

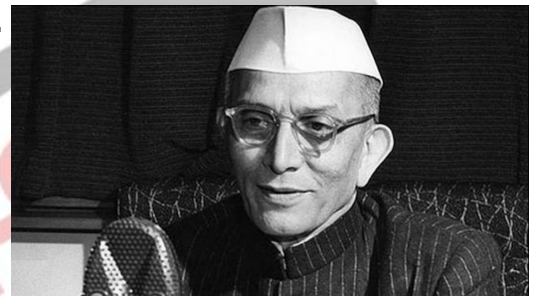


129th Birth Anniversary of Morarji Desai

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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 [Individual Satyagraha \(1941\)](#) and arrested during [Quit India Movement \(1942\)](#).
- **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 Administrative Reforms Commission (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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