

## **RAGHUBAR DAYAL SRIVASTAVA, THE UNSUNG HERO**



15<sup>th</sup> of August, 1947, the date we are all proud of, the Indian independence from the hundreds of years of the British rule. This independence did not come all in glory but the blood and sweat of the freedom fighters, the lives of the martyrs. Many freedom fighters earned our respect even hundreds of years later but many were unsung of. One such unsung hero was Raghubar Dayal Srivastava.

Hailing from Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh. He was a son of Sri Danika Prasad of Raghpur or Kukumddinpur. He was born of 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1911. He had a role in the satyagraha movement in the year 1930 at police lines, Azamgarh under the leadership of a veteran freedom fighter of the district, Shree Sitaram Asthana. He was arrested and evicted to concurrent jail, terms of 3 months and 4 months respectively U/5447IPC and U/53 of police act 1922.

He served the full jail terms, after his release, he dedicated himself to reform the “intermediary” system that existed back in the day, under which land revenue was collected from tenants for which they were never issued any kind of receipt. Later on, this exposed them to manipulation, ignoring the financial necessities of his own family and relatives, who were dependent on the zamindari system, he raised this issue and sought relief from tenants.

Let's conclude with a beautiful thought-“ one flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation.”  
Jai hind!

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