

Documentary film — It's a Girl

Report: On 10th Feb, 2017 WDC, SLC organized screening of documentary film — It's a Girl by an NGO Salt Initiatives which has been engaged in responding to the issue of female foeticide through a campaign named — Let Her Live and has been conducting various awareness programs and training activities on issues of Gender Justice. The screening was attended by 72 students and 31 faculty members. The documentary was very informative and highlighted how in India, China and many other countries in Asia, girl child is killed, aborted and abandoned simply because she is a girl. According to the United Nations estimation over 200 million girls are missing in the world today because of this prevalent crime of “gendercide”. In 1986, Dr. Amartya Sen used census data to estimate that 37 million women were “missing” from the Indian population. Today the number is closer to 50 million. The most recent Indian census data from 2011 shows the situation is only getting worse. There are now 914 girls aged 0-6 years old for every 1,000 boys of the same age, which is down from 927 in the previous census in 2001). In some regions in India like the state of Haryana, the number is as low as 830. The documentary tells the stories of abandoned, trafficked girls and women who are victims of dowry-related violence, mothers who are fighting to save their daughters' lives, and other mothers, who are so conditioned by patriarchal codes that they would kill for a son. The stories are narrated by activists and global experts who lament the lack of any truly effective action against this injustice. These narrators have put the stories in context and have advocated different paths towards change. The documentary highlights how gendercide is perhaps the most serious human rights violation happening in the world today. Beyond the sheer scale of gendercide, experts also see this epidemic as a threat to global security,

with some suggesting that the decline in marriage rates may lead to a drop in consumption. In addition, historical trends indicate that an abundance of males and a shortage of females leads to a more violent and aggressive population.

The screening of the documentary was followed by an engaging discussion among student participants wherein they argued about how this scenario of gendercide can be changed. The discussion lasted almost an hour after the screening was over. The screening and the following discussion ended with a vote of thanks to the entire WDC organizing committee.

THE THREE DEADLIEST WORDS IN THE WORLD...

it's a girl



Host: WDC, SLC and NGO Salt Initiatives
Date: 10th Feb, 2017 Time: 12:30
Location: SLC (Shyam Lal College)

SHADOWLINE FILMS PRESENTS "IT'S A GIRL" FEATURING RITA BANERJI, REGGIE LITTLEJOHN, SABU GEORGE,
MITU KHURANA, RANJANA KUMARI, PUNEET BEDI AND AVRAHAM EBENSTEIN PRODUCED BY ANDREW BROWN
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY W. ASHLEY MADDOX NARRATED BY ANNE-MARIE MEEKS ORIGINAL MUSIC BY CHARLES DAVID DENLER DIRECTED BY EVAN GRAE DAVIS

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ABOUT "IT'S A GIRL" THE MOVIE

In India and China, where sons are valued and daughters are burdens, millions of babies are killed, abandoned or selectively aborted, simply because they are girls. The result of longstanding traditions and governmental policies, this devaluation of females has led to rampant violence against women and a growing female "gendercide".

This screening is part of the IT'S A GIRL INTERNATIONAL FILM TOUR.

SCREENING DETAILS

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