



# Acharya Kriplani

## Why in News

Recently, The Prime Minister has paid tributes to **Acharya Kripalani** on his Birth Anniversary (11<sup>th</sup> November).

## Key Points

### ▪ About:



- He was **born on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1888 in Hyderabad, Sindh.**
- His original name was **Jivatram Bhagwandas Kripalani** but was popularly known as Acharya Kripalani. He was **an independence activist, Indian politician and an Educationist.**

### ▪ Educationist:

- From 1912 to 1927, he taught at various places before becoming wholly involved in the freedom movement.
- He earned the **moniker 'Acharya' around 1922 when he was teaching at the Gujarat Vidyapith**, founded by the Mahatma a couple of years before.

### ▪ An Environmentalist:

- He, along with Vinoba Bhave, was involved in preservation and conservation activities throughout the 1970s.

### ▪ Independence Activist:

- He was part of the **Non-Cooperation Movement** (1920-22) and the Civil Disobedience movements (started in 1930) and **Quit India Movement** (1942).
- He was the **President of Indian National Congress (INC) at the time of independence.** He served in the Interim government of India (1946-1947) and the Constituent Assembly of India.

### ▪ Political Career:

- He became **one of the founders of the Kisan Mazdoor Praja Party (KMPP)** after independence leaving congress.
- He was **elected to the Lok Sabha in 1952, 1957, 1963 and 1967** as a member of **Praja Socialist Party.**

- He **moved the first-ever [No confidence motion](#) in Lok Sabha in 1963**, immediately after the **India-China War (1962)**.
  - **In 1963, Sucheta Kripalani**, a Congress leader **became the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, a first for any woman** in the country while **her husband Acharya remained an opponent** to the Congress.
- He **was a critic of Nehru's policies and Indira Gandhi's rule**. He was **arrested during Emergency (1975)**.
  - **My Times**, his autobiography published posthumously in 2004.

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