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I have joined the Girl Child Rights Campaign because as a girl, it is an issue I personally feel for. It really bothers me that a large number of girls are not even allowed to be born. It sends a shiver down my spine, when I think that I could have been one of them, had certain positive circumstances not been there like educated parents and relatives, relatively less societal pressure etc. I think the right to life or to be precise right to be born is the most basic right of anyone. Every now and then, news about female foeticide or abandoned girl child makes me wonder as to what kind of progress or development are we aspiring for and moving towards, where a girl does not even live. More startling are the reports that suggest that the cases of female foeticide or selective abortion are alarmingly high among the

so called educated modern city people. Even the laws that are enacted have certain loopholes. Government has not enough to curb these social evils. Even the laws are made with good intentions; the lukewarm and sluggish manner of implementation draws it to a blank. NGOs are also not very effective and at times becomes the cover of worst of crimes against women like flesh trade.

I believe the need of the hour is to sensitize people towards these issues and to get the civil society to do their part in curbing the incidents. But just talking about these issues is not enough. One needs to start doing something at the grassroot level. One needs to understand the ground realities and do something to make a difference. I no longer wish to blame the government alone or the primitive mentalities of people, while sitting in the comfort of my home or college. We need to be the change that we espouse to see. And that is my motivation of joining this campaign.