

Prime Ministers of India (1947 – Present)

Jawaharlal Nehru

Tenure: 1947–1964

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Birth–Death: 1889–1964

About: First Prime Minister of India and a central figure in the independence movement. He laid the foundations of parliamentary democracy, secularism, and scientific temper.

Gulzarilal Nanda (Acting)

Tenure: 1964, 1966

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Birth–Death: 1898–1998

About: Served twice as Acting Prime Minister following the deaths of Jawaharlal Nehru and Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Lal Bahadur Shastri

Tenure: 1964–1966

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Birth–Death: 1904–1966

About: Remembered for the slogan 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan' and leadership during the 1965 Indo-Pak War.

Indira Gandhi

Tenure: 1966–1977, 1980–1984

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Birth–Death: 1917–1984

About: India's first woman Prime Minister. Known for bank nationalization, the Green Revolution, and strong central leadership.

Morarji Desai

Tenure: 1977–1979

Political Party: Janata Party

Birth–Death: 1896–1995

About: First non-Congress Prime Minister of India. Advocated administrative reforms and improved relations with neighboring countries.

Charan Singh

Tenure: 1979–1980

Political Party: Janata Party (Secular)

Birth–Death: 1902–1987

About: Focused on farmers' welfare and rural development; served briefly as Prime Minister.

Rajiv Gandhi

Tenure: 1984–1989

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Birth–Death: 1944–1991

About: Youngest Prime Minister of India. Played a key role in modernizing India's telecom and IT sectors.

V. P. Singh

Tenure: 1989–1990

Political Party: Janata Dal

Birth–Death: 1931–2008

About: Implemented the Mandal Commission recommendations, reshaping India's social justice landscape.

Chandra Shekhar

Tenure: 1990–1991

Political Party: Samajwadi Janata Party

Birth–Death: 1927–2007

About: Led a minority government during a period of political and economic instability.

P. V. Narasimha Rao

Tenure: 1991–1996

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Birth–Death: 1921–2004

About: Architect of India's economic liberalization and globalization reforms.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Tenure: 1996, 1998–2004

Political Party: Bharatiya Janata Party

Birth–Death: 1924–2018

About: Respected statesman and poet. Led nuclear tests and major infrastructure initiatives.

H. D. Deve Gowda

Tenure: 1996–1997

Political Party: Janata Dal

Birth–Death: Born 1933

About: Represented regional political leadership at the national level as Prime Minister.

I. K. Gujral

Tenure: 1997–1998

Political Party: Janata Dal

Birth–Death: 1919–2012

About: Known for the Gujral Doctrine, emphasizing non-reciprocal diplomacy with neighboring countries.

Manmohan Singh

Tenure: 2004–2014

Political Party: Indian National Congress

Birth–Death: Born 1932

About: Economist Prime Minister who strengthened India's global economic standing and oversaw high growth years.

Narendra Modi

Tenure: 2014–Present

Political Party: Bharatiya Janata Party

Birth–Death: Born 1950

About: Led major reforms including GST, Digital India, infrastructure expansion, and global diplomatic outreach.