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Babu Jagjivan Ram





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 demanded, for the first time, voting rights for the Dalits. When <u>Jawaharlal Nehru</u> formed the provisional government, <u>Jagjivan Ram became its youngest minister</u>.

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

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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.

Gl is a **form of** <u>Intellectual Property right</u> **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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