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**Women Power - A Gandhian Discourse -Gandhian Vision, Gandhian Thought, Kasturba**



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## **About the Book:**

The book delves into the complexities of contemporary society, highlighting the transitional phase where old values are disintegrating while new norms are yet to be established. It critically examines the growing materialism and self-centeredness that have overshadowed human values, contrasting the fading culture of sacrifice with the rising culture of indulgence. Drawing inspiration from Gandhian philosophy, the book advocates for deep reflection and independent thinking rather than seeking simplistic solutions. It emphasizes the urgent need for committed activists and objective thinkers to address societal challenges, particularly in the realm of gender equality and women's empowerment. Through references to thinkers like Kahlil Gibran and Dada Dharmadhikari, the book underscores the necessity of changing societal mindsets rather than relying solely on legal reforms. It presents a compelling argument that true democracy and gender equality can only be achieved when women reclaim their self-identity, free from fear and societal constraints.

## **About the Author:**

Justice Chandrashekhhar Dharmadhikari was a distinguished judge, Gandhian thinker, and social reformer. Born on November 20, 1927, to freedom fighters Dada and Damayanti Dharmadhikari, he actively participated in the Quit India Movement at just fourteen. He practiced law in Nagpur before being elevated as a judge of the Bombay High Court, where he later served as Acting Chief Justice until his retirement in 1989. Throughout his career, he championed the rights of women, children, and marginalized communities. A prolific writer in Marathi, Hindi, and English, he was honored with numerous awards, including the Padma Bhushan in 2003. Deeply involved in Gandhian institutions, he remained a lifelong advocate of Gandhian principles, inspiring generations with his wisdom and integrity. He was appointed the first Chairman of the Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon.