

GENDER ISSUES

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Woman Indian Rulers – Rani Lakshmi Bai



Rani Lakshmi Bai

- Queen of Jhansi
- Fought against the British Army to save Jhansi

Meri Jhansi Nehi Dungi



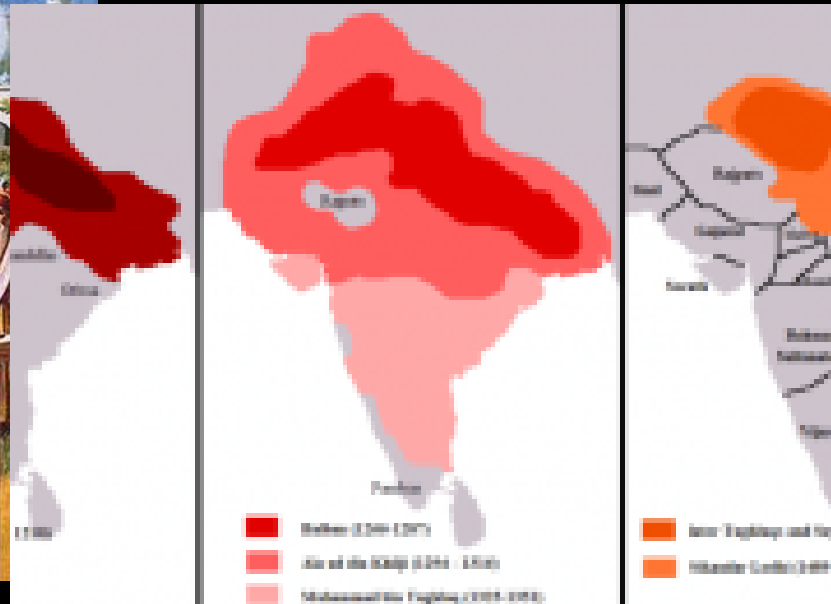
Fort of Jhansi – Jhansi ki Kella

Woman Indian Rulers –

Razia Sultana



- Empress of India in 1200-s
- She tolerated all religion
- She was loved by all her subjects



Size of Razia's Empire – almost the whole of India

Woman Indian Rulers



Women

- The status of **women in India** has been subject to many great changes over the past few millennia. From equal status with men in ancient times through the low points of the medieval period, to the promotion of equal rights by many reformers, the history of women in India has been eventful. Sarojini Naidu was the first women Governor. In modern India, women have adorned high offices in India including that of the President, Prime minister (Indira Gandhi) , CMS, Speaker of the Lok Sabha (Meera Kumar) , Leader of Opposition Sushma Swaraj etc. The last President of India is a woman, (**Prathiba Patil**).

Women Leaders of Modern India: Sarojini Naidu



- Indian Freedom Fighter
- Worked Closely with Mahtma Gandhi
- Poet – also known as Nightingale of India

Autumn Song

Like a joy on the heart of a sorrow,
The sunset hangs on a cloud;
A golden storm of glittering sheaves,
Of fair and frail and fluttering leaves,
The wild wind blows in a cloud.



Women Leaders of Modern India: **Indira** **Gandhi**



Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi:

- Third Prime Minister of India
- Four times Prime Minister of India
- Daughter of Pandit Jawharlal Nehru
 - The First Prime Minister of India
- Mother of Rajive Gandhi
 - Sixth Prime Minister of India



Women

- One of the most famous female business success stories is the [Shri Mahila Griha Udyog Lijjat Papad](#). In 2006, [Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw](#), who started Biocon - one of India's first biotech companies, was rated India's richest woman. Lalita Gupte and Kalpana Morparia (both were the only businesswomen in India who made the list of the Forbes World's Most Powerful Women), run India's second-largest bank, [ICICI Bank](#) Chanda Kochar

Women

- Women in India –A Paradox
- Equality/Subordination/Victim of Atrocities
- Problems of Dowry, widowhood, infanticide
- Poverty, Illiteracy, Economic dependence
- Bride-burning& harassment
- Social taboos& exclusion of dalit women

Women

- **Over 32000 murders, 19,000 rapes, 7500 dowry deaths and 36500 molestation cases are the violent crimes reported in India in 2006 against women.** There are many instances of crime especially against women go unreported in India. These are figures released by the National Crime Records Bureau recently. While Madhya Pradesh is worst off among the states, the national capital New Delhi continues to hold on to its reputation of being the most unsafe city in India. **Delhi takes the top slot for crimes ranging from murders and rapes to dowry deaths and abductions.**

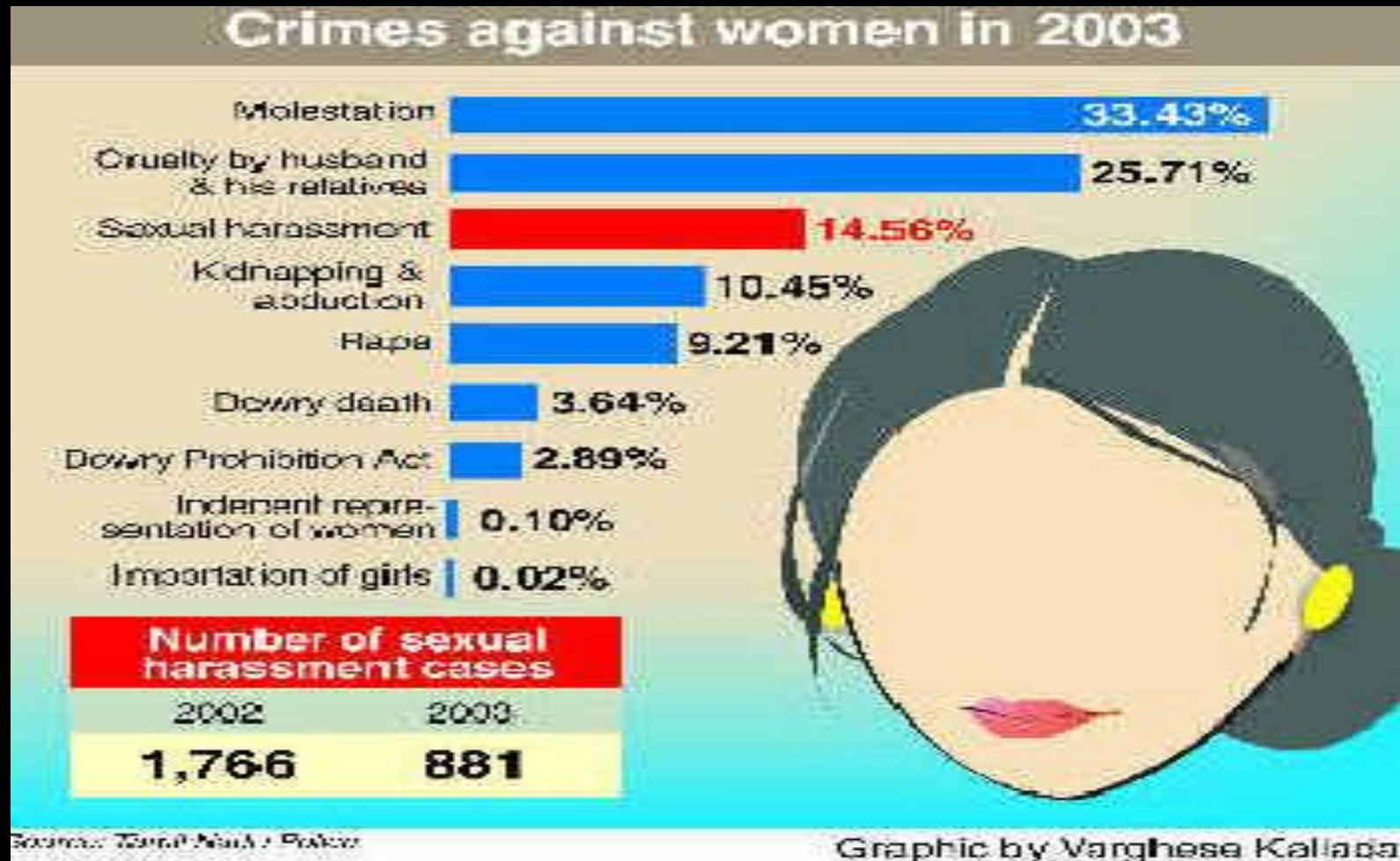
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CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN

State	2005		2007	
	CR	CV	CR	CV
Delhi	4,351	473	4,804	646
Maharashtra	13,370	616	14,924	597
W Bengal	11,887	812	16,554	467
MP	14,529	3,301	15,370	3,737
AP	20,819	5,353	24,738	3,911
UP	14,875	6,484	20,993	6,918
Rajasthan	11,657	2,383	14,270	2,446
ALL INDIA	1,55,553	30,826	1,85,312	27,612

* CR — Cases Registered; CV — Cases Convicted
Source: National Crime Records Bureau

Women



Women

- There are far fewer women in the paid workforce than there are men. In urban India Women have impressive number in the workforce. **As an example at software industry 30% of the workforce is female. They are at par with their male counter parts in terms of wages, position at the work place. In rural India, agriculture and allied industrial sectors employ as much as 89.5% of the total female labour.**

Women

- **Crimes against women- Increase of Crimes**
- **Sexual harassment**
- Half of the total number of crimes against women reported in 1990 related to molestation and harassment at the workplace
- **Dowry** In 1961, the Government of India passed the Dowry Prohibition Act- A 1997 report claimed that at least 5,000 women die each year because of dowry deaths**Domestic violence- Trafficking**

PROMINENT WOMEN IN INDIA



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Indian Women In Politics

- **Indira Gandhi** : The first Indian woman in politics to become Prime minister of Independent India.

Pratibha Patil : The first Indian woman in politics to become President of India.

Sonia Gandhi : The Indian woman who is currently the leader of Congress.

Meira Kumar : The first woman Speaker of Lok Sabha.

Indian Women In Politics

- **Mayawati** is an Indian politician. She served four terms as the 17th Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh as head of the Bahujan Samaj Party, which focuses on a platform of social change to improve the welfare
- Mayawati's rise from humble beginnings has been called a "miracle of democracy" by [P. V. Narasimha Rao](#), former Prime Minister of India.

Indian Women In Politics

- **Mamata Banerjee** born 11th July 1960^l is the 8th and current [Chief Minister of West Bengal](#). She is the first woman to hold the office. Banerjee founded the party [All India Trinamool Congress](#) (AITMC or TMC) in 1997 and became its chairperson, after separating from the [Indian National Congress](#). She is usually being called *Didi* (meaning *elder sister* in [Bengali](#)). In 2011 Banerjee pulled off a landslide victory for the TMC Congress alliance in [West Bengal](#) by defeating the world's longest-serving democratically-elected communist government, the [Communist Party of India \(Marxist\)](#)-led [Left Front](#) government, bringing to an end 34 years of Left Front rule in the state

Indira Gandhi



Pratibha Patil



Sonia Gandhi



Meera Kumari

Lok Sabha Speaker



Mayawati



Mamata Banerjee



Indian Women Sports

- Anju Bobby George, Athlete : The First Indian athlete ever to win a medal in a world Championships in Athletics clearing 6.70 m.
- Bachendri Pal, mountaineering: the first Indian woman to scale the Mount Everest, and the fifth woman in the World.
- Geeta Zutshi ,Athlete : The top Indian woman athlete at the 1982 Asian Games, awarded with Arjuna award and Padma Shri.

Women Sports Persons of India

P. T. Usha

P. T. Usha: Queen of Indian Track and Field:
101 Medals in International Sports Events



Women Sports Persons of India

KARANAM MALLESWARI



Women Sports Persons of India



Sania Mirza: The most successful Indian Tennis player winning several international championship



Women Sports Persons of India

Arati Saha



Indian Women Sports

- [Mary Kom](#), 4 times World Champion, [Women's boxing](#) Awarded with Arjuna award and Padma Shri, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna-2009, Pepsi MTV youth icon and is the Int'l Boxing Association's Ambassador for Women's Boxing 2009.
- [M D Valsamma](#) , Athlete : The third Indian woman to win an individual Gold medal at the [Asian Games](#) and the first to win it on [Indian soil](#).

Indian Women Cricket

- **Mithali Raj** is the captain of the Indian cricket team and holds the world record of scoring highest number of runs in an innings, 214.(scored against England)

Jaya sharma holds the record of scoring highest run in One Day for India, 138 not out (scored against Pakistan)

Jhulan Goswami , India's fast bowler was recently awarded ICC best player award. She is the fastest bowler in the women circuit.

Indian Women Cricket

- The few of renowned Indian players of the Indian cricket team are
- Diana Edulgee, Anju Chopra, Neetu David, Mamatha Maben etc.

Indian Women's National Hockey Team: The Indian women hockey team under the captainship of [Suraj Lata Devi](#) had won [Gold](#) for three consecutive years : during the [2002 Commonwealth Games](#)(film [Chak De India](#) *inspired by this event*),the 2003 [Afro-Asian Games](#), and the 2004 [Hockey Asia Cup](#).

INDIAN WOMEN DIPLOMATS

- **Meera Shankar** : India's ambassador to the United states. The only Indian woman to be appointed Indian ambassador to US since Vijayalakshmi Pandit.
- **Nirupama Rao** : The Indian woman full term foreign Secretary in India's history. She is handling the ongoing dialogue with Pakistan. **She was the first woman spokesperson of the ministry of external Affairs.**

INDIAN WOMEN DIPLOMATS

- **Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa** : The first woman envoy to Qatar.
- **Sujatha Singh** : Indian High commission in Australia. **Ruchi**
- **Ghanashyam** : India's high commissioner to Ghana. she was the first woman officer to be posted to Islamabad at a time when harassment of Indian diplomats was a routine.
- **Chokila Iyer** : The first Indian woman foreign secretary (2001).

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

- **Kiran Majumdar Shaw** : MD of Biocon India. She is the wealthiest entrepreneur of India. She was the first women awarded by FCCI
- **Chanda Kochar** : CEO & Managing Director, ICICI Bank. She is ranked number 20 on the Forbes list of 100 most powerful women in the world.
- **Indra Krishnamurthy Nooyi** : Chairman and Executive Officer of Pepsico.

INDIAN WOMEN IN IT

- Today almost one third of the employees of the Indian software companies are females.
- **Padmashree Warrior:** Chief technology officer, CISCO Systems Inc. **Under her leadership, her company has taken huge strides. Recently the United states Pan Asian American chamber of commerce recognisd her with its prestigious Excellence award.**
- **Dr.Sunita Maheshwari:** Paediatric Cardiologist and Co-founder, Teleradiology Solutions: A Yale-trained pediatric cardiologist cofounded the first healthcare outsourcing IT company in India.

Indian Women In Police

- **Kiran Bedi** : An Indian social activist and a retired Indian Police service, IPS. Kiran bedi is the first Indian women to join the IPS in 1972, and most recently held the position of Director General BPR&D, Minsitry of Home affairs. She retired in 2007.



- After retirement, Kiran Bedi launched a new website, www.saferIndia.com , on January 3, 2007. The motto of this website is to help people whose complaints are not accepted by the local police. This project is undertaken by the non-profit, voluntary and non-government organization she founded, the India Vision Foundation. She is active with the AM ADMI Party

Indian Women Corporate Sector

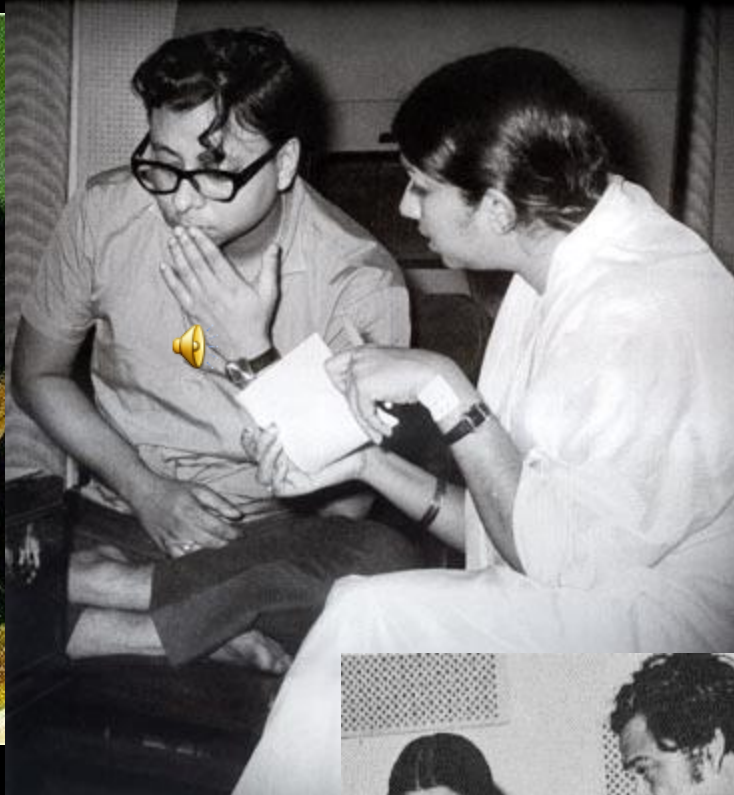
- **Naina Lal Kidwai:** Vice Chairperson and Managing Director of HSBC Securities and Capital Market. She has taken HSBC India to startling new heights even during the recession. First Indian Women to graduate from Harvard Business School.
- **Swati Piramal:** Director, Piramal health care , President, ASSOCHAM: She has become the first Indian women to head an apex business chamber in India. Since her appointment, she has invited around 100 of womens to chair all the national committes of ASSOCHAM.
- **Sangeeta Talwar:** Executive Director, TATA Tea, Creator of the Ad: Jaago Re”, runs one of the biggest brand and image management companies for celebrities.

Indian Women Arts Entertainment

- Lata Mangeshkar
- Asha Bhosle
- M.s. Subbulakshmi
- Madhubala
- Nargis
- Rekha
- Smita Patil
- Aishwarya Rai Bachan
- **Loveleen Tandon:** Co- director of the world famous movie, Slumdog Millionaire.

Women Artists and Entertainers

Lata Mangeshkar



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Women Artists and Entertainers

Aishwarya Rai



Indian Women In Literature

- **Ruth Prawar Jhabvala** : *To Whom She Will* (1955) and *Heat and Dust* (1975) which was awarded the Booker Prize
- **Arundhati Roy** : Awarded with the Booker Prize of 1997 for her work "God of Small Things".
- **Anita Desai**,: *Fire on the mountain*, [Indian](#) novelist and Emeritus John E. Burchard Professor of Humanities at the [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#).

ARUNDHATI ROY



Indian Women In Literature

- **Kiran Desai** : [Indian author](#) who is a Citizen of India and a permanent resident of the [United States](#). Her novel [The Inheritance of Loss](#) won the [2006 Man Booker Prize](#) and the [National Book Critics Circle Fiction Award](#)
- **Shobhaa De** : *Socialite Evenings* (1989), Indian Columnist and Novelist.
- **Jhumpa Lahiri** : The namesake, [Indian American](#) author. Lahiri's debut short story collection, [Interpreter of Maladies](#) (1999), won the 2000 [Pulitzer Prize for Fiction](#), and her first novel, [The Namesake](#) (2003), was adapted into the popular [film of the same name](#).

INDIAN SPACE WOMEN

Kalpana Chawla: She was the first Indian-American astronaut and first Indian woman in space. She first flew on Space Shuttle Columbia in 1997 as a mission specialist and primary robotic arm operator



Geeta Varadan : Director, Advanced Data Processing Research Institute., ISRO, First Indian women to head one of the most vital center



Indian Women of Faith

Mother Teresa



Mother Teresa:

- Champion of Poors
- Founded the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta
- Received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979



Indian Women Outstanding World

Mother Teresa : Internationally famed as a humanitarian and advocate for the poor and helpless. She won the [Nobel Peace Prize](#) in 1979 and India's highest civilian honour, the [Bharat Ratna](#), in 1980 for her humanitarian work. Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity continued to expand, and at the time of her death it was operating 610 missions in 123 countries, including hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis, soup kitchens, children's and family counselling programs, orphanages, and schools.

