

100th death anniversary of Subramania Bharati

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In news- 100th death anniversary of Tamil poet Subramania Bharati was observed on 11th September.

About Subramania Bharati-

- He was born on December 11, 1882, in Ettayapuram, South India.
- He found his mentor and inspiration in Bal Gangadhar.
- He is also **referred to by the name of Mahakavi Bharathiyar, meaning Great Poet of Tamil.**
- He started composing poems at the age of 8 and was an expert at both prose and poetry writing.
- He mostly **indulged in secular, political, and spiritual writings.**
- He was also the **first Asian poet to sing the glory of the Bolshevik revolution.**
- **His first poem, a sonnet was published in 1904.**
- He **was the unofficial editor at India Weekly** according to the book Subramania Bharati: A unique biography by VaRa translated in English by Amshan Kumar.
- He strongly advocated for the liberation of women, which was far ahead of his time.
- **He also paved the way for modern blank verse.**
- He had to flee to Puducherry (a French colony then) in 1908 to avoid arrest by the British government.
- It was here that **he produced his masterworks Kuyil, Kannan Pattu, and Panchali Sabatham.**
- He **worked as the assistant editor in the Swadesamitran newspaper** in 1920.
- The State government of Tamil Nadu will observe the centenary that falls on September 11 as “Mahakavi Day” (People’s poet) .

- The Prime Minister announced the 'Subramanya Bharati Chair' on Tamil Studies will be established in the Faculty of Arts of BHU.