



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN INDIA: A POST GLOBALISATION SCENARIO

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Abstract

Women in India through the ages have been victimized, humiliated, tortured and exploited. There have been incidents of murder, rape, abduction and torture from time immemorial. Domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of behaviour in any relationship that is used to maintain power and control over an intimate partner. The expansion of globalization, modernization and liberalization widespread the world is exercising its unnoticed influences to redefine 'marriage, love, relationships, friendships and families. The influences of globalization and society are persuading the marriage and family structure and norms to a huge extent. Institution of family and marriage have established a new meaning. In globalization period, dating culture, drug culture, pub culture, living relationship, contract relationship, and sexual violence are unescapable problems in India. Domestic abuse can be physical, psychological, economic threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviours that Husband's alcoholism, drug addiction, comparison of beauty, Dowry Demands, Refusal to bring money from parent's house, Partial fulfilment or non-fulfilment of promises made at the time of marriage, Birth of girl child repeatedly frighten, manipulated, hurt, humiliated, blamed, injured or wound someone. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. It can happen to couples who are married, living together or who are dating. Real change in these cases can only be brought about by changing the mindset of society through education and better law enforcement. Rapid changes during the last few decades due to social pressures of urbanization, resulted marriages and family ties are weakening. Unemployment, employment security and poverty is a major cause of crime against women. Excessive drinking results in starvation for the family members, assaults and quarrels between husband and wife, between father and child, desecration, beating, cruelty, etc. The maladjustment, misunderstanding and attraction of artificial things in globalization may arise conflicts between wife and husband. Real change in these cases can only be brought by changing the mindset of society through education and better law enforcement.

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Introduction

In India, a woman is seen as a divine and worshipped as the incarnation on one hand but on the other hand, she is discriminated against and victimized by the norms created by the male dominated society. She has not been given her legitimate place and status in the society even after all the civilization and cultural revolutions. No religion can give equal rights to the women similarly with the man in all respects. Unfortunately, the man-made laws could not correct the historical inequality where it is possible. A report of the United Nations Organizations points out that women constitute half of the world population, performs nearly two- third of work hours receive one- tenth of the world's income and own less than one-hundredth percent of world's property.

The problem of violence against women in the family is not new In Indian society. Women in our society have been the victims of torture and exploitation from the time immemorial irrespective of the fact. Family is the first agency, which provides emotional and material support to its members. It serves as socialization and social control. Human development can only be improved by enriching family life. The patriarchal family system does not give equal importance to all members as role, power and status are strictly determined by age and gender. Moreover, family being considered as a private domain,



abuse, exploitation, inequality, injustice, discrimination and violence are allowed in our patriarchal structure. Family is the source of love, sympathy and support, but also the source of inequality, exploitation and violence.

The constitution of India prohibits any discrimination based on the ground of sex in general and in the matter of public employment. This has given the status of a fundamental right. Various other laws have been enacted to deal with the personal matters like marriage, divorce and succession etc., of the women. The criminal law also contains numerous provisions to deal with the crimes committed against women enactments like the dowry prohibition act, supplement the existing criminal laws to combat the evil of dowry. Number of labour and industrial laws provide for the protection and welfare of women in dangerous activities.

Globalization is the interconnection of peoples and places as a result of developments in transportation, communication and information technologies that lead to political, economic and cultural integration. The process of globalization that settings the world uses its unrecognized influences to redefine 'marriage' and 'family'. The process of globalization includes the process of modernization and urbanization, which has an indirect negative effect on the family environment. Fluctuations in the process of socialization, changes in practices, etc. Globalization and market forces significantly affect the family structure and the rules of marriage. This new meaning of family is frequently dictated by market forces. The formation of family is shrinking from big joint families to small nuclear families to individual or constituted by single person.

The process of globalization has both positive and negative consequences. On the one hand, this new freedom encourages the adoption of such a process and allows the nuclear family to democratize and discuss better living conditions. Women will find their freedom to enter the job market and earn enough to buy all the physical necessities. Modernity has promoted women's empowerment through legal reforms, education, economic, social mobilization and political power for personal autonomy and gender justice.

Effects of globalization

Changing the structure of the marriage

Indian marriage systems are undergoing a major transformation due to the impact of globalization on basic social beliefs and institutions. The marriage system can be assessed by comparing and contrasting customary and fashionable wedding practices. The customary system is marked by the prominence of organized marriages, with "conventional matchmakers" focusing mainly on forming alliances between both families, such as family heads and relatives. In such a marriage, the bride and groom play only a small part in making the marriage-related decision.

However, contemporary marriage is based on the understanding between a married man and woman and the feelings of family elders. New "intermediaries" have emerged, such as the media (marriage columns) and marriage support, which contribute to the development of the information system and the marital environment across the country and sometimes internationally. Likewise, there is a major change from the intellectual and fiscal characteristics of the bride and personality traits and the career prospects of the groom.

In ancient times, people lived in joint families and it was easy to find a bride or groom from the relatives of family members. Joint families broke down and people began to move to cities for work. So an



alternative system is needed to find the best bride and groom. And came to the print media such as newspapers and magazines. As well as came the audio-visual media. Today, print media and the Internet provide an easy and quick way to find a suitable partner. The new media has taken on the role of “wedding organizer” who can be a priest or a relative.

Violence related to marriage, market and dowry

The main effect of globalization is to increase the expression and existence of worldly pleasures and luxuries essential to dowry. Markets are filled with home appliances such as refrigerators, home theatres, vehicles, gold and diamonds. Platinum, costly kitchen items, sofas. It is expected that the bride's family will present the latest model of these branded items as a dowry or gift during the wedding. It depends on the prestige and status of the family. Dowry (and in some cases bridal price) has always had a global presence in Indian marriage. The list of items in the dowry or the list of items to be gifted to the groom's family has changed over the years according to market trends. Anyhow, they are all in somehow practising. If the boy foreign educated and earning much money, they demand more dowry and the more luxurious items.

Men's roles continue to change, but for women, they place an additional burden. Looking at wedding advertisements shows that men's families are looking for a fair, slim, round face, long hair, good height, international standard educated, decent family. Some even, hint the expected dowry. They also expect a working woman. Some additions to all this, the woman also needs to be homely, know how to cook, and be able to manage the house. Also the dowry is not reduced despite all the features that have the woman.

Economic Violence

Now in the context of globalization, many multinational companies are providing short-term contract jobs (without job security); Reductions, layoffs and relocation to low-wage areas / countries are pushing more families into extreme poverty. Women and children are more vulnerable in this situation. Women and children are increasingly being trafficked across the country and across borders. If a man loses his job, his ego shrinks and begins to take revenge on woman. He blaming her. He is more likely to commit all kinds of violence against her.

Drug abuse

In the globalization, drugs are available in many places. The illicit drug usage is close associate to violence. At this time, cocaine, amphetamines and marijuana use are associated with an increased risk of intimate partner violence. Chronic drug abuse is associated with an increased risk of intimate partner violence by men. Similarly, men and women of sound and rich are consuming drugs.

Technology Development

Harassment on the Internet and mobile sites. This can lead to cyberbullying and trolling. Creating fake profiles of women with the intention of harassing - defaming, slandering and damaging their reputation. Consensual exchange and harmful distribution of personal belongings, including intimate photos and explicit sexual images / text.

Some statistics show that 58 per cent of respondents to the 2016 online violence survey conducted by the Feminism in India portal in India experienced online occupation of 500 individuals (97% women and 3% transgender). Trolling, Intimidation, Abuse or Harassment "In 40% of cases, the perpetrator is known to the victim. In many of these cases, the women continued to experience violence from offline to online spaces.



Interest of NRI marriages

Now, there has been a radical change in marriage and its purpose, with men and women getting married for money, going abroad for a life partner, many NRI men are cheating women. Men are torturing them in foreign country.

Media

Ocean media has had a major impact on the daily lives of many who use sites such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, both positively and negatively. Worldwide, there are nearly 3.5 billion people who use social media - a good portion of them use these sites every day. Because many people are connected on social networks, the users and content shared on these pages have the potential to reach hundreds of people who know anyone. For victims of domestic violence, social media is a dangerous place where those who abuse them can publicly insult their ex-partners effectively and with foresight.

Moral and Psychological Environment

Rapid changes during the last few decades due to social pressures of urbanization, compelling mobility have put the traditional Indian values in melting pot and resulted in a moral and psychological atmosphere which is highly cryogenic. Sacramental marriages and family ties are weakening. There has been virtually disintegration of joint family which provided an emotional safety and gave physical support to all its members. It has exercised control over its members and played an important role in teaching children's basic values like truth, honesty, tolerance and concern for other etc. The joint family absorbed the weak in its fold. It was a world in itself where everyone had a place. Each member found an appreciative audience within the family though he may have been out of place in world without it offered worth and intimacy to its members and provided them with an identity. There was no sense of alienation.

All this has changed due to economic necessities has made to work both men and women a compelling necessity. People have shed the creed of stoicism of simple living and high thinking. They want more out of life, a flat, a home theatre and luxury car etc. The matrimonial advertisements are for working wives. This situation results in many problems. Nuclear families are characterized by working parents who are trading a fight between home and work. The domestic household is isolated. There is no mother-in-law or sister-in-law to manage the children when the wife goes out to work. The family looks inwards upon itself, there is an intensification of emotional stress between the husband and the wife and parents and children. The family entirely depends on its own resources. The nuclear family become like an overloaded electric circuit. The demand for dowry is made. The result is tension, indiscipline, conflict and frustration which show itself in behaviour pattern of the members and results in increasing rates of crimes, especially against women.

Alcoholism

Many crimes committed under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The evil effect of alcohols results in heavy damage of the mind and the body and results in susceptibility to crime. Excessive drinking results in starvation for the family members, assaults and quarrels between husband and wife, between father and child, desecration, beating, cruelty, etc. Alcohol-related crime illustrates a reckless disregard of time space and circumstances.

Marital Maladjustment

Marital maladjustment is the causes of a large number of crimes against women in matrimonial homes as well as outside. The maladjustment may arise both because of the personality characteristics of the



husbands as well as that of the wife and the environment in which the marriage functions. Comparison of beauty with others in skin colour, hair, zero size, stylish walking etc.

Conclusion

In the globalization era many new causes causing to domestic violence. Due to liberalization, there is no job security, hire and fire jobs, unemployment, media impact, comparison of wives in beauty, dowry, gold, earning, position, prestige, education etc. social media also influences on human mind. Interest of NRI marriages causing domestic violence, in software jobs there is no time to meet wife and husband. Wife doing night shift job, husband doing morning shift job. There is no mutual understanding, no patience among couples. Not giving respect to paternal and maternal relatives. Running away to money, artificial things and artificial enjoyment. Women doing house work and office job, which is not recognised by men. Living relationship, dating culture increasing, extra marital affairs, swapping culture, drug addiction, due to pub culture late night coming. There is no scope to Human values and social values. Total education system transforming into technical. Only money earning and employment generation courses encouraging from kinder garden to higher education institutions. Social media impact, social science subjects are not encouraging in society. Re production health problems between couples. Due to too much interest and protection of beauty, not interest to give birth to children. In globalization era, many and many reasons are causing to family breakup and domestic violence.

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