

## **Famous Personalities of Uttar Pradesh**

### **1. Gautama Buddha**

- The founder of Buddhism, Gautama Buddha, was born in Lumbini, 563 BC, in the house of King Shroudhan of Ikshvaku Kshatriya Shakyakul.
- His mother's name was Mahamaya which was from the Koli dynasty
- His wife's name was Yashodhara and the son's name was Rahul.
- After the harsh practice of the years, he got knowledge under Bodhi tree in Bodh Gaya (Bihar), he gave his first sermon in Sarnath, which is called the Dramaprabartak Chakra
- In 483 BC at 80 years of age died (Mahaparinirvana) in Kushinagar Uttar Pradesh.

### **2. Banabhatta**

- Banabhatta was a writer and poet of Sanskrit prose of the seventh century.
- He was the poet during the King Harshvardhan's reign (606 BC to 646 BC).
- His two major works are Harshacharitam and Kadambari.

### **3. Ziauddin Barani**

- Ziauddin Barani was a historian and political thinker who lived in India during the time of Muhammad bin Tughlaq and Feroz Shah Tughlaq.
- 'Tarikh-i-Ferozshahi' is his famous historical work. Ziauddin Barani was born in the Syed family in 1285 AD.
- Ziauddin was a resident of Baran (modern Bulandshahr), so he used to add Barni in his name.
- He died in 1357 AD.

### **4. Amir Khusro**

- His real name was - Abul Hassan Yemenuddin Muhammad.
- Amir Khusro was born in the Patiali village (Kasganj) in Uttar Pradesh's Etah district in 1253.
- He was a Persian poet and used writing in Hindavi.
- He used to call himself parrot-e-Hind.
- He is credited with the invention of the Khadi Boli.

### **5. Abul Fazal**

- He was born on **14 January 1551 in Agra.**

- Abul Fazl was the second son of Sheikh Mubarak Nagori.
- His two compositions are **Akbarnama** and **Nayne Akbari**.
- In 1602, Bundela king Veerasinghadeo killed Abul Fazl by provoking Prince Salim.

#### 6. **Birbal**

- Birbal was one of the Navaratnas in the court of Mughal emperor Akbar.
- Birbal's satirical stories and poetry compositions made him famous.
- Birbal was born in 1528 AD in the city of Kanpur, in 'Trikikampur', ie, in Tikwapur.
- Birbal had adopted **the Din-i-Elahi religion**. He died in 1586 AD.

#### 7. **Sir Syed Amad Khan**

- Syed Ahmed Khan was born on October 17, 1817, in Sadat (Syed), Delhi.
- He was a teacher, lawmakers, and writers and was the founder of the Anglo-Mohammedan Oriental College, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.
- Sir Syed Ahmed was a reformer and a visionary, who made effort throughout his life for education among Muslims

#### 8. **Rani Lakshmi Bai**

- Rani Lakshmibai was a freedom fighter in the first Indian freedom struggle of 1857.
- She was born on 19 November 1835 in Bhadaini town of Varanasi. Rani Laxmibai's childhood name was Manikarnika, people used to call her as Manu.
- Manu's mother's name was Bhagirathibhai and father's name was Moropant Tambe. She was married to Maharaj Gangadhar of Jhansi.
- Opposing Dalhousie's doctrine of lapse she died fighting the British in Gwalior on June 18, 1858

#### 9. **Nana Saheb**

- Nana Saheb was one of the architects of the first struggle of Indian independence of 1857. His original name was 'Dhondumpant'.
- In the freedom struggle, Nana Saheb led the rebels against the British in Kanpur.
- Nana Sahib was born in 1824 in the house of Madhavarnayana Rao, a resident of Venugram.
- His father was a brother of Peshwa Bajirao II.

### 10. Tatya Tope

- Tatya Tope was born in 1814 AD in the village of Yeola in Patauda district near Nashik.
- His father's name Pandurang Triambak Bhatt and mother's name was Rukmini Bai.
- He was the commander of the army of Nana Saheb.

### 11. Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya

- Mahamna Madan Mohan Malaviya was born on 25 December 1861 in a Brahmin family of Allahabad. His father's name was Brajnath Malaviya and mother's name was Munadevi.
- Malviya Ji founded **Banaras Hindu University in the year 1915.**
- He was elected Congress president in the year **1909, 1918, 1930 and 1932.**
- He died at the age of 85 years of age on 12 November 1946.
- The Government of India honored him with **Bharat Ratna on December 24, 2014.**

### 12. Motilal Nehru

- Motilal Nehru was born on May 6, 1861, in Agra. He was the father of first Prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru.
- He chaired the Congress session of **1919 in Amritsar and Calcutta in 1928.**
- In 1923, he along with CR Das set up Swaraj Party.
- He was president of the **Indian Constitution Commission** established by Congress in **1928.** This commission presented the **Nehru Report.**
- Motilal Nehru passed away in Allahabad in 1931.

### 13. Ramprasad Bismil

- Ram Prasad Bismil was born on June 11, 1897, in Shahjahanpur district of Uttar Pradesh. His father's name was Murlidhar and his mother's name was Basmati.
- Ram Prasad Bismil was a freedom fighter, poet, translator, historian, and literary writer.
- Sarfrosi ki Tamanna is his composition. He was involved in kakori train robbery. And was hanged by the British government on December 19, 1927, in Gorakhpur Jail.

### 14. Mangal Pandey

- Mangal Pandey was born on 30<sup>th</sup> January in Nagwa village of Ballia district.

- He was a platoon soldier in "34th Bengal Native Infantry" stationed at Military Cantonment of Barrackpur near Kolkata.
- He refused to use greased cartridges and mutinied and killed his adjutant and was hanged On 8 April 1857

### 15. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

- Jawaharlal Nehru was born on 14th November 1889 in Allahabad.
- In 1947, he became the first Prime Minister of independent India.
- His sister **Vijayalakshmi Pandit** later became the first woman president of United Nations General Assembly.
- In 1916 He got married to Kamala Nehru, and in 1923, he was made the general secretary of Indian National Congress.
- Jawaharlal Nehru died on May 27, 1964, due to a heart attack.

### 16. Lal Bahadur Shastri

- Lal Bahadur Shastri was born on 2 October 1904 in Mughalsarai (Uttar Pradesh).
- After the death of Jawaharlal Nehru, he was made the Prime Minister of India on June 9, 1964. He died in Tashkent.
- He was awarded **Bharat Ratna** in **1966**. He gave "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan" slogan.

### 17. Kabir Das

- Saint Kabirdas was a famous poet of Hindi literature, He though his poems, Dohe criticized many ill practices prevalent in the society.
- He was born in 1425 AD in Varanasi.
- He was raised by Neelu-Neema.
- His main composition is Sakhi, Sabad, Ramani.

### 18. Tulsidas

- He is considered one of the best poets of Hindi language He was born in 1552 in Rajapur, Uttar Pradesh.
- His master's name was Narharidas.
- His main works include Ramcharitmanas, Vinayastika, Dahavali, Kavitavali, Hanuman Chalisa, Vairagya Sandeepani, Janaki Mangal, Parvati Mangal etc. He died in 1680.

### 19. Surdas

- Surdas was a poet of Hindi literature, was born in 1478 AD. He is said to be blind by birth.
- His main compositions are Saurasagar, Surasaravali, Sahitya Lahari His master's name was Balbhacharya He died in 1583.

## **20. Ustad Bismillah Khan**

- Bismillah Khan was born on March 21, 1916 in Dumraon, Bihar.
- Famous **Shehnai maestro** honored with '**Bharat Ratna**' (2001)
- Bismillah Khan was honored with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1956.
- He was also honored with the Tansen Award by the Government in Madhya Pradesh.
- He died on August 21, 2006.

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