



A sociological study of domestic violence against women in Bihar

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Domestic violence is one of the crimes against women which is linked to their disadvantageous position in the society. Domestic violence refers to violence against women especially in matrimonial homes. Domestic violence manifests in many ways - spousal, man on woman and woman on man; adults' children and children on adults; woman on woman and man on man. Sometimes, domestic violence also manifests as family wars or clan wars. The percentage of domestic violence is always more in countries where the laws and social norms diminish the status of women. Woman is usually the chief victim of domestic violence. Therefore domestic violence is recognized as a significant barrier to empowerment of women. However, an attempt has been made to study and measure the incidence and prevalence of domestic violence against women and also to keep an eye on men and children who are also being seen victimized these days. An escape from abuse in domestic set ups is almost impossible, correction being a more practical solution.

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