

**SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN****Y. Nisanth<sup>1</sup> (131701007)**<sup>1</sup> 2nd year BA.LLB (Honors) Student, Saveetha School of Law, Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Saveetha University, Chennai, India.**Ms.C. Renuga<sup>2</sup>**<sup>2</sup>Assistant Professor, Saveetha School of Law, Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Saveetha University, Chennai, India.**ABSTRACT**

This paper deals with sexual violence against women. Violence against women is now well as recognized as a public health problem and the human rights violation of the worldwide significance. It is an important risk of factor for the women's ill health, with far reaching consequences for both them of the physical and mental health. This glossary aims to the describe various forms of the interpersonal violence that are the directed towards women and the girls. Clear definitions are needed to be able to compare the information across studies and to generate an knowledge base that will allow us to identify the various and overlapping ways in which the violence against women occurs and what actions may serve to prevent it and respond to the consequences. Sexual violence includes the forced sex through the use of the physical force, threats, and intimidation, forced participation in the degrading sexual acts as well as acts such as the denial of the right to use the contraceptives or to adopt measures to protect against the sexually transmitted diseases. Although much the sexual violence occurs in the context of the intimate partner in the violence it can also take place in the many other settings. A sample size of 1584 people were taken as samples for the research. The collected data were analyzed using SPSS software and the acquired processed data were used for the empirical study. A woman can be sexually violated by one or the several people as in gang rapes. The Pearson chi square value is 0.00, which is less than the Pearson value 0.05. The independent variables are age, gender, education, occupation, income. The dependent variable is the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions and the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them.

**Keywords:**

Sexual, Violence, Women, Family, Public Health

**INTRODUCTION**

This paper deals with sexual violence against women. Violence against the women is now well as recognized as a public health problem and human rights violation of the worldwide significance. It is an important risk factor for the women's ill health, with far reaching consequences for both their physical and mental health. There is an need to understand better the magnitude and the nature of the different forms of the violence against women. The term violence against the women encompasses a multitude of the abuses directed at the women and girls over the lifespan. The UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women and defines violence against women as any act based on gender-based violence that results in or is likely to the result in physical, sexual or the psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of the liberty, whether occurring in the public or in private life. This statement defines the violence as acts that cause or have the potential to cause the harm, and by introducing the term gender based emphasizes that it is the rooted in inequality between the women and men. The term gender was based on the violence has been defined as the acts or threats of acts intended to the hurt or make women suffer physically, sexually or the psychologically and which affect women because they are women or affect women disproportionately.

Thus the gender based violence is often used in the interchangeably with violence against women. (Heylen et al.) Both these definitions point at the violence against the women as a result of gender inequality. (Kapilashrami) This inequality can be described as the discrimination in the opportunities and responsibilities and in the access to women

and control of resources that is rooted in the sociocultural and ascribed notion of the masculinity as superior to femininity. (Menon and Allen) A typology of the violence presented in the world report on the violence and the health divides violence into the three broad categories according to and the collective violence. It further can capture the nature of the violent acts that they can be physical, sexual, or psychological, including the deprivation and neglect. (Riecher-Rössler and García-Moreno) This typology gives an comprehensive overview of the violence present in the society and it is relevant for the both women and men and for the different age groups. (Kundapur et al.)

This glossary will concentrate on various forms of interpersonal violence that strike in young girls, adolescents, and the women at reproductive age and beyond showing how the type of violence changes over the life course. (Prasad) The rationale behind this limitation is that family or partner violence is the kind of violence that strikes women most in while community violence is more the common among men. Some culture specific forms of the violence will also been described as they fall into this categorization's **aim of the study is based on the sexual violence against women. To study about the sexual violence against women. To analysis about the violence about women. To study about the sexual violence.**

#### **Review of literature:**

Fierce acts independent of whether they are self-coordinated, relational, or aggregate are regularly ordered as physical, sexual, or mental. Hardship and disregard can be considered as types of mental maltreatment. (Chen and Ullman). Where mental brutality is joined with physical as well as sexual maltreatment for a few settings. (Morgan and Gruber) Coker and partners found that ladies who experienced both physical and sexual savagery scored higher on scales estimating sick wellbeing than did ladies be a marker of increasingly serious viciousness and maybe likewise of brutality escalation. (Abraham) Deliberately incurred wounds are regularly masked as mishaps. On occasion, ladies are genuinely harmed and now and again pass on because of their injuries. (Chakrapani et al.)

Discoveries from various late examinations from different parts of the world demonstrate that somewhere in the range of 10% and 60% of the ladies had been hit or generally past year. (Fineran) The range in these figures outlines not just conceivable genuine contrasts in predominance rates among settings of brutality that make correlations troublesome. (National Research Council et al.) Besides, social contrasts influencing respondents' eagerness to reveal personal accomplice misuse additionally add to making the figures hard to think about. (Ler et al.) Mental, mental, or passionate savagery portray acts, for example, keeping a lady from seeing family and companions, progressing belittlement or embarrassment, monetary confinements, viciousness or dangers against valued articles and different types of controlling practices (Kumar). This type of brutality is increasingly hard to characterize crosswise over societies and nations as it can take distinctive structures (Kelly). hence compelling her to break the forbidden of being spotless and continent. (Hale et al.) In concentrates from Africa, such goes about as bringing sweethearts home, being bolted out of the home, or declining sex were all the more normally distinguished as passionate violence. (Stewart and Chandra)

The forswearing of the directly to utilize contraceptives or to receive measures to secure against explicitly transmitted maladies. (George et al.) A lady can be explicitly disregarded by one or a few people as in assaults. (Kelly and Radford) The terms assault, rape, sexual maltreatment, and sexual viciousness are regularly utilized conversely. (Hollander) Be that as it may, these terms may have altogether different implications and suggestions in changing circumstances and locations. Legitimate definitions may change from therapeutic and social definitions and can likewise differ between nations. (McDaniels-Wilson and Belknap)

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

This research follow non doctrinal type of research and the sampling method used in this survey is random sampling method. This study used both primary and secondary data. The secondary data used form government documents, unpublished thesis, websites, journals etc. The primary data was collected from the respondents using simple random sampling method with structured questionnaire. Independent variables such as Age, gender, educational qualification, occupation, marital status, monthly family income, monthly expenditure etc were also collected. The current paper is based on stratified random method of sampling and the sample size is limited to 1502 and this analysis is done through SPSS tool for acquiring better and accurate result and this survey is taken on Chennai only and most importantly the survey was made in an authenticated way for appropriate results and also tries to reveal the actual truths regarding this

issues. This paper also includes various secondary sources to get through the current issue, but the results will be focused mainly on the primary data.

**Sample size:**

Random sampling method was used for the purpose of this study. There are a total of 1502 samples collected with regard to this study.

**INDEPENDENT VARIABLE:**

1. Age

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1. Elimination of all forms of sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions.
2. Women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them.

**Result and discussion:****Table1****AGE**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 60 and Above	140	9.3	9.3	9.3
46-60 Years	213	14.2	14.2	23.5
36-45 Years	217	14.4	14.4	37.9
26-35 Years	351	23.4	23.4	61.3
18-25 Years	581	38.7	38.7	100.0
Total	1502	100.0	100.0	

**Table 2****Gender**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Female	556	37.0	37.0	37.0
Male	946	63.0	63.0	100.0
Total	1502	100.0	100.0	

**Table 3**

**AGE \* 20. Elimination of all forms of sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions.**

**Hypothesis:**

Ha: There is an significant association between age and sexual violence against women.

Ho: There is no significant association between age and sexual violence against women.

**Crosstab**

		20. Elimination of all forms of sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions.					Total
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	
60 and Above	Count % within AGE	22 15.7%	46 32.9%	3 2.1%	6 4.3%	63 45.0%	140 100.0%
46-60 Years	Count % within AGE	15 7.0%	104 48.8%	37 17.4%	50 23.5%	7 3.3%	213 100.0%
AGE 36-45 Years	Count % within AGE	11 5.1%	53 24.4%	36 16.6%	73 33.6%	44 20.3%	217 100.0%
26-35 Years	Count % within AGE	4 1.1%	31 8.8%	75 21.4%	184 52.4%	57 16.2%	351 100.0%
18-25 Years	Count % within AGE	59 10.2%	247 42.5%	60 10.3%	108 18.6%	107 18.4%	581 100.0%
Total	Count % within AGE	111 7.4%	481 32.0%	211 14.0%	421 28.0%	278 18.5%	1502 100.0%

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	383.105 <sup>a</sup>	16	.000
Likelihood Ratio	417.710	16	.000
N of Valid Cases	1502		

a. 0 cells (0.0%) have expected count less than 5. The minimum expected count is 10.35.

In this above table the question is dependent variable on the age. The people who has the age of above 60 **22** people were strongly disagree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of above 60 **46** people were disagree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of above 60 **3** people were neutral the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of above 60 **6** people were agree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of above 60 **63** people were strongly agree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 40-60 **15** people were strongly disagree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 40-60 **104** people were disagree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 40-60 **37** people were neutral the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 40-60 **50** people were agree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies,

legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 40-60 **7** people were strongly agree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 36-45 **11** people were strongly disagree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 36-45 **53** people were disagree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 36-45 **36** people were neutral the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 36-45 **73** people were agree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 36-45 **44** people were strongly agree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 26-35 **4** people were strongly disagree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 26-35 **31** people were disagree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 26-35 **75** people were neutral the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 26-35 **184** people were agree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 26-35 **57** people were strongly agree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 18-25 **59** people were strongly disagree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 18-25 **247** people were disagree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 18-25 **60** people were neutral the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 18-25 **108** people were agree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions. The people who has the age of 18-25 **107** people were strongly agree the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions

In the above chi-square test the Pearson chi square value is 0.00, which is less than the Pearson value 0.05. The independent variables are age, gender, education, occupation, income. The dependent variable is the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions and the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. There is a significant relationship between the two variables. This proves that the alternative hypothesis is accepted and the null hypothesis is rejected. There is a significant association between age and sexual violence against women.

**AGE \* 21. Women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them.**

**Hypothesis:**

**Ha:** There is a significant association between age and **awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them.**

**Ho:** There is no significant association between age and **awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them.**

**Crosstab**

		21. Women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them.					Total
		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	
AG E	60 and Above	Count 22	27	11	5	75	140
		% within AGE 15.7%	19.3%	7.9%	3.6%	53.6%	100.0%
	46-60 Years	Count 22	37	75	38	41	213
		% within AGE 10.3%	17.4%	35.2%	17.8%	19.2%	100.0%
	36-45 Years	Count 8	59	40	82	28	217
		% within AGE 3.7%	27.2%	18.4%	37.8%	12.9%	100.0%
	26-35 Years	Count 20	46	46	210	29	351
		% within AGE 5.7%	13.1%	13.1%	59.8%	8.3%	100.0%
	18-25 Years	Count 47	73	299	46	116	581
		% within AGE 8.1%	12.6%	51.5%	7.9%	20.0%	100.0%
Total		Count 119	242	471	381	289	1502
		% within AGE 7.9%	16.1%	31.4%	25.4%	19.2%	100.0%

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	583.622 <sup>a</sup>	16	.000
Likelihood Ratio	563.534	16	.000
N of Valid Cases	1502		

a. 0 cells (0.0%) have expected count less than 5. The minimum expected count is 11.09.

In this above table the question is dependent variable on the age. The people who has the age of above 60 **22** people were strongly disagree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of above 60 **27** people were disagree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of above 60 **11** people were neutral the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of above 60 **5** people were agree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of above 60 **75** people were strongly agree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 40-60 **22** people were strongly disagree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 40-60 **37** people were disagree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 40-60 **75** people were neutral the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 40-60 **38** people were agree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 40-60 **41** people were strongly agree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 36-45 **8** people were strongly disagree the women

should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 36-45 **59** people were disagree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 36-45 **40** people were neutral the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 36-45 **82** people were agree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 36-45 **28** people were strongly agree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 26-35 **20** people were strongly disagree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 26-35 **46** people were disagree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 26-35 **46** people were neutral the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 26-35 **210** people were agree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 26-35 **29** people were strongly agree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 18-25 **47** people were strongly disagree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 18-25 **73** people were disagree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 18-25 **299** people were neutral the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 18-25 **46** people were agree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. The people who has the age of 18-25 **116** people were strongly agree the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them.

In the above chi-square test the Pearson chi square value is 0.00, which is less than the Pearson value 0.05. The independent variables are age, gender, education, occupation, income. The dependent variable is the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions and the women should also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. There is an significant relationship between the two variables. This prove that the alternative hypothesis is accepted and the null hypothesis is rejected. There is an significant association between age and sexual violence against women.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

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#### **Conclusion and suggestion:**

This study is based on the sexual violence against women. Violence against women is an serious violation of the women's human rights and of the direct concern to the public health sector and because of the significant contributions that the public health workers could do if properly trained, as they are placed close to the victims, and the possibly well acquainted with the community and its inhabitants. Thus, the local health services and the communities could play an central part in raising awareness among the public to prevent the violence. To openly debate this subject is an way to reduce society's tolerance towards the violence against women. There was an still limited knowledge about what the interventions are most effective for the prevention of the gender based violence, however the documentation and evaluation are the key elements in the building this knowledge and the clear definitions are an important element in this. In the above chi-square test the Pearson chi square value is 0.00, which is less than the Pearson value 0.05. The independent variables are age, gender, education, occupation, income. The dependent variable is the sexual violence against women shall be strengthened through policies, legislative, programs and institutions and the women should

also be given awareness to tackle against the sexual violence against them. There is a significant relationship between the two variables. This proves that the alternative hypothesis is accepted and the null hypothesis is rejected. There is a significant association between gender and sexual violence against women.

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