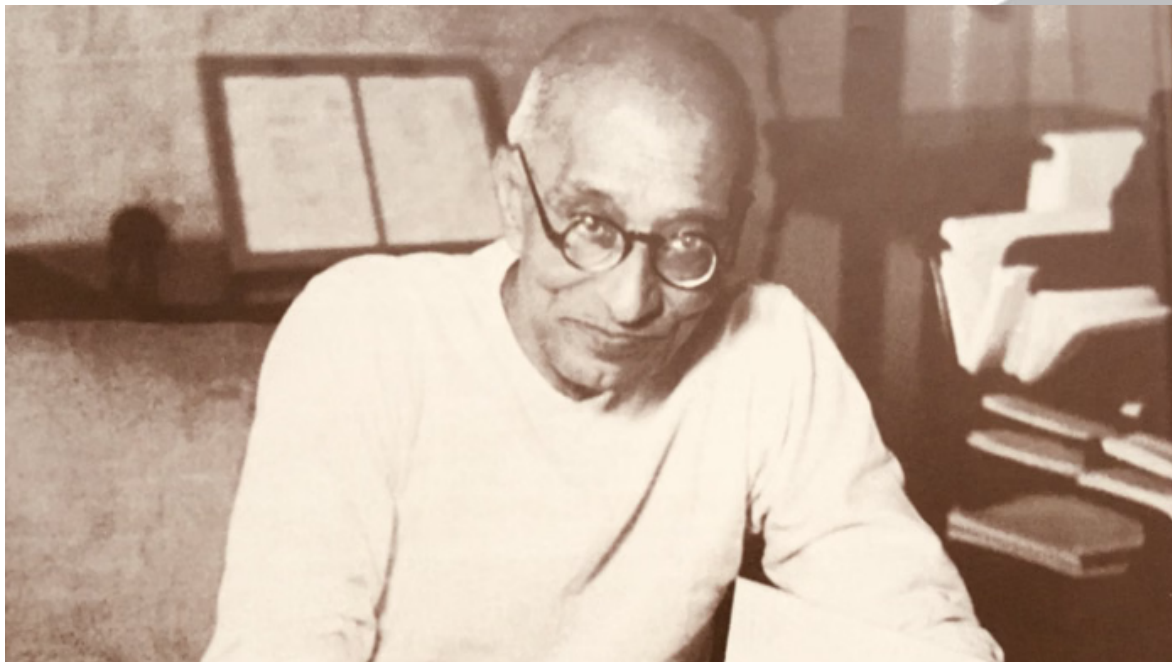




Birth Anniversary of C. Rajagopalachari | National Current Affairs | 11 Dec 2025

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The Prime Minister of India paid tribute to [Shri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari](#) (popularly known as **Rajaji**) on his birth anniversary (10th December), remembering his invaluable contributions to India's freedom struggle, governance, and social empowerment.



Key Points

- **About:** C. Rajagopalachari was born on 10th December 1878 in Salem, Madras Province (now Tamil Nadu). Became a Bachelor of Law in 1899 and began his legal practice in Salem.
- **Politics and Social Reforms:** Rajagopalachari was deeply affected by [Lord Curzon's](#) decision to [partition Bengal on communal lines](#) and was inspired by [Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak's](#) call for complete independence.
 - Joined the [Indian National Congress \(INC\)](#) and actively participated in India's freedom struggle.
 - In 1917, Rajagopalachari became Chairman of Salem Municipality, focused on the social welfare of [backward classes](#), and in 1925, he established an Ashram in Madras Province for social upliftment.
 - The Ashram published two magazines, ***Vimochanam (Tamil)*** and ***Prohibition (English)***.
- **Role in Freedom Struggle:** During the [anti-Rowlatt agitation](#), Rajaji hosted [Mahatma Gandhi](#) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
 - In 1930, during the [Dandi March](#), Rajagopalachari led the Salt March in Madras Province from Tiruchi to Vedaranyam (also known as **Vedaranyam Satyagraha**).
 - His arrest during the Vedaranyam Satyagraha gained him national recognition as a

leader in the **independence movement**.

- After the [Quit India movement](#), Rajagopalachari's pamphlet "**The Way Out**" outlined the **C. R. Formula** to resolve the constitutional deadlock between the **Muslim League** and the INC regarding a separate Muslim state.
- **Prime Minister of Madras Province:** In 1937, Rajagopalachari became the **Prime Minister of Madras Province**.
 - Implemented social and economic reforms, including the **promotion of Khadi**, the **abolition of Zamindari**, and the **introduction of Hindi in schools**.
 - Focused on raising the [standard of living for Dalits](#) and promoting [social equity](#).
- **Post-Independence Contributions:** Rajagopalachari was appointed the **Governor of West Bengal** and later the **first Indian Governor-General of Independent India in 1947** (the office was permanently abolished in 1950).
 - Worked to integrate **Muslims into the national mainstream** and maintain India's secular fabric.
 - Served as Union Home Minister after [Sardar Patel's](#) death and played a significant role in key national issues, including the **preparation of the First Five-Year Plan**.
 - In 1959, Rajagopalachari founded the **Swatantra Party**, advocating for a market economy and less government control.
 - In 1962, Rajaji led a **Gandhi Peace Foundation** delegation to the US, urging a [ban on nuclear tests](#).
 - Rajagopalachari wrote a Tamil translation of the Ramayana, titled **Chakravarthi Thirumagan**, which won the [Sahitya Akademi Award in 1958](#).
- **Legacy:** Shri C. Rajagopalachari was awarded '[Bharat Ratna](#)' in 1954. He was the **first to receive the highest civilian award**.
 - Rajagopalachari passed away on 25th December 1972.

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The **Ministry of Jal Shakti** has launched the **Sujalam Bharat App**, a key digital initiative under [Jal Jeevan Mission](#) (JJM), aimed at efficient management of rural drinking water supply systems.



Key Points

- **About:** The **Sujal Gaon ID(digital identity)** will provide a **clear digital profile** for every habitation, detailing its **drinking water source**, infrastructure condition, supply reliability, water quality, and operational & maintenance arrangements.
- **Objective:** This platform will **enhance transparency** in the performance of **Gram Panchayats**, Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs), and service providers, encouraging **community participation and oversight**.
- **Developer:** It has been developed with the support of **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N)**.
- **Integration:** It is integrated with **PM Gati Shakti GIS** for precise **geospatial mapping** of **water networks**, asset inventory, water quality data, and **community feedback**.
- **Significance:** The app is envisioned as the **"Aadhaar for rural water systems,"** forming the backbone of a **transparent, accountable, and citizen-centric** water delivery ecosystem.