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### [Featured Video: Rural Women Forced Into Prostitution IndiaUnheard breaks news](#)



[This video](#), shot by IndiaUnheard CC Gunjan Singh, is the first report on women of a village in Uttar Pradesh state who are forced into prostitution by their male relatives. Young women are also sent to brothels around Asia by men here who live off the earnings of the women. This village of 50 families has literally no young women as all of them have been sold off into prostitution rings, and the trade has been going on in the village for several decades. It was difficult for our Community Correspondent to shoot the video because of the hostility from men who were afraid of losing their income if the story got out and authorities cracked down. But Gunjan managed to make contact with some of the older women prostitutes who are currently trying to stop prostitution.

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These women were eager to finally share their stories and have this crime against women documented. Gunjan's video, published on Video Volunteers' IndiaUnheard, Blip and Facebook pages, has been drawing hundreds of visitors who express shock and disbelief. Blip featured this video on it's homepage, while over 3 thousand people watched on our IndiaUnheard site. The number continues to grow.



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