



Essay on Crime Against Women

Key Points

1. Introduction

- 1) Aggression, violence and crime against women who comprise about 49 percent of the population is a serious issue for us.
- 2) India is traditionally a male-dominated country where women have to face various violence in the society from the ancient time. They are suppressed and subjugated by the men in this patriarchal society.
- 3) They have been victims of the humiliation, exploitation and torture.

2. Body

1) Present Situation –

- Cases of murder, rape, molestation, sexual abuse and eve-teasing etc
- Discrimination/ harassment at work, domestic violence etc.
- Use of money and muscle power to save accused. Politics in the name of caste, religion etc. Global Gender Gap Index 2017 – India at **108th** place.
- A 2017 report by Global Peace Index had claimed India to be the **fourth most dangerous** country for women travellers.

2) What has been done –

- Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961,
- Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013
- Indian Divorce Act, 1969
- Awareness among women and strict punishment for culprits

3) What to do –

- Prevention should start early in life, by educating and working with young boys and girls promoting respectful relationships and gender equality.
- More laws for protecting women and fast track courts for crime against women. Training for self defence/martial arts etc.
- Capital punishment for heinous crimes like rape, acid attack etc

3. Conclusion

- 1) Violence against women and girls is rooted in gender-based discrimination and social norms and gender stereotypes that perpetuate such violence.
- 2) Women are so helpless in the Indian society where many female goddess are worshiped.
- 3) A behemoth social revolution is needed to root out this evil from Indian society and give respect and recognition to our women.

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