

## 26. Important Personalities and their Contributions

Personalities	Contributions	Books and other Publications
<b>Bal Gangadhar Tilak, 1856-1920</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ In January 1890 founded the Poona New English School.</li><li>✓ Associated in the formation of Deccan Educational Society and foundation of Fergusson College, Poona.</li><li>✓ He started akharas, lathi clubs and Anti-cow-killing societies.</li><li>✓ Celebrated Sivaji and Ganapati festivals to inculcate the spirit of service to the nation.</li><li>✓ Tried for sedition in Muzaffur Bomb case and imprisoned</li><li>✓ Played a leading role in organizing extremist party.</li><li>✓ He declared "Swaraj is my birthright".</li><li>✓ He was called as 'Father of Unrest in India' by Britishers.</li><li>✓ He opposed intervention of British in social</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ He started two Newspapers entitled 'The Maharatta' (English) and 'Kesari' (Marathi).</li><li>✓ His books: The Arctic Home of the Vedas and Gita Rahasya</li></ul>

	<p>reforms and believed in educating public opinion to bring social reforms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He set up Home Rule League at Poona in 1916.</li> </ul>	
<b>Lala Lajpat Rai, 1865-1928</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Known as sher-i-Punjab.</li> <li>✓ Associated in the foundation of D.A.V College.</li> <li>✓ Involved in the formation of Swaraj party.</li> <li>✓ Lajpat Rai entered the central legislature as a Swarajists.</li> <li>✓ He cooperated with Malaviya in organizing Hindu Sangathan Movement.</li> </ul>	He edited The Panjabee, The BandeMatram and the English Weekly, The People.
<b>Bipan Chandra Pal (1858-1932)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He is known as 'Father of Revolutionary thoughts' in India.</li> <li>✓ He belonged to Lal Bal Pal trio that was associated with revolutionary activity.</li> <li>✓ He is a chief exponent of Swadeshi, Boycott and National Movement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ His books are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Nationalism.</li> <li>2. Nationality and Empire.</li> <li>3. Swaraj and the present situation.</li> <li>4. The Basis of social reform</li> <li>5. The soul of India.</li> </ol> </li> <li>✓ He worked for Bengal Public opinion, The Tribune and New India.</li> </ul>
<b>Sri Aurobindo Ghosh (1872-1950)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He is a philosopher, yogi, guru and nationalist.</li> <li>✓ Attended the 1906 congress meeting headed by Dadabhai Naoroji and participated in formulating four Objectives: Swaraj, Swadesh, Boycott and National education.</li> <li>✓ He was arrested in 1908 in connection with Alipore Bombay case.</li> <li>✓ Converted from politics into spirituality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Karmayogin in English and Dharma in Bengali.</li> <li>✓ Philosophical magazine named Arya.</li> <li>✓ His books are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Life divine.</li> <li>2. The synthesis of yoga.</li> <li>3. Essays on the Gita.</li> <li>4. The secret of the Veda</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>Annie Beasant (1847-1933)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ He is a socialist, theosophist, women's rights activist, writer and supporter of Indian Self-rule.</li> <li>✓ In 1907 she became president of theosophical society.</li> <li>✓ She launched home rule league in India to campaign for democracy in India and dominion status within British Empire.</li> <li>✓ She started a central Hindu School in Benares.</li> <li>✓ Associated with Malaviya in establishing Benares Hindu University in 1917.</li> <li>✓ First women president of congress</li> </ul>	
<b>M.N. Roy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Indian revolutionary, radical activist, political activist, philosopher and humanist.</li> <li>✓ He was founder of communist party of India at Tashkent.</li> <li>✓ He was instrumental in establishment of Radical Democratic Party in the year 1940.</li> <li>✓ Developed a philosophy of Radical Humanism</li> </ul>	<p>Some of his writings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beyond communism.</li> <li>2. Poverty or plenty</li> <li>3. India's Message.</li> <li>4. A political biography.</li> <li>5. The historical role of Islam.</li> <li>6. Science and Philosophy.</li> <li>7. Radical Humanist.</li> <li>8. Reason, Romanticism and Revolution.</li> </ol>