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Former Indian PM Singh Dead at 92

Former Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, an economist who steered the opening up of India's economy, has died at the age of 92.

Singh was prime minister of a coalition government from 2004 to 2014, the first member of the Sikh religious community in that role. In his first term, he forged a deal with the U.S. that brought about India's recognition as a de facto nuclear power and helped usher in an era of closer U.S.-India ties. But his biggest political achievement came in 1991, as finance minister. With India in economic crisis, Singh unveiled a landmark budget to deregulate the economy, dominated since independence in 1947 by bloated state enterprises.

—Tripti Lahiri