

## FAMOUS PERSONALITIES WHO ARE FEMINISTS IN TAMIL NADU:

### A CRITICAL STUDY

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#### ABSTRACT

*In the past few years in India, the status and standard of women were subject to major variations. In all aspects of life, women were treated equally during earlier times. Katyayana and Patanjali was the great Indian Grammarians. In earlier time periods, these grammarians suggested letting women also get an education at the ancient Vedic time period. The scriptures like as Upanishads, and Rig Veda used to mention a few of the women seers and sages, distinguished from Maitreyi and Gargi. The status of women declined in the later time period of the Vedic (Bandyopadhyay and Malini, 2004). At that time period, the birth of female children used to be considered as a sin for people. The thoughts of people were, female is the main cause of sorrow. Female is considered a burden on the family. The concept of "Mahabharatha" and "Ramayana" also reflect the same thought process about women. In society, women were given lower positions as compared to men. They were taken as subordinate to men and inferior too. When a female child is born in earlier time periods, people do not celebrate the day and feel sad about the birth of female (Amitabh and Aiyar, 2003). With Smiritis (Manusmriti), women's status and standards are declining. It is said that women should not have kept being independent in day and night because of the males and families. A woman is not allowed to feel independent. When she is a child, her father used to protect her. Later on, their husband used to protect her as a young lady, and at last, her son used to protect her as an old-aged mother. Basically, women are never said to be independent at all. They are allowed to stay under the shelter of men (Buch, 2001).*

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