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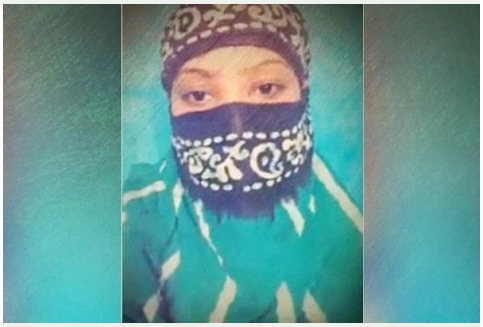
Heer Khan's Video and Religious Justifications for Sexual Violence

Original analysis by **Swati Goel Sharma**

The author argues that extremist Islamist ideas can lead even women to endorse sexual violence against women of another faith. She cites Heer Khan's video calling for sexual violence against Sita and figures on abductions of women in Bengal from 1922 to 1927 that B R Ambedkar reproduced.



Heer Khan

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- Heer Khan was arrested on 25 August after an FIR citing charges including promoting enmity and intent to incite, the report records.
- Sharma's criticism centres on Khan targeting women as unbelievers, making the proposed sexual violence religiously directed in the author's reading.
- The analysis argues that ideological influence can lead a woman to advocate sexual crimes against another woman because of her religion.
- The closing demand urges opposition to ideas behind religiously targeted violence and calls on women's rights activists and public figures to speak.

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