



# Save Indian Family – Karnataka (Regd.)

“Hope for Men in Distress”

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## PRESS RELEASE: BAPU GOT FREEDOM FOR ALL, MEN ARE YET TO GET THEIR RIGHTS

With this Press Release, we, members of **Save Indian Family – Karnataka**, hereby want to register our demand that men have rights to a peaceful existence. Bapu had shown us the way of Satyagrah, a nonviolent social protest, which was instrumental in India getting independence from the British. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, we are doing a silent and peaceful protest as we are unheard even if we shout, to seek and protect the human rights of Men in India.

Suicides reflect the social trauma and mental status of men. While the number of women committing suicide in the country has been more or less stable, the rate of Men’s suicide has kept on increasing over years. The data from NCRB 2014 illustrates the alarming situation men are facing in present scenario. **Every 5.9 min a man is committing suicide in India with family disputes as single largest reason of male suicide.**

65 crore male population doesn’t have a law to protect themselves, in case they face cruelty or any form of abuse at the hands of any female. Laws cannot be gender biased when the crime is gender neutral.

Last few decades have brought in many women centric laws like 498a, Domestic Violence, Sexual Harassment at Workplace, Rape and more. The education and earning power of women in India has pleasantly increased and our women are enjoying much more freedom and self-reliance than ever in the history of our nation. This new empowered generation has unfortunately also brought many western pitfalls in Indian family system.

Supreme Court has authoritatively pointed out that the anti-dowry law - IPC 498a is “**Legal Terror**”. The NCRB data for the past five years shows the reality of 498a cases. The conviction rates are as low as 2%.

Domestic violence laws all over the world, including Bangladesh and Pakistan, are gender neutral but unfortunately in India it’s available only to the women. Surveys in the west have shown that a significant percentage of men too are victims of domestic violence.

False rape cases makes the crime graph shoot up, play havoc with the crime statistics and tend to trivialize the offence of rape. According to the statistics from the National Crime Records Bureau, 26500 rape cases, on an average, were registered every year between 2008 and 2014. The acquittal rate has hovered around 55% on an average during this period.

The unique opportunity that India has today of young and skilled youth is indeed because of its stable family system. **Sanskar, Skills** and **Stability** are fundamental to the society that solicits

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“**Make In India**”. Empowering women by suppressing men will wreck the family, the basic building block of society and eventually shake the foundations of the nation. It is Nation’s loss when young men in their prime, run around courts to prove their innocence, fighting false cases for years. The present government does not believe in appeasement politics, whether it’s of a particular sector party, we hope that it would also be immune to the Indian Feminists.

## APPEAL TO THE PRESS:

We earnestly request your immediate intervention to highlight the plight of men who face misuse prone, biased laws. The biased laws resulted primarily due to the perception of treating “**all Men as Criminals and all Women as Angels**”. Men who champion the cause of women empowerment think that they will never face the brunt of the biased laws as they are good men, but they too can end up as an accused. The Modi government has energized the nation by giving it a vision, courage to dream big and to have faith in its ability to achieve the same but all this would necessarily require a healthy society. We request you to have the above matter find a priority place in your newspaper for benefit of the Nation. Jai Hind!

Thanking you !

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