

HIS5B09 HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA
MODULE-4
TOPIC- INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY

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- Indian National Army
- The idea of the Indian National Army (INA) was first conceived in Malaya by Mohan Singh, an Indian officer of the British Indian Army, when he decided not to join the retreating British Army and instead turned to the Japanese for help.
- The Japanese handed over the Indian prisoners of war (POWs) to Mohan Singh who tried to recruit them into an Indian National Army.
- In 1942, After the fall of Singapore, Mohan Singh further got 45,000 POWs into his sphere of influence.
- 2 July 1943, Subhash Chandra Bose reached Singapore and gave the rousing war cry of 'Dilli Chalo'
- Was made the President of Indian Independence League and soon became the supreme commander of the Indian National Army
- Here he gave the slogan of Jai Hind

- INA's three Brigades were the Subhas Brigade, Gandhi Brigade and Nehru Brigade.
- The women's wing of the army was named after Rani Laxmibai.
- INA marched towards Imphal after registering its victory over Kohima but after Japan's surrender in 1945, INA failed in its efforts.
- Under such circumstances, Subhash went to Taiwan & further on his way to Tokyo he died on 18 August 1945 in a plane crash.
- Trial of the soldiers of INA was held at Red Fort in Delhi.
- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Bhulabhai Desai, Kailash Nath Katju, Asaf Ali and Tej Bahadur Sapru fought the case on behalf of the soldiers.

- Subhash Chandra Bose
- Popularly known as Netaji, was born on Jan 23, 1897 at Cuttack.
- He passed the Indian Civil Services Examination in 1920, but left it on the Gandhiji's call of Non – Cooperation Movement.
- He founded the Independence for India League with Jawahar Lai Nehru.
- In 1938, he was elected the President of the INC at its Haripura session and in 1939, he was elected President of its Tripuri session.
- But he had to resign from Tripuri due to differences with Gandhiji.
- He founded the Forward Block in 1939.

- In 1941, he escaped to Berlin and met Hitler.
- In 1943, he took charge of Indian National Army in Singapore and set up the Indian Provisional Government there.
- He gave the war cry of 'Dilli Chalo'.
- He addressed Mahatma Gandhi as the Father of the Nation
- He gave the slogan of 'Jai Hind'
- He wrote his autobiography 'The Indian Struggle'
- He supposedly died in a plane crash on Aug 18, 1945