ROSA Parks is regarded as a hero of civil rights because she challenged segregation laws in Montgomery, a town in Alabama where all public places and facilities used to be segregated. Blacks were discriminated against on a daily basis; They were forbidden to attend/from attending the same schools, eating in the same restaurants or sitting in the same seats as white people. They were not allowed to use the same toilets. They were denied the right to vote and were subjected to many forms of humiliation; They had to sit in different sections on trains and buses. When Rosa parks was arrested, she was taken to the police station, fingerprinted and photographed. She was made to pay a fine to get out of jail. As a result, black people, who could no longer stand such injustice, decided to organize a bus boycott under the leadership of martin Luther King Jr, a Baptist preacher, who then emerged as a great orator and leader.