“Promote gender equality and empower women” is one of the eight Millennium Development Goals that the United Nations adopted in the year 2000 and aims to achieve by 2015. Gendered Arrangements, an initiative of the Women’s and Gender Studies program in the department of Sociology at Virginia Tech, is in response to the third goal of promoting gender equality and empowering women. Spearheaded by Manisha Sharma, a Visiting Assistant Professor of WGS, the project Understanding Female Feticide in India uses a visual and digital rhetoric to explore a gendered arrangement.

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