

# **Taking Back India: Indian Womens' Groups & their Journey of Empowerment**

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### **Introduction/ Inquiry Question**

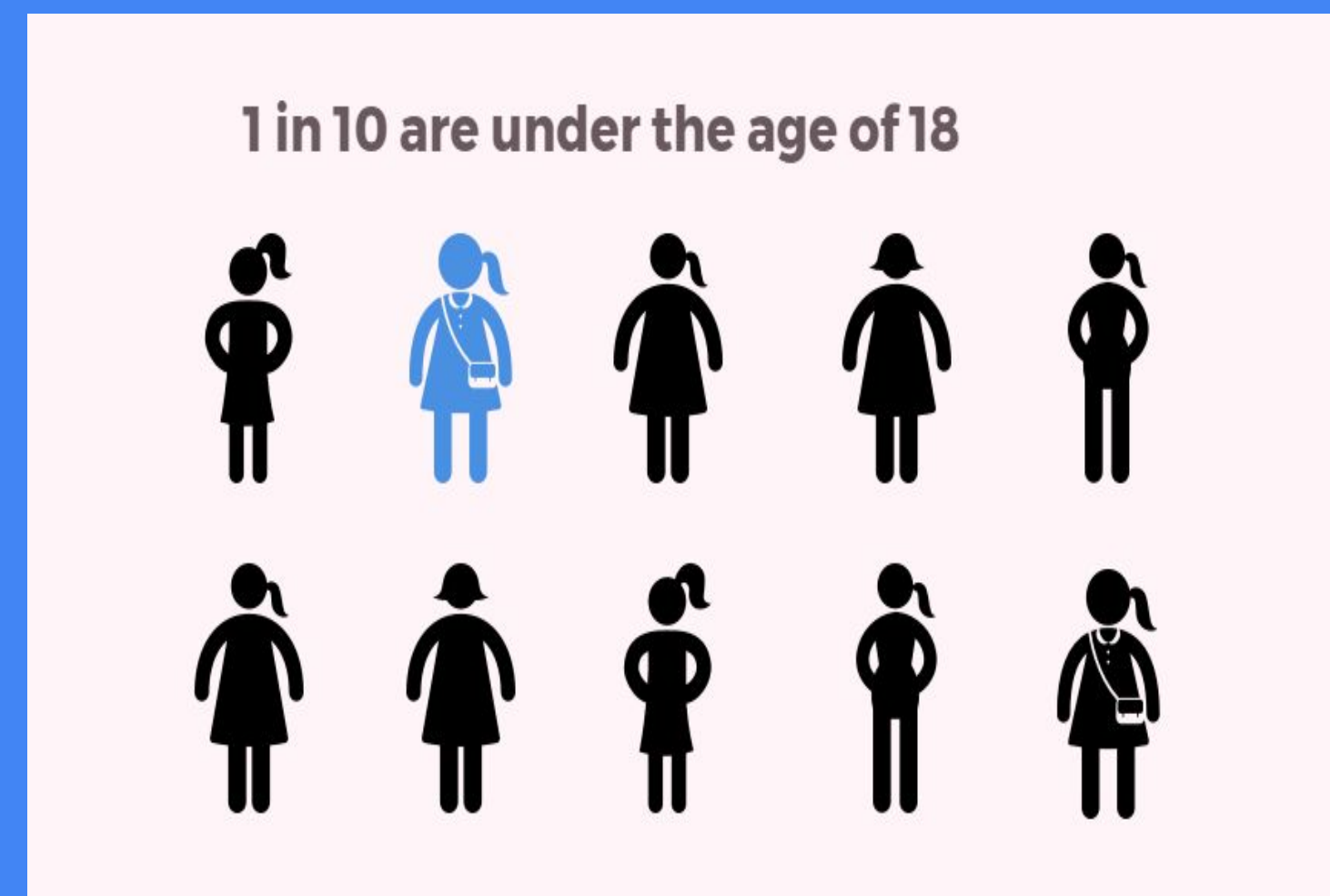
- ❖ Sexual assault is a prevalent epidemic in India's society. The women there face public molestation, sexual harassment and rape everyday. Indian womens' groups work hard to fight against predators by offering classes, training, shelter, or anything else that these women need.

### **Research Question:**

- ❖ What factors contributed to the development of new women empowerment techniques in India?

### **Womens Empowerment Groups in India**

- ❖ **Apne Aap** helps women trapped in prostitution and sex-trafficking rings. Apne Aap's work today reaches over 21,000 women and girls.
- ❖ A **Women on Wings** creates 182,000 jobs for women in rural India, which has improved living conditions for their communities.
- ❖ The **Red Brigade Lucknow** focuses on empowering women through self-defense education. They taught over 1200 girls in a week.



### **Methodology**

- ❖ In researching this topic, I came across many different websites for these women's' groups, such as WomenCabs.com and Apneaap.org, just to name a few. I also used Google search engine to find websites that talked about how these groups are empowering women and girls, like Bustle.com and Equaltimes.org.

### **Conclusion**

- ❖ How does the government feel about these women empowerment groups? Are more organizations coming up with new ways to empower women? How has the sexual assault epidemic in India affected the schools there?
- ❖ These are questions I would like to research more about. I would also like to talk to someone who is a part of this movement and possibly ask them more about it? Although sexual assault is a prevalent issue that needs to be fixed, there are many steps taking place to address sexual assault. Maybe one day sexual assault will be a thing of the past.