

## Major Civil Uprisings Before 1857

### Background:

- Began after British expansion post 1757
- Affected ruling classes, zamindars, feudal chiefs
- Triggered by Subsidiary Alliance, annexation policies
- Discriminatory treatment of Indian sepoys
- New land revenue settlements

### Nature:

- Localised
- Leader-centric
- No national ideology
- Ruthlessly suppressed

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<b>Sanyasi–Fakir Rebellion</b>	1763–1800	Bengal	Majnu Shah, Bha-wani Pathak	Bengal Famine (1770), heavy taxation, restriction on pilgrimages	Early organized resistance against Company rule
<b>Chuar Rebel-lion</b>	1766–1772; 1798–99	Bengal (Midna-pore)	Durjan Singh	High revenue demand, land dispossession	Suppressed brutally; tribal–peasant resistance
<b>Poligar Re-bellion</b>	1799–1805	Tamil Nadu	Veerapandiya Kattabomman	Annexation policies, reve-nue pressure	Defeat of local chieftains; consolidation of Company rule in South
<b>Paika Rebel-lion</b>	1817	Odisha	Bakshi Jagabandhu	Land revenue changes, loss of hereditary rights	Considered an early precu-rsor to the 1857 revolt
<b>Vellore Mu-tiny</b>	1806	Tamil Nadu	Indian Sepoys	Military grievances, dress code reforms	First sepoy revolt; warning sign for the British
<b>Kittur Rebel-lion</b>	1824	Karnataka	Rani Chennamma	Doctrine-like annexation at-tempt	Symbol of women-led re-sistance
<b>Santhal Re-bellion</b>	1855–56	Jharkhand–Bihar	Sidhu, Kanhu	Exploitation by zamindars & moneylenders	Led to the creation of the Santhal Parganas
<b>Kol Uprising</b>	1831–32	Chotanag-pur	Budhu Bhagat	Land alienation, outsider dominance	Tribal assertion against co-lonial interference

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<b><i>Ahom Revolt</i></b>	<i>1828–33</i>	<i>Assam</i>	<i>Gomdhar Konwar</i>	<i>British interference in the Ahom administration</i>	<i>Restoration of the Ahom rule temporarily</i>
<b><i>Moplah Rebellions</i></b>	<i>1836–54 (several phases)</i>	<i>Malabar (Kerala)</i>	<i>Local Moplah leaders</i>	<i>Land tenure issues, religious grievances</i>	<i>Recurrent agrarian unrest</i>

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