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# Mahatma Gandhi

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**Why is in news?** PM pays tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his Punya Tithi at Rajghat

**Martyr's Day** is observed on **30th January every year** in the **memory of Mahatma Gandhi** and his contributions to the nation.

**23rd March** is also observed as **Martyr's Day** to pay tribute to three revolutionaries of India namely **Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar**.

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born on **October 2, 1869, at Porbandar** in Gujarat and died on January 30, 1948, at Gandhi Smriti, New Delhi.

He was **assassinated by Nathuram Godse** in the Birla House during his evening prayers.

He was a lawyer, politician, social activist, writer and became the leader of the nationalist movement against the British rule of India.

He is considered the **Father of the Nation**.

Gandhi and his ideologies played an important role in liberating India from the British.

Nathuram Godse was a Chitpavan Brahmin from Pune, Maharashtra, and a Hindu nationalist.

The **Mahatma Gandhi murder trial** began in May 1948 in Delhi's famed Red Fort, with Godse as the lead defendant and his accomplice **Narayan Apte**, as well as six additional people, being considered co-defendants.

On **November 8, 1949**, Nathuram Godse and Narayan Apte **received a death penalty**

Despite Manilal Gandhi and Ramdas Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi's two sons, pleading for commutation, they were rejected by Jawaharlal Nehru, Vallabhbhai Patel, the deputy prime minister, and Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, the governor-general of India.

On **November 15, 1949**, Nathuram Godse and Apte were **executed at the Ambala prison**.

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