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## From the Desk of Managing Editor

Dear Readers



On behalf of the Editorial Board, I am happy to share the 199<sup>th</sup> edition of your eMagazine PreSense with its rich content as always. Editorial team is pleased to announce that our next October 2023 will be the 200<sup>th</sup> edition and a milestone in the journey of PreSense. We have launched a new logo to commemorate this special occasion.

Mugavari Foundation has been supporting poor students from rural areas for higher education. More than 700 poor students have been supported for higher education. PreSense carries a cover story on the silent achievement of this Foundation.

### **Highlights of this issue:**

Prince cartoons

Editorial: Constitutional amendment providing one-third reservation to women in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies.

Cover Story: The inspiring story of Mugavari Foundation.

Launch of eBook on "Artificial Intelligence: Challenges and Opportunities"

A quick understanding of Plagiarism

The story of the freedom fighter Rani Gaidinliu, of North East

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Jai Hind

*K. Srinivasan*



# PRince

By Triambak Sharma

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## Editorial

# Empowering Indian Women: Parliament Passes Landmark Women's Reservation Bill - Reserving One-Third of Seats for Women



By Priyadharshni Rahul, Editor



Indian Parliament made history during the Special Session held in September 2023 in the new building named 'Sansad Bhavan' by passing the 128<sup>th</sup> Constitution Amendment Bill that provides one-third reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and other State Assemblies. In the historic event, Lok Sabha passed the Bill on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with 454 members voting in favour and 2 against. The Rajya Sabha on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 passed the Bill with 214 voting in favour and none against.

It is historic in the sense that the Constitutional Amendment could be passed in both Houses of Parliament after 27 years. Though the Bill was introduced in 1996 for the first time, this could not be passed due to differences of views among the parties. The Bill was introduced several times without getting passed. Modi Government made efforts to bring consensus among the parties to get the Bill passed in both Houses. This being a Constitutional Amendment Bill, it needs to be ratified by 50 per cent of the State Assemblies. All the parties have agreed to this Bill, it will get ratified by the State Assemblies to within two or three months. After the assent by the President, the Bill will become effective.

Presently, the current Lok Sabha has only 14 per cent of the women members. The State Assemblies in India account for less than 10 per cent of the women members. Now this amendment enables one-third of the seats in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies to be reserved for women. This includes the reserved constituencies for SCs and STs.

The one-third women reservation will come into effect only for the 2029 General elections because as per Article 82 of the Indian Constitution, the Census has to be completed, before Delimitation Commission is appointed. The Delimitation Commission is to be headed by a retired Supreme Court Judge. The Delimitation Commission will go through the Census data and mark the constituencies for Lok Sabha and State Assemblies, including the reserved ones.



*Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal introducing the historic bill in the Lok Sabha*

The Census was not held in 2021 due to corona pandemic and is likely to start only after the General Elections in 2024. It may take even two years. The Delimitation Commission will be appointed for marking the new constituencies by 2026 and it may take another two years. The Election Commission does not have any authority to mark the constituencies. They can conduct only elections. The procedures are enshrined in Article 82 of the Indian Constitution. In view of this, the new reservation quota for women can come into force only from 2029, provided nobody challenges the amendment in the Supreme Court.

Some of the political parties allege that the ruling party made this amendment in a hurry when there was no urgency. In our view, this Bill has been pending for more than 27 years for various political reasons. PreSense appreciates the Modi Government for bringing this legislation now when there is a consensus among the political parties and getting it passed. This Bill is long overdue. We may not know what will happen in the future with ever-changing political views. The Parliament has passed this amendment and hence there would be pressure on the new Government to start the census and form the Delimitation Commission for implementing this amendment.

Since this eMagazine PreSense has been honouring the top performing Parliamentarians with Sansad Ratna Awards since 2009, we have observed that women Parliamentarians, though in small numbers, perform better with high-quality participation. It may be noted that both in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, Supriya Sule (NCP, Maharashtra) is maintaining the No. 1 position among the MPs in the overall performance.

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PreSense also takes pride that Arjun Ram Meghwal, the Minister for Law and Justice and also the Chairman of the Jury Committee of Sansad Ratna Awards (an initiative of this eMagazine PreSense) has piloted this historic Bill in the Parliament.

While congratulating the Government and all political parties for the historic decision, PreSense is of the view that this will empower Indian women more in governance.

**For background information about this Bill and a comparison with other countries. Please read the analysis by PRS India**

**<https://tinyurl.com/womenbill2023>**



## Cover Story

# From Tragedy to Triumph: Changing Lives Through Education The Inspiring Story of the Mugavari Foundation



*By Prime Point Srinivasan, Managing Editor*



A patient Perumayee (34), from a small village near Salem (Tamil Nadu), was admitted to Madras Medical College Hospital in 1998 for heart surgery. Though she could have been discharged after 10 days, she was kept at the hospital for longer days without proper care. Her younger brother, Ramesh Kuppudaiyar (20), studying a degree course at a college, watched helplessly, as they did not hail from a rich and influential family. The young boy observed the casual approach of the doctors and other medical staff, mainly attending only to the influential patients. Meanwhile, Perumayee died in the hospital after 76 days without proper care. Ramesh watched her dying helplessly. As a young boy from a poor family, he could not do anything. Ramesh returned to his village sadly, with a disturbed mind. Though he hailed from an ordinary low-income agricultural family, out of emotion, he vowed to create more doctors to support poor people in the Government hospital with proper care. We see such vows only in films and not in reality.

### The start of the journey

When he returned to his village after the death of his sister in Chennai, a female student named Kasthuri from his village came to him with a marksheet stating that she had passed 10<sup>th</sup> standard with first rank in the school. Emotion struck Ramesh asked her to complete the Higher Secondary with the first rank in the school and promised her that he would help her become a doctor. The girl, Kasthuri also hailed from an ordinary, poor family without any income. Through his contact, he got admission for her in the Higher Secondary course in a private school.

Ramesh forgot about this promise given under emotion. He completed his degree and started to pursue Chartered Accountancy at Salem.

The young student Kasthuri, with the assurance of Ramesh to educate her in medicine, started working hard, completed her Higher Secondary with 95 percent marks, and stood first in the school. After getting her marks, she ran to Ramesh to convey the news. She firmly believed that Ramesh would make her a doctor. Ramesh totally forgot about his earlier promise to make her a doctor. When she told him about the marks, Ramesh asked her why she should not become a teacher. Greatly disappointed, Kasthuri reminded him of his promise to make her a doctor when she completed 10<sup>th</sup> standard and she explained how she worked hard, based on his promise. Ramesh remembered the promise given out of emotion two years earlier. However, he promised her that he would help her become a doctor.

### **Turning Point**

This incident was a turning point in Ramesh's life. He consulted many people and sought their help to prepare her for the entrance examination. He admitted Kasthuri to the best coaching centre, and she passed with high marks. Kasthuri got a medical seat out of merit at a leading Government Medical College in Tamil Nadu.

Kasthuri's family was not in a position to spend any money on her education. Ramesh wanted to ensure that Kasthuri completed her medical course at any cost. He approached many people for help. It was not an easy task to gather money to educate a student. Fortunately he came into contact with A R Murugadoss, a leading Tamil and Hindi Film Director in 2002. When Ramesh explained his promise and dream to Murugadoss, he was happy and assured that he would take care of the expenses of Kasthuri's education.

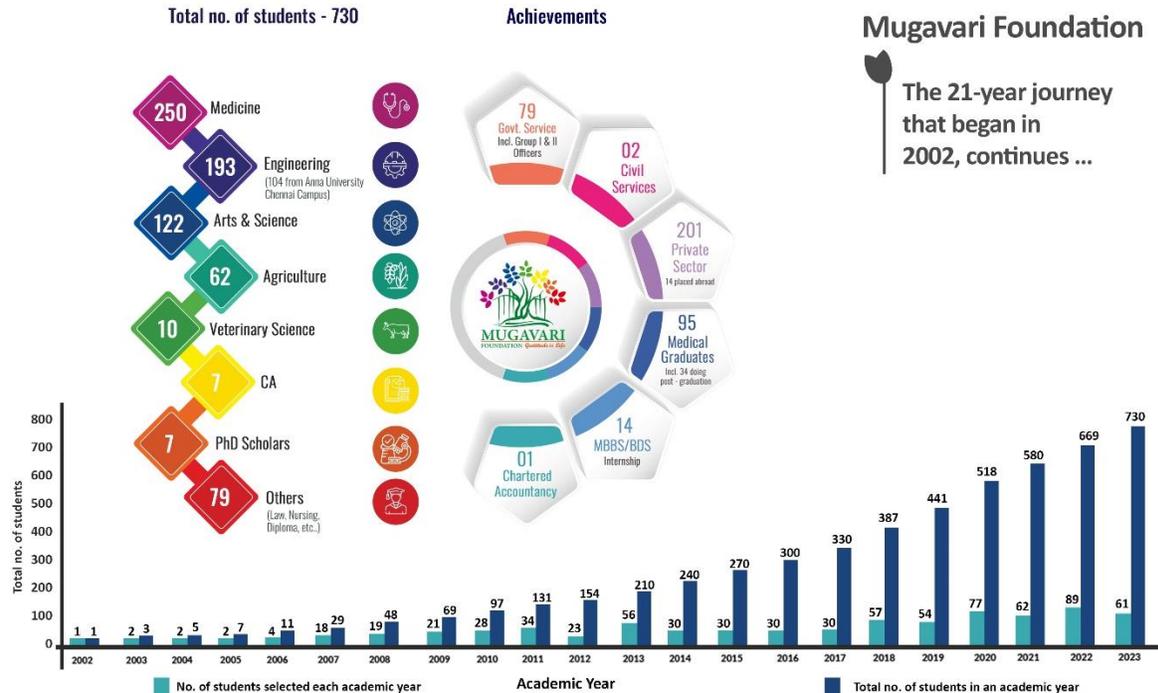
Ramesh breathed a huge sigh of relief for securing support for the girl. When he returned to his village, the news had already spread, and many people started approaching him for support to pursue higher education. This had posed a great challenge to him.

"I thought it was an opportunity provided and a direction given by God to me to support the poor and needy. I continued my efforts to hunt for sponsorships for needy students. I discontinued my Chartered Accountancy studies and moved to Chennai, taking up this task full-time. Braving all challenges, I completed the Inter but did not proceed further. I got inspiration from my parents, who were always helping others the needy. After supporting 21 students through various sponsors in 2007, I met Shri Saldai Duraisamy, a well-known politician who is still running free IAS training centres (Manidhaneyam Free IAS Academy) for underprivileged students. When I told him about my mission, he offered to help me personally pursue higher education. I refused and pleaded with him to support some students. Immediately, he offered one of his buildings rent-free to enable students to stay there and complete their studies. Besides accommodation, he also offered food. In the course of time, he accommodated 33 students in his building with food. That was a turning point in our initiative", Ramesh recalled.

### **Achievement**

Ramesh formalised his initiative by creating a non-profit trust, Mugavari Foundation, in 2011. 'Mugavari' in Tamil means 'address'. Ramesh wanted to provide address to each and every poor and deserving student in life. Till now, 730 students have been supported by the Mugavari Foundation. Of these, 250 have been supported for medical courses. 95 students have already graduated and are working in various hospitals, and some of them are pursuing PG also. 193 students have been supported for engineering courses and 62 for Agricultural studies.





Till the Mugavari Foundation was formally registered in 2011, Ramesh ensured that the sponsors sent the payments directly to the colleges. Now the foundation has seven trustees, of whom three are Mugavari student beneficiaries, who have completed their studies and are placed in good positions in their lives.



**Sumathi, Trustee**

Sumathi, a senior official in a leading multinational company in Chennai, voluntarily joined the Trust as one of the trustees in 2019 out of passion for supporting deserving poor students. "I joined the Trust in 2019 on seeing the commitment of Ramesh. I wanted to be part of this great mission, like a squirrel. During weekends, I spend time looking after the planning and administration. In the last year, i.e. 2022–2023, we supported the students to the extent of nearly Rs. 2 crores. The sponsors directly send the payment to us, and we make the payment to the colleges. We have a robust internal audit system", said Sumathi.

"Till now, we have had 450 donors and sponsors. 100 of them are active and have adopted one or more students till the completion of their studies. Film director Murugadoss, Saidai Duraisamy, and former Canara Bank Chairman TN Manoharan (now IDBI Bank Chairman) have been supporting personally and through their contacts. When we had a challenging time during COVID time, TN Manoharan, as a chartered accountant, introduced some of his contacts, who later became well-wishers of Mugavari Foundation", added Ramesh.

Mugavari Team met Dr Abdul Kalam in 2013 at Raj Bhavan, when they were supporting 200 students. Dr. Kalam appreciated them and advised them to continue their efforts.

## Selection Process



*Ramesh, the silent man behind all these achievements*

The selection process is very tough. Students from very poor backgrounds, particularly from villages, are given preference. After the announcement of Plus Two results in June every year, they receive applications. A selection committee consisting of students who have completed their studies visits the applicants, interviews them, and selects the students for support. "Every year, we get around 1,000 applications. Finally, we select around 70 to 80 students. This process is over by August every year. Later I go around seeking sponsorship for these students. On average, we need Rs. 1 lakh per year for a medical student. We take only the poor students who get admission to government colleges through merit. We prefer students from government schools, largely from rural backgrounds with single parent or no one to take care of them. We prefer to support more female students. Nearly 50 per cent of our students are girls", said Ramesh.

### Focusing on ethics and values

Interestingly, Ramesh does not own any vehicle. Wherever he wants to seek sponsorship support, he travels by bus only.

The students are spread across India in various domains like medicine, engineering, agriculture, arts & science, etc. either in different organisations as employees or in educational institutions, including hospitals. They have networked themselves through WhatsApp groups and support each other both professionally and individually. Ramesh has strictly taught them to follow ethics and values wherever they are and support needy people. Every year, the students of Mugavari meet in September in Chennai to discuss future plans and listen to motivating speeches. Normally, around 400 students participate across the nation.

Dr. Vijaya from a small village near Kallakurichi completed her MBBS with the support of the Mugavari Foundation. She hails from a very poor family in the nearby district. She pursued MS thereafter through a government stipend. She is a gynaecologist. She has conducted more than 1200 deliveries. "More than 250 medical students and doctors of the Mugavari family are in our network, spread over 65 medical colleges and hospitals across India. We have developed a culture among ourselves to support all the patients coming to us with proper care. During the COVID-19 pandemic, through our network, we could handle many patients with proper care when their relatives could not enter the hospital. This is what Ramesh Anna wants us to do", says Dr. Vijaya proudly. She introduced three deserving students, who are now supported by Mugavari Foundation.



*Dr Vijaya has conducted 1200 plus deliveries*



*Dharani, educating poor children in a remote village*

Dharani, who is working as a teacher in a high school, was also supported by Mugavari to pursue her degree, post-graduation, and then B.Ed. She works in a remote village where the children of labourer parents cannot get one meal per day. Thanks to the government's noon meal scheme, these children attend school. She is helping these children get better marks and go for higher education. She teaches English and 100% of her students pass their examinations. "I am teaching ethics and values to the children that I have learned from Ramesh Anna", claims Dharani.

T. S. Krishnamurthy, the former Chief Election Commissioner of India, while addressing the Mugavari family annual meeting in September 2023, described Ramesh as a saint who has dedicated his entire life to supporting the poor children's education.

### Supporting students for education silently



*A R Murugadoss*



*Saidai Duraisamy*



*T N Manoharan*

In the 21 years of his journey, Ramesh has not posed for a photograph. Even at the annual meeting, he used to sit with the audience while the students managed the stage. After much persuasion, we got his photograph for PreSense.

We asked him about the number of students who involve themselves after their studies to support needy students. Ramesh said that they have introduced a "Vanavil Scheme", in which the students after employment can contribute every month any money after meeting their family expenses. Some of them contribute money, and many of them are involved in various other projects. "Getting sponsorships is a challenging task. One has to put up with the disrespect shown; sometimes, one has to tolerate losing self-respect, etc. I continue the efforts as a divine duty. Nearly 20 to 25% of our student beneficiaries may be indifferent after their graduation. Sadly, this is an increasingly new trend with the current generation. Majority of the students have realised the pain of poverty and hence are backing the initiative in one form or another. Whenever I am depressed because of a lack of response, I get a message that someone has completed his studies with high marks; another student has got good employment; a message from a donor to take up two students, etc. These messages will strengthen me, and I will bounce back. I am now happy that, with God's graces, my emotional vow to create more doctors is coming slowly true", said Ramesh, with tears rolling down his cheeks.

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## eBook on 'Artificial Intelligence: Challenges and Opportunities' launched during PR & Media Conference at Gurgaon



PR and Media Conference was organised by Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) and the Media Wing of Brahmakumaris, a leading Indian Spiritual Organisation at Gurgaon. During the conference, Prime Point Foundation and PreSense launched an eBook titled "Artificial Intelligence: Challenges and Opportunities". This is the 31<sup>st</sup> publication of Prime Point Foundation. This book is authored jointly by Prime Point Srinivasan (Mg. Editor of PreSense) and Priyadarshni Rahul (Editor of PreSense). Triambak Sharma drew the cartoon for the cover page. Since AI is relatively a new subject, the authors have consulted many experts and this book was prepared with inputs from AI itself. Please download the eBook from the following link, free of cost.

[www.prpoint.com/publication/aico.pdf](http://www.prpoint.com/publication/aico.pdf)

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In the Key Note address, Srinivasan has covered in detail the challenges and opportunities arising out of Artificial Intelligence. Please listen to his speech

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmHr8JoMBso>



Priyadharshni Rahul, also spoke on the legal aspects of AI. Her speech can be listened from this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZImII8CQpk8>

## Launching of Special Logo for 200<sup>th</sup> Edition

The October 2023 edition of PreSense is the 200<sup>th</sup> issue and a milestone edition. To commemorate this, we will be planting 200 saplings on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Thirumullaivoyal, Chennai, with the help of Exnora International.



Srinivas Gopal and his team have created a new Logo to commemorate the launch of 200<sup>th</sup> edition. We are pleased to release this Logo through this edition.

This digital only monthly eMagazine was launched on the suggestion of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam for positive journalism. The 200<sup>th</sup> edition will be tracing the journey PreSense from March 2006.

An eBook titled "PreSense Stylebook for Digital Journalists" authored by Prime Point Srinivasan and Ramesh Sundaram will also released towards the end of Oober 2023. Three more eBooks, the compilation of articles published in the earlier editions will also be released.

Ramesh Sundaram, Editor in Chief

## Guest Column

### Plagiarism in the Age of AI: How to Avoid It and Protect Your Reputation

*By Prof. Prabhakar Krishnamurthy, Retd. Vice Chancellor*



In these days, when AI tools are generating content for articles, we are running the risk of plagiarism. Plagiarism can damage our reputation and credibility, besides exposing us to legal challenges.

#### **What is Plagiarism and different types of plagiarism?**

Plagiarism is the act of passing off someone else's work, ideas, or expressions as your own. It can be intentional or unintentional, but it is always considered to be academic dishonesty. Plagiarism can occur in many different forms, including:

- Direct plagiarism: This is when you copy someone else's work word-for-word without giving them credit.
- Paraphrasing plagiarism: This is when you rewrite someone else's work in your own words, but you don't properly cite the source.
- Mosaic plagiarism: This is when you patch together sentences and phrases from different sources without giving credit to the original authors.
- Self-plagiarism: This is when you reuse your own work without proper citation.
- Unintentional plagiarism: This can happen when you forget to cite a source or when you accidentally paraphrase someone else's work without realizing it.

#### **Plagiarism checking tools and tips to avoid Plagiarism**

Several Plagiarism Checker tools like Turnitin, Plagiarism Checker X, and many other tools are available to check the percentage of plagiarism in any content. Researchers, students and media professionals should keep plagiarism within the permitted level.

Plagiarism can be avoided by (1) citing the sources and (2) paraphrasing in our own words and not simply changing a few words. It is always preferable to quote the sources.

It is also important to note that AI plagiarism checkers are not perfect. They can sometimes miss plagiarism, and they can also sometimes flag text as plagiarism that is not actually plagiarized. It is important to use AI plagiarism checkers as a tool, but we should not rely on them completely. We need to go through carefully the suggestions given by plagiarism checker tools and make our own decisions independently.



## Freedom Fighters of India

### Rani Gaidinliu



*By C. Badri, Consulting Editor*

#### Rani Gaidinliu

**"WE ARE FREE PEOPLE, THE WHITE MAN SHOULD NOT RULE OVER US"** proclaimed the 13 year old Gaidinliu in 1927. This statement was issued by Gaidinliu while giving a clarion call to the ethnic Nagas of the remote hill of India's northeastern region. During 1937 Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru met her in Shillong Jail and gave her the title "RANI" and thus Gaidinliu became Rani Gaidinliu. She was a Naga spiritual leader who led the revolutionaries to an armed uprising in the Northeast against the British.



India's glorious history is scripted by historians under the influence of old imperial school of thought. In the process sadly many valiant freedom fighters and revolutionaries who fought valiantly and incessantly and laid their lives against the British were camouflaged and concealed. Gaidinliu is undoubtedly one of them.

Gaidinliu was born on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1915 in Luangkao village under Tamenglong District in Manipur. She belonged to the Kabui tribe (also known Rongmei Tribe). Gaidinliu became a revolutionary when she was hardly 13 years old. She joined the "Heraka Movement", formed by Haipou Jadonang, who happened to be Gaidinliu's cousin. Jadonang was a spiritual leader of Nagas. Apart from spiritual activities, the Heraka movement was strongly against British rule. Heraka movement got a setback when Jadonang was arrested and hanged after a fake trial in 1931.

After the unexpected passing away of Jadonang the leadership mantle was taken over by Gaidinliu when she was hardly 16 years old. Gaidinliu preached and followed Gandhian principles and launched an attack against British rule. She gathered Zeliangrong and other Naga tribes to revolt against the British and take recourse to nonpayment of taxes and oppose the other repressive measures taken by the British to contain the revolt. She later resorted to open rebellion by using guerilla warfare in Cachar hills in 1932 and in Hangrum village in March 1932, thus challenging the British. Consequently, the British formed a special team of Assam Rifles to capture Gaidinliu. Capt. MacDonald headed the Special Team. In October 1932, Gaidinliu and her associates were captured by the team, from their hiding place in Pulomi village. Gaidinliu was charged with murder and attempt to murder and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Jawaharlal Nehru was impressed with Gaidinliu while touring undivided Assam in 1937 in his capacity as the President of the Indian National Congress. He lamented that the rest of the nation was unaware of her sacrifices.



Talking of her imprisonment, Nehru wrote in December 1937:

***"She dreamt of freedom for her people and the ending of all restrictions they suffered from; she raised the banner of independence and called her people to rally around it. Perhaps, she thought rather prematurely that the British Empire was fading out. But that Empire still functioned effectively and aggressively, and it took vengeance on her and her people. Many villages were burnt and destroyed and this heroic girl was captured and sentenced to transportation for life. And now she lies in some prison in Assam, wasting her bright young womanhood in dark cells and solitude."***



In 'Gaidallo Ranee', published in the All India Congress Committee Newsletter (and republished in 1938 in the American periodical The Living Age), Nehru writes:

***"India does not even know of this brave child of her hills. A day will come when India will remember her and cherish her and bring her out of her prison cell."***

Incidentally, Jawaharlal Nehru met Gaidinliu at Shillong Jail in 1937 and promised to pursue her release. He took up her case with British Member of Parliament, Lady Astor, for her release from jail but was not successful. It was during this meeting Jawaharlal Nehru conferred on Gaidinliu the title "Rani". She was finally released from Tura jail in 1947 on his orders after India attained Independence having spent 14 long years in various prisons in Assam. She continued to work for the welfare and betterment of her people after her release from jail. She died on 17 February 1993. Incidentally, it is quite interesting to note that she was born on January 26 which is celebrated as Republic Day in India.



Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Birth Centenary celebrations of the legendary woman freedom fighter Rani Gaidinliu from North-East India. The Government of India issued a commemorative coin of hundred rupees and a circulation coin of five rupees on Rani Gaidinliu on 24th Aug 2015.

The Hindustan Times published an article on Gaidinliu and described her as the **"Daughter of the Hills"**. The State Government has developed a park along with her statue to commemorate the valiant freedom fighter Rani Gaidinliu. The Government of India also issued a

postal stamp in 1996 to celebrate her.

Gaidinliu was awarded the Tamrapatra in 1972, the prestigious Padma Bhushan in 1982, Vivekananda Sewa Summan in 1983, and the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Puraskar (posthumously) in 1996.

Long live the name and fame of this valiant freedom fighter from the North East. **JAI HIND**



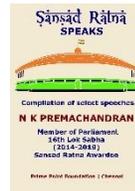
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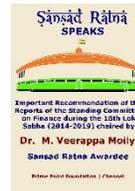
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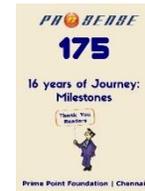
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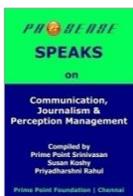
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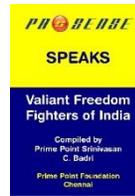
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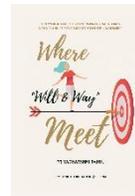
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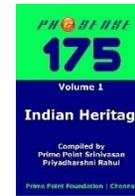
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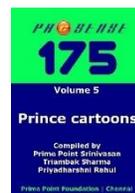
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