

EDITOR'S NOTE

Our society is changing for the better, though at a slow pace. Women are defying gender bias, social dogma and set norms. It was difficult to imagine a woman as the defence minister or IG police or prisons till sometime back. Kalpana Chawla, Pratibha Patil, Sumitra Mahajan, Kiran Bedi, Kiran Majumdar, Sania Nehwal, M C Mary Kom, P V Sindhu, Lata Mangeshkar are some women who have made it to the top in recent times due to their sheer determination and strength of purpose. We have had women like Gargi, Maitreyi, Meera Bai, Anadibi Joshee, Janki Ammal, Kamala Sohinie, Ann Mani, Rageshwari Chaterjee, Darshan Ranganathan, Sarojini Naidu, Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Indira Gandhi...in our glorious past.



The paradox in our society is the mindset of men that still trivializes the achievements of women. It is a challenge in our times. Women, on their part, have started raising their voice through movements such as #MeToo after suffering atrocities for years. It is incredibly brave to speak up and face a probable situation that their plight then onwards will define them. Many of them actually have received threats and some lost their livelihood as they opened their mouth. But they are being heard; they are surviving this harsh situation. But it is also appalling that some women are using these initiatives to settle scores. It is unfortunate as one such allegation can destroy a man completely. His family, career, and reputation can just fall apart. It is, thus, correct to suggest that just as a man should be penalized if guilty of sexual harassment, the woman should also face the music if she is found to have framed a man to get even.

FEMINISM IS NOT ABOUT ONE UP(WO)MANSHIP, IT IS ABOUT EQUALITY.

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