



## 194th Birth Anniversary of Dadabhai Naoroji

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- Recently, the **194<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary** of **Dadabhai Naoroji** was observed on **4th September 2024**. He is also known as the “**Grand Old Man of India**”.
- **Contributions of Dadabhai Naoroji:**
  - **British MP:** He served as the **first Indian member** of the British parliament. In **1892**, he won from the **Central Finsbury seat** as a **Liberal Party candidate**.
  - **Establishment of Organizations in England:** In **1865**, Naoroji co-founded the **London Indian Society**, and in **1866**, he established the **East India Association**.
  - **Congress President:** He served as the president of the **Congress three times** in **1886 (Calcutta), 1893 (Lahore), and 1906 (Calcutta)**.
  - **Literature:** Naoroji was one of the key proponents of “**Drain Theory (1867)**” which exposed the economic exploitation of India by Britain.
    - He published the book [Poverty and Un-British Rule in India](#) in 1901.
  - **Other Political Contribution:** Naoroji advocated for a **standing committee** in the **British House of Commons** to address protests from **Indian legislative bodies**.
    - He formed an **Indian parliamentary committee** in the British Parliament in **1893** for lobbying for **reforms in India**.
    - He was appointed to the **Royal Commission on Indian Expenditure** in **1895**.

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