

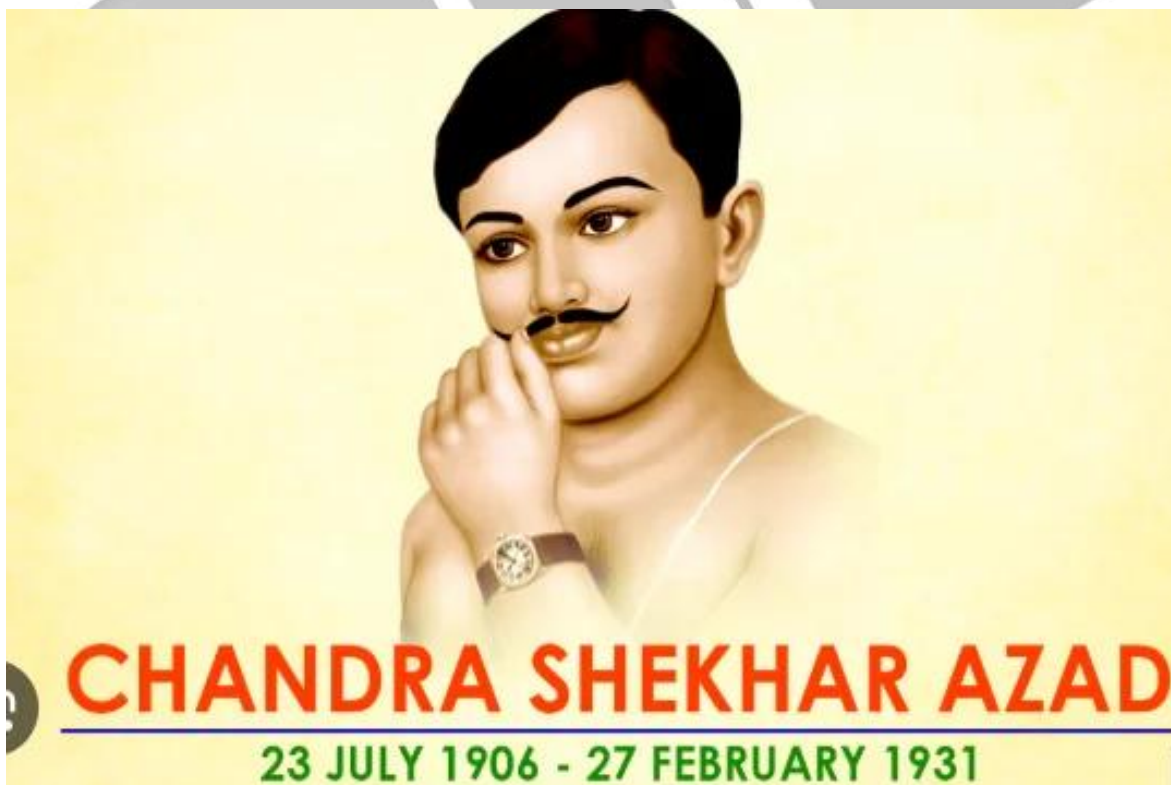


Birth Anniversary of Chandra Shekhar Azad

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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 [Gandhi's Non-Cooperation Movement](#).
- **Shift from Satyagraha to Revolution:** Disappointed after Gandhi called off the Non-Cooperation Movement in 1922.
 - Azad turned to revolutionary activities, joined [Hindustan Republican Army \(HRA\)](#) 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 [Hindustan Socialist Republican Association \(HSRA\)](#).
- **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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