

## Birth Anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad

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The President of India, paid tributes to **Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India** on his birth anniversary (3rd December).

- Birth and Early Life: Rajendra Prasad was born on 3rd December 1884, in Zeradei, Siwan, Bihar.
  - He was influenced by Gandhi's views on caste and untouchability, and led a simple life.
- Role in the Freedom Struggle: Prasad gave up his legal career to join the independence movement in 1920 and was imprisoned during the <u>Salt Satyagraha</u> in 1931 and the <u>Quit India</u> <u>movement</u> in 1942.
  - Presided over the Bombay session of the Indian National Congress in 1934 and became Congress President after Subhash Chandra Bose's resignation in 1939.
- Role in Constitutional Making: He was appointed President of the <u>Constituent Assembly</u> in 1946.
  - Led committees on National Flag, Rules of Procedure, and Finance and Staff.
- Literary Works: Satyagraha at Champaran (1922), India Divided (1946), Atmakatha (1946), and Bapu ke Kadmon Mein (1954).
- Presidency and Legacy: Elected as India's first President in 1950, serving for over 12 years. Only President to be re-elected unanimously in 1952 and 1957. Rajendra Prasad was awarded with the <u>Bharat Ratna</u> in 1962.

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