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WOMEN'S SAFETY

How Far Should A Woman Go? Prize-winning video explores the question on safety

The best short films on gender discrimination and marital violence from a contest organised by the US Consulate General, Mumbai.

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Safety and Empowerment to mark a global campaign titled "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence".

Sixty entries were submitted, and three films won awards. The winners explore themes of public safety, gender discrimination and marital violence.

Top prize: How Far Should A Woman Go

PSA: Safe City 6



This simple and effective film has been produced by students of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' School of Cultural and Media Studies. A young woman, whose face is not revealed, returns home and unpacks her large handbag. Its contents tell us everything we need to know about how safe women feel in public spaces.

Second prize and People's Choice Award: The Lives of Others

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In Actionaid's slickly produced film, a montage of images of working-class and rural women and graphics remind us that it is very tough to belong to the female gender in India.

Third prize: Women's Safety Begins at Home



Harsh Dedhia's film explores the all-too-pervasive incidence of spousal abuse. A dinner party becomes a platform to spill out an ugly family secret.

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It is tempting to view Modi's failure on the farm laws as payback for ignoring Parliamentary norms. After all, not only did the Bharatiya Janata Party introduce the massive changes to the agriculture sector through executive ordinance, it eventually passed them in the Rajya Sabha using the [dubious device](#) of a voice vote (a mechanism which, believe it or not, allows a motion is to be passed based on which side of the House the chairperson thinks has been *louder*).

If that is indeed so, the memo is yet to reach Modi. The BJP, in fact, repealed the farm laws in the same brusque way they were passed, muzzling any discussion in Parliament on the issue. To add to that, the Rajya Sabha chairman – and till recently senior BJP leader – Venkaiah Naidu used another voice vote to suspend 12 MPs for alleged indiscipline in the previous monsoon session. This act, PDT Acharya, former secretary-general of the Lok Sabha, told *Scroll.in*, was itself [against the rules of Parliament](#)....

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