



Domestic Violence Against Women in Bangladesh: A Comparative Study on the Perception of Educated and Non-Educated Class.

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ABSTRACT

This paper tries to analyze perception of educated and non-educated class about domestic violence against women. To know the objectives, descriptive research design has been followed. Sample size is found out by applying systematic random sampling used. For quantitative method, survey method has been used and for qualitative method, case study method has been used. Here, the Likert scaling (1-to-5 rating scale) has been applied for some variables. Data has been analyzed by using SPSS, Univariate and bivariate has been done. For hypotheses testing, F- test used to test the degree to which two or more groups vary or differ in an experiment.

The findings suggest that the perception about domestic violence against women was difference between educated and non-educated class. Most of the respondents (50.4%) think that violence means physical and mental torture but only 8% thinks it means physical, mental and verbal abuse. Again, 14.4% respondents view in that violence means doing anything against one will. 95.2% respondents say that there is difference in the forms of violence between and in laws house when only 4.8% find no difference. Only 27% educated and 9.8% non-educated respondents opined that dowry is the main reason of domestic violence, 2.7% educated and 5.9% non-educated told that women are the enemies of women, 18.9% educated and 11.8% non-educated told that only because of poverty domestic violence takes place. 21.6% educated and 25.5% non-educated respondents think that for women's suppression tradition and custom is responsible.

This study may help to government to take appropriate policy to stop the domestic violence against women.

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1.0 Introduction

Generally any activity committed by someone with a view to hurting anybody physically is called violence. Violence is a worldwide concept. To some extent, every individual is familiar with this term, with its impacts. An individual, either man or woman, may face violence at any time. But in most cases, women are the main victims of violence (Adams and et al, 2008). Violence differs from time to time, place to place and people to people in varying degrees. Whenever it is happened, either inside the house or outside of it, women violence is gender discrimination based violence (Adams and et al, 2008). Gender violence is a daily and often deadly

matter of life for millions of women and girls around the world. The actual and human costs of violence are tremendous. Violence devastates lives, fractures communities and inhibits development.

In Bangladesh, violence against women is occurring in almost every aspect of women's lives. So, it is a serious threat to overall development and progress of the country ([Parvin and et al, 2016](#)). Women are thrashed in their homes, raped in their communities, tortured, sexually assaulted and even raped by the state police. The pervasive nature of violence against women in Bangladesh has been a major concern for government, donors, NGOs and other civil society groups in the country for many years ([Parvin and et al, 2016](#)) Various international organizations are also working to ensure women's human rights and for fight violence against women in the society.

But the index of violence is increasing. In our country women face multiple forms of oppressions. They don't have equal access to food, health and education. But they have to carry the double burden of households and productive activities ([Mannan, 2003](#)). For the few years, various types of violence against women such as rape incidents, acid throwing, abduction, murder and physical torture were increased alarmingly. Meanwhile, in our country particularly in rural areas dowry incidents and physical torture and murder for dowry were common phenomena ([Parvin and et al, 2016](#)). Just before some years, the UNFPA Report mentioned that this region is the first ranking in the world in wife beating and Bangladesh got itself at the top of the index. It is evident that domestic violence is rampant in all strata of the society naturally and usually, women are the first violence of this violence ([Parvin and et al, 2016](#)).

Bangladesh society is a patriarchal society; domestic violence against women is significant in our country. Women of all strata are vulnerable to maltreatment and abuse at the hands of husbands, in-laws and other family members. Despite its increasing trend, domestic violence is viewed as a personal matter that should be resolved privately within the family ([Parvin and et al, 2016](#)). Bangladesh Mahila Parishad(BMP) reported that in our country domestic violence is not still considered as a violence of human rights of women. Patriarchal social and family structure and culture are the main causes of this attitude towards domestic violence ([Kay, 2008](#)). For this reason the condition of women in Bangladesh is vulnerable.

Violence committed by family members within the family environment is the most serious of all types of violence. All the same time, the closed family structure makes it possible for the aggressor to repeat the violence ([Jahan& Islam, 1997](#)). Women are subjected to domestic violence by male members, in-laws and even by other female members. It occurred not only in poor or illiterate families but also in rich and literate families. In some communities, female babies and girl children are neglected. Dowry is the main cause of harassment of young brides in thousands of reported cases and at times it leads to death ([Sahay, 1998:5](#)). So, violence has no class, no caste, no religion and it is a universal phenomenon (Bhuiyan). It exists in all classes, i. e. upper, middle and lower classes in various forms.

In our society, women of upper class don't reveal their vulnerable situation because of their social status and they themselves try to solve the problem privately. Women of middle class do not try to file case and feel hesitation to disclose it to others because they are very much concerned about their self-respect. The people of middle class do believe in vanity and in social values and they think that it is their pride. On the other hand, women from lower class never try to reveal it and don't tell it to others and they treat it as a normal matter. There may have two reasons namely-(i) Ignorance of the existing laws and punishment for violence, (ii) Their socio-economic position.

So, for a clear understanding of the problems it is needed to know the nature and extent of the problem. In this context, it is our concern to find out what are the views of educated and non-educated people regarding domestic violence. Thus, the present study would try to know the perception of educated and non-educated people on domestic violence against women. Though government has formulated many laws regarding domestic violence, it exists in every society. So, in this study it is tried to explore the nature of domestic violence and also tried to explore the perceptions regarding domestic violence that will help the government to take proper step to review the existing laws and also to implement them properly.

1.1 Objectives of the study

The research has a broad objective that is-

(1) To know and analyze the perception of educated and non-educated class about domestic violence against women.

This broad objective has been split into several specific objectives which are as follows:

(i)To assess the socio-economic condition of the educated and non-educated class respondents.

- (ii) To know the nature of domestic violence against women.
- (iii) To know the causes of domestic violence against women.
- (vi) To make a comparison between educated class's views about violence perpetuated in family environment and that of non-educated class.

1.2 Review of literature

[Akanda & Shamim \(1985\)](#) showed that family quarrels was one of the major causes of death both in rural and urban areas. In village area 22 percent wives died for dowry and in urban area it was 10 percent. Mostly the younger age groups were victimized just after they are married or after some years of married life. Though there was a dowry related law, The Dowry Prohibition Act 1980, the Act cannot act as a hinder against dowry.

[Halim \(1995\)](#) summarized a terrified picture of the conditions of women throughout the world. According to Dr. Radhika Coomaraswamy, the UN special Rapporteur on violence against women and Srilankan civil rights activist, a rape occurs every minute in South Africa and every six minute in the U.S. A, 39 percent of the Vietnamese boat people were raped by sea pirates, 12000 women were raped and brutalized in former Yugoslavia in 1992, 98 percent women in Pakistan are beaten up by their husbands, 80 percent in Chile experience violence. In a Bombay hospital 95 percent of fetuses identified as female were aborted. Every year some 8000 to 10000 women are brought from Thailand to Japan for prostitution. In Bangladesh, malnutrition is three times higher among girls than among boys. He mentioned that many people don't consider violence as serious and oppressive. Wife beating or subjecting female spouse to mental torture has been going on in different societies including Bangladesh. But in our country, many female spouses might consider these oppressive behavior patterns as normal part of everyday life. They have been suffering from various types of either physical violence or mental torture or both at different times in their short or long conjugal. The data show that 71.31% women were beaten by their male partners with hand or other body parts while 64.34% told that their husbands use different dangerous objects like cross-bar of doors, cooking materials etc. to hurt them. Meanwhile, 11.47% percent reported that they were even beaten by in-laws i.e. mothers-in-law, sisters-in-law etc.

[Jahan& Islam \(1997\)](#) they found that over the last two decades, violence against women has been considered as the most visible social issues in Bangladesh. In our country, psychological violence among married couple is not considered seriously and remains unreported. UNICEF representative Rolf C. Carriere noted that one out of four Children women is subject to physical violence at home and one out of three suffers psychological aggression. The law in Ecuador treats violence against women as a natural phenomenon rather than as a crime. In the USA, every hour sixteen women confront rapists and a women is raped every six minutes. Three to four million women face battering every year and every eighteen seconds a women is beaten. In Canada, one out of four women is assaulted at some point in their lives and one and a half of these before the age of 17. In France, 95% of the victims of violence are women and 51% of them at the hands of their husbands.

[Naved and Persson \(2010\)](#) examined the relationship between dowry and wife abuse in rural Bangladesh. They found that dowry demand in marriage increase the wife abuse but this scenario is lower while there is no dowry demand at the time of marriage. They also found an interesting result that payment of dowry did not reduce the wife abuse but the demand of the dowry increased day by day.

[Naved & Persson \(2005\)](#) explored the factors that related to domestic violence against women in Bangladesh. They found that dowry and history of abuse husband's fathers are associated with spousal violence at home. They also revealed that women participation in credits groups increased the risk of women abuse.

[Vander Endeand et al. \(2015\)](#) examined the relationship between income and intimate partner violence (IPV) against women in Bangladesh at both household and community level. They found that lower income of household was associated with women's risk of experiencing IPV but low-income household was not associated with women's risk of experiencing IPV.

2.0 Methodology

2.1 Research design

In this study, descriptive research design has been followed so that it would be able to know and analyze the perception of educated and non-educated class about domestic violence against women through personal interview as well as case study.

2.2 Research method

In this study both quantitative and qualitative method has been followed. For quantitative method, survey method has been used and for qualitative method, case study method has been used.

2.3 Timeframe in which the study is being carried out

This is a Cross-Sectional Study because this study accomplished at a single point of time in Sylhet city on August '15-May '2016. Data has been collected during October-December of the same year. Therefore,

2.4 Research site

Firstly, the study area Sylhet City has been selected purposively. Later, to find out educated respondents, some important universities and college of the study area that provide honors and master degree have been selected as the field of the study and also to find out the non-educated respondents, Ward No.10 under Akhaliathana which are divided into seven blocks has been selected as the field of the study.

2.5 Institutions and ward familiarities

The institutions are as follow:

Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST), Sylhet International University (SU), Metropolitan University (MU), Leading University (LU), M.C College (MCC), Madan Mohan College (MMC), Sylhet Govt. Women's college (SGWC).

The blocks under ward no.10 are as follow:

Modina market centre (block no.1), Kazipara (block no.2), North Kazipara (block no.3), Pathantola (block no.4), North bagbari (block no.5), South bagbari (block no.6), Bagbari region (block no.7)

2.6 Rational/importance of selecting the study area

As the present research area, above institutions among Sylhet Metropolitan City are used. Because domestic violence against women occurs available in this city like other cities or areas of the country. In Sylhet, dowry system is existed in different forms comparable to any other parts of the country. It is given in the names of gift but it is common for every bride's family to guilt to the bridegroom's family. As a result, whoever is unable to give dowry has to face many types of violence like battering, murder, abuse, deprivation of food, confinement, threats of reprisals etc. In the study area, another powerful evidence of domestic violence is forced marriage and it is also common in this region.

2.7 Population of the study

The total 437 married person of above mentioned institutions and ward no.10 are selected as the population of the study. Married persons are selected as the research population because married persons usually face the most violence than single persons. Here, those teachers are selected who belong to the institutions. Here the number of married teacher is 328 and the number of non-educated persons is 109. These non-educated persons are those persons who are married, daily laborer or unemployment and belong to age interval 30-40 years old due to shorten the population. These populations are collected from the adjacent institutions' registered office and voter's list.

2.8 Sampling frame

There are total 827 holding teachers in seven institution and 9027 holding voters in ward no.10 and there are total 328 married teachers in seven institutions and 109 non-educated married voters (age interval 30-40) in ward no.10. Here 437 married teachers and non-educated married voters is the sampling frame of this study.

2.9 Sampling

In this study, the stratified random sampling method is used. Systematic random sampling is used when several areas are selected as the research area. In this study, several institutions and vote collection's wards of Sylhet Metropolitan City are considered. For this reason, stratified random sampling has been used so that sample size can represent the all population of all institutions and blocks.

2.10 Sample size

The present study, the formula is given by Cochran is used for making a sample size

$$\text{Formula } n = \frac{\frac{t^2 pq}{d^2}}{1 + \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{t^2 pq}{d^2} - 1 \right)}$$

(Source: Cochran, 1977:75)

For comparison of perception on domestic violence against women and laws regarding punishment between educated and non-educated respondents, it is necessary to draw minimum number of teacher (sample size) from each of the group, Therefore, the sample is determined by using following formula for educated and non-educated class separate. Since, in this study, several institutions and voting sub-words has been considered, stratified random sampling with proportion allocation is used to select sample teachers from each of the institutions and respondents from each voting blocks under ward no.10. Here, d sampling error was (0.10) or 10% and proportion of respondents who have better perception was (p) = 0.5. Sample size for educated class was 74 and non-educated was 51.

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$$nt = \frac{n}{N \times Nt}$$

2.11 Variable of the study

The variable of the study is divided into two parts:

Perception: Understanding, Sensual knowledge, Interpretation, Observation, Response, Attitude

Domestic Violence: Dowry murder, Wife battering, Deprivation of food, Reproductive control/coercion, Confinement, Forced married, Threats of reprisals etc.

2.12 Technique of data collection

In this study, interview schedule has been used for survey and interview guide has been used for case study. Interview schedule and interview guide has been written in English and Bengali version. That means methodological triangulation (Sample, Survey, and case study) has been followed. Firstly the information has been collected by using a structured questionnaire on 33 variables from 125 respondents through sample survey method. Closed-ended, open-ended and dichotomous questions have been set up in the structured questionnaire and information has been collected through face-to-face interviews. For some of variables, Likert Scaling has been followed in the structured questionnaire .These variables has been rated on a 1-to-5 rating scale where:1=Strongly disagree,2=Disagree, 3=Undecided,4=Agree and 5=Strongly agree. Further, a guide questionnaire on 5 interview guide has been used for case study to find out in-depth understanding of the respondents about domestic violence against women.

2.13 Limitations of data collection

In this study, these limitations have been faced during data collection-In a primary record data collection is a troublesome task. In the present study, various institutions are considered as the field of study. So, to collect data from those institutions official rules had to follow. Besides this, as the respondents are teachers and they are busy with their academic tasks, so it is not possible to get them in a free mood to co-operative with the responder. For this reason, the present researcher had to go to these institutions frequently. Moreover, these institutions are located in different areas in the city. On the contrary, the non-educated respondents would not want to give information easily and they said that they have no knowledge about the research and also they would consider the research as a fault. Again, since many respondents thought the present study in related to their own family life, they didn't try to give information for the first time. In this regard, the researcher had to make it understandable to them that it is not about their family life but about the whole society and they how to only give their opinion about it. But when they understand that confidentiality will be maintained them they regarded to co-operate with the researcher and gave information.

2.14 Technique and statistical tools of data analysis

The Collected quantitative information from primary source has been analyzed by statistical tools. In this regard, The Statistical Program for Social Sciences (SPSS) has been used. Here univariate and bivariate analysis i.e. percentage and frequency table, cross table, F-test (for hypothesis test) has been used as the statistical tools to analysis the data. Again, according to procedure of Likert Scaling on five rating scale for some of variables, firstly a total score for each respondents has been found out and then average scale values has been found out by subtracting the low judges (bottom 25%) from high (top 25%) judges. As a result, it would be possible to find out Discriminative Power (DP) out for each variable. To represent qualitative information several case studies has been made. To maintain the confidentiality instead of real name of each respondent pseudonym has been used in the case study .And to enrich the present study secondary data have been collected from various books, journals, articles, website, research studies etc.

3.0 Result

3.1 Univariate analysis

Table 1: Socio-economic information of the respondents

Variables	Frequency	Percent	Variables	Frequency	Percent
<i>Years of age</i>					
26-30	29	23.2	Islam	97	77.6%
31-35	35	28.0	Hindu	28	22.4%
36-40	23	18.4	Total	125	100%
41-45	14	11.2	<i>Family Types</i>		
46-50	6	4.8	Nuclear	88	70.4%
51-55	15	12.0	Joint	37	29.6%
56-60	2	1.6	total	125	100.0
61-65	1	.8	<i>Profession</i>		
Total	125	100.0	Lecturer	20	16%
<i>Class of respondent</i>					
Educated	74	59.2	Assistant Professor	22	17.6
Non-educated	51	40.8	Associate Professor	28	22.4%
Total	125	100.0	Daily laborer Or other	51	44%
<i>Educational qualification of the respondent</i>					
Ph.D	11	8.8	0-48	48	38.4%
Mp.hil	5	4.0	49-97	20	16.0%
MS	10	8.0	98-146	19	15.2%
Masters	45	36.0	147-195	23	18.4%
Honors	3	2.4	>195month	23	18.4%
Non-educated	51	40.8	<i>No. of household member</i>		
Total	125	100.0	0-3	43	34.4%
<i>Income</i>					
3000-9999	51	40.8	4-7	67	53.6%
10000-19999	43	34.4	Greater than or equal 8	15	12%
20000-29999	20	16.0	Total	125	100.0%
30000-39999	5	4.0			
40000-59999	5	4.0			
Greater than or equal to 60000	1	0.8			
Total	125	100.0			

In the 26-30 years age group 23.2% respondents are included, on the 31-35 years groups the percentage is 28.0%. But from the next group the percentage is decreasing. Among the total respondents male respondents are 68.0% and female are 32%. Among the total respondents only 8.8% holds PhD, 4.0% holds M Phil, 8% holds MS, 36.0% hold masters, 2.4% honors and 40.8% respondents hold no education.

In regarding income, 40.8% respondents are included in 3000-9999 categories but in the highest category it is also very low. But most of the respondents are included in the lowest category but 3000 and 9999 that is most of the respondents are middle income group. In regarding religious view, most of the respondents are Muslims 77.6% and only 22.4% respondents are Hindu. Most of the respondent 70.4 %are from nuclear family and 29.6% respondents are come from joint family.

About 44% respondents are day laborer and rest is involved in teaching occupation. Majority 38.4% respondent's conjugal life is between 0 to 48 weeks. Majority respondent have household member between 4-7 member and only 12% respondents' household member is more than 8 members.

3.2 Bivariate analysis

Table 2: Domestic violence against women related perception according to educated and non-educated class						
Variables	educated		Non-educated		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Domestic violence means						
Physical or mental torture	2	3.9%	27	36.5%	10	8.0%
Physical and mental torture	36	70.6%	8	10.8%	63	50.4%
Physical, mental and verbal torture	2	3.9%	13	17.6%	10	8.0%
To do something against one wills	5	9.8%	18	24.3%	18	14.4%
Avoidance and ignorance	6	11.8%	74	100.0%	24	19.2%
Total	51	100.0%	8	10.8%	125	100.0%
Causes of domestic violence						
Difference in opinion	3	1%	2	3.9%	5	4.0%
Establishment of domination	1	1.4%	3	5.9%	4	3.2%
Dowry	2	2.7%	5	9.8%	7	5.6%
Patriarchy	7	9.5%	3	5.9%	7	5.6%
Difference in perception	4	5.4%	2	3.9%	6	4.8%
Enmity of women versus women	2	2.7%	3	5.9%	5	4.0%
Poverty	14	18.9%	6	11.8%	20	16.0%
Establishment of domination and dowry	9	12.2%	8	15.7%	17	13.6%
Establishment of domination n and difference in opinion	3	4.1%	2	3.9%	5	4.0%
Establishment of domination and difference in opinion and poverty	26	35.1%	17	33.3%	43	34.4%
Others	3	4.1%	0	0%	3	2.4%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
Murder for dowry						
Agree/strongly agree	12	16.2%	3	5.9%	15	12.0%
Disagree/strongly disagree	62	83.8%	48	94.17%	110	88.0%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
Confinement						
Agree/Strongly	50	67.6%	39	64.7%	83	66.4%
Disagree/Strongly disagree	24	32.4%	18	35.3%	42	33.6%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
Threats of Reprisal						
Agree/Strongly	42	58.8%	23	45.1%	65	52.0%
Disagree/Strongly disagree	32	43.2%	28	54.9%	60	48.0%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
Reproductive control						
Agree/strongly agree	48	64.9%	16	31.1%	64	51.2%
Disagree/strongly disagree	26	35.1%	35	68.6%	61	48.8%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
Tradition and custom						
Agree/Strongly	6	21.6%	13	25.5%	29	29.2%
Disagree/Strongly disagree	58	74.4%	38	74.5%	96	76.8%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
Consider violence as a normal matter						
Agree/Strongly	16	21.6%	16	31.4%	32	25.8%
Disagree/Strongly disagree	58	78.4%	35	68.6%	93	74.4%
Total	74	100%	51	100%	125	100%

<i>Conflict between husband and wife</i>							
Agree/Strongly	72	97.3%		51	100.0%	123	98.4%
Disagree/Strongly disagree	2	2.7%		0	00.0%	2	1.6%
Total	74	100.0%		51	100.0%	125	100%

About 10.8% educated respondents told that violence means physical or mental torture whereas only 3.9% non-educated respondents' think such information. But most of the respondents told that violence means physical and mental torture such as 10.6% non-educated and 76.6% non-educated gave this kind of information. According to 17.6% educated and 9.8% non-educated respondents, violence means to do something against one wills. Simultaneously, violence means avoidance and ignorance according to 24.3 %non- educated and 11.8% educated respondents.

About 2.7% educated and only 9.8% non-educated respondents opined that dowry is the main reason of domestic violence, 2.7% educated and 5.9% non-educated told that women are the enemies of women, 18.9% educated and 11.8% non-educated told that only because of poverty domestic violence takes place. But most of the respondents (educated 35.1% and non-educated 33.17%) mentioned not a single cause but because of three factors women face violence in the family that are difference in opinion, women are enemies of women and poverty

About 16.2% educated and 5.9% non-educated respondents agree that in family environment women are murdered only for dowry. According to them various types of domestic violence are confinement (32.4% educated, non-educated 35.3%), threat of reprisal (educated 43.2% and non-educated 54.9%), reproductive control (35.1% educated, 68.6% non-educated), and other types (educated 23%, non-educated 17.6%). So, in our country dowry murder happens frequently.

21.6% educated and 25.5% non-educated respondents think that for women's suppression tradition and custom is responsible. Among the total respondents of educated (72) 97.3% acknowledge that in conjugal life conflict exist between husband and wife and only 2.7% ignore it. On the other hand, the non-educated respondents 21.6% and 31.4% report that conflict between husband and wife is a common matter and it may occur for various reasons.

Variable	Class of respondent					
	Educated		Non-educated		Total	
<i>Causes of marital conflict</i>						
Misunderstanding	25	33.8%	9	17.6%	34	27.2%
Misunderstanding and economic reason	6	8.1%	11	21.6%	17	13.6%
Lack of education	2	2.7%	0	00.0%	2	1.6%
Economic reason	5	6.8%	2	3.9%	7	5.6%
Ego problem	8	10.8%	6	11.8%	14	11.2%
Try to dominate	7	5%	7	13.7%	14	11.2%
Difference between expectation and achievement	6	8.1%	5	9.81%	11	8.8%
Conflict for interest	9	12.2%	8	15.7%	17	13.6%
Others	6	8.1%	3	5.9%	9	7.2%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100%
<i>Causes of domestic violence against women</i>						
Social system	21	28.4%	5	9.8%	26	20.8%
Physically weak	7	9.5%	3	5.9%	10	8.0%
Dependent on husband	12	16.2%	10	19.6%	22	17.6%
Socio-economic backwardness	8	10.8%	13	25.5%	21	16.8%
Lack of education	9	12.2%	3	5.9%	12	9.6%
Social system and lack of education	3	4.1%	6	11.8%	12	7.2%
Dependent on husband and socio economic backward	9	12.2%	8	15.7%	17	13.6%
Others	5	6.8%	3	5.9%	8	6.4%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
<i>Difference between natal and in-laws house violence against women</i>						

Agree/strongly Agree	68	91.9%	51	100.0%	119	95.2%
Disagree/strongly disagree	6	8.1%	0	00.0%	6	4.8%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
<i>View on the reason of violence against women due to dowry</i>						
Husband's financial condition	16	21.6%	10	19.6%	26	20.8%
Mentality and values	7	9.5%	6	11.8%	13	10.4%
Family tradition	3	4.1%	2	3.9%	5	4.0%
Existing custom	9	12.2%	8	15.7%	17	13.6%
Lack of education	12	16.2%	5	9.8%	17	13.6%
Mentality ,values and tradition	12	16.2%	12	23.5%	24	10.2%
Family tradition and values	5	6.8%	4	7.8%	9	7.2%
Others	10	13.5%	4	7.8%	9	7.2%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
<i>View on threats of reprisals to women</i>						
Blamable and crime	36	48.6%	32	62.7%	68	54.4%
Men mentality	18	24.3%	11	21.6%	29	23.2%
Cowardice	12	16.2%	7	13.7%	19	15.2%
Others	8	10.8%	1	2.0%	9	1.2%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
<i>View on change in pattern of domestic violence against women from mother to own generation</i>						
Decreasing physical torture but increasing mental torture	19	25.7%	19	37.3%	38	30.4%
Increasing dowry related violence	5	6.8%	4	7.8%	9	7.2%
Acid violence was not existed before but it frequently happens now	2	2.7%	4	7.8%	6	4.8%
Decreasing violence	26	35.1%	5	9.8%	31	24.8%
Did not decreasing violence but changed in different forms	17	23.0%	15	29.4%	32	25.6%
Others	5	6.8%	4	7.8%	9	7.2%
Total	74	100.0	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
<i>Men want to control his wife in marital conflict</i>						
Agree/strongly agree	65	87.8%	49	96.1%	114	91.2%
Disagree/strongly disagree	9	12.2%	2	3.9%	11	8.8%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
<i>Controlling women's using wealth/property</i>						
Agree/strongly agree	41	55.4%	35	68.6%	76	60.8%
Disagree/strongly disagree	33	44.6%	16	31.4%	49	39.2%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%
<i>Threat of bringing second wife to women</i>						
Agree/strongly agree	32	45.1%	33	66.0%	65	53.7%
Disagree/strongly disagree	38	53.5%	17	34.0%	55	45.5%
Undecided	1	1.4%	0	0%	1	.8%
Total	74	100.0%	51	100.0%	125	100.0%

In the case of reason in marital conflict most of the educated respondents give opinion that misunderstanding is the main cause of this conflict(educated 33.8%,non-educated17.6%), both misunderstanding and economic reason(educated8.1%, non-educated 21.6%), lack of education(educated2.7%, non-educated 0%), economic reason(educated 6.8%, non-educated 3.9%), ego problem(educated 10.8%, non-educated 11.8%) of husband and wife for which conflict arises between them, try to dominate(educated 5% , non-educated13.7%).Another cause is different between expectation and achievement(educated 8.1%, non-educated9.81%), (12.2% educated and 15.7% non- educated) respondents mention the cause of conflict for interest and other reasons (educated8.1% & non-educated5.9%)

Domestic violence against women takes place for various reasons such as social system (educated 28.4%, non-educated 9.8%), physically weak (educated 9.5%, non-educated 5.9%), dependent in husband (educated 16.2%, non-educated 19.6%), socio-economic backwardness (educated 10.4%, non-educated 25.5%) etc. Lack of education (educated 12.2%, non-educated5.9%), both of social system and lack of education (educated 4.1%, non-educated 11.8%) But commonly both educated and non-educated mention that dependent on husband and

socio-economic backward is the significant cause of domestic violence against women (educated 12.2%, non-educated 15.7%).

91.9% educated and 100% non-educated respondents view that violence against women is seen in both natal and in-laws house but their forms are different. Only 8.1% educated don't find any difference in the forms of violence in both the house. These are a significant association at 10% confidence level.

Most of the respondents said that husband's financial condition (educated 21.6%, non-educated 19.6%), mentality and values (educated 9.5%, non-educated 11.8%), family tradition (educated 4.1%, non-educated 3.9%), existing custom (educated 12.2%, non-educated 15.7%), lack of education (educated 16.2%, non-educated 9.8%), mentality, values and tradition (educated 16.2%, non-educated 23.5%), family tradition and values (educated 6.8%, non-educated 7.8%) are the main cause of dowry related violence against women.

About fifty percent educated respondents (48.6%) label threats of reprisals as a blamable and crime whereas 62.7% non-educated respondents think so. Again 24.3% educated and 21.6% non-educated consider them as men mentality. On the contrary, 16.2% educated and 13.7% non-educated respondents treat them as cowardice whoever gives threat to women.

Pattern of domestic violence from mother to own generation is changed. The present study got various finding about the issue. Such as respondents thinks physical torture is decreasing but increasing mental torture (educated 25.5%, non-educated 37.3%), increasing dowry related violence now a days (educated 6.8%, non-educated 7.8%), acid violence was not existed before but it frequently happens now (educated 2.7%, non-educated 7.8%), decreasing violence in present (educated 35.1%, non-educated 9.8%) but some of respondents think that violence did not decrease but changed in different forms (educated 23%, non-educated 29.4%)

According to 87.8% educated respondents in case of marital conflict men want to control their wives whereas 96.1% non-educated respondents think so. Only 12.2% educated and 3.9% non-educated respondents don't think so.

Again, most of the respondents commented that men control not only on the body women but also on their using wealth (educated 55.4%, non-educated 68.6%). Further 44.6% educated and 31.4% non-educated respondents are disagreed or strongly disagreed regarding the variable.

Along the respondents, 45.1% educated and non-educated 66% agreed or strongly agreed that men try to control women by giving threat to bring second wife and it is associated significantly. On the contrary, 53.5% educated and 34% non-educated are disagreed or strongly disagreed toward the issue.

3.3 Analysis of scale

Domestic violence against women related information

After asking respondents to indicate their level of activity, there is a total score of each respondent by summing the value of each item. Suppose that, a respondent checked strongly agree in item 1(score5), undecided in item 2(score3), agree in item3 (score4), disagree in item4 (score2), strongly disagree in item 5(score 1) and disagree in item 6(score2). This person's total score is $5+3+4+2+1+2=17$. Following illustration has been used to measurement –

1. Conflict between husband and wife in marital life is normal feature
2. Women are the main victims of domestic violence in patriarchal society
3. Men always do exercise their control on women in marital life
4. Many educated person oppress women in our society
5. Violence against women is in different form in natal house and in-laws house
6. Dowry related violence against women happened frequently in our society

The total result of the 125 respondents are given below in tabulated form-

Table 4: Level of perception about domestic violence

Response	Corresponding scores	Frequency	Percent
Very low	6-12	10	8
low	13-18	13	10.4
medium	19-24	10	8

high		25-30	45	36
Very high		31-30	47	37.6
Total			125	100

From this table, it is clear that perception about violence against women is high among the respondents. Majority 37.6 and 36.6 percent respondents think that violence against women is very high and high in our society. Only 8% percent respondents have the perception that violence against women is very low in our society.

Now, for each item it is required to compute the Discriminative Power (DP) - which helps us to find the items that consistently distinguish who are high on the response continuum for those who are low.

Table 5: Computing the Discriminative Power (DP)										
Item-	Group	Number in Group	1	2	3	4	5	Weighted Total	Weighted Mean	DP(Q1-Q4)
1	High (top 25%)	31	0	5	6	9	11	119	3.84	1.9
	Low (bottom25%)	31	12	11	6	2	0	60	1.94	
2	High (top 25%)	31	1	3	6	7	14	123	3.97	2.03
	Low (bottom25%)	31	11	13	5	2	0	60	1.94	
3	High (top 25%)	31	1	1	4	10	15	130	4.19	1.9
	Low (bottom25%)	31	13	6	5	4	3	71	2.29	
4	High (top 25%)	31	1	5	7	8	10	114	3.68	2
	Low (bottom25%)	31	17	10	2	1	1	52	1.68	
5	High (top 25%)	31	2	3	7	10	9	114	3.68	1.71
	Low (bottom25%)	31	10	16	2	2	1	61	1.97	
6	High (top 25%)	31	3	3	5	9	11	115	3.71	1.45
	Low (bottom25%)	31	8	12	7	3	1	70	2.26	

Here, Weighted total=Score*no. who check that score. Weighted mean=Weighted total /no. in group. Discriminative Power=High (top 25%)-low (bottom 25%). (Nachmias and Nachmias; 1997, p-467). All of the above cited-tabulation clearly reveals the expected result. The calculation of Discriminative Power for each item represent that, the strongest items poses the highest discriminative power. In all cases, it is seen from the table that discriminative power varies to the variation of items.

Hypothesis Testing

Hypothesis-1:

H_0 : There is no difference between years of schooling and the no. of domestic violence against women

H_a : There is difference between years of schooling and the no. of domestic violence against women

Hypothesis-2:

H_0 : There is no different between family income and the no. of domestic violence against women.

H_a : There is different between family income and the no. of domestic violence against women.

Hypothesis-3:

H_0 : There is no difference between Patriarchal attitude and the no. of domestic violence against women.

H_a : There is difference between Patriarchal attitude and the no. of domestic violence against women

Hypothesis-4:

H_0 : There is no difference between proper implementation of existing laws regarding punishment and the no. of domestic violence against women.

H_a : There is difference between proper implementation of existing laws regarding punishment and the no. of domestic violence against women.

Hypothesis-5:

H_0 : There is no difference between religious values and the no. of domestic violence against women.

H_a : There is difference between religious values and the no. of domestic violence against women.

Table 6: Summary tale from SPSS, representing the hypothesis

Hypotheses	Source variation	of	Sum of squares	df	Mean square	Computed F value	Particular F value/Table	Sig. value/Table
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						value	
Hypothesis-1:	Between groups	420.499	23	32.346	34.411	2.26	.05
	Within groups	95.949	102	.940			
	Total	516.448					
			125				
Hypothesis-2:	Between groups	911.462	9	101.274	35.560	2.76	.05
	Within groups	330.314	116	2.848			
	Total	1241.776					
			125				
Hypothesis-3:	Between groups	812.373	25	32.495	7.394	1.77	.05
	Within groups	439.554	100	4.395			
	Total	1251.1927					
			125				
Hypothesis-4:	Between groups	398.172	5	79.634	75.84	4.40	.05
	Within groups	125.951	120	1.050			
	Total	524.123					
			125				
Hypothesis-5:	Between groups	911.462	9	101.274	35.560	2.76	.05
	Within groups	330.314	116	2.848			
	Total	1241.776					
			125				

Statistics of the above table reveals that between group variance is larger than the within group variance, therefore, the null hypothesis can be rejected. As we can see that all the particular F value /table value is smaller than all the computed F value, therefore, all the alternative hypotheses can be accepted by rejecting all the null hypotheses. So, years of schooling, family income, patriarchal attitude, existing laws regarding punishment and religious values are not related to no. of domestic violence against women.

4.0 Comparative assessment

Educated class think domestic violence means anything happens forcefully due to dominating mentality in the family. It has different forms such as physical, mental and verbal but at present mental and verbal abuse are mostly seen in the family. One educated respondent said "Any type of verbal abuse, physical and mental torture, trying to undermine technically are called violence. As a traditional society, Husband try to dominated wife. They try to control them in many ways. As a result, a conflicting situation always exists between husband and wife. Non educated class said that Domestic violence means biting wife husband and vice versa, wants dowry, force to intercourse frequently, denies the opinion of the wife, does not bear clothes of the wife etc. According to the violence occurs, if wife do not satisfy the husband sexual satisfaction. In this view, frequency of the sexual intercourse also abuse violence. Wives are betting while they refuse to sex.

Educated class think that domestic violence may happen for various reasons such as poverty, lack of women's education, social system, patriarchal mentality etc. many kinds of problem arise in family because of economic crisis. If the family fails to solve this economic crisis, then family members will become mentally disappointed and hence the result is domestic violence. One respondent said "Economy is the sole reason for domestic violence as it happens frequently in lower class families. Besides, lack of mutual understanding dissimilitude opinion etc. is important reasons behind it.

Non educated class mentioned that economy is the main problem for the domestic violence. If a wife is not educated and economically not solvent, she is totally depending on his husband. She has been tortured by her husband but she didn't file any case against it.

Through this study it has been tried to explore something new about domestic violence. From the present study it can be said that women are the main victims of domestic violence. There exist various reasons. One of them is the lack of education of women and also men. From the study we will get the evidence of it. The study report shows that only 1.4% male respondents have PhD holder wives where as 11.8% female respondents have PhD

holder husbands. Again, 8.1% male respondents have HSC completed wives whereas no female respondents have HSC completed husbands. So from educational point of view women's position is backward than that of men. There is a significant difference between educated class view regarding violence and that of non-educated class. Only 10% educated respondents told that violence means physical, mental and verbal torture whereas only 3.9% non-educated respondents think so. So, it can be said that non-educated themselves do not consider verbal abuse is also violence as it humiliates humanity. Again, 31.4% non-educated think that the main reason for women suppression is that it is in our society it is considered as a normal matter where the educated percentage is 21.6%.

5.0 Conclusion and suggestions for future research

In the present time, violence against women is not a new concept. It may be seen either in the family environment or outside of it. In our country, in the family environment women face various types of violence such as physical and mental torture, verbal abuse etc. but still now maximum people both educated and non-educated don't consider verbal abuse as a violence rather they think that physical and mental torture are included in violence. Through this study, it is revealed that verbal abuse is also violence against women and particular law should be made regarding it. In the study area, most of the respondents view those main causes of domestic violence. Moreover, because of tradition and custom, lack of education and income violence is occurred in the family environment. So, Govt. has to take proper step to empower women by making them educated and engaging them in income generating activities. Besides, as maximum numbers of offences occur because of poverty, it has to be alleviated from the society.

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