

Women: No Longer A Weaker Sex

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Abstract— India is a country where women were highly respected. Women of India have a background history and tradition which is even to be enshrined in walls. Supporting the statement even the rivers in India hold the Indian names of women like Ganga, Cauvery, etc., But presently, women in India confront some offenses that are unique like female infanticide, child marriage, domestic violence, dowry deaths, throwing acids on faces, eve-teasing, and passing lewd comments in public places. So violence against women is not a myth but a reality and is more serious and heinous crime. This research paper aims towards justice and empowerment of women and perpetrate people who call women a weaker sex, also it encloses and particularizes on rural women who fight in the battlefield against abuses and it also owes some solutions to succumb the happenings.

Index Terms— Women, Women in India, Rural women, Violence against women, Justice for women

I. INTRODUCTION

A belly that carries the child transcends the future generation, hands that rock the cradle rules the world, labour pain she bares let you see the new world, the blood of her satiates the hunger of every human being. Mother's soul is the temple of God and requires consecrate prayer and protection of men. Ancient scripture says, "Where women are respected there dwells the God". Women ought to be worshipped as God and equal to men in the society. Kitchen is not their womb to crawl into even the mighty sword needs their tackle and sensitivity of touch.

Women must be the backbone of every family in India, but one segment of the society dominates women and on the other phase they are insidiously tortured by the gang of human animals. Nowadays in our country many of the newspapers recapitulate and pervade the news of women abuses and harassments. If men incarnate into such a brutal rapist and abuse them how can women-empowerment pursue its zenith in our nation? Only women empowerment gains priority on the country's development agenda. But in country like India and rural parts there, tolerate worse impact and averse the economic condition of the state. Countries while they don't share brotherhood, friendly relationships and collaborate with each other, how is it so harassing women and inhumanity become so well synchronized and found parallel between states? The point is they don't respect women and treat them a weaker sex.

II. WOMEN IN RED ZONE

After 75years of country's Independence, the nation has not been able to protect women from all sorts of crimes. Even though few faults and violence being focused to light while others resting in peace, more than 80% of women living in northern part of India like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar etc., are endangered to all of these crime rates in general and women abuses in particular have increased substantially. Women over these areas are not well educated and unaware of things which pave a green signal to all red zoned crimes.

Rural women help men, but men instead, harass them and also even they are baffled up by their owners for even small faults and treated as slaves in stone quarries. Some of the educated girls are not even assured of their own safety as transportation facilities are scarcely available to them and majority of girls even now don't get proper education because of lack of safety. They are pictured in an inappropriate manner while they wash themselves in lakes; ponds etc., Women are put into torture by their own men and son after consumption of alcohol are the tools used by men to display the male superiority. They have a tradition of Devdasi system, female infanticide and sati which probe them even into fire.

India's tragic movement- New Delhi, India's capital witnesses this shameful movement, on December 19, at 9.pm when the young woman with her male friend boarded the bus. She was then gang-raped by the driver and five other men on the bus while her friend was badly beaten up. The brutality of the assault stunned the whole of India and the press dubbed her, Nirbhaya - the fearless one. The term weaker sex does not fit in this box, rather "women survivors" suits well. Valorous men are not strong either, surviving women are real warriors.

Humiliations chase the survivors- Agartala, the capital of Tripura where the 17 years old girl was held captive and allegedly raped for days by her boyfriend and his friends, and also they set her on fire where she was rescued with 90% of injuries by the local police. Humiliations chase the survivors throughout their life, some women stand to fight against like her and some spend their life on ventilators or they are burnt alive.

Sexual violence in rural part of India- Rape and sexual violence against women have been in multiple numbers in India in recent years. Some tragic incidents include Indian veterinarian woman doctor of 27 years was allegedly raped and murdered in Hyderabad on November 29, 2019, A 16 year old teenager being sexually abused by her own father at home with willing consent from her mother for around two years in rural place called Kasaragod in Kerala district. A case

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was filed in Sirumugai, in the Coimbatore district on a victim's father for his sexual torture on his own daughter.

The valley gaze its own crop- On 2nd June 2020, Odisha cop held for raping 13-year-old-girl repeatedly at Odisha's Birmitrapur police station. Police being the guardian angels for protecting people stain our body with blood. It seems like "the valley gaze its own crop". Many girls and other women feel safe to move around other country rather to move with fear in their mother land. Even animals are far more superior to these brutal rapists. If we can coexist with animals we will benefit far more. After commitments of heinous crimes how can still men pass lewd comments about women? Women can no longer stay as weaker sex comparing men in these abuses. Men who make women weaker and abuse them are real weaker ones.

III. INDIA'S EFFORTS

How can we expect men to respect us when we are continuously disrespectful to each other? Or how will we able to respect each other when we are manipulated to hate each other? The answer lies in efforts taken by government to protect and save lives of young women. The state has taken many measures like India has recognized the investment in human capital and planned to educate and train women in various skills.

Laws like the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1961, Prevention, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013, Prohibition and Redressal Act, 2013 for sexual harassment of women and ensuring safety of women at workplace. Though efforts have been made to tackle the issue of sexual harassments, the cases have been mounting. In order to re-inform the legal measures in the said regard, the group of Ministers are in the process of strengthening the existing framework and rules.

IV. REFORMS NEEDED

We celebrate Women's day but are we not contented to celebrate women for their acts? Are we not accountable to seek justice for violence happening against them? Seeking justice in the sense, not only refers to supporting them with a post or sharing status in social media after their death rather making them feel secured and safe in their own country or place. Many efforts have been made to protect violence against women and crimes but are they well laid? If it is so then why the rates of molestation don't abate? Then where does the problem lie?

May be in our policies, for example under Section 354 of IPC, the culprit is charged only when unless the court is satisfied that there was determination in the accused to gratify. Likely the evidence for these crimes exists only when the victim is ready to produce herself the truth to the social world. So it is intended that many of the survivors of these kinds of crimes don't voice out their stories because of the social status of her family. They cremate themselves in the reflections of

their beaming mirror so it becomes difficult to document the case for many supporting lawyers and activists.

It is better to create awareness to women in their schools to open up the evidence to punish the victim, technique of counseling women, may even help them. Under this section, there can be reformation in punishment deadline, as per the crime the accused is punished for his offense only for 3-7 years but the culprit must be charged with life-long punishment or hanged to death or the punishments must be more severe than the present rules. It is better to learn some Martial arts as laws and other acts are only after. "Prevention Is Better Than Cure", so let us be united in imparting some Martial arts like Karate, Taekwondo, Boxing, Silambam etc... Rather than blaming our Indian policies and acts. As policies and laws cannot protect them but still can help women with justice.

V. CONCLUSION

"There Is Great Women of God in You"- A L Patterson. Outcome can be expected when we give our best and do our best. Instead of blaming our laws let us bring out a woman warrior in us and protect ourselves. Let great revolution and reformation start within ourselves and make our country an independent and secured zone for women to rule over. All survivors of barbarous rapes are women, who are born with profound dreams to be a leader but then seduced for men's lust and physical pleasure. Women in general are not to be isolated for weakness or for "weaker sex" but they are deserved to be honored. Though we are prodigious and make researches under this topic it is still relatively young to draw conclusions. This article is not an exhaustive one, but it is a partial picture we are exposed to.

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