

Chauri Chaura centenary celebrations

TAGS: GS-1: Modern History

CONTEXT:

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on Thursday will inaugurate a **series of events** that the Uttar Pradesh government has planned throughout the year **to mark the centenary of the Chauri Chaura incident, which took place on February 4, 1922.**



CENTENARY OF THE CHAURI CHAURA:

- The state administration claimed that till now the history of Chauri Chaura had not been celebrated as it should have been.
- PM Modi will kick off the **year-long celebrations** via video-conferencing.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will attend the celebrations in Gorakhpur.
- The state government has prepared a **specialised logo for the year-long festivities**, and plans to use it on all government official letterheads over the next year.
- **Mass recitation of “Vande Mataram:** The Adityanath administration has also announced a mass recitation of “Vande Mataram” **on February 4** in an attempt to create a record.

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES:

- **Special theme song:** It has also been prepared for the occasion. The song, **written by Virendra Vatsa**, will be played at different events throughout the year.
 - Vatsa had also written the **theme song for the tableau of Uttar Pradesh at the Republic Day parade** in Delhi that won the first prize.
- **Beautification of memorials of martyrs:** The government has also decided to undertake beautification of memorials of martyrs, and **felicitate their families.**
- **Prabhat Pheris:** The administration will also organise “Prabhat Pheris” **across the state in the morning** as part of which, groups will go around singing songs of the bravery of the Chauri-Chaura martyrs.

- The government has decided to organise a “**Murti Shivir [idol camp]**” at state Lalit Kala Academy for artisans.
- **Cleanliness drive:** Apart from all this, the government has decided to hold a special cleanliness drive to mark the occasion.

WAY FORWARD:

- **Education Syllabus:** CM Adityanath has asked the **Department of Education** to ensure that the **Chauri Chaura incident is properly included in the syllabus of secondary government schools** and instruct schools to organise events such as debates, poetry recitation, slogan competitions, quizzes, poster and drawing competitions on the theme throughout the year.
- **Student Tourism:** The department has also been asked to arrange the visit of students of all schools to Chauri Chaura and talk to them about the stories of the martyrs.

CHAURI CHAURA INCIDENT:

- **Date:** On 5 February 1922
- **Incident:** During **Non-cooperation movement**, people clashed with police.
- **Death:** Of about **22 policemen** and **3 civilians**
- **Location:** At **Chauri Chaura in the Gorakhpur** district in the United Provinces (present-day Uttar Pradesh).
- **Non-Cooperation Movement:** Congress under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi had launched the non-cooperation movement **on 1st August 1920**.
- The incident in **Chauri Chaura in Gorakhpur district** marked the **end of Mahatma Gandhi’s Non-Cooperation Movement** against the British colonial rule.

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MCQs:

Q. The incident in **Chauri Chaura in Gorakhpur district** marked the **end of which of the freedom struggle movement** against the British colonial rule.

- a) Khilafat Movement
- b) Non-Cooperation Movement**
- c) Civil Disobedience Movement
- d) Quit India Movement

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