



Birth Anniversary of Nanaji Deshmukh

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Recently, the Prime Minister of India paid tribute to **Bharat Ratna Nanaji Deshmukh** on his birth anniversary.

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▪ About:

- Nanaji Deshmukh was **born on 11th October 1916 in Maharashtra's Hingoli district.**
- He was a **social reformer and politician** who focused on education, healthcare, and promoting rural self-reliance.

▪ Ideology:

- He was inspired by [Lokamanya Tilak's](#) nationalist ideology and Dr Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, the founding head of the [Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh \(RSS\).](#)

▪ Key Works:

- Actively **involved in social reform** with a focus on health, education, and rural self-reliance.
- **Established Chitrakoot Gramoday Vishwavidyalaya**, India's **first rural university**, and served as its Chancellor.
- Made significant contributions to anti-poverty initiatives and minimum needs programs.
- He was **instrumental in shaping the [Janata Party.](#)**
- Elected as a **Member of Parliament in the 1977** Lok Sabha election from Balrampur (UP).
- **Nominated to Rajya Sabha in 1999** in recognition of his national service.

▪ Death and Awards:

- He died on **27th February 2010.** He was awarded [Padma Vibhushan](#) in **1999** and was **posthumously awarded the [Bharat Ratna](#) in 2019.**

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