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## Failure of Feministic Movement in India: A Discourse

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THANKFUL DAUGHTER, DUTIFUL WIFE, LOVING MOTHER: WHERE AM I? It is one question which is rarely asked in Indian society where the role model of feminism is strangely missing even though The Power of 49, a recent political slogan is much in vogue. 49% and still down, this paper seeks reasons for the lack of strength and recognition of Feminist movement in India.

Remembering my school days I often reflect that while teaching us the constitutional history our teacher, a lady, used to compare status of grant of Women Suffrage in the democracies of the World and highlight the struggle women undertook to be recognised as a citizen worthy of electing her representative. In the end she used to say how lucky we are as Indians because our benevolent leaders never thought of keeping women out of the group of Active Citizens and we received on platter which others had to fight for. Full of nationalistic pride she used to deliver this information in such a manner that we all reciprocated her feeling and

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