

## **Guru Ghasidas**

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Why is in news? President of India graces the 10th convocation of GurGhasidas Vishwavidyalaya

Ghasidas was born in Girodpuri, District – Balodabazar, on **December 18, 1756**. MahngDas and Amrotin Mata have a son named GurGhasidas.

Ghasidas **preached Satnam** to the people of Chhattisgarh in particular.

The **Satnam Panth** (sect) is said to be based on these principles formulated by Ghasidas.

They were honest, industrious and have formed a brotherhood calling themselves Satnamis.

He was a firm believer in equality and a critic of the repressive caste system.

He was a monotheist who opposed idol worship.

Buddhism is similar to Guru's teachings and worldview. He was **hostile to all Hindbeliefs and cultures**, especially the worship of idols (Murtis).

Ghasidas was exposed to the ills of the caste system at a young age, which helped him grasp social dynamics in a caste-ridden culture and reject societal unfairness.

GurGhasidas provides a symbol known as "**jaitkhamb,"** which is a straight piece of white wood with a white flag on top.

That represents a man who follows truth or satnaam and is always like that symbol which is firm and cannot be broken that signifies pillar of truth (Satya ka stambh) and the flag represents peace.

The Chhattisgarh government renamed a section of the Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve to GurGhasidas National Park in his honor.

They also established a Central University known as "GurGhasidas Vishwavidyalaya."

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