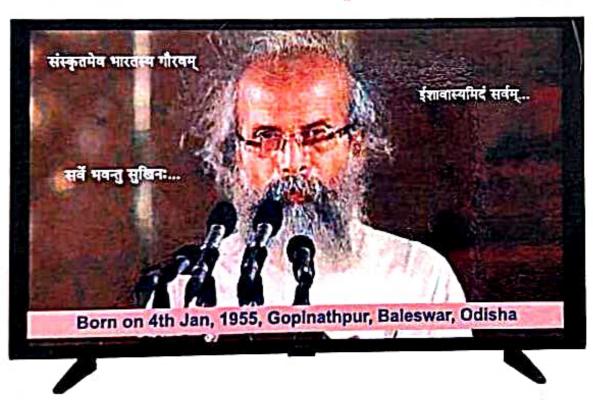


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Introduction

Vedic Literature is the solution for any problems of the Indian Culture and Society. Only the positive activities explain by the seers in the Vedas. The women and men's are equal in the eyes of Vedas. Not only Risis but Risikas are also seen the Vedic hymns. In the *Brhaddevata* there are twenty seven women seers are found. Women are accorded the greatest respect in Vedas. A woman is the mother of the worked and also the ruler of the family and society. In the Vedas there are mentions many female deities. The names and epithets of the women deities give complete ideas about the position of the feminism on the Vedas.

Vedic Goddesses are primarily classified into the three groups. 1. Natural basis, 2. Feminine nouns personified as goddesses, 3. Wives of the Gods.

Usa: Usa was born in the sky, so she is called the daughter of sky. She is the most important goddesses in Rgveda. Usa is the most charming figure in the Vedas. So she is compared to a graceful dancer. The Rgveda demonstrates Usa as a young maiden and praised for driving away the darkness. She is the lady of light. As the Goddess of dawn, she manifests light. Usa is the path maker because she opens the path for Surya to travel. She never misses her directions, and makes it easy for men to traverse the ways. So she is also called teh 'leader of days'. Usa the breath and life of the whole thing, a heavenly protector and banishes darkness, enemies, demons. She sends the individuals to their duties. She brings the entire living world into motion. She donated plenty of food, happiness, cattle and horses on her worshippers, as well as for success, good fortune, joys and wealth. Usa opens the doors of heaven for her worshippers.

Sri Aurobindo describes her as medium of awakening, the activity and growth of other gods. She is the first