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Feminism in India is a set of philosophical movement aimed at defining, establishing and defending equal political, economic and social rights and equal opportunities for Indian women. It is the pursuit of women's right within the society of India. "It seems to refer to an intense awareness to identify as a women and which interest in feminine problems" grounded in a commitment to ending the oppression, subordination, abuse and exploitation of women and girls, wherever these may arise in the society. The subjugation of women is a central fact and cause of all psychological disorders in society. According to Janet Richards, "The essence of Feminism has a strong fundamental case intended to mean only that there are excellent reasons for thinking that women suffer from systematic social injustice because of their sex, the proposition is to be regarded as constitutional feminism".

The strong wave of feminism in the 1960s and 1970s helped to theorise a women's discourse. In 1980s 'Feminism' concentrated on transforming the individual field and in1990s began a major role in directing academic focus on the concern of the so-called 'otherness', differences, and questions of marginality. Margaret has rightly pointed out that the concept of feminism raises fundamental queries about reading, writing and the teaching of literature. It operates as an interdisciplinary tool for social and cultural analysis and as a political practice. Feminism has transformed the precision of life and literature. The agonistic definition, of feminism is seen as the struggle against all forms of patriarchal and sexiest aggression, such oppositional definition projects feminism as the necessary resistance to the patriarchal powers, logically then the aim of feminism as a theory of imagination becomes abolition of itself along with its opponents.

Hence, Feminist ethics at its standing point sought to shift philosophical attention to topics that almost male philosophers had previously ignored.