

Realities of Indian Characters and Their Values in Context of Rape Events

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Abstract

The identity of any person is based on his characteristic behaviors. But it is bitter true fact that civilized society reflects the good characteristic of human being that is living in the society. In the 21st century men are trying to touch the untouched part of universe. In the field of medical science human has progressed to resolve the incurable diseases. We have developed a lot of infrastructures for the day to day uses. Men are talented to go anywhere by air, water and land mode within a short time. But in case of social context especially woman's rights and honors we are not able to say us a civilized citizen. Men always try to show his dominant nature over the women. The men's nature of dominant over the women in each sector of life style is called paternalism. Men always say the paternalism is a part of human value system. There is no need to more say about the current status of women in the society. According to National Crime Records Bureau data confirm that Delhi saw 572 women raped cases in the year 2011 as compared to 239 in Mumbai, 47 in Kolkata, 67 in Chennai, 96 in Bangalore. Let it see in another way, while Delhi had 7 rape victims among 1 Lakh females in 2011, Haryana had 6, Rajasthan had 5, Mumbai had 3, Uttar Pradesh had 2, Bangalore had 2 and Chennai had 2. My main questions are from where the rape was started?, How the rape came in the society?, Who was behind it?, Why these rapes are happening in our society?, Why we are not able to control it?, How the people encourage rape events with using the name of religion?, How the ethical value are demolished by men dominating power?, How we can make our society free from rapist?, etc. In this article Dr. Prashant Kumar Astalin has tried to give the answers for all the above mentioned questions.

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1. Historical Background of Rape Events in India

Our country India is great. It has unity in diversity. The secular functions of the govt. are to give equal status to all the religions. All the religions have same opportunity to make publicity of their thoughts in the society. Many followers of all religions are living in India. Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddha, Jain, Persian and Ravidashia (recently declared in 2010) religion are the most popular in Indian society. But the most of the mythical characters are mentioned and explained their characters in Hindu religion or Sanatan religion. My main focus of this article is based on the conduct and behavioral values of some mythical and historical characters in reference to rape in India.

My Indian culture is very rich, there is no doubt. As we know, it has been proved that Sindhu Valley Civilization was based on matriarchy. It means women had more and more power in the every sectors of life and they were in the main stream of society. But after fall of the Sindhu Valley Civilization, Aryan established a new culture that means a way of life style. Aryan Men always try to show his dominant nature over the women. The men's nature of dominant over the women in each sector of life style is called paternalism. Men always say the paternalism is a part of human value system. Due to the effect of Aryan life style, their culture, way of thinking, their literature, code of conduct and their behavior the matriarchy effect ruined and after some time the superiority of paternalism took place of matriarchy in the Indian society. Now the current society is fully based paternalism. Our Indian epics and mythical literature have great importance on our Indian society. Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas and Smritis are the great pillars of our Indian mythical characters. There are mentioned great lessons for the society. These lessons reflect the images of our mythical characters and these mythical characters reflect in historical characters.

Now, I will straightly talk to the main points of realities of some Indian characters and their values with regards to rape events. Basically, rape is a not new concept for us. It is very old concept. Don't mind about the word rape is a concept, actually it is a bad concept. Even though, any bad concept or good concept that is really a concept. The rape, rapist and our some Indian mythical characters are inter-correlated.

My main questions are: from where the rape was started?, who was the father of rape?, how the rape came in the society?, who was behind it?, why these rapes are happening in our society?, why we are not able to control it?, how the people encourage rape event in the name of religion?, how the ethical value are demolished by men dominating power?, how we can make our society free from rapist?, etc.

In this article Dr. Prashant Kumar Astalin tried to give the answers for all the above mentioned questions.

First of all, I will tell you about the origin of rape, Godfather of rape and his followers. Please don't

misunderstand about the word Godfather. It is easily understood by everyone because of the originator of rape concept is not a layman; he is treated as God in our Indian mythical literature. According to Saint Valmiki Ji, Lord Indran was the first rapist in the universe (including all places of universe like earth, moon, heaven, Brahma Lok, Indran Lok, etc.). After his defeat in the battlefield by Lanka's King Ravana, Lord Brahma told to Lord Indran, the main reason for your defeat is because of once upon a time the bad activity done by you with the wife of Saint Gautam.

Saint Gautam is one of the famous Saptarshi in the period of the 28th Treta Yuga of Vaivasvatha Manvantara of Shwetvaraha Kalpa. We can notify the famous conversation done between Lord Brahma and Lord Indran in page numbers 353 and 354, poem numbers 30, 31, 32 and 33, chapter number 30 of Uttar Kanda of Valikimi Ramayan.

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Lord Brahma says to Lord Indran – hey Indran, you raped Ahalya the wife of Saint Gautam Ji. Afterward you were captured by Saint Gautam Ji in his house (Ashram).

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Again Lord Brahma says to Lord Indran – hey Indran, then Saint Gautam Ji was very angry on you and cursed that hey Devendra you ruined the chastity (purity of conduct) of my wife by changing of your physical form of body and you did not fear, so in the battle the entire situation will be against you and you will be caught by enemy.

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Lord Brahma says to Lord Indran – hey miscreant (person with negative thoughts), you have started an inadvisable custom. So, there is no doubt that men will be addicted by this unfair custom.

Now, it is cleared that the period of this event is starting stage of the 28th Treta Yuga of Vaivasvatha Manvantara of Shwetvaraha Kalpa. It means nearly 21,65,115 years (12,96,000 years for Treta + 8,64,000 years for Dwapar Yuga + 5,115 years for Kali Yuga) ago Lord Indran raped the wife of Saint Gautam. Now, we confidently say that Lord Indran is the Godfather of rape. According to this mythical story Lord Indran was the main responsible mythical character to spread the rape bad custom in our Indian society. So, there is no doubt to say that the mythical character Lord Indran was a just ratbag (hateful person). For his crime Saint Gautam should give death punishment but Saint Gautam only cursed that hey Devendra you ruined the chastity (purity of conduct) of my wife by changing of your physical form of body and you did not fear, so in the battle the entire situation will be against you and you will be caught by enemy.

My dear friends just think, in spite of giving punishment to Lord Indran, he (Saint Gautam) punished his wife. Saint Gautam cursed his wife, you will become as a dead body (stone body without any live segment). But, actually there were no wrong activities from his wife Ahalya because Lord Indran had changed his body in the form of Saint Gautam and she could not understand the original form of Lord Indran and she was cheated by him (Lord Indran). But Saint Gautam Ji gave death punishment in spite of Lord Indran.

My question is why Ahalya was death punished but Lord Indran was punished by his instability of kingdom only? This shows that main criminal Lord Indran was escaped and a woman Ahalya was lost her life. This judgment shows partiality with woman Ahalya and dominating nature of paternalism. This judgment also shows that after the rape, rapist should get the low order punishment. This judgment also shows the paternalistic nature of judge (Saint Gautam) and freedom of rapist (Lord Indran). In totality women are suppressed by men through paternalism.

Even though Lord Indran did not stop by this rape event; he continued this sexual assault with others women in our Indian society. As we know that according to Puranas's tale Lord Indran raped a beautiful mythical woman Bajrangi (the wife of Bajranga) during the river bath with her husband. When she tried to swim in the depth of river, at that time Lord Indran raped her with forcefully.

Okay, now we come towards the current sceneries, it is no need to say about the current status of women in the society. According to National Crime Records Bureau data confirm that Delhi saw 572 women raped cases in the year 2011 as compared to 239 in Mumbai, 47 in Kolkata, 67 in Chennai, 96 in Bangalore. Let it see in another way, while Delhi had 7 rape victims among 1 Lakh females in 2011, Haryana had 6, Rajasthan had 5, Mumbai had 3, Uttar Pradesh had 2, Bangalore had 2 and Chennai had 2.

Why these rape events are happening in huge quantity? Now, you people are thinking that it make be because of the Lord Brahma statement for Lord Indran – hey miscreant (person with negative thoughts), you have started an inadvisable custom. So, there is no doubt that men will be addicted by this unfair custom. Here one point is notable that Lord Brahma (creator of universe) did not curse or punish to Lord Indran and Lord Vishnu was totally silent on this hateful work. Nature and behavior of these two Lords namely Brahma and Vishnu about this mythical rape tragedy show that they supported to Lord Indran and his rapist act also. So, we should understand the mentality of paternalism of these mythical characters and their social values regarding to especially, rape case.

All of you have listen about the 23-year-old physiotherapist woman was gang-raped in a moving bus on the night of Dec 16, 2012 and brutally tortured. She died of her injuries Dec 29, 2012 in a Singapore hospital.

1.1. Some Controversial Statements by Modern Historical Characters

According to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's view that most rapes take place in cities and not villages. A husband and wife are involved in a contract under which the husband has said that you should take care of my house and I will take care of all your needs. I will keep you safe. So, the husband follows the contract terms. Till the time, the wife follows the contract, the husband stays with her, if the wife violates the contract, he can disown her.

But, a study conducted by Associate Professor Mrinal Satish, Delhi's National Law University shows that over 75% of rape cases led in rural India (Bharat) during 1983 to 2009. So, we can strongly say that Mohan Bhagwat's statement is completely foolish. His contractual marriage statement shows dominating nature of paternalism which is directly violating the women's freedom and her property's rights. The mentality of superimposing paternalism on society is unconstitutional.

Madhya Pradesh's Industry Minister Kailash Vijayavargiya says “Ek hi shabd hai – Maryada. Maryada ka ulangan hota hai, toh Sita – haran ho jata hai. Laxman – rakha har vyakti ki khichi gayi hai. Us Laxman – rekha ko koi bhi par karega, toh Ravana samne baith hai, who Sita – haran karke le jayega. (One has to abide by certain moral limits. If you cross this limit you will be punished, just like Sita was abducted by Ravana).

Here we can see the wrong thinking way of MP Industry Minister Kailash Vijayavargia, he talks about the moral limits for women only, not for men. It means women are breaking the moral limits and getting rape punishment by rapist. It means he says that women should not go outside with her boyfriend from their house at any time and should not travel by bus, train, auto-riksha. If they are going outside from their house with her boyfriend or her relatives, then judge (rapist) will punish by rape and brutal humiliation. Actually, his thought indicates the ejection of the women's right, freedom and educational development.

VHP International Advisor Ashok Singhal blamed the 'western model' of lifestyle for growing incidents of sexual assault on women including rape, saying cities were losing the values. This western model is alarming. What is happening is we have imbibed the US. We have lost all the values we had in cities. The live-in relationship style is not only foreign to our culture, but also hostile. He claimed that Indians lived a life of 'purity' prior to the arrival of British rulers and said 'purity' of virginity, described as 'brahmacharyam' by him, was being disturbed. “Virginity was preserved. But the purity has been totally disturbed (now), we are losing it,” he said.

Dear friends I don't mind the western model of lifestyle is responsible for the cities were losing the values including sexual assault on women including rape. Rape is a not new matter for Indians; it is too old which was firstly done by Lord Indran nearly 21, 65,115 years ago in the period of the 28th Treta Yuga of Vaivasvata Manvantara of Shwetvaraha Kalpa. Actually, sexual assault not came by western model of lifestyle as Ashok Singhal is saying, when we go through Valmiki Ramayan and Puranas, we can simply understand that sexual assault is a all time survival part of our Indian mythical character like Lord Indran and his followers. So, we should not blame others without knowing out demerits. What is wrong if couples having good understanding are willing to live in relationship? They should have right to select his/her life partner after holding a proper understanding.

According to Spiritual leader Asaram Babu the Delhi gang-rape victim should have called her attackers “brothers” and recited the Saraswati mantra to avert the tragedy. The victim should have “begged” in front of the culprits. The victim is as guilty as her rapists, adding one hand cannot clap. Spiritual leader Asaram Babu said, the five or six drunken men were not the only ones guilty. The girl was also responsible.

I am not agreeing with the above statements of spiritual leader Asaram Babu. There is no any logic to call as brothers to sexual assailants and beg in front of culprits. If there is wrong from your side then you should beg to opponents otherwise never. During sexual assault Saraswati mantra is not rape protector technique and also after listening Saraswati mantra rapists will not stop the sexual assault. At this time victim should fight against sexual assailants and protect by herself.

1.1.1 Conclusion

Now, I conclude my article as our Indian political leaders, spiritual leaders try to establish the paternalism over the society. Men's mentality of paternalism is the main reason for the sexual assault on women including rape

and also for losing the their moral values. Men are forgetting their duties and rights towards women. It is rightly said by famous American astronaut of Indian origin, Sunita Williams that gang rape a result of lack of respect for women. Williams further said that she herself has striven to excel in such a field, which is male dominated and get the respect she deserved. “I think I have also tried to be as equal as possible. Of course physical size and shape is a little bit different. Women are generally little bit smaller than men. So that is something you can't overcome. But as best as I could, I tried to do as equal a job as any of the gentlemen that were around me,” she added.

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