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Personalities in News

Mangal Pandey (1827 - 1857)

PM pays **tribute to the great freedom fighter Mangal Pandey on** his birth anniversary.

About Mangal Pandey

- Born: Ballia district, Uttar Pradesh.
- He joined 34th Bengal Native Infantry of the British East India Company in 1849 at the age of 22.

Key contributions:

- Key role in the revolt of 1857 also known as the Sepoy mutiny of 1857.
- He protested against the issue of greased cartridges to the soldiers.
- Broke into open mutiny on March 29, 1857, at Barrackpore near Calcutta, which also ignited fire of Revolt of 1857.
- He was court-martialed and hanged at Barrackpore on April 8, 1857.



Ethical Values

Nationalist and Courage

- Sprouted the dream of Independence among Indians during the Sepoy Mutiny.
- The courageous soldier was sentenced to death by hanging after he attacked British officer in Kolkata.



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Alluri Sitaram Raju (1897-1924)

The Union Defence Minister paid tribute to Alluri Sitaram Raju on his 128th birth anniversary.

About Alluri Sitaram Raju

Birth Place: Born on 04 July 1897, at Mogallu near Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh.

Contribution:

- Influenced by Mahatma Gandhi during Non-Cooperation Movement (NCM)
 - He inspired the tribals to seek justice in the local panchayat courts and boycott the colonial courts.
 - He persuaded people to wear khadi and give up drinking.
- Rampa Rebellion (1922-1924): It is also known as the Manyam (which means forest area) Rebellion.
 - He is also referred as "Manyam Veerudu" (Hero of the Jungles) by the local people.
 - In August 1922, Shri Alluri Sitarama Raju launched a movement against British tyranny rule.



Ethical Values

Fortitude and Compassion

- He was an Indian revolutionary who showed extraordinary courage by leading the rebellion against the Britishers.
- He travelled extensively in his teen years, deeply moved by the socio-economic conditions, especially in tribal areas, under British rule.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee (1901 - 1953)

Prime Minister paid tribute to **Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee** on his 125th **birth anniversary.**

About Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee

- Born in Calcutta
- He became the youngest Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta.

Contributions:

- In 1940, he became the acting President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha.
- Elected to the Constituent Assembly.
- Joined the interim government under Jawaharlal Nehru as Minister for Industry and Supply.
 - He laid the foundation for India's industrial growth by establishing institutions like the Chittaranjan Locomotive Factory, etc.
 - He was given the title 'The lion of Parliament'.
- Founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (1951)
- Key literary work: Autobiographical Leaves from a Diary, A Phase of the Indian Struggle, etc.

Ethical Values

Leadership and Nationalism

- Demonstrated visionary leadership in politics and education, becoming the youngest Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University and shaping India's industrial growth.
- Advocated for India's unity and cultural identity, founding the Bharatiya Jana Sangh to strengthen national integrity.



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Kumaraswami Kamaraj (1903 - 1975)

Eminent Freedom Fighter and leader, K Kamaraj was remembered on his birth anniversary (July 15).

About Kumaraswami Kamaraj

- Born: Virudhunagar in Tamil Nadu into a Nadar caste (depressed caste).
- He became the Chief Minister of the then Madras Province in 1954.

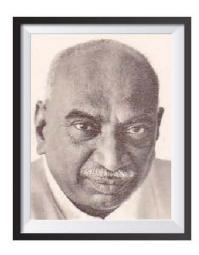
Key Contributions:

- Role in India's Independence Movement
 - Became member of Indian National Congress.
 - Inspired to join the freedom struggle by the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.
 - Participated in Salt Satyagraha, Nagpur flag Satyagraha, and led the Sword Satyagraha and the Neil Statue Satyagraha.
 - In 1942, he was jailed for three years for his involvement in Quit India Movement.
- Elected to the Constituent Assembly from the Madras constituency.
- Kamaraj Plan (1963): Set out a blueprint to rebuild the Congress party in the aftermath of the Indo-China war.

Ethical Values

Integrity and Public Service Commitment

- As a chief minister of Madras, he held the impeccable record of fulfilling the goals of public policies.
- Dedicated his tenure to expanding education, healthcare, and infrastructure, prioritizing the welfare of the common people.





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