

## PRESS RELEASE – BLACK SEPTEMBER #Adultery #Sabrimala

Men Welfare Trust (Regd. NGO) is part of Save Indian Family (SIF) Movement which is the biggest representative of Men's Rights Movement of India. SIF is a conglomerate of over 40 NGOs across India & Abroad, working tirelessly for Men's Rights in India. SIF has been working for Empowerment of Men at Legal, Policy, Health, Govt Budgeting level. SIF conducts weekly Support group meetings at over 30 places in India, 5 places outside India. In addition, SIF also runs multiple Websites, Blogs, Email support groups and even Whatsapp First Aid groups to help and support Indian men and boys. SIF runs the world's largest Private Helpline for Men in Distress, "SIF One", which gets over 6000 calls every month. SIF One Android Mobile app also allows Men/Boys in distress to connect with SIF.

**September 2018 continues to be BLACK SEPTEMBER in the lives of Indian Men.**

This Month, after Triple Talaq Ordinance and removal of Family Welfare Committee, 2 more blows to the rights and dignity of men have happened:

- Hon'ble Supreme Court decriminalized IPC 497 #Adultery
- Hon'ble Supreme Court allowed entry of women to #Sabrimala Shrine

### **SUPREME COURT REMOVES #ADULTERY IPC 497:**

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in a 5 judges bench, headed by Chief Justice of India, decriminalized Adultery thus making Sexual relationship outside the Marriage not a Criminal Offence.

With the way the definition and reality of Marriage has changed in India, where Husbands were forced to live under constant fear of False Dowry, Maintenance, Domestic Violence, Custody cases, Adultery law was the only protection they had in case of adulterous wife filling false bouquet of cases. That shield, which could have helped Husband prove the Cruelty he has undergone because of Wife' Adultery has been taken off and Husbands are left defenceless.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court while pronouncing the judgment mentioned that Husband is not a Master of the wife. MWT wishes to submit an amendment that, No Spouse is Master of Other Spouse. It is highly unfortunate that though the Husband is not a Master of Wife, but still the Hon'ble Supreme Court allowed archaic and draconian laws like Maintenance, Alimony laws which force the Husband to be the PROVIDER to his wife.

With the removal of Adultery law, which gave 100% immunity to an Adulterous wife, now wife will have no deterrent in having Sexual Relationship outside her marriage. It would be pertinent to add that a Husband, if at all, even talks to another female (or doesn't even do that much), a wife has all the right to file Criminal Case on her Husband (and his entire family members) under IPC 498A, CrPC 125, PWDVA 2005 and many other sections.

It had been our demand for long time that Adultery law MUST be amended to make it Gender Neutral. With Hon'ble Supreme Court doing away with the law inspite of correcting it, the value of Marriage has been left to nothing in India. Now the big question remains, WILL A CHILD EVER BE SURE WHO IT'S FATHER IS?

### **SUPREME COURT ALLOWS ENTRY OF WOMEN (specific age group) IN SABRIMALA:**

Entry of women between 10-50 years of age was not allowed in the shrine of Sabrimala, which is considered to be the abode of Celibate Lord Ayyappa. Interestingly, a religious sentiment case, was conveniently converted and viewed as a Feminist Issue which means that Feminists don't regard females under 10 years and over 50 years as women at all.

Hon'ble Supreme Court 5 judges bench, headed by Chief Justice of India, also used terms like "Patriarchy", "Women not inferior to Men" etc. Though, the case was never a Gender based case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court verdict made it like one.

MWT believes in religious autonomy to remain untouched by Judiciary but would request the Hon'ble Supreme Court to also issue directions to Attukal Temple, Chakkulathukavu Temple, Santoshi Maa 'Vrat', Lord Brahma Temple (Pushkar), Bhagati Maa Temple (Kanyakumari), Mata Temple (Muzaffarpur), Trimbakeshwar Temple, Kamrup Kamakhya Temple **TO ALLOW MEN INSIDE THESE TEMPLES FOR THE SAME EQUALITY.**

**MAKES NEED OF MEN'S COMMISSION MORE AND MORE STRONGER**

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