

History of Persian Language and Literature can be divided into six periods. The first Islamic period began with the invasion of Ghaznavids in the Subcontinent, in fourth century, which means that Persian language was in fashion for around a thousand years in this region. Numerous poets and poetesses contributed to this language through their renowned works. As in Temurid Era a numbers of well-educated female writers especially poets earned recognition .After Temurid periods, British Rule tried to uproot the influence of Persian language and promoted English as official language, but it is just because of the resistance showed by the poets and writers of that time that Urdu, a language with great influence of Persian is our national language and enjoys better status in Pakistan as compared to India. Female poets of Pakistan have great contribution in the promotion of Persian language through their poetic works. Two Divans of renowned poetesses of Pakistan are published. The topic of my thesis is “A Study on the Contribution of Persian Poetesses of the Subcontinent from 4th century to 14th century”. This thesis is divided in following six chapters.

1st chapter is titled as: “Ancient period of Subcontinent”. In this chapter Samanids; Ghanavids and Ghoris period has been discussed.This starts from 204 A.H. to 602 A.H.

In second chapter titled: “Rulers of Delhi Saltanat”, in which period of Delhi emperors started from 602 to 932 Hijri has been given. Third and fourth chapters are about Temorid period from 932 AH to 1014 AH and from 1014 AH to 1118 AH respectively.

Fifth chapter is about “Modern period” which starts from 1857AD to 1947 AD. Six and last chapter is “contemporary period “which starts from 1947 till date of thesis.

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