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PM bows to freedom fighter Shaheed Bhagat Singh on his birth anniversary

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Why is in news? PM bows to freedom fighter Shaheed Bhagat Singh on his birth anniversary

Bhagat Singh (**27 September 1907 – 23 March 1931**) born in 1907 in Lyallpur district (now in Pakistan), Bhagat Singh **grew up in a Sikh family** deeply involved in political activities.

He belonged to a generation that was to intervene **between two decisive phases** of the Indian national movement - the **phase of the 'Extremism'** of Lal-Bal-Pal and the **Gandhian phase of nonviolent** mass action.

In 1924 in Kanpur, he became a **member of the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA), started by Sachindranath Sanyal** a year earlier.

The **main organiser** of the Association was **Chandra Shekhar Azad** and Bhagat Singh became very close to him.

Armed revolution was understood to be the **only weapon with which to fight British imperialism**.

In 1928, HRA was renamed from Hindustan Republican Association to Hindustan Socialist Republic Association (HSRA).

In **1925**, Bhagat Singh returned to Lahore and within the next year he and his colleagues started a militant youth organisation called the **Naujawan Bharat Sabha**.

To **take revenge for the death of Lala Lajpat Rai**, Bhagat Singh and his associates **plotted the assassination of James A. Scott, the Superintendent of Police**.

However, the revolutionaries **mistakenly killed J.P. Saunders**. The incident is famously known as **Lahore Conspiracy case (1929)**.

Bhagat Singh and B.K. Dutt threw a bomb on 8 April, 1929 in the Central Legislative Assembly, in protest against the passing of **two repressive bills, the Public Safety Bill and the Trade Dispute Bill**.

Bhagat Singh was **re-arrested for the murder of J.P. Saunders and bomb manufacturing in the Lahore Conspiracy case**.

He was found guilty in this case and was **hanged on 23rd March, 1931 in Lahore along with Sukhdev and Rajguru**.

Every year, **March 23** is observed as **Martyrs' Day** as a tribute to freedom fighters **Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru**.

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