



5B. What was the author's purpose in this article?

5C. On a scale of one to five, five being the best, how well did the author achieve the purpose?

6. The author mentions that the police forces in India are mostly all-male. What is the author inferring from this detail?

**Define**

7. affluent

8. trudged

9. scrutinize

10. placards

11. balked

12. IMPOTENT

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13. MISOGYNISTIC

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15. ASPIRATIONS

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16. ANONYMITY

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Sociologists and crime experts say the attacks are the result of deeply entrenched **misogynistic** attitudes and the rising visibility of women, underpinned by long-term demographic trends in India.

After years of aborting female fetuses, a practice that is still on the rise in some areas because of a cultural preference for male children, India has about 15 million "extra" men between the ages of 15 and 35, the range when men are most likely to commit crimes. By 2020, those "extra" men will have doubled to 30 million.

"There is a strong correlation between masculinized sex ratios and higher rates of violent crime against women," said Valerie M. Hudson, a co-author of "Bare Branches: The Security Implications of Asia's Surplus Male Population." Men who do not have wives and families often gather in packs, Ms. Hudson argues, and then commit more gruesome and violent crimes than they would on their own.

Others point to the gains that women have made as triggers for an increase in violent crimes. "Women are rising in society and fighting for equal space, and these crimes are almost like a backlash," said Vijay Raghavan, chairman of the Center for Criminology and Justice at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai. If poverty and unemployment were the only reason for these crimes, rates would already be much higher, he said, because both are constants in India.

In India's conservative society, male sexual aggression is portrayed in unexpected ways. In Bollywood films, kissing on screen is still rare and nudity forbidden. But the rape scene has been a staple of movies for decades. And depictions of harassment often have an innocent woman resisting nobly, but eventually succumbing to the male hero. One commonly used term for sexual harassment is "eve-teasing," which critics say implies the act is gentle and harmless.

The New Delhi rape victim, whose funeral was held on Sunday, and whose name had not been revealed, was from a small village in Uttar Pradesh, India's most **populous** state. Her journey to Delhi was the same that thousands of young women make every year to big cities around the country, in search of a better education and opportunities than their parents had. "My brother's entire salary was spent on educating his children so that their **aspirations** were fulfilled," the woman's uncle [told the newspaper The Hindu](#).

In South Delhi, hundreds of students from Jawaharlal Nehru University organized a silent march from their campus to Munirka, the bus stop where the rape victim was picked up, after her death became public on Saturday. The crowd of protesters **trudged** along a busy road, a few holding hastily made **placards** with phrases like "You are an inspiration to us all."

"There's a movement that has been built out of this," said Ruchira Sen, 25, a student of economics on the march to Munirka. "We are going to do everything it takes to make it last," she said.

Students and activist groups have presented a list of demands to the government, including the fast-tracking of rape cases through India's courts and improved training for the police.

Part of the policing problem is that less than 4 percent of India's overall force is female, said Suman Nalwa, head of Delhi's special unit for women, [in an interview](#). She said she was working to improve police response to sexual assault.

"Earlier, women didn't leave their homes, so there was no crime," Ms. Nalwa said. "We are doing our best, but, of course, there is a lot more to be done."

Like many who attended these protests and rallies, Ms. Mehra had been urged to go by her mother, who she said had given this reason: "Because I don't want my granddaughter to face this."

Men have also been a large presence at the protests, though not always a positive one. After the large central Delhi protests on Dec. 22 and 23, the police received 42 complaints from women about men's behavior there, said a senior police officer who spoke on the condition of **anonymity** because the information was not public. He **balked** at describing the actions as "harassment" or "molestation," saying that implied aggravated or sustained behavior. Instead, he said, the men were merely "eve-teasing."