



## 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'.**

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- 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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