

129th Birth Anniversary of Morarji Desai

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Lok Sabha Speaker paid tributes to **Morarji Desai**, former Prime Minister of India, on his birth anniversary.

About Morarji Desai: He was born on 29th February 1896 and served as the 4th Prime
 Minister of India (1977 to 1979) during the 6th Lok Sabha.



- Role in Freedom Struggle: He resigned as Deputy Collector in 1930 after 12 years in British service to join India's independence movement.
 - He was detained during <u>Individual Satyagraha (1941)</u> and arrested during <u>Quit</u> <u>India Movement (1942)</u>.
- Post Independence: He became Commerce and Industry Minister in 1956, and took over the Finance portfolio in 1958.
 - He resigned from the **Union Cabinet** under the **Kamaraj Plan (1963)** that urged the **senior Congress leaders** holding government positions to **voluntarily resign** to focus on **grassroots strengthening**.
 - He was appointed Chairman of the 1st <u>Administrative Reforms Commission</u> (1966) to restructure the government administration.
 - He led the Janata Party to a landslide victory in the 1977 Lok sabha
 elections and became Prime Minister. During his tenure, the 44th Amendment
 Act, 1978 was enacted to uphold the rule of law.

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