

Society Class 07

17th August, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (11:04 AM)

### → • Definition:

- Any gender-based violence which leads to mental, physical, and sexual harm is referred to as violence against women.

### → Statistics:

- According to the **NCRB**, there is a **4% increase** in violence against women in 2022 as compared to 2021.
- <sup>31.4%</sup> ~~31%~~ of the violence against women falls under cruelty by the husband and the relatives.
- There exists a regional variation with maximum cases in Delhi followed by UP.
- According to the **NCW**, in 2021, there was a **21% rise** in violence against women. (time of COVID) (NCW report says there were rise of 46% domestic violence in first 8 months of 2021)
- UN Women cited this as a **'shadow pandemic.'**

no intention  
to report

- **86% of the women never reported violence against women. Out of this, 77% have not even discussed the violence.**
- **Out of 14%, only 7% could reach the appropriate authority.** (14% had intention to report but only 7% could reach)

### → • Causes:

- i) **Institutionalization** of patriarchy.
- ii) Different processes of socialization.
- iii) Objectification and commodification of women.
- iv) Economic dependence of women.
- v) Traditional cultural practices, female genital mutilation, Child marriage etc. (bz resisting them will lead to violence.)
- vi) Structural limitations and institutional weaknesses,
- For example, there is a lack of stringent laws, a lack of proper implementation, a lack of gender-sensitive attitudes, and a lack of certainty.
- vii) Some acts such as alcoholism, gambling, drug abuse, etc.
- viii) Increased participation of women in the labor market acts as a threat to the hegemony of ~~women~~ males.
- ix) Similarly in a nuclear family due to a lack of social support system the women act as a cushion to vent the frustration of men which also leads to increased violence against women.

We can draw some conclusion from here -

-> Violence against women are rising.

-> Many women have no intention to report the cases because there is always a fear that if you report then -

-> Your domestication will take place because chastity of women is associated with purity of caste.

-> Women is considered as prestige of family so if anything goes wrong with sexuality and chastity of women then it is considered that family has lost the prestige.

-> They will be ridiculed that you herself may invited such kind of behavior.

-> Lack of women in law enforcement bodies.

### • Question:

**Q:** • Despite an increase in legal provisions violence against women is on the rise. Discuss. (2016).

**Ans:** REASONS FOR PERSISTING CHALLENGES DESPITE LEGAL EFFORTS (11:45 PM)

- Reasons:
- i) Lack of judicial implementation of the provision leads to poor conviction rates and delayed justice.
- ii) Lack of efforts with respect to **attitudinal change**.
- iii) Fear of **stigmatization**.
- iv) Lack of awareness among women with respect to rights and entitlements.
- v) Lack of economic opportunities which denies them autonomy.
- vi) Underreporting of cases due to known accused, fear of retaliation, fear of social isolation.
- vii) **Patriarchal bargain**. leads to lack of social support for the victims.
- viii) Lack of political culture in the favour of women.
- ix) **Laxity** on the part of law enforcement and the investigating agencies.
- x) Lack of proper infrastructure such as functional street lights, CCTV cameras, and mobile police vans.
- xi) Lack of criminalization of crimes like marital rape.
- xii) Corruption of the value system (Like lack of moral education from beginning)
- xiii) Cyberbullying and digital harassment have increased. due to rise of technology.
- xiv) **Broken window theory** when for a petty crime a person is not reprimanded then the chances of committing heinous crimes in later stages are very high.
- xv) Glorification of violence against women in the entertainment media.
- xvi) **Trivialization** of patriarchal culture.
- xvii) Bystander apathy. (person who is standing at you is apathetic about concerns of others)

**Conclusion -**

- According to Andre Beteille, "*Law determines the direction in which society should move but it's the culture which determines the direction in which society actually moves.*"
- **Question:**
- Explain the paradox where on one hand violence against women justifies strong laws whereas on the other hand same laws have been misused by some women.

Supreme court said this as "new legal terrorism".

- > Revenge seeking attitude.
- > Lack of penalties provision in the case of misuse of laws.
- > Gender stereotype which presumes that man is a culprit.
- > Corruption of value system where goals of material success is more important than legitimate means.
- > Lack of gender neutral laws.
- > Improper scrutiny of cases.
- > There exist desacralization of marriage hence divorce and separation is no longer a taboo.

A/o to NCRB only in 10% cases law has been misused so repeal of law is not the solution but its better regulation is necessary.

## IMPLICATIONS AND WAY FORWARD (12:05 PM)

- **Question:**
- In ~~Against~~ the **backdrop** of an increase in violence against women, critically examine its implication at the individual as well as collective level.
- **Way forward:** (answer of this question or implications will see in pdf of violence against women)
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### Short terms measures

Self-defense training

Establishing fast-track courts

Setting up helplines, mobile apps

More CCTV and focus on women-friendly mobility measures

Social innovations Ex: All mahila police station,

Mahila police volunteers, one-stop centers etc.

More awareness workshops for women

Strict patrolling and vigilance at night

Explore the potential of community policing and mohalla committees

Educating children about good and bad touch

Social media outreach, create redressal mechanisms with respect to cyber violence,

Use of technology to create gender-friendly infrastructure and space

Creating a social support system for women to discuss their issues

### Long terms measures

Moral **overhauling** of the society

Value-based education without any **ideological coloration**

**Gender sensitization of all stakeholders**

**Destigmatization of violence against women**

Bringing behavioral change through Nukkad Natak, charismatic personalities, or **IEC** campaign

Engage with men and boys as agents of change. For example **He4She** campaign

Educational reforms, respecting <sup>Women's</sup> rights with respect to bodily autonomy

Strengthening women's organizations and associations

**Intersectionality approach** to be adopted with respect to all marginalized communities

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (12:35 PM)

- • **Reasons for increased instances of domestic violence:**
  - i) Nuclear families are more prone to domestic violence.
  - ii) Cultural acceptance of domestic violence.
  - According to the Gender Social Norm Index by the **UNDP**: (data of 75 countries having 80% population)
  - 25% of men and women believe that it is okay for a husband to beat the wife.
  - 40% of them believe men are better political leaders and 50% believe men are better corporate executives.
  - iii) Lack of alternative opportunities i.e. lack of parental support and financial dependence on women.
  - iv) **Changing socio-economic relations, especially in urban areas.** With respect to **rural areas**, it is the issue of violence against **young widows** or when women are **unable to bear a boy child.**
  - v) Disruption of social life due to factors like Covid.
  - (In the context of Uttar Pradesh initiatives like the **Bell Bajao** campaign or Suppress Corona Not Your Voice were taken to address domestic violence)
  - vi) Lack of criminalization of marital rape.

#### DOWRY (12:50 PM)

- **Suggestions:**
  - i) Promoting the concept of Adarsh marriages i.e. **affluent** people restrain from lavish marriages.
  - ii) Stigmatization of the practice of dowry, for example, naming and shaming or mohalla committees.
  - iii) Stopping the glorification of the gifting culture.
  - iv) Outlawing extravagant weddings. (fijul kharchi wali shadi ko illegal kr dena)
  - v) Ensure the girl child gets her share in ancestral properties.
  - vi) Efforts to increase the financial independence of women.
  - vii) **Vicarious** reinforcements should be resorted to to set good examples in society.
  - viii) Mass awareness drives regarding the negatives of dowry and making a people's movement.
  - ix) Strict implementation of laws in letter and spirit.

Because of globalization -  
 -> Consumerism has increased hence culture of dowry got strengthened.  
 -> There is more show off and which increases dowry culture.

#### SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORKPLACE (1:10 PM)

- According to a report by **FICCI**, 25% of the MNCs have yet not constituted an Internal Complaint Committee.

and 36% of Indian companies

- Approximately 70% of the women do not report the cases due to the following reasons:
- i) Lack of understanding of sexual harassment along with **gaslighting**.
- ii) A lack of faith in the complaint mechanism.
- iii) Fear of retaliation, social exclusion, and domestication.
- iv) Due to stigma associated with the status of women.

**TOPICS OF THE NEXT CLASS: Diversity**

- > Nisha Sharma case
- > Rupam Deol Bajaj case