## Sardar Udham Singh

**Sardar Udham Singh**, who was hanged on 31st July 1940, in London, remains a symbol of India's unwavering resolve to seek justice for the **Jallianwala Bagh massacre**.

- Born on 28<sup>th</sup> December 1899, in Sunam, Punjab, Singh exposure to Sikhism and revolutionary activities, including the Komagata Maru incident and the <u>Ghadar Party's</u> uprising, shaped his anti-colonial stance.
- Singh was deeply affected by the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, 1919, where British troops killed hundreds of unarmed Indians.
- Singh vowed to avenge the massacre by killing Michael O'Dwyer, the then Lieutenant Governor of Punjab, who had ordered the massacre.
- In 1924, Udham Singh joined the Ghadar Party to overthrow colonial rule. In 1927, he was arrested for illegal possession of firearms and sentenced to five years in prison.
  - In 1940, Singh successfully assassinated Michael O'Dwyer during a meeting at Caxton Hall in London. The act was a dramatic statement against British rule.
- Singh was tried and sentenced to death and was hanged on 31st July 1940, in Pentonville Prison, London.
  - A district in Uttarakhand, Udham Singh Nagar, was named after him in 1995 as a tribute.

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