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Study of the role of women's organization Gulabi Gang in the development of public consciousness

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RESEARCH SUMMARY

In Badausa, a small village in Banda district of Uttar Pradesh, a group was first formed by organizing women to liberate rural women from various types of problems. The women working in this organization used to wear pink colored sarees as their uniform. Because of this, this organization was named Gulabi Gang. Gulabi Gang fought fiercely against the atrocities, incest and ill-treatment of rural women. Within a short time this organization got fame at national and international level. Sampal Pal, who laid the foundation stone of this organization, was included in the list of 100 influential inspirational women by the international The Guardian magazine in 2011. But after some time this organization got trapped in the whirlpool of its political ambitions.

Due to political ambitions this organization deviated from its original objective. Women's organization Gulabi Gang fought hard against women harassment and made a lot of headlines. The credit for providing justice to hundreds of women also goes to this organization, but due to the political ambitions of some officials of the organization, the organization started getting involved in political activities. This is the reason why this organization left aside its social responsibilities. With social issues being left behind and political ambitions dominating, the existence of women's organizations began to be questioned. In 2007, the credibility of the women's organization was tarnished in the case of taking a sub-inspector hostage in the police station premises of Antara police station in Banda district. At present this organization has been divided into five factions. However, among the five organizations of women's organization Gulabi Gang, all the organizations are claiming to solve the problems of women at their own level.

KEYWORDS

Political ambition, Political Activities, Hostage, Torture, Malpractice, Abuse, Organization Etc.

PREFACE

Gulabi Gag is a group of women, which first came into existence in Banda district of Uttar Pradesh. One of the objectives that emerged at the time of formation of this group was to

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collectively fight against the atrocities and malpractices faced by rural women. This group made a lot of headlines in a short time and soon this women's group took the form of an organization. Later this women's organization came to be known as Gulabi Gang. The organization largely emerged as a response to domestic violence and other forms of violence against women.

After 2010 this organization has expanded and spread. Earlier this group was limited to Budelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh, later it expanded into North India. Women aged between 18 to 60 years were members of this group. Gulabi Gang is unofficially headquartered in Baroda, Banda district of Uttar Pradesh. As of 2003, Banda district was ranked 154th in the list of 447 districts based on the Index of Backwardness of the Planning Commission. There is a large Dalit population in the district who face discrimination. Due to this discrimination, the women's organization Gulabi Gang was born. Gulabi Gang soon became famous due to its aggressive working style. Today this gang has thousands of members. Everyone keeps raising their voice against the evil prevalent in the society. Due to this popularity, Gulabi Gang Commander Sampat Pal has been made the guest of Bigg Boss 6.

Functioning of women's organization -

The Pink Gang is a paranormal women's movement formed in 2006 by Sampat Pal Devi in the Banda district of Uttar Pradesh in northern India. The region is one of the poorest districts in the country and is marked by a deeply patriarchal culture, rigid caste divisions, female illiteracy, domestic violence, child labour, child marriage and dowry demands. The women's group is popularly known as Gulabi or 'Gulaabi' gang because the members wear bright pink sarees and carry sticks in their hands. Initially, the organization itself took the initiative to punish oppressive husbands, fathers or other family members in rural areas. The women of the organization tried to get the victimized women to trust with the help of sticks. The members of the women's organization faced the men's use of force only with sticks.

Goal of the organization -

The goal of the women's organization Gulabi Gang was to provide economic security to women. Apart from this, along with training women to enhance their basic skills, a comprehensive strategy was also to be prepared regarding sustainable livelihood options. Apart from this, the aim was to create an environment against atrocities and malpractice against women in the family or outside and also to develop self-confidence among women. Apart from this, along with ensuring the basic rights of women suffering from poverty in remote rural areas, it was also necessary to stop the evils like child marriage prevalent in rural areas.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The following objectives have been set for the presented research study.

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- 1- To study the functioning and objective of women's organization Gulabi Gang.
- 2- To study the political ambitions of the members of women's organization.
- 3- To discover the reasons for the division of an active organization like Gulabi Gang.

HYPOTHESIS

Since the presented research is descriptive in nature, there is no need to determine any hypothesis for the research study, but keeping in mind the relevance and logic of the research, the following hypotheses have been determined for the presented research.

- 1- Women's organization Gulabi Gang had succeeded in a short time in creating an important place among women due to its activism and aggressive attitude.
- 2- Due to the political ambitions of the officials of the women's organization Gulabi Gang, the active organization got divided into many factions.
3. After the split, the women's organization Gulabi Gang has deviated from its original objective.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Since the presented research study is of descriptive nature, the research study has been done with descriptive research technique.

RESULT

Protect the powerless from abuse and fight corruption to ensure the basic rights of the poor in rural areas and discourage practices such as child marriage. In the initial phase, this organization remained only a social organization, staying away from political activities and NGOs. Due to its activism and aggressive work done to provide trust to women, this organization created its own place in the society in a short time. Not only this, this organization expanded to many districts as well as many states. On several occasions, women members of this organization tried to take the law into their own hands to demand justice. This organization raised awareness about child marriage, dowry deaths, depleting water resources, agricultural subsidies and theft of funds in government projects. Done with priority. But it got trapped in the whirlpool of political ideology in the organization. Due to the political ambitions of Sampat Pal, the leader of the women's organization Gulabi Gang, this organization deviated from its original objective and Sampat Pal entered the election field as a candidate of a political party. This was the reason why the women's organization Gulabi Gang became politicized. Due to the political ideology of the members of the organization, the organization deviated from its original objective and disintegrated.

CONCLUSION

Bundelkhand's women's organization 'Gulabi Gang', which fights against women's oppression, is currently fighting for its existence by dividing into five factions. After the expulsion of Sampat Pal (founding member of Gulabi Gang), all the factions have left women's issues behind. In the year 2007, Bundelkhand's women's organization 'Gulabi Gang', which came into limelight

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after holding Inspector Sangam Lal posted at Atarra police station in Banda district hostage in the police station premises, was even called a Naxalite organization by the then Director General of Police Vikram Singh and an investigation was also conducted. Despite the increasing pressure from the police, this organization continued to maintain its separate identity, but at present this organization has been divided into five factions. One of the biggest reasons behind this is the politicization of the social organization. As long as the social organization Gulabi Gang remained beyond political ideologies, the organization continued to expand, but as soon as political ideology began to dominate the office bearers of the organization, the division of the organization began. However, Gulabi Gang, an organization divided into different factions, is currently working towards running a comprehensive campaign against incidents of human trafficking and evil practices.

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