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Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan Birth Anniversary

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Recently, the Prime Minister of India has paid tributes to [Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan](#) on his birth anniversary.

- Jayaprakash Narayan born on **11th October 1902, in Sitabdiara, Bihar**, popularly referred to as **JP or Lok Nayak (People's Leader)**, was an Indian Independence activist, social reformer and political leader.
 - Influenced by both **Marxist ideas in the US and Gandhian ideology**.
- Joined the [Indian National Congress](#) in **1929** and participated in the [civil disobedience movement and Quit India Movement](#).
- Devoted his life to the [Bhoodan Yajna Movement](#), advocating land redistribution to the landless, inspired by Vinoba Bhave.
- He led the movement against the Indira Gandhi Regime in response to electoral law violations, promoting a program of '**Sampoorna Kranti' or total revolution in 1974**.
 - The 'Total Revolution' had seven components: political, social, economic, cultural, ideological, educational, and spiritual.
- His objective was to bring about societal change in line with the [ideals of Sarvodaya](#), a **Gandhian philosophy emphasizing progress for all**.
- Jayaprakash Narayan was posthumously awarded the [Bharat Ratna](#) in 1999. **Died: 8th October, 1979.**

Read more: [Birth Anniversaries of Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh](#)

Nanaji Deshmukh Birth Anniversary



Recently, the Prime Minister of India has paid tributes to [Nanaji Deshmukh](#) on his birth anniversary.

- Nanaji Deshmukh, born on 11th October 1916 in Maharashtra's Hingoli district, was a prominent **social activist, politician, and a key figure in India's political landscape.**
- Active participant in [Acharya Vinoba Bhave's Bhoodan Movement.](#)
- Played a pivotal role in Jayaprakash Narayan's agitation for **total revolution.**
- Focused on **social reform, health, education, and rural self-reliance.**
- Contributed significantly to anti-poverty and minimum needs programs.
- Established Chitarkoot Gramoday Vishwavidyalaya, India's first rural university, and served as its Chancellor.
- Nominated to the [Rajya Sabha](#) in 1999 in recognition of his services to the nation.
- Awarded [Padma Vibhushan](#) in 1999 and was posthumously honoured with the **Bharat Ratna by the President of India in 2019.**
- **Death: 27th February, 2010.**

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World Sight Day

[World Sight Day](#) is a global event held **every second Thursday in October** to raise awareness about **blindness and vision impairment.**

- In 2023, it falls on 12th October, and the theme is "**Love your eyes at work.**"
 - The emphasis this year is on educating people about **safeguarding their vision in the workplace.**
- Globally, at least **1 billion people** have near or distance vision impairment that could be prevented or has yet to be addressed ([WHO](#)).

Read more: [World Sight Day](#)

India Launches Operation Ajay for Citizens' Safe Return from Israel

India has initiated "**Operation Ajay**" to assist its citizens who wish to return from [Israel](#). Special charter flights and arrangements are being organized for their safe repatriation.

- A 24-hour Control Room has been established in the **Ministry of External Affairs** to monitor the situation in Israel and Palestine and provide information and assistance.
- The announcement was made concurrently with Israel's ongoing military operations targeting **Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip.**
 - These actions were undertaken in response to a severe and violent attack that occurred **within the borders of Israel.**

Read more: [Israel-Palestine Conflict](#)

REC Limited Launches 'SUGAM REC' Mobile App for Bond Investors

REC Limited, a **Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise** under the **Ministry of Power**, has introduced a mobile application called '**SUGAM REC**,' designed exclusively for current and prospective investors in **REC's 54EC Capital Gain Tax Exemption Bonds**.

- This app offers comprehensive information about investments in REC 54EC Bonds, a type of fixed income financial instrument that provides **tax exemptions on capital gains under Section 54EC of the Income Tax Act**.
 - The term **capital gain** refers to any profit or gain that is received from the sale of a **capital asset**.
- REC Limited, **established in 1969**, operates as an **non-banking finance company (NBFC)** with a focus on financing and developing the power sector across India.

Read more: [Capital Gain Tax](#)

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