



## SUBRAMANIA BHARATI: PERSONALITY IN NEWS

**NEWS:** Subramania Bharati: A Tamil poet who considered Indian languages to be no inferior to English

### WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Subramania Bharati was a pioneering poet, nationalist, and social reformer who advocated for linguistic pride, gender equality, and caste abolition. His work continues to inspire with its call for India's freedom, unity, and empowerment.

### Subramania Bharati: A Multifaceted Icon



#### 1. A Life Dedicated to Poetry and Nationalism

- Subramania Bharati was a poet, journalist, freedom fighter, activist, and social reformer.
- Titles: Known as *Bharati* and *Mahakavi* for his exceptional contributions to literature and patriotism.
- His works reflect the ideals of nationalism, pride, and dedication to India.

#### 2. Mastery of Languages

- Bharati knew 32 languages, including Tamil, Telugu, and three foreign languages.
- A proud Tamil scholar, he considered Indian languages equal or superior to English.

#### 3. Advocating Literary and Cultural Pride

- Urged Indians to respect and take pride in their rich linguistic and cultural heritage.
- Emphasized the grandeur of Indian languages like Tamil and Telugu, describing Telugu as "Sundara Telugu."

#### 4. Vision of Freedom and Equality



- Defined freedom as liberation from hunger, caste discrimination, gender inequality, and narrow dogmatism.
- Advocated for caste equality by performing *upanayanam* for a Dalit and denouncing the caste system.

## 5. Respect for Global Contributions

- Appreciated foreigners who respected Indian culture, like Sister Nivedita, whom he described as the personification of Bharat Mata.

## 6. Champion of Women's Rights

- Advocated for women's education, participation in politics, and their role in societal transformation.
- Believed women should lead societal change, aligning with ancient Indian thought.

## 7. Relevance for Today

- Bharati's poetry and ideas continue to inspire youth.
- His birth anniversary on December 11 should be commemorated by integrating his life and works into educational curricula.

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