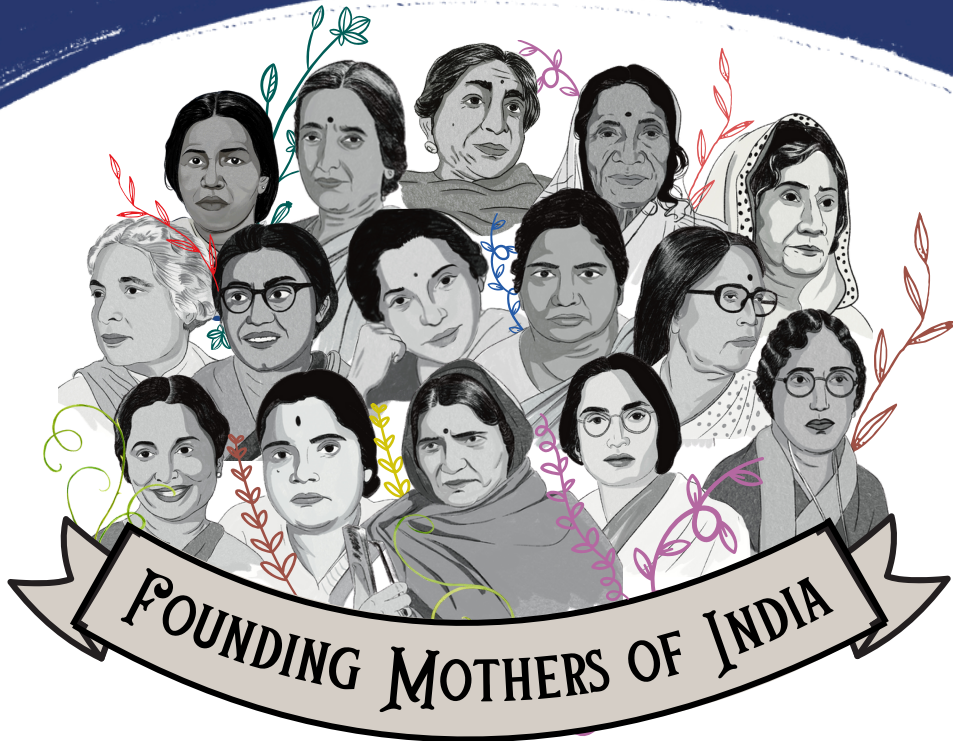


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Ammu Swaminathan

(1894 – 1978)

She was elected to the Constituent Assembly from the Madras Constituency. In the assembly, Ammu participated in the debates on fundamental rights and directive principles. She was a strong advocate for women's rights and called for reform of laws and bills related to succession, inheritance and marriage.



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Nov 7: Chhath | Nov 15: Guru Nanak Jayanti
Nov 26: Constitution Day



Annie Mascarene

(1902 – 1963)

She represented the Princely State of Travancore and Cochin Union. In the assembly, Annie spoke on the issue of federalism. She was the first woman from Kerala to be elected to the Lok Sabha, where she raised concerns about the under-representation of women in politics.

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Dec 10: Human Rights Day | Dec 25: Christmas

Begum Qudsia Aizaz Rasul

(1908 - 2001)

She was the only Muslim woman in the Constituent Assembly. Begum represented the United Provinces. In the Assembly, she intervened in the debates on national language, India remaining a part of the Commonwealth, reservation, property rights, and minority rights.

JAN/01

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Jan 14: Makar Sankranti; Pongal

Jan 24: National Girl Child Day | Jan 26: Republic Day





Dakshayani Velayudhan

(1912 – 1978)

She was the only Dalit woman to be elected to the Constituent Assembly. Dakshayani was inspired to enter politics by her family members' active involvement in civil disobedience movements against upper-caste diktats. She held strong views on the type of federalism that India should adopt.

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Feb 26: Maha Shivratri

Durgabai Deshmukh

(1909 – 1981)

She was elected to the Constituent Assembly from the Madras Province. In the assembly, Durgabai made several key interventions on issues that include the national language, judicial independence and human trafficking. She was the first chairperson of the National Council on Women's Education.



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Mar 8: International Women's Day | Mar 14: Holi
 Mar 30: Ugadi; Gudi Padwa | Mar 31: Eid-ul-Fitar

Hansa Jivraj Mehta

(1897 – 1995)

She was elected to the Constituent Assembly from Bombay. In the assembly, Hansa Mehta strongly argued in favour of women's rights and intervened in debates on uniform civil code and reservation. She also served as the first Vice-Chancellor of the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.



APR/04

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Apr 10: Mahavir Jayanti | Apr 14: Ambedkar Jayanti
Apr 18: Good Friday

Kamla Chowdhry

(1908 - 1970)

She was elected to the Constituent Assembly from the United Provinces. Chowdhry produced a range of literary work mostly focused on the lived experience of Indian women. Some of her famous literary works include 'Ankhe Khuli', 'Suriya', 'Swapna', 'Sadhana Ka Unmaad', 'Unmaad', 'Picnic', and 'Yatra'.



MAY/05

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May 1: International Labour Day | May 12: Buddha Purnima

Leela Roy

(1900 – 1970)

She was elected to the Constituent Assembly from Bengal. However, Roy resigned in protest against the partition of India.

An ardent champion of refugees' rights, she continued contributing to many causes after her resignation from the assembly and helped the victims of the partition.



JUN/06

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Jun 5: World Environment Day | Jun 7: Bakrid
Jun 21: International Yoga Day | Jun 27: Rath Yatra

Malati Choudhury

(1904 – 1998)

She was elected to the Constituent Assembly from Orissa.

However, she resigned from the assembly to work with Mahatma Gandhi and because she felt 'unfit' for the work. She wanted to continue working on the ground with farmers, Dalits, tribals, and children.



JUL/07

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July 6: Muharram | July 10: Guru Purnima



Purnima Banerji

(1911 – 1951)

She was appointed to the Constituent Assembly from the United Provinces. Banerji intervened in discussions around the Preamble, preventive detention and qualifications for Rajya Sabha. She also led the chorus in singing Jana Gana Mana after its official adoption as the national anthem.

AUG/08

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Aug 9: Raksha Bandhan | Aug 15: Independence Day
 Aug 16: Janmashtami | Aug 27: Ganesh Chaturthi

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur

(1889 – 1964)

She was elected to the Constituent Assembly from the Central Provinces and Berar Province. As a prominent member of the assembly's sub-committees on Fundamental Rights and Minorities, she was instrumental in shaping many constitutional provisions. Kaur became the first woman to hold a cabinet position in the post-independent India.



SEP/09

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Sep 5: Eid-e-Milad; Onam; Teacher's Day

Denuka Ray

(1903 – 1997)

She was elected to the Constituent Assembly from West Bengal. Ray made several interventions in the Assembly, including on women's rights issues, minorities' rights and bicameral legislature provisions. She extensively worked on the prevention of women trafficking and the improvement of conditions for women labourers.



OCT/10

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Oct 2: Gandhi Jayanti; Dussehra
Oct 20: Diwali | Oct 26: Chhath

Sarojini Naidu

(1879 – 1949)

She was appointed to the Constituent Assembly from Bihar. Naidu spoke about the importance of adopting a national flag in the assembly. She was the first Indian woman to be president of the Indian National Congress and to be appointed an Indian state governor.



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Sucheta Kripalani

(1908 – 1974)

She was elected to the Constituent Assembly from the United Provinces. Kripalani was a member of the Flag Presentation Committee, which presented the first Indian Flag before the assembly. She was the first woman to be the Chief Minister of an Indian state.

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Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

(1900 – 1990)

She was elected to the Constituent Assembly from the United Provinces. In 1953, Pandit became the first woman to be elected as the President of the United Nations General Assembly. She was also the first Indian woman to hold a cabinet position in pre-independent India.



JAN/01

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