

Lecture Sheet-3**Chapter- 8: Gender Equality****Topic-3: Violence against women****Notes:**

- **At first read the related topic from the text book.**

Violence:

Violence means any behaviour involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something.

Violence against women:

Violence against women means any act of gender-based violence that results in, physical, or mental harm or suffering to women.

Causes of violence against women/ Why are women oppressed:

Amnesty International describes various incidents of violence against women--

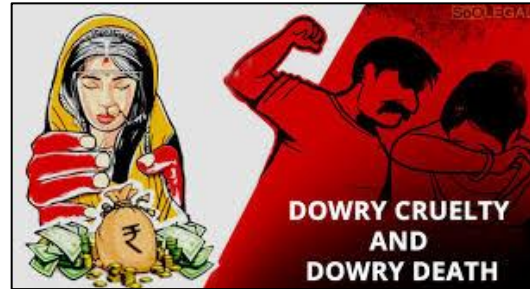
- Women have lower social status than men.
- Murder or attack by acid for failing to pay the requested dowry
(dowry means--an amount of property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage)

- Flogging for religious offences (flogging means--a punishment in which the victim is hit repeatedly with a stick)

(Amnesty stands for -----an independent worldwide organization working against human-rights violations and for the release of persons imprisoned for political or religious dissent. Got the Nobel Peace Prize 1977.)



Acid attack survivor with her child in Bangladesh



Effects of violence against women:

- Dowry system makes women into a burden on society.
- In many cases, girls are not able to go out and make friends without the permission of their families because their families think that may harm their reputation.
- Girls sometimes cannot receive proper education of work because of fear of violence.

Prevention of violence against women:

- The Ministry of women and Children Affairs of Bangladesh works to resist violence against women.
- By stopping all kinds of oppression, injustice and violence against women.
- By creating public awareness among them.
- By providing medical treatment, legal assistance and counseling support etc.



Conclusion:

Violence against women, or gender-based violence, is a worldwide problem - and it's everyone's problem. It exists in virtually every culture on earth.

'Violence against women is a global health problem of epidemic proportions'
Dr Margaret Chan, World Health Organization Director-General.

One in three women will experience violence in her lifetime. Her experience will deprive her of human rights, put her at risk of mental and physical health problems, and potentially trap her in poverty.

PS: * Study the lecture sheet to upgrade your learning curve and you will find answer to the question from work sheet.

*** If you find it difficult to follow the video you can always pause and watch the screen to make it more understandable. Also, everything is shared in the lecture sheet for better understanding.**

*** What you have learnt today, that you have to orally share the lesson with your afternoon teacher.**

Thank you
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