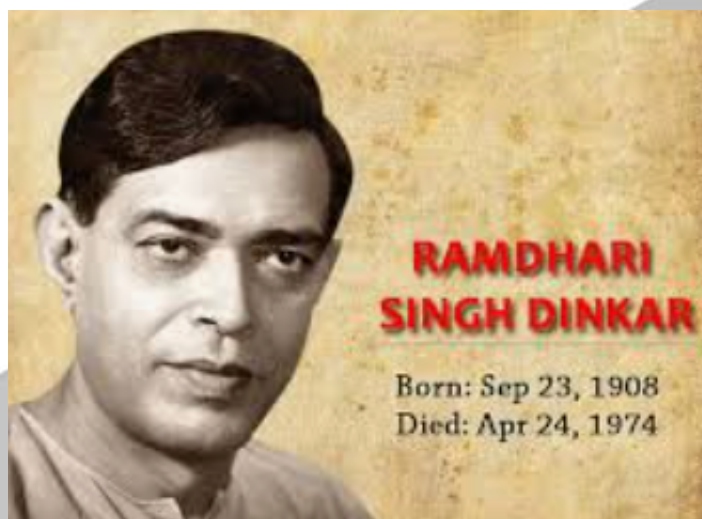




# Birth Anniversary of Ramdhari Singh Dinkar

## Why in News?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to the legendary poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar on his **birth anniversary**, highlighting his **contributions to Hindi literature** and his inspiring, patriotic poems that continue to ignite the **spirit of nationalism**.



## Key Points

- **Early Life and Education:** He was born on 23rd September 1908, in the village of Simaria, Begusarai, Bihar.
  - He pursued studies in philosophy, politics, and history at Patna University and became well-versed in multiple languages, including **Sanskrit, Urdu, Bengali**, and English.
- **Contribution to Hindi Literature:** Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, also known by his pen name **Dinkar**, was a **prominent Hindi and Maithili poet**, freedom fighter, and academic.
  - His literary contributions, especially the epic **Rashmirathi**, which recounts the life of Karna from the Mahabharata, remain a vital and influential part of Hindi literature.
- **Influences on Dinkar's Work:** Dinkar was influenced by a blend of [Rabindranath Tagore's](#) poetic style, [Mahatma Gandhi's](#) political philosophy, and [Karl Marx's](#) revolutionary ideas, creating a **unique poetic voice** that resonated with the masses.
- **Role in India's Freedom Struggle:** Dinkar's poetry, especially his fiery verses in **Veer Rasa (the emotion of bravery)**, played a pivotal role in igniting a nationalist spirit during India's struggle for independence.
- **Political and Academic Engagement:** Dinkar made significant contributions to both politics and academia, serving as a **Rajya Sabha** member from 1952 to 1964.
  - He also served as **Vice-Chancellor** of Bhagalpur University in the 1960s, reinforcing his influence in the academic sphere.
- **Recognition and Honour:** In 1959, Dinkar was honoured with the [Padma Bhushan](#) for his exceptional contributions to literature, solidifying his place as one of **India's greatest literary figures**.

- Renowned as a **Rashtrakavi (national poet)**, Dinkar earned recognition for his patriotic and inspiring compositions that captured the essence of his era.
- In 1999, Dinkar was featured among **prominent Hindi writers** on a **series of commemorative postal stamps** released by the Government of India, marking 50 years since Hindi became the official language.
- On 22nd May 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **golden jubilee celebrations of Dinkar's significant works, Sanskriti ke Chaar Adhyaye** and **Parshuram ki Pratiksha**, at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

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