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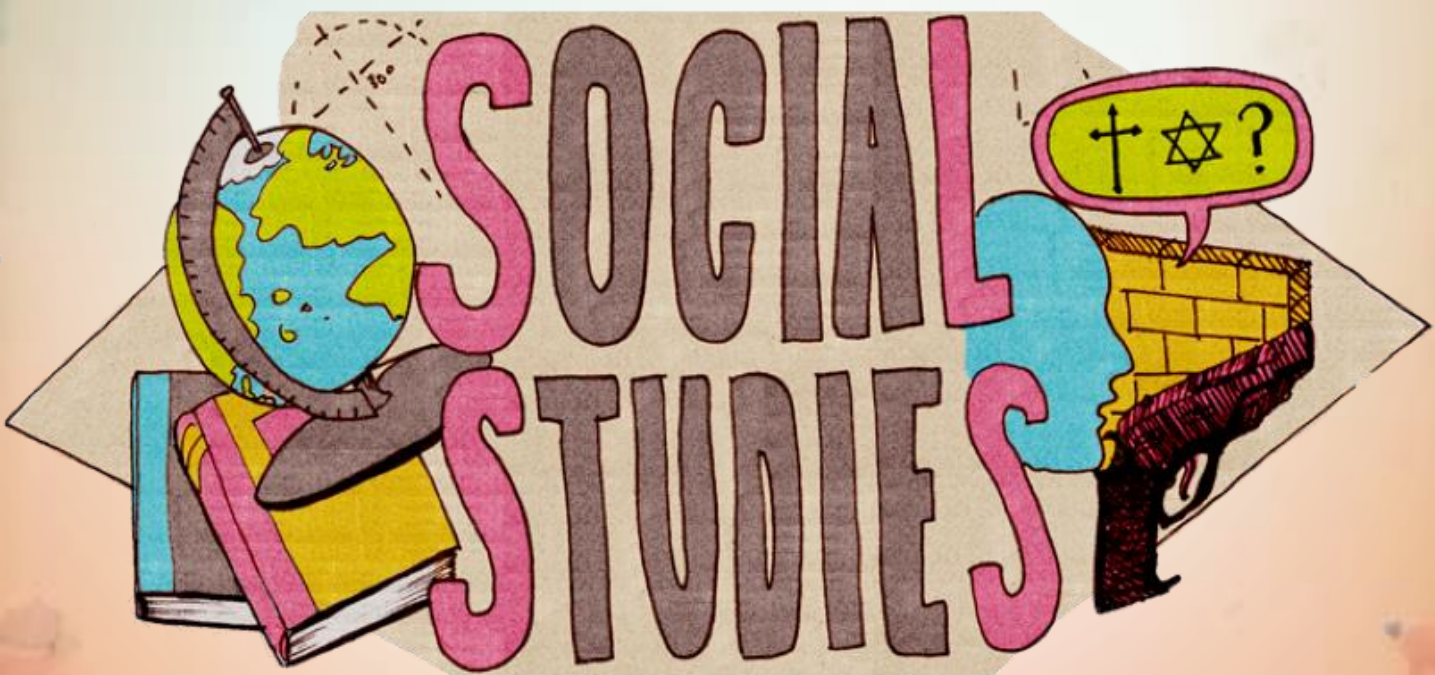
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# EPIC PULSE



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# The Rowlatt Act: Sparking India's Independence Movement

## **Introduction:**

In 1919, the British colonial authorities introduced the Rowlatt Act, a legislation that significantly influenced India's fight for freedom. This article explores the act's key provisions, its impact on Indian society, and its role in shaping the trajectory of the independence struggle.

## **Background:**

The Rowlatt Act emerged in the post-World War I era, responding to growing nationalist sentiments in India. It granted sweeping powers to suppress dissent and address perceived threats to British rule.

## **Detention Without Trial:**

A contentious provision allowed authorities to arrest individuals without trial, based solely on suspicion of anti-government activities, depriving them of basic civil liberties.

## **Press Control:**

The act empowered the colonial government to censor and control the press to curb the spread of anti-British sentiments.

## **Outcry and Opposition:**

Widespread protests erupted against the act, with Mahatma Gandhi leading the opposition, viewing it as a severe infringement on individual rights and justice.

## **Jallianwala Bagh Massacre:**

The act's impact climaxed in the tragic Jallianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar, intensifying anti-colonial sentiments and fortifying Indian resolve against British rule.

## **Non-Cooperation Movement:**

The Rowlatt Act fueled the Non-Cooperation Movement, initiated by Gandhi in 1920, marking a turning point in India's fight for independence.

## **Conclusion:**

The Rowlatt Act, a controversial legislation, played a pivotal role in shaping India's fight for independence. Its impact, marked by widespread opposition and subsequent movements, remains a crucial chapter in the nation's journey towards freedom.

## What you need to know

- **Temperatures are breaking records around the world**

The 21<sup>st</sup> century has seen the most temperature records broken in recorded history. Last year was the hottest year on record since 1850, and 2015 is set to outstrip 2014.

- **There is no scientific debate about the reality of climate**

Ninety-seven percent of researchers believe global warming is happening, and 82 percent agree that it is strongly linked to human behaviour.

- **Arctic sea ice and glaciers are melting, fast**

Arctic sea ice coverage has shrunk every decade since 1979 by 3.5 to 4.1 percent. Glaciers have also been in retreat almost everywhere in the world including major mountain ranges like the Alps, Himalayas and Rockies



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# Indus Valley Urban Marvels

- **Urban Planning Expertise:** The Indus Valley Civilization demonstrated exceptional skills in town planning during ancient times.
- **Grid Layout:** Cities such as Mohenjo-daro and Harappa were characterized by a well-organized grid layout.
- **Residential Zones:** Organized residential areas featured standardized brick houses, showcasing a uniform approach to housing.
- **Advanced Understanding:** The civilization displayed an advanced understanding of urban planning principles.
- **Drainage Systems:** Ingenious drainage systems were implemented, emphasizing a commitment to sanitation and hygiene.
- **Public Spaces:** Well-thought-out public spaces were integrated into the urban fabric, contributing to communal living.
- **Hydraulic Engineering:** The Indus Valley excelled in hydraulic engineering, as seen in their sophisticated water management systems.
- **Balance Between Communal Living and Infrastructure:** The town planning emphasized a remarkable balance between fostering communal living and practical infrastructure.

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