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Vengalil K.Chinnammalu Amma

She was the sister of a well-known diplomat & former Defense Minister, V. K. Krishna Menon.

A feminist by nature, she felt examining the history of ancient India, a society in which women enjoyed full freedom, in the Puranas and the Epics was found.

She argued : Didn't Kunti & Draupadi have opinions regarding the Mahabharata War?

When Shri Krishna set forth as the messenger of the Pandavas, didn't an impassioned Draupadi argue vehemently against a compromise?

Neither Krishna nor the Pandavas interrupted her on the grounds that she was trespassing on matters beyond her authority.

When Nala seemed hell-bent on squandering the treasury & ruining his people,

Damayanti didn't stay passive, saying that ruling the country was none of her business.

It is this gentle lady who entrusted the care of the young Prince, the heir to the throne, with the minister, on seeing that her husband had taken leave of his better senses and judgement.

Acc to her, a woman is more prone towards minute observation of dealings in the external world. Man remains engrossed in his own thoughts and emotions. External goings-on would not catch much of his attention. Therefore, woman has far more acute powers of observation.

Man is braver, and more capable of courageous deeds. However, the stamina and grit to endure long stretches of suffering and disadvantage are lacking in men.

And in every field, she felt there a need of women being there to balance the system.

Woman can never rejoice at the sight of the earth being soaked by human blood.

Dhritarashtra did not mourn the Bharata war. It was the tears of blood shed by a woman, Gandhari, which fell upon the lifeless bodies of the heroes at Kurukshetra.

Such were here thoughts■■■■■