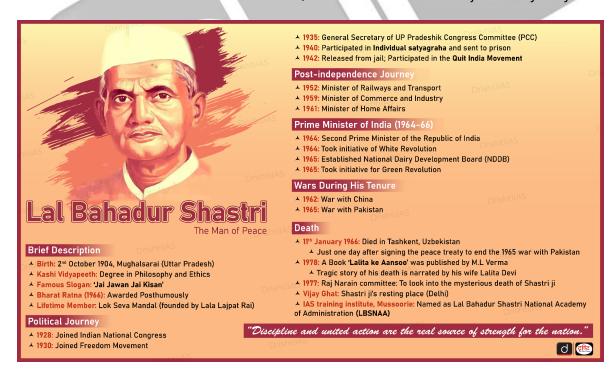


Death Anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri

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11th January marked the 59th death anniversary of <u>Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri</u>, the second Prime Minister of India.

- About Lal Bahadur Shastri:
 - Shastri was born on 2nd October 1904, in Mughalsarai, near Varanasi.
 - A key figure in India's **freedom struggle**, Shastri was deeply influenced by **Mahatma Gandhi**.
 - He was known for his **integrity**, humility, and dedication to public service, rising through the ranks of the <u>Indian National Congress</u>.
 - Shastri held several critical ministerial positions, including Home Minister, Minister of Railways, and Minister of Commerce and Industry.
 - As Railways Minister, he resigned twice following major train accidents, demonstrating his moral accountability.
 - As Prime Minister (1964-1966), Shastri displayed decisive leadership during the <u>1965</u> <u>Indo-Pak war</u>, authorizing military action to <u>defend Kashmir</u>.
 - Shastri's legacy includes the famous slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan", emphasizing the importance of soldiers and farmers in India's progress.
 - Shastri died suddenly in Tashkent on 11th January 1966, shortly after signing the Tashkent Declaration; his death remains a subject of mystery.



- Tashkent Declaration:
 - The Tashkent Declaration was signed in January 1966, between India and Pakistan.

• It aimed to restore peace and resolve issues arising from the **1965 Indo-Pak war**, promoting mutual understanding.

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