To help students develop understanding of the status of women in India during the colonial period to modern era.

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**Unit 1:** First phase of women’s movement in India: 1850–1915; Social reform movements in colonial and contemporary India: movement against widow immolation and child marriage; in favour of widow remarriage; modernity and Indian women; women as agents: contesting discourses on marriage and marital rights

**Unit 2:** Second Phase of women’s movement in India: 1915–1947; women in the freedom movement: from the private to the public sphere; the ‘common’ woman and the ‘new’ woman; Kamini Roy, Pandita Ramabai, Anandibai Joshi, Tarabai Shinde, Saraladevi Chaudhurani, Haimavati Sen and Sarojini Naidu, Annie Besant …

**Unit 3:** Contemporary phase of women’s movement in India: post-1947; feminist class-consciousness; caste and women; religion and feminism; Ecofeminism; women and development; women and violence; trafficking in women; women’s political participation.

**Unit 4:** Women in North East India: women and ethnicity; customary laws; women as agent of revenge, impact of conflict on women; women and conflict resolution; Christian missionaries and education for women of Assam; Chandraprabha Saikiani and the women’s liberation movement in Assam.

**Text books:**


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