



# Birth Anniversary of Ram Prasad Bismil

## Why in News?

On 11th June 2025, the birth anniversary of freedom fighter [Ram Prasad Bismil](#) was commemorated. Renowned for his revolutionary spirit and poetic brilliance, he played a pivotal role in India's struggle against [British colonial rule](#).



## Key Points

- **Birth and Early Life:**
  - Ram Prasad Bismil was born on **11th June 1897** in **Shahjahanpur district of Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Early Influences and Ideology:**
  - Bismil joined **the Arya Samaj**, founded by [Dayanand Saraswati](#) in **1875**, and began writing under pen names like 'Bismil', meaning 'wounded' or 'restless'.
  - He embraced revolutionary ideals after reading about the death sentence awarded to Bhai Parmanand, an Arya Samaj missionary and nationalist.
  - At the age of 18, he expressed his anguish through the powerful poem '**Mera Janm**'.

- He **supported armed revolution**, believing it to be a **more effective path to independence** than [Gandhi's non-violent approach](#).
- **Major Contributions:**
  - **Mainpuri Conspiracy:**
    - Disillusioned with the Congress's moderate stance, Bismil **founded a revolutionary group** named **Matrivedi**.
    - He was involved in the **Mainpuri Conspiracy of 1918**, wherein the police found a few young people, including Bismil selling books that were prescribed by the government.
    - He and his associates carried out three successful raids to loot government funds to support their cause.
  - **Formation of Hindustan Republican Association (HRA):**
    - In 1924, Bismil **co-founded the [Hindustan Republican Association \(HRA\)](#)** with **Sachindra Nath Sanyal, Ashfaqulla Khan, Jogesh Chandra Chatterjee and Jadugopal Mukherjee**.
    - He drafted most of HRA's manifesto, envisioning a federal "United States of India" established through armed revolution.
  - **Kakori Train Action:**
    - In 1925, Bismil, along with **Chandrasekhar Azad and Ashfaqulla Khan**, led the Kakori train robbery to fund revolutionary activities.
    - They successfully looted the train near Kakori, but British authorities arrested them within a month.
    - After an 18-month-long trial, Bismil, Ashfaqulla Khan, Rajendra Lahiri, and Roshan Singh were **sentenced to death under the Kakori Conspiracy Case**.
- **Literary Contributions:**
  - Bismil **wrote stirring patriotic poetry in Hindi and Urdu** that inspired countless Indians to join the freedom struggle.
    - Bismil's poem **'Sarfroshi Ki Tammana, Ab hamare Dil Me hai'** became a clarion call for the Indian Freedom movement.
  - His works reflected deep concerns for social justice, human dignity, and equality.
- **Martyrdom:**
  - The British **executed Bismil on 19th December 1927 at Gorakhpur Jail**.

**Note:** In August 2025, the Uttar Pradesh government renamed '**Kakori Kand**' to '**Kakori Train Action**', stating that the word '**Kand**' (meaning '**incident**' or '**scandal**') carries a negative connotation and undermines the significance of this historic act in India's freedom struggle.