

## Indira Gandhi

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Indira Gandhi was one of the greatest women of India. Her childhood name was Priyadarshini. She was born at Allahabad on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1917. She was the illustrious daughter of an illustrious father. Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, the first P.M. of India.

She was born with patriotic, her grandfather, Motilal Nehru and father Jawaharlal Nehru both being great patriots. She was greatly impressed by Gandhiji when she visited the Sabarmati Ashram.

She got her early education at home, she did her matriculation. From Pune and later joined the Shanti Niketan started by Rabindra Nath Tagore. Later she studied in Switzerland and England.

Her mother, Kamala Nehru died in 1937. It was a big shock to her. Now she undertook looking after her father. Later she married Feroze Gandhi, a Parsi in 1941, in the teeth of opposition from conservative Hindus.

After Jawaharlal Nehru became the Prime Minister of India as India gained Independence in 1947, her responsibility regarding taking care of his health and well-being increased. This however, only added to her experience in politics.

She was known for her superb leadership and firm determination and became instrumental in inflicting a crushing defeat to Pak. In 1971 and liberating East Pak. Later renamed as Bangladesh. She however, became unpopular after she had declared internal emergency on 26<sup>th</sup> June,

She will always be remembered as one of the greatest leaders of India and one of the greatest women of the world.