



Matangini Hazra Its Impact on Educational Change: In Modern Education System

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Abstract

This study focuses on the life and contributions of Matangini Hazra, a notable figure in India's freedom movement. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, she actively participated in non-violent movements and worked for social reform, women's empowerment, and education. Despite personal hardships, she showed remarkable courage and dedication to the nation.

The paper highlights her role in promoting the mother tongue, vocational education, and social service. It also examines her contribution to nationalism and the awakening of women in the 20th century. Her martyrdom during the freedom struggle symbolizes her unwavering patriotism. The study emphasizes the importance of recognizing such unsung heroes and their relevance in present-day education and society.

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Introduction

Looking at the history of the world, particularly India, we must note that literary, revolutionary, and great sages have given their lives in service to the nation for ten years, shedding their blood for the future generations of the nation. Many patriotic women and rebels committed themselves to non-violent movements. According to many of them, the residents of independent India are ignorant of their sacrifices and fail to remember them. The name of a courageous woman comes to mind when discussing the freedom movement; it is our very own Matangini Hazra from the Tamluk police station in the Medinipur district. After being shot by the police of the British government, he bravely displayed his independence with the tricolor flag in his old age. He sounded the conch in an effort to keep the populace awake. Numerous Indian heroes gave their lives for freedom. However, the name of this elderly woman, Matangini Hazara, will be written in golden letters in history, and in the history of India, her name will be an

enlightened one.

Life History

Birangana Matangini Hazra was born on 19 October 1869 in a very poor family in Hogla village of Tamluk police station in Midnapore district. Her father was Thakurdas Maiti and mother Bhagwati Devi. When Matangini was very young, she got married to a man named Trilochan Hazra. She became a widow within a few days of her marriage, i.e. at the age of 18. She had no children. The people of India called her "Gandhiburi". Because she was inspired by Gandhiji's ideology and joined the 'Quit India Movement'. She personally joined the 'Law Disobedience Movement' and the 'Salt Law Disobedience Movement' in 1932. There is no much research about her educational thoughts. She was particularly focused on educating the socially oppressed people of India. He proposed cottage industry by spinning the spinning wheel himself and was particularly influenced by Gandhiji's educational thought and philosophy.

Research Questions

After going through the research topic, it has come across the following research questions as-

1. What is the thought and the role of a rebellious women in society?
2. What is important of education in present life in 20th century?

Objectives of the Study

This topic deals with the through of Birangana Matangini Hazra. The purpose is-

- To introduce Birangana Matangini Hazra in rebellious our nation and social service work.
- To outline the ideological basis of his struggle for freedom.
- To know about the women empowerment in real fighter.
- To understand the important of 20th century.
- Methodology of the Study
- Method: This study was purely theoretical based, and the study was also based on historical works. This study will be used "qualitative research method".
- Source of data: In this study has been conducted two type collection of the data-
 - Primary Source- Autobiography, Diary, letter etc.
 - Secondary Source- books, internet, articles etc.

Social service work

He always wanted to lead the society from the curse of subjugation to freedom. He always dedicated himself to the pursuit of humanitarian causes. When the society was affected by the epidemic of smallpox, he served all the villagers with his own hands. Forgetting about his own life, he wanted to lead the men, women and children of the society to the path of progress and cure diseases by relating them to his soul.

He gave more importance to handicrafts for the economic development of the society. He even wanted to spread vocational education by spinning the spinning wheel with his own hands. He dedicated himself to the work of the society so that no section of the society was left behind.

Related to Gandhiji

The brave Matangini always followed the path of Mahatma Gandhi. After the passing of the twentieth century, the attraction of the nationalist movement began in the Indian subcontinent. Gandhiji traveled extensively from north to south, east to west to various regions to awaken the influence of the freedom movement among the people. Matangini Hazra is one of the women who played a special role in conveying the unique talent and message of Mahatma Gandhi to everyone. When we review her biography, we notice that she was a believer in God, that is, she was spiritual. She was always a worshiper of truth, which we find special mention in Gandhiji's philosophy of education.

Right to women's education

Birangana Matangini mentioned the dire situation of women's education in the society of that time. She believes that women should be the owners of all kinds of knowledge in the society. Therefore, she made the society aware of the

education of women to restore their dignity and respect. She advised them to come forward to awaken the power of women and for various rights movements.

Importance of mother tongue

The heroine fought hard to free our country from British rule forever. Along with that, she dedicated herself to various movements. Just as she did not like British rule, she also did not like the English language. She strongly opposed the English education system. She thought that our mother tongue should be the medium of communication, because the only way to maintain our thoughts and communication is through our own mother tongue. Therefore, she chose our own mother tongue as the medium of communication. Therefore, she inspired the countrymen that every medium of education should be our own language, so she made a special movement with the government.

Current activities to honor the heroine

After our country gained independence in 1947, various schools, roads and government projects were named after her. Even the first female statue was installed in Kolkata in 1977 at the place where she breathed her last in Tamluk, where her brightest statue is still installed, which reminds us of the contribution of women's power. On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Tamralipta National Government, the Government of India launched a five-rupee postage stamp with her picture in 2002. Today, in 2015, "Shaheed Matangini Government College" was established for women in Tamluk. Even a railway station was named after her, which still proves her eternal brilliance with respect.

Contribution to the awakening of women and nationalism

On September 29, 1942, the heroine led the procession with the Terengganu in her hand. At that time, she was 73 years old. She ignored Section 144 and threatened the British to leave India. Many attempts were made to stop her, but when the police failed, they shot her in the hand and forehead and she did not let go of the national flag even before she breathed her last. In the context of this incident, we can say that she proved to be an extraordinary woman. She proved to the society a historical identity by maintaining loyalty to the country and its people, love, and sense of nationalism.

Relevance

The main purpose of my paper is to highlight all the great minds, freedom fighters, those who are deprived, those who are not known, those who have not been brought to the light of knowledge, especially in front of everyone. The main goal of this paper is to discuss their achievements, contribution to education and life.

Currently, the Indian government has tried to highlight their achievements through "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahatsav" in the context of discussing the lives of these great people. It is especially necessary to bring the government's perspective to the new researchers who are at the stage of discussing and analyzing the personalities of all these great people.

Contribution of 20th century

Matangini Hazra endures as a symbol of unyielding bravery

and genuine leadership. Her capability to confidently express her patriotic convictions and principles without fear of consequences is a significant reason why she will always remain in the hearts of Indians. Even her advanced years did not prevent her from taking to the streets of Midnapore and boldly opposing colonial oppression. As a person of Indian heritage, I am filled with admiration to have such an inspiring woman as part of my lineage. India is often viewed as a poor, developing nation beset by calamities; in reality, many are unaware of its vibrant history and culture. Prior to colonial domination, India was quite a flourishing nation. I endeavour to explain to everyone how resilient not only Indians are, but how resolute Indian women prove to be. India was, and continues to be, regarded as a patriarchal society, so for a woman to assertively express her views was unorthodox at that time, and Matangini Hazra broke that mold. I feel profoundly motivated by her actions to advocate for the voices of women of color to be acknowledged everywhere. I aim to highlight the courageous India that Matangini Hazra championed in the 20th century. Exploring my Indian heritage is an excellent way for me to connect more deeply with my ancestral roots and to assert that many influential figures besides Gandhi fought for India's freedom. I am thankful to Matangini Hazra and other unsung Indian heroes who tirelessly labored to restore the dignity of the nation I hold dear.

In the 20th century, as the Indian Independence Movement gathered momentum, Matangini Hazra took the lead in voicing her aspiration for a liberated India. In the face of challenges, she continued to make her beliefs known. Additionally, she rallied thousands of individuals to protest against British governance and the injustices within their society. Matangini Hazra was a formidable force; no hurdle could hinder her progress. Therefore, her remarkable moral bravery positions her as a significant figure in India's historical narrative.

Educational Significant

Through the study of research to identify the educational significant as-

- We know about the interest to read the biography of great social reformer.
- We know about women's empowerment in 20th century period.
- We know about the vocational education in modern era.
- What is the struggle the awakening of women and nationalism.

Recommendation

Taking into consideration the finding of the result certain educational significant can be drawn order to develop a positive attitude in student about Birangana Matangini Hazra.

- If the government and researcher think about Birangana Matangini Hazra, then we can get more new information about his philosophy of her life and educational contribution.
- If it can be researched on the educational side, then more of her thinking will benefit the society at present.
- For developing good character among our students, and her role of social reformer, educational contribution should be included in our higher education curriculum.

Conclusion

The life of the heroine is a great chapter in the history of India. Her courage and sacrifice are an example for the country. Virangana is not only a freedom fighter, she is a brave woman. Who, ignoring all the adversities, devoted herself to the service of the country. Her life story carries a traditional and powerful message for our future generations. We will forever remember her contribution. Her tireless work towards her country, nation, and society will be written in golden letters in history.

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