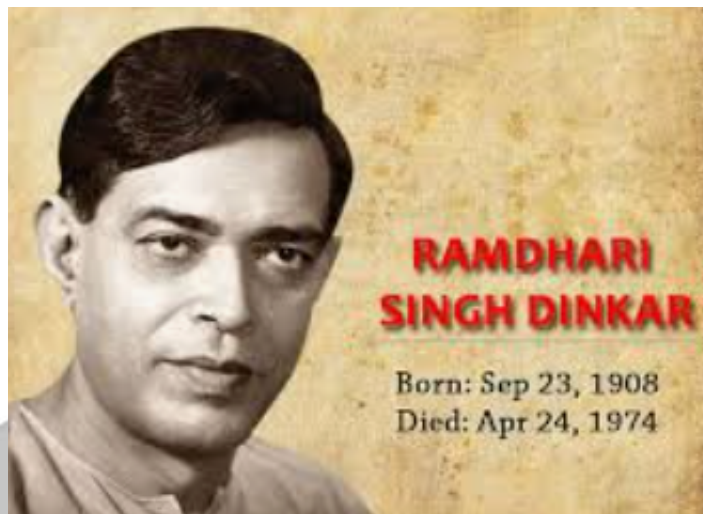




Birth Anniversary of Ramdhari Singh Dinkar | Bihar | 24 Sep 2025

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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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Bihar Displays Folk Art Treasures at PM Mementos | Bihar | 24 Sep 2025

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The **7th edition** of the [Prime Minister's](#) Mementos e-Auction showcases Bihar's rich cultural heritage, with 40 unique items, including stunning examples of [Madhubani](#) and **Sikki Art**, now available for public bidding.

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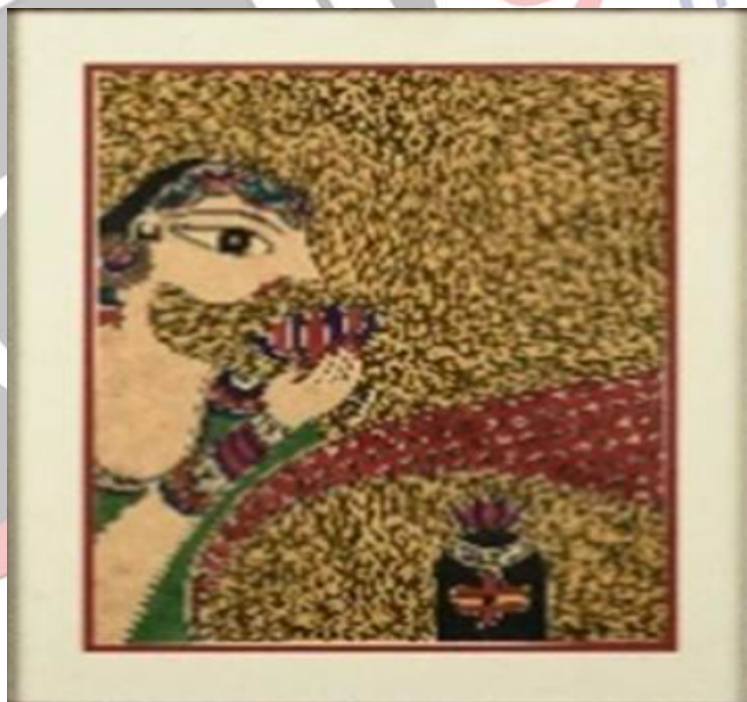
- **About:** The PM Mementos e-Auction, organised by the **Ministry of Culture** through the National Gallery of Modern Art, Delhi, invites citizens to acquire mementos gifted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi since its **inception in 2019**.
 - The proceeds from this auction support the [Namami Gange project](#), dedicated to the rejuvenation of the [Holy River Ganga](#).

Bihar's Artistic Highlights:

- **Madhubani Painting:** This intricate Madhubani painting captures Lord Krishna with the Gopis, reflecting divine love and spiritual harmony.
 - Known for bold lines, intricate patterns, and natural colours, this painting **represents the [Mithila region's](#)** deep-rooted folk traditions.



- **Mithila Painting:** A vibrant Mithila painting, featuring a woman holding a lotus flower and a Shiva Lingam, symbolising Lord Shiva, this artwork is a beautiful representation of Bihar's folk art.
 - Done in poster colours on paper, the painting is framed in a traditional brown textured frame, showcasing the intricate and vibrant line drawings characteristic of Mithila art.
 - This piece reflects the **rich tradition of Mithila painting**, which is deeply connected to Hindu deities, nature, and daily life.



- **Sikki Art Frame:** This frame depicts Lord Ram and Sita in golden hues, showcasing the couple's divine grace.
 - Executed in the traditional Sikki art style of Bihar, the piece contrasts the divine couple's golden portrayal against a dark background, emphasising their power and elegance.
 - Sikki art is known for **its intricate craftsmanship**, and this artwork reflects Bihar's cultural richness, particularly the **portrayal of divine figures in folk traditions**.



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