



Death Anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad

Why in News?

Bihar Chief Minister honored **Dr. Rajendra Prasad** on his **62nd death anniversary** by paying tribute to his personality and deeds.



Key Points

▪ About Dr. Rajendra Prasad:

- He was born on **December 3, 1884** in **Jiradei, Siwan district** of Bihar.
- He was associated with **Mahatma Gandhi** during **the Champaran Satyagraha (1917) in Bihar**.
- Dr. Prasad reacted strongly to **the Rowlatt Act of 1918** and **the Jallianwala Bagh massacre of 1919**.
 - Dr. Prasad called for non-cooperation in Bihar under **Gandhiji's non-cooperation movement** .
- He played an important role in **the Salt Satyagraha** in Bihar in the year 1930 , due to which he was also imprisoned.
- He officially joined **the Indian National Congress** during its annual session held in **Calcutta in the year 1911** .
 - In the year 1946, he joined **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru 's interim government** as the Minister of Food and Agriculture and gave the **slogan "Grow more food"**.
- He was **elected the first President of India** on 26 January 1950. He served as President for over 12 years, making him **the longest-serving** President in the history of India.
- He was awarded **the Bharat Ratna** in 1962.
- **He wrote several books, including "Satyagraha at Champaran," "India Divided" and his "Autobiography."**

- He **died on February 28, 1963.**

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