Jalianwala Bagh massacre

**Why in News?**

1919, marked the 100 years of the infamous Jallianwala Bagh massacre where British forces killed thousands of unarmed Indians in Amritsar. The event sparked widespread protests and influenced the independence movement in India.

**Details**

- The Amritsar massacre took place in the Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar. The British Colonial Government of British India under the British Raj, under the governance of Lord Kitchener, ordered a large military force to crush a peaceful gurudwara (Sikh temple) sit-in protest.

- On April 13, 1919, the British Army opened fire on the gathered crowd, killing hundreds of unarmed civilians.

- The event is considered a significant moment in the Indian independence movement.

**Aftermath**

- The British authorities tried to suppress news of the massacre.

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