

FEAR OF VICTIMIZATION AND SAFETY NEEDS: ANALYSIS OF TRAVEL PATTERNS OF SOLO WOMEN TRAVELER IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Women cover a good portion of travelers in India as well as in abroad. But are women really safe while travelling alone? A lot of research work has already been done in this area but the question remains unanswered in many aspects related to the travelling of women or what is the women perception when they travel alone. This conceptual paper focuses on the fears on women part of being a victim to any brutal or uncivilized action when they travel and the need of women safety when they travel alone in public transports. The previous research provides an insight to the issue, what has been done and what new can be added so as to suggest measures to eradicate the prevailing issue. Past research has shown that passengers' concerns about their safety do influence their decisions regarding travel. This paper focuses on analyzing the safety measures adopted by the authorities of public transport and their inclination with security needs of passengers to make Indian cities more secure for women so as to protect their right to freedom of movement with safety.

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INTRODUCTION:

Public transportation is inherently safer in terminus of dealing accidents than private transport, but for a solo female, who rely on populace transfer more than males and build up extra than half of community transportation users on a global stage, public transport is very less secure in terms of aggressive physical attack. Regardless of the proof that civic transport is not coming together the guard needs of ladies, ladies security is not a chief concern for the total majority of facility providers. According to UCLA's Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, who's most recent study takes a gander at what brand cleaning lady explorers feel perilous (and along these lines choose not to ride entry); solo ladies have specific needs as travel traveler, particularly regarding happiness and safekeeping. She stated her research of U.S. travel office with more than 50 open transportation vehicles uncovered that, albeit 66% of answerer trusted that ladies voyager has particular needs, one and only third felt that travel groups should formulate a shift. The fact that around only 3

percent of the communities had program set up only for ladies has been one of the most eye catching part of the review as she observed.

Ladies travelling around solo and originally are a developing pattern that has been explored by various analysts (Woodward & Green, 1988; Pain, 1991; Whyte & Shaw, 1994; Matthews-Sawyer et al.; Bialeschki, 2005; Bond, 1997; 2002). These ladies are picking this type of go without the fellowship of accomplices (male or female) or the backing of bundled outings or visits. As Bond (1997) contended, solo ladies explorers are looking for enterprise, adapting, new encounters and mindfulness. They speak to 'a developing and influential business sector fragment. Solo ladies voyagers are most certainly not mavericks; they are strong, gutsy globe-trotters. When they hear the alluring call to travel, they don't sit tight for or rely on a spouse, companion or visit. These ladies travel freely' (Bond, 1997). In any case, not all specialists concur with the supposition communicated by Bond (1997), and various examines (Woodward and Green, 1988; Pain, 1991; Whyte and Shaw, 1994; Bialeschki, 2005) have reported that performance ladies as a gathering tend to be traditionalist in the exercises they embrace what's more, the spots they visit basically on account of security concerns. From a destination point of view, it is valuable to comprehend the travel practices of this gathering when creating items and showcasing effort for destination arranging and planning.

The first step toward going for a trend in public conveyance that becomes safer for women and girls is making transportation providers accountable for making their systems safer for women, from national government agencies and metropolis planners to bus drivers and city police. For instance, the New Delhi bus where the deadly gang rape occurred was there unlawfully; it had been impounded six times in the past two years. Territorial dominion authorities repeatedly fined the hustler (the main suspect in the gang rape case) 2,200 Indian rupees (around \$40 USD) and handed the vehicle dorsum each time. Some have had put claims on the Delhi government's transportation section for being dubious and dishonest and eventually responsible for the fierce plan of attack, and are demanding the dismissal of the transportation minister. In Mexico, ladies in the city of Juarez say they have been asking city planners to look up bus check and service in marginalized vicinities for years, with zero success. Meanwhile, dozens of women and girls have

vanished from city streets, their bodies found damaged and discarded in the desert, if they are found at all. Degeneracy, emotionlessness to women's needs, and lack of fear for public transit passenger who often exists in marginalized areas or is part of a low income demographic lays the base for a organization that works adjacent to solo women.

Men and women use open transport in diverse route as a result of their unmistakable social part and monetary body process. Since solo ladies' purposes behind voyaging by and large vary from men's, the configuration, recurrence, and separation of their bumble are additionally distinctive. Also, wellbeing and saw societal position assume an unpredictable part in molding ladies' transport disposition as they move between urban, rural, and provincial regions. Fair get to code to masses transport is about making the vehicle framework work for ladies and get together their requirement for sheltered, proficient, reasonable versatility. Over the span of a day, ladies in provincial regions regularly need to travel long reserved quality – by foot, by non-mechanized methods of transport and/or by world travel – whether they are gathering kindling or driving to urban groups. Yet "most open Transportation - both urban and provincial - is directed and booked to serve driving treks to work.

OBJECTIVES:

- To understand the need of safety for solo women.
- To understand the initiatives taken to make travel free of terror and unsophisticated activities.
- To explore the loop-holes in the accomplishment of the future initiatives.

The research methodology was based upon secondary data collection through available literature. The study is conceptual in nature. Secondary data were extracted from different articles, journals, magazines and websites. The data has been extracted from the researches that have already been conducted and has been reviewed to carry out the study accurately and precisely.

Safe Public Transit Important for Women-Why?

Safe open travel for ladies and young ladies is vital on the grounds that it permits ladies and young ladies to move around the city uninhibitedly, without fear. Without activity on this issue, ladies are compelled to receive distinctive cautious methodologies, for example, wearing just "proper" dress when going on open travel, going in gatherings, just boarding train autos and transports that are not full, overlooking verbal and inappropriate behavior, challenging noisily keeping in mind the end goal to get help, conveying pins and/or needles as a method for safeguard, remaining against a window or at the back of the transport, metro auto or streetcar, abstaining from taking taxis alone, and abstaining from going in vehicles possessed exclusively by men. These protective techniques add additional weight to ladies' days, and deny them their entitlement to openly get to their city.

Ladies' wellbeing has been characterized in different ways, however the embodiment of these definitions is a diminishment in sexual orientation based viciousness (or brutality against ladies), including ladies' trepidation of wrongdoing. This incorporates, as a matter of first importance, making safe open spaces, where ladies can move uninhibitedly. Diverse segments of the group – for instance men, ladies, youth, and the elderly - use open spaces in an unexpected way, and their worries must be remembered while arranging and overseeing open spaces, administrations and infrastructure.

Safety measures adopted to provide safe travel in public transports

Cities interested in dealing with women's safety in transport are making unplanned choices from a rough and ready list of programs. A foreword learning of these in Indian cities showcases an extreme focal point on technology centric and separation centric measures such as CCTV cameras, GPS tracking plans and exclusive ladies only buses or segments.

1. Jagori collaborated with Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) from 2007 commencing safe travel for women in the DTC buses.

As a feature of the on-going activity helpline numbers were put in plain view in transports and around transport stops, helpline booklet has been appropriated through numerous ticket counters. A progression of sharpening trainings with more than 3600 DTC drivers/conductors to make

mindfulness about sex wellbeing was directed in 2007. Preparing was given to bring issues to light and improve proactiveness amongst the DTC staff to intercede and help the ladies in need. Between 2010 - 11, 50 DTC Instructors have additionally experienced thorough preparing on sex and wellbeing, directed by Jagori in association with Center for social Justice and Health and AAKAR.

2. Gurgaon Traffic Police in January 2013 had re-launched pink autos to ensure a safe transport system for women.

Pink automobiles were initially presented in 2010 after a few ladies were struck by cab drivers and out in the open transport however the move neglected to collect a decent reaction. Pink automobiles were presented in the city in January 2013, after Nirbhaya's pack assault in a Delhi transport on December 16, 2012. Be that as it may, inferable from poor worker reaction, the administration passed on a characteristic demise, generally on the grounds that there were no wellbeing components, passages were high and numbers were few.

3. Haryana police

With a specific end goal to control wrongdoing against ladies, the Haryana police have made this stride. The police have put 22 cars and they have completely confirmed every one of them. The auto drivers presented their I-card. It was recommended that if the traveler feels that they are being abused by any of the drivers, then they can dial 100 and hotel a grumbling against them.

4. Policemen were appointed in public transports so as to provide the sense of safety to the passengers

Haryana has expressed that countless will go in Haryana Roadways transports for different police obligations. They are additionally qualified for go in these transports after installment of ostensible month to month charges amid their leave period. Directions had been issued to all formally dressed policemen that they ought to go in Haryana Roadways transports, while on or on furlough, in uniform to ingrain a conviction that all is good among travelers when all is said in done and ladies in particular,(Union domain of Chandigarh SSP Sukhchain Singh Gill).

5. Delhi Government initiatives:

Exhaustive confirmation of the team of all open transport vehicles, establishment of GPS gadgets, arrangement of woman police staff and expanding the quantity of PCR vans are a portion of the measures government uncovered by the Delhi govt to enhance security of ladies in the city. To enhance policing, 370 PCR vans have as of now been presented in Delhi Police. The administration likewise proposed to have a policewoman in PCR vans, especially in those sent in the region of instructive organizations, film lobbies, shopping centres and markets, as additionally the courses frequented by ladies representatives of BPOs coming back from work during the evening. The administration additionally wants to have some all the more 'all-ladies' police headquarters in the city. As a feature of endeavours to improve security, CCTV cameras are being introduced at different spots. At present, a CCTV framework is practical at 34 markets and four outskirt check posts in Delhi (The Times of India-2015).

The South India Transport Council (SITC) has suggested establishment of Global Positioning System (GPS) for transports and taxis and appropriate regulations for the electronic taxi administrations, as a component of arrangement of wellbeing measures for ladies utilizing people in general transport framework.

6. Women only' buses

Ladies just transports ought to be squeezed into administration. A system is proposed to empowering more ladies driven transports/taxis everywhere throughout the nation. Eve teasing is a doublespeak utilized as a part of India for open inappropriate behavior, or attack of ladies by men. Numerous rail administrations offer ladies just autos, including among others the Delhi Metro. It has even offered ascend to a ladies just taxi administration.

7. Women Compartments

Crosswise over India, all long separation train administrations have uncommon compartments held for women just. In Mumbai, the business city, all rural passenger trains have compartments exceptionally implied just for women, however offspring of school-going age are likewise

permitted to travel. While two compartments are assigned for 24 hours for women, one compartment is held for women amid determined hours. The women compartments are given to first and additionally useless travel. In addition, Ladies Special trains have been presented amid crest hours where the whole prepare is saved for women. There are three-four women specials amid crest hours.

8. Kerala government

For the sheltered transportation of ladies, Government of Kerala has attracted an arrangement to introduce GPS and CCTV cameras out in the open transport vehicles. The activity has been taken security in perspective of the Center's bearing. The following framework will be introduced in every single enrolled vehicle including vans, auto rickshaws and school transports.

9. SADRAG launches Safe Noida Mobile Application for district Gautum Budh Nagar, U.P.

Safe Noida, an Information based Mobile App facilitates –

- The process of connecting with police officials quick and easy
- Technology enabled access to help in distress
- Provide essential information for women and young girls at the click of a button

Outcome of the initiatives

Establishment of shut circuit TV cameras (CCTVs), LED billboards, open location framework, GPS and a headquarter following the transports are among the many measures being talked about by the powers to make the city's open transport framework more secure for ladies. These strides were proposed by the urban advancement service four years back under the Urban Bus Specifications Safety Guidelines (UBSSG). The rules as detailed in December 2008 were to be taken as mandatory in the 15,000 or more transports, gave service to 65 urban communities under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), that includes New Delhi too. None of the huge urban communities, for example, Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata have tried to introduce CCTV cameras in its transports. There are 1,500 JNNURM transports in Delhi. Shockingly, the rules have failed to receive any prior notification. Service personnel dictated

"not any of the massive urban communities, for instance, New Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata have tried to set up CCTV cameras in the transports.

Truth is, with the exception of Mysore, barely any city has held fast to the rules". "Under UBSSG, each JNNURM transport in the 65 urban areas ought to have two CCTV cameras, one in front and the other in back. The transport course number was to be shown on a LED billboard for better perceivability around evening time other than an open location framework for the comfort of travelers. Cameras separated, the transports were proposed to be fitted with GPS connected to a focal control room so that the development of the vehicles can be checked. "GPS units have been introduced in not more than 10 for every penny of the transports working right now and PA frameworks have been introduced just by BEST, which runs open transports in Mumbai. The transports in Delhi did not introduce the same. These transports are likewise to be outfitted with varying media gadgets over which declarations on wellbeing and guidelines to travelers can be handed-off. A long time later, the service is again keeping in touch with the states, including Delhi, to benefit assets to outfit the transports with the wellbeing gadgets. The service has offered to share around 35 for each penny of the expense of introducing these gadgets in enormous urban communities, for example, Delhi and Mumbai, around 50 for every penny of the expense in urban communities like Indore and Bhopal, around 80 for each penny in littler urban areas and almost 90 for each penny in the northeastern states. Still, there are very few takers for the service's rules.

Chennai, the capital of the southern condition of Tamil Nadu, emerges as a case of where things have ended up brighter. In 2000, Chennai had the best number and most noteworthy rate of recorded wrongdoings against ladies of any city in the nation, as indicated by information arranged by the National Crime Records Bureau. There were 4,037 such rates recorded in Chennai in 2000, a rate of 59.8 for each 100,000 ladies, yet by 2013, the quantity of wrongdoings against ladies in that city had tumbled to 838, a rate of 19.46 for each 100,000 females. That is the biggest fall in the rate of such violations recorded in any city in India over that period. By examination, amid the same time in the city of Delhi, the rate of wrongdoings against ladies rose

to 151.13 such violations for each 100,000 ladies in 2013 from 17.6 for each 100,000 females in 2000.

CONCLUSION:

It is presumed that the accomplishment of any open transport framework in addressing ladies' requirements is subject to a reasonable comprehension of their needs and issues. The key discoveries show that in spite of the fact that measures are taken to give a sheltered and secure travel however yet these activities have not been embraced effectively at all the levels with the goal that ladies feel secure while going in broad daylight transports. Every single individual has the privilege to travel however ladies in light of the apprehension that they may turn into the casualty of any merciless or boorish activities tries to abstain from heading out are not able to move uninhibitedly. Society and in addition the supervisors of the general population transports must comprehend the wellbeing needs and must work viably to give a protected and secure travel.

In building our comprehension of the performance autonomous ladies explorer, we find that they constitute a huge piece of the area's general guest market. Specifically noteworthy for destination administration associations is this gathering has a moderately abnormal state of fulfillment, stays longer than most guests and has a penchant to travel past the center destination. This then places this gathering of explorers towards the dynamic enterprise seekers end of the typology. This recent perception ought to be exceptionally compelling to provincial ranges and shows this business sector can possibly create noteworthy additional tourism income for territorial tourism administrators. The inspirations for solo free ladies explorers included going to the reef and rainforest, rest and unwinding, going by loved ones and investing energy with their gang. The regular topics recognized in this examination incorporated an example of self-sufficiency and test that a few specialists including Wilson and Little (2008), and Jordan and Gibson (2005) propose is a normal for solo free ladies voyagers. The discoveries of this exploration seem to loan weight to Butler (1995) proclamation that 'they (solo free ladies explorers) are ladies who have room schedule-wise, cash, and craving to set out upon an

adventure that detracts them from commonplace surroundings', while questioning the discoveries of other exploration that delineates this gathering as unadventurous, even meek. This study discovered noteworthy contrasts in travel examples in the middle of rehash and first-time solo autonomous ladies.

From the concentrate, half of the performance free ladies voyagers were rehash guests, which represented the solid inspiration of these guests to visit companions and invest energy with their family on their outing to the district. The practices of these rehash explorers glaring difference an unmistakable difference to their first-time partners. Case in point, rehash voyagers were more disposed to visit the huge integer of littler regions in the district and were less disposed to visit the reef and rainforest. For the staying first-time ladies explorers, the nature-and experience based resources of the region were significant draw cards for appearance. Not just was the reef and rainforest significant inspiration for going to the area, the larger part of these first-time ladies explorers went by both the reef and rainforest. An expansive body of the writing on gendered travel and women's activist geologies has concentrated on the trepidation, dangers and force structures confronted by ladies in both their home and travel situations (Kelley, 1992; Whyte and Shaw, 1994; Baleschki, 2005; Wilson and Little, 2008). One of the points of this paper was to analyze the evident crevice between parts of the writing that propose that security and wellbeing worries of solo free ladies voyagers obstruct their travel examples and practices.

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