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## Contribution of Tatya Tope in Gujarat in The Revolt of 1857

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Many Indian soldiers contributed their lives in the war of 1857. It is general belief that in this war, Gujarat played minor role and did not give enough co-operation to help the Indians, but it is proved that with some historical documents. The speak of the war of 1857 spread in Gujarat region's districts like Ahmedabad, Panchmahal, Mahibank, Revabanks and it continued till 1857-58 and it could be controlled with the arrest order of Tatya Tope and his death punishment.

Tatya Tope born in 1814, in Chevla village of Nasik district of Maharashtra state. His real name was Ramchandra Pandurang Tope. His father Pandurang Bhatt was president in donation department of Bajirav Peswa. His mother's name was Rukma Bai. He got archery training in his childhood. He was good at Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi and Urdu languages. He started working to remove the foreign powers from India at early age of his life. Tatya Tope was skilled soldier. He won the hearts of Indian people with the war skill. He fought with Britishers at the place like Kanpur, Kalpi, Gwalior, Bharatpur, Kota, Raygadh etc. Then he crossed Narmada via Nagpur and entered in Gujarat at Rajpura and on second day reached at Chhota Udaipur. It spread fear in Vadodara with the entry of Tatya Tope. He wanted to get the support from Gaikwad in Gujarat. For that he sent his representative to the Gaikwads and tried to win the sympathy from them to support in his mission. But the Khandarav was in favour of the Britishers so he refused his demands. Khandarav sent his armies to stop Tope entering in Vadodara. Chhota Udaipur was just so mile away from Vadodara. Tatya got ready, march towards Vadodara from Chhota Udaipur with his 4000 companions. He was caught red handed under the British team of Brigadier parley in this encounter, Tope was defeated by Park. About 300 soldiers of Tope and 200 of Park were killed in this encounter. Tope was unable to move forward because of government teams at Vadodara side. According to Charatar Sarva Sangrah when British group was coming towards Mahi region that time to stop him some