



Death Anniversary of VD Savarkar

[Source: PIB](#)

The **Prime Minister** paid tributes to [VD Savarkar](#) on his death anniversary on **26th February 2025**. He passed away in Mumbai on **26th February 1966**.

- **About VD Savarkar:** He was a **nationalist, revolutionary, and writer** who played a key role in **India's independence** and shaped **nationalist ideology**.
- **Political Ideology:**
 - **Hindutva:** Defined **Hindu nationalism**, arguing for a **cultural and civilizational identity** of India as a Hindu Rashtra.
 - **Hindu Mahasabha Leadership (1937-1943):** Advocated **against partition** and promoted military training for Hindus.



▪ **Revolutionary Activities:**

- **Founded Abhinav Bharat Society (Young India Society, 1904):** A secret revolutionary group advocating **armed resistance** against British rule.
- **Associated with India House & Free India Society:** Played a crucial role in fostering **revolutionary activities** among Indian students in **London**.
- **Book on 1857 Revolt (1909):** His work, ***The First War of Indian Independence - 1857***, redefined the 1857 uprising as a **nationalist struggle**.
- **Imprisonment (1911-1924):** Arrested for conspiring against British rule, he was sentenced to **50 years** at Kala Pani in **Andaman Cellular Jail**.
 - He was released in **1924** after writing a few **mercy petitions** between **1911** and **1920** for his release.

Read More: [Veer Savarkar](#)

PDF Reference URL: <https://www.drishtiias.com/printpdf/death-anniversary-of-veer-savarkar>

