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Major Indira Gandhi Facts on her 100th Birth Anniversary - GK Notes for Banking & SSC in PDF

Indira Gandhi - The first woman Prime Minister of India was one inspirational human being. Her life is one big example for people who look up to her & admire her dynamic personality. From being a daughter & Personal Assistant of her Prime Minister father to being the Prime Minister herself, her career graph & journey is a history in itself. On her Birth Centenary, let us look back at the history & know major Indira Gandhi facts. If you are preparing for any Government Recruitment Exam like SSC CGL, IBPS PO, RBI Assistant, etc., then you can begin your preparation with this GK article itself! This article will help you with Mrs Gandhi's childhood, Early Political Career, Family, her tenure as the Prime Minister, etc!

“I am proud that I spent the whole of my life in the service of my people. I shall continue to serve until my last breath and when I die, I can say, that every drop of my blood will invigorate India and strengthen it” – Indira Gandhi

Every word in this quotation has depth and every word promulgates the loyalty and the dedication for the people of India. A woman, a wife, a mother, and a leader – These are some of the roles that Mrs Indira Gandhi has played in her life. Here is a synopsis of her journey from a child to a leader of the nation.

Childhood - Indira Gandhi Facts

Mrs Indira Gandhi was born in a Kashmiri Pandit family on **19th November 1917** in Allahabad. Her father, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, was an epitome of the Indian freedom





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struggle and became the first Prime Minister of free India. She grew up in the loving care of her mother, Mrs Kamala Nehru.

Education - Indira Gandhi Facts

Mrs Indira Gandhi passed here Matriculation from Pune University and then went to Shantiniketan in West Bengal for further studies. From Shantiniketan, she travelled to Switzerland and then to Oxford University in London. In the year 1936, her mother succumbed to tuberculosis, and immediately after this catastrophic event, Mrs. Gandhi returned to India.

Early Political Career - Indira Gandhi Facts

Mrs Indira Gandhi was a central figure of the Indian National Congress and till date, she is the only female Prime Minister of Independent India.

- She served as the Prime Minister of India from January 1966 to March 1977 and was again re-elected as the Prime Minister of India from January 1980 till her assassination in October 1984.
- This stint as the Prime Minister made her the **second longest serving Indian Prime Minister** after her father.
- Between the years 1947 and 1964, she served as the PA (personal assistant) of her father.
- “**Garibi Hatao**”, which means abolish poverty was the theme and slogan of Mrs Indira Gandhi’s 1971 Election Bid.
- This slogan was then later used by her son Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

Personal Life - Indira Gandhi Facts

Despite her father’s objections, Indira Gandhi married **Feroze Gandhi** in the year 1941. Indira Gandhi gave birth to sons – Rajiv Gandhi and Sanjay Gandhi – in the years



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1944 and 1946 respectively. On 8th September 1960, Feroze Gandhi died following a major cardiac arrest.

Books Written by her/on her - Indira Gandhi Facts

Here is a list of books authored/co-authored by Indira Gandhi

Name of Book	Authors and Co-Authors
The Discovery of India	Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi (Foreword), Kishori Ghosh
Indira Gandhi: My Truth (Grove Press Eastern Philosophy and Literature Series)	Indira Gandhi, Emmanuel Poughpadass (Editor)
My Truth	Indira Gandhi
What I am, Indira Gandhi in conversation with Pupul Jayakar	Indira Gandhi, Pupul Jayakar
Eternal India	Indira Gandhi, Jean Louis Nou (Photographer)
Indira Gandhi, Letters To A Personal Friend	Indira Gandhi



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Indira Gandhi, Letters to an American Friend 1950-1984	Indira Gandhi
Remembered Moments: Some Autobiographical Writings Of Indira Gandhi	Indira Gandhi
Indira Gandhi On Peoples And Problems	Indira Gandhi
Indira Gandhi	Indira Gandhi
Indira Gandhi: Selected Sayings	Indira Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi (Foreword)
Indira Gandhi On Herself And Her Times: Her Last And Only Autobiographical Interview With Nemaï Sadhan Bose	Indira Gandhi
Indira Gandhi, speeches & writings	Indira Gandhi
Of Man And His Environment	Indira Gandhi
Indira Gandhi Speaks on Democracy, Socialism, and Third World Nonalignment	Indira Gandhi, Henry M. Christman (Editor)
India	Indira Gandhi



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Kashmir and Beyond, 1966-84: Select Correspondence Between Indira Gandhi and Karan Singh	Indira Gandhi
Frontiers of Peace Economics and Peace Science	Ramesh Misra (Editor), Indira Gandhi (Editor)
Indira Gandhi: Apostle of National Integration	Devendra N. Panigrahi, Indira Gandhi
Letters from a Father to His Daughter	Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi (Prefaced by)

Indira Gandhi as Prime Minister - Indira Gandhi Facts

Developmental Efforts:

Following the demise of Lal Bahadur Shastri on 11th January 1966, Indira Gandhi was sworn in as the Prime Minister of India.

- During her stint as the first woman Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi first proposal was the **Abolition of Privy Purse** to former rulers of the Princely States.
- Then, in the year 1969, **14 banks were nationalized** and this created a whole new revolution in the banking and finance sector.



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- The **Green Revolution** and the **White Revolution**, which augmented India's growth, happened during Mrs Indira Gandhi's reign.
- India's entry into the **Nuclear Age** and the alliance with the USSR gave impetus to India's defence capabilities.

Operation Blue Star:

- Operation Blue Star is considered to be one of the most important events in the history of Mrs Gandhi.
- Under the orders of the then Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, the Indian military entered the Golden Temple to drive out the Sikh extremist religious leader, **Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale** and his armed followers.
- Although this operation got rid of the extremist leader, there were very high civilian casualties.
- This move was widely criticized by the Sikh community worldwide and also resulted in the resignations of many Sikh personnel from government administrative positions.
- Few months after Operation Blue Star, Mrs Indira Gandhi was assassinated by Sikh bodyguards on **31st October 1984**.

Important Dates & Major Milestones - Indira Gandhi Facts

Given below are important dates and major milestones in the life of Indira Gandhi

Important Dates	Milestones
19th November 1917	Mrs. Indira Gandhi was born in Anand Bhuvan



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At the age of 17	Mrs. Gandhi went to the Vishwa Bharati University – Shantiniketan in Bengal
28th February 1936	Mrs. Gandhi's mother Kamala Nehru passes away
1959	Mrs. Indira Gandhi became the president of the Indian National Congress
27th May 1964	Pandit Nehru passes away
1966	Lal Bahadur Shastri passes away
March 1972	Prime Minister Indira Gandhi signs the agreement of friendship and cooperation with Bangladesh
June 1975	Emergency was declared until March 1977
1984	Holy Golden Temple in Amritsar, Punjab was taken over by Sikh extremists
October 31, 1984	Indira Gandhi was assassinated outside her home by two of her trusted bodyguards - Beant Singh & Satwant Singh



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These were some of the major milestones in Mrs Indira Gandhi's life. On her 100th Birth Anniversary this year, we shall remember her & pay tributes to this '**Iron Lady of India**'.

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