

The Scarcity of Women Judges and Lawyers in India and the Escalation of Crime Against Women: An Investigation from a Judicial Lens

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Abstract: *"Similar to how a bird is unable to fly with only one wing, a Nation cannot progress if the women are excluded."*

In the present-day context, there is a significant emphasis on the promotion of gender equality and justice. However, certain issues continue to impede progress in these areas. Nevertheless, it is apparent that we are currently experiencing a significant change in the history of women. Over the past decade, women's voices have gained widespread recognition. They are currently experiencing the entitlements that have been owed to them for an extended period of time. Women are demonstrating exceptional performance in various domains, including Parliament, Courts, and companies. In the Western context, women had a prolonged struggle spanning almost a century in their pursuit of fundamental rights, including suffrage. Conversely, India's Constitution inherently conferred to women equal rights alongside their male counterparts from its inception. Nevertheless, as a result of low literacy rates and entrenched cultural norms, a significant portion of women in this country lack awareness regarding their rights. Throughout generations, women have endured oppression in the country, making it exceedingly challenging to witness a seamless transition overnight. However, our current process is taking longer than what is legally required.

This study provides a critical analysis of the current state of women in the country, using various legal views and relevant facts. The judiciary is significantly lagging behind and its lack of progress is impacting the court's rulings on sensitive matters concerning women. These topics have been interconnected and elucidated in terms of their mutual influence.

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