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Guru Ghasidas

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Why is in news? President of India graces the 10th convocation of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya

Ghasidas was born in Girodpuri, District – Balodabazar, on **December 18, 1756**. Mahngu Das and Amrotin Mata have a son named Guru Ghasidas.

Ghasidas **preached Satnam** to the people of Chhattisgarh in particular.

The **Satnam Panth (sect)** is said to be based on these principles formulated by Ghasidas.

They were **honest, industrious and have formed a brotherhood** calling themselves Satnamis.

He was a **firm believer in equality and a critic of the repressive caste system**.

He was a **monotheist** who **opposed idol worship**.

Buddhism is similar to Guru's teachings and worldview. He was **hostile to all Hindu beliefs and cultures**, especially the worship of idols (Murtis).

Ghasidas was exposed to the ills of the caste system at a young age, which helped him grasp social dynamics in a caste-ridden culture and reject societal unfairness.

Guru Ghasidas provides a symbol known as "**jaitkhamb**," which is a straight piece of white wood with a white flag on top.

That represents a man who follows truth or satnaam and is always like that symbol which is firm and cannot be broken that signifies pillar of truth (Satya ka stambh) and the flag represents peace.

The Chhattisgarh government **renamed a section of the Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve to Guru Ghasidas National Park** in his honor.

They also established a Central University known as "**Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya**."

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