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## **Men's Rights Movement of India completes 18 Years**

**Save Indian Family (SIF) Movement was founded on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2005**

**Men Welfare Trust & Save Family Foundation celebrate the "FOUNDATION DAY" with pressing issues:**

- 📞 **Spousal Rape & updates on ongoing PIL (Marital Rape)**
- 📞 **Men & Elections**
- 📞 **Victim Stories of Legal Terrorism**
- 📞 **Workplace Harassment of Men**

**Thursday, March 10, 2022:** Men Welfare Trust (MWT) & Save Family Foundation (SFF), registered NGOs under the aegis of Save Indian Family (SIF) movement, congratulate every Men's Rights Activist across India for a really successful journey of last 18 years of the Men's Rights Movement of India i.e. SIF Movement.

About 20 NGOs came together in 2005 to lay the foundation of the Men's Rights Movement of India and today, it is a group of almost 45+ NGOs & chapters both inside and outside of the country. It is imperative to share the successful journey of this movement, which has taken up the cause, which has just not been ignored but has been portrayed with more negative light.

The movement, over its past 18 years have helped many lakhs families who are/were victims of the Legal Terrorism unleashed in India because of the creation of "biased" laws. The movement runs its backbone through the first Yahoo group (now a [google group](#)) namely, "Save Indian Family" (SIF). We also run several 100s of Facebook pages, local support whatsapp groups, weekly support meetings across 27 locations in India. We also launched first ever single number helpline for men in 2014, namely, "SIF One – 8882498498", which gets about 4000-6000 calls from distressed men every month. The movement is also reachable through the mobile app, "SIF One App" ([Android](#) & [Amazon](#)), apart from its multiple websites of all chapters and conglomerate website, [www.saveindianfamily.in](http://www.saveindianfamily.in)

Apart from making us easily reachable for victims of Legal Terrorism, the movement has taken up various ground breaking activism over past many years, including many successful protests against issues that affect men, making representations across various Parliamentary committees, Law Commissions, MPs etc. Movement has also done substantial Legal Activism by becoming part of PILs that effect men including the ongoing PIL in Hon'ble Delhi High Court, commonly misnamed as Marital Rape PIL. The movement has strongly opposed the unleashing of Legal Terrorism even outside India, latest one being Australia, where a draconian "Anti Dowry Law" was stopped by efforts of many, including us.

While there is a lot to celebrate and talk about as the success, it is important to accept that we are far from what we aspire for, that is, "Human Rights for Men". We are still living in a country, which is known as the "suicide capital of the world" as we force about 100,000 men to commit suicide every year, of which, biggest reason is Family Issues. We are living in a country which has about 48 laws which DO NOT provide any protection to Men and only are specific for women to use (& misuse). As a poem from Robert Frost (1922) reads,

*"But I have Promises to Keep, And miles to go before I sleep"*

With this foundation day, we promise to ourselves to keep fighting for Men & Men's Rights till the time Men are not getting neglected or are discriminated against, for their gender!!

This Foundation day, it is also important to deliberate on some immediate pressing issues.

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**MARITAL RAPE (PIL & updates):**

- In 2015 some petitioners filed a PIL in Hon'ble Delhi High Court to remove the exception of Husband in IPC 375 (Rape Law).
- While they completely ignored the exception that the law itself gives to women perpetrators and complete exception to male victims, they called the exception 2 as unconstitutional.
- 2 of our NGOs, [Hridaya](#) (Kolkata) & [Men Welfare Trust](#) (Delhi) filed interventions and were allowed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court to represent the side of men. With a team of about 20 strong activists & research thinktanks, both our NGOs have stood strong on defending the exception in the ongoing PIL.
- While Hridaya has been represented by Senior Advocate Mr. R.K. Kapoor, Men Welfare Trust was represented Party-in-Person by its President and Vice President and recently was represented by Advocate J Sai Deepak.
- The copy of submissions made by Men Welfare Trust are available on its [website page](#).
- Our submissions are: exception is not unconstitutional, exception is not a license to commit crime, sexual violence within marriage is already covered in other laws, international judgments have been misrepresented, NFHS survey isn't dependable etc, amongst other grounds.
- Currently, the judgment is reserved by the Hon'ble High Court.
- Ironically, the Government of India & the Delhi government have withdrawn their previous submissions, affidavits and have decided not to present any opinion on this matter so now the Legal battle is clearly between the Petitioners and 2 of our NGOs.

**MEN & ELECTIONS:**

- Male votebank has been ignored by Political Parties all through.
- Our members decided to launch a national Level Political Party, giving birth to **Mera Adhikar Rashtriya Dal (MARD)**.
- Male Votebank is supporting [MARD Party](#), where our candidates are contesting the elections.
- In location where our party isn't contesting, male vote bank has decided for **#NoVoteToMaleHaters**.
- In few seats, to register the protest of ignoring of male gender, Male Vote Bank has gone ahead with **#NOTA**.
- Male Vote Bank has grown over many years. In India, 100000 families of Male Suicides, close to 500000 matrimonial litigation families of men & equivalent number of families who are silent sufferers of threats of **#LegalTerrorism**. So, over a period of say 10 years itself, it is about 1.1 crores of directly effected men/families. If one adds the number of the extended family members, ignoring the magnitude of **#MaleVoteBank** is the biggest blunder that Politicians are committing.

**VICTIM STORIES OF LEGAL TERRORISM:**

- It was 2005 when the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in "Sushil Kumar vs. Union of India" coined the term "Legal Terrorism" w.r.t. the misuse of the gender biased law (IPC 498A).
- We hereby present to you these victim storied of heart wrenching pain that the "real" victim and his family members had to go through.
- We shall let them to share about themselves.

**WORKPLACE HARASSMENT OF MEN:**

- India, the biggest workforce, where boys are brought up to be the Protector and Provider questions why only men have to work. Feminists have coined innovative hoax including gender pay gap, glass ceiling etc.
- A so called, "PATRIARCHAL" country like India, with such a large, FORCED male workforce, has a Protection from Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act, which doesn't cover Men as victims.
- This law has become a tool of pushing men out of jobs, saving women from termination for non-performance and an easy tool to threaten and gain illegal favours at workplace by women.
- #MeToo has proven its usage as #DigitalMobLynching against men.
- Independent surveys clearly show how men are victims of workplace harassment while the law makers left men at the mercy of National Commission for Women to advise if men should be covered under law or not. IRONY!!

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Mr. Amit Lakhani, Founder President of Men Welfare Trust said, "Congratulations to all MRAs across India for completing 18 years of helping and supporting men. While we have still a lot to do, let's take a moment to pat the backs of all those who helped the movement grow. Marital Rape PIL was our first experience as a Party in Person and it was definitely a wonderful journey as the Hon'ble Delhi High Court has given immense and justified important to issues that affect men. We have made extensive submissions and we also would like to thank Adv. J Sai Deepak and his team for standing up for us towards the end of the proceedings".

He adds, "It is disappointing that politics has taken a front seat over gender harmony." While the UOI has been pressing for time for consultative process after withdrawing their previous affidavit, the Delhi Govt after making extensive arguments against criminalising Marital Rape through Adv Nandita Rao, suddenly after the arguments are closed and the judgement is reserved, they step back and withdraw their affidavit. The PIL now looks like a battle between Feminist foreign funded NGOs Vs the Men's Rights group such as Hridaya & Men Welfare Trust.

Mr. Wasif Ali, Co-Founder, Save Family Foundation said, "18 years and still growing though sounds good but honestly, our dream is to close the movement. It can happen the day Men are not discriminated against, in any form, for their gender. If we are still growing, it means that the problem is growing. It means more and more men are suffering. Just imagine, what could have been the magnitude of this suffering, if we had not existed".

**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 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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