

The Gender Bias

We sometimes gloat over the fact that so many women of our country have got the title of Miss India. Then it seems we have women all the way when we recall how women trounced men in Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan during the assembly elections held towards the end of 2003 and these were women who became the Chief Ministers in these States.

This however, is misleading. We cannot forget that thousands may be millions of women all over India are being exploited daily in the form of eve teasing, molestation, physical oppression, mental trauma, discrimination on several counts etc. This is how gender trauma, discrimination on several counts etc.

The fact regarding female feticide which has reduced the female ratio drastically in the country and in many states below 800 per 1000 boys needs no emphasis.

The most distressing is a mother's bias against girls as compared to boys in the matter of education, giving pocket money, diet, allowing freedom, etc. If a mother behaves like this, her son will consider himself superior to his sister and will in course of time, show male chauvinism even to his mother and the daughter when she grows up and becomes mother will behave similarly to her daughters and thus the vicious circle will continue.