

Who was C. Subramania Bharati?

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About C. Subramania Bharati:

- He was a **poet, freedom fighter, and social reformer from Tamil Nadu.**
- He was known as **Mahakavi Bharathiyar**, and the laudatory epithet Mahakavi means a great poet.

- He was born in Ettayapuram, South India, in 1882, and died in Madras in 1921.
 - He is considered one of India's greatest poets. His **songs on nationalism and freedom** of India helped to rally the masses to support the Indian Independence Movement in Tamil Nadu.
 - Bharathi joined as **Assistant Editor of the Swadesamitran, a Tamil daily**, in 1904.
 - In 1907, he **started editing the Tamil weekly India** and the **English newspaper Bala Bharatham with M.P.T. Acharya**.
 - He **assisted Aurobindo in the Arya journal** and **later Karma Yogi in Pondicherry**.
 - Unfortunately, Bharati was **persecuted** for his convictions **both by the British and** by the **orthodox elements** of his own society, who treated him as an outcast.
 - He was **exiled from British India in 1908** and **went to live in Pondicherry**, a French colony in South India.
 - He **spent ten years in exile** there and eventually returned to Madras, where he died.
 - Most of his compositions are classifiable as short lyrical outpourings on patriotic, devotional, and mystic themes.
 - Bharathi was essentially a **lyrical poet**. Bharati's **best-known works** included **Kaṇṇan pattu** (1917; Songs to Krishna), **Panchali sapatham** (1912; Panchali's Vow), and **Kuyil pattu** (1912; Kuyil's Song).
 - He also **translated Vedic hymns, Patanjali's Yoga Sutra** and **Bhagavat Gita into Tamil**.
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Q1: Who was Sri Aurobindo?

Sri Aurobindo (born August 15, 1872, Calcutta [now Kolkata], India—died December 5, 1950, Pondicherry [now Puducherry]) was a yogi, seer, philosopher, poet, and Indian nationalist who propounded a philosophy of divine life on earth through spiritual evolution. Aurobindo is one of the key leaders of the Indian nationalist movement at the beginning of the twentieth century. Most of his writings were published in *Bande Mataram* and *Karmayogin* newspapers and in this place and time, he expressed his desire for an independent India.

News: Compiled over decades, Subramania Bharati's collected works to be released by PM Modi

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