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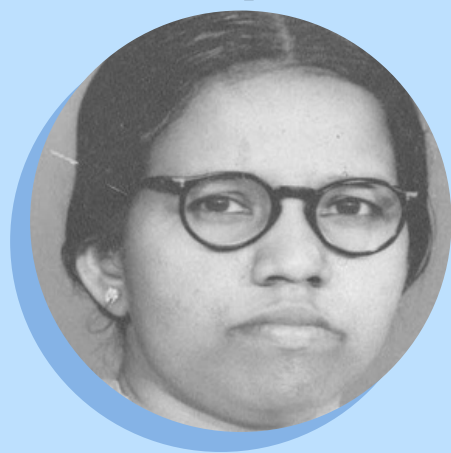


*presents a*  
**WEBINAR**

*In conversation with Meera Velayudhan on her mother,  
Dakshayani Velayudhan's extremely inspiring journey*

**Dr. Meera Velayudhan**

(A Policy Analyst with a PhD in Modern Indian History who has been involved in gender studies since its inception in the early 1980s in India)



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**TIME: 5 PM ONWARDS**

**Ms. Dakshayani Velayudhan**

Dakshayani Velayudhan was born to a lower-caste Pulaya family in Ernakulam district. Pulayas were mostly agricultural labourers. As a young girl, Dakshayani defied prohibitions imposed by dominant caste groups, such as preventing Pulaya women from covering their torso, seeking education, etc. Dakshayani has the distinction of being the first woman Scheduled Caste graduate. She was elected to the Constituent Assembly from the Madras constituency in 1946. She was one of the 15 women members of the Constituent Assembly. She was also the youngest and the only Dalit woman member of the Constituent Assembly. She made key interventions on issues of untouchability, forced labour, slavery, and many other pertinent concerns. Ironically, her vocalness in the Assembly often led to her being criticized for asking too many questions.

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