

## Essay on Mrs. Indira Gandhi

**Mrs. Indira Gandhi** was the beloved leader of the people of India. After her downfall **1977**, the people has again placed the country in her hands in 1980. She was the **first woman Prime Minister of India**.

She was **born on Nov. 19, 1917**. She got her **education at Allahabad, Oxford and Shanti Niketan**. After it, she had been a member of the **India National Congress**. **In 1959**, she was elected **President of N. Congress**. It was only after the death of her father. That she became the *Minister of Information and Broadcasting*. After the untimely death of *Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri* in **1966** she was **elected Prime Minister of India**. It was under her leadership in **1971**, that *India defeated Pakistan* and broke its back forever. She nationalised all the major banks and abolished privy purses. These were two bold steps.

Now she had to face many challenges. The demand of '*Khalistan*' made her restless. The whole of Punjab came in the grip of terrorism. These two things turned the *Golden Temple into the fortress*. The Akalis presented a great challenge to her. As a custodian of the country's unity, she had to order the army to enter into the Golden Temple. It freed the *temple complex of terrorists*.

**On the black Wednesday morning of 31<sup>st</sup> October 1984**, she was shot dead at her residence by two of her own security guards named **Beant Singh** and **Satwant Singh**. The national mourned her death. In her death, the nation lost a worthy **maker of India**.