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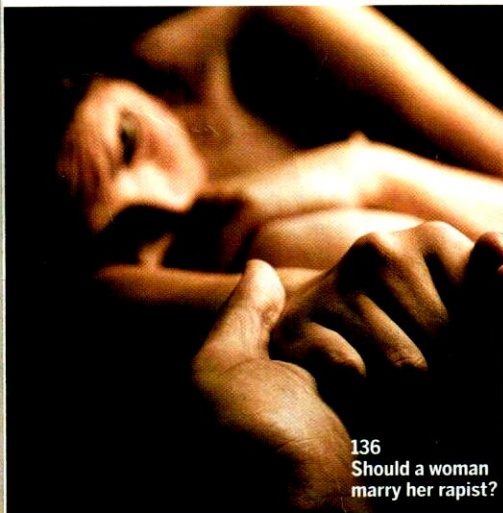


Our power-listers are young, but they've made things easier for the next generation. While Vidya Balan has shown aspiring actors there is space in Hindi cinema for real women, Sarpanch Chhavi Rajawat convinces young cynics to turn off Facebook activism and do something real. These powerful women are raising the stakes and making the world a more interesting place

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Parno Mitra, actor; Anshumani Khanna, creative director, McCann Erikson; Sneha Khanwalkar, music director; Faith Gonsalves, founder, Music Basti; Harine Ravichandran, student; Chhavi Rajawat, sarpanch, Soda Village, Rajasthan; Lakshmi Venu, VP, global business development and strategy, Sundaram Clayton; Kirthiga Reddy, head and director, online operations, Facebook India; Neha Kirpal, founder, India Art Fair; Binalakshmi Nepram, co-founder, Control Arms Foundation of India; Deepika Kumari, archer; Malavika Banerjee, director,

Gameplan; Saina Nehwal, badminton player; Sharmila Nicollet, golfer; Gayatri Buragohain, founder, Feminist Approach to Technology; Dr Krithi Karanth, conservation biologist; Damayanti Sen, IPS officer; Parineeti Chopra, actor; Aishwarya Lakshmi Ratan, innovator; Teresa Rehman, journalist; Dakshayini Gowda, archeologist and artist; Dr Jiban Jyoti Panda, cancer researcher; Zoya Akhtar, film-maker; Anjum Hasan, poet and novelist; Major Mitali Madhumita, first woman winner of a gallantry medal; Rohini Iyer, media director, Raindrop Media ▶



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Should a woman
marry her rapist?

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Every year, we define power in a new way. This time, we've focused on achievers who inspire a generation to see possibilities where none might have existed; we now know that a different route to success is possible. Meet the tribe that's blazed a new trail simply by doing what they love





Binalakshmi Nepram, 37

CO-FOUNDER, CONTROL ARMS FOUNDATION OF INDIA

Two shattering incidents have defined Binalakshmi Nepram's life. As an eight-year-old, she witnessed indiscriminate firing by security forces on a crowd watching a volleyball match in Manipur, which that left several people dead. In 1997, she lost her 13-year-old niece in a bomb blast. Convinced that peace alone is the way forward, Binalakshmi established Control Arms Foundation of India (CAFI) in 2004, and has devoted herself to tackling the serious issue of

small arms proliferation since. For her efforts for peace, she has been conferred the Ploughshares Fellowship (2004) and the Dalai Lama Foundation's WISCOMP Scholar of Peace Award (2006). Binalakshmi also founded the Manipuri Women Gun Survivor Network to empower women survivors of violence to rebuild their lives. Last year, her persistence led to the issue of disarmament being discussed in the parliament for the first time ever.

BINALAKSHMI MAKES THE CUT

For refusing to bow down to violence and striving for a more peaceful India.

DEEPIKA MAKES THE CUT

For becoming the No 1 archer in her quiet way, without bothering about the lack of limelight.

Her underdog story is the stuff sporting dreams are made of. In a country obsessed with cricket, Deepika Kumar's incredible achievements are more than often overlooked. The biggest victory for the 18-year-old from Ranchi, currently the top ranked woman archer in the world, has been surmounting the

circumstances that came in the way of her passion. Her father, who drives an autorickshaw, initially resisted her choice of profession. Unable to buy the requisite equipment but adamant to not give up on her dreams, Deepika improvised with bows and arrows made of bamboo. At 12, she took a big stride forward when she was selected by the Tata Archery Academy, Jamshedpur. Deepika's first tryst with fame came just three years later when she won the cadet World Championship in Ogden. There has been no stopping her once she acquired the Junior World Champion title and the Commonwealth gold medal in 2010. This year, she qualified for the Olympics, the latest in her list of her extraordinary achievements. While she didn't win a medal, the future's bright for Deepika. ▶

Deepika Kumari, 18

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