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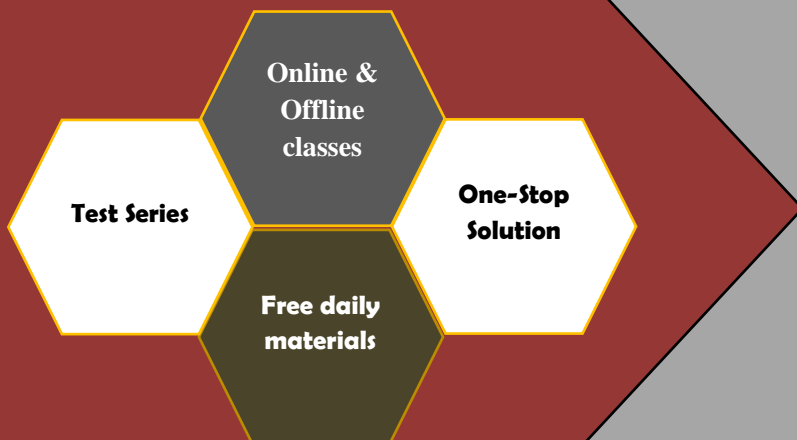
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Acharya Kriplani

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Acharya Kriplani

- Recently, The Prime Minister has paid tributes to **Acharya Kripalani** on his Birth Anniversary (11th November).

Key Points

About:

- He was **born on 11th November 1888 in Hyderabad, Sindh.**
- His original name was **Jivatram Bhagwandas Kripalani** but was popularly known as Acharya Kripalani. He was **an independence activist, Indian politician and an Educationist.**

Educationist:

- From 1912 to 1927, he taught at various places before becoming wholly involved in the freedom movement.
- He earned the **moniker ‘Acharya’ around 1922 when he was teaching at the Gujarat Vidyapith, founded by the Mahatma a couple of years before.**

An Environmentalist:

- He, along with Vinoba Bhave, was involved in preservation and conservation activities throughout the 1970s.

Independence Activist:

- He was part of the **Non-Cooperation Movement (1920-22)** and the Civil Disobedience movements (started in 1930) and **Quit India Movement (1942).**
- He was the **President of Indian National Congress (INC) at the time of independence.** He served in the Interim government of India (1946–1947) and the Constituent Assembly of India.

Political Career:

- He became **one of the founders of the Kisan Mazdoor Praja Party (KMPP)** after independence leaving congress.
- He was **elected to the Lok Sabha in 1952, 1957, 1963 and 1967** as a member of

Praja Socialist Party.

- He **moved the first-ever No confidence motion in Lok Sabha in 1963,** immediately after the **India-China War (1962).**

- In 1963, Sucheta Kripalani, a Congress leader became the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, a first for any woman in the country while her husband Acharya remained an opponent to the Congress.
- He was a critic of Nehru's policies and Indira Gandhi's rule. He was arrested during Emergency (1975).
- My Times, his autobiography published posthumously in 2004.

