

A Case Study of Crime Against Women In India and Its Impact

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Abstract: Crime against the women in all countries is frequent. Physical and sexual assault by her husband and family members have a very bad impact on psychological and physical impact on her normal life. Crimes of such nature are increasing rapidly in India. Poor economic background and low level of education leads to the violence against women. The main reason of domestic violence on women in India is male dominance. Disparities in society like caste, gender, sexual orientation, manifest itself in crimes against women. Strict laws will help in bringing down these crimes. Not only will this cultural and social awakening education of women also help us to stop crime against women.

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INTRODUCTION

Over the past few decades the world has witnessed phenomenal growth in standards and quality of living across the globe. India has also witnessed a huge growth in its economic sphere. However growth is not development. This is a perennial topic of debate... Growth and development are not always interrelated. Ideally economic growth should bring about social development but this does not always happen. Development is providing opportunities to every individual to develop their full potential, to realize their dreams freely with confidence without any barriers. In a developed society, every individual enjoys equal opportunities, dignity and respect. In such a society social, cultural, economic religious or gender bias is nonexistent.

According to World Health organization report on Violence against Women, published on 29th Nov 2017, one in every three women worldwide faces physical and/or sexual abuse from her intimate partner or non partner at least once in a lifetime, That is 35% of women in the world go through this experience. Some more alarming findings by WHO report is globally almost 38% murders of women are committed by their intimate partners.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study is conducted through descriptive and analytical methods. Analysis of previous studies and reports on such issues and is based on secondary data. This study is conducted to analyze the crime against women in India.

OBJECTIVES

1. To understand the kind of domestic crimes that happen against women
2. To understand the circumstances under which domestic crimes against women happen
3. To examine the impact such abuse on the life of the victim
4. To examine the legal protection available to victims of such crimes in India

Although the report of Hindustan Times the leading news paper of India dated 07-05-2022 says that there is dip of 8.3% crimes against women in India in 2020 as per NCRB. But still in ground there is bad situation. Still there are some parts both rural and urban, weather educated or illiterate male commits crime both physically and sexually. Still 90% of molestation and rape cases are not registered in police stations.

Over the years, sexual harassment has taken a lot of time to be recognized as a real issue. Nonetheless, it is a start that can protect people from this harassment. The essay on sexual harassment will take you through the details. Sexual harassment comes in many forms and not just a single one. It includes when someone tries to touch, grab or make other physical contacts with you without your consent. Further, it also includes passing comments which have a sexual meaning. After that, it is also when someone asks you for sexual favours. Leering and staring continuously also counts as one. You are being sexually harassed when the perpetrator displays rude and offensive material so that others can see it. Another form is

making sexual gestures towards you and cracking sexual jokes or comments towards you. It is also not acceptable for someone to question you about your sexual life or insult you with sexual comments. Further, making an obscene phone call or indecently exposing oneself also counts as sexual harassment. Sexual harassment can impact a person severely. It may stress out the victim and they may suffer from anxiety or depression.

Moreover, it can also cause them to withdraw from social situations. After that, the victim also starts to lose confidence and self-esteem. There may also be physical symptoms like headaches, sleep problems and being not able to concentrate or be productive.

There are a lot of controversial and sophisticated issues, which are related to children, to their education, up-bringing, physical and emotional health. There are a lot of studies and researches conducted with the aim to study the peculiarities of children in various situations, the best ways to avoid problems and potential conflicts. Apart of scientific researches and reports, some portion of information, related to these topics, is presented in media. Further on the basis of the examples of three articles from non-scientific magazines, we will try to investigate and analyze the presentation of the issues of children emotional abuse in modern media and its impact upon the readers.

In the article *What Is Emotional and Psychological Abuse in Children*, written by Elea Carey, there is a lot of general theoretical information about children emotional abuse, which is presented in a rather easy-to-perceive form. The author explains that “Emotional and psychological abuse in children is defined as behaviors, speech, and actions of parents, caregivers, or other significant figures in a child’s life that have a negative mental impact on the child.” (Carey, 2015, p. 2). Some parents are not aware of the fact that the term emotional abuse could be compared to children neglect. According to another definition, emotional abuse is exactly a kind of neglect as a usually applied pattern of attitude towards child, which has negative impact upon his emotional development and later his sense of self-worth. There could be various examples of child neglect, including threatening, letting a child become a witness of physical or emotional abuse of other people, insulting and so on. In reality there are a lot of types of behavior which could become child abusive and some experts assume that at the moment not even all of them were thoroughly reported and studied. The world is a beautiful place to live in. It is the biggest blessing that we as human beings have got from the almighty. Thus, it is our duty to protect the beauty and integrity of our world. One auspicious element of human life, as well as the world, is childhood. Children are not only the hope for the future but also instrumental for maintaining our present happy status. These young minds are the source of betterment and newness in the world today and the time to come. Well, each one of us knows the value of children and respects their individuality. But, few sick-minded people ill-treat children and take undue advantage of their credulity. They not only make these children work under unhealthy conditions but also load them with hard work. It is looking at these dark truths of the society that governing bodies passed certain laws to protect children's rights. These rights stand against any act that supports child abuse or affects mental or physical health. When we talk about child abuse, we usually perceive that child abuse is related to physical abuse or violence as a tool to abuse. But this is not the complete scenario. To understand child abuse, you need to evaluate the various patterns of the behavior being observed. According to these patterns, you can take a deeper dive into understanding the various types of child abuse. As per a survey, out of 61% of the adults, approximately 1 out of 6 reported that they had faced more than four types of abuse. The different kinds of child abuse faced by children worldwide help you gain clarity about the issue. Further, to help you enlighten your knowledge, given below are some different types of child abuse that we come across in our daily lives: (Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences Violence Prevention Injury Center CDC, 2020).

Dowry is basically the cash, jewellery, furniture, property and other tangible items given by the bride’s family to the bridegroom and his parents during the event of marriage and this system is called Dowry System. It has been prevalent in India since centuries. Dowry system is one of the evil systems prevalent in the society. It is said to be as old as the human civilization and is rampant in many societies across the globe. Dowry system entails giving huge amount of cash, jewellery and other gifts to the groom’s family by the bride’s parents as a condition at the time of marriage. The system was put in place due to a reason in India and that was that until a few decades back the girl child did not have any right over the parental property and other fixed assets and was given liquid assets such as cash, jewellery and other goods to give her a fair share. However, it has turned into an evil social system over the years.

The wealth and property that parents intend to give her daughter as a part of the dowry so that she can be self sufficient at the new place is unfortunately, in most cases, all taken by the groom’s family. Besides, while earlier this was a voluntary decision of the bride’s parents it has become more of an obligation for them these days.

Many cases of brides being tortured physically and emotionally for not bringing enough dowry have come up. In many cases, the bride turns to her family to meet the demands of her in-laws while others end up giving their lives to end the torture. It is time the government of India should take strict action to stop this evil practice.



CONCLUSION

Violence and crime against women is a global phenomenon it requires urgent attention. Every woman is entitled to a fear free and respectable life. And it's our responsibility to create such a society where a woman is able to live with dignity and respect. Not only because it is a human right but because only then we will foster a mother, daughter and sister who creates loving families and children who respect each other. It's a Nation building activity at the grass root level. Just laws to protect women are not enough. What is required is a social and economic freedom to women to resist such acts and building a society where men respect women. Social media, cultural events, and festivals can play an important role in building this culture. Government awareness programs advocating women safety, protection and respect will bring about changes in the attitudes towards women.

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