

Chapter 6

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Social Obstacles in Women's Empowerment

Contemporary Indian society has been exposed to the broad processes of social transformation, agricultural modernization, economic development, urbanization, rapid industrialization and globalization. However, these processes have generated regional imbalances, sharpened class inequalities and augmented the gender disparities. Hence, women have become critical symbols of these growing imbalances. All these have affected adversely the various aspects of women's status in the contemporary Indian society.

The growth of a society might get hampered due to many obstacles and one of the major obstacle is crime against women. This social obstacles against women is a major concern for women where empowerment of women is being so sought after. The empowerment of women gets jeopardized due to various crimes against them.

In India, NCRB compiles status of all crimes getting recorded in the system. For administration purpose crime against women has been categorised under several heads.

In this Chapter, a study on time series as well as state-wise occurrence rate of various crimes against women have been done, including the status of disposal of cases of crime against women by Police as well by Courts of Law. A special focus on rape victims have been laid and also sex-wise profiles of suicide victims have been provided. The Chapter has following tables-

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Crime against Women

It has been observed that 'Cruelty by husband and relatives' continues to be the highest recorded crime against women (36%) followed by 'assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty' (24%). Constantly, five percent of the total cognizable crime falls under the category of crime against women in 2014. There has been gradual increase in overall crime figures with major increases in Rape, Kidnapping & Abduction and assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty.

As reported by NCRB, 69% of the total crime cases against women have been disposed off by police during 2014. Maximum disposal to the extent of 76% of total cases for investigation is in respect of assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty and protection of women from domestic violence and least (58%) in reported cases of Kidnapping & abduction of women. Maximum 18% of total cases for trial have been convicted for attempt to commit rape followed by dowry prohibition act(13%) overall conviction is 9% of total cases for trial by court in 2014.

Rate of incidence of Crime

The rate of incidence of crime against women per lakh women is reported maximum (11%) in the states of West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. Among major states, in West Bengal and Assam, approximately every fifth reported crime is against women.

Rape Cases

The maximum number of rape case victims,(44%) is in the age group of 18-30 years whereas 1% of all rape victims are under 6 years of age. Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have more than that of 10% each of the all India rape victims during 2014.

Suicide Cases

The suicide rate among females is approximately half that of males and there has not been much variation in the suicide rates over the last 10 years. The prevalence of suicides is approximately 75% for person having below secondary level of education. Family problem is the major cause of suicides among both the genders, 23% for females & 21% for males followed by illness, 18% for both the genders.

Study of reported suicides reveal that among women suicides, approximately 47% are housewives, 64% are married and 76% are matriculate or below. Among male suicides 67% are married and 73% are matriculate or below.

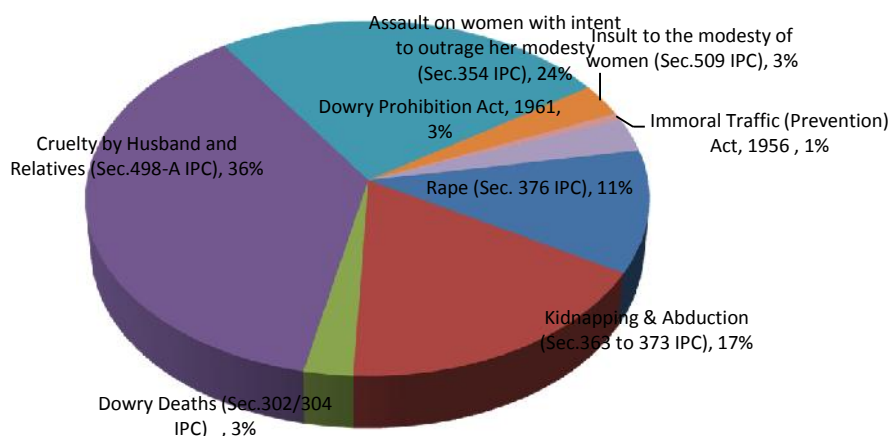
6.1 : Year-wise Status of Crime Committed Against Women

Crime Head	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% Share in 2014
Rape (Sec. 376 IPC)	16496	18359	22172	24206	24923	33707	36735	11%
Kidnapping & Abduction (Sec.363 to 373 IPC)	15023	15750	29795	35565	38262	51881	57311	17%
Dowry Deaths (Sec.302/304 IPC)	6995	6787	8391	8618	8233	8083	8455	3%
Cruelty by Husband and Relatives (Sec.498-A IPC)	45778	58319	94041	99135	106527	118866	122877	36%
Assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty (Sec.354 IPC)	32940	34175	40613	42968	45351	70739	82235	24%
Insult to the modesty of women (Sec.509 IPC)	11024	9984	9961	8570	9173	12589	9735	3%
Importation of Girls from foreign country (Sec.366-B IPC)	64	149	36	80	59	31	13	0%
Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956	9515	5908	2499	2435	2563	2579	2070	1%
Indecent Representation of Women (Prevention) Act, 1986	662	2917	895	453	141	362	47	0%
Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961	2876	3204	5182	6619	9038	10709	10050	3%
Total Crime Against Women	141373	155552	213585	228649	244270	309546	337922	100%
Total Cognizable Crimes Under IPC + SLL	5938104	6675217	6750748	6252729	6041559	6640378	7229193	
% Crime Against Women to Total Crime	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	

Source: Crime in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

IPC : Indian Penal Code & SLL : Special and Local Laws

Share of Crimes against Women in 2014



6.2 : Disposal of Crime Committed Against Women Cases by Police During 2014

CrimeHead	Cases Reported during the year	Total Cases for investigation	Cases in which charge-sheets were submitted	Total cases Disposed off by police	% Disposed of total cases for Investigation
Rape	36735	51623	30840	35590	69%
Attempt to commit Rape	4234	4672	2781	3369	72%
Kidnapping & Abduction of Women	57311	84685	26044	49150	58%
Dowry Deaths	8455	13270	7653	8597	65%
Assault on Women with intent to outrage her Modesty	82235	101164	66462	76388	76%
Insult to the Modesty of Women	9735	12970	8144	9077	70%
Cruelty by Husband or his Relatives	122877	168760	97081	117822	70%
Importation of Girls from Foreign Country	13	59	20	35	59%
Abetment of Suicides of Women	3734	4267	2403	2598	61%
Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961	10050	15931	9007	10770	68%
Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986	47	105	54	66	63%
Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005	426	457	312	349	76%
Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (Women Cases only)	2070	2702	1881	1911	71%
Total Crimes against Women	337922	460665	252682	315722	69%

Source: Crime in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.3 : Disposal of Crimes Committed Against Women Cases by Courts During 2014

Crime Head	Cases Sent for Trial during the Year	Total no. Of Cases for Trial during the Year	Cases Convicted	Cases Acquitted or Discharged	% cases convicted of total no. of cases for trial
Rape	30840	125433	4944	12705	10%
Attempt to Commit Rape	2781	4806	149	867	18%
Kidnapping & Abduction of Women	26044	109035	2655	9136	8%
Dowry Deaths	7653	40477	1672	3389	8%
Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage	66462	258104	8422	21573	8%
Insult to the Modesty of Women	8144	36734	1212	4566	12%
Cruelty by Husband or his Relatives	97081	499642	6425	40428	8%
Importation of Girls from Foreign Country	20	224	6	24	11%
Abetment of Suicides of Women	2403	9151	154	860	9%
Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961	9007	31741	472	4145	13%
Indecent Representation of Women	54	980	79	90	9%
Protection of Women from Domestic	312	481	9	38	8%
Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (Women	1881	6614	461	488	7%
Total Crimes against Women	252682	1123423	26660	98310	9%

Source: Crime in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.4 : State-wise Rate (per Lakh Women) of Incidence of Various Crimes Committed against Women during 2014

State/Uts	Rates of Crimes								Incidence of Crimes		% of All India Crime against Women	% of Crime against women to Total Crime within State
	Rape	Kidnapping & Abduction	Dowry deaths	Cruelty by husband & Relatives	Assult with intent to outrage her modesty	Insult to modesty	Dowry Prohibition Act	Total crimes against women	Total crimes against women	Total cognizable crimes		
A & N Islands	12.3	0	1.2	5.4	15.8	1.9	0	44.2	115	2868	0%	4%
Andhra Pradesh	3.8	1.1	0.8	25.1	17.9	10.5	1.8	65.1	16512	139882	5%	12%
Arunachal Pradesh	13.6	3.3	0.2	6.9	19.8	0.5	0	57.4	351	3038	0%	12%
Assam	12.8	25	1.2	62.1	20	0	0.6	123.4	19139	97401	6%	20%
Bihar	2.3	9.4	2.8	9.5	1.2	0.1	4.5	31.3	15383	195040	5%	8%
Chandigarh	8.5	6.2	0.3	20.3	12.6	0.3	0.3	62.3	432	4678	0%	9%
Chhattisgarh	11.4	2.1	1	7.6	16.8	0.6	0.1	49.6	6255	343811	2%	2%
D&N Haveli	2.6	0	0	3.2	1.1	0.5	0	11.1	21	297	0%	7%
Daman & Diu	1.9	0	0	1	2.9	0	0	14.6	15	252	0%	6%
Delhi UT	23.2	0	1.7	35.2	47.9	15.1	0.1	169.1	15265	165562	5%	9%
Goa	10.5	0	0	3.9	22.3	6.3	0	53.9	488	7472	0%	7%
Gujarat	2.9	4.7	0.1	20.6	4.6	0.6	0.2	37.2	10837	422299	3%	3%
Haryana	9.6	7.2	2.4	28.3	13.7	0.8	0.1	73	8974	115469	3%	8%
Himachal Pradesh	8.3	5.1	0	9.5	15.7	1.8	0.1	44.4	1517	17122	0%	9%
Jammu & Kashmir	5.7	4.1	0.1	8	24.4	4.1	0	57	3321	25453	1%	13%
Jharkhand	6.6	5.1	2.2	9.1	2.8	0.1	9.6	37.4	5972	51656	2%	12%
Karnataka	4.4	0.7	1	10	17.4	0.6	5.7	46	13914	163003	4%	9%
Kerala	7.5	0.5	0.2	27.2	24.2	1.4	0	63	11380	610365	3%	2%
Lakshadweep	2.5	0	0	0	2.5	5	0	10	4	115	0%	3%
Madhya Pradesh	14	6.5	2	17.8	26.5	1.2	0.3	79	28678	374169	8%	8%
Maharashtra	6.1	1.9	0.5	13.7	17.8	2.8	0.1	47.6	26693	384815	8%	7%
Manipur	5.9	8.1	0.1	3.2	7.8	0	0	26.7	337	4509	0%	7%
Meghalaya	8.8	0.7	0.1	3.1	7.8	4	0.1	28.8	388	3983	0%	10%
Mizoram	23.7	0	0	1.6	19.2	5.7	0	51	258	2575	0%	10%
Nagaland	2.7	0.2	0	0.3	1.4	0.1	0	6	67	1671	0%	4%
Odisha	9.5	6.3	2.1	15	26.7	1.8	3.1	70.4	14606	93657	4%	16%
Puducherry	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.6	4.4	1.1	1.9	10.6	77	4582	0%	2%
Punjab	7.4	6.1	0.7	12.7	8.4	0.3	0	41.1	5425	64974	2%	8%
Rajasthan	11	6.9	1.2	46.7	17.6	0.1	0	91.4	31151	268558	9%	12%
Sikkim	15.8	0	0	1.7	11.4	1	0	36.9	110	1265	0%	9%
Tamil Nadu	1.3	3.1	0.3	6.1	3.2	0.7	0.9	18.4	6325	505079	2%	1%
Telangana	5.4	1.4	1.6	35.3	17.7	6.3	3.1	78.3	14136	127706	4%	11%
Tripura	13	4.3	1.8	38.3	26.8	0.6	0.1	88	1615	5759	0%	28%
Uttar Pradesh	3.5	7.3	2.5	10.4	8.6	0	2.1	38.3	38467	2633805	11%	1%
Uttarakhand	5.3	0.2	0.7	5.9	6.7	0.1	2	27.4	1395	179923	0%	1%
West Bengal	3.3	2.7	1.1	51.9	12.6	1.2	0	85.4	38299	206380	11%	19%
ALL INDIA	6.1	5.1	1.4	20.5	13.7	1.6	1.7	56.3	337922	7229193	100%	5%

Source: Crime in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.5 : State-wise and Age-wise Rape Victims during 2014

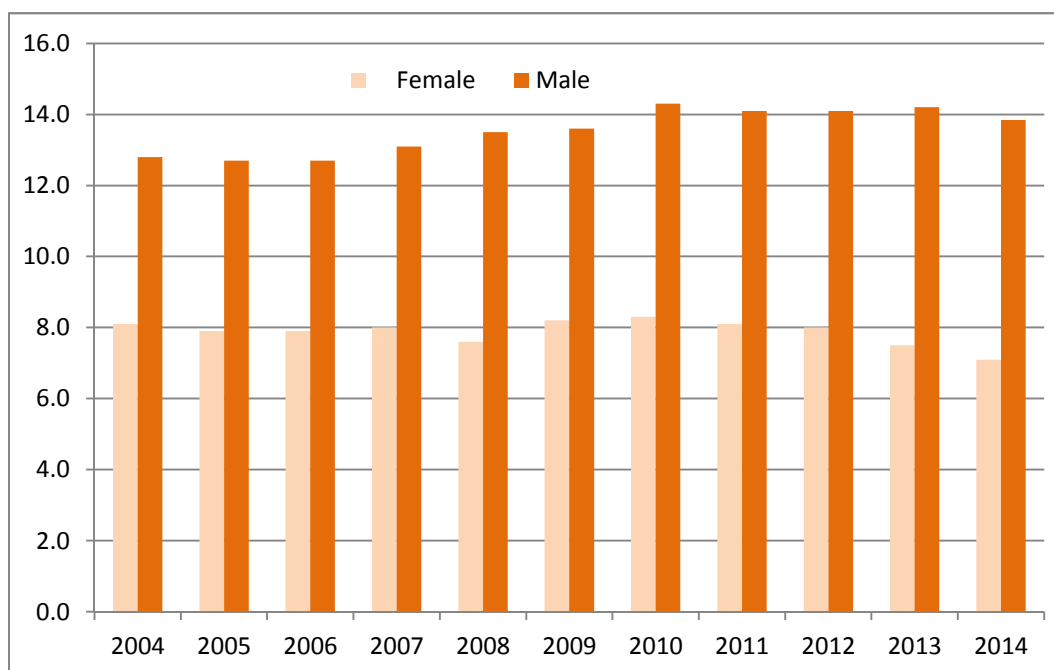
State/Union Territory	Below 6 years	6-12 years	12-16 years	16-18 years	18-30 years	30-45 years	45-60 years	Above 60 years	Total	% to All India Victims
A & N Islands	2	2	13	3	9	2	1	0	32	0%
Andhra Pradesh	20	38	198	223	382	85	9	7	962	3%
Arunachal Pradesh	4	15	8	16	32	7	1	0	83	0%
Assam	0	14	32	79	1210	646	66	0	2047	5%
Bihar	2	6	32	63	911	155	0	0	1169	3%
Chandigarh	4	2	12	14	15	9	2	1	59	0%
Chhattisgarh	21	46	384	355	439	174	17	0	1436	4%
D & N Haveli	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	5	0%
Daman & Diu	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0%
Delhi	71	128	386	423	806	272	15	1	2102	6%
Goa	5	7	18	28	32	8	1	0	99	0%
Gujarat	18	23	109	144	394	142	13	3	846	2%
Haryana	25	42	183	169	562	193	8	3	1185	3%
Himachal Pradesh	5	21	56	53	97	49	3	0	284	1%
Jammu & Kashmir	0	14	11	12	204	86	5	0	332	1%
Jharkhand	1	12	36	33	731	249	3	0	1065	3%
Karnataka	23	75	220	381	512	111	7	3	1332	4%
Kerala	20	105	233	405	344	208	31	11	1357	4%
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
Madhya Pradesh	43	123	923	1265	1908	715	96	12	5085	13%
Maharashtra	112	253	731	628	1269	410	53	9	3465	9%
Manipur	6	8	14	10	37	0	0	0	75	0%
Meghalaya	12	19	31	22	43	8	4	2	141	0%
Mizoram	10	34	32	21	14	7	2	2	122	0%
Nagaland	1	1	5	4	21	0	0	0	32	0%
Odisha	7	31	237	480	853	343	28	1	1980	5%
Puducherry	0	0	1	2	5	2	0	0	10	0%
Punjab	8	34	207	229	358	133	12	2	983	3%
Rajasthan	8	49	318	452	2073	692	161	17	3770	10%
Sikkim	2	21	20	4	3	3	1	0	54	0%
Tamil Nadu	22	59	216	382	359	91	6	3	1138	3%
Telangana	29	87	226	242	292	71	27	5	979	3%
Tripura	8	23	50	44	99	16	5	0	245	1%
Uttar Pradesh	53	174	659	653	1410	470	45	4	3468	9%
Uttarakhand	5	24	33	22	136	49	1	0	270	1%
West Bengal	0	0	0	0	956	439	67	4	1466	4%
All India	547	1491	5635	6862	16520	5846	690	90	37681	
% to All Age	1%	4%	15%	18%	44%	16%	2%	0%		

Source: Crime in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.6 : Year-wise Sex-wise Incidence of Suicides per One Lakh Population

Year	Female	Male	Total
2004	8.1	12.8	10.5
2005	7.9	12.7	10.3
2006	7.9	12.7	10.5
2007	8.0	13.1	10.8
2008	7.6	13.5	10.8
2009	8.2	13.6	10.9
2010	8.3	14.3	11.4
2011	8.1	14.1	11.2
2012	8.0	14.1	11.2
2013	7.5	14.2	11.0
2014	7.1	13.8	10.6

Source: *Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India*, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.



6.7 : Percentage distribution of Sex-wise Profile of Suicide Victims by various Parameters during 2014

Profession	No. of Suicides			% of Suicides		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
House wife	20148	-	20148	47%	0%	15%
Service:	1538	8269	9807	4%	9%	7%
(i) Government	414	1786	2200	1%	2%	2%
(ii) Private	936	5243	6179	2%	6%	5%
(iii) Public Sector Undertaking	188	1240	1428	0%	1%	1%
Student	3807	4261	8068	9%	5%	6%
Unemployed	1428	8486	9914	3%	10%	8%
Self-employed:	2928	22974	25902	7%	26%	20%
(i) Business activity	866	9028	6968	2%	10%	5%
(ii) Farming/Agriculture Activity	1471	10889	11772	3%	12%	9%
(iii) Others	591	3057	28548	1%	3%	22%
Retired Person	80	790	870	0%	1%	1%
Daily Wage Earner	1791	13944	15735	4%	16%	12%
Others	10801	30405	41206	25%	34%	31%
Total	42521	89129	131650	100%	100%	100%

Marital Status	No. of Suicides			% of Suicides		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Un-Married	9820	17999	27819	23%	20%	21%
Married	27064	59744	86808	64%	67%	66%
Widow/ Divorcee/Separated	2037	2560	4597	5%	3%	3%
Total	42521	89129	131650	100%	100%	100%

Educational Level	No. of Suicides			% of Suicides		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
No Education	7004	11771	18775	16%	13%	14%
Primary	8527	16493	25020	20%	19%	19%
Middle	8733	17831	26564	21%	20%	20%
Matriculate/ Secondary	7925	19076	27001	19%	21%	21%
Higher Secondary/ Intermediate/ Pre-University	4348	10079	14427	10%	11%	11%
Diploma	385	1124	1509	1%	1%	1%
Graduate and above	1067	2670	3737	3%	3%	3%
Professionals	94	289	383	0%	0%	0%
Status Not Known	4438	9796	14234	10%	11%	11%
Total	42521	89129	131650	100%	100%	100%

Source: Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.8 : Distribution of Suicides by Causes during 2014

Causes	No. of Suicides			% of Suicides		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Bankruptcy or Sudden change in Economic Status	210	2098	2308	0%	2%	2%
Marriage Related Issues	4411	2362	6773	10%	3%	5%
Suspected/Illicit Relation(other than Extra Marital Affairs)	205	253	458	0%	0%	0%
Impotency/Infertility	205	127	332	0%	0%	0%
Other Family Problem	9977	18623	28600	23%	21%	22%
Illness	7663	16078	23741	18%	18%	18%
(i) AIDS/STD	48	184	232	0%	0%	0%
(ii) Cancer	175	407	582	0%	0%	0%
(iii) Paralysis	107	301	408	0%	0%	0%
(iv) Insanity/Mental Illness	2341	4761	7102	6%	5%	5%
(v) Other Prolonged Illness	4992	10425	15417	12%	12%	12%
Death of Dear Person	323	658	981	1%	1%	1%
Drug Abuse/Addiction	91	3555	3646	0%	4%	3%
Failure in Examination	1045	1358	2403	2%	2%	2%
Fall in Social Reputation	129	361	490	0%	0%	0%
Ideological Causes/ Hero Worshipping	13	43	56	0%	0%	0%
Illegitimate Pregnancy	56	0	56	0%	0%	0%
Love Affairs	1727	2441	4168	4%	3%	3%
Physical Abuse (Rape,Incest, etc.)	68	6	74	0%	0%	0%
Poverty	280	1419	1699	1%	2%	1%
Professional/Career Problem	111	792	903	0%	1%	1%
Property Dispute	193	874	1067	0%	1%	1%
Unemployment	242	1965	2207	1%	2%	2%
Causes not known	4955	11308	16263	12%	13%	12%
Other Causes	10617	24808	35425	25%	28%	27%
Total	42521	89129	131650	100%	100%	100%

Source: Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India, National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs.