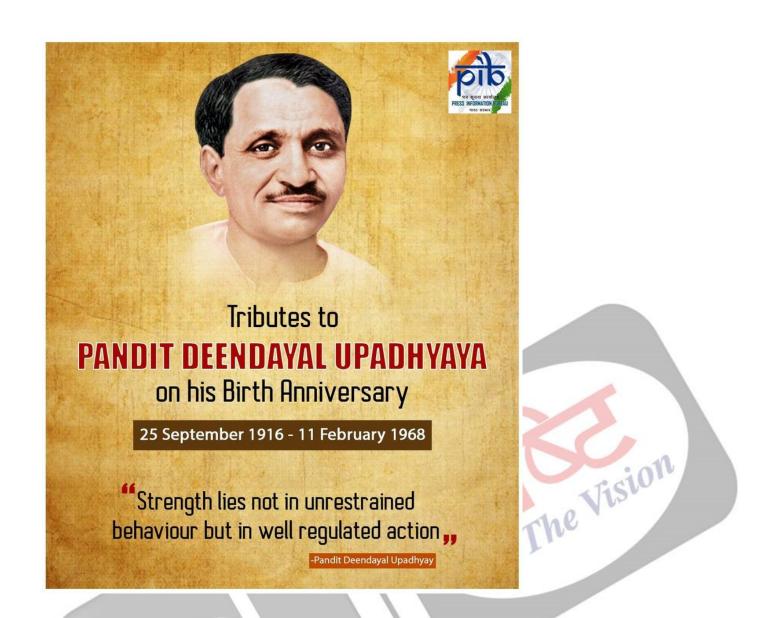


## **Antyodaya Diwas 2024**

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Recently, **Antyodaya Diwas** was observed on **25th September**, **2024** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**.

- This day serves to remember and celebrate his life and contributions, highlighting his influence on Indian politics and society.
- Contributions: He focussed on Antyodaya which means upliftment of the last person and address the needs of the most disadvantaged individuals in society,
  - His philosophy of "Integral Humanism" focussed on individual and collective welfare, social justice, economic equality, and self-reliance.
  - He was the co-founder of the <u>Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS)</u>, which later evolved into the **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**.
  - He was also a key thinker for the <u>Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)</u>.
- Recognition: Since 25th September 2014, his birth anniversary is observed as Antyodaya
  Diwas to recognise his efforts and contributions to the nation.
  - In 2015, the name of <u>National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)</u> was changed to <u>Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-NRLM</u>.
  - In 2018, the Mughalsarai Junction railway station in UP was renamed Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction. He died near Mughal Sarai in 1968.



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