

# Ram Prasad Bismil

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## In news

To mark the birth anniversary of Ram Prasad Bismil, the Ministry of Culture organised a special ceremony at Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh

## A brief history of Ram Prasad Bismil(1897-1927)

- Birth: He was born on 11th June, 1897 in Shahjahanpur
- He was born to Muralidhar and Moolrani. His father, Muralidhar, was working in Shahjahanpur Municipality.
- He was amongst the most notable Indian revolutionaries who fought against British colonialism.
- **His ideology: His ideals of freedom struggle stood in stark contrast to that of Mahatma Gandhi and he would reportedly say "independence would not be achieved by means of non-violence".**
- **Literary work:**
- Bismil started writing powerful patriotic poems in Urdu and Hindi under the pen names of 'Bismil', 'Ram' and 'Agyat'.
  - As a freedom fighter he gave vent to his anger in the form of his poem 'Mera Janm'. He was just 18 then
  - While in jail, he wrote 'Mera Rang De BasantiChola' and 'Sarfarooshi Ki Tamanna' which became the anthem for freedom fighters.
  - He published a pamphlet titled 'Deshwasiyon ke Naam' and distributed it along with his poem

'Mainpuri ki Pratigya' on January 28, 1918

- He wrote motivational poems and pamphlets for young people
- He was also a multilingual translator and his famous poem Mainpuri's Pratigya became very famous.

## Organizations

- He joined **Arya Samaj** in the early age and got inspired by Satyarth Prakash
- He also had a confidential connection with Lala Har Dayal through his guru Swami Somdev, a preacher of Arya Samaj.
- **Matrivedi' and 'Shivaji Samiti:** Bismil along with Genda Lal Dixit, a school teacher from Auraiya, organised youth from Etahwah, Mainpuri, Agra and Shahjahanpur districts to strengthen their organisations, 'Matrivedi' and 'Shivaji Samiti
- He formed the **Hindustan Republican Association(1924)** with leaders like Bhagat Singh and Chandrasekhar Azad
- The association was based on equal rights and an end to discrimination
- Conspiracies:
  - He participated in the **Mainpuri conspiracy** of 1918, and the **Kakori conspiracy** of 1925 with Ashfaq Ullah Khan, Chandrashekhar Azad, Sachindra Bakshi, Keshab Chakravarty, Rajendra Lahiri and Roshan Singh to protest against the British Rule.
- **Death:** He was martyred at Gorakhpur Jail on 19th December, 1927 just aged 30, for his role in the Kakori conspiracy.