

Celebrating Women's History Month

Banerjee Durga - Captain Durga Banerjee became the first Indian woman pilot of the state airline, Indian Airlines.



Bedi Kiran - Joining the Indian Police Service (IPS) in 1972, Kiran Bedi became the first woman officer in India. Kiran Bedi also became the first woman who was appointed as the United Nations Civil Police adviser in 2003.



Justice Anna Chandy – Justice Anna Chandy was the first female judge in India. She was also the first woman in India to become a High Court judge on the Kerala High Court.



Reena Kaushal Dharmshaktu – Reena Kaushal Dharmshaktu was the first Indian woman to ski to the South Pole. Her journey took 40 days, traversing 915 kms in bitter cold in one of the most desolate regions of the world.



Reita Faria – In 1966, Reita Faria was the first Indian woman to win the coveted Miss World title.



Indira Gandhi – Indira Gandhi was the first woman Prime Minister of India and served from 1966 to 1977. She was also the first woman to receive the Bharat Ratna award. The Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award of the Republic of India and was instituted in 2 January 1954.



Anandi Gopal Joshi - Anandi Gopal Joshi became the first woman from India to be trained in Western medicine.



Mangte Chungneijang – Mangte Chungneijang, also known as Mary Kom, is the only woman boxer who has won a medal in each of the six World Championships. She was the only Indian woman boxer to qualify for the 2012 Olympics and became the first Indian woman boxer to win a gold medal in the Asian Games in 2014.



Rani Lakshmibai – Rani Lakshmibai led a rebellion against British Colonization.



Sania Mirza – Sania Mirza, a professional tennis player, became the first Indian woman to win a Women's Tennis Association (WTA) title in 2005. In 2015, Sania Mirza became the first Indian woman to be ranked no. 1 in the WTA's double rankings.



Sarojini Naidu - Sarojini Naidu was a poet and politician. Naidu served as the first governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh in India from 1947 to 1949. She was the first woman to become the governor of an Indian state. Naidu was the second woman to become the president of the Indian National Congress in 1925.



Amruta Patil - India's First Woman Graphic Novelist



Savitribai Phule - Started India's first school for girls.



Madurai Shanmukhavadiyu – Madurai Subbulakshmi, also known as M.S., was a renowned Carnatic vocalist. Carnatic is the main style of classical music in India. In 1974, she was the first musician to be awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honor, she was also the first Indian musician to receive the Ramon Magsaysay award, Asia's highest civilian award.



Suzanne RD Tata - Suzanne RD Tata was the first Indian woman to drive a car.

