



Centenary of Kakori Train Action

Why in News?

A hundred years ago, on **9th August 1925**, ten young revolutionaries, including **Ram Prasad Bismil**, and **Sachindranath Bakshi**, executed a daring heist on the British railway treasury, known as the [Kakori Train Action](#).

- To honor the revolutionaries of the Kakori Train Action, **Uttar Pradesh has rebranded** its famous **Dussehri mangoes from the Kakori-Malihabad region** under the new name '**Kakori Brand**.'

Key Points About the Kakori Incident

- **Event:** The incident involved the **robbery of the Number 8 down passenger train** (from **Shahjahanpur to Lucknow**).
 - The train was **carrying official British cash (railway collections)**, intended for use in revolutionary activities aimed at undermining British colonial rule.
- **Key Figures:** Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaqullah Khan, Chandrashekhar Azad, Manmathnath Gupta, and Rajendra Nath Lahiri, all prominent members of the **Hindustan Republican Association (HRA)**.
 - In this case 17 were jailed, 4 transported for life and **4 (Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaqullah, Roshan Singh, and Rajendra Lahiri) were hanged**.
- **Impact on the Freedom Struggle:** The **Kakori Train Action** gave the **HRA** a much-needed financial boost, allowing it to expand and eventually transform into the **Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA)**, led by **Chandrashekhar Azad**.

HRA

- The **HRA was founded in October 1924 in Kanpur** by Ramprasad Bismil, Jogesh Chandra Chatterjee, and Sachin Sanyal, with an aim to **organise an armed revolution to overthrow the colonial government** and establish in its place the **Federal Republic of United States of India** whose basic **principle would be adult franchise**.

HSRA

- The HSRA determined to **overcome the Kakori setback**, the younger revolutionaries, **inspired by socialist ideas**, set out to **reorganise Hindustan Republic Association** at a historic meeting **in the ruins of Ferozshah Kotla in Delhi** (September 1928).
- Under the **leadership of Chandrashekhar Azad**, the name of **HRA was changed to Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA)**.
- The participants included **Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, Bhagwati Charan Vohra** from Punjab and Bejoy Kumar Sinha, Shiv Verma, and Jaidev Kapur from the United Provinces.
- The HSRA decided to work under a collective leadership and adopted socialism as its official goal.

