

Savitribhai Phule, India's first women teacher played an important role in the upliftment of women.

Coming from a backward Mali community, she learned to read and write from her husband Jyothiba Phule who is also a social reformer.

Achievements:

- She started a school in Maharashtra to teach girls against severe opposition.
- Subjects like science, Maths and English were taught and also created awareness among parents about the importance of women education.
- Savitribhai and her husband started 'Balika Shiksha Samaj' to promote equality.

She organised events like 'Sathya sodak marriage' to take pledge to promote women education and equality.

→ She severely opposed child marriage, female foeticide and encouraged widow remarriage.

→ In order to honour her, University of pune was renamed to 'Urmu Savitribhai University of pune'.

→ She dedicated her whole of life for raising the status of women.

While celebrating her legacy, it must be kept in mind, various measures must be taken to empower women which is still a distant dream.