

24 Enumerate the pre-independence feminist movements that played a crucial role in guaranteeing women's rights in Indian Constitution

Women participation in the national movement has been significant ranging from violent to non-violent means. Such movements garnered their rights in our constitution.

Pre-independence movements and rights

1. Age consent - The Sarda act of 1921

led to increase in the marriage age for girls to 16. This has ~~is~~ proposed the Child marriage amendment Bill 2021

to increase the age to 21 years.

This can ensure their time in education and employment.

2. Right to vote - A delegation of

women from the Women Indian Association

Voiced the emancipation of women.
This met success with the Government of India act 1919 giving representation to women.

3. Reforming personal laws - The AIWC

All India women's congress stressed for reforms in personal laws, against polygamy equal share, etc. This led to enactment of Triples & Taluqs law and started deliberations on Uniform civil code.

4. Women empowerment: The Women's Charter of Rights and duties in 1945-46 demanded equality in all sphere. The 73rd and 74th amendment act has give one-third representation to women.

The women's rights has been a long struggle to get equal rightful share in the constitution. The pre-independence feminist movements were the precursor of reforms