

# FALANO LE K BHANCHA

Misconstrued expectations  
of a nepali woman

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**Portrait Photography**

**Date: 7 to 12 March. Time: 9 AM to 5 PM**

**Women's Day Special**

Taking these photos weren't easy in the psychological sense for me. Technically speaking, I just had to unbutton my shirt to pose for the photo while Prishank took the photo. I don't know much about the photography aspect of it - Prishank is more knowledgeable on that. I can only share my own personal experience regarding this, of where I was mentally when I had this photo taken.

We took this photo in Chobhar, a public place. While it isn't as crowded, there is still a decent influx of people to this place. However, we went there towards evening when the number of people is minimal.

In between the reeds where we took this photo, we had absolute privacy. There was no one in sight and I could have even gone topless if I'd wanted to. But even just posing this way was somewhat uncomfortable for me because this society does not deem what I did appropriate. Ours is a very conservative society. What men can do without fear of repercussions on a daily basis, I have to be afraid of doing even in secluded areas as long as it is a public place. Fear that I will be seen, be mocked, be reprimanded. And yet, in spite of that fear, I wish to push the boundaries. See just how far I can go. Perhaps, the society will change their view regarding this and women will have more freedom to dress as they wish, either more or less, just as men do.

Doing this made me feel good in a different way. I can't exactly describe it but going against the 'moral' but clearly biased rules of our society was exhilarating. There will be people who will judge, the naysayers who are averse to change. But you know what? To hell with all of them. I love myself and I will express myself how I want.

**- Bijeta**

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**A collection of sayings by falano to women (sent to us by women via social media): Part 2**

(As a daughter, you must always cover yourself up. To show your skin is to throw away your dignity.) - Neha, 18

(Woman from a good family returns home by 5.) -Sachita, 21

15. "Women should learn to speak softly."

(Why are you wearing so revealing clothes? Showing it to your husband only after marriage be enough.) - Niyanta, 20

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(You should not talk back to men. People will call you 'uttaulo'.) - Awantika, 19

1. "A woman shouldn't be too opinionated. Keep your thoughts to yourself and be respectful." - Darshana, 22
2. "You're getting too offended and angry. Are you on your periods?»
3. "Fair skinned girls are better than dark skinned girls." — Deeja
4. A woman who has a lot of guy friends and hangs out with guys does not have a good character. She is probably sleeping with them." -Suyasha, 21
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7. (Look, you're like a flower. What will people say if you walk around talking and laughing so loudly? Look down when you walk.) -Bidhi, 22
8. "Only prostitutes colour their hair purple or pink." - Nuva, 22
9. "Only bad women wear red lipsticks." - Riti
10. "Why are you laughing so loudly? You're a woman!" - Samprada, 21

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