

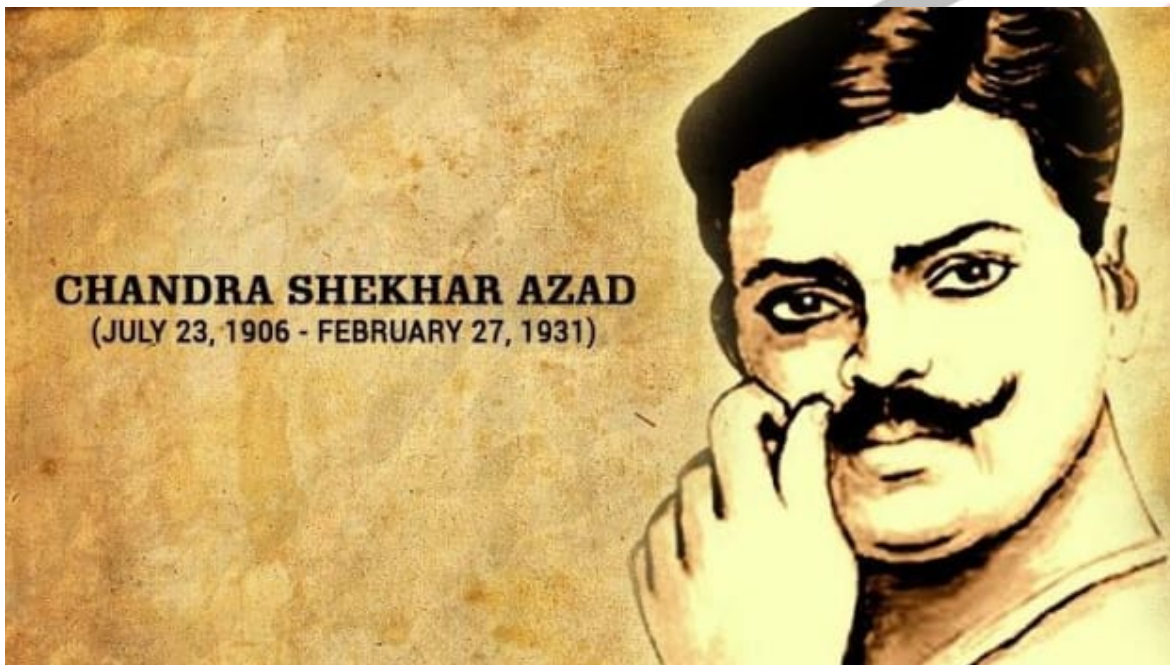


# Birth Anniversary of Chandra Shekhar Azad

## Why in News?

The Prime Minister **paid tributes to [Chandra Shekhar Azad](#) on his birth anniversary** (23rd July, 2025).

- He was a **prominent Indian leader and revolutionary** who fought bravely for India's independence.



## Key Points

### Chandra Shekhar Azad

- **About:** Chandrashekhar Azad was born on 23rd July, 1906 in Bhabra (now in **Madhya Pradesh**).
- **Role in Freedom Struggle:** He was deeply impacted by the [Jallianwala Bagh massacre \(1919\)](#) and joined the freedom struggle at a young age.
  - **Joined the [Non-Cooperation movement \(1921\)](#)** as a student and became a key member of the [Hindustan Republican Association \(HRA\)](#) after Gandhiji suspended NCM in 1922.
    - HRA was a revolutionary organization, **established in 1924** in Kanpur by Sachindra Nath Sanyal, Ram Prasad Bismil, and Jogesh Chandra Chatterjee, to organise an armed revolution to overthrow the colonial government.
    - Members were [Bhagat Singh](#), Chandra Shekhar Azad, Sukhdev, Roshan Singh, and Rajendra Lahiri.
  - HRA was **later reorganised as the Hindustan Socialist Republican Army (HSRA)**.

- It was **established in 1928** at Feroz Shah Kotla in New Delhi by Chandra Shekhar Azad, Ashfaqulla Khan, Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Jogesh Chandra Chatterjee.
- **Revolutionary Activities:** Kakori Train Action (1925).
  - Assassination of JP Saunders (1928) to avenge **Lala Lajpat Rai's** death.
  - Attempted to blow up the **Viceroy Lord Irwin's** train in 1929.
- **Legacy:** He was martyred in a police encounter at Alfred Park, Allahabad (now Prayagraj) (**27th February 1931**) by shooting himself rather than being captured.

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