

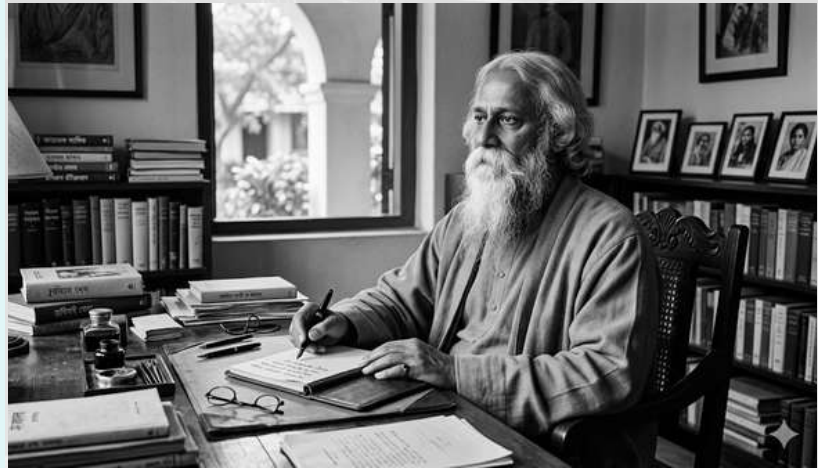


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1 Rabindranath Tagore (Source: The PIB)

The first Indian to have won a Nobel prize in literature.

- He was affectionately called as **Gurudev** by Gandhiji
- Tagore had used the pseudonym Bhanusimha for publishing his works.
- He is credited with composing the national anthems of India – Jana Gana Mana and of Bangladesh- Amar Sonar Bangala.
- Founded the Santiniketan and Visva-Bharati university.
- He renounced his knighthood in response to Jallianwala Bagh Massacre.



Books Written by Tagore

- Geetanjali, which won him the Nobel Prize.
- Kabuliwala-Story of friendship between Afgan dry fruit seller and a little girl.
- Gora, which revolves around tales in colonial India.

2 Afsluitdijk (Source: The PIB)

- It is a major sea barrier in the Netherlands that protects low-lying areas from seawater intrusion.
- It separates the saltwater Wadden Sea from the freshwater IJsselmeer lake.
- It can help with inland navigation, freshwater management, and renewable energy generation.
- The project has similarities with the Kalpasar Project in Gujarat across the Gulf of Khambhat.



3 Eri Silk (Source: The PIB)

- It is a sustainable silk that is harvested without killing the silkworm. It is indigenous to the northeast India, especially the state of Assam.
- Mulberry, Tasar (Kosa), Muga, and Eri are the four varieties of silk grown in India.
- It is also known as the "Pashmina of silk."
- The silkworm feeds on the leaves of the castor tree.





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4 Cabinet Ministers (Source: The Hindu)

- Cabinet ministers are part of the council of ministers headed by the Chief Minister in the state or the Prime Minister at the centre.
- They are ministers who head important ministries like defence or home.
- The cabinet, headed by the Chief Minister or Prime Minister at the state or union level, discusses matters of importance.
- The term cabinet is included in the Constitution under Article 352 as per the 44th Amendment Act.