



Guru Ravidas Jayanti

Why in News?

Guru Ravidas Jayanti was celebrated in Uttar Pradesh on 12 February 2025. The Chief Minister extended his heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the people of the state.

Key Points

▪ About Guru Ravidas:

- **Ravidas Jayanti is celebrated on the full moon day of Magh month** according to the Hindu lunar calendar .
- Guru Ravidas or Raidas was a 14th-century saint and **reformer of the Bhakti movement in North India.**
- He is believed to have been **born in a cobbler family in Varanasi.**
- He dedicated his entire life towards the abolition of the caste system and openly despised the concept of Brahminical society.
- His devotional songs had an immediate impact on the Bhakti movement and about 41 of his poems **were included in the Sikh religious text 'Guru Granth Sahib'.**
 - Saint Raidas was a disciple of Swami Ramanand . While Mirabai is said to be the disciple of Saint Raidas .
 - He founded the Radasiya or Ravidasiya sect.

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