



# Birth Anniversary of Sant Guru Ravidas

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The **Prime Minister** paid tribute to **Sant Guru Ravidas** on his **648<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary**, celebrated on **Purnima Tithi of Magha Month** (which falls on **12<sup>th</sup> February in 2025**).

## About Sant Guru Ravidas:

- Born in 1377 CE in **Seer Goverdhanpur (UP)**, he was a **Bhakti movement** saint, poet, and **social reformer**.
- Also known as **Raidas, Rohidas, and Ruhidas**, he belonged to a **marginalized community** but emphasized human rights, equality, and spiritual enlightenment.
- His **verses are included in Guru Granth Sahib**, and he was revered by **Meera Bai** as her **spiritual guide**.
- The day is widely celebrated in **Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Haryana**.
  - The **Doaba region of Punjab** is home to a significant **Ravidassia Dalit community** that adheres to the **teachings of Sant Ravidas**.

## Bhakti Movement:

- It was a **spiritual and social reform movement** between the **7<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century**, emphasizing **devotion (bhakti) to a personal god**, rejecting rituals and caste hierarchies.
- It spread across India, influencing **Hinduism, Sikhism, and Sufism**.
- Notable Bhakti saints include **Kabir, Guru Nanak and Meera Bai** in North India, and **Alvars, Nayanars, Ramanuja, and Basava** in South India.

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