

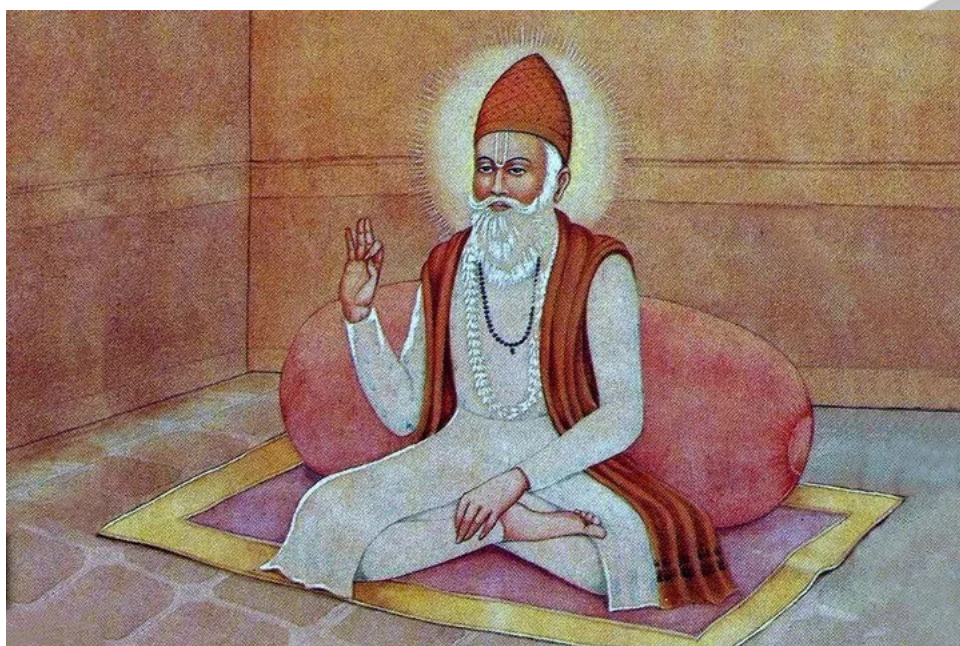


648th Birth Anniversary of Sant Kabir Das

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On 11th June 2025, the [Prime Minister](#) paid tribute to [Sant Kabir Das](#) on the occasion of his 648th birth anniversary, observed as **Kabirdas Jayanti (Kabir Prakat Divas)**.



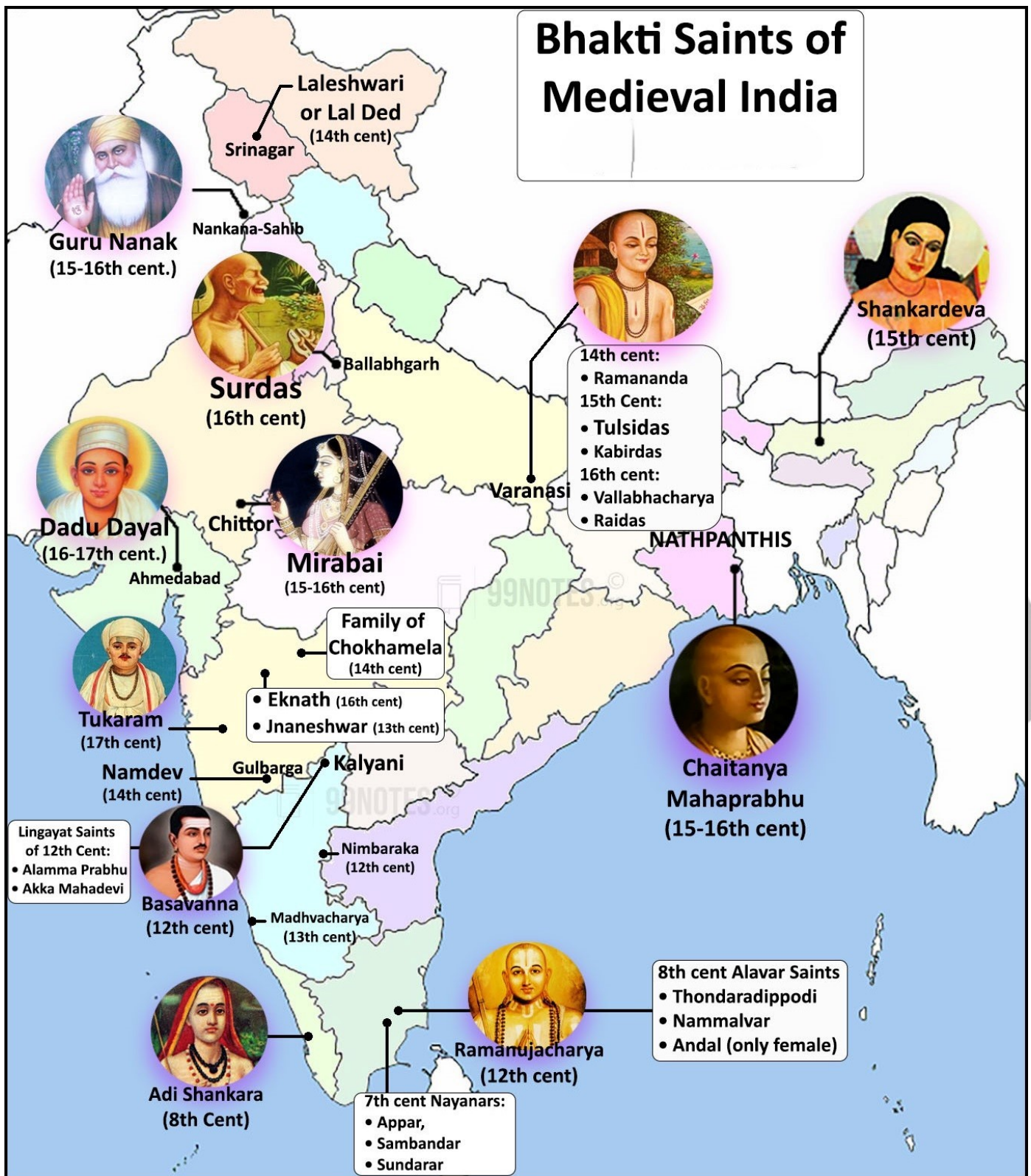
Who was Sant Kabirdas and What were his Contributions?

- **About: Sant Kabir Das (1440-1518)** was a revered **mystic poet, saint, and social reformer**, born in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.
 - Kabir often referred to himself as a “**julaha**” (**weaver**) and “**kori**” (**lower-caste identity**), reflecting **his humility** and solidarity with the marginalized.
- **Teachings & Philosophy: Sant Kabir Das** is a prominent proponent of the **Nirguna Bhakti** tradition, which emphasizes devotion to a **formless, attribute-less God (Nirguna Brahman)**.
 - He received spiritual guidance from **Ramananda**, a Bhakti saint, and **Sheikh Taqi**, a Sufi teacher.
 - Along with [Ramananda](#), he **popularized devotional worship** in **vernacular languages**, bringing **spirituality closer to the masses**.
 - His teachings **challenged religious orthodoxy, blind rituals, and social divisions**, advocating a **universal, inclusive path to God**.
 - He emphasized **truth, compassion, equality**, and **direct spiritual experience** over formal religion.

- **Role in Bhakti Movement:** Kabir was a key figure in the [Bhakti movement \(7th-15th century\)](#), promoting **devotion, inner purity, and social equality**, while rejecting **rituals and casteism**.
- **Literature:** Kabir composed **dohas' (couplets)** and **bhajans (devotional songs)** in **Brajbhasha, Awadhi, and Sant Bhasha**, playing a pivotal role in the evolution of **Hindi literature**.
 - His works are marked by **simplicity, depth, and universal appeal**, often featuring "**ulatbansi**", paradoxical verses with reversed meanings to provoke reflection.
 - His major compilations include **Kabir Bijak** (preserved by Kabirpanth in Varanasi and eastern UP), **Kabir Parachai, Sakhi Granth, Anurag Sagar** and **Kabir Granthawali** (associated with the Dadupanth sect in Rajasthan)
 - Many of his verses are included in the [Guru Granth Sahib](#), compiled by **Guru Arjan Dev (5th Sikh Guru)**, reflecting his **influence on Sikhism**.
- **Legacy & Following:** Kabir is **revered by Hindus, Muslims & Sikhs alike**, and his teachings laid the foundation for the **Kabir Panth**, a spiritual sect whose followers are known as **Kabir Panthis**.
 - His legacy represents **communal harmony, moral integrity, and inner spiritual awakening**.



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