



## Subramaniya Bharathi



### Why in News

The Prime Minister of India paid tribute to poet-reformer Subramania Bharathi on his **137<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary**, describing him as a symbol of patriotism.

- **C. Subramaniya Bharathi** was born on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1882, in Ettayapuram village of Tirunelveli District in Tamil Nadu.
- He was a **poet, freedom fighter and social reformer from Tamil Nadu**.
  - He was known as **Mahakavi Bharathiyar** and his songs on nationalism and freedom of India helped to rally the masses to support the Indian Independence Movement in Tamil Nadu.
- **Few of his poems are: “Kannan Pattu, Nilavum Vanminum Katrum, Panchali Sabatam and Kuyil Pattu”.**
  - He published the sensational **“Sudesa Geethangal”** in 1908.
- In order to proclaim its revolutionary ardour, Bharathi had the weekly newspaper named ‘India’ printed in red paper. It was the first paper in Tamil Nadu to publish political cartoons. He also published and edited a few other journals like **“Vijaya”**.
- He attended the annual sessions of Indian National Congress and discussed national issues with extremist leaders like Bipin Chandra Pal, B.G. Tilak and V.V.S. Iyer.
  - His participation and activities in **Benaras Session (1905)** and **Surat Session (1907)** of the Indian National Congress impressed many national leaders for his patriotic fervour.

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