



Sant Kabirdas Jayanti 2025

Why in News?

The Prime Minister paid tribute to [Sant Kabirdas](#) on the occasion of his **648th birth anniversary**, observed as **Kabirdas Jayanti** (Kabir Prakat Divas).



Key Points

- **Historical Background:**
 - Kabirdas Jayanti falls on the **Purnima Tithi (Full Moon Day)** of the **Jyeshtha month** in the Hindu calendar.
 - Sant Kabirdas was a **15th-century poet, saint, and social reformer**, born in 1440 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh to a Hindu family but was **raised by a Muslim weaver couple**.
 - He sought spiritual guidance from teachers such as **Ramananda** and **Sheikh Taqi**, shaping his unique philosophy.
- **Philosophy, Works, and Teachings:**
 - He was a notable figure in the [Bhakti movement](#), which emphasised **devotion and love**

for the divine.

- The Bhakti movement started in the **7th century in South India** and spread to **North India during the 14th and 15th centuries.**
 - He founded the **Kabir Panth**, a spiritual community that continues to have a large following.
 - His key literary contributions include **Bijak, Sakhi Granth, Kabir Granthawali, Anurag Sagar.**
 - He composed numerous **Bhajans and dohas (couplets)** that condemned superstition and promoted social reform, free thinking, and spiritual unity.
 - His works, written in the **Brajhasha and Awadhi dialects**, significantly influenced Indian literature and the development of the Hindi language.
- **Death and Symbolic Legacy:**
- Kabirdas **passed away in Maghar (UP) in 1518**, where a conflict arose between Hindus and Muslims over his last rites.
 - Saint Kabir's legacy is honoured by both communities, with a samadhi built by Hindus and a mazaar built by Muslims standing side by side.



Bhakti Saints of Medieval India

