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ASIMA CHATTERJEE (23rd September, 1917 – 22nd November, 2006): Asima Chatterjee is celebrated as one of the greatest minds in Chemistry who contributed substantially to the field of medicinal Chemistry and to the research on Indian medicinal plants. She graduated from Scottish Church College in 1936. She pursued Organic Chemistry in her post-graduation studies from the University of Calcutta and broke the glass ceiling as the first woman scientist to receive a doctorate degree from this University in 1944. After completing her post-doctoral research on biologically active alkaloids at University of Wisconsin and Caltech she returned to join the University College of Science at the University of Calcutta as a Reader in pure Chemistry. In 1962, she became the Khaira Professor of Chemistry, one of the most prestigious Chairs of the Calcutta University which she adorned till 1982 and was the first woman scientist to adorn a chair of any University in India. A recipient of Padma Bhushan, Chatterjee is a glowing testimony to the college's contributions to the promotion of women's education in the country.