





## Who is Fearless Nadia & Why is She on Today's Google Doodle?

Google India has paid tributes to **Fearless Nadia** by creating a **Google Doodle** on 8th January 2018. She is featured in today's Google Doodle because 8th January 2018 will mark her **110th Birth Anniversary**. Google frequently releases an image, gif or an interactive animation on their homepage to mark certain big or small events in History. These are popularly known as '**Google Doodles**'. These doodles are designed by young illustrators & artists. You can definitely be asked Question based on these important personalities in many of the Government exams like IBPS Clerk, *SSC CHSL*, SSC CGL, etc. So here's all you need to know about **Mary Evans Wadia or Fearless Nadia** to score in your exam!

## **Fearless Nadia - An Introduction**

Mary Ann Evans - is what she was named after birth, was born on **8th January 1908.** She is one of the first women to be a lead in the history Indian Cinema. Mary Ann Evans, also popularly known by her name after marriage - **Mary Evans Wadia** earlier worked in the Theatre Industry along with Zarko Circus in 1930. She was introduced to Indian Cinema by Jamshed J.B.H. Wadia. This blue-eyed blonde girl soon became popular with the audience which bagged her the main role in the famous movie - **Hunterwali (1935).** 

A recent Indian movie - **Rangoon**, was based on the character of Fearless Nadia. Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut played the role of Jaanbaaz Julia, which was a tribute to this fearless female.













### Personal Life of Fearless Nadia

- Fearless Nadia or Mary Ann Evans was born in Perth, Australia. Her father was working with the British Army, so she had to move to India at 5 years of age.
- Being the daughter of an army man, she learned horse-riding, hunting, fishing, and shooting. During this time, she stayed with her family in North-West Frontier Province.
- With the death of her father in 1915 due to WWI, she and her mother moved to Mumbai. She learned ballet during this time.
- She married Wani Wadia later in her life.
- She changed her named to Nadia because a fortune-teller once told her that her name should start with an 'N'.

#### Fearless Nadia - Career

- Having learnt so many skills growing up, she had various opportunities to showcase them in her career.
- Apart from working with the Zarko Circus, she was a theatre artist. This helped polish her acting skills.
- Her first movie role was in the movie, **Desh Deepak** as a slave girl.
- Later, she got the role of a princess in the movie, *Noor-e-Yaman*.
- Hunterwali came later in life, which gave her the tag of 'Fearless Nadia".

### **Fearless Nadia - Recognition**

- Mary Ann Wadia or Fearless Nadia was called as the 'Stunt Queen of India'.
- Her great-grandnephew, Riyad Vinci Wadia made a documentary on her called *Fearless: The Hunterwali Story*.
- After watching this documentary in the Berlin International Film Festival in 1993, a
   German writer Dorothee Wenner, got inspired to write a book called 'Fearless Nadia The true story of Bollywood's Original Stunt Queen'.











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