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PRESS RELEASE

LOCKDOWN & COVID19 - ARE MEN SAFE?

It was 24th March, 2020 when India went in for 21 days lockdown, which was further extended till even today, at most places.

COVID19 brought in one of the biggest threat to humanity in recent times. The threat is to a magnitude that the death rate, as per global data is mounting as high as 212K deaths and the pandemic spread touches 3.1 Million people across the globe.

Where the Governments, Societies, Humans came out with a clear focus to save the Humanity, as it exists, some elements planned it differently.

Over past few weeks, the Global Media got loaded with statements, releases, assumptions around increase of Domestic Violence cases on women during Lockdown. Amazingly and as done historically, even these claims were not data based. A narrative has been strongly pushed by Feminists across the globe that Men at home are just at home to commit Domestic Violence. The narrative extends as if Men at home makes Women unsafe. Such a narrative goes in line with the long standing narrative of feminists of Home Breaking steps.

While whole word started focussing on the widespread hoax of increase in Domestic Violence on Women, Feminists in fear of being questioned on data, started another round of narrative, where they started publishing on how women are finding it difficult to call them since men are at home. Men's Rights Activists questioned them on how the Domestic Violence calls numbers have actually reduced for Feminist Government bodies like NCW (National Commission for Women). This is when feminists started media reports on how women find it difficult to call the NCW helpline, as men are at home.

With this release, we wish to present the data backed details about Men in Distress, debunking the Feminist Hoax being spread during Lockdown. Domestic Violence on Men, how so ever ignored, is a harsh reality and various courts of India have indeed talked about Domestic Violence on Men.

SIF-One is the World's largest, Single Number Helpline, operating for Indian Men. 8882498498 is the Helpline for Men in distress, which operates in India, managed by over 100 volunteers 24*7. The Helpline has always been flooded with calls from Indian men in distress from across the globe. The distress in Men is a known fact, unless someone intentionally closes their eyes. The Suicide Rate of Men is more than double of Women, mostly because of Family Issues, as per NCRB (Ministry of Home Affairs) data since 1980s (since collection).

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Below is the analysis of calls received on SIF-One from 1st Jan 2020 till 26th April 2020. For analysis purposes, we have kept the comparison of calls in April 2020 (Lockdown period) as against the call data from 1st Jan 2020 till 31st March 2020 (as pre Lockdown period):

- Total Number of calls received during 117 days (1/Jan to 26/Apr) was 12053
- Average Daily calls Pre-Lockdown (1/Jan to 31/Mar) was 113 calls per day
- Average Daily calls during Lockdown (1/Apr to 26/Apr) was 68 calls per day, reduction of 40% from previous months
- Common Extensions shows least reduction of 38% of calls per day from Pre-Lockdown to after Lockdown
- Tamil Nadu shows the highest reduction of calls from Men in Distress because of Lockdown i.e. 72% reduction
- Extension of Delhi/Rajasthan/Haryana/J&K shows the highest reduction in terms of absolute monthly calls. Pre-Lockdown of 710 calls a month has reduced by 56% to 313 monthly calls post-Lockdown
- Another Huge reduction in terms of absolute calls was seen in UP/Uttaranchal/Bihar/Jharkhand extension by 40%
- Reduction was also seen in Karnataka by 52%, Punjab & HP by 50%, AP & Telangana by 50%, West Bengal/Orissa/North East by 45%, MH & Gujarat by 59%, Kerala by 65% & MP/Chhattisgarh by 55%

Above data clearly states that when Men are unable to get seek help and support while being at home. When they were going out, they were able to get some alone time to be able to call our Helpline to seek help.

This clear establishes the fact that it is Men who are under grave threat at homes and are unable to even seek support. Unlike Women, Men don't get any gender budgets from Government of India to get support. Laws, System, Budgets, are all against Men in reality. The effect is showing up on our Helpline call data.

We Anticipate or rather fear that this may effect Men's Suicide & Survival even more this year. Let's all come together and pledge to **#MakeHomeSafe4Men** & also to End **#DomesticViolenceOnMen**

We only hope that crimes against men stop immediately and we, as a country, start treating a crime as crime and not based on Gender.

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In one such call on our Helpline, Rajesh (name changed) from Mathura shares his ordeal of series of Domestic Violence and Cruelty done to him. After being forced to leave his ailing parents, to get some peace for his family members and himself, he stayed in a separate house for past 21 years. Having suffered through the 21 years of cruelty at the hands of his wife, Lockdown happened to India. He was forced to work



Woman having extra-marital affair with her cousin slits 22-yr-old husband's throat

A woman has been arrested for allegedly killing her 22-year-old husband by slitting his throat in Uttar Pradesh's Agra. Police said that woman was allegedly having an extra-marital affair with her cousin and colluded with him to commit the crime. The victim, who worked in a firm in Noida, had recently returned to Agra with his wife and one-year-old son.

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One of few NEWS that made it to Media

from home where his wife, in addition to ongoing cruelty, has also started abusing him as adulterous person, when he is on official conference calls, including female colleagues. She also hides her office resources like Laptop making him beg for it, as otherwise he may lose his job. She makes him do sit-ups just to enjoy seeing him in pain for handing over the laptop. She even threw boiling tea on his face, which he had prepared for himself. Rajesh, when he calls 100, Police doesn't believe him. He can't go to police to file a complaint during Lockdown and he fears for his life, especially during these aggravated assaults, during this lockdown. 3 days back, his wife and daughter, beat him with sleepers and sandals (with heels), which left him bleeding, thrown outside his own house, for the whole night.

About Men Welfare Trust (MWT) & Save Family Foundation (SFF):

Registered NGOs in New Delhi, Men Welfare Trust (MWT) & Save Family Foundation (SFF), work for safeguarding the interests of those Men who have been implicated in false cases because of the gross misuse of gender biased laws. MWT & SFF has been involved in several intervention petitions on issues such as Marital Rape. NGOs, which are managed by India's leading Men's Right Activists, provides free and selfless help to Men and their families who are victimised by the misuse of gender biased laws such as false IPC 498-A, rape, sexual harassment, domestic violence and other cases of similar nature. They have provided brotherhood support to lakhs of Men & families in distress who have been victims of false cases which are filed by many women to cash in and extort from a failed relationship, defame and shame the Men and settle personal scores. Members of MWT, SFF are also actively engaged in various other activities like research, documentation and publication on men's rights issues, and regularly appear on India's leading national news channels.

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