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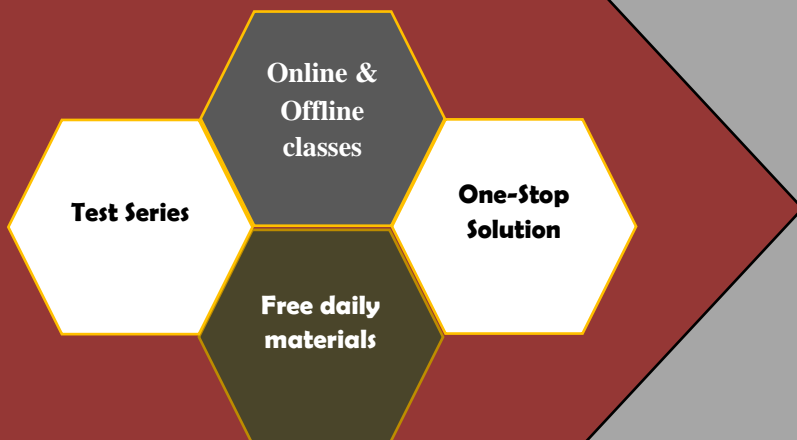
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## Biju Patnaik

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## Biju Patnaik

- The **birth anniversary of Biju Patnaik** was celebrated (5th March). He is remembered as a freedom fighter, an Indian politician, an aviator and a businessman.

## Key Points

- **Brief Profile:**
- Bijayananda Patnaik was **born on 5th March 1916**, he is popularly known as Biju
- He was an ace pilot and joined the Royal Indian Air Force in
- He was the two times Chief Minister of

## Role in Freedom Struggle:

- Biju Patnaik started his career as a freedom fighter in He **joined the Quit India Movement** under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi to make India free.
  - He became a prominent leader of Congress and was engaged in the Quit India Movement with **Jay Prakash Narayan** and **Ram Manohar Lohia**.
- In 1943, he **underwent imprisonment for about two years** for his participation in the Quit India movement.
- He fearlessly undertook covert missions, ferrying freedom fighters to secret meetings with their supporters, and even airdropped leaflets in support of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Indian National**

- He played a major role in **World War II** and the **Kashmir War of 1948** as a pilot in the Indian Air Force.

### **Role in Kashmir Integration:**

- Biju Patnaik had fearlessly flown a DC-3 transport aircraft to Srinagar on 27th October 1947, ferrying soldiers of the Sikh regiment after the tribal invasion from Pakistan in

### **Role in Indonesian Freedom Struggle:**

- On the request of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Biju Patnaik flew to Java and brought Sultan Sjahrir out of Dutch controlled territory in Indonesia for a meeting in
  - For this act of bravery, he was given honorary citizenship in Indonesia and awarded the '**Bhoomi Putra**', the highest Indonesian award, rarely granted to a
  - In 1996, the Biju Patnaik was awarded the highest Indonesian national award, the '**Bintang Jasa Utama**'.