

Hazarat Ali

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In news : Birthday of Hazarat Ali has been celebrated recently

About Hazarat Ali

- Hazrat Ali's birthday commemorates Ali ibn Abi Talib's birth anniversary, one of Islam's most influential personalities.
- The date of Hazrat Ali's birthday depends on the lunar calendar of the Islamic religion.
- He is believed to be the son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad.
- As he was one of the closest followers of the Prophet he was chosen as one of the writers to pen the Holy Quran's text (the teachings revealed to Prophet Muhammad by the Almighty).
- **His birth:** He was born on the 13th day of Rajab's Islamic month in 599 AD. Abu Talib and Fatima bint Asda were his parents.
- He was born in the holiest place of Islam, Mecca, is considered an extremely important person among Muslims globally.
- Many consider Hazarath Ali as the first male to embrace Islam as his religious path and Muhammad as the Prophet of God.
- He is an esteemed personality in the Islam religion who fought with Muhammad in many battles.
- He married Fatimah, the daughter of Muhammad, and became his son-in-law when he moved to Medina.
- **Qualities:** He is remembered and respected for his bravery, integrity, beliefs, morals, honesty and devotion to the religion of Islam.
- Hazrat Ali ruled successfully till the year 661.
- **Death:** Hazrat Ali was given a grave injury in his head

by Ibn Muljam with a poisonous sword when he was offering prayers in the Great Mosque of Kufa(Iraq). Hazrat Ali died on the 19th day of Ramadan.

Different beliefs & split among Muslims

- The question of his right to the caliphate (the political-religious structure comprising the community of Muslims and its territories that emerged after the death of Muhammad) resulted in the only major split in Islam, into the Sunni and Shi'i branches.
- The Sunnis consider Hazrat Ali the fourth Rashidun Caliph while the Shias consider him as the first Caliph and Imam after Prophet Muhammad.
- Hazrat is also considered the first Imam by the Shia Muslims, therefore, known as Imam Ali's birthday as well.
- The Shias and Sunnis differ in how they are revere Hazrat Ali but both agree on the fact that he was an upright ruler and a devout Muslim.