



Kandukuri Veeresalingam

16th April was the birth anniversary of reformer Kandukuri Veeresalingam.

▪ **Kandukuri Veeresalingam (16th April 1848 - 27th May 1919) :**

- He was a [social reformer](#) and **writer** from the **Madras Presidency** of British India. He was influenced by the ideals of [Brahmo Samaj](#).
- He is considered as the **father of the Telugu Renaissance movement**.
- He was one of the **early social reformers** who **encouraged the education of women** and the **remarriage of widows** (which was not supported by society during his time).
- He also **fought against child marriage and the [dowry system](#)**.
- He **started a school in Dowlaiswaram** in 1874.
- He constructed the '**Brahmo Mandir**' in 1887 and built the '**Hithakarini School**' in 1908 in [Andhra Pradesh](#).
- His **novel Rajasekhara Charitramu** is considered to be the **first novel in Telugu literature**.



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