

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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The discussion has been going on about the existence of women since primitive till today. But no solution came out in the society so far. Everyone is claiming to have them behind the doors and making them domestic slave. Despite being known this fact, we are speechless and are not being made to take any hard step against those who are involved in making their lives worst.

Women have always been the most vulnerable and oft-exploited of the society in any age, any time, any place and any society. They have been since age's victims of humiliation, torture, exploited and violence. Violence does not mean physically harming someone. It can be mental, psychological and emotional as well. Violence, in its broadest sense, has been described as "an act of a person which encroaches upon the freedom of another". Violence can be an overt threat or overt applications of force which aims at harming or destroying a person or his reputation. Even the intent of causing harm and injury to someone is considered as an act of violence. Violence against women can be categorized under three broad headings of (1) criminal violence as rape, abduction or murder, (2) domestic violence which includes dowry – deaths, wife battering, sexual abuse, maltreatment of widows or elderly women and lastly (3) social violence which forcing of a wife or daughter in law to go for female foeticide eve-teasing, refusing to give a share to women in property, forcing a woman to commit sati or harassing a woman for any other cause.

Since the very primitive time, the condition of women was pathetic. Dowry in the country, the practice of endowing the groom by the bride's family, is a tradition, which has changed its intentions from giving a gift to demanding for astronomical amounts which has bankrupted lots of families and made many girls either to commit suicide or being murdered. The downfall in the morality and ethnicity is a great concern. Views are being expressed over the decline of values in the public life. Even then the condition is getting on worse to worse. There has been a wide and critical collapse of moral values in all walks of life and a perilous decline in the human dimension in global, political and trade relations and national economy. Today whatever is happening with women is the result of the decline in the morality and ethnicity. Some days ago whatever happened to an innocent girl in Delhi it was heinous act done by the persons who were morally and ethnically down. But our youths awake up on this incident and started movement against this. Due to this, the main accuseds are behind the bars. The hard action and law and regulations are made by the judicial committee. It is true that this heinous act was the outcome of narrow-mindedness of the people. But it seems that women are responsible for this type of activity. The Times of India stated "why not happened this type of act with the respected lady?"¹

The harassing and exploitation with women causes of women. The girls commit suicide because of dowry, but the question is who enforce them doing so? The answer will come only as women. Today who is making a girl fashionable? The answer will be only women. How can a man be responsible for this type of activity? In the male dominate society, women are dominated

still the incidents are increasing day to day because they have become themselves vulnerable persons of the society. But instead this, they will also understand that their role is important to prevent this type of act which happened to them. For this, they will have to raise their voice and start the movement against them who consider women a weak character.

The time has come that we all should work together to maintain our safety and security even if we have to start the movement against ourselves and our system because our system is handicapped and corrupted. Hence we should not believe in the system but try to change or amend it so that we may ensure our girls or women security.

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