

Poet Iqbal

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In news– Recitation of the prayer ‘Lab Pe Aati Hai Dua’ written by Muhammad Iqbal has triggered a controversy in UP’s Bareilly district.

About poet iqbal-

- Sir Muhammad Iqbal Kt, was a South Asian Muslim writer (Urdu and Persian), philosopher, Scholar and politician, whose **poetry in the Urdu language** is considered among the greatest of the twentieth century, and whose vision of a cultural and political ideal for the Muslims of British-ruled India was to animate the impulse for Pakistan.
- Iqbal was born in Sialkot, Punjab (now in Pakistan) and died in Lahore when he was aged 60 years.
- Iqbal’s tomb is located in Hazuri Bagh in Lahore. **Iqbal is commonly referred to as Allama, which is a title given to Islamic scholars.**
- Apart from being a writer, Iqbal was also a lawyer and appeared at the Lahore High Court in several cases.
- After completing his BA and MA at Government College, Lahore, he went on to study in Europe in 1905.
- **In 1922, he was knighted by King George V, giving him the title of “Sir”.**
- He is best known for his poetic works, including *Asrar-e-Khudi* – after whose publication he was awarded a knighthood, *Rumuz-e-Bekhudi*, and the *Bang-e-Dara*.
- In Iran, where he is known as Iqbal of Lahore, he is highly regarded for his Persian works.
- The prayer, Lab Pe Aati Hai Dua, written by Iqbal in 1902, has been sung at several educational institutions in India and Pakistan, including some prestigious schools which sing it in their morning assembly.
- Among Iqbal’s many writings, the **most celebrated is the**

immortal 'Saare jahan se achcha Hindustan hamara', written in 1904, his beautiful ode to India, which became one of the songs that inspired the freedom fighters against British rule.

- **Iqbal's first published collection of poems came out in 1923,** and was titled '**Bang-e-Dara**' (Call of the Marching Bell).
- In his later life, **Iqbal came to favour the idea of a separate nation for Muslims, and is believed to have been the influence behind Muhammad Ali Jinnah's vision of a separate nation of Pakistan.**
- **In that country, Iqbal is regarded as the ideological founder of the nation** – the man who envisioned the state that Jinnah gave physical shape to.