



Antyodaya Diwas 2024

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Recently, **Antyodaya Diwas** was observed on **25th September, 2024** to commemorate the birth anniversary of [Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya](#).

- This day serves to **remember and celebrate** his life and contributions, highlighting his influence on Indian politics and society.
- **Contributions:** He focussed on **Antyodaya** which means **upliftment of the last person** and address the needs of the **most disadvantaged individuals** in society,
 - His philosophy of “**Integral Humanism**” focussed on **individual and collective welfare, social justice, economic equality, and self-reliance**.
 - He was the co-founder of the [Bharatiya Jana Sangh \(BJS\)](#), which later evolved into the **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**.
 - He was also a key thinker for the [Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh \(RSS\)](#).
- **Recognition:** Since 25th September 2014, his **birth anniversary** is observed as **Antyodaya Diwas** to recognise his **efforts and contributions** to the nation.
 - In 2015, the name of [National Rural Livelihood Mission \(NRLM\)](#) was changed to [Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-NRLM](#).
 - In 2018, the **Mughalsarai Junction** railway station in UP was renamed **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction**. He died near Mughal Sarai in **1968**.



Tributes to
PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA
on his Birth Anniversary

25 September 1916 - 11 February 1968

“Strength lies not in unrestrained
behaviour but in well regulated action”

-Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay

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