



PM Condoles the Passing of Pramila Tai Medhe

Why in News?

PM Narendra Modi expressed deep sorrow over the passing of **Smt. Pramila Tai Medhe**, the former **Pramukh Sanchalika** of **Rashtra Sevika Samiti**, at the age of 97.

- She was remembered for her lifelong dedication to social service, women's empowerment, and the growth of the Samiti.

Key Facts About Pramila Tai Medhe

- **Birth and Death:**
 - **Birth:** 8th June 1929 (Nandurbar, Maharashtra)
 - **Death:** 31st July 2025 (Nagpur)
- **Pramila Tai Medhe** was a **Sevika** from childhood and served as the **Pramukh Sanchalika** of the **Rashtra Sevika Samiti** from 2006 to 2012.
 - She dedicated her life to the development of the Samiti, which is focused on empowering women through social reform and leadership training.
- She was known for her **selfless service** and was a pivotal figure in expanding the **Rashtra Sevika Samiti's** reach, both within India and internationally.
 - Her efforts led her to travel to countries like **England, America, Canada, and Sri Lanka** for Samiti work, earning recognition, including **Honorary Citizenship** from the **Mayor of New Jersey**.
- Pramila Tai's legacy includes her significant role in the **Bharat Parikrama**, where she traveled **28,000 km** across **32 states**, completing her resolve of visiting 107 places in **266 days**.
 - She remained deeply committed to the **Rashtra Sevika Samiti's** mission throughout her life.

Key Facts About Rashtra Sevika Samiti

- **Foundation:**
 - **Year:** 1936, Vijayadashami (Dussehra)
 - **Founder:** **Late Mrs. Lakshmibai Kelkar (Mausiji)**
 - **Headquarters:** Nagpur, India
 - **Objective:** To build a strong, radiant nation through the empowerment of women.
 - **Slogan:** "Women are the foundation of the nation."
- **Key Activities:**
 - **Daily and Weekly Shakhas (Meetings):** Focus on physical fitness, intellectual development, and morale-boosting activities for women.
 - **Health and Social Welfare Projects:** Initiatives such as health camps, hostels, women's self-help groups, and educational programs.
 - **National Movements Participation:** Active involvement in movements like **Quit India, Ram Janmabhoomi, and Jammu Kashmir Save Campaign**.
- **Core Principle:** The Samiti believes in the upliftment and empowerment of women to contribute towards nation-building and preserving cultural heritage.

- **Three Foundational Ideals:**
 - Matrutva (Universal Motherhood)
 - Kartrutva (Efficiency and Social Activism)
 - Netrutva (Leadership)
- **Organizational Motto: "Build the individual, build the nation"**

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