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### Subject: Status of Women in India

Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) is deeply concerned about the misbehavior that women are facing in our country in spite of Bharatvarsh celebrating the ancient cultural Mantra of “*Yatra Naaryastu Pujyante, Ramante Tatra Devata*” (“Where women are honoured, divinity blossoms there, and wherever women are dishonoured, all action, no matter how noble it may be, remains unfruitful.”)! Incidents of rape and molestation with them are increasing. According to the latest figures of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), 3,59,849 cases of misbehavior with women were registered in the country in 2017 as against 3,29,243 in 2015. The country was still highly worked up against the 2012 Nirbhaya gang rape and murder perpetrators in Delhi, when on December 01, 2019 another 22 year old Nirbhaya girl was gang-raped and burnt alive in Hyderabad. Due to these incidents, women are feeling insecure even in their own localities. The enlightened people, Sant-Mahatmas and common run of people of the country are concerned about this state of affairs concerning women.

The Central Board of Trustees of VHP feels the need for a nationwide churning to change this situation of women. There is a need for a comprehensive and all-inclusive campaign with the cooperation/co-creation of the administrative machineries, academic fraternity, Sant-Mahatma fraternity, social and religious organizations, etc., to ensure a socio-cultural equation and perception conducive to the safety and security of women.

- ❖ The VHP also requests all parents that by virtue of their being first Gurus/teachers, they should make their children aware of and sensitive about moral values. It is the responsibility of parents, as the first teachers, to develop a healthy attitude amongst their children about male-female equations and cultivate their moral fiber.
- ❖ India has an ancient tradition of seeing women with respect, it should be restored. For this, the education system and the textbooks of the country should be designed in a way so as to be able to inculcate appropriate *Sanskars* (training in character formation) in the generations. With moral education, a sense of respect for women can be generated among children from the very beginning. Teachers, who work towards moulding character of students, have to be very sensitive and alert in view of the present conditions. Therefore, VHP appeals to the education world to create a value-based education system and textbooks, which can also awaken the students and make them alive to the truths and values of life and living celebrated by our ancestors.
- ❖ In the name of advertising and entertainment, the obscenity being offered and served by cinema and electronic, print media also promotes crime against women. Commercial films present women as objects of enjoyment. Their presentations create wrong feelings in children. It is, therefore, necessary to make the censor board more sensitive and give their rules and regulations more teeth.
- ❖ Porn is also a reason for increasing crimes against women. The government has banned porn sites, which the VHP welcomes. But this restriction is not enough yet. The government should take even more stringent measures to impose a complete ban on porn.
- ❖ There is a need to make the present law stricter so that sex related crimes can be punished speedily. Delay in delivery of justice creates in people trust deficit about law and order. The government and educational institutions should make special efforts to impart self defense training to young women.
- ❖ The VHP appeals to the government to invite suggestions from leading religio-spiritual and socio-cultural figures across the country for prevention of crimes against women, do extensive and intensive brainstorming on the same, shortlist the ways and means and make every effort to implement them.
- ❖ The VHP appeals to all the people of Bharat to respect the God living in one another as per Bharatiya values of life. It is very much the time to reinvent and celebrate the ancient wisdom as a matter of renaissance: “*Maatruvat Paradaaresu, Paradravyeshu losthavat, Aatmavat sarvabhuteshu yah pasyati sa panditah*” (“One who sees others’ wives as own mother, other’s wealth as clay, all the other living creatures as equal to one’s self is a scholar and wise, indeed.”). Women must be seen in this light so that their respect and protection can be ensured.
- ❖ VHP will take following steps in this regards :
  1. To inculcate Sanskars and family values, the work of "*Pariwar Prabodhan*" will be expended.
  2. Durga Vahini will expend self defense trainings to young women.
  3. Bajrang Dal, by its various programmes, encourage youths to stop miss behavior and develop healthy attitude towards women.