

Customs of India: Men in This Part of the World Expect Women to Do Everything

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Men in this part of the world expect women to do everything. Of course, we have a different tradition, but the thinking is still there. So, although, it is not always right, unless you do what they like at some point, they just cannot be happy!

Of course, the spirit of sacrifice must be there, but then the fullness of spirit doesn't always come. So to cook three meals, witness, teach, etc., is sometimes difficult to accomplish in one day.

Cooking alone is a full-time job -- to go shopping, cut everything, grind everything, and cook on one burner on a kerosene stove.

Here, even 26- or 35-year-old girls are subject to parental approval which means "no" after 8:00 p.m., and "no" to stay overnight anywhere!

Lately, I've been marveling at our circle of friends-it includes one person from eight religions: Hindu, Christian, Moslem, Buddhist, Jewish, Parsee, Sikh (with turban) and Baha'i. Also, from all different parts of India.

If you know anything about India, you know that it is a miracle in itself. There is no group which unites so many different beliefs. We want to have some inter-religious dialogues in the future!