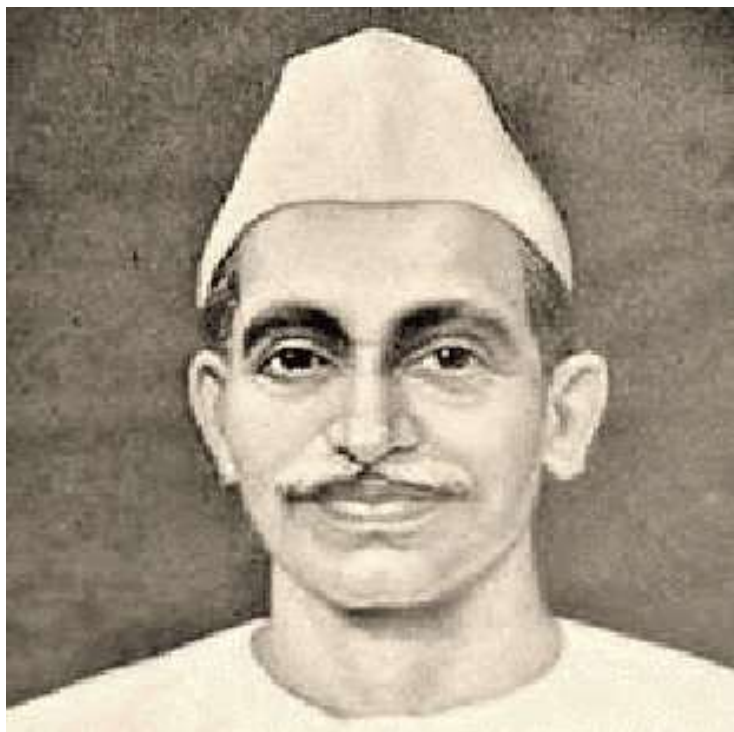


# Commemorating unsung National Heroes on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav





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- **Karnad Sadashiva Rao** was an [Indian freedom fighter](#) from [Karnataka, India](#).
- Rao was born to a wealthy south Indian family in 1881 and the only son of Radhabai and Ramachandra Rao.
- He studied at Presidency College in [Madras](#) and also studied law in [Mumbai](#).



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- Rao involved in the Indian independence movement.
- His main mission was the advancement of women. He managed to bring women out of their house with the help of his wife Shantabai.
- He founded [Mahila Sabha](#) to help widows and poor women.
- By 1919, he was fully involved in the Indian independence movement, being one of the first from Karnataka to volunteer for [Gandhi's Satyagraha](#) movement.
- He was also one of the key members of the [Congress Party](#) and was responsible for expanding the party in Karnataka



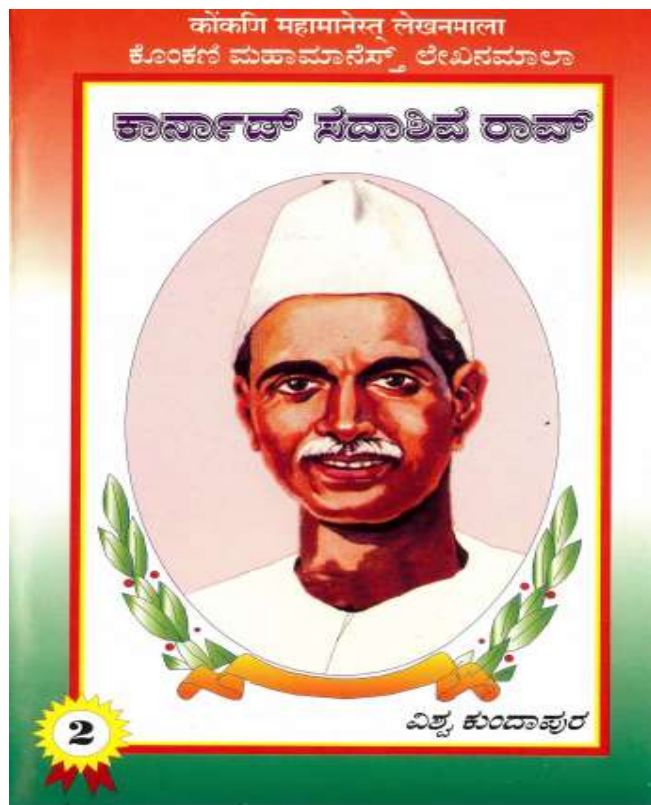
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- He joined hands with Kudmul Ranga Rao, another social worker among the untouchables of Mangalore, and worked for the upliftment of harijans.
- As the upper caste temples did not give entry to untouchables, he organized dinner for these untouchables near the temple and sat with them and ate the food to abolish untouchability.



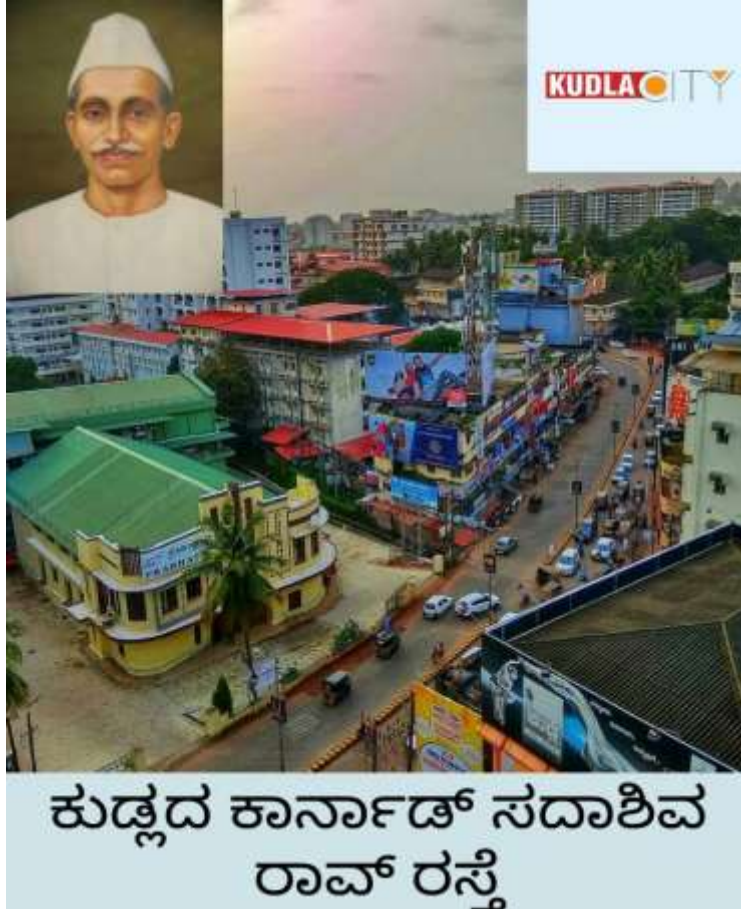
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- Rao spent all of his wealth in service of the independence movement and for helping the poor.
- A penniless Sadashiva Rao stayed in a leaky hut, and caught cold and fever. He died shortly afterwards on 9 January 1937
- Rao died without a single penny, without having money to even perform his last rites



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- Sadashivanagar in Bangalore was named after Karnad Sadashiva Rao in 1960.
- Karnad Sadashiva Rao Road or popularly known as KS Rao Road in Mangalore is named after Karnad Sadashiva Rao.