

Parakram Diwas - January 23 [UPSC Notes]

January 23, 2021, marked the 125th birth anniversary of Indian nationalist and one of the greatest freedom fighters who fought for the country, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

To honour him and his contribution to the freedom struggle of India, the Central Government had announced January 23rd as Parakram Diwas, beginning from 2021.

Why is January 23rd selected as Parakram Diwas?

In order to honour and remember Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's indomitable spirit and selfless service to the nation, the Government of India has decided to celebrate his birthday on the 23rd day of January every year as "**Parakram Diwas**" to inspire people of the country, especially the youth, to act with fortitude in the face of adversity as Netaji did, and to infuse in them a spirit of patriotic fervour.

About Parakram Diwas 2021

- A gazetted notification was issued by the government of India on January 19, 2021, in order to declare January 23rd as Parakram Diwas every year, henceforth
- Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Museum has been set up at Red Fort, New Delhi
- Commemorative coin and stamps on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were released on the occasion
- The Government of India is also celebrating other days related to Subhas Chandra Bose and Azad Hind Fauj (INA):
 - **April 14 as Moirang Day** - British army was defeated on the Indian soil
 - **October 21** - INA Rising Day

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - A Brief Background

Subhas Chandra Bose was born in Cuttack. He was selected for the Indian Civil Services (ICS) but refused to take up service since he did not want to serve the British government.

He coined the term '*Jai Hind*' and some of the positions acquired by him include:

- President of the All India Youth Congress
- Secretary of the Bengal State Congress
- CEO of the Calcutta Municipal Corporation
- Mayor of Calcutta

His contribution in the Indian freedom struggle was exceptional and he made significant attempts to defy colonialism.