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# Google Doodle of Anandi Gopal Joshi - India's 1st Female Doctor!

**Anandi Gopal Joshi** was the **first Indian Women to become a doctor** in the year 1886. Google India has paid tribute to Anandi Gopal Joshi also known as Anandibai Joshi by creating a Google Doodle on **31st March 2018**. She is also one of the first Indian women to set foot on American soil. Google often releases image of various personalities in gif or an interactive animation, which is known as ‘**Google Doodles**’, to pay them homage. These Google Doodles are designed by the various artists to acquaint/familiarize you with the life of important personalities. This knowledge will help you in the preparation of General Awareness & General Knowledge section for various Government exams like IBPS Clerk, SSC CHSL, SSC CGL, etc. So, here’s all you need to know about Anandi Gopal Joshi to score better in your exam!

## Anandi Gopal Joshi - An Introduction

Anandi Gopal Joshi was born on 31st March 1865. Today, i.e. 31st March 2018 marks his 153rd Birth Anniversary. A perfect occasion for a Google Doodle. Anandibai learned medicine in the United States of America. Being born in an orthodox Indian Family in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century did not stop her from breaking all barriers to become a Female Physician. In her letter to her American Medical University, she mentioned that she wanted to become a Doctor because the females in India who suffered serious ailments, did not consult a doctor just because it was a male. This motivated her to serve the women in the country, who would rather die, than being treated by a male.

## Personal Life of Anandi Gopal Joshi

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- Anandi Gopal Joshi was born in a family of landlords in Kalyan, Thane district of Maharashtra.
- Her birth name was Yamuna.
- When she married her husband, Gopalrao Joshi, he renamed her Anandi.
- She was married at the age of 9 to Gopalrao, who was 20 years older to her.
- Gopalrao Joshi was a liberal thinker & wanted Anandibai to read, write & learn.
- At the age of 14, when Anandi Gopal Joshi's firstborn died in 10 days, due to lack of medical attention, she took it on herself to learn medicine.

## Journey & Medical Career of Anandi Gopal Joshi

- Anandi Gopal Joshi was supported by her husband throughout her journey.
- Gopalrao sent a letter to an American Missionary, who helped them get into America with the help of a host family.
- She started her medical education at the age of 19 at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania.
- She graduated as MD on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1886 with her thesis topic as, "Obstetrics among the Aryan Hindus".
- Anandi Gopal Joshi returned to India later in 1886 but with very poor health. She had contracted Tuberculosis.
- She died very young, just before turning 22 on 26<sup>th</sup> February 1887.

## Books Written on Anandi Gopal Joshi

- The biography of Anandi Gopal Joshi was written by an American Writer named Caroline Healey Dall in 1888.
- A Marathi novel named Anandi Joshi was written by Shrikrishna Janaradan Joshi which was fictionalized account of her life which later on became a play.



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- Anjali Kirtane wrote exclusively about Anandi Gopal Joshi in her book named "Dr Anandibai Joshi, her times and accomplishments". This book also contained some rare photographs of Anandibai.

*This Google Doodle on Anandi Gopal Joshi is illustrated by – Bangalore-based artist Kashmira Sarode.*

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