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Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh passed away on Thursday at the age of 92. The senior Congress leader had been admitted to AIIMS Delhi in a critical condition on Thursday evening after his health deteriorated.

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President Draupadi Murmu has expressed grief at the passing of former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh. She remembered Mr. Singh as one of those rare politicians who also straddled the worlds of academia and administration with equal ease. The President said, Mr. Singh made critical contributions to reforming the Indian economy, and he will always be remembered for his service to the nation, his unblemished political life and his utmost humility. Paying respectful homage to one of the greatest sons of Bharat, the President conveyed heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and admirers. Meanwhile, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar also extended his condolences. The VP said, Mr. Singh, as the architect of India's economic liberalisation in 1991, boldly steered the nation through a critical transition, opening new pathways for growth and prosperity. He recalled Mr. Singh's profound understanding of economy, gentle demeanor and unwavering commitment to India's progress. In Mr. Singh's passing, India has lost a leader of towering intellect and a statesman par excellence, and his legacy will forever guide Bharat's growth trajectory, the VP said.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed condolences on the passing of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. In a social media post, he said India mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished leaders. Rising from humble origins, Mr. Singh rose to become a respected economist, and served in various government positions as well, including as Finance Minister, leaving a strong imprint on India's economic policy over the years, Mr. Modi said. He added that Mr. Singh's interventions in Parliament were also insightful, and as a Prime

Minister, made extensive efforts to improve people's lives. Mr. Modi also recalled the wisdom and humility of Mr. Singh.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, the government's biggest focus in policy is empowering the youth. Addressing Veer Baal Diwas at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on Thursday, Mr. Modi highlighted that the world looks at India with hope and expectations because of the power of the youth. He stressed that all policies, whether for the start-up ecosystem, space economy, sports, manufacturing industry, skill development, or internship schemes, are youth-centric and aimed at benefiting young people. The Prime Minister remarked that today, from start-ups to science, sports to entrepreneurship, youth power is driving new revolutions.

Prime Minister Modi emphasized his vision of bringing one lakh youth into politics, whose families have never been involved in active politics. He added that this initiative was crucial for the next 25 years and encouraged the youth to be part of this campaign to bring a new generation into politics. Mr. Modi announced that the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue will be held at the beginning of next year on Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary.

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Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw shared that the Waves OTT app has crossed over one million downloads in a month. In a series of posts on social media yesterday, Mr. Vaishnaw said this milestone reflects India's unbreakable bond with its cultural roots. He highlighted that India's OTT platform by Prasar Bharati brings a wave of nostalgia with epic shows like Ramayan and Mahabharat, while also embracing new-age content. He added that it has entertainment for every generation, from timeless shows to tech-savvy features. The Minister stressed that the platform empowers like never before, from hosting content by National Creator Awardees to showcasing films top institutions.

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