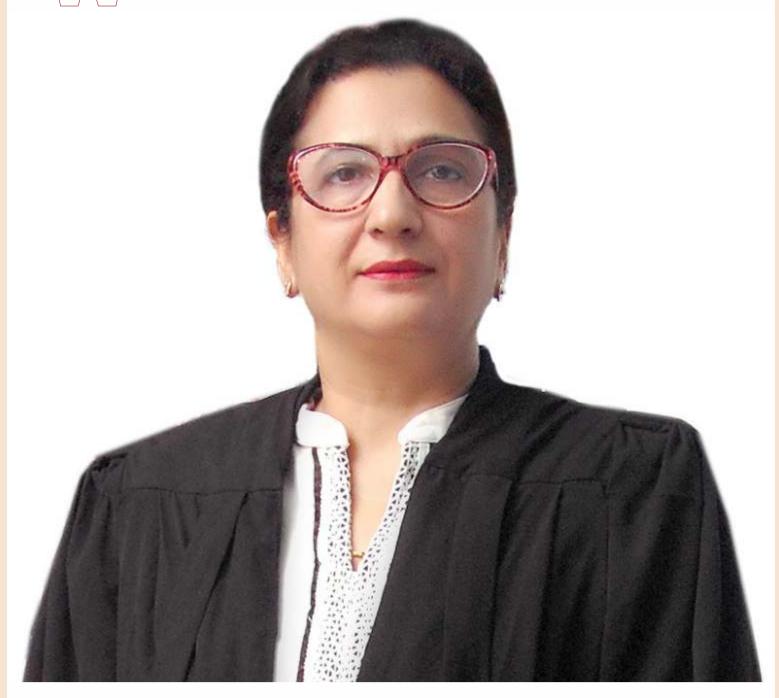
The WILL
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& the WAY

Story of

Daljit Kaur

AN ADVOCATE &
SOCIAL ACTIVIST





An advocate by profession & social activist by passion

### Daljit Kaur

Introduction – Her story

aljit Kaur is a real and perfect example of adversity guiding a strong-willed person towards empowerment. She chose to do LL.B. after 10 years of her marriage when she found her in-laws family suffering in the hands of land grabbers and the entire system. The systemwhich instead of becoming helpful was weaving a web, making the situation more perplexed and complicated and doing macabre on their head. It was the time when she and her family faced rough weathers, for not just the (more than a century old)ancestral property but also the grace of the family, their livelihood, future of the children, her own dignity means everything was on stake. She was facing tough situation butwith the grace of Almighty and her own grit with coincidental set of values, she succeeded to come out of affronting series of



challenges and life threatening events and proved herself tougher than any challenge or situation.

When her in-law's old landlord family was on roads and trying to get justice by knocking every possible door but it was quite difficult despite putting all efforts along with financial savings due to lengthy, expensive and complicated legal system. Threat to life was major concern along with threat to property. She analyzed the situation and decided to take bridle in her own hands to win legal battles because at the time of marriage whatever was satisfactory in the house of in-laws in the eyes of her parents become a battlefield for her as she had to go through a marathon of various litigation, over sinister land grabbing efforts, extreme economic crisis, ending up

with `an soft target, object attractive for any fellow, to exploit in many ways.Dozens of court cases became bone of contention.Land sharks were fully supported by powerful politicians, Local Police and administrative machinery whoseinfluence was a china wall, to obstruct any head-way.

The family comprising, aging father—in-law, retired from Indian Revenue Services, husband-semiliterate, aspiring to give away valuable land for peanuts, but keen to enjoy silly life, and two siblings-daughter and son.

All the savings were spent on legal fights. No money was for fuel in four wheelers, then for two wheelers, education and brought up of children. She walked kilometers with minor children and bags of files everyday. Relativestaunted them that now you are not landlords but lords only because all the lands have gone.

Moreover her husband told her to leave the battle, on refusal heescaped from the scene by leaving her alone with minor children on an isolated farm house, where nobody was in surroundings upto kilometers, with no resources to give fight to enemies and to save the life and liberty.

Her husband was not coming for weeks to home. Enemies were getting information that very soon everything be in their favor as father-in this-law was unable to do anything due to criminal case and husband is involved in many vices. She use to put clothes of her husband outside in the yard of farm house to get dried after wash just to give eyewash to opposites that her husband is in house and enemies from roadside could get impression that his family is joint to give them fight in this male dominating society. Her husband declared that'it is better to live on begging instead of leading such a life'. Further he told her that'we do not have any interest in this land, from our side everything finished. Do anything if you are interested'.

As she strongly believes that it is better to die with dignity instead of living as graceless and looser'. The day he left she gathered all her strength and remembered all the preachings of Gurus and Warriors –Shri Guru Gobind Singh ji:

"ਦੇਹ ਸਿਵਾ ਬਰੁ ਮੋਹਿ ਇਹੈ ਸੁਭ ਕਰਮਨ ਤੇ ਕਬਹੂੰ ਨ ਟਰੋਂ॥

ਨ ਡਰੋ ਅਰਿ ਸੋ ਜਬ ਜਾਇ ਲਰੋਂ ਨਿਸਚੈ ਕਰਿ ਅਪੁਨੀ ਜੀਤ ਕਰੋਂ।।

ਅਰੁ ਸਿਖ ਹੋ ਆਪਨੇ ਹੀ ਮਨ ਕੋ ਇਹ ਲਾਲਚ ਹਉ ਗੁਨ ਤਉ ਉਚਰੋਂ॥

ਜਬ ਆਵ ਕੀ ਅਉਧ ਨਿਦਾਨ ਬਨੈ ਅਤਿ ਹੀ ਰਨ ਮੈਂ ਜੁਝ ਮਰੋਂ॥ ੨੩੧॥"

Deh siva bar mohe eh-hey sub karman te kabhu na daro.

Na daro arr seo jab jaye laro nischey kar apni jitkaro.

Arr Sikh ho apne he mann ko, eh laalach hou gun tau ucharo.

Jab aav ki audh nidan bane att he rann me tabh joojh maro.

It is considered in Punjab that Great Maharaja Ranjit Singh, to whom ATAK (it's name symbolises -which never stop) River gave the pass by cooling down its flow due to his unshakeable and firm determination during a war and he stops foreign invaders to enter into India forever. Sr Hari Singh

Nalwa, whose name was recognized up to Afghanistan and other countries for his bravery. Lord Krishna, who is considered Incarnation of God, warrior and foresighted, who remained life time on the side of PANDAV's. Even then Pandavswere not able to live their life in comforts. They chose to fight and win the MAHABHARAT, which was the battle of grace because without grace life is like a body without life. Because they were bound to do KARMA's for their grace, dignity and rights.

On the one side husband was not supporting and on the other sideher own lawyers were unsensational towards her legal requirements, problems and solutions. One day in the Supreme Court of India when she visited her lawyer and asked to put certain important documents on the file but her lawyer told her very roughly and carelessly that your case has been dismissed since long way back. She was stunned and failed to understand how to act and how to come out of this situation. On that she came to know why legal process is called untiring struggle

for justice. She felt that they have lost their identity along with everything. That was the turning point of her saga. She decided to do LL.B. while coming back from Delhi to bring back her family in the mainstream. Instead of cribbing about the situation or giving up without a fight, she decided to seek justice through the legal route and opted to be a lawyer herself to win her cases. After few yearsShe got her lands back. She not only won the cases but many hearts too. This victory shaped her entire life's focus and she decided to fight the legal battles for the under-privileged ones. She had realized how helpless a person feels without justice and so she invested her passion to empower those who have been betrayed by people or situation. It is the reason people call her advocate by profession and social activist by passion.

A gruesome experience of litigation, exposure to related practices, plight of justice and seeing lives and properties of many at stake, she felt impaled to jump into the role of crusader for awareness, fight for

fair deal and amelioration of lot litigants. Thus she decided to galvanize her Legal knowledge, skills and abilities to help others especially to farmers and women. She feels legal education is the big weapon to come out of many problems.

#### About Two decades of legal Victories

Advocate Daljit Kaur is one of the most-respected names in Punjab and Haryana High Court for more than 17 years having clients not just from India but also from the USA, UK, Canada, Spain, Italy, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and many more countries. She is the pioneer in raising the voice and fighting for justice for NRI abandoned brides, their children and their families.

Thoroughly committed to the principles of dignity, equality and security for all, Daljit Kaur, as a legal practitioner and social activist has strived for gender sensitivity and parity as well as rights of the children and other sections of the society, who find it difficult to reach their voice to the justice delivery mechanisms. The highlight of her career for over one and a half decades has been to highlight a peculiar depravation that prevails where thousands of young brides were abandoned arbitrarily by their Nonresident Indian (NRI) husbands, shortly after marriage. Daljit Kaur has spearheaded numerous campaigns to seek justice for these young girls and



families, who have been stranded to face personal ignominy and social stigma. She has not only raised the issue of NRI abandoned brides in 2002 but worked continuously till now. She may be the only lawyer in India having specialization on this issue.

She envisions creating value for the nation, organizations, legal system to general public and litigants especially to rural areas by fully utilizing synergy of vision, leadership, strategy, planning, and managerial, administrative, financial, academic, legal and social experience.

#### Expertise & Experience

The key areas of her expertise and legal forte are cases of NRIs, NRI abandoned brides (comparison study of laws – Indian and Foreign laws), Family Laws(maintenance, alimony, custody of children, divorce etc), Land Laws, Revenue, Laws related women issues like Domestic Violence, Acid Attack, Dowry, Civil and Criminal Laws, cases related to cross border Illegal human trafficking, deported Indian citizens from various countries along with providing consultation,

mediation, legal opinion on different legal issues, drafting of agreements, contracts, petitions, writ petitions, public interest litigation, memoranda and other legal documents to corporate, Governmental, Non- Governmental Organizations and individual clients.

She is Managing partner of 'International Legal Junction' and legal adviser to Indian Importers Chambers of Commerce and Industry, an organization having sub-chapters and offices worldwide. She has also worked as a Legal advisor to 'Punjab Police Personnel Co-operative House Building Society Limited', Punjab.

She was also the Chairperson of World Human Rights Protection Council (Women Cell) for the state of Punjab. She is Chairperson of Blooming Smile Foundation, which wants to bring back the smile on the faces of victims when they are in the bad phases of their lives and struggle. As a legal adviser, she has vast experience in starting and supporting NGOs which are working in various fields like NRI issues, women and children related issues, Senior Citizens

problem, farmers, environment, education, sports and so on. She has started and supported more than dozen NGOs.

#### Achievements & Recognition

Her major achievements include fighting for the legal rights of residents of area of Banur canal, in which residents of around 150 villages were involved and matter was resolved amicably. She has been successful in ensuring justice for thousands of women and their families, deserted by their NRI/PIO husbands and in-laws, who went away to other countries. She has represented the cases of NRI abandoned brides in various foreign courts in the USA, the UK, Canada, Italy, Germany, Australia, New Zealand etc.

She has been worked with global media including big names like BBC Asia, BBC World, BBC London, Calagery Hearld from Canada, The Province from Canada, Le Monde from France as well as with Indian media like IBN 7, Zee Punjabi, Doordarshan, NDTV, India TV, Star TV, Sony TV, Sky news, India Today, Glimpse, The Week, Sat Samundar Paar, Sanjha Punjab Radio Canada

, Rajya Sabha TV, Chardikala Time TV, PTC, MH One news, News 18 Pb, Jass TV, DD Punjabi and many more since 2002.

She has delivered lectures and keynote addresses on legal subjects/topics to Professors/researchers/ students of various prestigious organizations/ institutions and different departments especially on issues related to women, children and marginalized section of the society.

She has started a unique concept of 'Pre Wedding & Post Wedding Counseling'. She considers family to be the most important aspect of life because only a happy and fulfilled person with family's support can do wonders in the professional and other fields.

She insists for family settlements and amicably redressal of disputes without going to courts and police stations. In matrimonial cases she has settled hundreds and thousands cases at village level with minimum court cases. Has a strong Governmental and Non Governmental networking in India and abroad.

#### Creating Awareness

Owing to her expertise in international human trafficking, domestic violence, acid attacks on women, family discord and settlement, dowry, deportation of Indians from other countries and various civil laws, Daljit Kaur has been actively associated with public advocacy campaigns in these fields and striving to empower the victims by making them aware of their rights.

She has been a frontrunner in creating awareness about equality and legal rights for

women, providing legal help and rehabilitation to old persons, orphans, single parents; extending legal help to farmers especially families of farmers, who did suicide due to various reasons and working for the cases of abandoned brides especially by NRIs, Foreigners, PIO's on national and international level alongwith a grassroots awareness campaign. She has been actively working to promote Indian players at International level encouraging them to aim for medal and glory.



#### Laurals

• Chairperson : Blooming Smile Foundation (NGO)

• Managing Partner : International Legal Junction (Law Firm)

• President : Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa Junior High School Agra, U.P.

: Baljit Memorial Education and Charitable Trust, Punjab.

• Legal Advisor : Indian Importers Chamber of Commerce & Industry Delhi.

: Punjab Police Personnel, Co-operative House Building

Society Pvt. Ltd.

: Gatka Association of Punjab.

: Volleyball Association of Punjab.

• Member : Uddan

: Sexual Harassment Committee of RIMT University,

Gobindgarh.

: SAARC (Chandigarh Chapter).

: APJA

• Ex Member : Girls Education Committee by Minority Education

Commission, Government of India.

• Honorary Life Member: All Ladies League (ALL).

#### **Special Mission:**

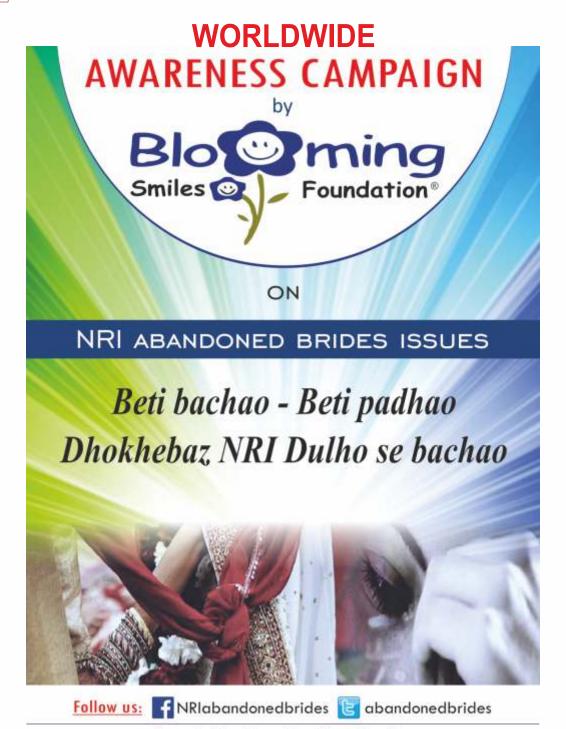
#### NRI ABANDONED BRIDES











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#### Unique Concept

# OUNSULING PRE WEDDING AND POST WEDDING

Daljit Kaur raised the issues of NRI abandoned brides in 2002 and till now continuously working on this. She is the only lawyer in India who is working continuously from last 17 years on this issue. Her unique concept of Pre-Wedding and Post Wedding counseling has given relief to thousands of families. She has solved thousands of cases of NRI abandoned brides through mediation and counseling. She is having clients more than 20 countries.

She considers family as a smallest unit of the society but which is the most important unit because if a person is leading good family life he/she can took wonders in any field of life not only for himself or herself but for society also.

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#### INTRODUCTION- INTERNATIONAL LEGAL JUNCTION:

International Legal Junction' in 2001 which is now a full fledged legal service provider Law Firm. ILJ provides all kind of legal services related to Individuals, Companies and Organizations at one platform by our experienced professional lawyers. ILJ has various sections for our clients pertaining to company law, immigration law, family law, civil and criminal law, etc. ILJ provides legal and financial services at single window from incorporation of the company to execution, arbitration & litigation along with Management Consulting, accounting, finance, Secretarial, HR and Public Relations as on-site and off-site models.

ILJ is 2<sup>nd</sup> generation old law firm which serves international clients along with the domestic clients from last 17 years.

We serve our clients not only from India but from USA, UK, Canada, Germany, Italy, Spain, UAE, France, Australia, News Zealand, Fiji and many more countries. We provide legal guidance to our Investors and Clients for investment in other countries related

to various fields like hotels, transportation, agriculture, import-export etc.

ILJ serves in family Law, for which we have a separate division. ILJ have unique concept of pre-wedding and post-wedding counseling along with mediation in matrimonial disputes for peace and harmony of families.

ILJ is having experience of 17 years on NRI related issues, their legal and social requirements, Civil and Criminal Laws, Property Laws, Revenue Litigation, Matrimonial Disputes etc.

I have expertise of 17 years to deal in cases of crossborder marriages/international marriages and NRI abandoned brides.

#### KEY FIELDS OF LEGAL EXPERTISE:

- NRI issues
- · International marriages related issues
- · Family Law
- · Matrimonial Law
- · Real estate
- · Civil and Criminal Litigation
- · Revenue Litigation
- · Drafting and Execution of Agreements
- · Import & Export

- Infrastructure and resources
- · State planning, trusts and private clients
- · White-collar crimes
- Hospitality
- · Arbitration
- · Dispute resolution
- Mediation
- Counseling
- · Due Diligence
- · Tax-advise, strategy, planning and compliance

#### **OUR LEGAL SERVICES:**

- · Reviewing, Standardizing and drafting of:
- Routine Contracts and documents like Bank Guarantee, Invoices
- Commercial Contracts with regular suppliers, vendors and dealers
- Service Provider Contracts, Annual Maintenance Contracts,
- Employee Contracts, Agreements with key/ personnel/consultants.
- Non-Disclosure Agreements and Confidentiality Agreements
- Various Conveyance deeds, Lease Deeds, Leave and License Agreements.
- Agreements for Franchise, Joint Venture and Technical Collaboration.
- · Will, General and Special Power of Attorney

#### FAMILY LAW

- Solemnization of marriages under Hindu Marriage Act, Special Marriage Act, Foreigners Marriage Act
- · Registration of Marriages

- · Divorce and judicial separation
- · Adaption and termination of parental rights
- · Child custody
- · Domestic violence
- Maintenance
- · Alimony

#### Company Law:

- · Incorporation of Company
- · Joint Venture
- · Mergers and Acquisitions
- · Employment and Labor laws
- · Intellectual property Law, Immigration Law
- · Students visa guidance
- · Entrepreneur investment

#### Integrated Management (IMOS)

- · Virtual CFO
- Finance and Accounts Management, Statutory Compliance
- · Outsourced Payroll Management
- · Strategic Consulting
- HR consulting and Outsourcing Projects: Project Finance, Shipping and Logistics

#### Startup India Division

- Startup Consulting and minoring of Women Entrepreneur Division
- · FDI
- · Due diligence
- · FEMA- Compliance
- Joint Venture Setting Up Identifying partners and related consultation

#### "Single Window for All your Legal and Financial Services"

#### MISSION OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL JUNCTION

Team ILJ has realized from their experience that rapid globalization has led to companies to intense competition for business. Now companies want to outsource their non-core activities (which are considered non-core but are also vital for their existence) like Finance & Accounts, Payroll and HR, Tax Advisory, Strategy & Planning and Tax Compliance, Public Relations along with Company Law and other Legal Services, which help them to focus on success of their business.

ILJ is equally focusing on Small and Medium Enterprises (SME), which constitute the majority of the business units in India and globally. ILJ is also concentrating on Women and Young Entrepreneurs especially in Tire II and Tire III cities under make-in India division by providing the holistic support and holding to survive and grow through crises in stages of development.

ILJ's family division considers family as smallest unit of the world, which is most important part of anybody's life. If a person or an individual is happy in his/her personal/family life, he/she is able to do wonders in his/her life.

#### "Our Efficiency is your Trust"

# BLOOMING SMILES FOUNDATION (BSSF)



Let us work together for

**SMILES** 



#### Who we are:





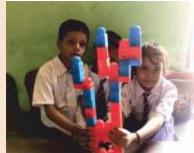
Blooming Smiles Foundation (BSSF), a registered NGO working since 2002, is devoted to bring smiles back on the faces, who are in their adverse phases of life and struggling to come out. We provide them legal, Emotional (grief counseling) and social help to get justice and to find the solutions for their problems. BSF have contributed a lot and always ready to serve the society but still lot more to do. We raised the issue of NRI Abandoned Brides in 2002 and now our special worldwide campaign in favour of those helpless and hapless is in progress. Our main focus is on areas like NRI abandoned brides issue, farmers and farm workers, education, senior citizens, environment, women empowerment and sports. We organize awareness campaigns, legal camps related to various issues especially in rural areas.





#### BRINGING SMILES ON CHILDREN

Team BSF helps the needy children for their education and preparation for entrance exams as well as for various competitive exams especially in rural areas. Team of BSSF is running Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa Junior High School Agra, U.P. for deprived children of society. It is recognized by U.P. Board since 1968. We are providing books, stationary items and uniforms to needy children.



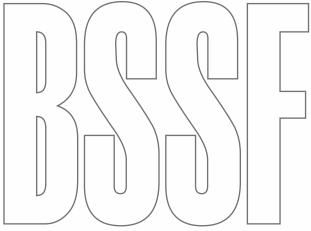












#### **AGRICULTURE & FARMER**

#### BRINGING SMILES ON FARMERS/FARM WORKERS

Betterment and upliftment of farmer community by providing them expert guidance and services. We provides help to get best and new techniques for progressive farming besides educating them about their consumer rights also. We are helping their children & families for getting access to better education and rehabilitation. We encourage farmers and farm workers to reach at amicable settlements of their small issues related to minor disputes.

I intervened and got it settled amicably to the satisfaction of farmers of 150 villages on the issue of Ghaggar river water dispute.







BSSF is planting trees and educating people on various environmental issues. I am greatly inspired by 'Padma Shri Baba Seechewal ji' for his work related to environment and we are extended our full co-operation, on legal, social and environmental issues.









BSSF empowers girls and women to shape their future and accelerate progress through quality education and vocational training for ereating employment and professional career opportunities. In addition to this, the Foundation taking care of women related issues like NRI abandoned brides' issues, domestic violence, acid attack victims etc by providing legal awareness and list of do's and don'ts.





#### **SPORTS & GAMES**

Promoting sports like Volleyball and Gatka especially in rural areas. Organizing tournaments and other sports events to promote sports besides providing diet money to players.



## AWARENESS ON SOCIAL AND LEGAL ISSUES

Daljit Kaur delivered lectures and keynote addresses on legal subjects/ topics to Professors/ researchers/students of various prestigious organization/ institutions and different departments especially on issues related to women, children and marginalized section of the society.













#### **MEDIA RECOGNITIONS**

National and International media has well recognized her work on social and legal issues raised from time to time. She had been working with global media like BBC World, BBC London, Calagery Hearld, from Canada, the Province from Canada, Le Monde from France. Indian media like IBN 7, Zee Punjabi, Doordarshan, NDTV, India TV, Star TV,





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Sony TV, Sky news, India Today, Glimpse, The week, Sat samunderpaar, Sanjha Punjab Radio Canada, Rajya Sabha TV, Chardikala Time TV, PTC, MH One news, News 18 Pb, Jass TV, DD Punjabi, NRI achievement magazine and many more since 2002.















Team of BBC London on shoot of documentary on NRI Abandoned Brides





Daljit Kaur with MLA Kanwar Sandhu at Studio of BBC Punjabi



SPECIAL REPORT

# HOLIDAY WIVES

By Rahul Bedi

HANDIGARDE JASSKANET KAURTS one of over 15,000 "holiday wives" spread across Punjah who, after years of abandonment still awaits her husband's return from Britain.

A formight after their lavids wedding in the border district of Gordaspur, Karamjit Singh - considered a prize "carch" for most Panjabi parents wanting their daughters married as he was a Non-Resident Indian sentled abroad - left for London, He promised his excited 21-year-old bride, who had never ever left her small town, that he would send her immigration papers within weeks to enable her to travel to England to join him and live out her wildest dreams. The groom and his family also carried away Rs 700,000 in doney and gold ornaments, which the bride's agriculturist parents had raised by mortgaging their small plot of land and house.

Eleven years later, the abandoned and bitter Jassant Kaur still waits for ness from her husband, her wedding

"We now learn that Karamjit already had a wife and two children in London when we were married." laswant Kaur declared with vehemence, "For him I was nothing but a sexual dalliance during his brief stay in India and a source of gratification for his financial greed in the dowry he extracted."

pictures a cruel and mocking joke for this trusting Punjabi girl. His telephone number had proved non-existent long ago as did his work place and home addresses. Karangit had simply disap-

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wife and two children in London when we were married," Kaur declared with vehemence, despite the passage of time "For him I was nothing but a sexual dalhance during his brief stay in India and a source of gratification for his financial greed in the downy he extracted for which my parents were still paying back the usurious interest on the loan they secured. Along with them I sand disgraced socially as an abandoned bride. Thave no recourse to any redress whatsocyce," she declared resignedly.

lassaut, however, is one of the luckier ones as she escaped barassment and dire physical abuse at the hands of her in-laws. Similarly married Karamjit Kaur from nearby Jalandhar was not as fortunate. Her husband Raghbir Singh left her with his parents and returned to his job in Duhai in December 2002 ofter carrying away the mandators doury, promising to send for her once "visa formalities" were resolved. Three months later Karampt's in-laws attempted to kill her by setting her alight when her parents declared their mability to

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ar additional downy.

"They first burnt my bead and then an my clothes on fire," the suit, selfmusciously sporting a scarf to cover gotesque burn marks.

"She was only 21 when they (her inless) did this to her, an age when life legins," Karamju's mother said. "Hers raded all because her in-laws wanted a motorcycle for their son which we were mable to provide. She has no present, as future," she lamented.

Her parents lodged a police case, not were harassed in turn, "All the police were interested in was making money our of our misery. They are doing nothing to investigate Raghbir Singh and his parents," she declared.

"Lant, doorly and the lare of settling abroad are responsible for the plight of thousands of these holiday wives across Panjah," said Daljit Kaur, a lawter and activist who has been working for years to empower Panjahi women and to bring justice to the State's forsaken wives.

All such victims between 20 and 35 years, she stated, had recourse neither to legal redress nor protective legislation to sufeguard them from being so mercilesily duped and dumped by Punjahi genome mostly from the West, particularly Britain, North America and the Gulf sheikhdoms. Some recidivist grooms even married three or four times, managing to flee safely each time, she complained, as in the majority of cases local police marriably favoured the boss' family. In many instances they took five to six years to even register a formal complaint.

Since 2002 only a small fraction of the 15,000-odd hapless female vicams had managed to lodge cases and hat too after bringing extreme presaire and influence to bear on the auhorities. Bribes 100 had helped. But solice officials in Chandigarh privatey conceded that such cases were dificult, if not impossible, to investigate is once the offending groom had left he country, his extradition in the caresent of him being found guilty, was acorded little or no priority. There have tiso been several instances of overseas 'unjabi groomy taking their wives back, issuing them for large sams of money and then bringing them back home only to have them murdered in order to claim the indemnity.

India's tortuously slow and corrupt legal and police investigation structure was insurance against them being caught, although since the mid-1990s a handful of convictions had occurred but under pressure from overseas authorities.



Drijli Kau, a fawyer and activist, has been working for years to empower Purpabli women and to bring justice to Purpably foreign solves.

"Senting abroad is a major goal of most Punjabis," Dr Pramod Kumar of the Institute for Development and Communication in Chandigarh said. The next big thing, he declared was Punjabi parents marrying their daughters to NRIs at whatever expense as it raised their social status and provided a conduit for her extended family members to migrate absord.

Galloping unemployment and shrinking land holdings in Purjah's predominantly agricultural economy had, over decades, triggered a flood of migration to the West. The overseas Punjabi diaspora, especially in Europe and North America followed the first wave of migrants, mainly emergrising and industrious Sikhs after World War II, all of who flourished financially before sponsoring their relatives to join them. This appeal for the West accounted largely for parents' keepness to marry their daughters to non-resident Punjabis even though many were reportedly aware of the potential risk.

"They [parents] remain willing to chance it as the bride is considered an avenue to somebow get their sons overseas," Kaur said. And it's their sons that they really care about.

But the social stierna of a forsaken wife, exacerbated if she had a child -- as some of them did - was unimaginably high in Punjab's highly traditionalist and male-dominated society. Punjab's intensely patriarchal social structure, has for many generations, supported a distinct gender bias against females. widely considered an economic liability as they need to be married off after payment of substantial dowries. As an indicator of this partiality, female foeticide was campoint in Punjab that had 795 girls for every 1,000 boys, compared to the national sex average of 927 females for every 1,000 males. But once these brides were abandoned they became even more of a drain on their families as societal norms foreclosed the chances of them ever remarrying.

"A woman who has been abandoned by her non-resident husband and returns home to her parents' home is not welcome," said Bahcant Singh Ramoosalia, former Union Social Welfare Minister and head of the People's Welfare Society working to redress the wrongs done to Punjubi girls. She is held responsible for the family's financial woes and has to cope with the stigma of being a deserted wife, he added.

The children from such unions face even greater opprobrium in the insensitive school system and grow up psychologically handicapped.

"Though social awareness programmes have been launched to edurate people against this evil and the Government lobbied to adopt more stringent lows, progress has been incremental." Kaur said.

It needs to be taken up at a more substantial level to be eventually effective [4]







An Advocate by profession, Daljit Kaur is the passionate women, who followed the path of her professional front to fight for the rights and justice for the women. Believing in herself and God's grace, this courageous lady made it through bringing a revolution in women related issues like NRI abandoned brides, helpless ladies burnt for dowry etc.

ith the motive to be a rainbow someone's cloud, and being a spark of hope in discouraged people's life, this feminist has fight for the rights of the women, children and old people, especially in rural areas. Tell us a little bit about your own personal path of empowerment?

I was a student of MA final, when my parents arranged my marriage. My tather-in-law was an officer in Indian Revenue Services. He was living at Bibi Farms, Zirakpur after retirement. In 1994 a group of land grabbers, grabbed all our ancestral lands and got my father-in-law implicated in a criminal case. Being the only child, my husband was the most pampered one and as a result, he was unable to cope up with the circumstances. When every single penny was spent and grace of the family was at stake, I decided to fight for the grace

of my family, land and livelihood of my. Under his guidence around 18,000 case children. I decided to do LL.D. after 10 years of my marriage and fought for my family and got our LAND BACK. That was dedicated herself to serve humanity and the point when my journey towards ompowerment began.

> Share your journey of empowering women. After getting the land, I realised that there are many people in the same situation, who are unable to get justice due to different reasons. Being from a political background, I started helping people by fighting for their rights. I started many NGOs for different purposes. One day I was admitted in hospital, where I read about Mr. Balwant Singh Ramoowalia, I talked to him on phone. After few days he asked me to be a part of delegation for representation to CM Punjab with respect to the issue of NRI abandoned brides in 2002. In a short time, this issue became an international issue.

were found in Punjab only and rest in oth states. In his leadership we started helpir vicitims very actively. Government Punjab started a special cell in Punja Police and issued circulars, guidelines a to deal with such cases. NCW and oth Ministries of India took this issue ve seriously. We continuously co-ordina with Police, different Ministries, Agencia and also organised awareness camp peaceful demonstrations etc. on the issue related to women. The journey took mar turns and got more and more important and I gave my level best to support 8 victims and got justice for them. During th period we got chance to work wi international Media, welfare association and courts of other countries.

When you close your eyes and imagine a empowered woman, what do you set For me an empowered woman is a

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### WILL, WISDOM and the WAY

combination of strength and knowledge, sines and rights, glamour and traditions, rouse and work place, the woman who can seep balance in every field of her life with amiling face.

What advice or suggestions would you like to give to women walking on the path of ampowerment?

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What impiecs you?

belowe that CHALLENGES are what makes life INTERESTING, and OVERCOMING them is what makes life to AMMISSION.

Hear do you take care of yourself everyday in that you stay belenced and contend? I go to gym. Eve boys a week and exit a balanced diet to keep my body fit. I prefer being around positive peoplet, to keep myself memaly hearms.

What kind of support do you receive from your family?

The way my percents had nurtured mensione children's has really implivated me from which. My son and traughter are my pitters of strength, who supported me throughout.

How do you overcome the obstacles you lace?

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How do you support women to live empowered lives?

I believe that the disappointed and decoraged own just need a soark of tops and guidance. I molluste women to espect their womanisord and decide to we with grace and digatly and set an example for others. I encourage them to believe in themselves as empowement happens when you face profound seponsibility for your life.

What kind of hardships do you face in empowering women?



on alters and believe trail others will built the world of their dreams. Sometimes they live inferior about themselves. They keep sometiming but reach newhere instally it is difficult to make them understand that they need to take their load of their own life and do justice to themselves, their family, acciety and the Nation.

What do you think is the best part of your work?

Though I joined this profession under composed circumstances, but new! believe that legal profession is very respectful and creative profession. I am glad that I am able to provide help and support to the couraged, begressed and halptess women by fighting for their rights and being a ray of hope to their tives.

#### QUICK TAKES

Expanding wings. To create awareness on social issues and educate people about their duties and rights.

Pillar of strength: My son & daughter, and the challenging situations.

Fitness Formula: Gymming and following a balanced diet.

Use Philosophy: Work hard in silence, let your success be your noise.

Empowerment Icon: Guru Gobind Singh, Sahibzada, Lord Kristins and Bhagat Singh

Success Mantre: Never give up in tough situations, believe in telling the situations new tough you are.

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When Daljit Kaur (right)—a farmer and lawyer in Chandigarh—began looking to replace her ageing Corsa, her first instinct was to go in for an suv (Toyota Fortuner). "It's easier to drive than a sedan, is much safer for a single woman and can handle the rough roads of the semi-rural area where I live," she explains. Daljit is single and is bringing up her two teenage children at a 90-acre farm outside Chandigarh. When it came to her college-going daughter (left), she again went for an suv, the Tata Safari. (Chander Suta Dogra)

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#### ABANDONED BRIDES - PART THREE

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## Today: The crusaders

Women fighting for their rights in India face an uphill battle in a culture that largely discriminates against them However, as more come forward with complaints about fraudulent marriages. politicians and police are being forced to

sit up and take notice. Today, we look at those in authority in India who are spearheading a campaign to bring to an end the scandal of the country's abandoned brides. They claim some success, but say more needs to be done



Balwant Singh Ramoowalia (right) is an advocate for victims of marital fraud in the Punjab. On the left is lawyer and women's advocate Daljit Kaur and in the centre is Dr. Mewa Singh School Bhalia Party headed by Ramoowalia. The party campaigns on behalf of the disenfranchised in Punjab.

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#### WEDDING FRAUD:

### Legislator says 80 per cent of NRI marriages are doomed

their light for justice. india's abundoned brides are no longer alone: Poinians, police and lawyers are now championing their cause.

In Punials, where some 15,000 victies of fraudulent marriages are believed to live, the most outspoken crusader on their behalf is flalwant. Singh Bamoowalia

Surposwalia's Lok Shadai Party, a state political party concerned with the social welfare of Punjah's disenhandheed, has taken more than 1,100 shandoned-bride cases to court, or found other paths to justice for the women and their families

"The phenometion has become so



Stories by Mike Roberts Photographs by Ted Rhodes With files by Valerie Fortney

nized crime." Samoowaka says in aninterview at his building headquarters in central Punish.

Resplendent on a day bed in his cramped "bedroom office" in Ludhama, the colourful legislator rattles off statistics relating to marriages contracted by NRIs - non-resident Indiana, many from Canada

Eighty per cent of the marriages to NRI men in Punjab are doomed, with husbands never returning to take their brides," he says in a boom-Ing voice.

Ramoowalia, who took up the rempant that it is equivalent to orga- cause in 2002, speaks of "holiday-

dian husbands return such year to live as man and selle" as they party in the Punish.

'He is coming every year, emjoying life with her for two months, the says. The never sends for her, never."

Ramoowalia says that such men must live up to their obligations, or suffer the consequences.

The women have fulfilled all the 10, 15, 20 requirements demanded by you, and you are forfeiting your acred promise with the girll" he thunders. "Her virginity is lost everything is good. The courts are so slow that a girl of 18 starts in the litgation, she will be old 35, 40, before of affairs." anything happers."

Parents of the victims, he says, are more often than not complicit in the

"There are no laws to catch those goys," he says. "But we have one option — to have forcible civil posession of the property owned by this man in India — and if the law pro-vides the possible possession of the property of the boys' parents, that can act as a delienvent.

Hamoowulia, a former federal minister, has been known to send police to the bornes of Indian families to impress upon them the nature of their Canadian kin's misdeeds.

"We have succeeded in many cases, to get five lable (\$13,500), 10 lable \$27,000, 20 lable \$54,000 for the girls," he says.

Ramoowaka complains that no misgious leader has spoken out on behalf of the abandoned brides, who are almost eschusively Sikhs, the faith that dominates in Punjab. And he bemouns the lack of securar will.

"No religious leader, no political leader," he says, "it's a very sad state

There is no international law governing marriages, and both India and Canada tend to their own matters of

But Ramoowalia says froudulent. marriages amount to a crime, and bilateral agreements, including extradition, are necessary.

The party possident says it saddens han that women become parishs in their own vidages and towns, where a woman who has lost her virginity

is considered dumaged goods, rigit worthy of remarriage.

Rajiv Ahir, senior superintendent of police for Jugraeus police district in Punjab, says the issue of bride ahandonment is rooted in land.

Acre lots in the region - each worth \$15,000 to \$20,000 - an pussed down to male heirs or sold to finance daughters' weddings.

A typical family owning three is seven acres denials the birth of a get-If the daughter's eventual would be is in NH scarr, the family faces prissible min.

Ahir says the abandoned brides upnot just a criminal problem.

Social respect, social status, men tal suffering - these things cannot be incustated by the criminal justice system," he says. "These things you cannot doul with within the walls of the criminal system."

He favours informal solutions and would prefer "handsome compensation for victims rather than lengthy, expensive criminal procoedings.

Ahir say he deals with 15 to 28 abandoned-bride cases each month



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# ABANDONED

**THE WIVES:** Shame, scorn and stigma. That's what faces India's abandoned brides when they step out of their parents' homes. But a growing number feel they have nothing more to lose and are taking the bold step of speaking out. Here are some of their stories. Photos by Ted Rhodes, Calgary Herald



"I still want to get settled with the boy in Canada."

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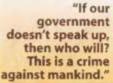
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#### ARANDONED BRIDES: READERS RESPOND

THURSDAY, OCTOHNY 2D, 2006

BRIDES 'A wedding party hijack'





# Runaway Anger in India over holiday wives arooms face a backlash

I appliced you for exposing this ed and stripped of their tisrusting practice of "runavay sweet, but the drug dealdisgusting practice of "runaway

While most of the perpentators of these acts profess to be Sikh and wear the religious paraphernalia the turbursh it is important to note that the S&h religion expressly forbids the practice of female infanticide --- or considering the female annder to be a lesser being, in any one. These people are the scum of the Panjabi community and are facing a large backlash from a small, but growing, portion of their own

people.

I think it is important for your readers to realize that, though this practice is pervisive amongst our numinity, it is not condened and is being combatted, albeit slowly and insufficiently at pre-courage is laudable.

Paramideep Singh, Toronto

#### A simple answer

As sad as this is, there really is a very simple answer, and that is to stop having arranged marriages.

Let these young people find their sen partners and fail in love and shis will all go away.

Chris Langeman, Mission

#### My blood boils

It gets my blood boiling when I wad and hear about these scamsand the mud it throws on to our

Sonia Parmer

#### Despicable fraud

My heart goes out to all of the women and children who have been abandoned. This should not be happening in our society today.

Canada needs to take a stand against this horrific abuse of seemon. The men and the families irrothed should be charged, deport-

ers and other criminals.

This is one of the most despicable, inhumane fraudiarroand.

Extelle Harriott, Clowerdale

#### Crime against mankind

I strongly believe that these men too have raped or abused or who have left these women for the sake of their inoney descrive paintidusient through our government. If our gov ermment doesn't speak up, then who will! This is a crime against

#### Laudable series

Your series is shocking and your

Harbons Lal. PhO., O.Litt (homs) Professor Emeritus, Pharmocology and Neuroscience, U. Worth Texas

#### Deadbeat husbands

These deadbear husbands are breaking the law and should be made to support their wives. The government of Canada should work. with the government of India to make them responsible for their crimes, including paying back the downles and even deportation to face any charges incurred in India. William Compiled, Abbutsford

#### Put blame where it belongs

Your report says it all - girl habites are aborted or killed, parents blame the daughter for the breakdown of these "marriages." This is all part of resiting women like objects.

The men make illegal business deals with each other - the dad and the groom with the illegal dowry - and when it goes bad, they blame the girl.

Put the blame where it belongs on the shoulders of the fathers who by to sell their daughters, and the slimy "grooms" who remuge to take advictings of them.

Nancy Bunde, Nanaima

#### Source of embarrassment

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Whether it's a hishand sho a ventuary's entire family for filing divorce papers, a father stabbing his daughter for during outside their race or young ones somiog gauge to avoid an honest day's work, Indian men never cease to embarrasa

When will our community dosomething about this?

Peter Singh, Surrey

#### Change immigration laws

The foundation of the problem is simple - abuse of Canada's immi-

These bushands that are unknown to their brides simply use Canadion immigration as the curren to be dangled so they can collect their downes. Until immigration laws change, this problem will contin-

> Darren Kagers, Honolulu, Hawail

#### Helped by our laws

The fact that these cowards are Canadian citizens, commit their crimes abroad, return and take refuge here is despicable. It saddens me that Canadas reputation re associated with this and that our laws are helping them

Karen Rosmussen, Vincouver

#### Canada's serrow

The Province

I think you have the headline the wrong way round. It should read: India's shame, Canada's sorrow. Mel Druge. Squamish

#### Feeling on shame

I refuse to feel shame as a Canadian for the acts of the few Non-Resident Indians who exploit these women. There are more important issues to feel ashumed to be a Catadian over. This is not one of them. Lorne Fortune, Hope

#### Forget about Ottawa

I fervenily hope that those neits in Ottawa do not get involved by trying to fix the tragedy of the desertand Britishes.

All soo often, what Onavia tries to fax ands up being a bigger can of worms. I think abouting the folia in India would be the most effec-tive way of dealing with it.

Perhaps the Indian government could do something to fix this.

However, one needs to remember that. like any government, it is

I would guess the Indian govern-ment may not be all that eager to act in a decisive and effective man-

Robert W. Stirling, Maple Ridge

#### Our moral duty

I find it truly amozing that our federal government mens a bland eye

Need I mention deportation for the men who fall to do their lawful duty under our laws?

Child support comes to mind as a bare minimum, but there's much, much more involved here.

We have loss already in place, but we should go much further.

These women are Canadians, therefore they should be brought back here so that they can be looked after like any other Canadian family whose bushands abandon them, leaving them penniless. We have a moral dury to act here, as we would do for any Canadian, brother, stater, sunt or

markalanwhittle.blogspot.com

#### Enough on our plate

We have enough social issues in deal with in Canada without having to worry about "altandoned brides" in India who Ignored the danger of marrying men they barely knew.

It buggles the mind that a mother with three university degrees cannot stand on her own two feet, get the marriage annulled (10 days hardly makes a marriage) and resume her life.

Are her parents forcing ber to bide and live in shame? They should be the ones living in shame for not protecting their daughter!

The parents should see that prongements are made beforehand her the bride to go back with her new husband to his country of origin immediately after the wedding If they are modern enough to because the listernet, they should be well informed

Marie Allison, Langley

#### A laughingstock?

I believe that our government has king been well aware of this seam-

I somewhat that you will find that we are the laughingstock of the Pun-

Which bogs the question of why the only major opening of a new comulate office to expedite immigroun applications in the last few years was in pone other than Chandigarh, capital of the Punjab. Bandy Fowle, Voocouver

#### Part of the culture

I don't see an immediate solution for this social problem, because people have accepted it as a part of their culture.

It could only stop if the government of India takes some preventive measures before these mar-

riages are being arranged.

There should be an immediate stock on Canadian residents visit-

ing India. The Canadian government should also change its policies to make a check on these convenience mor-

President Selections, Turrey



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#### कागूग . अधिकारों का दम

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### विचिक अरम . हाँसले का कोई सुकाबला नहीं

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# ਲਾੜਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਜ਼ੁਲਮਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪੀੜਤ ਸੈਂਕੜੇ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਕੁੜੀਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਰਾਜਧਾਨੀ 'ਚ ਰੋਸ ਧਰਨਾ







ਖੰਜਾਬ ਦੀਆਂ ਮਹਿਲਾ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਦੇ ਧਰਨੇ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਬੋਧਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਲੋਕ ਭਲਾਈ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਬਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਮੂਵਾਲੀਆ ਤੋ ਦੂਸਰੀ ਤਸਵੀਰ 'ਚ ਸਹੁਰਿਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਜਲਾਈ ਔਰਤ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਕਰਮਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ । (ਫੋਟੋ : ਸੰਤੰਖ)

ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ, 30 ਜਨਵਰੀ (ਫ਼ੱਲਰ)-ਅੱਜ ਦੇ ਬਾਵਜੂਦ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਬਾਰੇ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਇਥੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਭਰ ਵਿਚੇ ਆਈਆਂ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਲਾੜਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਅੱਤਿਆਚਾਰਾ ਤੇ ਠੱਗੀ ਤੋਂ ਪੀੜਤ ਸੈਂਕੜੇ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਕੜੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਮਟਕਾ ਚੌਕ ਕਿਖੇ ਵਰਦੇ ਮੀਂਹ ਤੇ ਕੜਾਕੇ ਦੀ ਠੰਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਾਜ ਦਾਜ-ਦਰੇਜ ਕਾਰਨ ਸਹਰੇ ਘਰ ਥਾਸਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਪੈਸ਼ਾਨ ਕੜੀਆਂ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਿਲ ਸਨ।

ਇਸ ਧਰਤੇ ਦਾ ਆਯੋਜਨ ਕਈ ਜਨ ਜੋਗਠਨਾ ਨੇ ਫਲ ਕੇ ਕੀਤਾ । ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਲੋਕ ਵਲਾਈ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ ਅਹਿਮ ਭੂਮਿਕਾ ਰਹੀ। ਪਾਰਟੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਬਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਮੁਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਪੂਰਵ ਬੁਲਾਰਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਿਲ ਸਨ। ਰਾਜ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦਾ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਮਾਮਲਿਆ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਨਾਂਹ ਪੱਖੀ ਰੱਖ ਵੀ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਆਇਆ ਜਦੋਂ ਮੁਖ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਕੈਪਟਨ ਅਮਰਿਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਵਾਅਦ ਸੀ ਜੋਗਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਾਨ ਮੇਮਰੇਡਮ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ

ਇਸਮੌਕੇ ਲੋਕ ਭਲਾਈ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ ਮਹਿਲਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੀ ਪੁਰਦ ਨਹਾਂ ਜਗਪਾਲ ਕੌਰ ਸੰਘਾ ਬੱਧਰੀ ਫੇਸ ਧਰਨਾ ਦਿਤਾ। ਇਸ ਧਰਨ ਵਿਚ - ਨੇ ਇਸ ਮੁਹਿੰਮ ਨੂੰ ਅੱਗੇ ਵਧਾਉਂਦਿਆਂ ਅਗਲੇ ਪਤੀ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਗਭਰ ਤੋਂ ਲਾਮਬੰਦ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ 6 ਵਰਵਰੀ ਤੋਂ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਡੇ ਜਸ਼ੇ ਕੀਤਾ। ਇਸ ਧਰਨੇ ਦਾ ਆਯੋਜਨ ਬਲਜੀਤ

ਪੜਾਅ ਵਿਚ ਪੀੜਤ ਕੜੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਮਸਲਿਆਂ ਮਮੇਤ ਪਦ ਯਾਤਰਾ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਜੇਮੋਗੇਅਲ ਅੰਜੁਕੇਸ਼ਨਲ ਅਤੇ ਚੈਗੇਟੇਸ਼ਲ ਸਮਾਇਣੀ, ਪੀਪਲਜ਼ ਅੰਕਰਨ ਵਰੇਟ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ, ਐਸੋਸੀਏਸਨ ਵਾਰ ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਐਕਸਨ, ਨੰਦ ਲਾਲ ਨਰਪੂਰੀ ਸੱਭਿਆਚਾਰਕ ਮੰਚ ਮਹਾਲੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ।ਇਸ ਪਰਨੇ ਨੂੰ ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਹੋਰ

ਕਾਸ਼ਜ ਵਾਰ ਵੁਮੈਨ ਅਤੇ ਦੇਵ ਸਮਾਜ ਕਾਲਜ ਸੰਕਟਰ-46 ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ੇਕੜੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥਣਾ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਿਲ ਹੋਈਆਂ।ਇਸ ਧਰਨੇ ਵਿਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਕਰ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਲਾੜਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਅੱਤਿਆਚਾਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਰ ਕੁੜੀਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਦਰਦ ਕਰਾਣੀਆਂ ਲ ਕੋਰੇ ਖੜੇ ਕਰ ਦੇਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਸਨ। ਕਈ ਕੁੜੀਆਂ ਤਾਂ ਵੁੱਢਾਂ ਮਾਰ ਕੇ ਕੇ ਪਈਆਂ ਸਨ। ਕਈ ਬੜੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਤਾਂ ਅੰਤਿਆਚਾਰਾ ਜਾਰਨ ਸੰਵਾਂ ਦਾ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ ਅਜੇ ਵੀ ਅੰਲ ਸਨ। ਇਸ ਧਰਨੇ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਬੋਧਨ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਸ਼ੀ ਰਾਮਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਸਮੇਂ 10 ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਕੜੀਆਂ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਜ਼ਲਮਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪੀਡਰ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ 11000 ਮਸਲੇ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਸਲਬਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਯਤਨਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਲੱਗੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ। ਭਾਮੁਕਾਲੀਆ ਨੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਸੋਧ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ

ਉਤਸਾਹ ਮਿਲਿਆ ਜਦੋਂ ਦੇਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਖਾਲਸਾ - ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਪੀੜੜ ਕੁੜੀ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ 'ਤੇ ਤਰੰਤ ਅੱਢ ਆਈ ਆਰ ਦਰਜ ਹੋਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ। ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਲਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਵਿਆਹ ਹੋਣ 'ਤੇ ਪਤਨੀ ਦਾ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਵਿਚ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇ ।ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਪਤੀ ਦੀ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਬੜੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਬਦਲਣ ਲਈ ਧਾਰਾਵਾ ਬਣਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਣ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੂਜੇ ਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੇ ਦੁਸ਼ਾਵਾਸ਼ਾ ਨਾਲ ਅਰੋਜਰੇ ਮਸਲੇ ਸੁਲਭਾਉਣ करो विचया बर्टाएडे यह । एउट है विचय ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਦਲਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਐਡਵੋਕੋਟ, ਮੁਲਾਜ਼ਮ ਆਗੂ ਗੁਕਮੇਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਿੱਧੂ, ਲੋਕ ਭਲਾਈ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੇ ਸੁਚਾਈ ਆਗ ਪਰਮਜੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਿਧਵਾਂ, ਰਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਯੂ. ਕੇ. ਅਤੇ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਦੇ ਰਾਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ। ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਜ਼ਿਕਰਯੋਗ ਹਨ।

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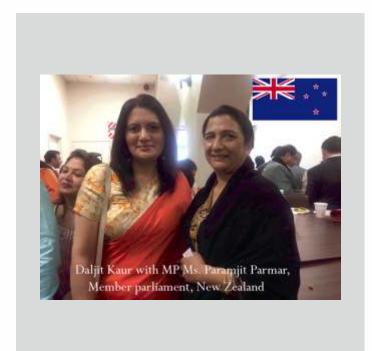


















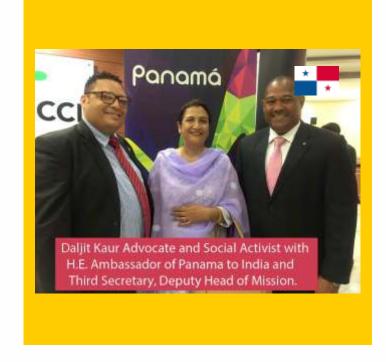






















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