

Mangal Pandey

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The Prime Minister recently paid tributes to the great revolutionary Mangal Pandey ji on his birth anniversary.

About Mangal Pandey

- He was a brave **Indian soldier** during the **pre-independence era**.
- His **attack on British officers on March 29, 1857**, was the **first major incident** of what came to be known as the **first war of Independence**, also known as the **Indian Mutiny/Sepoy mutiny**.
- He was **born** on July 19, **1827**, Ballia district in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- In **1849**, Pandey **joined the army** of the British East India Company at the **age of 22**.
- He served as a **sepoy** in the 6th Company of the **34th Bengal Native Infantry in Barrackpore**.
- He **revolted** against the East India Company **for introducing cartridges** that were **greased with animal fat**, as it **hurt the religious sentiments** of the soldiers.
- Mangal Pandey **attacked two British officers on March 29, 1857**.

- Following this, he was **hanged to death** on April 8, 1857, in Barrackpore. He was **only 29 years old** when he was **executed**.
- However, **his act of revolt**, subsequent arrest, and hanging triggered a **nationwide uproar** and marked the **beginning of the revolt of 1857**.
- **Following this huge mass movement**, the British were forced to recognise the trouble and passed new rules through the **Government of India Act, 1858**.

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