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Q.1 Analyze structural factors behind violence against women? (12.5 Marks)(250 Words)

Ans. The ethics, values, the morals and culture of our society has been structured from time immemorial in such a way which promotes violence/exploitation against section, which reflects even in Indus Valley civilisation.

However with time various factors led to rise in violence against women across sectors and phases of life.

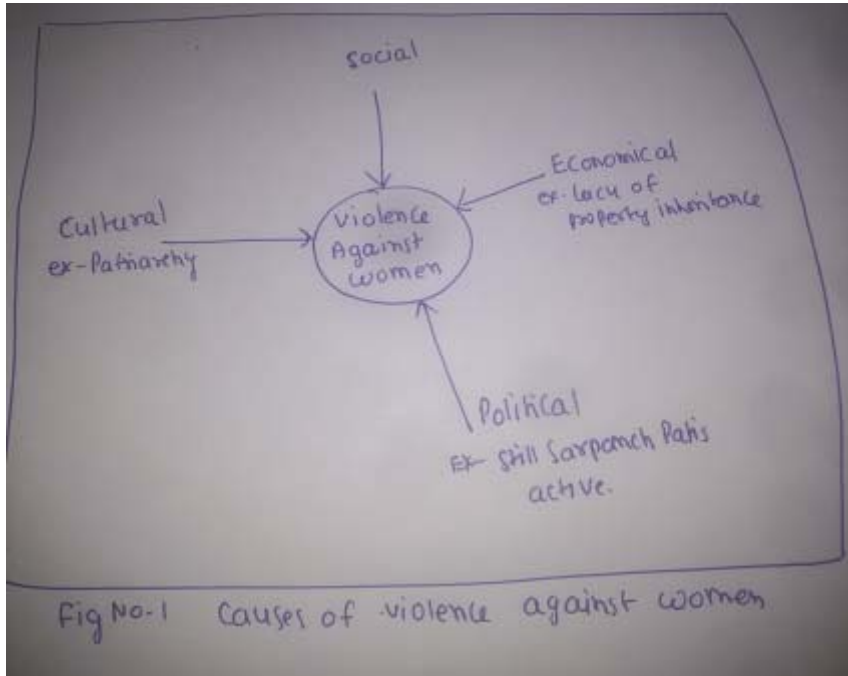
The factors build in structure social institution promoting violence against women are:-

1. Social arrangement in which men hold the positions of respects and power. E.g. Only 11% MP's in India are women.
2. Sub-culture of groups in society which makes them believe violence against women is normal. E.g. Mother-in-law thinks beating by son of his wife is normal.
3. Patriarchy social order maintains that violence continuous throughout history.
4. Sexual division of labour and women to be domesticated promotes violence against women.
5. Aggression learned during social interaction teaches violence by man.
6. Role model presented by electronic media and image of angry young man promotes bias against women. This creates self image of man that he can exploit woman.
7. Poor implementation of law protecting women further promotes violence.
8. The role stereotyping of women limits their true potential and build glass ceiling effect. Ex- School books show women in the role of nurses and school teachers and never in the army uniform.
9. The patriarchal mindset, religious beliefs in last rites etc sows seeds of violence against women before their birth. Ex- Select selective abortion and high infanticide



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Conclusion:

Violence against women is caused by complex factors mainly rooted in structure of social institution, norms and social interaction.

Unless solution is not seen in existing structures and violence against women is taken normal by society formulation of stringent laws and regulation would not help much.

The HeforSHE campaign, 1 billion rising, and present government's Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Kanya Vidya Dhan Yojana, 33% reservation as per provisions of 73rd and 74th constitutional amendment Acts, rise of MNCs and associated job scope for women, Supreme court guidelines in Vishakha case can help in empowerment of women and reduction of various kind of violence against women.