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"... Anisa was a typical example wwoman who suffered at every stage of her life - because she was poor, because she was young and beautiful, because she was sensitive.... because she was a 'she'. Every time she tried to escape from her ill-fate, she received a worse blow. She had reached to a stage where she had lost the courage to question any one - even to her 'khuda' whom she still worshipped. Perhaps one thin ray of hope was still hidden in some corner of her broken heart which guided her to the 'Durgah' where she offered her prayers every week without fail! ..."