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NATURE OF FEMALE CRIMINALITY IN INDIA: AN OVERVIEW

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ABSTRACT

Today women have scaled a new height in every aspect of life. Now role of women has changed from wife/mother to a manager. They indulge in all sorts of crimes. The changing social norms and values and the cultured patterns in the complexity of life are largely responsible for this change. It is a crucial problem because it has impact on family, upbringing of children and overall fabric of society. When a crime is committed by a female it has its repercussions on herself, husband, children, family, relatives, neighbours and on the society at large. Today, women are fast indulging in all sorts of crimes with the aid of latest techniques. In this type of crime an individual violates the rules of conduct in society. Most of the women accepted this disapproved business as main or subsidiary source of income. In cities one may find prostitutes loitering in bus-station, cinema theatre, railway station, park and other public places. It is not at all easy to hook them under the provisions of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act. Estimates of the United Nations state that 1 to 4 million people are trafficked worldwide each year. Trafficking in women and children is an operation which is worth more than \$ 10 billion annually. According to estimates by the United States Government, trafficking involving one million people is going on across international borders every year. India along with Thailand and the Philippines has 1.3 million children in its sex-trade centres.

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