



Bijnor Jail Honors Sachindranath Bakshi

Why in News?

Sachindranath Bakshi, an unsung hero of the [Kakori Train Action](#), has been **honored at his memorial in Bijnor Jail**, where he was once imprisoned after being sentenced to life imprisonment.

- The **memorial, named 'Smritika'**, was inaugurated on **11th August 2023** and includes a **statue of Bakshi**, along with the **engraved names of 419 freedom fighters** who were held in the jail during the British era.

Key Points

- **Role in Kakori Train Action (9th August 1925):** Bakshi, alongside revolutionaries [Ashfaqullah Khan](#), **Chandrashekhar Azad** and **Rajendra Lahiri**, played a pivotal role in the **1925 Kakori Train Action**, where they looted the British treasury for the cause of India's independence (**procuring arms**).
 - **He attacked the guard's compartment** and seized a chest of money.
- **Bakshi's Contribution:** He had purchased the tickets and pulled the emergency chain, leading to the revolutionary act.
- **Bakshi's Legacy:** After his arrest, Bakshi was sentenced to life imprisonment, unlike his fellow revolutionaries who were executed.
 - His memoir, **'Kranti Ke Path Par'**, reflects his emotional turmoil about the disparity in their fates.
 - Later, he was released and continued to participate in politics after India's independence.
- **Historical Insight:** He led protests and hunger strikes (53 days) to **demand recognition for freedom fighters as political prisoners**.

Sachindranath Bakshi



- **Born:** 25th December 1904 (Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh)
- **Death:** 23rd November 1984 (Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh)
- **Role:** Prominent freedom fighter, founder of **Hindustan Republican Army (HRA)**
- **HRA Formation:** 1924, aimed at armed struggle against British colonial rule
- **Initial Contributions:**
 - Propagated HRA ideals in **Varanasi**.
 - Moved to **Jhansi** to expand HRA's base.