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Title: Need to declare birth anniversary of Mata Savitribai Phule, as a National Women Literacy Day.

SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL (MIRZAPUR): Madam Speaker, Mata Savitribai Phule was the champion of women's education in India, who opened the first School for Girls in the year 1848 and worked tremendously for uplifting the status of women during the British Rule. She even stood strongly against the unfair treatment based on gender and advocated widow upliftment as well as eradication of untouchability. The memories of such great national reformers must remain alive for future generations to keep drawing inspiration.

I, therefore, urge the Government to honour this great woman social reformer of India by declaring her birth anniversary, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, as a National Women Literacy Day.