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# Traditional Fermented Indian Foods: A Treasure Hunt for Rare Lactic Acid Bacteria

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Diversity of Indian fermented foods is related to incomparable food culture of each community. Various types of Indian ethnic fermented foods and beverages are produced either naturally or by adding mixed starter cultures using traditional or scientific knowledge of food fermentation (Sekar and Mariappan, 2007). In India, particularly in its hilly states, fermented foods are regularly being consumed by the people since ages (Kore et al., 2012). These traditional fermented foods are untapped treasure hunts for rare Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) with immense health benefits. LAB play an important role in the traditional fermentation processes by their functional properties such as biopreservation, bioenrichment of nutritional value, bioavailability of minerals, production of antioxidants, antimicrobial activities, and probiotic properties (Akbar et al., 2016; Gautam and Sharma, 2015).

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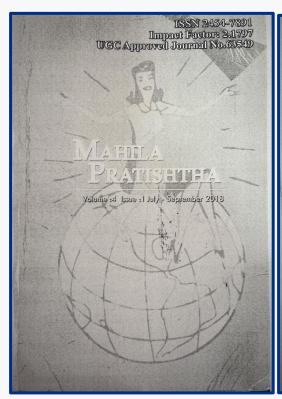
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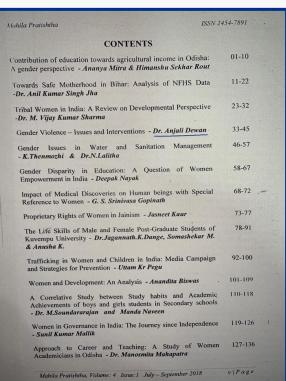
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Gender Violence - Issues and Interventions

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ABSTRACT

Women continue to suffer from increasing tide of violence both inside and outside homes. Domestic violence is an ongoing experience of physical, emotional and/or sexual abused faced by women within the household. It is considered as an accepted norm, part of married life and not as a violation of women's rights. It has a debilitating effect on women's physical as well as psychological health. Noticing and acknowledging the warning signs and symptoms of domestic violence and abuse is the first step towards ending it. It is time that women themselves come forward, start taking their own decisions regarding their life. But this cannot be possible without a change in the attitude and a change in the views of their family members. The need of the hour is not simply to criticize the social or cultural or political structure but the actual empowement of women in all spheres of life. Empowement of women has multiple, inter-related and interdependent dimensions in relation to resources, perceptions and power to take their own decisions. Educational attainment and economic participation are the key components in ensuring their empowement which enhances their ability to influence changes and to create a better society.

Key words: Domestic violence, interventions, sensitization, counseling, Indian Penal code, empowerment.

Introduction

A society that is unable to respect, protect and nurture its women and children lowes its morality and runs adrift. Many centuries have come and gone but the polish of women is not likely to change, In our Indian society, women occupy a vital position. But, this giorification is more or less mythical only because women find themselves totally suppressed. Violence affects the lives of millions of women worldwide, in all socio-economi

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participate fully in society. Violence against women takes a dismaying variety of forms, from domestic abuse and rape to child marriages and female circumcision. All are violations of the most fundamental human rights. Domestic violence is an ongoing experience of physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse faced by the women within the household. The abuser could be husband/and or other members from natal or marital families. It is not specific to any culture or community. It cuts across the boundaries of class, caste, religion, race and education. As we advance into 21st century, the home becomes more of an unsafe place for a woman than it ever was. She is more likely to face violence and resulting injury by men of her family than others. It is all the more paradoxical that while world attention and focus is on improving the status of women through better health, education and employment facilities, the woman is becoming threatened in her very home.

### Estimation of the problem

It is a harsh reality that women have been ill-treated in every society for ages and India is no exception. The irony lies in fact that in our country where women are worshipped as Shakti, the atrocities are committed against her in all sections of life. She is being looked down as commodity or as a slave, she is not robbed of her dignity and pride outside her house but she also faces ill-treatment and other atrocities within the four walls of her house. They are discriminated at two levels, firstly they suffer because of their gender and secondly, due to grinding poverty. Women are deprived of economic resources and are dependent on men for their living. Women workers are often confined to domestic sphere where she has to do all house hold work, which is not recognized and unpaid. In modern times many women are coming out to work but have to shoulder the double responsibility; one she has to work where she is employed and secondly she also has to do all the house hold works, moreover, she is last to be considered and first to be fired as she is considered to be less productive than her counterpart. Her general status in the family and in the society has been low and unrecognized. Patriarchy is a man-made system that oppresses all members of society, regardless of gender. However, in relation to men, women and girls have less power. We understand that factors such as race, age, sexual orientation, ability, economic status and family roles affect people's experiences of gender and the degree of power that they have. As the context shifts, so may the power relationships. Unequal gender relations are maintained through the social construction of gender.

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from childhood we have learned to expect that men and women should behave in certain ways according to their gender, but while these expectations may sometimes give us joy, they also limit and hurt us because they do not allow us to live to our full potential, to define ourselves freely and to express the real diversity of our genders. Gender injustice is a problem that is seen all over the world.

The micro study data from Haryana and Punjab reveal that female deselection is more widespread in educated and upper income groups in the locality. The assumption that development and improvement of life conditions increase the survival quotient for women and improvement of life conditions increase the survival quotient for women and improvement of life conditions increase the survival quotient for women and improvement of proportunities for more women's participation in the economy has in fact increased violence against women in various ways — many a times as a backlash. Practices like wife beating are seen as a constant over time and space whereas those like infanticide, foeticide, witch hunting may either change or merge into different and newer forms like honour killings, acid attacks or sexual harassment at the workplace. Thus the vulnerability of women to violence remains at all stages of their lives. What is perhaps a matter of great concern is that the patriarchal societal system has worked out mechanisms which actually seek to legitimise violence against women. Female deselection will therefore continue in social systems where there are gendered realities and all power relations are based on gender roles and cultural preferences, which favour the survival of the male child. So, it is not the form of violence that is important but an understanding of the entire socio-cultural-political structure of society, which nourishes and sussains the attitudes that translate to violence against women.

Domestic Violence has reached epidemic proportions in India. Even psychiatrists indicate that significant number of patients with psychological disorders have a history of rampant domestic violence. Men have always been taught to perceive themselves as the superior sex, said Jyotsna Charterjee. Director of the Joint Women's Program, a women's resource organization based in New Delhi. It is this conditioning, she said, that makes them believe they have to control their wives, especially if they are considered disordediscut. Although men's precoccupation with controlling their wives declines with age, as does the incidence of sexual violence, the researchers found that the hierse

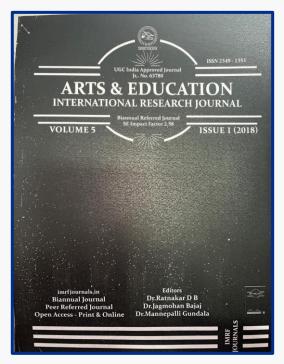
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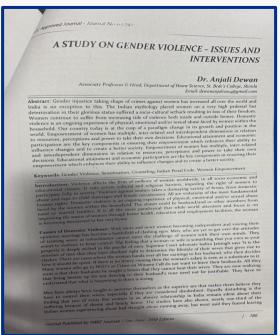


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