

DEMISE OF RAJMATA SAHIB SHIV KUMARIJI OF KOTA

(Princess of Bikaner)

Born : 1.3.1916 Demise : 12.1.2012

Maharaja Ganga Singhji Trust records the sad demise of Princess Shiv Kumariji of Bikaner and Rajmata Sahib of Kota.

Born on 1st March 1916 she was daughter of Maharaja Sri Ganga Singhji and Maharani Ajab Kanwarji of Bikaner. Her father, Maharaja Ganga Singhji ensured that she received modern education along with her male siblings MK Sadul Singhji and MK Bijey Singhji at home. The Rathore Rajput princess was skilled in big game hunting and later practised Clay Pigeon Skeet Shooting with her nephew Maharaja Karni Singhji.

She was married to Maharaj Kumar Bhim Singhji of Kota in 1930. As the Maharani of Kotah she became committed to the cause of education of girls along with her contemporary and friend, Maharani Gayatri Devi of Jaipur. She was Vice-President of Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' Public School in Jaipur.

While her husband was the Up Rajpramukh of Rajasthan, she was also active in politics and was elected to the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly as an independent Member from Khanpur (Jhalawar District) from 1966-71. Along with her husband and family she traveled all around the world in the early decades of India's independence.

She was active in the socio-economic uplift of the Rajput community and was the Vice-President of the Rajput Sabha. Like her contemporaries in Indian royalty she remained interested in the preservation of wildlife and jungle habitat.

The Bikaner Family mourns the demise of the senior most member of the Bikaner Family.