

**Multidisciplinary Course (MDC)
(Humanities and Social Science)**

Unit: III

**Topic: Women Education, Politics and
Literature**

(Rajabala Das)

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A short biography of Rajabala Das

- She was born on 8th March, 1892 at Dibrugarh, Assam
- Her father was Ramakanta Barua and her mother was Kamala Barua
- She graduated from Bethune College, Calcutta in 1920
- She was married to Doctor Jyotish Chandra Das

Rajabala Das

- She did her M. A. privately from Calcutta University
- She entered in Assamese literature with her feminist book “Few Words for Women Education” (*Stri Sikshar Babe Kei Asharmaan*) which was published in 1928
- She established Handique Girls’ College, Guwahati in 1939

Rajabala Das

- She became the founder Principal of Handique Girls' College in 1939 and continued her service till 1965
- She was the first woman Principal of a college in Assam
- She contributed immensely towards the development of women education in Assam
- She died on 23rd April, 1985

Contributions of Rajabala Das towards Women Education

- ❖ She joined Politics by being influenced towards patriotism, but later left it and dedicated her remaining life for women education and empowerment.
- ❖ First she developed women education at high school level.
- ❖ She introduced school bus service for girls coming from distant areas.
- ❖ Under her constant guidance and efforts, the first batch of girl students from Dibrugarh Girls' High School successfully passed the HSLC examination.

Contributions

- ❖ She planned to establish a women's college in Assam and after facing much troubles ultimately became successful in establishing Handique Girls' College in 1939.
- ❖ The famous dignitary Radhakanta Handique donated an amount of 10000 rupees initially for the establishment of the college and gradually it was started and got affiliation from Calcutta University.
- ❖ By the name of the family of Radhakanta Handique, the college is identified now as Handique Girls' College presently affiliated to Gauhati University.
- ❖ The introduction of college education opened up a concrete path for women education in higher education platform and for all these aspects, the contribution of Rajabala Das is immense.

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