



PRIME MINISTER AND LOK SABHA SPEAKER PAY TRIBUTES TO MAHATMA GANDHI AND SHRI LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI

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OTHER DIGNITARIES PAY TRIBUTES TO MAHATMA GANDHI
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**LOK SABHA SPEAKER ADDRESSES STUDENTS
PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAMME 'KNOW YOUR
LEADERS'**

**LOK SABHA SPEAKER CALLS UPON YOUTH TO DRAW
INSPIRATION FROM THE LIVES AND IDEALS OF MAHATMA
GANDHI AND SHRI LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI**

**YOUTH MUST EMBRACE TRUTH, NON-VIOLENCE,
SIMPLICITY, DISCIPLINE, AND A STRONG SENSE OF DUTY
TO BUILD A VIKSIT BHARAT: LOK SABHA SPEAKER**

**MORE THAN 500 YOUNG PARTICIPANTS FROM ACROSS
INDIA PAY HOMAGE TO MAHATMA GANDHI AND SHRI LAL
BAHADUR SHASTRI IN THE CENTRAL HALL OF SAMVIDHAN
SADAN**

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi; Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla; Union Minister of Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh; Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda; Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Minority Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju; Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Shri Mallikarjun Kharge; Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Shri Rahul Gandhi; Shri Nitin Nabin, MP; Members of Parliament, former Members, and other dignitaries paid floral tributes at the portraits of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, and former Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, on the occasion of their birth anniversaries, in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan today.

Secretary-General of Lok Sabha Shri Utpal Kumar Singh and Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha Shri P.C. Mody also paid floral tributes on the occasion.

On this occasion, Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla, addressing students from different parts of the country in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan as part of the 'Know Your Leader' Programme, called upon the youth to draw inspiration from the lives, ideals, and public service of Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, and to contribute with determination, discipline, and a strong sense of responsibility toward building a developed India.

Welcoming the young participants, the Speaker said that their presence in the historic Central Hall was an opportunity to connect with India's democratic and constitutional heritage. Mentioning Mahatma Gandhi, he noted that his life demonstrated the power of truth, morality, non-violence, and Satyagraha. At a time when much of the world was under colonial rule, Mahatma Gandhi showed that a movement based on truth and non-violence could give direction to the struggle for freedom. His ideas and philosophy subsequently inspired movements for freedom and justice across the world. Invoking the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, he urged the youth to study his life and ideas, saying that the more one understands his life and philosophy, the more one gains insight, courage, and a new perspective to face adversity and challenges. He said that Mahatma Gandhi's life teaches that even through simple means, lasting change can be brought about in the lives and minds of people. Self-reflection, discipline, perseverance, and firmness of purpose were integral to his life and remain relevant for the youth today.

Referring to former Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, Shri Birla highlighted his simplicity, honesty, high ideals, sense of duty, and firmness in decision-making. He recalled Shastriji's inspiring call of "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan", which gave direction to the nation during a challenging period and underlined the importance of national and food security. He said that although today's youth have access to technology, knowledge, and enormous resources, these alone cannot ensure the achievement of one's goals. Patience, ethical conduct, discipline, determination, and continuity of effort are equally essential. He called upon the youth to remain steadfast in their goals and not allow disappointment, fatigue, or setbacks to weaken their resolve. He stated that social responsibility must remain at the heart of the youth's journey and that their aim should be not merely personal achievement, but also contributing to the development and progress of the country. He urged them to use their knowledge, energy, and capabilities to help build and lead a new and developed India.

Concluding his address, Shri Birla called upon the participants to carry the message and inspiration of the programme to their schools, communities, and wherever they go. He said that they should leave the historic Constituent Assembly Hall with new inspiration, energy, and confidence, and with a renewed commitment to fulfill their duties and contribute to nation-building.

More than 500 school students from different parts of the country participated in the programme and witnessed the floral tributes paid to Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri in the historic Constituent Assembly Hall. Thirty-six selected young participants also spoke on the lives, ideals, thoughts, and contributions of the two national leaders, sharing their understanding of how their lives continue to inspire generations in India and across the world.

Earlier in the day, Lok Sabha Speaker also visited Rajghat and Vijay Ghat to pay his respects at the samadhis of Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, respectively.

राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गांधी जी की जयंती पर उनके समाधि स्थल राजघाट पहुँचकर सादर श्रद्धासुमन अर्पित किए। सत्य, अहिंसा और मानवता के प्रति उनका जीवन-संदेश कालजयी है, जो आने वाली पीढ़ियों को सदैव प्रेरणा देता रहेगा। #GandhiJayanti2026 <https://t.co/DDXQy37up4>

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देश के पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री जी की जयंती पर आज विजय घाट पहुँचकर उनकी पुण्य स्मृति को नमन किया एवं श्रद्धासुमन अर्पित किए। सादगी, सत्यनिष्ठा, कर्तव्यपरायणता और राष्ट्रभक्ति के अप्रतिम प्रतीक शास्त्री जी का जीवन सदैव देशसेवा की प्रेरणा देता रहेगा। 'जय जवान, जय किसान' का उनका अमर उद्घोष आज भी राष्ट्र के प्रति हमारे दायित्व का स्मरण कराता है।

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