

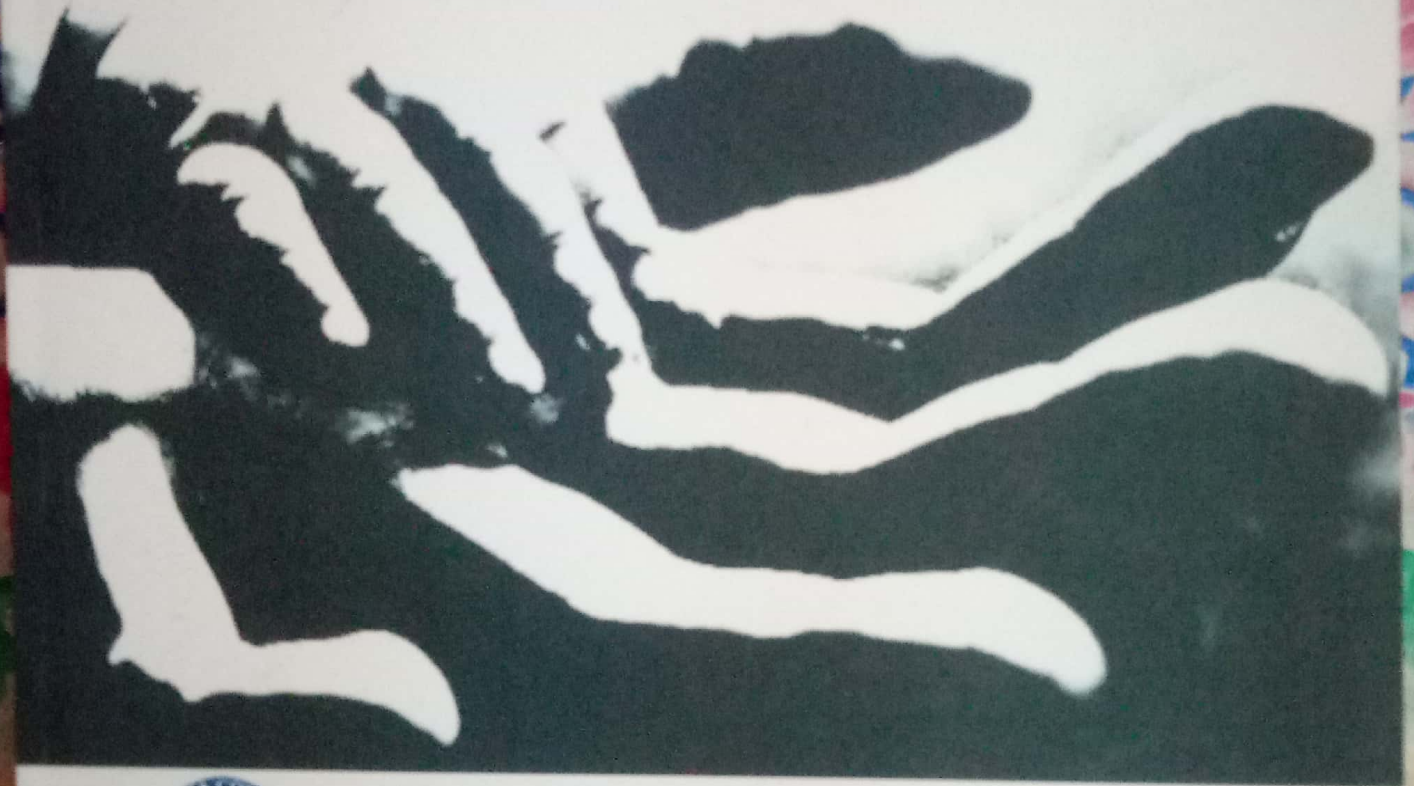
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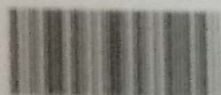
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## ISSUES AND PROBLEMS FACED BY WOMEN IN INDIA

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### Introduction

The culture and tradition of India is considered as old and great all over the world where people used to worship various female goddesses, saints and poets. India is also a powerful nation and famous worldwide for being the largest democracy in the world however, women backwardness is also very clear in the Indian society because of the social issues, problems and lots of restrictions against women. Women belong to the lower and middle class family suffers more than the women of higher class family. Women in the Indian society generally face problems of sex discrimination, high percentage of illiteracy, female infanticide, dowry system, etc.

### Various issues and problems

There are various issues and problems which women generally face in the society in India. Some of the problems are mentioned and described below:

- 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 the fetal sex determination and sex selective abortion by the medical professionals.
- Sexual harassment: It is the form of sexual exploitation of a girl child at home, streets, public places, transports, offices, etc. by the family members, neighbors, friends or relatives.
- Dowry and Bride burning: It is another problem generally faced by women of low or middle class family during or after the marriage. Parents of boys demand a lot of money from the bride's family to be rich in one time. Groom's family perform bride

burning in case of lack of fulfilled dowry demand.

- Disparity in education: The level of women education is less than men still in the modern age. Female illiteracy is higher in the rural areas. Where over 63% or more women remain unlettered.
- Domestic violence: it is like endemic and widespread disease affects almost 70% of Indian women according to the women and child development official. It is performed by the husband, relative or other family member.
- Girls have no property rights like boys forever.
- Child Marriages: Early marriage of the girls by her parents in order to be escaped from dowry. It is highly practiced in the rural India.
- Inadequate Nutrition: Inadequate nutrition in the childhood affects women in their later life especially women belonging to the lower middle class and poor families.
- Domestic violence and status in the family: It is the abuse or violence against women.
- Women are considered as inferior to men so they are not allowed to join military services.
- Status of widows: Widows are considered as worthless in the Indian society. They are treated poorly and forced to wear white clothes.

### Economic Survey 2016-17 reveals crime against women reaching "appalling" levels in India

The growing number of crimes, including kidnapping, sexual assaults on girls and women, has reached appalling levels and the insecurity women have to face in public spaces has increased. It pointed to major roadblocks to empowerment and freedom for women, who constitute around 50 percent of India's population. To address the issue, the Survey felt that redresses