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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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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

- **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**.