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Babu Jagjivan Ram

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The Prime Minister **paid tributes to freedom fighter Babu Jagjivan Ram on his birth anniversary.** He was **popularly known as Babuji**, a national leader, a freedom fighter, a crusader of social justice, a champion of depressed classes and an outstanding Parliamentarian.

He was **born on 5th April 1908 in Chandwa in Bihar to a Dalit family.** In 1931, he became a **member of the Indian National Congress (INC).** In 1935, he proposed at a session of the Hindu Mahasabha that drinking water wells and temples be open to untouchables. In 1935, he also appeared before the Hammond Commission at Ranchi and **demande**d, **for the first time, voting rights for the Dalits.** When [Jawaharlal Nehru](#) formed the provisional government, **Jagjivan Ram became its youngest minister.**

He died on 6th July 1986 in New Delhi. **His memorial at his cremation place is named Samta Sthal (Place of Equality).**

Read More: [Babu Jagjivan Ram](#)

Sagar Setu App

The Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways recently **launched the App Version of National Logistics Portal (Marine) - 'Sagar-Setu'.**

The mobile app **will ensure data mobility such that approvals & monitoring shall be at the fingertips** of port & ministry officials and stakeholders as well.

National Logistics Portal (Marine) **is a national maritime single window platform encompassing**

complete end-to-end logistics solutions to help exporters, importers, and service providers exchange documents seamlessly and transact business. The overarching NLP Marine Vision **is to cater to various stakeholders in Government to Government (G2G), Government to Business (G2B) and Business-to-business (B2B) model.**

GI Tag for Kathua's 'Basohli Painting'



The **world-famous 'Basohli Painting', popular for its miniature art style** from Kathua district, Jammu & Kashmir has obtained the Geographical Indication (GI). **This is the first time that the Jammu region got a GI tag for handicrafts.**

The **process for GI-tagging of nine products was initiated by the [National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development \(NABARD\)](#)** in consultation with the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom (J&K) in December 2020.

The products from UT of J&K **have been included in the list of 33 products that have received the GI tag recently.**

GI is a **form of [Intellectual Property right](#) that identifies goods originating from a specific geographical location** and having distinct nature, quality and characteristics linked to that location.

Read More: [Geographical Indication \(GI\) Tag](#)

UN Statistical Commission

India **has been elected to the UN Statistical Commission for a four-year period** (beginning on 1 January 2024) in a competitive election. The Commission works under the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

The UN Statistical Commission, **established in 1947, is the highest body of the global statistical system** bringing together the Chief Statisticians from member states from around the world. **It is the highest decision-making body for international statistical activities**, responsible for setting statistical standards and the development of concepts and methods, including their implementation at the national and international levels.

The **Commission consists of 24 member countries** (Five members are from African States, four from Asia-Pacific States, four from Eastern European States, four from Latin American and Caribbean States and seven members from Western European and other States) **of the United Nations elected by the ECOSOC on the basis of equitable geographical distribution.** India has been elected to the Economic and Social Council, one of the six main organs of the United Nations, for the 2022-24 term.

Read More: [United Nations Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\)](#)

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