers and filmmakers continue to draw on his image. Some emphasize his patriotism and willingness to face death; others focus on his socialism, secularism or criticism of inequality.

Commemoration can simplify a life. The fearless martyr is easier to celebrate

than the political thinker who questioned religious authority and argued over class. A slogan about revolution can obscure what Singh believed revolution should achieve.

His legacy is more meaningful when his ideas remain attached to the familiar image. His methods also demand scrutiny. Killing Saunders was a deliberate, lethal act, even if Singh and his comrades believed they were retaliating against colonial violence. The Assembly bombing had a different purpose, but it still involved explosives and risked harm.

Admiration for Singh's opposition to British rule doesn't require accepting every tactic as justified. Accounts of his final words and private conversations often circulate without firm evidence. The same care is needed with the date of his birth, which historical accounts place on September 27 or 28, 1907.

September 28 is widely used for commemorations, but that convention doesn't erase the uncertainty. Accuracy matters because the record of Singh's writing, trial and actions is substantial enough without embellishment. Bhagat Singh remains important because his demand for freedom extended beyond the end of British rule.

He wanted a society in which ordinary people had a fairer share of power and resources. His execution made him a martyr; his writings show the political questions that martyrdom alone cannot answer. Remembering him fully means honoring his courage while confronting both the life taken at Lahore and the ideals he wanted an independent India to pursue.

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(Under SARFAESI Act 2002)

APPENDIX- IV-A [SEE PROVISIO TO RULE 8(6) & 9(1)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the Physical / Symbolic Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized officer of Central Bank of India, secured creditors, will be sold on 16.10.2026 "As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues to the Central Bank of India from below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and earnest money deposit (EMD) is displayed against the details of respective properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in: www.centralbank.bank.in or (<https://BAANKNET.com>)

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S. No.	Name of Branch	Authorised Officer/B.M.	Name of the Account	Description of Property & Owner Name	Demand Notice Date & Amount Dues (Rs. in Lakhs)	Date & Type of Possession	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase
1.	Naraina New Delhi	Ms. Swati Rani Mobile: 8800013528	Satish Kumar Singh and Poonam Singh	Residential Property bearing No. B-1/5 and 6, First Floor Back Side Portion, Without Roof/ Terrace Rights, Area measuring 50 Sq Yards, Situated in the area of Village- Palam, Colony known as Rajapuri, Gali No.-5, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi- 110059, Owner- Mrs. Poonam Singh W/o Mr. Satish Kumar Singh and Mr. Satish Kumar Singh S/o Mr. Tej Bahadur Singh	Rs.11,26,590.45 on 18.12.2025 + Interest + Other Charges	28.06.2025 (Physical)	₹ 12,96,000.00 ₹ 1,29,600.00 ₹ 10,000.00
2.	Delhi Cantonment New Delhi	Mr. Suraj Kumar Mobile: 8957330934	Rajesh Tiwari and Rakesh Tiwari	Flat No-E- 100 (Old No- WZ 346), Flat on Third Floor Without Roof/Terrace Rights, Area measuring 80 Sq Yards, out of Kharsa No. 95/22, situated in the area of Village- Palam, Delhi State, Gali No. 17-B, Colony known as Sadh Nagar, New Delhi- 110045, Owner- Mr. Rajesh Tiwari and Mr. Rakesh Tiwari	Rs.25,07,504.42 on 15.05.2024 + Interest + Other Charges	11.02.2025 (Physical)	₹ 20,70,000.00 ₹ 2,07,000.00 ₹ 20,000.00
3.	Jonapur New Delhi	Mr. Bhushan Kumar Mobile: 9617493179	Mr. Ishwar Singh	EWS Residential Flat No. F-430*1-BHK, Ground Floor Nand Nikunj, NandGraham, Ghaziabad-201003 Measuring area 19.53 SQ. MTRS in the Name of Mr. Ishwar Singh	Rs.8,00,095.00 on 05.05.2026 + Interest + Other Charges	03.12.2024 (Physical)	₹ 6,84,000.00 ₹ 68,400.00 ₹ 10,000.00

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Sr. No.	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract (in Lakhs) (PAC)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Cost of Bid Document	Period of Completion (in Months)
1	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of 33/11 KV Sub Station Work and 11 KV line at Bada Bangarda Bhudhania for Kshipra Parisar (KH-16), under PMAY Located in Indore, M.P.	293.17	₹1,46,590/-	₹15,000.00 + GST	04 Months (Including Rainy Season)

Note: The EMD shall be in the form of online payment only as given in the Bid Data Sheet.

Important dates for tender processing are as under:-

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 - Pre-Bid meeting will be held on : 01.10.2026 at 15.00 Hrs.
 - Technical Bid will be open on : 27.10.2026 at 16.30 Hrs.
- If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the technical bid as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

- Note- Bid should be submitted online only. Physical copy will not be accepted.
- Tender document and other details shall be available on Website - www.mptenders.gov.in
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that (1) Mrs. Shashi (2) Mr. Deepak Jha (3) Mr. Yash Raj Kaushik are the Possessors of the Property Bearing Portion of Plot No. 67, area measuring 58.33 Sq. Yds. (Out of 166.6 Sq. Yds.) Out of Kharsa No. 72, Situated in the area of Village Nawada, Colony known as Vipri Garden Extn, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110058. They are in Possession through Notarized GPA, ATS and WILL dated 01.04.2025 executed by Mr. Bindu Kumar in favour of (1) Mrs. Shashi (2) Mr. Deepak Jha (3) Mr. Yash Raj Kaushik, in respect of Property Bearing Portion of Plot No. 67, area measuring 58.33 Sq. Yds. Out of Kharsa No. 72. (1) Mrs. Shashi (2) Mr. Deepak Jha (3) Mr. Yash Raj Kaushik intends to transfer the ownership of above said property by way of Sale Deed to Mr. Sudhir Khare and Mrs. Archana Chauhan. Subsequently, Mr. Sudhir Khare and Mrs. Archana Chauhan are in the process of mortgaging the said property with SIFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. Any objections or concerns regarding this transaction should be raised within a period of 7 days from the date of this public notice. Any objections submitted after the completion of this 7-days period will not be considered binding with respect to the said property or the interests of our client. If anyone wishes to raise an objection, please do so within the stipulated 7-days period by contacting Law Veritas, North (Advocates & Legal Consultants) at Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A-44A, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301. Landline(s): +91012-0499711, e-mail: accounts@veritas.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that Mahboob Ritha S/o. Md. Naseem has acquired Property bearing No. 20, area measuring 33 sq. yds., out of Kharsa No. 15/8/2, situated in the area of village Raupur Khurd, in the colony known as Sal Enclave, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi 110059, by way of Notarised GPA, Notarised ATS & WILL dated 24.04.2026. Now, Mahboob Ritha S/o. Md. Naseem intending to sell said property to Mr. Vivek Gautam and further availing a loan on above said property from Truhome Finance Limited (earlier known as Shriram Housing Finance Ltd.) in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 7 days of this publication to Mr. Ajit Sharma (Advocate), Partner of Acculaw Source LLP, Office no. 361, 2nd Floor, Sec-2, Vashi, Ghaziabad, U.P. Pincode 201010 or contact : +91 9560309809 (M).

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My client, Manveer Singh son of the L. Sh. Buddhan Singh, R/o WB-91, Ganesh Nagar-II, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, has disowned his daughter Pooja Bhat & severed all ties with her due to her misconduct. My client or his family shall not be held responsible for any of her actions in future.
Kirti Madan (Advocate), Ch.No. G-6 1st Floor, Karkardooma Court Shahdara Delhi-32

PUBLIC NOTICE

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