



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> October 1979, and was **posthumously awarded the [Bharat Ratna](#) in 1999.**

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