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Role of Indian Christians in the Indian Freedom Struggle

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Abstract : *'Independence cannot be attained by a single person or a particular section of the society; it is a collaborative effort. During the period of India's Independence, a major role was played by Indian Christians who formed the elite and intellectual class of the society. Despite being in minority, they actively participated in the national movement.*

This research has tried to focus on the contribution of the Indian Christians towards independence of India. There were many prominent leaders whose endeavors, till date, have still not received due recognition by their own countrymen. Thus,

through this project, an attempt has been made to ascertain their contribution during India's freedom struggle.

Keywords- *Independence, minority, movements, Christians, recognition, contribution.*

Introduction :

As we celebrate seventy one years of India's independence, the Christian community has reasons to legitimately feel proud of its contribution towards the nation. Though small in number, its endeavors stand tall in every aspect of nation building, encompassing politics, society, religion and education. Despite this, the community finds itself insecure amidst hate and vicious propaganda. Against this, Professor S.C Mukherji, a prominent Indian Christian leader, thus stated in 1923, "One immediate duty of an Indian Christian would be to remove from the minds of the people of other faiths the misconception that the Christian community is a denationalized one". Patriotism continues to be a Christian virtue. The Indian Christians sympathized very much with the national spirit and preferred to adopt constitutional methods. In fact, they were among the prominent ones who pioneered and shaped the goals of Indian nationalism. After independence too, the community has been equally active in educating the young with the ideas of secularism, universalism and

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