



## Former PM Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Punya Tithi

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Recently, PM Narendra Modi paid tributes to former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his punya tithi at 'Sadaiv Atal' memorial.

- **Atal Bihari Vajpayee: born on 25th December, 1924 in the erstwhile princely state of Gwalior (now a part of Madhya Pradesh).**
  - He entered in national politics during the [Quit India Movement of 1942](#) which hastened the end of British colonial rule.
- In 1947, Vajpayee started working as a journalist for newspapers of **Deendayal Upadhyaya – Rashtradharm (a Hindi monthly), Panchjanya (a Hindi weekly)** and the dailies **Swadesh and Veer Arjun**.
  - Later, influenced by [Syama Prasad Mookerjee](#), Vajpayee joined the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in 1951.
- He was the **former Prime Minister of India** and was elected to the position twice in 1996 and 1999.
- As a parliamentarian, Vajpayee was awarded with the [Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant](#) Award for Best Parliamentarian in 1994, which defines him as "**a role model par excellence for all legislators.**"
- He was conferred with the country's highest civilian honour, the [Bharat Ratna](#) in 2015 and second-highest civilian honour, the [Padma Vibhushan](#) in 1994.
- A revered former Prime Minister, he passed away on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

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