



Veer Savarkar Jayanti

Why in News

On **28th May**, India paid tribute to the freedom fighter, **Vinayak Damodar Savarkar (Veer Savarkar)** on his **birth anniversary**.

- He was an Indian independence activist, politician, lawyer and writer.
- He is also known as **Swatantryaveer Savarkar**.

Key Points

- **Birth:** Born on **28th May, 1883** in **Bhagur**, a village near Nashik in **Maharashtra**.
- **Related Organisations and Work:**
 - Founded a secret society called **Abhinav Bharat Society**.
 - Went to the United Kingdom and was involved with organizations such as **India House and the Free India Society**.
 - He was the **president of Hindu Mahasabha from 1937 to 1943**.
 - Savarkar wrote a book titled '**The History of the War of Indian Independence**' in which he wrote about the guerilla warfare tricks used in [1857 Sepoy Mutiny](#).
 - He also wrote the book '**Hindutva: who is hindu?**'.
- **Trial and Sentences:**
 - **Arrested in 1909** on charges of plotting an armed revolt against the [Morley-Minto reform \(Indian Councils Act 1909\)](#).
 - **Arrested in 1910** for his **connections with the revolutionary group India House**.
 - One of the charges on Savarkar was abetment to murder of Nashik Collector Jackson and the second was waging a conspiracy under Indian Penal Code 121-A against the King emperor.
 - Following the two trials, Savarkar was convicted and sentenced to **50-years imprisonment also known as Kala Pani** and transported in 1911 to the **Cellular Jail** in the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.
- **Death:** He died on 26th February 1966 due to fasting on his own wish of death.

Abhinav Bharat Society (Young India Society)

- It was a secret society founded by Vinayak Damodar Savarkar and his brother Ganesh Damodar Savarkar **in 1904**.
- Initially founded at Nasik as Mitra Mela, the society was associated with several revolutionaries and political activists with branches in various parts of India and London.

India House

- It was **founded by Shyamji Kishan Verma in 1905** in London.
- It was opened to promote nationalist views among Indian students in London.

Free India Society

- **Savarkar** went to London in 1906. He soon founded the Free India Society, based on the thoughts of the Italian nationalist Giuseppe Mazzini (Savarkar had written a biography of Mazzini).

Hindu Mahasabha

- **Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha** is one of the oldest organizations of India as it was **formed in 1907**. Eminent leaders **extended this Organization in 1915 on ALL India basis**.
- The Eminent personalities who founded this Organisation and who presided over the ALL INDIA Sessions held include Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, Lal Lajpat Rai, Veer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, etc.

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