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1 Guru Ravidas (Source: The Indian Express)

Guru Ravidas was a 15th–16th century **Bhakti saint (Nirguna Bhakti Tradition)**, mystic poet, and social reformer.

- Also called Raidas, Rohidas, or Ravidas
- Born in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- **Traditionally regarded as a disciple of Ramananda and a contemporary of Kabir.**

Philosophy and Teaching

- Emphasizing devotion to a formless God, social equality, and the rejection of caste discrimination.
- Rejected ritualism, superstition, and empty religious practices.
- He put forward the idea of **Begumpura ("City without Sorrow")**.

Note

- 41 hymns of Guru Ravidas are included in the Guru Granth Sahib
- Meera Bai accepted Guru Ravidas as her spiritual guide (Guru).
- Many of his poems are also in the Panch Vani text of the Dadu Panthi tradition within Hinduism.





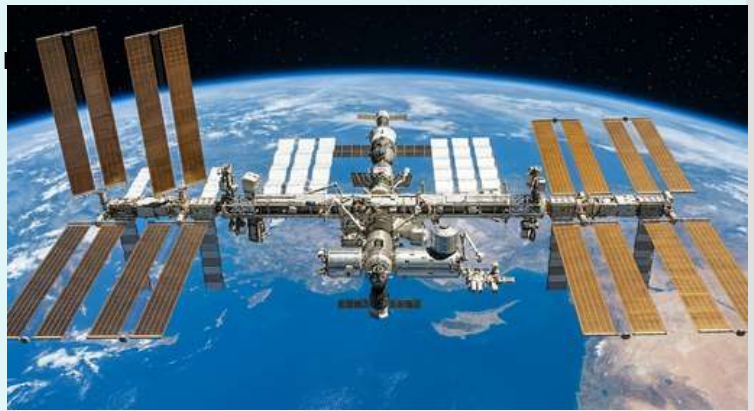
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2 International Space Station (ISS) (Source: The Hindu)

The International Space Station (ISS) is a modular laboratory in low Earth orbit.

Key Features

- ISS is a joint project between NASA, Roscosmos, ESA, JAXA, and CSA.
- November 2025 marked 25 years of continuous human presence aboard the International Space Station.
- The primary Mission Control centers are in the US and Russia, and several ancillary control centers in Canada, Japan, and Europe also have a role in managing each nation's elements and crew members.
- The station will continue to be a working laboratory and outpost in orbit until at least 2030.
- The International Space Station is the largest human-made object ever to orbit Earth.
- Supply to station has been provided by Space Shuttle, Russian Progress and Soyuz, Japanese H-II Transfer Vehicle (HTV), European Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV) and commercial Dragon, Cygnus, and Starliner vehicles.



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3 Difference Between Kharif and Rabi Seasons in India (Source: The Hindu)

Kharif Season

- **Sowing:** June–July
- **Harvesting:** September–October
- **Climate:** Warm, humid, high rainfall
- **Other Name:** Also called Monsoon Crops
- **Major Crops:** Rice, Maize, Jowar, Bajra, Cotton, Soybean, Groundnut, Tur (Arhar), Sugarcane
- **Key States:** West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra



Rabi Season

- **Sowing:** October–December
- **Harvesting:** March–April
- **Climate:** Cool and dry
- **Other Name:** Also called Winter Season Crops
- **Major Crops:** Wheat, Barley, Gram, Mustard, Peas, Linseed
- **Key States:** Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar.

