Women’s Equality Day not only celebrates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also represents women’s continuing efforts toward full equality.

Kalpana Chawla (Kalpana means imagination in Hindi) was the first Indian woman to go in space.

At a very young age, she knew she was meant to be amidst the stars and planets. While others were playing with dolls, she would sketch and paint airplanes. She also made models of the universe and constellations. Her mother encouraged her passions.

As she continued her education, she navigated across the gender barrier fearlessly.

On February 1, 2003 the NASA space shuttle Columbia disintegrated during its re-entry in the earth’s atmosphere over Louisiana along with the entire team of astronauts including Chawla.

She stands as a true inspiration for all young women in India and worldwide, for she always believed in following her dreams.

“"The path from dreams to success does exist. May you have the vision to find it, the courage to get on to it, and the perseverance to follow it. Wishing you a great journey."
**On April 2nd, 1931, the unthinkable happened.**

Two of the greatest baseball players in history went to bat against a rookie female pitcher, *Jackie Mitchell*. And they both struck out!

The New York Yankees and the Chattanooga Lookouts (a Class AA minor league baseball team) played an exhibition game.

Mitchell was brought in to pitch during the first inning after the starting pitcher gave up a double and a single.

The next two batters were Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

Additionally, Native American women fought for their right to vote until 1924, Chinese American women until 1943, and Japanese and other Asian American women until 1952.

Finally, Hawaiian women didn’t obtain the right to vote until 1959 when Hawaii became a state.

**FUN FACT:** The Alaska Territory granted Alaskan women full voting rights in 1913. Seven years before the 19th Amendment!
In front of 4,000 fans, Ruth tipped his hat to Mitchell and stepped in the box.

She went into her signature left-handed sidearm delivery and delivered her drop ball.

Ruth swung and missed at the next two pitches. He took the next pitch on the outside corner that the umpire ruled a strike.

The slugger threw his bat on the ground in disgust with the call.

Next up was Gehrig, who went down easier than Ruth. He swung and missed at all three pitches Mitchell threw him.

A 17-year-old girl struck out two of the greatest baseball players in history.
"I always feel the movement is a sort of mosaic. Each of us puts in one little stone, and then you get a great mosaic at the end."

-Alice Paul (suffragist and women's rights activist)