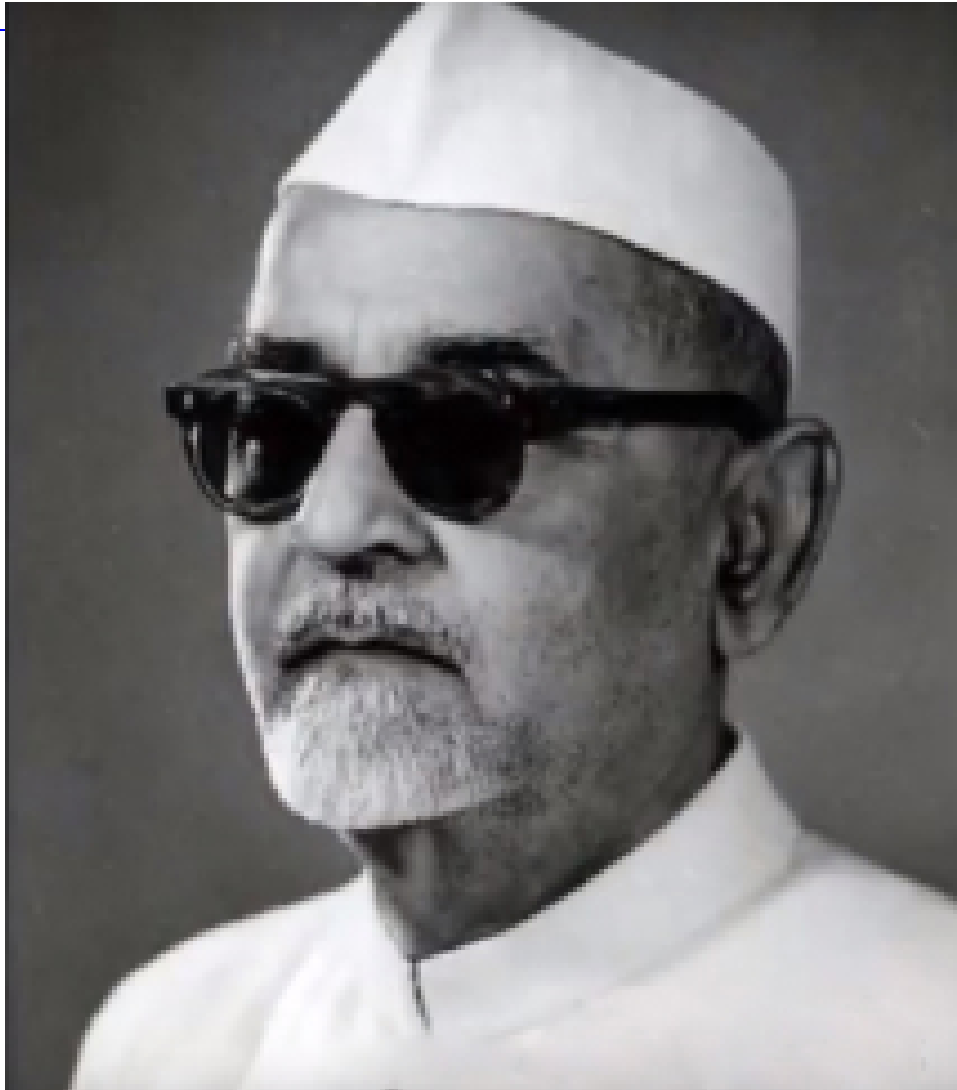




## Birth Anniversary of Dr. Zakir Hussain

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Recently, the President of India, paid floral tributes to **Dr. Zakir Hussain**, former President of India on his birth anniversary at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

- Dr. Zakir Husain (08 Feb 1897- 03 May 1969) was an Indian statesman, and the first Muslim to hold the position of [President of India in 1967](#).
  - He was also appointed [governor](#) of Bihar state in 1957 and was elected [vice-president](#) of India in 1962.
- He helped found the Muslim National University in Aligarh (later moved to New Delhi) and served as its vice-chancellor from 1926 to 1948.
  - At [Mahatma Gandhi's](#) invitation, he also became chairman of the National Committee on

Basic Education, established in 1937 to design a **Gandhian syllabus for schools.**

- During 1956–58, he served on the executive board of the **United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).**

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