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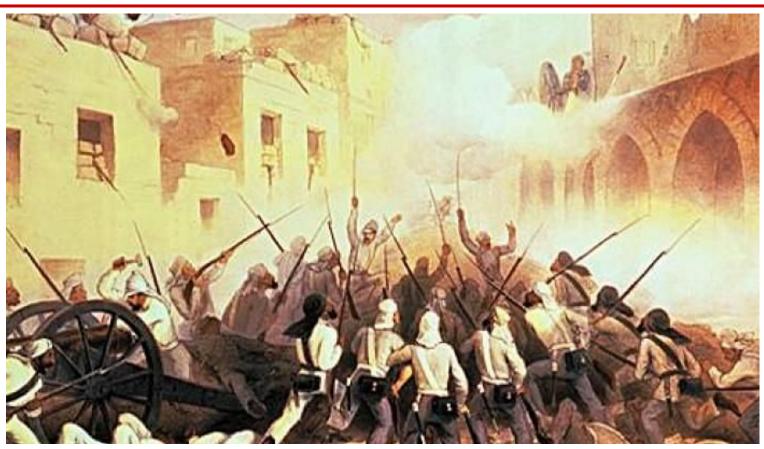
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The Prime Minister of India remembered the heroes of India's freedom struggle on completion of hundred years of Chauri Chaura incident.

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Chauri Chaura incident

Background

- On 2 February 1922, volunteers participating in the non-cooperation movement led by a retired soldier of the British Indian Army named Bhagwan Ahir, protested against high food prices and liquor sales.
- The demonstrators were beaten back by the local police and several of the leaders were arrested and put in the lock-up at the Chauri Chaura police station.
- In response to this, a protest against the police was called on 4 February.

Incident

- It took place **on 4 February 1922** at Chauri Chaura in the Gorakhpur district of the United Province.
- A large group of protesters participating in the non-cooperation movement, were fired upon by the police.
- In retaliation the **demonstrators attacked and set fire to a police station**, killing all of its occupants.
- The incident led to the death of three civilians and 22 policemen.

Reactions by leaders and organizations

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- Gandhi, not happy with the increasingly violent trend of the movement, immediately announced the withdrawal of the Non-Cooperation movement.
- The Congress Working Committee resolved to stop all activity that led to breaking of the law.
- Nationalist leaders including C.R. Das, Motilal Nehru, Subhash Bose, Jawaharlal Nehru, however, expressed their bewilderment at Gandhi's decision to withdraw the movement.
- The British colonial authorities declared martial law in and around Chauri Chaura.