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MODULE II THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

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COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM:-

- Imperialism/Colonialism a policy of conquering and ruling other lands.
- □ It existed from the very beginning of mankind's history.
- From 1870, the Industrial powers carried out an astonishing expansion, building up world wide empires.

- □ The term Imperialism should not be confused with Colonialism as if often is.
- colonialism and imperialism are often used interchangeably.
- The word *Colonialism* comes from the Roman word *Colonia* which meant *farm* or *settlement*//
- And referred to Romans who settled in other lands but still retained their citizenship.

- *Imperialism is a term applied to the system by which powerful countries exploit the weak countries and geographical territories keeping them under their control.
- *Very often imperialism made the conquered regions part of the conquering country.
- *Sometimes imperialism would conquer weak nations.

- *Imperialism has a long history.
- *The oxford English dictionary describes Colonialism as a settlement in a new country.
- *A body of people who settle in a new locality.
- *Colonialism in the modern sense is a more complex them.

- *The analysis of colonialism and its impact is also closely linked to the choice of strategies and policies of development followed in a post-colonial society.
- *Colonialism is thus to be studied as a distinct stage in the history of the former Colonial societies and as a distinct social structure.

- *It is a system of exploitation mainly through political, economic and cultural domination.
- *Specific features of colonialism in individual countries are crucially related to the specific nature of the precolonial country or society and its history.
- *As also its size, geography and geographical location.

- *Colonialism is best seen as a totality or a unified structure.
- *A metropolitan country establishes its domination over a dependent territory.
- *The term colonialism to describe the expansion of various European powers into Asia, Africa or the Americas from the 16thcentury onwards.

- *It restructured the economies of the colonized communities.
- *There was a flow of human and natural resources between colonized and colonial countries, but it was favourable to the latter.
- *Colonialism is the building and maintaining of colonies in one territory by people based elsewhere.
- *It can also take the form of subjugation of a minority culture by a majority culture.
- *Colonialism is often linked with the concept of Imperialism.

- This is accomplished through the direct acquisition of land or economic and political domination.
- During the 16th and 17th centuries, England, France and Holland made their own overseas empires.
- However the end of 18th and early 19th century many European colonies in the Americas gained their independence.

- Spain and Portugal became weak after the loss of their *New World* Colonies and could not get back the power they once had.
- But Britain, France and Holland turned their attention to South Africa, India and South East Asia and began expanding.

- While the History of Colonialism dates back to 15th Century, Imperialism has its origins dating back to the Romans.
- Colonialism has its origins when Europeans started to look outside their country,
- Imperialism is just not like that and it involves individual pursuits only.

- In Colonialism, one can see great movement of people to the new territory and living as permanent settlers.
- Though they lead the life as permanent settlers, they still maintain allegiance to their mother country.
- Imperialism is just exercising power over the conquered regions either through sovereignty or indirect mechanisms of control.
- Coming to the origin of the imperialism has a longer history than Colonialism.

- Colonialism as classically conceived, is very specifically a political phenomenon, a matter of the State.
- In the 19th Century Europe underwent industrialization, the population increased, armies became more organized and had better weapons produced in factories.
- Merchants and businessmen considered it important to have colonies in order to gain immense profit.

- Consequently there aroused rivalry among the European powers to established colonies and effectively control them for their own benefits. This is called *'New Imperialism'*.
- Many societies were established in Europe to the encourage the establishment of new colonies.

- New powers like Germany, Italy, and Japan entered into the field of struggle for colonies.
- Many indigenous societies and cultures have been destroyed by Imperialistic expansion.
- Though Imperialism and colonialism both result in the political and economic domination of one nation over others, there are subtle but important differences between the two terms.

- In its most familiar form, Colonialism involves the relocation of people to the new territory to live as permanent settlers.
- Once established, the settlers maintain their loyalty and allegiance to their mother country while working to harness the new territory's resources for the economic benefit of that country.
- □ In contrast, imperialism is simply the imposition of political economic control over the use of military forces.

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