Print Culture, and the Modern World - Important Dates

  Year Events 594 AD onwards Age of hand printing. Books in china were printed by rubbing paper against the inked surface of woodblocks 768-770 AD Import of hand printing technology to Japan from China 868 AD Publication of the Buddhist Diamond Sutra 11th cnt. Chinese paper reached Europe via the same route 1295 Marco Polo a great explorer returned to Italy and brought the knowledge of woodbload printing with him from after many years of exploration of china 1430s Johann Gutenberg developed the first known printing press Early 15th cnt Woodblocks were being wide used in Europe to print textiles, playing cards and religious pictures with simple, brief texts. 16th cnt. Manocchio a miler in Italy, began to read books that were available in his locality 1508 Introduction of mechanical printing 1517 Erasmus published his Adages.   1517 The religious reformer Martin Luther wrote Ninety Five Theses. mid 16th cnt. first printing press came to Goa with portuguese missionaries 1558 The roman church began to maintain an index of prohibited books 1579 Catholic priest printed the first Tamil book at Cochin early 18th cnt. The periodical press developed 1713 The first Malyalam books was printed 1780 James Augustus Hickey began to edit the Bengal Gazette 18th cnt. Louise Sebastein Mercier, a novelist Of France declared :"The printing press is the most powerful engine of progress and poublic opinion is the force that will sweep despotism away. 1810 The first printed edition of Ramcharitmanas by Tulsidas came out 1812 Stories for children were published 1821 Manmohan Roy published the Sambad Kaumudi the first bengali newspaper and the Hindu orthodozy commissioned the Samachar Chandrika 1822 Tow persian newspapaers were published A gujarati newspaper, the Bombay Samachar made its appearance mid 19th cnt. Richard M. How of New York had perfected the power riven cylindrical press which was capable of printing 8000 sheets per hour 1857 A children's press, devoted to literature for children exclusively was set up in France 1867 Foundation of Deoband Seminary 1871 Jyotibi Phulke published Gulamgiri 1876 Rashshundari Debi published her autobiography Amar Jiban 1877 The Stateman was founded 1878 The vernacular press Act was passed 1926 Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain strogly condemned men for withholding education from women 1938 Kashibaba published Chotte aur Bade Ka Sawal

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