



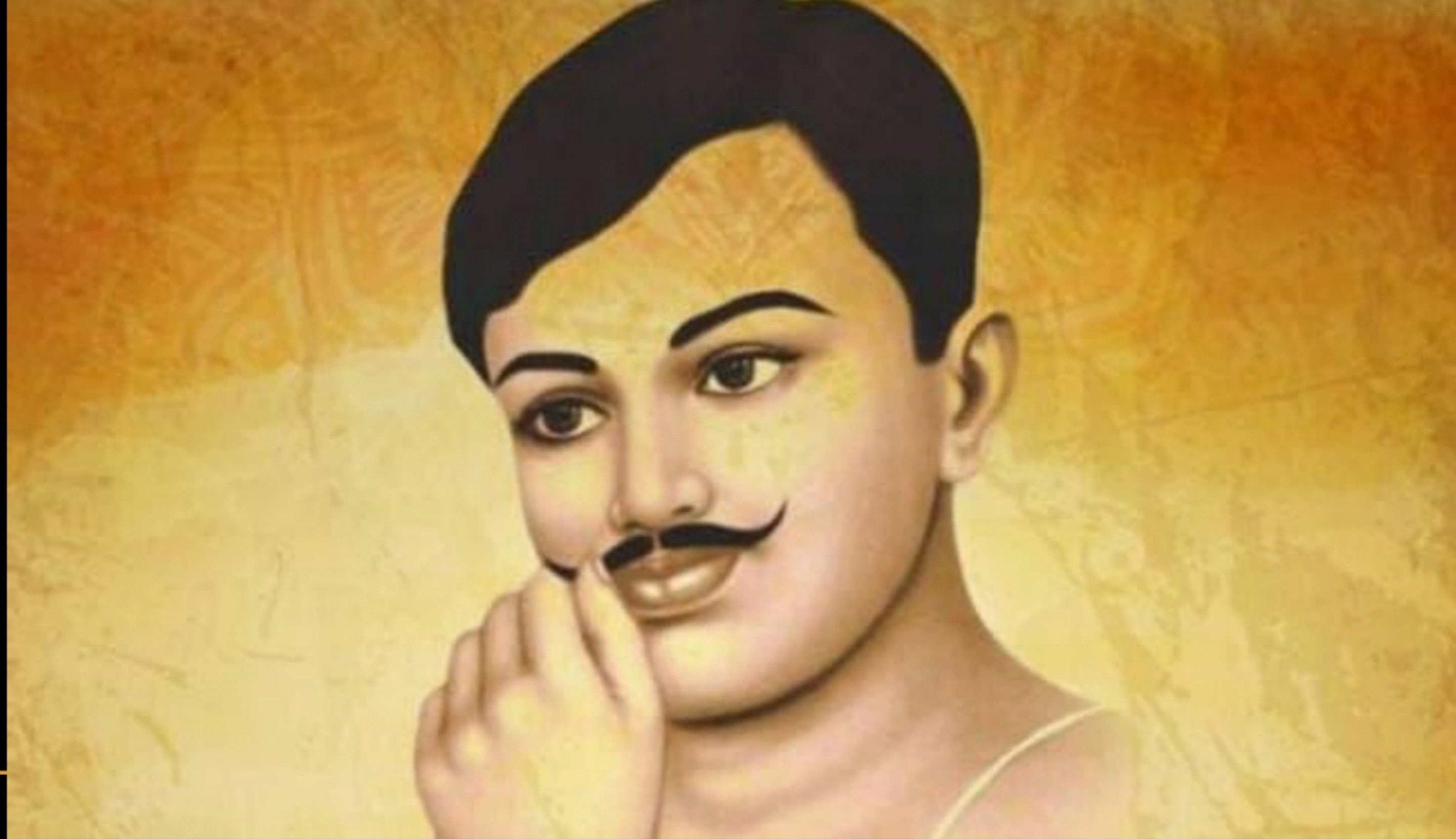
Prominent Personalities of Madhya Pradesh

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OVERVIEW

- ✘ Detail study of All important personalities of Madhya Pradesh
- ✘ Related to Art, Culture, Sports, Literature, Politics etc
- ✘ Most Imp for MPPSC Pre+Mains and other Vyapam Exams

लेखक इंदर 'वज्र'



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EARLY LIFE

- ✘ Azad was born as **Chandrashekhar Tiwari**, to Pandit Sita Ram Tiwari and Jagrani Devi on **23 July 1906** in Bhavra village, in the present-day **Alirajpur** district
- ✘ Chandra Shekhar grew up with Bhils who inhabited the area and learnt wrestling, swimming along with archery
- ✘ In December 1921, when Mohandas K. Gandhi launched the Non-Cooperation Movement, **Chandra Shekhar**, then a 15-year-old student, joined. As a result, he was arrested.
- ✘ On being produced before a magistrate, he gave his name as "**Azad**" (*The Free*), his father's name as "**Swatantrata**" (*Independence*) and his residence as "**Jail**"

HINDUSTAN REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION (HRA)

- ✘ He met **Ram Prasad Bismil** (founder of **The Hindustan Republican Association (HRA)** was) through **Pranavesh Chatterji**,
- ✘ He joined the HRA and concentrated his efforts on collecting funds for the association.
- ✘ He planned and executed daring attempts to rob government treasury to raise funds in order to further their revolutionary activities
- ✘ Azad reached Kanpur where the headquarters of the HRA was based.
- ✘ There he met other firebrands like **Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev**.
- ✘ Pumped with renewed enthusiasm, he reorganised **the HRA** and renamed it as **Hindustan Socialist Republican Association or HSRA** together with **Bhagat Singh in 1928**

KAKORI CONSPIRACY

- ✘ Ram Prasad Bismil conceived the idea of looting a train carrying treasury money to fund acquiring of weapons for revolutionary activities
- ✘ They targeted the **No. 8 Down train** travelling from **Shahjahanpur to Lucknow** and intercepted it at Kakori. They stopped the train by pulling the chain, overpowered the guard and took 8000 rupees from the guard cabin. In the ensuing gunfight between the armed guards and the revolutionaries, one passenger died
- ✘ In the aftermath of the **Kakori train robbery in 1925**, the British clamped down on revolutionary activities.

KAKORI CONSPIRACY

- ✘ Prasad, Ashfaqulla Khan, Thakur Roshan Singh and Rajendra Nath Lahiri were sentenced to death for their participation.
- ✘ Azad, Keshab Chakravarty and Murari Sharma evaded capture.
- ✘ Chandra Shekhar Azad later reorganised the HRA with the help of revolutionaries like Sheo Verma and Mahaveer Singh.

LAHORE CONSPIRACY

- ✘ On October 30, 1928, **Lala Lajpat Rai** led a peaceful protest against the **Simon Commission** at Lahore.
- ✘ Police Superintendent **James Scott** ordered lathi strike
- ✘ Lalaji was severely injured in the process and died on November 17, 1928 as a result of the wounds
- ✘ To take revenge together with Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru, he plotted the **assassination of Scott**.
- ✘ On December 17, 1928, the plan was executed but a case of mistaken identity led to the killing of **John P. Saunders**, an Assistant Superintendent of Police.
- ✘ The HSRA claimed responsibility for the event the next day . Azad along with 29 others were charged in the Lahore Conspiracy Case Trial, but he was among the few who the British authorities were unable to capture.

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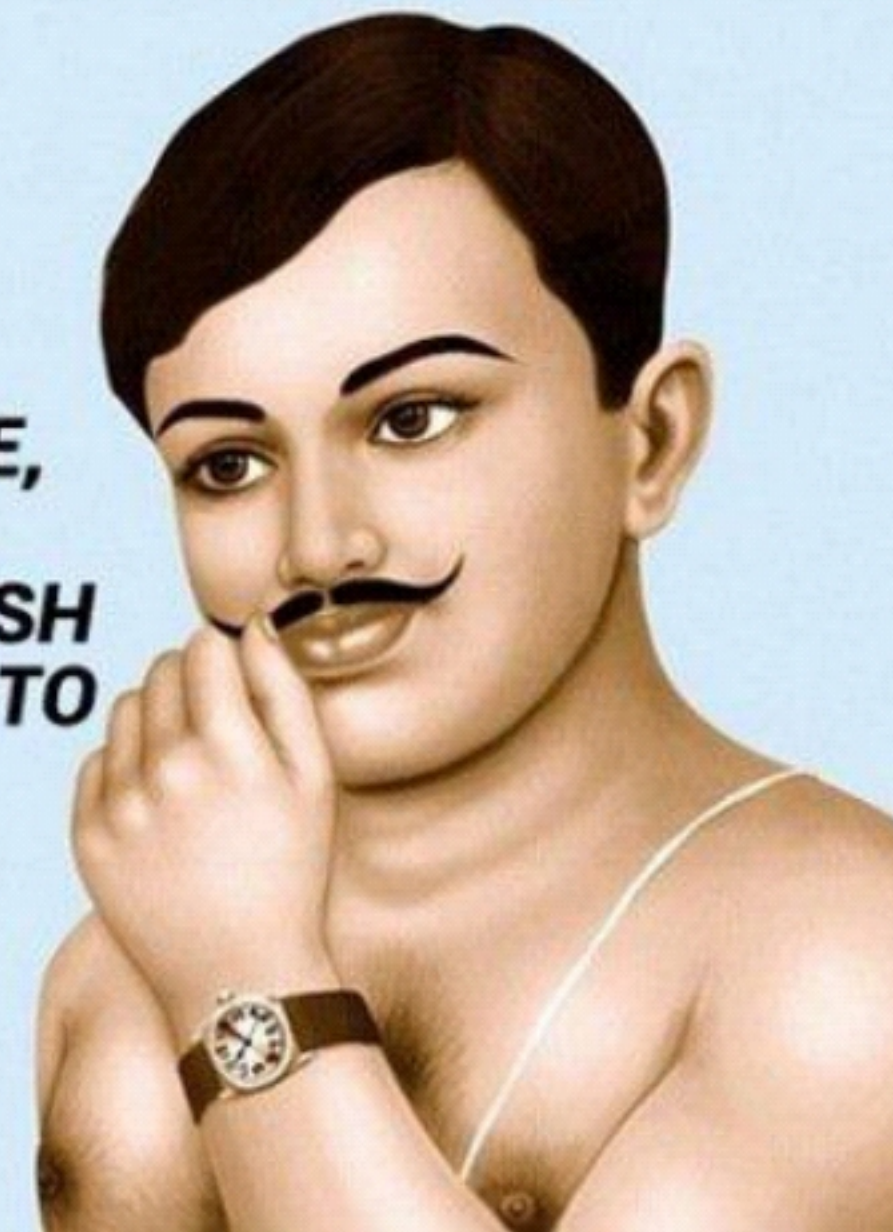
- ✘ Azad's impact on the British Raj law enforcement faction was evident from how much effort they put to capture him, dead or alive.
- ✘ They even announced a reward of Rs. 30,000 on his head.
- ✘ On February 27, 1931 Chandrashekhar Azad was meeting with friends at **Alfred Park, Allahabad**
- ✘ A pre-informed police surrounded the park and asked Chandrashekhar Azad to surrender. Azad fought valiantly to allow his friends safe passage and killed three policemen then he shot himself in the head with his last bullet
- ✘ The **Colt pistol of Chandra Shekhar Azad** is displayed at the Allahabad Museum
- ✘ The body was sent to **Rasulabad Ghat** for cremation without informing general public

- ✘ His life-long goal was to create as much problem for the British Government as he could.
- ✘ He was the **master of disguises** and evaded capture by the British police multiple times.
- ✘ His famous proclamation, '**Dushmano Ki Goliyon Ka Saamna Hum Karenge, /Azad Hi Rahe Hain, aur Azad hi Rahenge**',

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LEGACY

- ✘ **Alfred Park** in Allahabad, where Azad died, has been renamed as **Chandrashekhar Azad Park**
- ✘ Starting from Manoj Kumar's 1965 film *Shaheed*, many films have featured the character of Azad
- ✘ The patriotism of **Azad, Rajguru, Pandit Ram Prasad Basil and Ashfaqula Khan** was depicted in *Rang De Basanti*, a 2006 Bollywood film where **Amir Khan** portrayed the character of **Chandra Shekhar Azad**

