



Jyotirmoyee Ganguly (1889- 1945)

Educationist, Social and Political Activist

Jyotirmoyee Ganguli, educationist, social worker, and political activist, was the second daughter of Kadambini Ganguli. After completing her schooling at Brahmo Balika Shikshalay, she graduated from Bethune College, Kolkata, and passed her M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Calcutta. She taught at Bethune Collegiate School and later at Ravenshaw College, Cuttack, Odisha. Later, she became Principal, Women's College in Sri Lanka. She also served as Principal of several other institutions, including Jullundur Kanya Mahavidyalay. She was the first Woman-Councillor of Calcutta Corporation. Jyotirmayee Devi raised a female volunteer corps for the Indian National Congress. In 1926 she started the Students' Association for Social Service. She joined the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee and participated in the Satyagraha movement, serving as Vice-President of the Women's Satyagraha Committee, and was twice jailed in 1930 and 1932. She was a founding member of the Aryasthan Insurance Company. She was elected city councillor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation. In 1942 she was arrested for joining the Quit India Movement. Jyotirmayee Ganguly was killed in a Police firing on 22 November 1945.

Jayanti Ganguli (Barman), the youngest daughter of Kadambini Ganguli, was married to L. M. Barman, Private Secretary of Pramathesh Barua. She acted as the private tutor of Pramathesh Barua. She was a student of both Bethune Collegiate School and Bethune College. She lived in Moradabad for four years where she taught conservative Muslim girls and established a school for them, which later grew into a college.

Bela Haldar, worthy daughter of her illustrious mother Kadambini Ganguli had become a household name during her tenure at the AIR. Bela Haldar is the famous Beladi of Mahila Mahal.