

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay on Today's Google Doodle - GK Notes as PDF!

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay was the **one of the frontrunning women for India's Freedom** in the year colonial times. She was a freedom fighter, social activist, an avid feminist & a theatre artist in those times. Google India has paid tribute to Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay by creating a Google Doodle on **3rd April 2018**. Google often releases image of different personalities or events in a form of a gif, an interactive animation or just a creative illustration, which is known as '**Google Doodles**', to pay them respects. These Google Doodles are designed by the various artists to acquaint you with the life of these important personalities. Keeping knowledge of these various Google Doodles will help you in the preparation of General Awareness & General Knowledge section for various Government exams like Railways RRB, ASM, SBI Clerk, SSC CHSL, SSC CGL, etc. So, here's all you need to know about Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay to score better in your exam!

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay - An Introduction

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay was born on 3rd April 1903. Today, i.e. 3rd April 2018 marks her 115th Birth Anniversary. A perfect occasion for a Google Doodle. Kamaladevi is always remembered for being the driving force behind women's movement in India during the Independence Struggle. She was also big in supporting cooperative grassroot movements & supporting handicrafts. She always believed that social & economic upliftment of the society can only be possible from the grassroots. You can always see her right beside Sarojini Naidu, leading a movement for rights & freedom. She was a social activist & a talented theatre artist as well. Being a staunch feminist at those times, made her a woman who was far ahead of her era.



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Personal Life of Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay

- Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay was born to a District Collector in Mangalore to a Saraswat Brahmin Family.
- Her mother & her maternal grand-mother were both strong ladies - learned in ancient scriptures, who became quite an inspiration.
- Her parents had very friendly social relations with various social activists & freedom fighter, viz., Justice Ranade, G.K. Gokhale, Annie Besant, etc.
- She learned the basics of theatrics in the form of an ancient drama tradition called Kerala-Kutiyattam.
- She was married at the age of 14 but was soon widowed in 2 years.
- While studying in Chennai, at Queen Mary's College, she met Sarojini Naidu & Suhasini Chattopadhyay's younger brother Harindranath, whom she later married.

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay - Arts & Theatre

- Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay's husband, Harindranath was a well-known poet-playwright-actor.
- He helped her & further fanned her interest in art & theatre.
- She acted in various films, at a time, when women who acted in films & theatre were looked down upon.
- She acted in the 1st Kannada silent film, *Mrichhakatika*.
- Kamaladevi also acted in a Hindi film in 1943 named *Tansen*, along-side K. L. Saigal.

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay & Freedom Movement



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- Kamaladevi was in London for a short while, with her husband, when she completed her Diploma in Sociology.
- While still in London, she was influenced by Mahatma Gandhi's Non-Cooperation Movement.
- She came back to India & soon led the Seva Dal, to recruit, train & involve women & girls.
- She was also a suffrage activist & soon became the 1st woman to run for Legislative Seat in India.
- She was one of the 7 leaders for the Salt Satyagraha with Mahatma Gandhi.
- Soon after Independence, she turned to social work & was instrumental in refugee relief work.
- Kamaladevi was a supporter of modern & western machines & industrial development too

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay - Awards & Accolades

- Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay was awarded with a Padma Bhushan in 1955.
- Later, she was awarded with the Padma Vibhushan in 1987.
- In 1966, she was bestowed with the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership.
- The Sangeet Natak Akademi also awarded her with Ratna Sadsya, for her contribution in arts.

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