

Guru Ravidas

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The Prime Minister recently inaugurated the Adampur Airport in Punjab and renamed it after Sri Sant Guru Ravidas Ji in a bid to honour the revered saint and social reformer on his birth anniversary.

About Guru Ravidas

- Guru Ravidas (**1377-1527 C.E.**) was a renowned saint known for his contributions to the **Bhakti movement**.
- His **devotional songs and verses** made a lasting impact upon the Bhakti Movement.
- Guru Ravidas is also **known as Raidas, Rohidas, and Ruhidas**.
- Ravidas was **born** in a **village called Sir Gobardhanpur, near Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, India**.
 - Today, his **birthplace** is a special place known as **Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan**.
 - His **birthday** is **celebrated as Ravidas Jayanti**.
- Ravidas is traditionally seen as a **student of the bhakti-poet Ramananda**.
- He is also thought to have **lived around the same time as Kabir**, another famous **poet-saint**.

- He was a **well-known poet**. His poems, written in local languages, inspired many people.
 - 41 **of his devotional songs** and poems are **found in the Sikh holy book, the Guru Granth Sahib**.
 - Many of his poems are **also in the Panch Vani text** of the Dadu Panthi tradition within Hinduism.
- **Philosophy and Teachings:**
 - The core of Guru Ravidas's philosophy was the **rejection of the caste system** and the **promotion of human rights and dignity**.
 - He **envisioned** a society called '**Beghumpura**' (a city without sorrow), where there is no suffering, no fear, and no discrimination.
 - He also became a **symbol of opposition to untouchability** in society by the higher caste people for the lower caste people.
 - He emphasised the **philosophy of spiritual freedom**.
 - He abandoned the saguna (with attributes, image) forms of supreme beings and **focussed on the nirguna (without attributes, abstract) form of supreme beings**.
 - **Meera Bai**, a **revered figure in Hindu** spiritualism, is said to have **considered Guru Ravidas as her spiritual Guru**.
- **Ravidassia religion:**
 - The Guru's teachings now form the basis of the Ravidassia religion.
 - **Ravidassias believe** that **Guru Ravidas should be treated as a saint** just like the other gurus, as he **lived before the first Sikh Guru**, and his **teachings were studied by the Sikh Gurus**.
 - The Ravidassia community adopted the **Amrit Bani Guru Ravidass** as its **holy book** and established its own symbols and rituals.

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