



Incel Movement

Why in News

Recently, the **Incel Movement** has been linked to serious violence around the world.

- The movement came into the spotlight yet again in the UK's Plymouth, where a 22-year-old man shot dead five people, including a toddler.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is a dangerous **online subculture comprising men who identify as 'involuntary celibates'** and regularly express deeply misogynistic views about women.
- Men who are part of this movement harbour a **deep resentment towards both women and other men who are sexually active.**
- They **blame women for their own lack of sexual and social status.** While views tend to vary, some believe that sex is their right — something that is owed to them by virtue of them being males.
 - An extreme section of Incels even advocate violence against women. However, not all members of the subculture are violent, experts say.

▪ Red Pill & Black Pill Mentality:

- The **black pill** theory, often associated with incels, **promotes the defeatist idea that your fate is sealed at birth** and no matter what changes you try to make, **your sexual capital cannot be altered.**
- **Red pillers**, on the other hand, believe the **world is biased toward women, and see feminism as female supremacy.** They believe there is a systemic bias in favour of women.

▪ Concerns:

- The movement has been **identified as a strand of a broader trend of young white males being radicalised online.**
- It **shares some similarities with the better known alt-right movement**, with both groups attributing society's ills to social liberalism, women and ethnic minorities.
 - The alt-right, an abbreviation of alternative right, is a loosely connected far-right, **white nationalist movement.**
- So far, **incel-related attacks are not perceived as as much of a terror threat** in the US when compared to violent attacks by followers of other violent far-right ideologies, according to an analysis of domestic terror attacks by the New America Foundation.
 - But the same analysis found that **incel terrorism is deadlier than far-left terrorism.**

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