



## Tileswari Koch - An Unsung Hero of Assam

**Tileswari Koch** was a young freedom fighter and an active member of the **Indian National Congress (INC)** from Dhekiajuli in Assam.

- She was shot at the age of 12 by the British on 20th September 1942, during the **Quit India Movement** when she and some freedom fighters tried to unfurl the Tricolour atop a police station in Assam.
- **Quit India Movement** was started by **Mahatma Gandhi** on **8<sup>th</sup> August 1942** during the **All-India Congress Committee** session in **Mumbai to demand an end to British rule.**
  - He gave the call for **“Do or Die”** in his speech delivered at the **Gowalia Tank Maidan.**
  - This movement changed the nature of political negotiations with British the, ultimately paving the way for **India's independence.**
- The INC was founded at **Bombay** in **December 1885** by A.O. Hume, a retired British official.
  - It was formed to facilitate civil discussions between Indians and the British.
  - The **early phase** of the INC was lead by **moderate leaders like Dadabhai Naoroji, GK Gokhle** which relied more on moderate demands and constitutional methods.
  - While later from 1905 onwards, Congress was led by **extremists leaders like Bal Ganagdhar Tilak, Lala Lajpat Rai** who demanded complete independence and advocated for more radical approaches.

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