

Rabindranath Tagore's Santiniketan Inscribed In UNESCO World Heritage List

Why In News

- Santiniketan, The **Home Of Late Nobel Laureate** Rabindranath Tagore, Has Been Added To The UNESCO World Heritage Sites List.
- Santiniketan, The Town In West Bengal, Was Included In The UNESCO World Heritage List During The **45th Session** Of The World Heritage Committee In **Saudi Arabia**.



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- The Recommendation To Add The Site To The **UNESCO World Heritage List** Was Announced By Union Minister G Kishan Reddy In May.
- He Said In A Tweet, "Great News For India On The Jayanti Of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. Santiniketan In West Bengal Has Been Recommended For Inscription To The World Heritage List **By ICOMOS**, The Advisory Body To UNESCO World Heritage Centre."
- **International Council On Monuments And Sites (ICOMOS)** Is A France-Based International Body Dedicated To The Conservation And Enhancement Og Global Architecture And Heritage.

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Rabindranath Tagore

- He Was Born In Calcutta On **7th May 1861**.
- He Was Also Referred To As 'Gurudev', 'Kabiguru', And 'Biswakabi'.
- Composed Over 2000 Songs And His Songs And Music Are Called '**Rabindra Sangeet**'.
- He Published His First Poems Aged 16 Under The Pen-Name '**Bhanusimha**'.
- Gave The National Anthems For Two Countries, India And Bangladesh.
- In 1915 He Was **Awarded Knighthood** By The British King George V. In 1919, Following The Jallianwalla Bagh Massacre, He Renounced His Knighthood. He Died On 7th August 1941 In Calcutta.

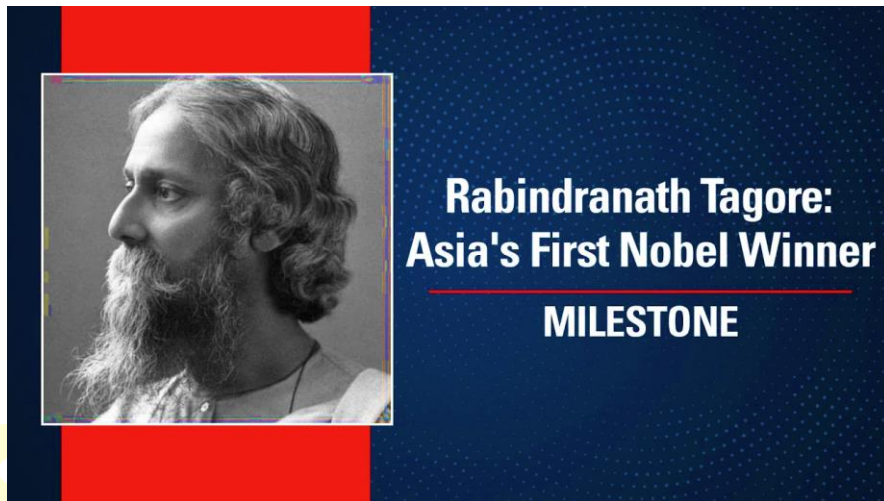
Rabindra Sangeet

A collaboration of Tagore's
unreal lyricism and paired
with some blissful vocals



Rabindranath Tagore Nobel Prize

- Poet Rabindranath Tagore Won The **Nobel Prize For Literature In 1913** For His Collection Gitanjali Published In London In 1912.
- The Prize Gained Even More Significance By Being Given To An Indian For The First Time.
- This Honour Established Tagore's Literary Reputation Worldwide.



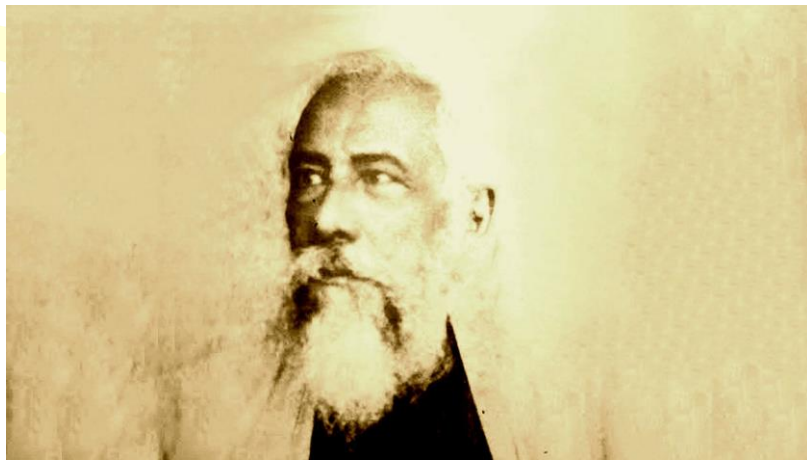
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What Is Santiniketan

- Santiniketan Was Originally Called **Bhubandanga**, After The Name Of The Village Where It Was Located.
- Santiniketan Is A Renowned Cultural And Heritage Place Located In **Birbhum District, West Bengal**, India. It Holds Historical Significance And Is Known For Its Association With Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

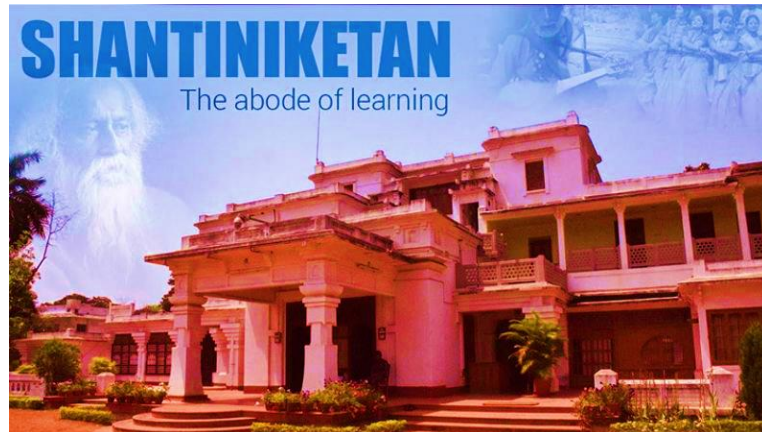


- Santiniketan, Popularly Known Today As A University Town, A Hundred Miles To The North Of Kolkata, Was Originally An Ashram Built By **Debendranath Tagore**, Where Anyone, Irrespective Of Caste And Creed, Could Come And Spend Time Meditating On The One Supreme God.



Rabindranath Tagore & Santiniketan

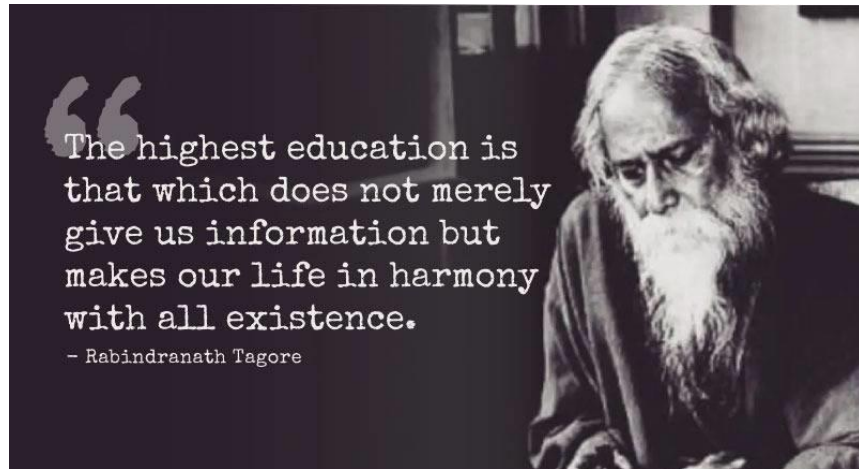
- Rabindranath Tagore First Visited Shantiniketan On 27 January 1878 When He Was 17 Years Old.
- On 22nd December 1901, Rabindranath Tagore Established His School At Santiniketan With Five Students (Including His Eldest Son) And An Equal Number Of Teachers. He Originally Named It **Brahmacharya Ashram** In The Tradition Of Ancient Forest Hermitages.



- Centre For Art Based On Ancient Indian Traditions And A Vision Of The Unity Of Humanity Transcending Religious And Cultural Boundaries.
- A 'World University' Was Established At Santiniketan In 1921, Recognizing The Unity Of Humanity Or "**Visva Bharati**".



- Distinct From The Prevailing British Colonial Architectural Orientations Of The Early 20th Century And Of European Modernism, Santiniketan Represents Approaches Toward A Pan-Asian Modernity, Drawing On Ancient, Medieval And Folk Traditions From Across The Region.



Other UNESCO World Heritage Site In West Bengal

- Sundarbans National Park (1987)
- Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (1999)
- December 2021, UNESCO Included Kolkata's Durga Puja in
- List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

