

## RAPE: DEVIANT ACT OF GENDER SUBORDINATION A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY

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**Abstract:** "According to section 375 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) defines rape. Rape (from Latin rapio, to carry off, to overcome) means an unlawful intercourse done by a man with a woman without her valid consent" A woman creates life, nurtures it guards and strengthens it. They have an important role in the development of the nation. It is a matter of great pride that we live in a country where womanhood has been put on pedestal for worship. The main purpose of this research paper will be to investigate the status of women in Indian cultural system. This paper mainly cover the crimes against women especially rapes .Women are the only oppressed group in our society that live in intimate association with their oppressors. Women are neither safe in home nor outside the home. Rape is the fourth most common crime against the women in India. Rape is an act of violence. It is an attempt to control and degrade womanhood using sex as weapon. This paper will reveal how crimes like rape are increasing in India? Whether patriarchal system is one of the prominent reason behind such kind of crime or not? Male has invented rape as a tool for controlling women's sexuality. It is also a way to show their domination and to control women's mobility. The present paper will unfold the connection between rape and gender inequality. Rape and the fear of rape enable men to assert their power over women and maintain the existing system of women's oppression. This paper will search that Is it a deviant act or result of gender disparity? Rape is more likely to occur in societies where women are regarded as the sexual and reproductive possessions of men. In such societies men sustain their power and privilege and enforce their sexual rights through threat and use of force. This research paper will discuss various mechanism that are responsible for crimes like rape and the society mentality against these crime..Constitution have provided many safeguards to women but practically they are still facing many problems in daily lives and this study will explain what kind of laws are made for women safety for rapes by Constitution of India. The study will also provide some appropriate suggestions to reduce this threat from Indian society.

**Introduction:** Rape is an indictment which exists in our society from ancient time. The literal meaning of word rape is "the ravishing or violation of a woman." Rape or any sexually assaulted activity causes a long lasting distressing experience throughout life. Rape is crime , mostly motivated by men with selfishness,anger, power and to revenge etc. Most of the time rape is initiated by some activities like eve teasing, molestation etc. There is no city in India which can be considered to be safe for female. Eve teasing is a huge issue in many metropolitan cities of India. It depicts incidents of public sexual harassment, street harassment or molestation of women by men. Rape can be happen to any female anywhere in India. But everyone, including the police,the travel agencies, the government , public places over the fact that eve-teasing and molestation is part and parcel of daily life in India. Up to 7 in 10 women around the world experience physical and/or sexual violence at some point in their lifetime.

Rapist is not new in our society actually they are part of our society and live with us . Some physiological or mental condition turned him a Rapist .Most of the times rape cases are not reported due to social status. Some how we can say that our society is equally responsible for rape incidents ,because our social structure always blames women for such incidents like rape, eve teasing and the most worst scenario occurs when our society does not accept the victim

.Rape is the fourth most common crime against women in India.

It is very hard to understand that We worship goddess like Laxmi , Saraswati , Durga for money,knowledge and power but Can't respect real goddess that lives in our home or society.

Even we consider Rivers as goddess .Our society is dual in terms women treatment.

**Society on rape:** Our Society is not so mature in dealing with crime against women .because our society think that most of the crime against women are initiated by women , either that is eve teasing ,molestation or Rape. Even i was very shocked after watching the documentary on 16th December 2012 Rape incident in Delhi ,in the interview one of the Six rapist named Mukesh Singh had said that "A Girl is far more responsible for rape than a boy, because a decent girl won't roam around at 9 o'clock at night .Housework and housekeeping is for girls," he claimed, "not roaming in discos and bars at night doing wrong things, wearing wrong clothes. About 20 percent of girls are good."If women are not "good," he said, men have a right to "teach them a lesson" by raping them. This is most horrifying statement he said. The problem is not that what he thinks, most catastrophic point is that ,He belongs from a lower class of society and He just spoke about his thoughts that what people like him thinks about women in some of the society.

We live in a patriarchal Society .where social rules are customized according to male Either in wearing the clothes or any other Activity .Let's take a small example if a Girl wear sorts she is considered to be ill-mannered.My question is that how can you judge a girl by her clothing?

Rape is considered to be very uncommon crime against women in India That's why socially a Family want to hide rape cases, thinks what people would say about this .Actually they are not just hiding these crime but indirectly they are helping those criminals to go for another one.

"The National Crime Records Bureau of India suggests a reported rape rate of 2 per 100,000 people, much lower than reported rape incidence rate."

Women are neither safe in home nor outside the home .Most rapes are committed by known people either they are family members or neighbours.

**Reasons of Rape:** There are many reasons of rape.

**Mentality:** The passe mentality of Indian has been a reason for the increasing number of rapes in India .Our mentality is so accustomed that a women are made only for work inside house .This mentality factor can be seen in some states like UP , Haryana , Rajasthan where ' Khap Panchayat ' exists .I want to discuss an incident of Haryana where a rape accused was released only by saying sorry in front of whole village ,means there is no place of women's feeling and pain that she would feel throughout life .Even the victim feel victimization of society .Our society mentality is that a Tom boy type of girl is easily approachable,

**Lack of values:** If we go inside our country's history we'll find that Our moral values were very high specially in terms of respecting a women that's why women are worshipped in our Country but now slowly we are forgetting our values in the race of modernization .

**Forcing rape victims to compromise:** Rape victims are often forced by the elders of family in villages or Panchayats with the family of accused and drop charges or even to marry the attacker. Such compromises are aimed at keeping the peace between families or villages. They forgot the rape victim concern respective to their families or villages.

**Lack of Skilled Police forces:** There are not enough police in our country to handle ordinary citizens. The available officers are often lack basic evidence and investigative equipment and training and to handle rape case there should to well trained police force that handle these sensitive crimes .Let's take example of Delhi police one of the largest metropolitan police forces in the world with some 84,500 officers and only one third force are involved in any public policing rest are involved to provide protection to politicians, senior bureaucrats, diplomats and other officials. According to the Times of India there is one

officer for every 200 citizens and about 20 officers for every VIP .

There are others reasons of rape like lack of fast courts , Gender inequality,strict laws etc.

**Statistical data on rape :**To understand more about this hazardous crime let's understand the statistical figure of rapes .

1. India is the 4th dangerous country in the world for crime against women .
2. -The most horrifying fact is that most of the rape offenders are known to the victims. NCRB statistics shows that 31,807 (94%) were familiar to the accused, which includes neighbours (10782), other known persons (18171), relatives (2315) and parents (539) in 2013.
3. Madhya Pradesh has recorded the maximum rapes in 2013 among all other states with 4,335 followed by Rajasthan with 3285, Maharashtra 3063 and Uttar Pradesh 3050.
4. Despite Several protest After Nirbhaya incident in Delhi Our National Capital is at top most unsafe city in India The number of rapes in Delhi has almost doubled from 585 in 2012 to 1,441 in 2013 followed by Mumbai (391), Jaipur (192) and Pune (171) .

**Laws against Rape:**The definition of rape has been changing from time to time. so the law.

Changes in rape law has been done in 1983 .Before, the punishment prescribed under Section 376 of the IPC provided for a maximum sentence of life imprisonment but there was no minimum limit. Thus, in theory a rapist could get away with a sentence of say, just one month.

After Nirbhaya incident in Delhi a committee was formed so as to study the scenario and make recommendations to amend the present laws for effective prosecution of sex offenders. More than 80,000 suggestions from the public were considered and the committee submitted a report in which it was mentioned that the root causes behind crimes against women were the failures on the part of the Government and police. Subsequently, the Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013 was promulgated. According to the new law rape convict can be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than 20 years, and can extend till his natural death in rarest of rare case like Nirbhaya incident . Rape convicts who are repeat offenders can be sentenced to death.

**Conclusion:-** We are in the era of modernization where everyone is moving very fast despite all these thing we should transfer our values to our next generation .This is the basic way to reduce number of rape because we can't left everything for government. After 2012 the number of reported rape case are increased means people are very sensitive towards these types of crime and our society does not want to hide rape cases. Our police require some more power

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and effective training to handle rapes, and the most important thing is that we have to be responsive against these crime and there should be some strict

law .I am very hopeful that in future our society would have a safe place for women.

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