

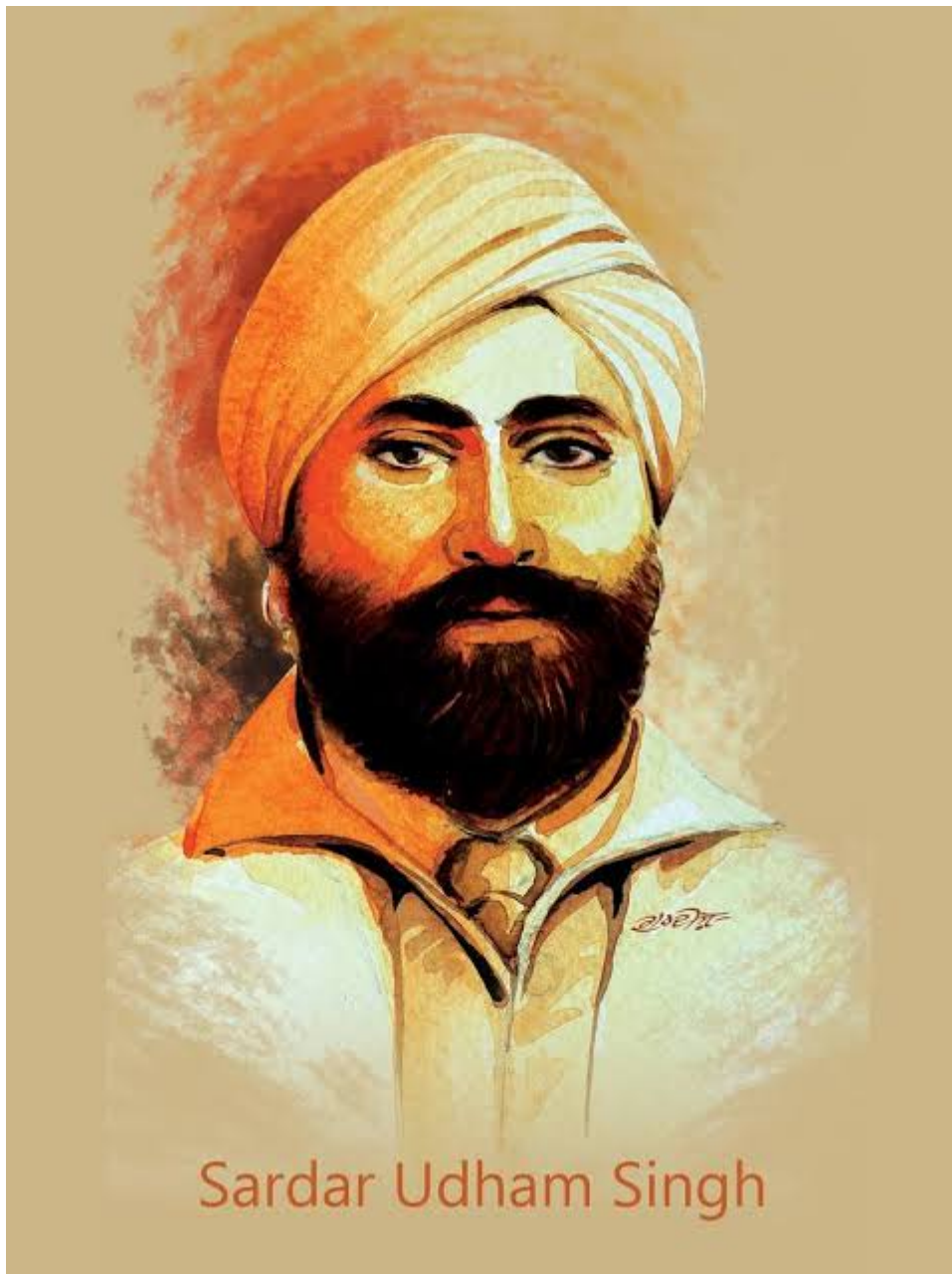


125th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Udham Singh

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Recently, [Sardar Udham Singh's](#) birth anniversary was celebrated on 26th December, honoring his legacy as a symbol of India's relentless pursuit of justice for the [Jallianwala Bagh massacre](#).

- **Birth and Early Life:** Udham Singh, born on **26th December 1899**, in Sunam, Sangrur district of Punjab, lost his parents early and grew up in the Central Khalsa Orphanage in Amritsar.
- **Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Witness:** Singh survived the **Jallianwala Bagh massacre** of 13th April 1919, where **British Brigadier General Reginald Dyer's** troops killed over 400 unarmed civilians under the regime of **Michael O'Dwyer**, Punjab's Lieutenant Governor.
- **Revolutionary Activities:** Deeply affected by the massacre, Singh joined the **Ghadar Party** in **1924** to mobilize Indians overseas against British rule.
 - He was imprisoned in **1927** for five years for possession of firearms.
- **Revenge and Execution:** On **13th March 1940**, Singh assassinated **Michael O'Dwyer** during a meeting at Caxton Hall in London, avenging the massacre.
 - He was hanged on 31th July 1940, at Pentonville Prison, London.
- **Legacy:** Revered as ***Shaheed-i-Azam***, Singh's remains were repatriated in 1974, and memorials, museums, and colleges honor his sacrifice in Punjab and beyond.
 - His actions symbolize unwavering resistance against colonial oppression.



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