ABSTRACT

Domestic violence is the most common and widespread form of violence in women’s and girls’ lives around the globe. Women constitute about half of the total population, but they are placed at various disadvantageous positions due to gender differences and bias. Domestic Violence is a universal issue, reaching across state boundaries as well as socio-economic, cultural, racial and class distribution. It is a widespread and deeply rooted evil, which has serious repercussions on a woman’s health and her well being. The present thesis attempts to study the nature and extent of violence experienced by married women, factors leading to domestic violence, the reasons for continuing and quitting the relationship along with looking at the coping patterns and help seeking behavior. Moreover, there are suggestive measures to control, minimize the domestic violence also been discussed in detail.