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# INDIAN FREEDOM FIGHTER - DHAN SINGH GURJAR

Dhan Singh Gurjar, also known as Dhunna Singh, was the Indian kotwal (police chief) of Meerut, who participated in the 1857 uprising and led initial actions against the British East India Company in Meerut. The credit for starting the first freedom struggle from Krantidhara Meerut on 10 May 1857 goes to the great revolutionary Kotwal Dhan Singh Gurjar. Kotwal Dhan Singh Gurjar, resident of Panchli Khurd village of Meerut played an important role in this mass revolution.





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History books say that the revolution of 1857 began in Meerut on the evening of '10 May 1857'. On 10 May 1857, a rebellion against the East India Company rule broke out in Meerut during the 1857 uprising. As the kotwal of the city, Dhan Singh's job was to protect the city. However, many of his officers deserted his force on that day, either to join the rebellion or to escape the rebels fury. The city saw large-scale rioting, plunder and murder. Dhan Singh and several other policemen later deserted the police force (kotwali). He is believed to have led thousands of villagers from all across the Meerut district to the city's jail. According to the official records, the rebels released 839 prisoners from the jail.



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