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1 Revolt of 1857 (Source: The Indian Express)

Causes of Revolt

- **Economic Causes**
 - Heavy taxation on people.
 - Deteriorating economic conditions.
 - Use of quo warranto in the case of land.
 - The confiscation of estates made old zamindars poor.
- **Political Causes**
 - Annexation of Awadh due to misgovernance.
 - Introduction of policies like subsidiary alliance and the doctrine of lapse.
- **Administrative Causes**
 - Corruption among officials.
 - Absentee sovereignty.
- **Influence of Outside Events**
 - Anglo-Afghan War.
 - Santhal rebellion.
 - Punjab war.
- **Socio-Religious Causes**
 - Racial discrimination.
 - Activities of Christian missionaries.
 - Attempts at socio-religious reforms such as the abolition of sati, the Widow Remarriage Act, and women's education.
 - Passage of the Lex Loci Act.
- **Military Causes**
 - Introduction of new Enfield rifles.
 - Abolition of religious symbols in the army.
 - Lord Cannings General Service Establishment Act
 - Issues of foreign allowance.



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Major Centres of 1857 Revolt

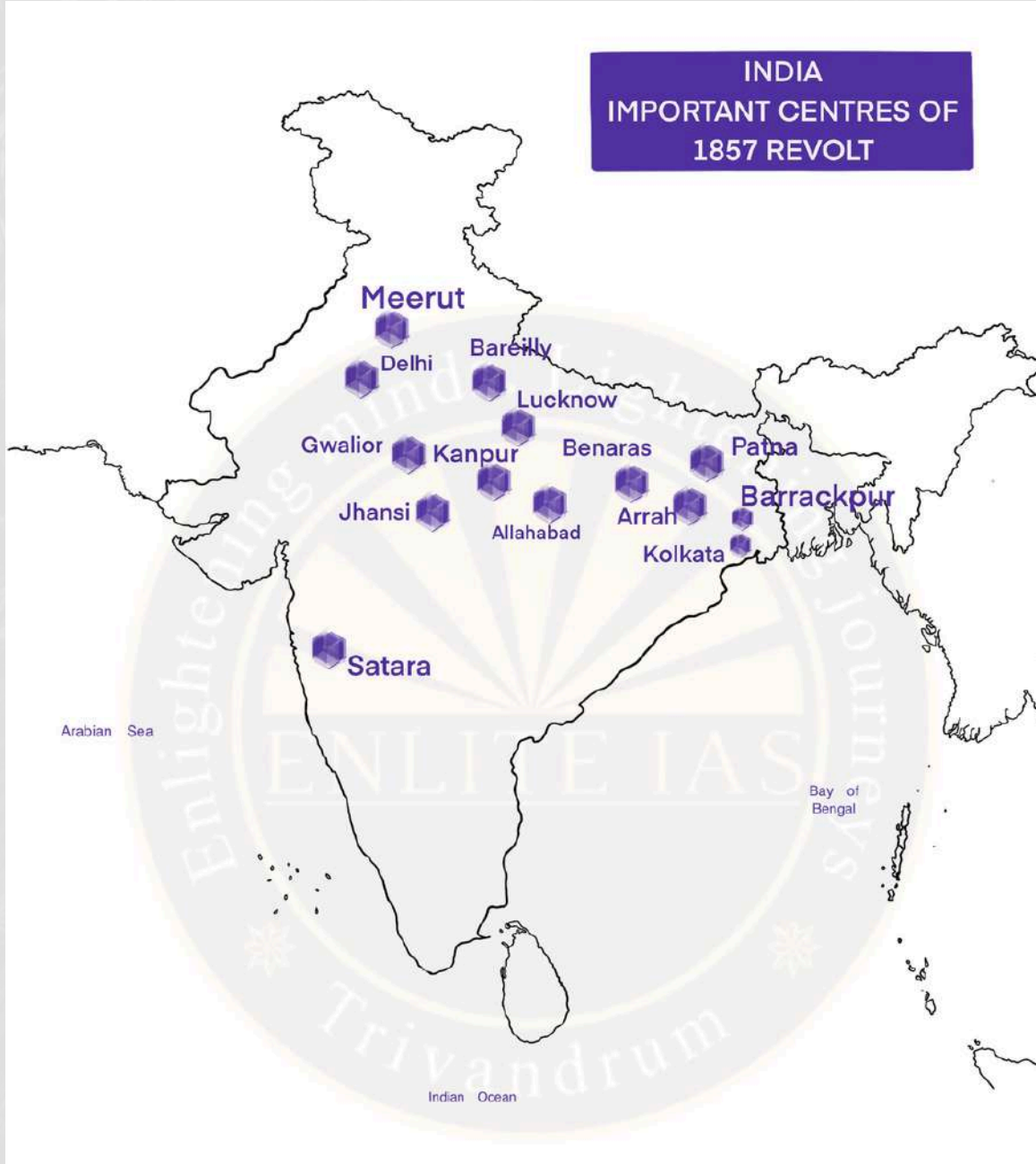
Place	Leader	Suppressed by
Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">General Bhakt Khan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lt. WilloughbyJohn NicolsonLt. Hudson
Kanpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nana SahibTantia Tope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sir Hugh WheelerSir Colin Cambell
Lucknow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Begum Hazrat Mahal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Henry LawrenceHenry HavelockSir Colin Cambel
Jhansi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rani Laxmibai	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sir Hugh Rose
Baraily	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Khan Bahadur	
Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kunwar Singh	
Faizabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maulavi Ahmadullah	



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Reasons for Failure

- Lack of spirit of nationalism.
- Lack of support from middle-class intelligentsia.
- Lack of coordination and unity.
- Lack of resources and planning.
- Lack of proper leadership and weak leaders like Bahadur Shah.

Effects of the Revolt

- Abolition of the Company Act by the Government of India Act, 1858.
- Ensure Indian participation in governance.
- Reversal of the policy of annexation of princely states.
- Introduced the divide and rule policy.
- Introduction of a new office called the Secretary of State.
- The office of the Governor-General was replaced by the viceroy.
- Lenient policy towards peasants and zamindars.
- The army was reorganised on caste lines.
- Racial hatred deepened.
- Ended the dual system.



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2 Indian Ocean Rim Association (Source: The Hindu)

It is an inter-governmental organisation aimed at strengthening regional cooperation and sustainable development within the Indian Ocean region through its 22 Member States bordering the Indian Ocean and 9 Dialogue Partners.

- It was formed in 1997
- Its secretariat is in Mauritius.
- The IORA is a regional forum that brings together representatives of Government, Business, and academia to promote cooperation and closer interaction among them.
- It is based on the principles of Open Regionalism for strengthening Economic Cooperation, particularly on Trade Facilitation and Investment, Promotion, as well as Social Development of the region.
- The members include Australia, Bangladesh, Comoros, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, Seychelles, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Maldives, and Yemen.

3 Fast Breeder Reactor (FBR) (Source: The Indian Express)

A Fast Breeder Reactor (FBR) is a type of nuclear reactor that uses fast (high-energy) neutrons to sustain the fission chain reaction and, at the same time, “breeds” more fissile fuel than it consumes, thereby enhancing the efficiency of nuclear fuel use.

- It uses plutonium-based fuel.
- FBRs are central to the second stage of the three-stage nuclear power programme, bridging PHWRs (Stage 1) and future thorium-based reactors (Stage 3).
- Recent development: Kalpakkam fast breeder reactor attains criticality.