



First in India - Women

- The first Indian woman to be awarded the Bharat Ratna - **Smt Indira Gandhi.**
- The first lady Governor of an Indian state was **Smt Sarojini Naidu.**
- The first lady Chief Minister of State was **Smt Sucheta Kripalani.**
- The first lady Central minister of the country was **Smt Rajkumari Amrit Kaur.**
- The first woman president of the Indian National Congress was **Annie Besant.**
- The first woman to become the Chief Election Commissioner was **Mrs Rama Devi.**
- The first Indian woman to be appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner - **Deepak Sandhu.**
- The first woman to be appointed the Speaker of Lok Sabha is **Mrs Meira Kumar.**
- The first woman president of UN General Assembly - **Mrs Vijayalaxmi Pandit.**
- The first woman advocate of India was **Cornelia Sorabjee.**
- The first woman judge of India and also the first woman judge of High Court was **Justice Anna Chandy.**
- The first woman to be appointed Chief Justice of a state High Court was **Justice Leila Seth.**
- The first woman to be appointed judge of the Supreme Court was **Justice M Fatima Beevi.**
- The first Indian woman to swim the English Channel was **Aarti Saha.**
- The first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal was **Karnam Malleswari.**
- The first Indian woman to win an Asiad medal - **Kamaljit Sandhu.**
- The first Indian woman to climb Mt Everest - **Bachendri Pal.**
- The first Indian woman to ski to the South Pole - **Reena Kaushal DharmaShaktu**
- The first Indian woman to receive a gallantry award in the Indian Army (Sena Medal for her acts of bravery in Afghanistan) - **Major Mitali Madhumita.**
- The first Indian woman to join the Territorial Army as a jawan - **Shanti Tigga.**
- The first Indian woman to win the Miss Asia-Pacific title - **Zeenat Aman.**
- The first Indian woman to win the Miss Universe title - **Sushmita Sen.**
- The first Indian woman to win the Miss World title - **Reita Faria.**
- The first Indian woman to win the Miss Earth title - **Nicol Faria.**
- The first Indian woman to be appointed as the Minister of External Affairs of India - **Sushma Swaraj.**