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### **About the Author**

Lal Krishna Advani's political journey began in 1951, when Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee founded the Jana Sangh. The party's ideologue and Chief Organiser, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, was a major influence on his ideology and idealism. Advani was elected President of the Jana Sangh in 1973 and incarcerated in jail for nineteen months during the Emergency. Advani was the Information & Broadcasting Minister in the Janata Party government in 1977-1979 and has served as the President of the BJP for the longest period. He was India's Home Minister (1998-2004) and Deputy Prime Minister (2002-2004) in the Vajpayee government. A Member of Parliament since 1970, and recipient of the Award for Outstanding Parliamentarian, he is currently Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

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