

# Mahaparinirvan Diwas : BR Ambedkar Death Anniversary

## Why In News

- The Janawadi Chhatra Sangha, Jagatika Lingayat Mahasabha and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Mahaparinirvan Committee will be observing **67th Mahaparinirvan Diwas**. Maharashtra govt declares Mahaparinirvan Din a public holiday in Mumbai.



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- As per the Buddhist text **Mahaparinibbana Sutta**, the **death of Lord Buddha** at the age of 80 is considered as the original Mahaparinirvan.



- Mahaparinirvan Din, also known as the **death anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**, is observed on December 6th each year.
- Parinirvana represents a fundamental concept in Buddhism, **signifying the attainment of nirvana or liberation** during one's lifetime and even after death.
- "**Mahaparinirvan**" is a Sanskrit term that means the ultimate nirvana or liberation.



- Mahaparinirvan Din is a **day of remembrance and a time for reflection** on the progress made in pursuing Ambedkar's ideals and the challenges that persist in achieving a more just and equitable society.
- People must renew their commitment to the principles of equality, social justice, and human rights that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar advocated throughout his life.

## Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar

- He was **born in 1891 in Mhow**, Central Province (now Madhya Pradesh).
- Dr BR Ambedkar, fondly known as **Baba Saheb** was a jurist, economist, politician and social reformer who inspired several social movements later.



- Dr BR Ambedkar, who **campaigned against social discrimination** against Untouchables (Dalits), was the **first law minister of independent India**.
- He **resigned from the cabinet in 1951**, over differences on the **Hindu Code Bill**.
- He **converted to Buddhism in 1956**.
- In **1990**, Dr Ambedkar was conferred with the **Bharat Ratna**, India's highest civilian award.
- Baba Saheb **died on December 6, 1956**, after he had converted to Buddhism fulfilling his declaration of "**I will not die a Hindu**".
- **Chaitya Bhoomi** is a memorial to B R Ambedkar, located in Mumbai.



## Important Works

- **Journals:** Mooknayak, Bahishkrit Bharat, Samatha, Janata
- **Books:** Annihilation of Caste, Buddha or Karl Marx, The Untouchable: Who are They and Why They Have Become Untouchables, Buddha and His Dhamma, The Rise and Fall of Hindu Women
- **Organisations :** Bahishkrit Hitkarini Sabha (1923), Independent Labor Party (1936), Scheduled Castes Federation (1942)

