



## Priyambada Bagchi (1871-1935)

Poet & Author

Priyambada Bagchi a distinguished litterateur, social worker was a student of F. A. class of Bethune College. She obtained a silver medal for her proficiency in Sanskrit language. Her father was Krishnakumar Bagchi and mother was Prasannamoyee Debi, a well-known writer. Ashutosh Chowdhuri and Pramatha Chaudhury were her maternal uncles. She was married to Taradas Banerjee, a lawyer residing in Madhya Pradesh. He died three years after their marriage. In 1896 Priyambada Devi lost her only son, after which she spent her time writing and engaged in her philanthropic work. She joined the Brahmo Balika Shikshalaya (Brahmo Girl's School) as a teacher. She served as the head of Bharat Stri-Mahamandal. She also worked in a number of educational institutions during this time. She translated Svapnavasavadatta which was a Sanskrit play. She translated parts of the Bible and published it as *Bhaktavani*. Her notable novels included *Women of Japan*, *Katha O Upakaatha*, *Jhilejagale Shikar Anath*, *Pavchulal*, and *Renuka*, a book about Geishas. She also wrote a number of poems including *Tara*, *Angshu*, *Renu*, and *Champa O Parul*. She directed plays for charity. Her first and perhaps most famous collection of poems *Renu* was published in 1900. Her poems were highly appreciated for the calm and restrained expression of deep pathos.