

Dehradun's Clock Tower

Why in News?

Recently, **Dehradun's iconic Clock Tower** stopped ticking after thieves dismantled its copper innards.

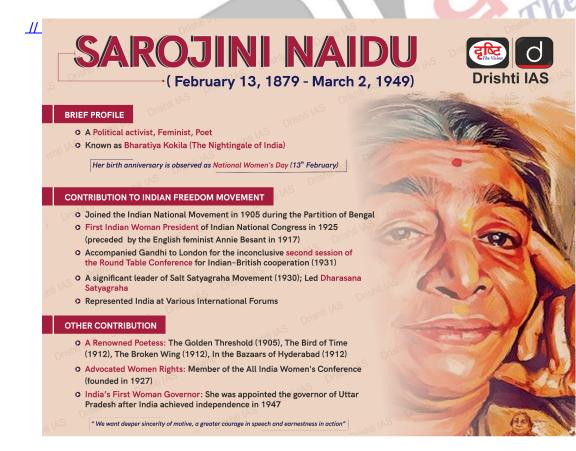
Key Points

Historical Significance:

- Built in the 1940s and inaugurated by <u>Smt. Sarojini Naidu</u> in 1953.
- Commissioned by Lala Sher Singh in memory of his father, Lala Balbir Singh.
- A subtle reminder of <u>freedom fighters</u> who sacrificed their lives for <u>India's</u>

independence.

- Architectural Design:
 - Hexagonal structure with one clock on each of its six sides.
 - The tower stands around **85 meters** high, with its chimes once echoing through the city.
 - The Clock Tower symbolizes the city's evolution and serves as a monument of pride for Dehradun.



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