



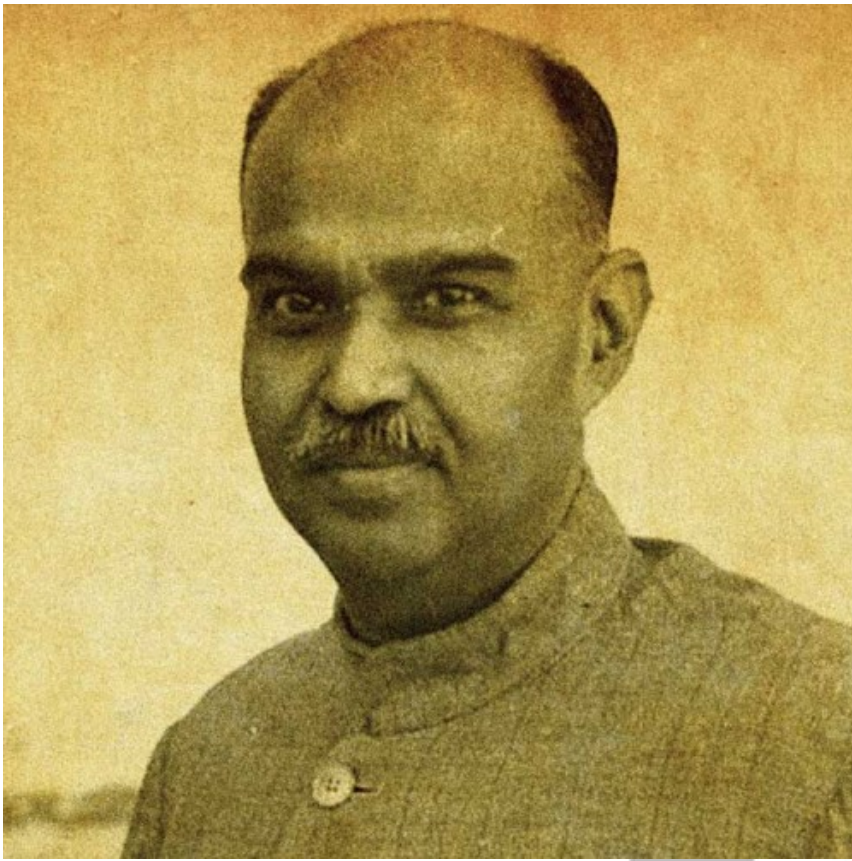
Birth Anniversary of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

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The **Prime Minister** recently paid tribute to **Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee** on his **birth anniversary**.

- Shyama Prasad Mukherjee was born in a Bengali Brahmin family on the **6th July 1901**, in Calcutta.
- **He was an Indian politician, barrister, and academician who served as the Minister for Industry and Supply in Prime Minister [Jawaharlal Nehru's](#) cabinet.**
- He started "**Bang Wani**", a **Bengali journal, in 1922** and **The Nationalist in 1940's**.
- At the age of 33, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee became the **youngest vice-chancellor of Calcutta University in 1934**.
- He **demande**d the **[partition of Bengal](#) in 1946** to prevent the inclusion of its Hindu-majority areas in a Muslim-dominated East Pakistan.
- He also **opposed a failed bid for a united but independent Bengal** made in 1947 by Sarat Bose, the brother of Subhas Chandra Bose, and Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy, a Bengali Muslim politician.
- He **founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS)**, the predecessor of the modern-day Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).
- He died in mysterious circumstances during detention in 1953 while protesting against the **[special status given to Kashmir](#)**.

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