



## Pingali Venkayya, the Man Behind Tricolour

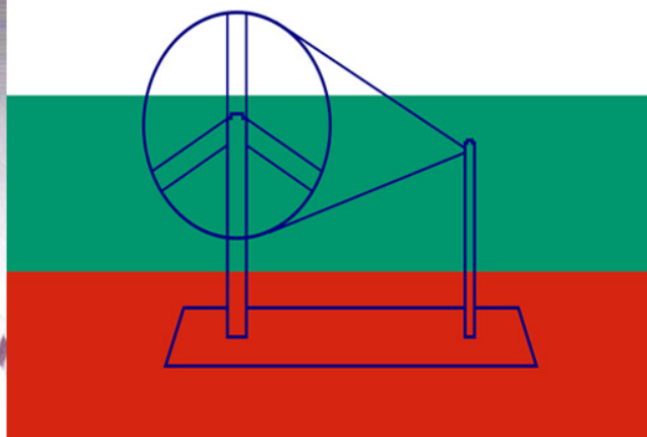
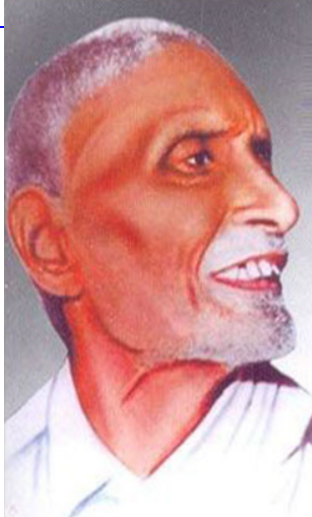
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The Prime Minister paid tributes to [Pingali Venkayya](#) on his birth anniversary (2<sup>nd</sup> August).

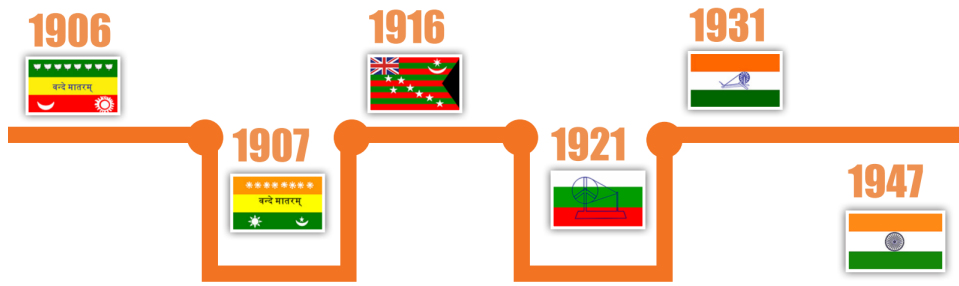
- He also urged citizens to support the [Har Ghar Tiranga movement](#) by unfurling the tricolour between 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.

### Evolution of Flag:

- In 1916, Pingali Venkayya published a **booklet** titled **A National Flag for India**, featuring nearly 30 designs for a [potential Indian flag](#), inspired by flags of other nations.
- Venkayya's **design** for the National Flag was finally **approved** by [Mahatma Gandhi](#) in a Congress meeting in [Vijayawada](#) in **1921**.
- The initial flag, called the [Swaraj flag](#), consisted of **two red** and **green bands** (representing the **Hindus** and the **Muslims religious communities**). The flag also had a [charkha](#), which represented [Swaraj](#).
  - Mahatma Gandhi advised **Venkayya** to add a **white band** to represent [peace](#).
- The [Flag Committee \(1931\)](#) replaced the red with **saffron** and placed saffron on top followed by **white** and then **green**. The **charkha** was placed on the **white band** in the **middle**.
  - The **colors** stood for **qualities** and not communities i.e., the **saffron for courage and sacrifice, white for truth and peace, and green for faith and strength. The charkha stood for the welfare of the masses.**
- Post-Independence, a national flag committee under [President Rajendra Prasad](#) replaced the **charkha with the [Ashok Chakra](#)**.
- **Pingali Venkayya:**
- He fought the Second **Boer War (1899-1902)**.
- In 1913, he delivered a **lecture** in **Japanese** in Bapatla, Andhra Pradesh called as '**Japan Venkayya**'.
- He was also known as **Patti Venkayya** for his research into the **Cambodia Cotton**.
- In 2009, a **postage stamp** was released for his contribution.



## THE DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY OF THE TRICOLOR



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