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Honor Killing: A Socio–Legal Analysis With Special Reference to Haryana, India

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ABSTRACT

The research was carried out using a detailed study of the case, content evaluation techniques, and an observational-analytical framework. According to the report, honor-based crime arises when parents are intolerant of their daughters' premarital relationships and marital choices, particularly when these decisions involve marriages between different castes or religions. The study also notes that a significant proportion of killings based on honor are carried out as crimes of passion sparked by unexpected incitement when the girls' families discover the couples in precarious conditions. It has been observed that the traditional beliefs of a culture dominated by males prevent girls from forming connections before marriage or from selecting the men they wish to wed. Honor killings are a common practice with social and cultural context legality due to the society's support and poor enforcement of the law. Thus, despite enacting strict rules and harsh penalties to address the issue, The chapter will deal with the above problems with special reference to Haryana, India.

The report identifies five primary reasons why honor killings occur in Haryana. The primary cause of 47 incidents is inter-caste affairs, whereas relationships between girls and boys from the same gotra (same lineage and clan) account for 17% of

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cases when honor killings occur. Once more, 17% of cases involve the girl's family members being merely obnoxious and intolerant of her relationship with any boy, regardless of his caste, religion, or social status. In an additional 13% of cases, honor killings are motivated by a girl's affair with a boy from the same area. Additionally, 6% of cases involve the prohibition of interreligious or intersect relationships to the point where, if they do occur, they end up being the catalyst for honor killings. It is a well-established fact that much as in other regions of India, intercaste marriage is strictly prohibited in Haryana, especially among the state's rural population and the Jat community in particular. In the State, social stratification based on caste and gotra is prevalent and inflexible. For ages, the endogamic ties between castes and gotras have been supported by the caste and gotra-based Khaps (Caste Councils). In these stories, when the girls and boys form relationships across caste lines and want to get married, their requests are denied, and when the couples defy these bigoted social norms, they are brutally killed. Similarly, tight restrictions exist on intimate relationships and marriages between members of the same gotra.

METHODOLOGY

The primary goal of the research is to perform a thorough examination of the many aspects and characteristics of honor killings in Haryana, India. This research was carried out using a combination of analytical and observational methodologies. With the main emphasis on India, a historical-analytical method has been used to accurately observe the theory, its very nature, and the occurrence of honor killings globally. The recorded approach to case studies as well as the evaluation method was used to conduct the main portion of the study. Individuals associated with the two sides (the family members of the murdered girls and boys) are unwilling to reveal anything to any person, especially someone who is unimportant and unfamiliar, because honor killing is evidently a delicate, discriminatory, and introverted matter related to the honor and societal position of those in concern. As a result, the recorded scenario approach and content analysis method have been used to familiarise oneself with the most thorough analysis. By giving researchers suitable accessibility to the instances of honor killings that occurred within a particular period, the method is used to enhance the research. As a result, attention has been given to one hundred incidents of murder for the honor that happened in the geographic region of Haryana between 2005 and 2013 and were reported by The Tribune (an English daily newspaper).

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