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# Madan Mohan Malaviya

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**Why is in news?** PM to release 'Collected Works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya' on 25th December

Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya was born on **December 25, 1861**, in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh.

He is known for his **contribution to India's education system** and his role in the Indian Independence movement.

Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya was given the **title of 'Mahamana' or great soul by Mahatma Gandhi**, who considered him as an elder brother, by **Rabindranath Tagore** and the second President of India, Dr S. Radhakrishnan gave him the status of a '**Karmayogi**'.

In 2014, Pandit Malviya was posthumously **conferred with Bharat Ratna**, the country's highest civilian award.

In 2016, the Indian Railways started the **Varanasi-New Delhi Mahamana Express** in the leader's honour.

## Major contributions:

He played a key role in the Indian independence struggle against British rule and **founded the Banaras HindUniversity (BHU) in 1916**. At the BHU, he served as Vice-Chancellor from 1919 to 1938.

Malaviya was one of the early leaders of the **HindMahasabha**, and helped found it in 1906. He was a social reformer and a successful legislator, serving as a member of the Imperial Legislative Council for 11 years (1909–20).

He was also one of the **founders of Scout and Guide in India**.

One of the most **famous slogans, 'Satyamev Jayate'** was said by Pandit Malviya in the **session of 1918** when he was the President of the Indian National Congress.

In the freedom struggle, Malaviya was **midway** between the Liberals and the Nationalists, the Moderates and the Extremists.

Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya was the **President of Indian National Congress** for **four sessions** (1909, 1913, 1919 and 1932).

Pandit Malviya played a big role in the **Civil Disobedience and Non-cooperation movement** which were led by Mahatma Gandhi.

He was the chairman of Hindustan Times from 1924 to 1946 and he also founded many Hindi and English newspapers, namely: **The Leader, Hindustan Dainik, Maryada etc.**

Malaviya espoused **free and compulsory primary education**, **opposed the system of indentured labour** in the British Empire, and **supported the nationalisation of railways**.

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