



Birth Anniversary of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan

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Recently, the **Prime Minister paid tribute to Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan** on his birth anniversary.

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▪ About:

- Jayaprakash Narayan was **born on 11th October 1902, in Sitabdiara, Bihar.**
- He was an **Indian Independence activist**, social reformer and political leader.

▪ Ideology:

- Influenced by **Marxist ideas** after studying in the United States.
- **Strongly opposed British rule in India** and advocated for independence through socialist principles.
- His **objective** was to bring about societal change in line with the **ideals of Sarvodaya**, a **Gandhian philosophy emphasising progress for all.**

▪ Key Works:

- Joined the **Indian National Congress in 1929** and participated in the **civil disobedience movement** and **Quit India Movement.**
- Co-founded the **Congress Socialist Party**, advocating for a left-wing approach within the Congress Party.
- Promoted the **Bhoodan Gramdan Movement**, (initiated by **Acharya Vinoba Bhave**) advocating land redistribution for the landless.
- In 1959, **proposed a decentralized political structure** with a four-tier system of governance.
- He led the **Total Revolution movement** against the **Emergency (1975 to 1977)** and became a **vocal critic of** corruption and authoritarianism.

▪ **Death and Award:**

- He died on 8th October 1979, and was **posthumously awarded the [Bharat Ratna](#) in 1999.**

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