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Madan Mohan Malaviya Jayanti

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The Prime Minister of India paid tribute to **Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya** on his **158th birth anniversary (25th December, 2019)**.

Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya



- Born on 25th December 1861, in **Allahabad (now Prayagraj)** in Uttar Pradesh, Malviya played a key role in the Indian independence struggle against British rule and **founded the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in 1916**.

- He is also remembered for his role in **ending the Indian indenture system**, especially in the **Caribbean**.
 - Indentured labour was a system of bonded labour that was instituted following the abolition of slavery in 1833.
 - Indentured labour were recruited to work on sugar, cotton and tea plantations, and rail construction projects in British colonies in West Indies, Africa and South East Asia.
- He **popularized the term 'Satyamev Jayate'**. However, the phrase originally belongs to the **Mundaka Upanishad**. The term now is the **national motto of India**.
- He was given the **title of 'Mahamana' by Mahatma Gandhi** and the second President of India, Dr. S. **Radhakrishnan** gave him the status of a '**Karmayogi**'.
- **Devnagri** was introduced in the British-Indian courts because of Malviya's efforts with the British government. This is still considered as one of his greatest achievements.
- Madan Mohan Malviya was expelled from the Brahmin community for expressing his views on caste discrimination and Brahmanical patriarchy. He worked immensely for Hindu-Muslim unity. He is known to have given famous speeches on **communal harmony**.
- He helped establish the **Hindu Mahasabha ("Great Society of Hindus") in 1906**, which brought diverse local Hindu nationalist movements together.
- Malaviya's consciousness toward the public led to the launch of his own Hindi-language weekly, the **Abhyudaya (1907); the Leader of Allahabad**, an English-language daily (1909); and the Hindi monthly the **Maryada (1910)**. He also served as the chairman of the board of Hindustan times and facilitated the launch of its Hindi edition.
- He died on 12th November, 1946, at the age of 84.
- In **2014**, he was posthumously **conferred with Bharat Ratna**, the country's highest civilian award.

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