



P. OBUL REDDY PUBLIC SCHOOL

SMT.DURGABAI DESHMUKH 113th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY EVENT REPORT

PREPRIMARY 14th July 2022



Every year, we look forward to 15th July, the birth date of our founder and freedom fighter, Dr.Durgabai Deshmukh. She was a trendsetter, from throwing off the chains of child marriage to becoming a pioneer in social service.

Durga, fondly referred to as the mother of socialservice, became a follower of Gandhiji and boycotted English medium schools. Barely at 12, she was born in Rajahmundry in 1909 and was a victim of child marriage. She participated in the Freedom struggle and got jailed at least twice for it. She completed her B.A. Honours from Madras University and received a scholarship to study in the London School of Economics. Sadly enough, the war destroyed her plans to study in the UK but she was not the one to be deterred by setbacks. Durgabai chose to pursue a degree in Law.

C. D. Deshmukh, Governor of Reserve Bank of India, proposed to her and they married and led a happy life together. After she became an MP, she was on the board of the Planning Commission, as member in charge of social Acclaim and accolades came after her — the UNESCO **award for outstanding work in literacy, Nehru Literacy Award and the Padma Vibhushan**. She penned the book **'The Stone that Speaketh'**. Her autobiography titled **'Chintaman and I'** was published a year after she died in 1981 at the age of 72.

Children of Pre-primary celebrated Dr.Durgabai Deshmukh's 113th birth anniversary and paid tributes to the iron lady.They understood the contribution of Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh in social service by watching a PowerPoint presentation. Students of UKG - C took active part in role-play and briefed about Dr.Durgabai Deshmukh. The event was a source of inspiration on the works of Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh, who will continue to inspire us.



