UNIT 13 : EDUCATION IN INDIA DURING COLONIAL PERIOD

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13.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to -

- understand the traditional Indian education system
- understand the colonial policy of education
- understand the impact of the colonial policy of education
- know the aims and purposes of the imperial education system
- understand how the colonial education system impacted women

13.2 INTRODUCTION

With the advent of British colonialism in India in 1757, there were drastic changes in the country's social, economic, political and cultural life. One arena which saw such changes is the sphere of education. Although they came to India as merchants and traders, the British influenced the economic, social and political life of the country, including educational institutions and practices.

Many scholars argue that colonialists design educational policies in a colonized country in such a way that it legitimizes their domination and serves their needs. The needs of the colonial power determined development of the education system during the British period. Ideological