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# History of Women's Movement in India

Dr. Vandana Parmar\*

## ABSTRACT

*History is a witness of discrimination and hierarchy between upper-royal-privileged class and lower class-poor people, which is based on class and ascription. Gender based hierarchy and inequality is the most and obnoxious discrimination in human society. During British rule, India was struggling to fight against British imperialism. British rule in India brought a significant political, economic, social and cultural change in society. All Indian territories came under the British rule with the same administration, law and regulation. Western education and connection with foreigners had created awareness about hierarchy, inequality, and injustice that existed and occurred in society, especially the question had risen for the lower status of women and caste discrimination. In this backdrop, this article elaborates Indian women's struggle in 19<sup>th</sup> century, and in pre-independence Indian. Later part of the article explains women's movement and issues in post independent India.*

## WOMEN IN 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, male reformers led many organizations and institutions, which were concerned with women's issue. Raja Rammohan Roy (1772-1833), fought for abolition of sati and spoke in favour of women's property right. Ishwarchandra Vidhyasagar

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