



COMPASSIONATE CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

LECTURE ON **Eve-Teasing**

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Eve-Teasing

1. Definition:

- The act of publicly troubling and annoying women by using offensive language and behaviour
महिलाओं से सार्वजनिक दुराचार (प्रायः अपमानजनक भाषा एवं व्यवहार द्वारा)
- Sexual harassment of a female, especially verbally, sometimes touching them or threatening them usually in a public place by a male. It is also known as street harassment.

2. Kinds:

- Different ways of Eve Teasing
 - Verbal
 - Gestures
 - Action <https://blog.ipleaders.in/eve-teasing/>

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2. Kinds: Specific Examples

Specific examples include making passes, obscene gestures, whistling, stalking, staring, pinching, fondling, and rubbing against women in public places.



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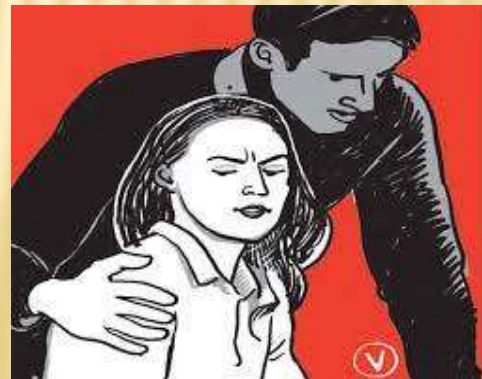
3. Impact of Eve-Teasing on Women and girls

- Victimization, or the threat of victimization, may induce:
 - anger, shame, humiliation,
 - fear of rape, and
 - significant restriction on girls spending time in public.
- Many young women either choose or are compelled by their families to limit their time in public, this affects their:
 - opportunities for education,
 - career, jobs,
 - political roles, and
 - social participation.

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Harassment of women in public places affects:

- Psychology
- Confidence
- Withdrawal symptoms
- Presence of women in public areas
- Sense of insecurity in society
- Restricts Women's mobility



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Why ?

Why do boys and men do eve-teasing?

1. Inspired by the films/movies where stalking or eve teasing is seen as flirtatious E.g.: In entertainment movies
2. Lack of sex education in schools
3. Lack of good friends and get involved in bad company
4. Peer pressure where the rest of the group thinks its OK to tease women as it is seen as a cool behaviour or masculinity.

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Why ?

5. Lack of respect towards women due to religious, cultural or family values
6. Most men in our society view women as an object
7. Weak men try to feel strong by asserting dominance on the innocent victim/women
8. Lastly, males who tease think that females wont react or will not fight back
9. So they see it as an chance to harass or even as entertainment

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1. Laws & Punishments:

- Laws against Eve Teasing – Stringent measures are being taken by the law. Four Sections (292, 294, 354, 509) of the Indian Penal Code enforces legal action.
 - Section 292 – against showing obscene pictures or videos to a girl/woman.
 - Section 294 – against annoying and committing obscenities in a public place
 - Section 354 – against assaults or uses criminal force against a woman with the intent to offend
 - Section 509 – against violates a woman's privacy or insults her modesty by speaking, making a gesture, or displaying an object

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Laws & Punishments:

Punishments

- Section 292 – will be fined a sum of ₹2000 with two years of rigorous imprisonment, if the offence has been committed for the first time. In the event of a repeated offence, the guilty will be fined with ₹5000 and has to spend five years in prison.
- Section 294 – either a fine or a term of imprisonment, which may be extended to 3 months.
- Section 354 – will be punished with either description of imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, with a fine, or with both.
- Section 509 – simple imprisonment for a term that may reach one year, a fine, or a combination of the two.

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SHE Teams

- The concept of SHE teams in Telangana state was launched on 24th October, 2014
 - With the aim of curbing eve-teasing in all aspects, in all forms, at all places,
 - Providing safety and security to women in the society,
 - Facilitating healthy environment for women's mobility
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- Leading to confidence in women to fulfill the commitment of Telangana state Government
 - For safe and secure society to women
 - It was extended to all Districts in 2015.



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SHE Team – Aims

- Zero tolerance policy towards women safety .
- Places & timings where eve teasing is prominent, identified and plotted, and placed under surveillance of SHE teams.
- Stalkers are identified and brought to the CCS Police Station.
- Counselling is done along with stalker family members in Police station.
- Violator's activity sheet is prepared and kept in central database and his activities are monitored on regular basis.
- Legal action will be initiated as per provisions of Law.
- Stringent action will be initiated (According to Nirbhaya Act), if he comes to adverse notice again and again, repeatedly.
- Victims name and identity will be kept confidential.
- Dial 100 will be the help line to lodge all complaints by the victims in this regard.
- SHE TEAMS which are already in the field will swing into action immediately after receiving the call.

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What can be done to prevent Eve Teasing?

- a) **Girls and women** should react and resort to self defence or else call the help line 100 or the SHE Team
- b) **Boys and men** should intervene and try to admonish the violator and if that doesn't work, should call the helpline
- c) **Schools and colleges** should hold awareness sessions and try to bring in a gender equality environment with each gender inculcating respect for the other
- d) **The Family** should:
 - **Make her aware** –Tell her about her personal space and it's not okay for anyone to stand/sit too close to her in public places
 - **Train her to be alert.**
 - **Give her confidence**
 - **Keep communication channels open**

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Project Work

Possible Issues- Subjects For Interviews - Questions

Subjects for Interviews: Girls, women, boys, men, parents, religious leaders, police officers, elected representatives

Issue: Eve Teasing

Subjects for Interviews: Girls, women

Possible Questions: What is their reaction when they get teased
In what ways it affects them, What actions they have taken, if not, why not?

Subjects for Interviews: Boys and Men: Did you ever eve tease. What do you feel about it now. What do you feel when you see other boys and men eve teasing. Do you do anything to prevent it. What:

To Parents: Do your girls complaint to you about eve teasing.
What is the best solution for eve teasing: stop girls from public places / train girls in self defense / any other

What do you do

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Possible Issues- Subjects For Interviews - Questions

Subjects: Religious Leaders

Possible Questions: What does your religion say about eve teasing

Do you preach against eve teasing in your sermons / congregations- How often

What will you do to prevent eve teasing

Subjects: Police Officers / SHE Teams

Possible Questions: How serious is the problem of eve teasing

Who can help in preventing eve teasing

How are SHE Teams helping in preventing eve teasing

Subjects: Elected Representatives

Possible Questions: Do you discuss about eve teasing in your Panchayat / Municipal/ Assembly

Will you make prevention of eve teasing a point in your election Manifesto

What other actions will you take as a public representative to prevent eve teasing

Start thinking of Issue you will select, Subjects you will interview, Questions you will ask and one action you will take to address the Problem.

Experts will help you with your Project Work.

Time to Act

Think of one thing you can and will do to spread awareness about harms of Eve Teasing and Need to Eliminate it

Thank You!