

Indian Society moves ahead: Charge of the single brigade

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The world is slowly making way for a brigade of young women who remain single by choice. Many such young single women are emerging in our society who have broken the shackles of tradition and asserted their independence. Our society which earlier frowned upon the concept of single woman, terming them old maids and the like, have today gradually but significantly started accepting these free spirited souls who defy the tag of being married and also hate to tag along their better halves as second fiddle. Single mothers, live-in relationships and single working women living a carefree life are no longer a taboo as today many urban women prefer to live alone without being tied up by the bonds or rather bondage of the paraphernalia that comes with the institution of marriage.

Traditionally, a girl after attaining a certain age is expected and in many cases in Indian societies forced to tie the knot, procreate, look after home affairs in short bask in marital bliss or blunder whichever comes first but in the present times more and more women armed with a higher education and earning a fat paycheck prefer singledom; living alone appears far more attractive than a life of boundaries. Therefore, the idea of giving it all up to be chained to a husband and household becomes a huge dilemma.

Financial independence lends an extra boost towards such a decision added with the advantage of not being bound by any restrictive elements; singledom undoubtedly gets the thumbs up.

Women today are defying age old norms. Some may term it as aping the west but though the west has paved the way, ultimately the choices are purely individualistic. Support may not come easily for such 'rebellious' decisions but later it comes in abundance. Such a lifestyle is not confined to Metros alone as there are many such free spirits in small towns as well.

Financial security and independence has a very important role in these women's decision and of course education for without these one can't think of leading a life of singledom.

In today's high stressed lives many women have broken barriers of convention and set fine examples but these decisions are solely personal for they do not denounce the institution of marriage but simply hold a flame which says marriage is not the end all of life and that one can choose happiness in whatever form they desire

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