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## The role of women in Indian freedom struggle

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### Abstract

The history of Indian Freedom Struggle would be incomplete without mentioning the contributions of women. The sacrifice made by the women of India will occupy the foremost place. They fought with true spirit and undaunted tortures, exploitation. Courage and faced various and hardships to earn us freedom. When most of the men freedom fighters were in prison the women came forward and took charge of the struggle. The list of great women whose names have gone down in history for their dedication and undying devotion to the service of India is a long one.

### Key Words

Freedom, struggle, exploitation, Courage, Satyagraha.

### Introduction

Woman participation in India freedom struggle began as early as in 1817. Bhima Bai Holkar fought bravely against the British colonel Malcolm and defeated him in guerilla warfare. Many women including Rani Channama of Kittur, Rani Begam Hazrat Mahal of Avadh fought against British East India company in the 19th century; 30 years before the First War of Independence 1857. The role played by women in the War of Independence (the Great Revolt) of 1857 was creditable and invited the admiration even leaders of the Revolt. Rani of Ramgarh, Rani Jindan Kaur, Rani Tara Bai, Baiza Bai, Chauhan Rani, Tapasvini Maharani daringly led their troops into the battlefield.

**Ramabai** : After Madhvi death (1882), Ramabai moved to Pune where she founded Arya Mahila Samaj (Arya Society). Influenced by the ideals of the Brahma Samaj and Hindu reformers, the purpose of the society was to promote the cause of women education and deliverance from the oppression of child marriage. When in 1882 the Hunter Commission was appointed by the colonial

