Tiruppur Kumaran: Remembering the Martyr Who Guarded the Tricolour

A special historical retrospective highlighted Tiruppur Kumaran's martyrdom during the 1932 Civil Disobedience Movement.

It is an account of the heroic sacrifice of Tiruppur Kumaran, a prominent Tamil Nadu freedom fighter who protected the national flag during British police action.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Tiruppur Kumaran** led a peaceful protest march holding the Indian Tricolour on **January 10, 1932**.
- The protest was organized in defiance of the **British ban** on national flags and public assemblies.
- Kumaran suffered fatal injuries during a violent police **lathi-charge** while protecting the flag.
- He succumbed to his injuries on **January 11, 1932**, at the young age of **27**.
- A **25-foot memorial pillar** stands near the **Tiruppur Railway Station** in tribute to his martyrdom.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Tiruppur Kumaran was born as O.K.P. Kumarasamy Mudaliar on **October 4, 1904**, in **Chennimalai**, **Erode district**.

He founded the **Desabandhu Youth Association** in **Tiruppur** to mobilize young people for freedom struggle activities.

He earned the popular title '**Kodi Kaatha Kumaran**' for preventing the national flag from touching the ground even while collapsing.

The Second **Civil Disobedience Movement** was launched in early 1932 following the failure of the **Second Round Table Conference**.

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp on **October 4, 2004**, to mark his birth centenary.

The **Government of Tamil Nadu** instituted a memorial complex and museum in **Tiruppur** in his honour.

REVISION FLASHCARD

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Syllabus Relevance: High priority area under Unit 7 (Indian National Movement) and Unit 8 (Role of Tamil Nadu in Freedom Struggle).

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