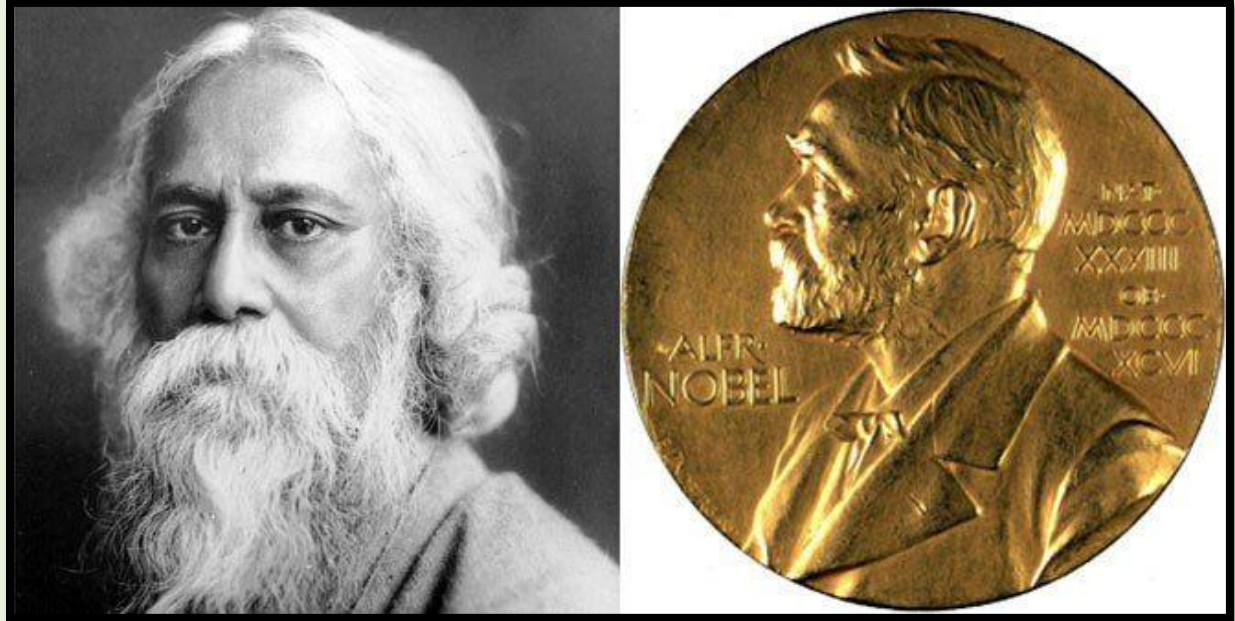


Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti



Rabindranath Tagore (7 May 1861 – 7 August 1941), sobriquet **Gurudev**, **Kobiguru**, **Biswakobi** was an Indian polymath – poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer, and painter. He reshaped Bengali literature and music, as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Author of the profoundly sensitive, fresh, and beautiful verse of **Gitanjali** he became in 1913 the first non-European as well as the first lyricist to win the **Nobel Prize in Literature**. He is sometimes referred to as the **Bard of Bengal**. His compositions were chosen by two nations as national anthems: India (Jana Gana Mana) and Bangladesh (Amar Shonar Bangla). The Sri Lankan national anthem was inspired by his work.

As a humanist, universalist, internationalist, and ardent anti-nationalist, he denounced the British Raj and advocated independence from Britain. In 1915, he was granted knighthood by the British Crown, which he renounced after the 1919 ‘Jallianwala Bagh massacre.’ As an exponent of the Bengal Renaissance, he advanced a vast canon that comprised paintings, sketches and doodles,

hundreds of texts, and some two thousand songs; his legacy also endures in the institution he founded, Visva-Bharati University.

We, at Vivek College of Commerce, pay our sincere homage to this great personality.

