

193rd Birth Anniversary of Savitribai Phule

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Recently, the **Prime Minister** paid tributes to **Savitribai Phule** on her **193rd birth anniversary** on **3rd January 2025.**

- Savitribai faced strong opposition from orthodox society, enduring physical and social assaults, including being stoned and abused.
- About Savitribai Phule:
 - Born: She was born on 3rd January 1831, in Satara, Maharashtra, to a marginalized Mali community. She was married to <u>Jyotiba Phule</u> who took charge of her education.
 - She was enrolled in two teacher's training programs: one with American missionary Cynthia Farrar in Ahmednagar and the other at a Normal School, Pune.
 - Contributions:
 - Education for Women: Established the first school for girls in 1848 in Pune. The couple started and ran 18 schools in total.
 - Efforts for Downtrodden: Started educational trusts like the Native Male School, Pune and Society for Promoting the Education of Mahar, Mangs to uplift the Dalit community.
 - Combating Gender Issues: In 1863, Jyotirao and Savitribai founded Balhatya Pratibandhak Griha, India's first home to combat <u>female infanticide</u> and support pregnant Brahmin widows and rape victims.
 - Literature: Authored two famous works namely *Kavya Phule* (1854) and *Bavan Kashi Subodh Ratnakar* (1892) in, along with the poem Go, Get Education.
- Jyotirao Phule, a 19th-century social reformer, critiqued social oppression in his book <u>Gulamgiri</u> and founded the <u>Satyashodhak Samaj</u> in **1873** to promote education, equality, and abolish <u>untouchability</u>.

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