

A STUDY ON THE UNGLORIFIED WOMEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Women in ancient India occupied a dignified place. They participated in the outdoor life as circumstances and situations demanded and there were hardly any prescribed positions exclusively earmarked for men. All the high avenues of learning were open to women. Some of the customs which affected their contribution to Indian Nationalism were: infanticide, child marriage, conditions of widows, polygamy, offering girls to the deity and prejudice against women education. After a long struggle, they overcome these superstitious beliefs and got success in various fields. The history of Indian Freedom Movement would be incomplete without mentioning the contributions of women. The sacrifice made by the women of India will occupy the foremost place. They fought with true spirit and undaunted courage and faced various tortures, exploitations and hardships to earn freedom. When most of the men freedom fighters were in prison, the women came forward and took charge of the struggle. Tamil Nadu has a great tradition of heritage and culture that has developed over 2000 years and still continues to flourish. British men considered India as market to sell their business product. So, from the beginning itself their aim was exploiting the Indian economy whenever economic dullness happened, they dumped their Goods in India and sold it in later days they introduced many changes. More than the Indian Kings to eradicate misbelief and women freedom. In the British period the education of women was encouraged and this resulted change in the position of women the educated women rise the voice against British domination and entered into the freedom struggle. Some of the women lost their money, Jewels, home, etc., All the top leaders were arrested, but thousands of common people with the inspiring slogan Karange ye Marange – Do or Die came forward. In some cases, they gave a strong shoulder to men fighters. They were very brave and courage. Number of women participated in the freedom struggle of India and very few we came to know. Numerous unknown women fighters and their efforts were hidden. We should bring out their participation too to all. Now we are breathing a free air because of their lost breath for our freedom. We should salute the effort taken by the women warriors and their success in freedom.

Women Who Were Also Part of the Freedom Struggle, But May Not Feature in All Our History Books.

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