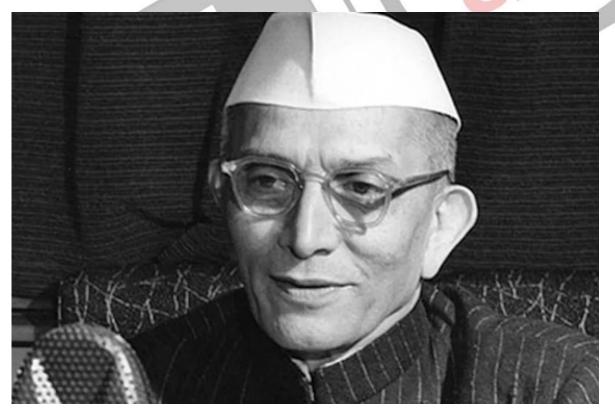
Shri Morarji Desai Birth Anniversary

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The Prime Minister paid tributes to **<u>Shri Morarji Desai</u>** on his birth anniversary.

- Born on 29th February 1896 in Bhadeli village, Gujarat. Graduated from Wilson Civil Service in Bombay and served as a Deputy Collector for twelve years.
- Morarji Desai was an Indian politician and activist who served as the fourth Prime Minister of India from 1977 to 1979.
 - The **Forty-fourth Amendment of the Constitution** of India was enacted during his tenure as Prime Minister.
- Morarji Desai joined Congress during the <u>Civil Disobedience Movement</u>. Imprisoned thrice and actively participated in **individual Satyagraha** and <u>Quit India Movement</u>.
 - He became Chief Minister of Bombay in 1952 and also served as Minister for Commerce and Industry, then Finance Minister. Resigned under the Kamraj Plan and led the Administrative Reforms Commission. Became Prime Minister in 1977.
- Desai emphasised the importance of improving the living standards of the poor and underprivileged, enacted progressive legislation to help peasants and tenants, believed in the rule of law for all, and upheld truth as an article of faith.



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