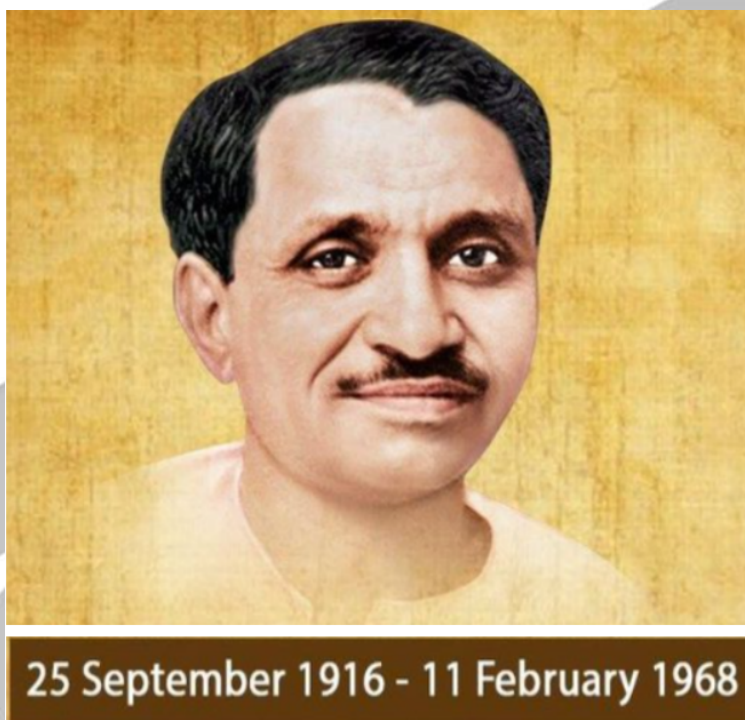




PM Pays Tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

Why in News?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on 25th September 2025, paid homage to **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya** on his birth anniversary, highlighting his enduring contributions to India's **ideological foundation** and developmental vision.



Key Points

- **About:** He was born on **25th September 1916**, in the village of Nagla Chandrabhan in Mathura District, Uttar Pradesh and passed away on **11th February 1968**.
 - He was an Indian **politician, philosopher, and ideologue** of the **RSS and Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS)** (the predecessor of the Bharatiya Janata Party).
- **Contributions:** He focused on **Antyodaya**, i.e., uplifting the last person and addressing the needs of the **most disadvantaged**.
 - His philosophy of **"Integral Humanism"** emphasised welfare, social justice, economic equality, and self-reliance.
- **Recognition:** Since **25th September 2014**, his birth anniversary has been observed as **Antyodaya Diwas** to honour his contributions to the nation.
 - In **2015**, the **National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)** was renamed **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-NRLM**.
 - In 2018, **Mughalsarai Junction** in Uttar Pradesh was renamed after him

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