



Sarojini Naidu

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(February 13, 1879 - March 2, 1949)



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BRIEF PROFILE

- A Political activist, Feminist, Poet
- Known as **Bharatiya Kokila** (The Nightingale of India)

*Her birth anniversary is observed as **National Women's Day** (13th February)*

CONTRIBUTION TO INDIAN FREEDOM MOVEMENT

- Joined the Indian National Movement in 1905 during the Partition of Bengal
- **First Indian Woman President** of Indian National Congress in 1925 (preceded by the English feminist Annie Besant in 1917)
- Accompanied Gandhi to London for the inconclusive **second session of the Round Table Conference** for Indian-British cooperation (1931)
- A significant leader of Salt Satyagraha Movement (1930); Led **Dharasana Satyagraha**
- Represented India at Various International Forums

OTHER CONTRIBUTION

- **A Renowned Poetess:** The Golden Threshold (1905), The Bird of Time (1912), The Broken Wing (1912), In the Bazaars of Hyderabad (1912)
- **Advocated Women Rights:** Member of the All India Women's Conference (founded in 1927)
- **India's First Woman Governor:** She was appointed the governor of Uttar Pradesh after India achieved independence in 1947

"We want deeper sincerity of motive, a greater courage in speech and earnestness in action"

