



INDIAN WOMEN:CHALLENGES

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India is a country where women are given the status of a goddess. However the problems they have to face just show the opposite of this concept. One hand they worship them as goddess and on the other, they abuse them endlessly and consider them inferior.

Though women play a very significant role in the overall development of any society, but what is ironic is that despite her equal share in the human development she remains at the mercy of men.

Women in the Indian society have been considered as inferior than men for many years. Because of such type of inferiority they have to face various issues and problems in their life. Still in the modern age women have to face many more problems in their daily life and struggle a lot to establish their career. Women for men are only medium to keep family happy and healthy.

Earlier women in india were facing problems like child marriage, sati-pratha, parda-pratha, Restrictions to widow re-marriage, widow exploitation, Devdasi system etc.

However almost-all such old practices have almost vanished. But that doesn't mean an end to the challenges women face. New and modern day challenges have cropped up making life uneasy for women.

In the modern world, where women status has been improved a little while still they are facing problems. They have to perform both family and professional responsibilities together without the help of their husbands.

Challenges for women in India:

Women are deprived of fundamental human rights. Some of the issues are dowry, Domestic violence Acid cases Rape harassment and many more issues that are faced by women in India.

Some of the issues that are faced by women in India are: Selective Abortion and Female Infanticide:

It is the most common practice for years in India in which abortion of female fetus is performed in the womb of mother after foetal sex determination.

Sexual Harassment : It is the form of a sexual exploitation of a girl child at home, streets, public places, offices etc. by the family members, neighbours, friends and relatives.

Domestic Violence: It is life endemic and widespread disease affects almost 70% of india. Women are kidnapped at every 44 minutes, raped at every 47 minutes. In Indian society woman is still viewed primarily as her husband's property.

Unfortunately in India there is unique situation of co-existence of all forms of violence.

(About half a million female fetuses are aborted every

?because of the preference for boys. Nearby half of india's girl are married off before the age of 18; domestic violence is common.)

Inadequate Nutrition : Inadequate Nutrition in the childhood affects in their later life.

Gender discrimination: Women are considered as weaker section of the society than men. Girls children are becoming real victims of discrimination. Gender discrimination affects women in the areas like nutrition, education, health, job public life etc.

Status of widows: Widows are considered as worthless in the Indian society. They are treated poorly.

Crimes Against women in India : There is a big list of crimes against women in India such as acid attack, domestic violence, female infanticide, sex seductive abortion, dowry, death forceful domestic work, child-labour rape sexual harassment forceful prostitution etc.

The brutal gang rape of a 23 years old student in New Delhi of the waves of outrage that followed brought to light the daily suffering of many Indian women.

How we can tackle these issues. We must together to empower women.

They must be given equal educational opportunities. Furthermore they must be paid equally.

Moreover education must be stressed up on gravely. It must be made a compulsion to educate every girl and woman for a better future. We must join hands to protect and safeguard our women in India.

It will help us thrive as a country and make the world a better place.

Therefore each one of us must be ready to treat women as equal counterparts.

We must help them at every stage and more than that empower them to make their own decision.

After that these issues can be eliminated to women need not face discrimination in the name of gender.

Only that day woman will get her real place & position.

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