

Q How the colonial era influenced the status of women in the sub-continent?

Answer- Introduction

"Colonial era was a power in one group hand of specific territory to rule."

Colonial era was a rule of specific territory. In fact, it was rule of the British colony in the sub-continent. This rule influenced status of women in the sub-continent. But, revolutionary wars, WWI and WWII paved way for demand of women's rights. Thus, women status had impact of colonial era in the sub-continent.

2- Colonial era in the sub-continent:

an overview

"Rule of British colony
in the sub-continent
put foundation of
Colonial era."

(- Fard Bani)

Colonial era was a
rule of British government in the
sub-continent. In fact, Colonial era
influenced whole sub-continent especially
the status of women. Thus, Colo-
nial era had influence on the
sub-continent.

3- Colonial era influence on the
status of women in the sub-
continent

influence:

Following are

a) Socio-economic influence

Colonial era influ-

enced socio-economic status of women. In fact, women were under suppression of dominant colonial patriarchal society.

"Women were deprived of proper social participation in the sub-continent under British influence."

(- Tarique Hussain,
Colonial perspective, 2013)

Along with socially aspect, women were also deprived economically.

"Women were not paid on their wages or they were not given equal pay rights."

(- Colonial era, 2013)

Thus, women were deprived of socio-economically in the colonies/ers.

b) Culture influence on the status of women

Women were also influenced by colonial culture. In fact, women were forced to adopt colonial life style under the British government.

Women were not only influenced by economy but they were also forced to adopt the dress, language, and life style of colonial era.

← Forced Bm, life style re-orientation

Hence, Colonial era also influenced women culturally.

c) Political influence on the status

of women

Colonial era also influenced politically. In fact, women were deprived of right to vote and active participation in politics.

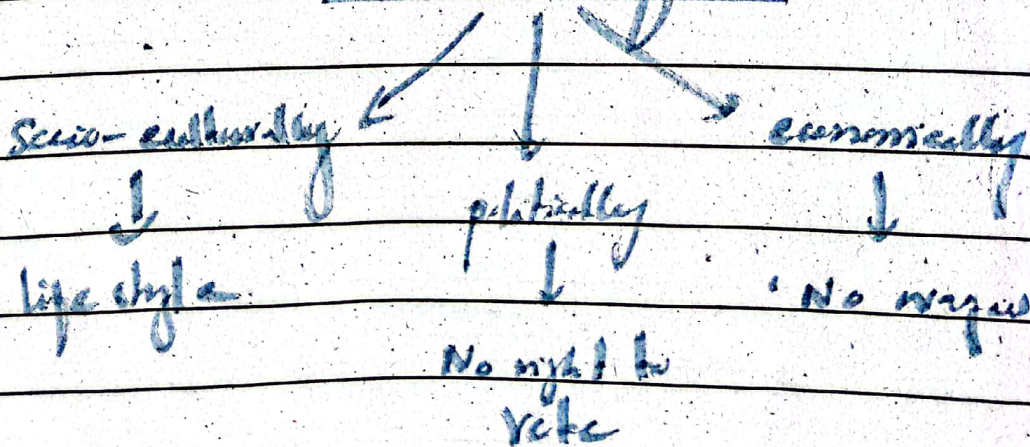
“Colonial era used women as machinery, but women were still deprived in political right.”

— Huma Suleem,

History of the sub-continent, 2020

Thus, Colonial era also influenced the status of women politically.

Colonial era influence



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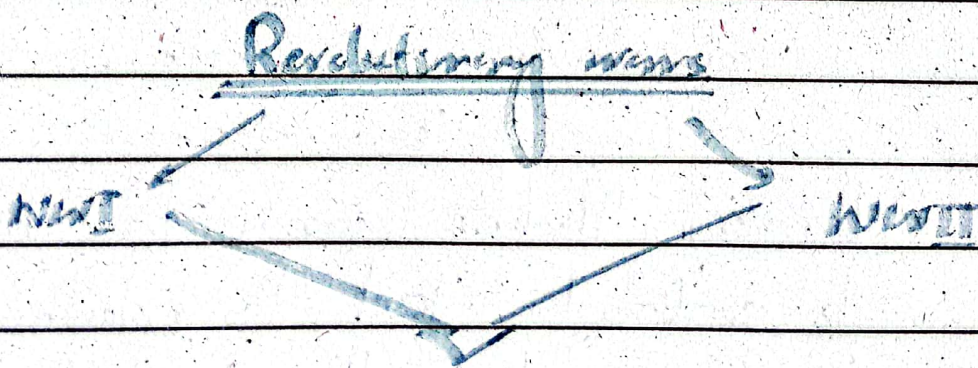
Revolutionary wars: WWI and WWII

Revolutionary wars, WWI and WWII paved way for mere suppression of women. In fact, men were fighting in wars and women supported industries.

• Women were among
of reserved labour
in class
etc...

(- Zubaida Mustafa)

Therefore, women were under suppression during revolutionary wars, WWI and WWII.



The reserved army
of labour

5- Implications of revolutionary wars in Colonial era

Revolutionary wars led to impacts on women. In fact, all women resisted for their rights in all tiers of the government.

"Women demanded for equal pay and equal wages."

(- Fossil Basis)

Women not only demanded for equal pay, but they also demanded political participation.

"Women also demanded 'right to vote' in order to secure their future concerns."

Moreover, Muslim women in the sub-continent led to movement to protect their culture.

"Angjuman-e-Ost
movement launched
in Lahore, to get
Islamic purporting
lifestyle"

(Iqbal Khan)

Thus, women's status had impact
of revolutionary wars, WWI and
WWII.

5- Conclusion

"Colonial era was the
rule of the British
government in a
specific part of
the sub-continent"

(Taqi Hussain)

Colonial era influenced the
status of women in the sub-conti-
nent. But, revolutionary wars in
Colonial era paved way for sup-
pression of women. Resultantly, we-

men demanded for their rights.

Therefore, Colonial Era had certain implications on the status of women as well.