

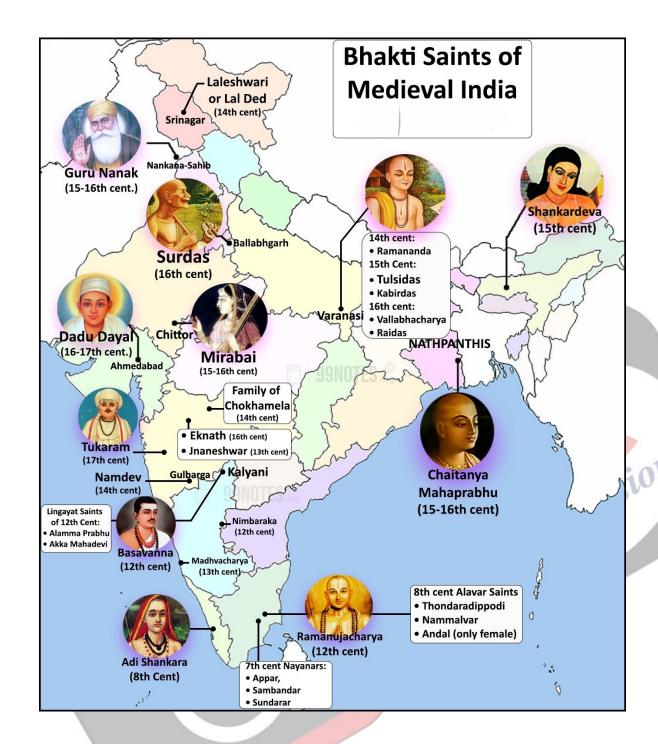
647th Birth Anniversary of Sant Kabir Das

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On 22nd June 2024, the Prime Minister commemorated the 647th birth anniversary of Sant Kabir Das.

- Sant Kabir Das, a 15th-century Indian mystic poet and saint, was born in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh to a Muslim family but was raised by a Hindu weaver couple.
- He was a notable figure in the <u>Bhakti movement</u>, which emphasised devotion and love for the divine.
 - The Bhakti movement started in the 7th century in South India and spread to North India during the 14th and 15th centuries.
 - Popular poet-saints of the Bhakti movement, like Ramananda and Kabir Das, sang devotional songs in vernacular languages.
- Kabir sought spiritual guidance from teachers such as Ramananda and Sheikh Taqi, shaping his unique philosophy.
- Kabir is revered by both Hindus and Muslims, and his followers are known as "Kabir Panthis."
- His popular literary works include Kabir Bijak (poems and verses), Kabir Parachai, Sakhi Granth, Adi Granth (Sikh), and Kabir Granthawali (Rajasthan).
- His works, written in the **Brajbhasha** and **Awadhi dialects**, significantly influenced Indian literature and the development of the Hindi language.

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