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Preface

The present study, as the title indicates, deals with the impact of religion on public and private life of educated Muslim women. It occupies an important area of inquiry in a religious town as it enables us to visualize the trend and direction of future position of the educated Muslim women in local community, where is great influence of religion. Women are the essential part of the society and therefore cannot be kept away from the process of social mobility.

Being the most crucial section of society they have been the source of motivation from the very beginning. It is clear that women have an active presence in every field of life which cannot be neglected. Secular education is very important and significant in determining the level of mentality and position in society amongst the people. It is true that change at individual level takes effect through the change at societal level. Thus, interaction is the most appropriate approach for tracing the impact of one on the other. A large body of literature has come up to document the impact of religion and societal development in a religious town Deoband is changing the personality structure of people in a direction congruent with the modern ethos.

The present study has been divided into seven chapters. The first chapter is introductory which includes rationale of the problem, statement of the problem, area of study, methodology and concepts/terms. The second chapter deals with an overview of selected literature. In the overview, the studies are classified according to the concerned continents. The third chapter takes note of an area of study in detail. The fourth chapter deals with the impact of religion on public and private life of educated Muslim women. The fifth chapter shows the socio-economic background and impact of religion on Public-Private life of Muslim women. The sixth chapter takes account of some specific case studies. The last chapter deals with summary and findings of the present study.