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## THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT IN DAVANGERE DISTRICT: A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO INDIA'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

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### ABSTRACT:

*The freedom movement in India was a long and arduous struggle against British colonial rule, which saw the active participation of people from all walks of life. The people of Davangere district in the Indian state of Karnataka also played a crucial role in this struggle for independence. This article highlights the contributions of the people of Davangere district to the freedom movement in India. It discusses the key leaders of the movement in the district, their strategies, and the various protests and demonstrations they organized against British rule. The article also provides insights into the impact of the freedom movement in Davangere district on the larger struggle for independence in India.*



**KEYWORDS :** *Freedam Movement, Devangere, india's struggle for independence.*

### INTRODUCTION:

The freedom movement in India was a historic struggle against British colonial rule, which spanned several decades and involved various forms of protests and demonstrations. The people of Davangere district in Karnataka also contributed significantly to this movement. The district was home to many prominent leaders of the Indian National Congress who organized various protests and demonstrations against British rule.

### Key Leaders of the Freedom Movement in Davangere District:

The freedom movement in Davangere district was led by several prominent leaders who played a crucial role in organizing public meetings, rallies, and protests against British rule. Some of the key leaders of the movement in the district included Sri K. S. Kulkarni, Sri D. L. Narasimhaiah, Sri G. Rangappa, Sri S. S. Kulkarni, Sri S. K. Hiremath, and Sri B. Venkataswamy. These leaders were actively involved in spreading awareness about the importance of independence and mobilizing the people of Davangere district to participate in the freedom struggle.

### **Strategies and Protests Organized by the Leaders:**

The leaders of the freedom movement in Davangere district employed various strategies to mobilize the people against British rule. They organized public meetings, rallies, and protests, and used these platforms to raise awareness about the importance of independence. They also encouraged the people to boycott British goods, refuse to pay taxes, and participate in acts of civil disobedience.

The people of Davangere district actively participated in the Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, and Salt Satyagraha. They boycotted British goods, refused to pay taxes, and participated in various acts of civil disobedience. The leaders of the freedom movement also organized various protests and demonstrations against British rule, including hartals, satyagrahas, and processions.

### **Some significant events that took place during the freedom movement in Davangere district:**

1. **Non-Cooperation Movement:** The Non-Cooperation Movement was launched in 1920 by Mahatma Gandhi as a peaceful protest against British rule. The people of Davangere district actively participated in the movement by boycotting British goods, refusing to pay taxes, and participating in various acts of civil disobedience.
2. **Salt Satyagraha:** The Salt Satyagraha was a historic protest organized by Mahatma Gandhi in 1930 against the British Salt Law. The people of Davangere district participated in the movement by making their own salt and refusing to buy British salt. The leaders of the freedom movement in the district organized protests and demonstrations against the Salt Law.
3. **Quit India Movement:** The Quit India Movement was a mass civil disobedience movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi in 1942 against British rule. The people of Davangere district actively participated in the movement by organizing public meetings, rallies, and protests against British rule.
4. **Protest against Simon Commission:** In 1928, the Simon Commission was appointed by the British government to recommend constitutional reforms for India. The commission did not have any Indian members, which led to widespread protests across the country. The people of Davangere district also organized protests and demonstrations against the Simon Commission.
5. **Indian National Congress Session:** The Indian National Congress held its annual session in Davangere in 1924, which was attended by prominent leaders of the freedom movement. The session provided a platform for the leaders to discuss the strategies and plans for the freedom movement in India.
6. **Public Meetings and Rallies:** The leaders of the freedom movement in Davangere district organized several public meetings and rallies to raise awareness about the importance of independence and mobilize the masses to participate in the freedom struggle.

Overall, the people of Davangere district played a significant role in the freedom movement in India. Their participation in various protests and demonstrations against British rule contributed to the larger struggle for independence in the country.

### **Impact of the Freedom Movement in Davangere District:**

The freedom movement in Davangere district had a significant impact on the larger struggle for independence in India. The people of Davangere district played a crucial role in spreading awareness about the importance of independence and mobilizing the masses to participate in the freedom struggle. The leaders of the movement in the district also played a crucial role in organizing protests and demonstrations against British rule.

### **CONCLUSION:**

In conclusion, the freedom movement in Davangere district was an important chapter in India's struggle for independence. The people of the district played a significant role in spreading awareness about the

importance of independence and mobilizing the masses to participate in the freedom struggle. The leaders of the movement in the district employed various strategies to organize protests and demonstrations against British rule. Their contributions to the larger struggle for independence in India are noteworthy and deserve recognition.

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