

Shaheedi Diwas

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In News: Punjabi University students on March 23 held a flag march to commemorate the execution of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru.

About Shaheed Diwas or Sarvodaya Day

- Also known as Sarvodaya Day.
- Bhagat Singh together with his companions Rajguru, Sukhdev, Azad, and Gopal fought for the assassination of Lala Lajpat Rai.
- They were hanged for their involvement in the assassination of the ASP of Lahore, John Saunders.
- Bhagat Singh with his companions on 8th April, 1929 threw bombs over the Central Legislative Assembly by reading the slogan "Inquilab Zindabad".
- 23rd March is the day when revolutionary freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were hanged to death by the British government in 1931 at the Lahore Jail.
- Their body was cremated at the banks of the Sutlej River.

Note: Shaheed Diwas should not be confused with the Martyrs' Day observed on January 30, the day Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated.

Bhagat Singh

- Born as Bhaganwala on the 26th September, 1907.
- In 1923, Bhagat Singh joined the National College, Lahore which was founded and managed by Lala Lajpat Rai and Bhai Parmanand.
- In 1924 in Kanpur, he became a member of the Hindustan Republican Association, started by Sachindranath Sanyal a year earlier.

- 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.
- In April 1926, Bhagat Singh established contact with Sohan Singh Josh and through him the 'Workers and Peasants Party' which brought out the monthly magazine Kirti in Punjabi.
- In 1927, he was first arrested on charges of association with the Kakori Case accused for an article written under the pseudonym Vidrohi (Rebel).
- In 1928, Bhagat Singh changed the name of Hindustan Republican Association to Hindustan Socialist Republic Association (HSRA). In 1930, when Azad was shot, the HSRA collapsed.
- Naujawan Bharat Sabha replaced HSRA in Punjab.