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Sant Meerabai

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Why is in news? PM greets everyone on Jayanti of Sant Meerabai

Meera, better known as Mirabai, and venerated as Sant Meerabai, was a **16th-century Hindmystic poet and devotee of Krishna**.

She is a celebrated **Bhakti saint**, particularly in the North Indian Hindtradition.

Mirabai was **born into a Rajput royal family in Kudki** (now the Pali district of Rajasthan) and grew up in Merta, Rajasthan

By around 1600 CE, she is mentioned in **Bhaktamal**, indicating that she was a well-known and cherished figure in the Bhakti movement culture.

Mirabai's devotion to Krishna, treating Krishna as her husband, and being harassed by her in-laws for her religious devotion are all mentioned in most legends about her.

She's the topic of a slew of folk tales and hagiographic traditions, all of which are contradictory or vastly varied in their specifics.

In Indian tradition, Meerabai is credited with **millions of devotional hymns in passionate praise of Krishna**, but only a few hundred are believed to be authentic by scholars, and the earliest written records suggest that, with the exception of two hymns, the majority were written down only in the 18th century.

Many of the poetry attributed to Meera was most likely written afterward by admirers of Meera.

These hymns, which are a **form of bhajan**, are well-known throughout India.

Mira's songs inspire readers with faith, courage, commitment, and love for God.

Mira's mystic songs soothe the broken hearts and worn nerves of people who toil in this world under the weight of life's load.

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