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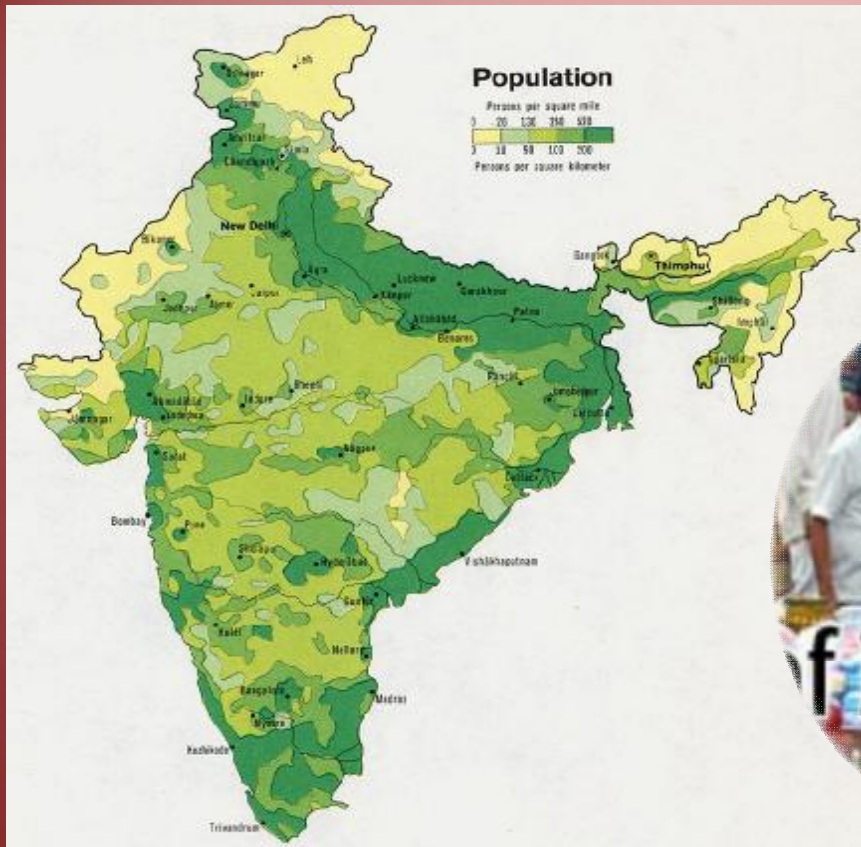
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Women constitute almost half of the population of the world. To acquire a better quality of life, education is highly essential for women. It is the best way to improve the health, nutrition and economic status of a household that constitute a micro unit of a nation economy.



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Total Population of India in 2011	1,210,193,422	(1.21 billion).
Total Male Population	623,700,000	(623.7 million)
Total Female Population	586,500,000	(586.5 million)

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Trends in Literacy Rates male/female in India: 1981-2001

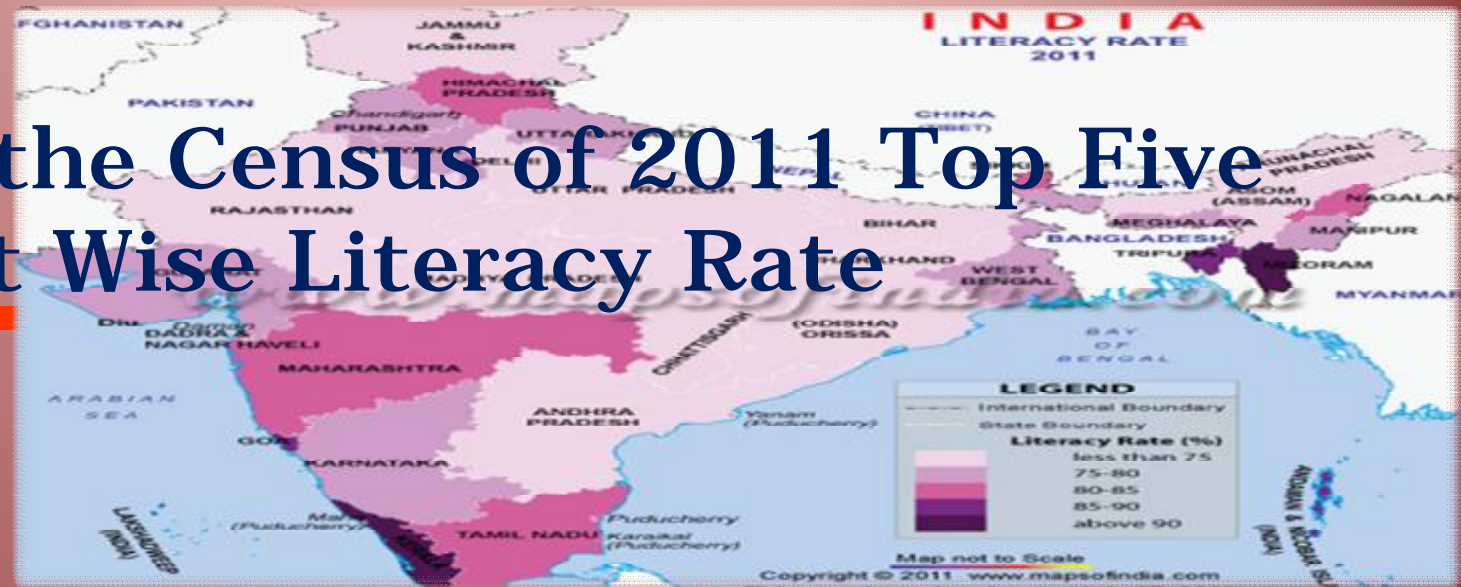
Particulars	1981	1991	2001
Male	56.37	64.13	75.85
Female	29.75	39.29	54.16
Total	43.56	52.20	65.38
Divergence (Male-Female)	26.62	24.84	21.69

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	2001	2011
Total literacy rate	64.83%	74.04%
Male literacy	75.26%	82.14%
Female literacy	53.67%	65.46%

As per the Census of 2011 Top Five District Wise Literacy Rate



	Top Five Districts	Highest Literacy Rate
1	Serchhip in Mizoram	98.76%.
2	Aizawl in Mizoram	98.50%.
3	Mahe in Puducherry(U/T)	98.35%
4	Pathanamthitta in Kerala	96.93%
5	Kottayam in Kerala	96.40%

As per the Census of 2011 Bottom Five District Wise Literacy Rate



	Bottom five districts	
1	Alirajpur in Madhya Pradesh	37.22%.
2	Bijapur in Chhattisgarh	41.58%.
3	Dakshin Bastar Dantewada in Chhattisgarh	42.67%
4	Jhabua in Madhya Pradesh	44.45%.
5	Nabarangapur n Orissa	48.20%

As per the Census of 2011 Top Five District according to Female Literacy



	Top five districts according to Female literacy	Highest literacy rate
1	Serchhip in Mizoram	98.28%
2	Aizawl in Mizoram	98.00%
3	Mahe in Puducherry(U/T)	97.61%
4	Pathanamthitta in Kerala	96.26%
5	Kottayam in Kerala	95.67%

As per the Census of 2011 Bottom Five Districts according to Female Literacy

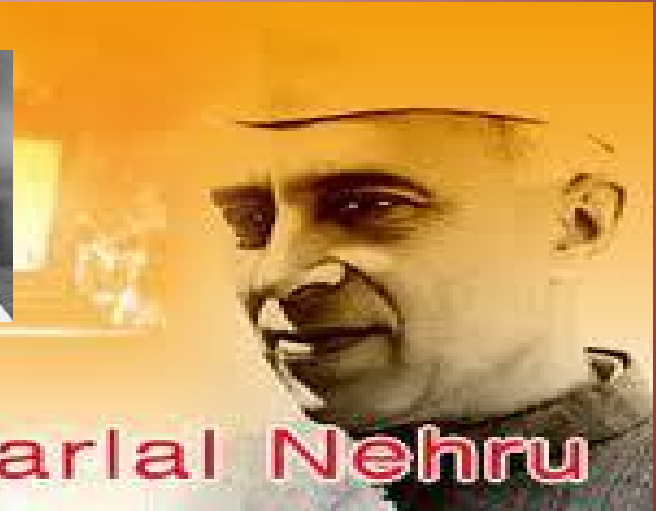
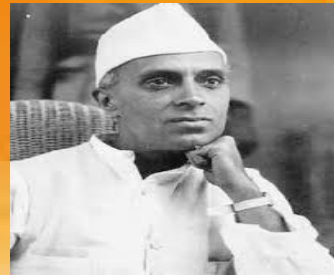


	Bottom five districts according to Female literacy	Lowest literacy rate
1	Alirajpur in Madhya Pradesh	30.97%
2	Bijapur in Chhattisgarh	31.56%
3	Dakshin Bastar Dantewada in Chhattisgarh	32.88%
4	Jhabua in Madhya Pradesh	34.29%
5	Shrawasti in Uttar Pradesh	37.07%



The main reason for not sending girls to school is:

- the poor economic condition.
- lack of female teachers.
- the lack of adequate school facilities.

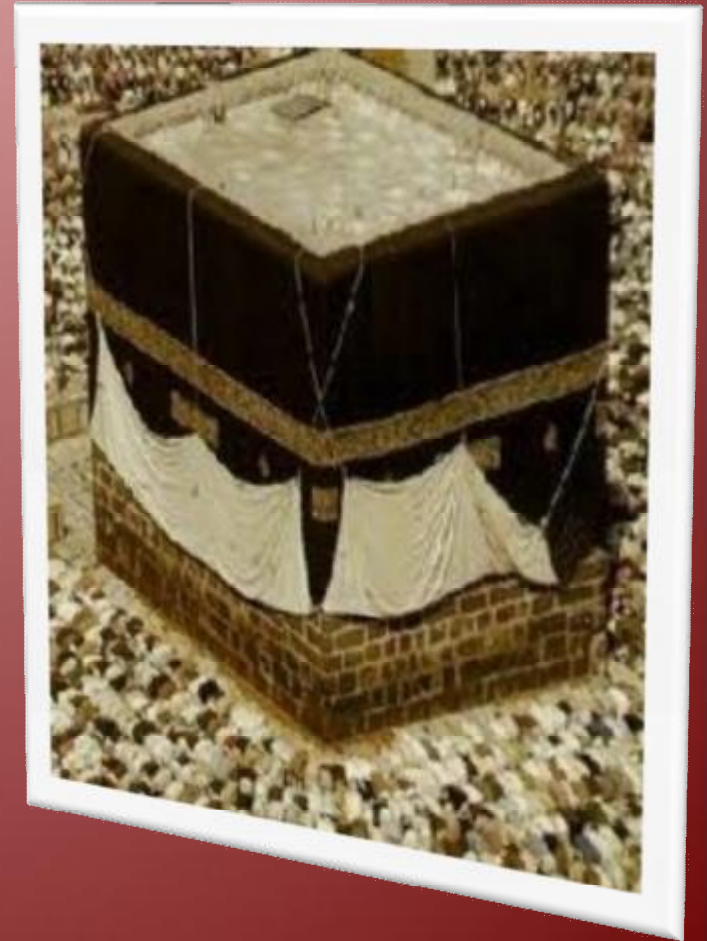


Jawaharlal Nehru had once said;

“Educate a man and you educate one person. Educate a woman and you educate the whole family.”



At the beginning of Islam it is reported that only 17 people in Makkah could read and write. Prophet Muhammad (peace & blessings be upon him) encouraged his followers to seek knowledge even in China (a distance place).





According to one of his traditions the duty, not the right,

“the duty of education, is a duty on every Muslim, man and woman.”





The first word revealed of the Quran was "Iqra"
READ! Seek knowledge! Educate yourselves!
Be educated (Male and Female).



In Quran alone there are 704 verses in which either the word ilm (knowledge) or the words of the same derivation are used in the following order:

a'lam 49 times,
al-ilm 80 times,
a'lamu 11 times,
alim 162 times,
a'lim 13 times,
ilman 14 times,
i'lamu 27 times,
ma'lum and ma'lumat 13 times,
ya'lamun 85 times,
ya'lamu 93 times,
ta'lamun 56 times.





Pen and books are essential aids of knowledge, and for them, the qalam occurs 2 times and al-kitab 230 times. In addition, a number of words related to writing, like kataba, katabna, kutiba, katib, yaktubu, naktubu are used in a number of verses. The total number of the Quranic verses using the words related to writing is 319, and the word kitab for the Quran is used on 81 different occasions. This is enough to show to what extent knowledge and the means of its acquisition are emphasized in the Quran.





Quran does not address men alone, it address both men and women.



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"Women are the other halves of men."

Education in Women under Islamic Law is the key to the success of society. In Brief you cannot have a well decent and educated society without educated Female.



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A woman's role on earth is not limited only to childbirth. woman is very important in the society. She is to play a very effective role as a mother, a wife, a daughter, a sister, an aunt and a grandmother. She is the one who molds, who trains and who makes the future generation and the future leader to mankind. Therefore, she has to be treated kindly and to be trained properly.



Wherever Allah mentioned about education, it also includes Female as well. Female is the principal part in a family success. “RABBEE – ZIDNEE – ILMAA” is mentioned in the Quran is for both men and women to get education more and more. Acquisition of knowledge is an obligation as established by the Holy Qur’an and the Sunna.



India did extremely well on literacy front, which is an encouraging development. But it is also clear that much more must be done at the governmental level to provide women equal opportunity in education and to ensure that they benefit from full education, the eradication of illiteracy, and vocational training.



Hopefully by 2020 we would have achieved 85 to 95 percent literacy rates overall and female literacy of 75 percent. Education is the best weapon to enable the girl child in her battle for survival in our country

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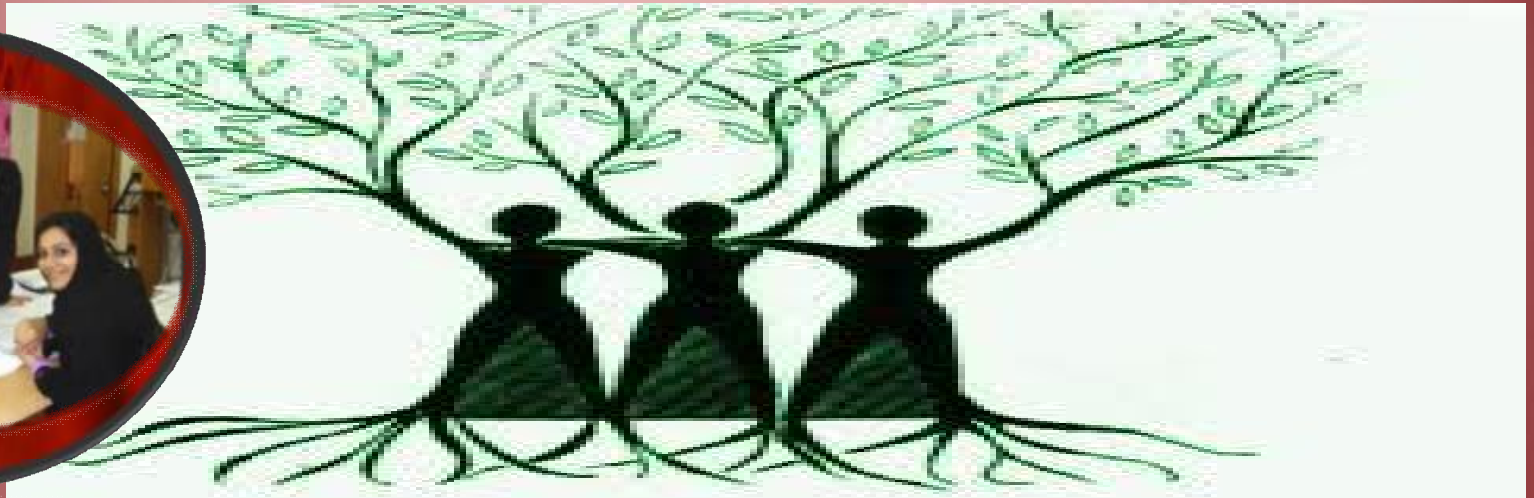
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“Education is a liberation factor. It’s something no one can take away from you. And really, with education, you can empower yourself,”



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Thank you



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