

WHERE ARE THE MEN?

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The structure of this presentation

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Women on
higher grounds

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Field stories
Rape

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Where are the
men? What more
can we do? Who
is responsible
for change?

India got its first FEMALES'---

- Governor in 1947.
- IAS Officer in 1951.
- Chief Minister in 1963.
- Prime Minister in 1966.
- IPS Officer in 1972.
- SC Judge in 1989.
- President in 2007.
- Defence Minister (full time) in 2017.

- Remembering this as the world goes nuts over the US getting its first female Vice President.

WhatsApp text being circulated

P.S.:

- India got independence - 73 yrs ago.
- USA got independence - 244 yrs ago



Constitution of India

Preamble of the Constitution

Equality before law

Equality of Opportunity

Humane Conditions at Work

Fundamental Duty

Reservation of seats for Women in Panchayats and Municipalities

Voting rights/Electoral law

<https://vikaspedia.in/social-welfare/women-and-child-development/women-development-1/legal-awareness-for-women/women-and-the-indian-constitution>



Devi: elevated positions

- Women in India are also worshipped
- Various aspects- consorts, rivers, enormous powers/shakti/ Tantric worships

Field stories: everyday lives of ordinary folks

01

Bhikari

02

Sruti's
school fees

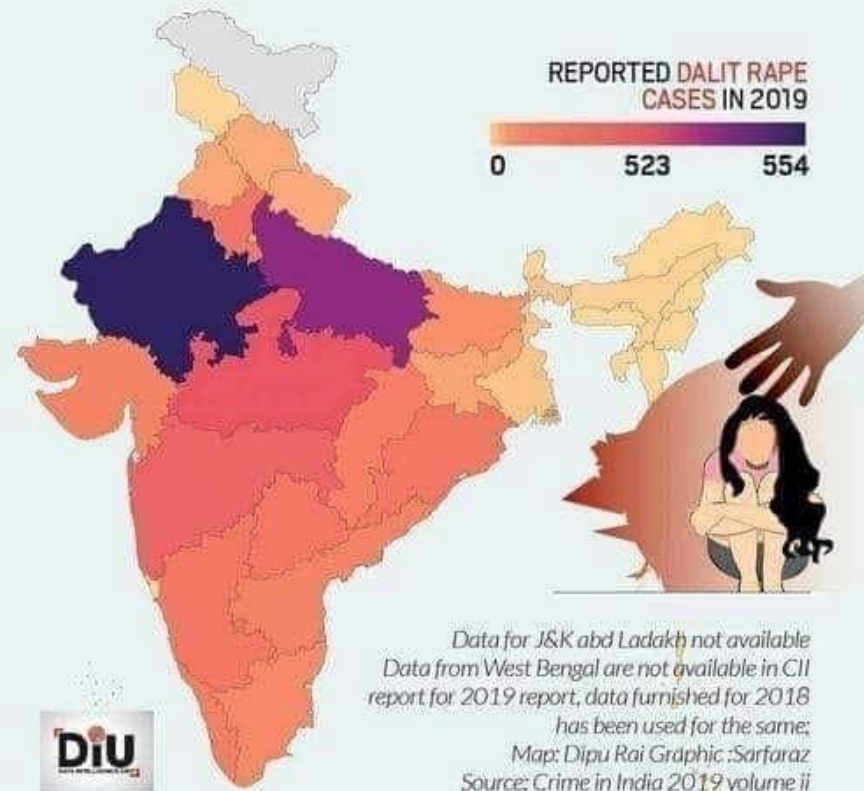
03

Kunni
Behera

10 DALIT WOMEN RAPED EVERY DAY IN INDIA



NEARLY 3,500 DALIT WOMEN WERE RAPED IN 2019,
WITH ONE-THIRD OF THE CASES REPORTED FROM
RAJASTHAN AND UTTAR PRADESH



- <https://medium.com/@tewari.avantika/justice-for-manisha-valmiki-194aa85fbb9c>



Nidhi Suresh
@NidhiSuresh_

For six days she was kept in a normal ward. It was after political pressure that she was shifted to an ICU.

"The doctors refused to tell us what was happening and we had to keep asking them to come take a look at her", said her brother. [#Hathras](#)

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Kiruba Munusamy
3 hrs ·

Upper-caste perpetrators like Thakurs in [#HathrasCase](#) doesn't get impunity from the sky. It's their caste network & political support that provides them with the impunity.

Why the hell shouldn't we bring caste, make it political? [#HathrasCase](#) is fucking caste-based & political.



Saahil Murli Menghani ✓ @sa... · 14h
Replying to [@saahilmenghani](#)

Even on twitter, the Police tried peddling that lie. The tweet has now been deleted.

I am hoping against the hope that people of all ideologies would call this out.

Just imagine your family being caught in such a situation. And the mighty state OPENLY using North Korean tools.

← Tweet



HATHRAS POLICE ✓
@hathraspolice

Replying to [@Ankurlalkumar82](#) [@ShashiTharoor](#) and [@priyankagandhi](#)

थाना चन्दपा क्षेत्रान्तर्गत घटित दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण
घटना में मृतिका का शव गांव पहुंच गया है तथा



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Replying to [@NidhiSuresh_](#)

Her brothers describe how the village still practises untouchability. Even now when they go to a shop, the shopkeeper sprinkles water on the money they give him. "If by mistake one of us touches a packet of biscuits, we have to buy it and cannot return it," said the brother. [#Hathras](#)

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#WATCH Postmortem report says victim died due to her neck injury. FSL report hasn't found sperm in samples, making it clear that some ppl twisted the matter to stir caste-based tension. Such people will be identified & legal action will be taken: ADG Prshant Kumar on Hathras case



Kangana Ranaut ✓
@KanganaTeam

I have immense faith in @myogiadityanath ji, just how Priyanka Reddy rapists were shot dead on the very spot they raped and burnt her alive we want the same emotional, instinctive and impulsive justice for #HathrasHorror #HathrasHorrorShocksIndia

Saahil Murli Menghani ✓
@saahilmenghani

...big coverup.

...2:25 am, UP Police told me th
thras victim's cremation would
ne at a time & place of family's
posing. In minutes, ground repo
owed it was a lie.

...empts made to stop reporters.
mocracy, this should lead to to
itical resignations.

... AM · Sep 30, 2020 · Twitter for Android





“Chowmein leads to hormonal imbalance, evoking an urge to indulge in acts such as rape and sex.”

Jitender Chhatar
Haryana Khap Panchayat Leader

“The limit of morality is crossed by women (rape) cases will happen.”

Prakash Vijayvargiya
Madhya Pradesh
January 2013



“Rapes are prevalent in India, not in Bharat.”

Mohan Bhagwat
RSS chief
January 2013



“As long as the earth exists, there will be rapes. Rapes have happened in the past and will continue to happen.”

Dipak Halder
TMC MLA
August 2014



“One small incident of rape in Delhi advertised world over is enough to cost us billions of dollars in terms of global tourism.”

Arun Jaitley
Finance Minister
August 2014

WE JUST SAW
WHAT
AUTHORITIES
THINK & SAY

Male Authorities
Our Hope lies
with the men of
the communities
where the women
suffer gender-
based violence
I want to finish
my stories with
the incident
where a young
school going girl
was 'molested',
and the man was
tied...

What can we do?

- Where are the men? And the women who have been elevated to positions of public authority
- What more can we do?
- Who is responsible for this state of affairs?
- Who is responsible for change? What did I do?