



## PERSONALITY IN TODAY'S NEWS: SANT TUKARAM



### Sant Tukaram:

- 17th-century saint poet and philosopher.
- Key figure in the Bhakti movement of Maharashtra.
- Emphasized equality, devotion to God, and social reform.
- Contemporary of **Shivaji Maharaj**
- Belonged to the **Warkari sect** along with saints like **Dnyaneshwar, Eknath, and Namdev.**

### Key Contributions

- Renowned for his Abhanga devotional poetry.
- Abhanga are devotional hymns in praise of Lord Panduranga (Vitthal), an incarnation of Vishnu.
- Promoted community-oriented worship through spiritual songs known as Kirtans.
- Famous Work – **Tukaram Gatha** (1632-1650), a collection of about 4500 Abhanga in Marathi.