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## **Prisoners of Gender**

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The world has always been a male dominated. In ancient time, women were held in high respect. But with the course of time the status of woman got lowered. In present time man treats woman not as an equal partner in life but as aware slave.

After the development of technology and science female foeticide on a large scale also started. This eventually led to a slum in the female sex ratio. According to the census of 2001, the sex ratio in India is 927 female to 1000 males. Female foeticide and illegal abortion is done due to family pressure from in laws, husband or woman's parents and the reason for this is preference of son because girls are being considered as a burden.

Killing a girl child before or after she is born has an adverse effect on sex ratio and lead to further social evil. In a recent report by the Red Cross Society, there is a large number of bachelors who have crossed the marriage able age because of shortage of girl. No doubt, woman is the symbol of love charm, affection and grace. She is one of the wonderful and magnificent creations of God. But unfortunately, she bears exploitation. Women exploitation is a serious problem in India. Ironically female foeticide, rapes, forced marriages, dowry system, killing, innocent babies and sexual harassment takes place in a country where people worship various form of goddess and where females are known as "Maa Laxmi" incarnation and where young girls worshipped. But even then, the exploitation of woman is continuing.

Man uses her physically sexually, normally, economically and also politically. He uses her merely as a playing, as a tool to satisfy his animal desire. Man is physically stronger than woman he knows that woman cannot win him in the battle of muscles. That is why he has kept her in a state cleverly there are so many examples that show how girl is exploited Renu a young woman come to dharmpura village Haryana as a young bride , years ago . She was then forced to have sex her two unmarried brother in law and bear children from them as well. Today she is the mother of two sons from her husband and his brother. Renu is still unhappily married but she has not made any complaint. Thus man does not understand what her wife wants from him he treats him were as a slave.

There are many such incidents happening in India. in most villages in India, many women from poor families get married before 18 years in order to survive and prevent being a burden to the family. The number of child marriage is increasing .they suffer a lot because their desire does not get fulfilled .the outcome is that the girls themselves have to compromise their culture, dress, language and food habits.

Girls kidnapping or human trafficing has become a current problems in India . Girls suffer a lot from it. They are sold and resold at varied prices. Eventually, they end up being prostitutes. But times are beginning to change now government makes so many hard rules in the favour of Woman. There has been a strong demand from a section of the society to reserve at least 33 percent seats for Woman in panchayats , municipal corporation state assemblies , Lok sabha and Rajya sabha, the debate is continuing . A woman must be given all opportunities to grow.

Today woman are becoming alive to their rights. In these days, she is successful house wife, a reputed teacher, a doctor, a nurse, a lawyer and judge and etc. Today woman are beginning to change now. Woman empowerment refers to increase and to improvement the social economic, political strength of woman. Thus no country that does not respect the right of woman can ever hope to prosper. At last I want to say that the awareness of husband family, in laws, society and government must be needed. Without woman we cannot imagine the prosperity of world so we should respect our mother and the entire woman in society and country.

Thus to keep in mind sternly, that if we want women emancipation or women empowerment for sustainable development. Women themselves have to come forward and fight for their own existence.

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