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## Women's Movement Against Violence in the Indian State in Light of New Social Movements

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When a state claims itself as a guarantor of equality in the form of Fundamental Rights, the least one can expect is that of legal equality. This would entail treating people as equal citizens and not allow discriminations to exist. In the Indian State (here state is used interchangeably with Government of India as enshrined in Art. 12 of the Constitution of India), though the Constitution provides for the Fundamental Rights to Equality from Art. 14 to Art.18. However, such fundamental guarantees of legal equality have remained on paper mainly as far as the women are concerned and as a result, they have protested. Such remonstrations eventually led to a sense of sorority and consequently led to the rise of a series of women's movements in India that is collectively placed under the rubric 'Indian Women's Movement'.

In independent India, women did not have to fight for equal citizenry rights as her western counterpart. The right to vote and

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