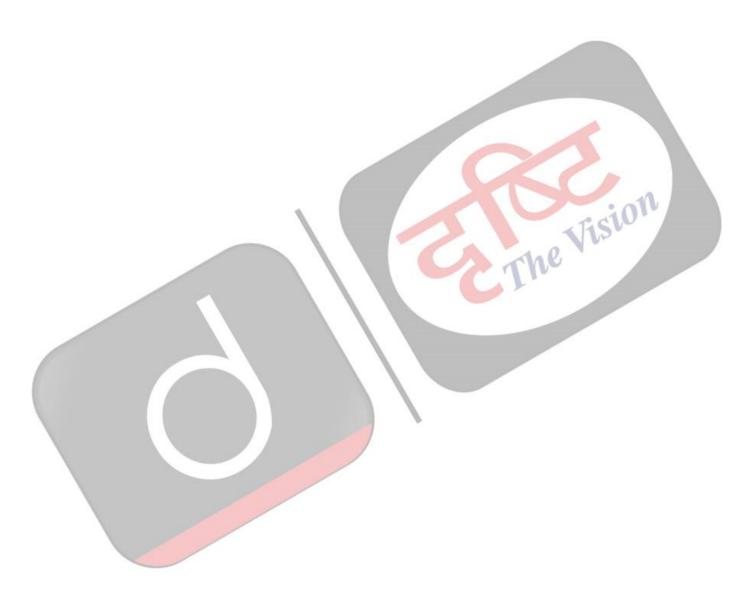


## **Domestic Violence Against Women**

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Domestic violence refers to any form of abuse, whether physical, emotional, sexual, or economic, within the confines of the home, family or domestic unit.

National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS), 2019-2021

- (9) 29.3% of married women experienced domestic/sexual violence
- (9) 3.1% of pregnant women suffered physical violence during pregnancy
- (9) 87% of married women who are victims of marital violence do not seek help

Legal Frameworks in India	
Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA)	<ul><li>■Covers physical, emotional, sexual, and economic abuse</li><li>■Provides various orders for protection, residence, and relief</li></ul>
Indian Penal Code, 1860	■Section 498A deals with cruelty by a husband or his relatives ■Criminalises acts of cruelty, harassment, or torture
Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961	■Makes giving or receiving dowry a crime
Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013	■Section 354A amended the IPC to include new offenses related to sexual harassment in cases of domestic violence
National Commission for Women Act, 1990	■Safeguards women's rights and plays a key role in addressing domestic violence
The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006	■Prevent child marriages and prohibit domestic violence against child brides.

## **Global Initiatives**

- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW):
   Adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly
  - Eliminating discrimination against women in all areas of life
- UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women (DEVAW): First international instrument explicitly addressing violence against women
  - Provides a framework for national and international action

- Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces: Flagship program by UN Women
  - Preventing and responding to sexual harassment and other forms of violence in public spaces
- Beijing Platform for Action (1995): Identifies specific actions for governments to take to prevent and respond to violence
- SDG 5 (Gender Equality): End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere

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**Read More:** <u>Protection of Women from Domestic Violence, Violence Against Women, SC on Crimes and Violence Against Women</u>

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