**WOMEN’S HISTORY IN SUBCONTINENT**

**Capsule Statement:**

The course is designed to trace the struggles of women in subcontinent’s pre- partition era for social, economic and political up gradation of the status of the women. The course analyzes the structure and dynamics of social movements based on women. It also focuses on how political process in Pakistan after partition affected and transformed women’s movement over the years. Moreover, it aims to make the students able to scrutinize women’s movement in Pakistan along with the role of women in the national development of the country.

#### Objectives:

After the completion of this course, students will be able to

* Analyze the historical discourse of struggle of women in the subcontinent
* Comparative analysis of these movements with the ones in present day Pakistan

#### Contents:

1. **Introduction to Social Movement**
   1. What is Social Movement?
   2. Types of Social Movements
   3. Difference between Social Movements and Women’s Movements

#### Women’s Movement in sub-Continent

* 1. The Mughal Period
  2. The Invasion of Britishers
  3. Impact of Colonization

#### Socio-cultural Transition and Muslim Womanhood in India (1857-1920)

* 1. Muhammadan Educational Conferences
  2. Efforts by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan & other Eminent Male personalities for Female Education
  3. Roles of magazines, Journals and Literature in Creating Awareness about Women’s issues
  4. 20th Century: a Period of Awakening

#### Role of Women in the Independence Movement

* 1. Bi Amma: An Opening for Female Politicians
  2. Demand for Female Suffrage
  3. Women’s Participation in First Round Table Conference
  4. Women and Election
  5. Quaid’s Verdict about Role of women in the National Development
  6. The First All-India Muslim Ladies Conference

#### Women’s Struggle after Independence (1947- till date)

* 1. Women’s Struggle in Post Independence Period (1947-58)
  2. The Ayub Khan’s Era (1958-69)
  3. Bhutto Era (1970-77)
  4. The Zia Regime (1977-88)

5.5. Benazir Era (1988-90, 1993-96)

* 1. Nawaz Sharif Period (1990-93, 1997-99)
  2. The Musharaf Period (1999-2007)
  3. Zardari Regime (2007- 13)
  4. Nawaz Sharif (2013-18)

#### Suggested Readings:

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