
Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/01 10:47

The rape victim who fought back

Many expected Ms Mai, 33, to commit suicide, as is all too common after rape in Pakistan.

But she refused and started what has become a three-year legal battle against her alleged rapists.

She also built her village's first two schools with her compensation money and now campaigns internationally for women's rights.

Mukhtar Mai of Pakistan

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/4330335.stm

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Re:Asia Women

Posted by wise - 2008/03/01 17:42

fighting back in a positive way is just the way ff for any society . Sorry , Those rapist has lost touch with reality and their mind is blind towards God's purpose for creating women. I Guess fighting back makes her a hero! Committing suicide is not the solution to any predicament but confronting the problem to protect others or providing solution to control such occurrence.

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Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/02 15:05

Asia Women Forum is all about how asian women go about our daily lives in a mostly patriarchal society-

we may stand out to be the winner or the loser
i hope women in Asia Observer could tell us more
to contribute substance to the readers.

here are some: (which i already posted and opted to re-post again)

Luo Cuifen knew something was wrong when she went to the doctor after finding blood in her urine, but nothing could have prepared her for the discovery of 23 sewing needles, which doctors believe were stuck deep into her as a baby by her grandparents.

Doctors suspect they wanted to kill her because her family preferred a son. Some of the needles were pushed into the fontanelle, the soft spot on the head all babies have before the bones knit. Ms Cuifen, now 29, was a second granddaughter, leaving the family no chance to produce a treasured boy child.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/chinas-onechild-policy-doctors-discover-23-sewing-needles-in-womans-head-402091.html>

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Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/02 15:08

The lengthy study confirms other recent data, which shows that because girls are regarded as future economic burdens, the sex ratio in the Indian capital has dropped in the past 50 years from 910 girls per 1000 boys to 865.

Parents who persist in seeing girls as liabilities commit feticide if it is ascertained that a child is female, or infanticide after birth.

Sex predetermination is outlawed in India but widespread, with even well-educated parents in better-off regions trying to avoid having girls.

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Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/02 15:14

no place for women

A profusion of shops selling firearms
marks this dusty town,
100 kilometers north-west of New Delhi,
as one that is no place for women.

Popular in these parts,
the practice of female feticide
is ensuring that there are
not too many members of the female sex around.

"This is essentially a feudal,
patriarchal society where women
are neither seen nor heard,"

explains Manjeet Rathee, who teaches English literature in a local college. .

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a 2003 article existing...

<http://www.indiatogether.org/2003/jul/wom-girls.htm>

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Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/03 07:37

female role, a win or lose?

<http://www.1greeneye.net/panthea/images/kumari.jpg>

Nepal's 'living goddess' retires

For centuries the three major cities of the Kathmandu valley and a few smaller towns have upheld a unique tradition whereby a girl is chosen in infancy to be a Kumari.

To become a living goddess she has to pass ritual tests and have 32 beautiful physical attributes.

She will then live in a special house and be worshipped by both Buddhists and Hindus, including the king of Nepal, until the onset of her menstruation. That is deemed to make her human, so she retires.

Speaking while in Washington last year, she lamented that she wouldn't be as well treated when she stopped being a goddess.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7274132.stm

Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/09 15:31

<http://im.rediff.com/movies/2006/may/25sati.jpg>

Indian Sati-

Once the sati declared her intention to follow her husband in death she had to burn herself, even if the Hindu legal treatises that sanctioned this highly controversial practice allowed her to retract. Very often, the would-be sati would have to prove her resolution by enduring a preliminary ordeal, such as burning her finger in a candle flame without showing any sign of pain.

Read more about this widow-burning including laws, history etc:

<http://www.deathreference.com/Vi-Z/Widow-Burning.html>

Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/10 07:47

I've noticed that the link given to Women's Day in our homepage does not work- while i just got it recently-

here is the whole article instead:

Asia marked International Women's Day from Afghanistan to Australia on Saturday with pleas for greater rights and equality for half the region's population.

Events were also held in Pakistan, India, Indonesia and China as activists pressed for an end to discrimination ranging from abortion of female foetuses to workplace bias.

Women gathered at Kabul's American University to highlight issues affecting them, organisers said. Another event was planned in Panjshir province, north of the capital.

The issue has special resonance in Afghanistan, whose former Taliban government was notorious for stopping women from working or going to school and forcing them to wear the all-covering burka.

Events were also planned in neighbouring Pakistan, where "honour killings" of women and punishment gang-rapes have been widely reported.

Activists joined a conference on eliminating discrimination and violence against women, a rally and even a women's rock-climbing competition.

Meanwhile Australian women's minister, Tanya Plibersek, said the occasion was a chance to acknowledge issues of continuing concern such as women's lack of economic security and financial independence.

"From the moment a woman enters the workforce she is likely to earn less than her male colleagues, regardless of her career, industry or level," she said.

In Japan, a rally was scheduled in Osaka to express solidarity with women in Iraq.

Female unionists held a seminar in Kushiro on the northern island of Hokkaido to address the plight of part-time workers and other employees who work irregular hours.

In Taiwan, presidential frontrunner Ma Ying-jeou has pledged to create 100,000 new jobs for women and offer one billion Taiwan US dollars (32 million US) to help female entrepreneurs if elected.

Philippine President Gloria Arroyo launched two programmes, costing a total of 11.4 million US dollars to provide livelihood opportunities for women and turn them into entrepreneurs.

And Communist North Korea marked International Women's Day in its own way by urging its women to reject Western fashions and to "set good examples" in their clothes and hairstyles.

"Women must set good examples in all fields of culture and custom, including clothes, hairdos and language," Rodong Sinmun, the official daily of the North's ruling Korean Workers' Party, said in an editorial.

It also urged women to raise their children as trustworthy revolutionaries.

The plight of women in the 21st century was outlined by the top United Nations human rights official on Friday.

"Laws that discriminate against women are still to be found on the statute books of virtually every country in the world," said human rights commissioner Louise Arbour.

Discrimination takes many forms, from legal restrictions on property to a lack of recognition of sexual abuse and rape, she said.

Nearly 100 years old, International Women's Day on March 8 marks an ongoing worldwide battle to ensure equal rights for half the globe's population on issues such as work, voting and abortion.

The day serves as a reminder of the fields in which women must still battle for fundamental rights, and where they remain victims of violence and enduring inequalities.

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<http://www.news.com.au/story/0,23599,23343188-1702,00.html>

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Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/10 14:32

<http://astro.zeto.czest.pl/astros/yi.jpg>

South Korea says its first astronaut will now be a female engineer, after Russian officials rejected the initial candidate over a breach of rules.
Yi So-yeon, 29, is to replace Ko San, 31, on a Russian flight to the International Space Station in April.

Ms Yi will spend seven or eight days there, conducting a series of scientific tests.

The mission will make South Korea the sixth Asian country to put an astronaut in space.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/7286989.stm>

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Posted by Jacques - 2008/03/13 17:38

To contribute, this special topic in Asia News

<http://www.asianewsnet.net/epaper.php>

Re:Asia Women

Posted by Choco - 2008/03/24 00:58

Here's a news of Indonesian migrant workers :

http://www.gulf-times.com/site/topics/article.asp?cu_no=2&item_no=208709&version=1&template_id=45&parent_id=25

Often when I travel back and forth between Dubai and Jakarta, most seats were occupied with Indonesian migrant workers, some of them were new, some were returning workers.
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Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/03/27 10:56

hi Choco,

i wonder where is your posted response in asia women ? :dry:

nevertheless here is a related excerpt from what you stated:

like the indonesian women counterparts-

"Filipino women rank among the most mobile or migratory in Asia," said sociologist Maruja Asis of the University of the Philippines.

Women are expected to make up an increasingly high percentage of the work force

Overseas work has its risks. Some 700 workers, mostly women, die each year following mistreatment by their employers, according to recent figures released by the Filipino House of Representatives Committee on Overseas Foreign Workers.

But women activists say the mortality figure is likely to be even higher. An anonymous source at Ninoy Aquino International Airport says that 40 foreign workers arrive home in coffins each week.

Most cases of death and abuse against female overseas workers occur in Arab countries. The best-known case involved Sarah Balabagan, a domestic worker in the United Arab Emirates, who in 1995 stabbed her male employer after he tried to rape her. Balabagan was sentenced to death, but international outcry led to the reduction of her term, and she returned to the Philippines after serving nine months in jail. Earlier, another Filipino domestic worker was executed in Singapore for double murder.

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Posted by linsi - 2008/03/28 06:45

http://www.siliconeer.com/past_issues/2005/Oct2005-files/oct05_1-800-India.jpg

India Inc gets women-friendly

Call it what you want -
a search for gender diversity or a way to tackle talent scarcity
- but its true that India Inc is trying hard to get
more women on board. Some headhunters report getting higher
commissions for women recruits.

All these changes are beginning to reflect
in the marriage market where men now want "working girl".

Amid all this, throw in the effect of media explosion, internet and a growing number of role models in the Indian society -
and the society seems more accepting of a working woman.

Good news for indian women!

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/Jobs/Good_Times_ahead_for_women_workers/articleshow/2843471.cms

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uh-oh! Choco

did i miss something?

i have my response for you lately-

regards

linsi

Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/04/20 10:06

For women, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan comes out as one the worst of countries to live in;

Is that so? Is it fair? How about Afghanistan? I thought it was worse- if not correct me if i am wrong :angry:

there are only two other countries worse off than is Pakistan -- Yemen and Chad.

Under economic participation, Pakistan is ranked 126 out of 128.

Educational attainment, 123 out of 128. Health, 121 out of 128.

Political empowerment, 43 out of 128. Surprisingly, Pakistani women are worse off this year than they were last year.ha????

http://www.thenews.com.pk/daily_detail.asp?id=107809

Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/04/20 10:16

At the other end of the spectrum,
the planet's best countries for women to live in are:

Sweden,

Norway,

Finland,

Ireland,

New Zealand,

Philippines,
Germany,
Denmark,
Ireland and Spain.
Not even one of the top-ten is a Muslim-majority state.

At long last, one of the best news articles I've read -
the planet's best countries for women to live in..

Philippines is one of the best countries

I can say "yes" the Philippines is not patriarchal
on the other hand it is more of being matriarchal

and most of the time women, many of them in the Philippines
are pampered by the males (I said many of us..)
not to mention that higher percentage of Filipino
women go out as overseas foreign workers and that is
around the globe which makes them feel more important.

a bit of relief!

http://www.thenews.com.pk/daily_detail.asp?id=107809

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Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/05/22 23:01

JIANGYOU, China (CNN) -- A Chinese police officer is being hailed as a hero after taking it upon herself to breast-feed several infants who were separated from their mothers or orphaned by China's devastating earthquake.

Officer Jiang Xiaojuan, 29, the mother of a 6-month-old boy, responded to the call of duty and the instincts of motherhood when the magnitude-7.9 quake struck on May 12.

"I am breast-feeding, so I can feed babies. I didn't think of it much," she said. "It is a mother's reaction and a basic duty as a police officer to help."

The death toll in the earthquake jumped Thursday to more than 51,000, and more than 29,000 are missing, according to government figures. Thousands of children have been orphaned; many others have mothers who simply can't feed them.

At one point, Jiang was feeding nine babies.

"Some of the moms were injured; their fathers were dead ... five of them were orphans . They've gone away to an orphanage now," she said

She still feeds two babies, including Zhao Lyuyang, son of a woman who survived the quake but whose breast milk stopped flowing because of the traumatic conditions.

We walked out of the mountains for a long time. I hadn't eaten in days when I got here, and my milk was not enough," said that mother, Zhao Zong Jun. "She saved my baby. I thank her so much. I can't express how I feel."

Liu Rong, another mother whose breast milk stopped in the trauma, was awed by Jiang's kindness.

"I am so touched because she has her own baby, but she fed the disaster babies first," Liu said. "If she hadn't fed my son, he wouldn't have had enough to eat."

Jiang has become a celebrity, followed by local media and proclaimed on a newspaper front page as "China's Mother No. 1."

She's embarrassed by the fuss.

"I think what I did was normal," she said. "In a quake zone, many people do things for others. This was a small thing, not worth mentioning

There has been a huge outpouring of support from families who want to adopt babies orphaned by the quake. But that process takes time, and there are mouths to feed.

Jiang misses her own son, who's being cared for through the emergency by in-laws in another town, but she is aware of the new connections she's made.

"I feel about these kids I fed just like my own. I have a special feeling for them. They are babies in a disaster."

cnn/.com.asia

Re:Asia Women

Posted by linsi - 2008/05/23 13:27

Harassed in India: Women face an uphill battle in a culture that devalues females

By Raymond Thibodeaux
February 22, 2008

In its global campaign to attract foreign tourists, India's "Incredible India" ads feature a young woman enjoying her morning yoga session on a secluded beach.

In reality, what female tourists experience too often is this: persistent ogling and heckling by Indian men.

"At times I find it hard traveling around as a woman in Delhi. I've been groped twice in public," said Amanda Burrell, 36, a blue-eyed, blond-haired documentary filmmaker from England on vacation in India. "I think Indian women have it much worse."

If the Indian male ever had a reputation for being suave and sophisticated, that image has hit rock bottom. In recent weeks a spate of attacks against women and a new study showing rape as the fastest-growing crime in New Delhi are painting a less flattering picture.

In India, the fact that men are being held under such heightened scrutiny is a sign of changing social rules between men and women as the country modernizes.

While more and more Indian women move into the high-tech workforce or rise to key government posts in the new India, some analysts say many women appear to be losing the battle to overcome centuries-old cultural attitudes that tend to devalue the role of women and keep them dependent on men.

"Many of India's social values have not kept pace with the development of its modern cities," said Shaibal Gupta, a social analyst for the Asian Development Research Institute, a nongovernmental agency based in the northeastern Indian state of Bihar.

India's predominantly Hindu culture is skewed in favor of boys and men, say some social experts. In India's deep-rooted system of dowry, a bride's family pays the groom for marrying her - a custom that has been outlawed but only loosely enforced.

"Most Indian men don't have opportunities for intimate contact with women until their mid-20s," Gupta said. "For some of them, their only exposure to women in a sexual context has been in the virtual realms of Bollywood and Internet porn sites."

For many women in India, the result can be terrifying.

In an incident that rattled the country, dozens of young men taunted and groped two girls as they left a New Year's Eve party at a popular five-star hotel in Mumbai, formerly known as Bombay. An Indian newspaper photographer called the police and recorded the melee in a shocking series of photos that ran on the front page of almost every major newspaper in India, launching a flurry of editorials.

In a televised interview, the outraged chief of India's ministry for women and child development called for the death penalty for those convicted of rape.

There have been several high-profile assaults recently against foreign women in India. A British freelance journalist allegedly was raped by the owner of a guesthouse where she was staying in northern India. A 28-year-old American tourist was groped by a Hindu priest while visiting a temple in the northwestern Indian state of Rajasthan.

Several Western embassies have issued warnings on the dangers women often face in India.

"I get stared at, and sometimes men approach me and say things. But I've lived in India long enough that I've almost stopped paying attention to it," said Lauren Olsen, 16, a student at an American school in Delhi.

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Bottomline:

It can be difficult being a girl here," she said.

By Raymond Thibodeaux

February 22, 2008

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<http://www.horseware.com/images/mosquitonets.jpg>

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