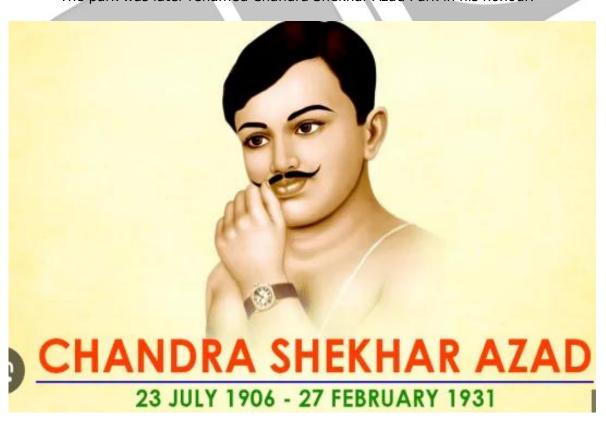


Birth Anniversary of Chandra Shekhar Azad

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The Prime Minister paid tribute to **Chandra Shekhar Azad** on his birth anniversary (23rd July 2025), honouring his role in the freedom struggle and his inspiration to the youth.

- Early Life: Born in 1906 as Chandra Shekhar Tiwari in Bhabhra village (now known as Chandrashekhar Azad Nagar), Madhya Pradesh, he showed revolutionary spirit from a young age. At 15, he joined <u>Gandhi's Non-Cooperation Movement.</u>
- **Shift from Satyagraha to Revolution:** Disappointed after Gandhi called off the Non-Cooperation Movement in 1922.
 - Azad turned to revolutionary activities, joined <u>Hindustan Republican Army (HRA)</u> and was involved in **Kakori train robbery (1925)** to fund armed resistance.
 - In 1928, Bhagat Singh, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Sukhdev, Shiv Verma, and Vijay Kumar Sinha reorganised the HRA with socialism as one of the main objectives, renaming it the <u>Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA)</u>.
- Major actions: Bhagat Singh was HSRA's political ideologue, while Azad led its military wing (planning actions, training recruits, and organising weapons).
 - He played a key role in planning the 1928 killing of British officer John Saunders in Lahore. Bhagat Singh and Rajguru carried out the shooting.
- **Legacy:** Chandra Shekhar Azad died at Alfred Park, Allahabad, on 27th February 1931, at just 24. The park was later renamed Chandra Shekhar Azad Park in his honour.



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