

293 and 294 Justice For Our Nation's Daughters and Mother of Justice

Extreme violence against women and girls is common in India, as in many other countries. These crimes are rarely investigated by the authorities and often go unpunished.

Headlines from recent years reflect these brutal assaults and the system's failure to ensure justice for Indian women:

Woman Dies in Delhi After Gang Rape, Fueling Outrage Again in India

9-Year-Old's Death in Delhi Renews Protests Against Sexual Violence

Deadly Rape of Indian Woman has 'Shaken the Nation Once Again'

Mothers and fathers, many from a supposedly outlawed caste system, fight for the safety of their daughters, protesting elements of national culture that endanger females. Activist groups demonstrate near India's Parliament, demanding "justice for the nation's daughters."

The figure Justice takes a defensive stance. The rags she wears indicates her low status and vulnerability. She fears for her life, solely because of her gender. Rape, gang rape, and murder are common in her country. If she survives the assault, she may be forced to marry her rapist, and her family may face violence and public ostracism.

In tattered rags, like her daughter, Mother wields a sharp-bladed knife. She screams of her loss and the tragedy that permeates her culture.