



LEADER IN NEWS: J.B KRIPALANI

Jivatram Bhagwandas Kripalani (Acharya Kripalani)

Birth: Born on November 11, 1888, in Hyderabad, India (now in Pakistan).

Title 'Acharya': Earned the title around 1922 while teaching at Gujarat Vidyapith, founded by Mahatma Gandhi.

Contribution to India's Freedom Struggle:

- Active in Congress and key movements like the Salt Satyagraha and Quit India Movement.
- Close associate of Mahatma Gandhi, supporting his ideologies.
- Served in India's interim government (1946-47) and Constituent Assembly.

Congress Presidency: Held the presidency of the Indian National Congress during the transfer of power in 1947.

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THE MAN WHO COULD HAVE BEEN PM



Had the **second highest** votes, after Sardar Patel, to become independent India's first PM in 1947, but backed down after Gandhiji endorsed Nehru's name

Was elected to the Lok Sabha **four times** – 1952, 1957, 1962 and 1967

In 1963, he moved the **first ever No-confidence Motion** in the Lok Sabha—against the government for India's defeat to China

Served as **General Secretary** of the Indian National Congress from 1934-45 and became its president in 1946, but left it in 1951 to form the **Kisan Majdoor Praja Party**

Was a staunch critic of the Emergency and was one of the **first leaders to be arrested**

Post-Independence:

- Criticized policies of Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi for being against Gandhian values.
- Joined the Swatantra Party, an economically right-wing party.
- Husband of Sucheta Kripalani, India's first female Chief Minister.



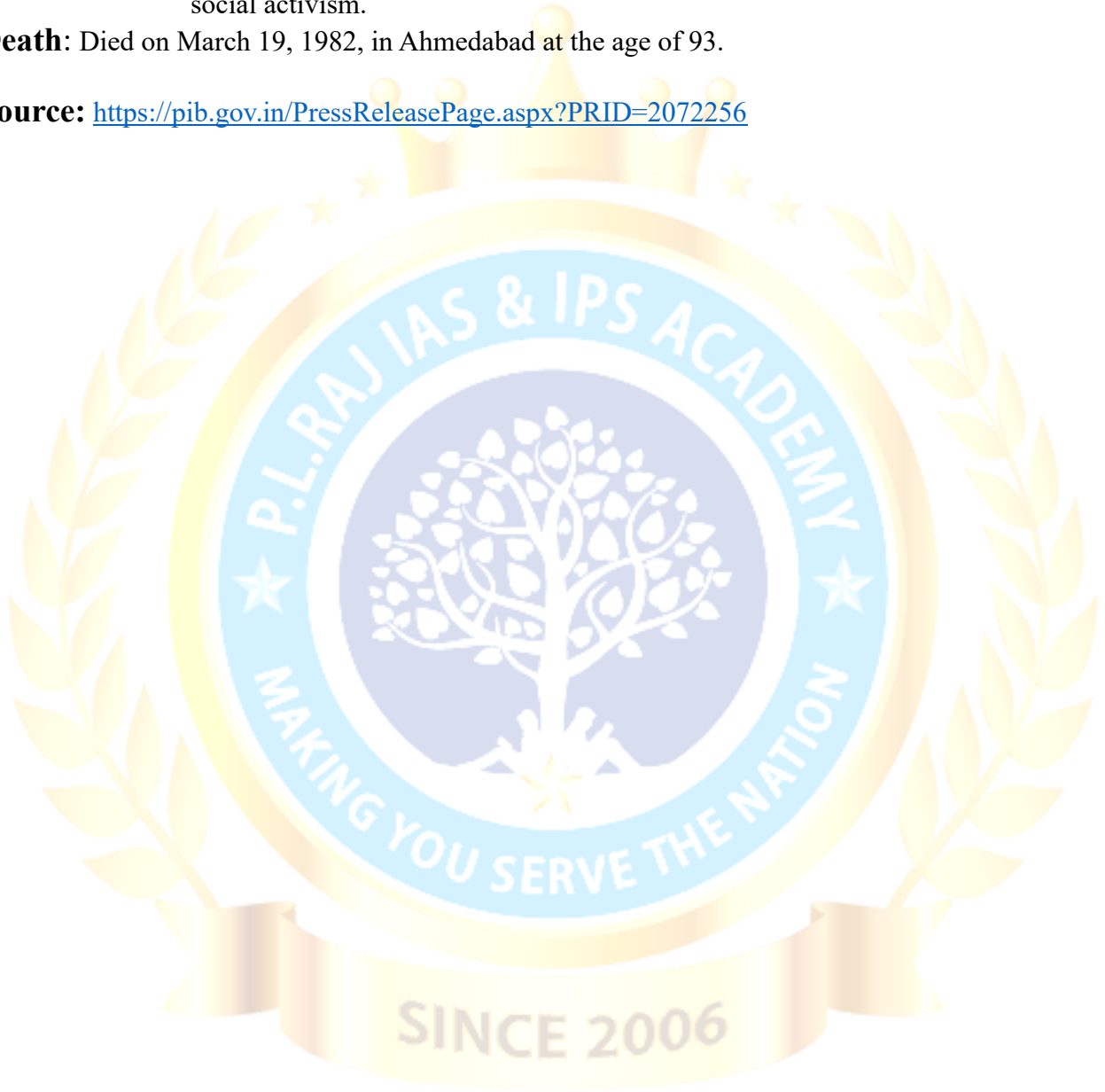
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- **Krishak Mazdoor Praja Party:** Founded the Krishak Mazdoor Praja Party in 1951, which later merged with the Praja Socialist Party.
- **Independent Parliament Member:** Became an independent member of Parliament after his political alignment shifted.
- **Authorship:** Authored his autobiography *My Times*.
- **Journalism:** Ran the weekly journal *Vigil*, reflecting his continued political and social activism.

Death: Died on March 19, 1982, in Ahmedabad at the age of 93.

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