



647th Birth Anniversary of Sant Kabir Das

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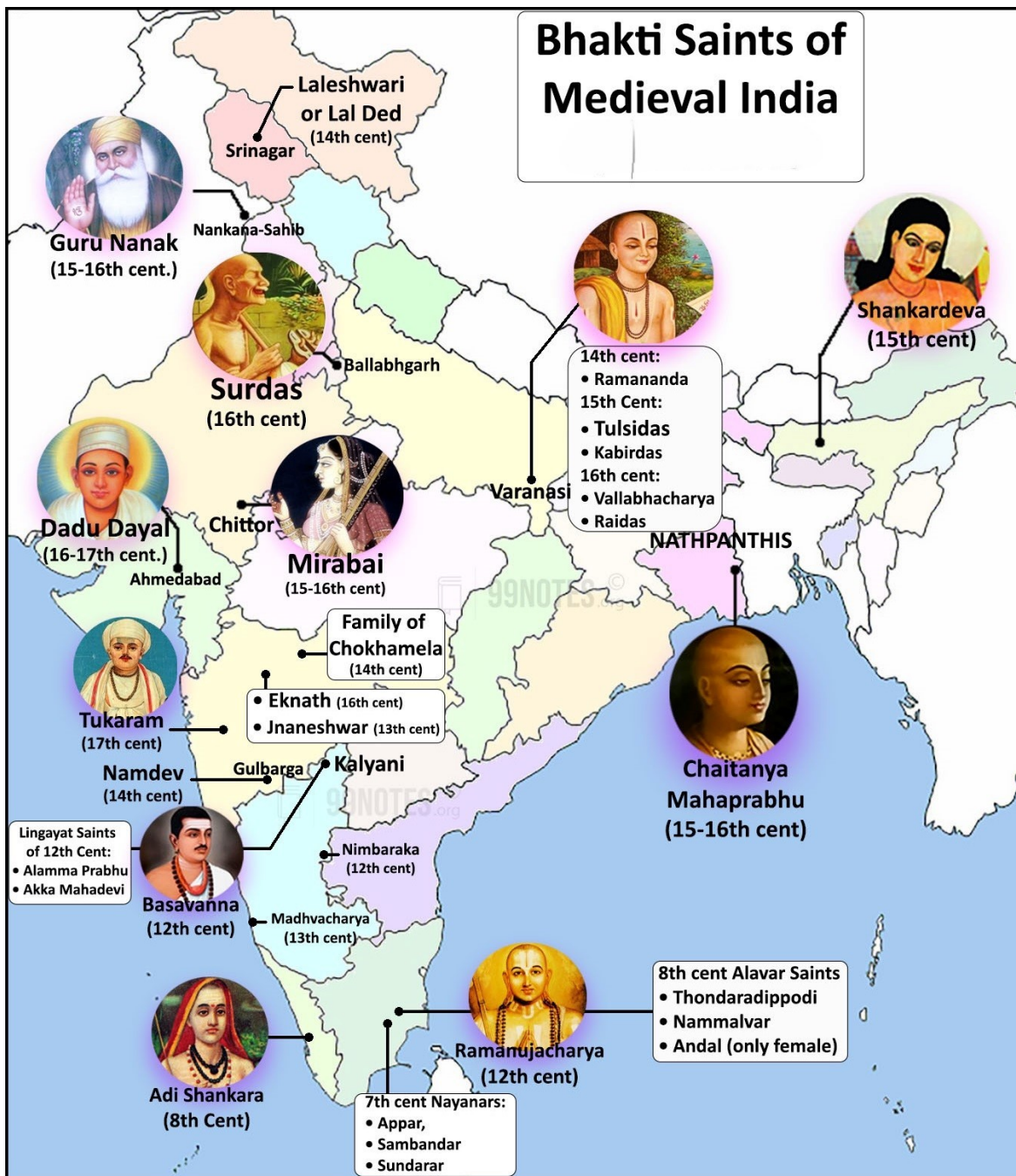
On 22nd June 2024, the [Prime Minister](#) commemorated the **647th birth anniversary** of [Sant Kabir Das](#).

- Sant Kabir Das, a **15th-century Indian mystic poet and saint**, was born in **Varanasi**, Uttar Pradesh to a **Hindu** family but was **raised by a Muslim** weaver couple.
- He was a notable figure in the [Bhakti movement](#), 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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