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#Thread on Shivkar Bapuji Talpade

How many of us have heard of this man?

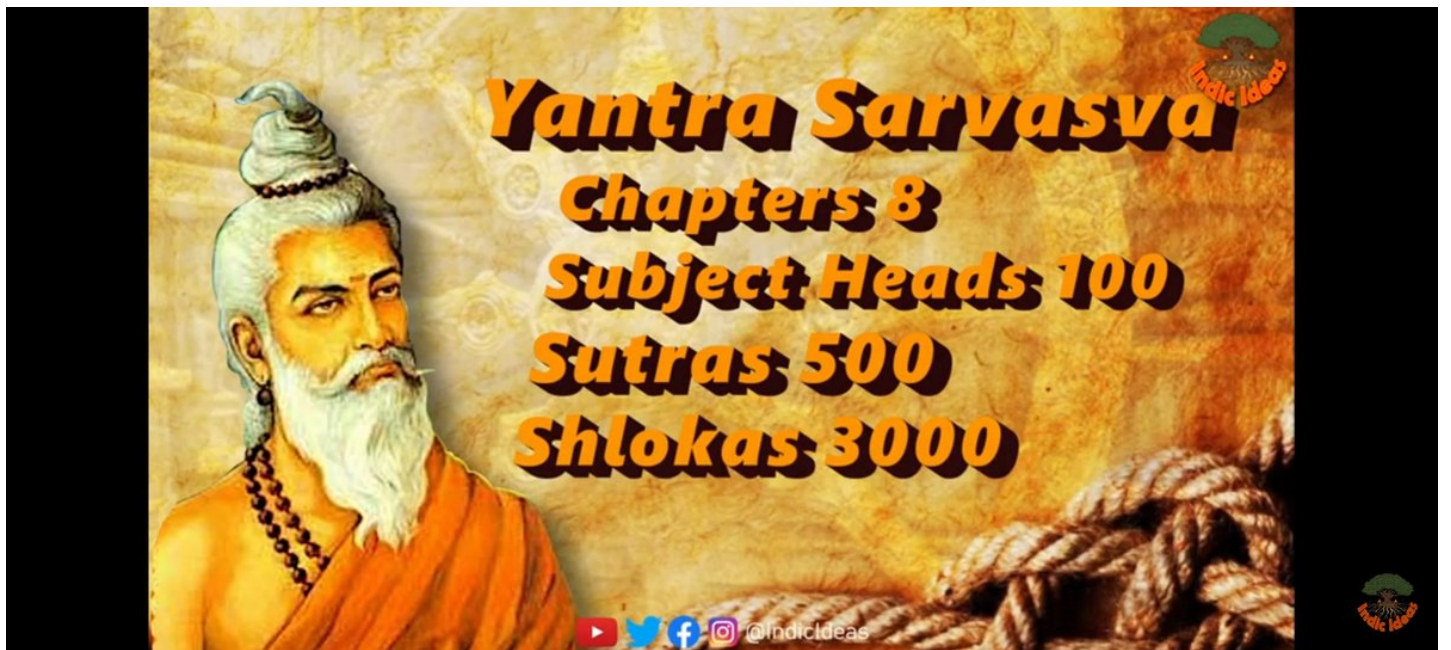
Why did he die an unknown death despite being a genius?

Were we ever told about him in the school?

Check out this video for more

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Rishi Bharadwaj, one of the Saptarishis, dealt with "The Science of Aeronautics" in work called "Yantrasarvasva" in 8 chapters, 100 subject heads comprising of 500 Sutras and 3000 shlokas.



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Shivkar Bapuji Talpade got fascinated by the Vaimanika Shastra flew an unmanned aircraft successfully in 1885, 8 years before the Wright Brothers.

He named this aircraft as Marut Sakha. Marut = wind and Sakha = Friend. "The Friend of Winds".



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Around 3000 people witnessed this at Bombay Chowpatty and famous people like the Maharaja of Baroda was also present there.

His aircraft flew at a height of 1500 ft whereas the aircraft designed by Wright Brothers flew only to a height of 120 ft.



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The British were so disappointed with this that they stopped everyone from helping Talpade financially and had threatened to take the kingdom of Baroda if the Maharaja of Baroda did so.



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The British were successful. Tapade couldn't continue his research due to limited resources & his personal circumstances.

He soon dies thereafter an unknown death.

Didn't he deserve a Nobel Prize?

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