

SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE: AN ANALYSIS OF HIS CONTRIBUTION IN THE INDIAN FREEDOM STRUGGLE AND ITS CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE

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ABSTRACT

The leadership style of Subhash Chandra Bose was profoundly characterized by a form of radical nationalism that explicitly called for unity between Hindus and Muslims, a theme he meticulously emphasized in his writings and speeches during the critical years spanning from 1939 to 1941. He perceived World War II not merely as a global conflict but as a significant struggle between imperial powers, advocating for a proactive and assertive approach to achieving independence, which included the ambitious proposal for the formation of a dedicated army aimed at liberation. His revolutionary ideas posed a direct challenge to the traditional leadership of the Indian National Congress, as he promoted a more militant and inclusive strategy that fundamentally reshaped the direction and urgency of the Indian independence movement, thereby leaving an enduring influence on its historical development.

This paper adopts a narrative literature review-based approach and is based on the analysis of the literature. It explores Bose's ideology, leadership strategies, and significant contributions to India's fight for independence, focusing on his role in galvanizing mass movements and forming the Indian National Army (INA). It highlights his legacy and how his revolutionary ideas continue to resonate in contemporary India.

KEYWORDS: *Freedom Struggle, Independence, Nationalism, Alliance.*

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