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Who is Mirza Ghalib & Why is he on Today's Google Doodle? – GK Notes PDF

Google India has paid tributes to Mirza Ghalib by creating a Google Doodle on 27th December 2017. He is featured in today's Google Doodle because 27th December 2017 will mark his 220th Birth Anniversary. Google frequently releases an image, gif or an interactive animation on their homepage to mark certain big or small events in History. These are popularly known as 'Google Doodles'. These doodles are designed by young illustrators & artists. You can definitely be asked Question based on these important personalities in many of the Government exams like IBPS Clerk, SSC CHSL, SSC CGL, etc. So here's all you need to know about Mirza Ghalib - The Last Great Poet of Mughal Era to score in your exam!

Mirza Ghalib - An Introduction

Mirza Asadullah Baig Khan was born in Agra on **27 December 1797**. He was a prominent Urdu and Persian language poet during the last years of the Mughal Empire and began composing poems from the age of 11. His poems and ghazals have been translated and recited in multiple languages across the globe. He was also honoured with the title of *Dabir-ul-Mulk* by Mughal emperor **Bahadur Shah Zafar II**. Following the decline of the Mughal Empire, Mirza Ghalib struggled to make a living, yet he kept his love of poems and ghazals strong.

Personal Life of Mirza Ghalib

- Mirza Ghalib was born in Kala Mahal, Agra.
- He worked at Lahore, Delhi and Jaipur, was awarded the subdistrict of Pahasu, UP and finally got settled in Agra.









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- Mirza Ghalib has 4 sons and three daughters.
- At the age of thirteen, Mirza Ghalib married Umrao Begum, daughter of Nawab Ilahi Bakhsh.
- After his marriage, he settled in Delhi and the house where he lived, in Old Delhi, has been turned into "Ghalib Memorial" commonly known as "Ghalib ki Haveli".
- He breathed his last on 15 February 1869. He was 71 years old.

Mirza Ghalib - Literary career

- Mirza Ghalib started composing poetry at the age of 11.
- In one of his letters, Ghalib describes his marriage as the second imprisonment after the initial confinement that was life itself.
- The Mughal emperor also appointed him as the royal historian of the Mughal court.
- His first language was Urdu but Persian and Turkish were also spoken at his home.

Famous Poems & Ghazals by Ghalib

Listed below are descriptions of some of the astonishing work done by Mirza Ghalib.

- The first complete English translation of Ghalib's ghazals was "Love Sonnets of Ghalib", written by Sarfaraz K. Niaz.
- Ghalib's life is the subject of hundreds of plays regularly performed in Northern India and Pakistan. These plays are based on his life and his personal and professional relationships.
- Gulzar produced a TV serial, Mirza Ghalib (1988) which was telecasted on DD National.
- Indian cinema has paid a tribute to the legendary poet through a film (in sepia/black and white) named *Mirza Ghalib* (1954).







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Some of the famous poems/ghazals by Mirza Ghalib are:

"hai baske har ik un ke ishaare men nishaan aur"

"na gul-e-naghma hun na pardah-e-saaz"

"baazicha-e-atafaal hai duniya mere aage"

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