

## Savitribai Phule

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(03 January 1831 - 10 March 1897)

A 19th century social reformer who worked in the field of women education

### **EARLY LIFE**

- ► Born in Mali community (Maharashtra)
- ▶ Aged 9 married to 13 y/o Jyotirao Phule an extraordinary couple in India's social & educational history

#### **SOCIAL ENDEAVOURS**

- ► Individual
  - Published Kavya Phule (1854) & Bavan Kashi Subodh Ratnakar (1892)
  - Started Mahila Seva Mandal (1852) raise awareness about women's rights
  - Wrote poem **Go, Get Education** for oppressed communities
  - Carried forward the Satya Shodhak Samaj after Jyotiba's death (1890)

#### With Jyotiba

- Started a school for girls, Shudras and Ati-Shudras in Poona (1848) (India's first school for women started by Indians)
- Opened Native Female School (Pune) and The Society for Promoting the Education of Mahars, Mangs and Etceteras in 1850s
- Started Balhatya Pratibandhak Griha (Home for the Prevention of Infanticide) in their own house



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