



## Shri Morarji Desai Birth Anniversary

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The Prime Minister paid tributes to [Shri Morarji Desai](#) on his birth anniversary.

- Born on **29<sup>th</sup> February 1896** in Bhadeli village, Gujarat. Graduated from Wilson Civil Service in Bombay and served as a **Deputy Collector for twelve years**.
- Morarji Desai was an Indian politician and activist who served as the **fourth Prime Minister of India from 1977 to 1979**.
  - The **Forty-fourth Amendment of the Constitution** of India was enacted during his tenure as Prime Minister.
- Morarji Desai joined Congress during the [Civil Disobedience Movement](#). Imprisoned thrice and actively participated in **individual Satyagraha and Quit India Movement**.
  - He became **Chief Minister of Bombay in 1952** and also served as Minister for Commerce and Industry, then Finance Minister. **Resigned under the Kamraj Plan** and led the **Administrative Reforms Commission**. Became Prime Minister in 1977.
- Desai emphasised the importance of **improving the living standards of the poor and underprivileged**, enacted progressive legislation to help peasants and tenants, believed in the [rule of law for all](#), and upheld truth as an article of faith.



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