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The Prime Minister recently paid homage to freedom fighter Parbati Giri on the occasion of her birth centenary, saying that she played a commendable role in India's freedom struggle against colonial rule.

About Parbati Giri

- Also known as the **Mother Teresa of Western Odisha**, and epithet as '**Banhi-kanya**' (daughter of fire) **Giri** was a prominent **freedom fighter from Odisha**.
- While she fought for the Independence of India, **after independence** she **dedicated her life as a social worker**.
- Born on 19 January 1926 to mother Srimati and father Dhananjay Giri of Samleipadar village near Bijepur of the present Bargarh district and undivided Sambalpur district of Odisha, she was filled with patriotism since childhood.
- In **1942**, she was just **16** when she was in the **forefront of agitation following Mahatma Gandhi's 'Quit India' movement**.
- She had also **staged an agitation at Bargarh Court to persuade the lawyers to boycott the erstwhile court in defiance of the British**.

- Parbati Giri initiated her journey as a freedom fighter from her village only.
- She was **inspired by Gandhian philosophy**. She had even come in contact with Mahatma Gandhi.
- She had **taken tutelage at the famous Ashrams in Bari, Wardha, and Delhi Gandhi Sebashram**.
- Giri was also **associated with freedom fighter and social reformer Rama Devi**.
- **Dearly known as Badamaa (Big mother) to the inmates of her Ashrams**, the legendary woman from the Western Odishan district Bargarh **worked for the poor** and downtrodden till her death.

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