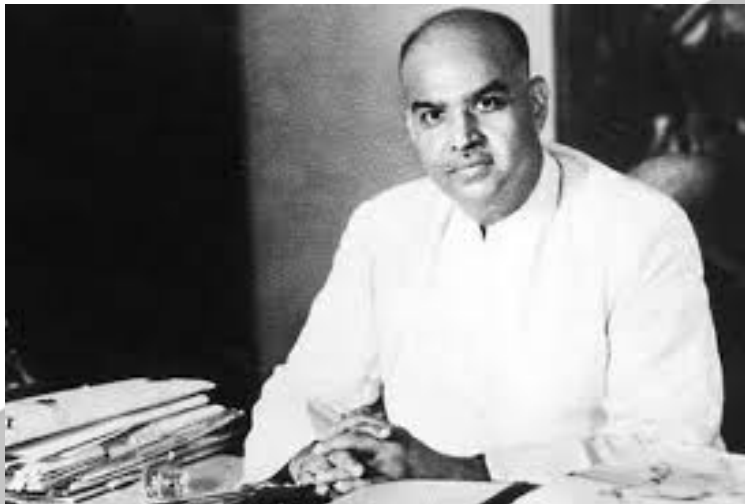




Death Anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee

Why in News?

The [Vice-President of India](#), Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, paid homage to [Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee](#) on his **death anniversary** (24th June).



Key Points

▪ About & Achievements:

- Syama Prasad Mukherjee was **born into a Bengali Hindu family on 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, Syama Prasad Mukherjee **became the youngest vice-chancellor of Calcutta University in 1934** and held the office till 1938.

▪ Post Independence:

- He supported 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)**, and became its first President.
 - He was **against [Article 370](#)** and such other restrictions barring entry into Jammu and Kashmir without prior permission.
- He was in favour of the **complete integration of the State of J&K with the Indian Union**.

▪ Death:

- He died in mysterious circumstances during **detention in June 1953** while protesting

against the [special status given to Kashmir](#).

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