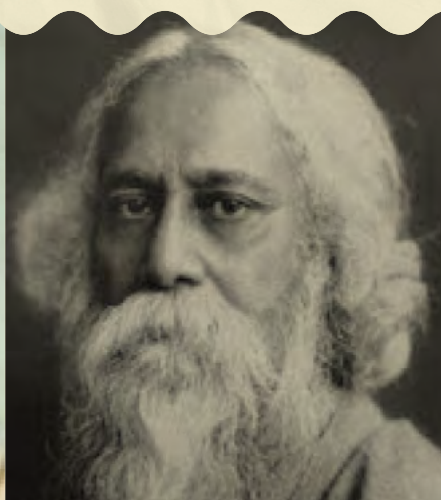


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Personalities in News

Rani Chennamma (1778 – 1829)

Recently, Birth anniversary of Rani Chennamma was celebrated on 23d October.

Rani Chennamma

- ▶ She was married to Raja Mallasarja of Kittur (**or Kitturu**).
- ▶ After death of her husband & only son she adopted Shivalingappa.
 - ▶ However, the British rejected him as the legitimate heir to Kittur, leading to the Kittur Revolt in 1824.

About Kittur revolt

- ▶ It is regarded as the first Indian armed rebellion against British EIC. Also, one of the earliest woman-led anti-colonial struggles.
- ▶ Though British lost 1st battle in 1824, Rani Chennamma was later captured & imprisoned, till her death in 1829.



Ethical Values

Courage and Resilience

- ▶ As one of the earliest Indian rulers to resist British imperialism, she led the Kittur rebellion with unmatched bravery despite personal loss.
- ▶ Continued the fight against colonial injustice even after the death of her husband and son, enduring imprisonment until her death.

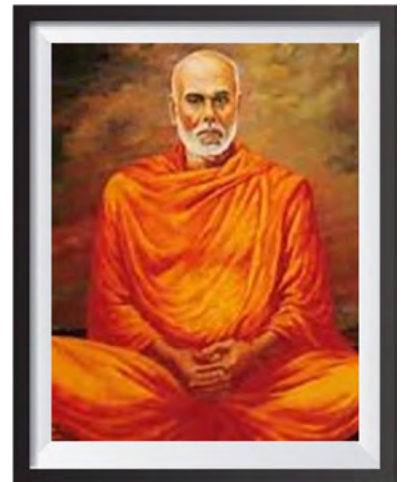


Sree Narayana Guru (1856–1928)

President of India inaugurated the observance of the Mahasamadhi centenary of **Sree Narayana Guru** at Kerala.

About Sree Narayana Guru

- ▶ Born in **Chempazhanthy** (near present-day Thiruvananthapuram) to **Ezhava family**.
- ▶ He was a **saint, philosopher, poet, and social reformer** who revolted against caste system.
- ▶ **Key Contributions:**
 - ▶ Emphasized the principle of **“One caste, One Religion, One God for all human beings.”**
 - ▶ He launched the **Aruvipuram movement** for equal rights to temple entry.
 - ▶ In 1903, along with **P. Palpu**, he established an organization, later called the **Sri Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam** for upliftment of Ezhava community.
 - ▶ He lent support to **Vaikom Satyagraha** for temple entry (**1924–25**) in Travancore.
 - ▶ **Works:** Anukamba Dasakam, Brahavidya Panchakam, etc.



Ethical Values

Egalitarianism and Pluralism

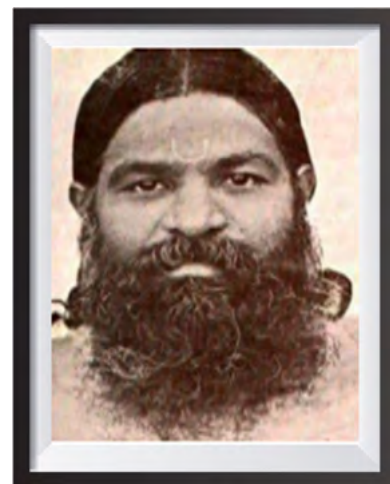
- ▶ He was the champion of the rights of lower caste oppressed in the twentieth century Kerala. He overturned the social system of entire Kerala, while following simple means of ethical writings and social mobilization.
- ▶ He played a significant role in reforming the society by asserting his pluralist view with equality and liberty.

Subramaniya Siva (1884–1925)

The Prime Minister paid tribute to freedom fighter Subramaniya Siva on their birth anniversary.

About Subramaniya Siva

- ▶ **Born:** In Dindigul (Madurai), **Tamil Nadu**
- ▶ **Key contribution:** Actively participated in the **Non-Cooperation Movement** inspired by **Mahatma Gandhi** and **V.O.Chidambaram Pillai**.
- ▶ **Books written:** Ramanuja Vijayam, Madhva Vijayam



Ethical Values

Fearlessness and Commitment to Truth

- ▶ Actively participated in the freedom struggle despite threats and imprisonment, standing firm in his convictions.
- ▶ Used his writings (e.g., Ramanuja Vijayam) to propagate social values.



Vaikunthbhai Mehta (1891–1964)

Birth Anniversary of Vaikunthbhai Mehta was celebrated.

About Vaikunthbhai Mehta

- ▶ Born in Bhavnagar Gujarat.
- ▶ Also called "**Pioneer / Doyen / bhisma-pitahmah of the Co-operative Movement in India**".
- ▶ **Key Contributions:**
 - ▶ Served the Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank **Chief Executive** for about 35 years.
 - ▶ He was **Minister of Finance and Co-operation of the then Bombay State** and was first **Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission**.
 - ▶ Awarded **Kaiser-i-Hind medal (1916)** for his service to the co-operative movement.
 - ▶ Most trusted **lieutenant of Gandhiji** in the Khadi (homespun cotton) movement.



Ethical Values

Selfless Service and Simplicity

- ▶ Devoted his life to the cooperative movement, empowering rural communities through non-profit institutions.
- ▶ As a close associate of Gandhiji, he upheld values of simplicity, humility, and service to society through khadi and village industries.

Tiruppur Kumaran (1904–1932)

The Prime Minister paid tribute to freedom fighter Tiruppur Kumaran on their birth anniversary.

About Tiruppur Kumaran

- ▶ **Born** In a weaver family near Erode, Tamil Nadu
- ▶ **Founded:** Desa Bandhu Youth Association.
- ▶ **Inspired by:** The **non-violent civil disobedience ideas** of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ▶ **Key Contribution:** He took part in several protest marches against the British administration and **died while holding National Flag in his hand.**



Ethical Values

Patriotism and Youth Leadership

- ▶ Died holding the national flag during a protest, becoming a symbol of national pride and undying love for the motherland.
- ▶ He mobilized young people for India's freedom struggle with moral conviction.



Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar (1908– 1963)

Vice-President paid homage to Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar on his birth anniversary.

About Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar

- ▶ **Born:** To a wealthy land owning family of the village Pasumpon in **Ramanathapuram District** (Tamil Nadu).
- ▶ Belonged to **Kondayankottai Marava community** of **Mukkulathor** known for their valour.
- ▶ **Key Contributions:**
 - ▶ Entered into politics in **1927**, **Subash Chandra Bose** was his political friend.
 - ▶ Joined national movement and helped Congress expand influence in Tamil Nadu interior regions.
 - ▶ Played role in **Temple Entry Movement** in Tamil Nadu, **Repeal of the Criminal Tribes Act, etc.**
 - ▶ **Titles Earned:** An Uncrowned Monarch, Netaji of the South, and The Lion of the South.



Ethical Values

Social Justice and Loyalty to Ideals

- ▶ Advocated temple entry and repeal of discriminatory laws to empower oppressed communities.
- ▶ Stood firmly with Subhas Chandra Bose, showing unwavering belief in nationalist ideals.

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