Mary Roy, the mother of author-activist Arundhati Roy, has passed away at age 89

Educator and women's rights activist Mary Roy was best known for the "Mary Roy" case, the prolonged legal battle that **ensured equal property rights for women from Kerala's Syrian Christian families.**

Mary Roy mounted a legal challenge to the law after she was asked to leave her father's Ooty cottage that she had returned to, along with her two children, after her divorce.

Denied equal rights to her deceased father's property**, Mary Roy sued her brother, George Isaac**, marking the beginning of a case that is seen as a milestone in **ensuring gender justice in India.**