

## Colonial Mentality in Military.

Another factor hindering the country's progress is the colonial mentality in the military. They like their former colonial masters, consider themselves superior to others. They have separate cantonment areas where civilians are not allowed, as well as their own mess, gymkhana and restricted areas accessible only to military personnel and their families, creating a state within the state. During the global COVID-19 pandemic military hospitals were exclusive for military personnel and their families, that reflects their apathy towards the civil citizens of this country and their own superior mindset. They enjoy perks and privileges similar to those of their colonial masters, including a better salary structure compared to civilians.

Pakistan is a democratic country that has experienced three martial laws. Martial law is considered one of the darkest periods for any democratic nation. The military's involvement in politics hampers political and democratic progress, causing political instability that further disrupts economic progress.

### Colonial mentality in Educational Institutes

Long before Partition, missionary schools and educational institutions were established in the subcontinent, promoting the idea that education in English was superior. To this day, students from such institutions, like Atchison or Convent schools, are often treated as superior compared to those from Urdu medium or madrasa schools. This disparity in the education system has created

divisions among students,  
similar to the caste system  
in Hindu society.

English, a gift of our colonial  
past, is treated as a  
superior language. It  
dominates our schools and  
offices, reflecting a lingering  
colonial mindset. It is  
important to remember  
that English is merely a  
language and not a measure  
of intelligence. A student  
from an Urdu medium or  
madrasa school can be  
just as intelligent, if not  
more so, than a student  
from an English medium  
school.