

Cyber Crime Related To Women

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Information technology has so many advantages, these IT has turned the world into a small village, where the people are coming very near to each other and this small village is in danger of earth-quake of Information war.

- 1) Flood of cyber Hacking
- 2) Cyclone of Internet Defamation
- 3) Land slides of cyber pornography
- 4) Drought of cyber stalking on social media
- 5) Volcanic eruption of posing viruses in computer systems etc.

And the most danger Crime is Cyber Violence against women.

Meaning of cyber crimes.

Cyber crime involves a computer means, any crime that involves a computer and a Network¹. So cyber crime is criminal activity done by using computer and the Internet. This includes anything from down loading illegal music files to stealing million of dollors from online bank accounts.

In the Indian context, cyber crime may be defined as a voluntary and willful act or omission that adversely affects a person or property or a per-

son's computer system and made punishable under the Information Technology Act,2000 or liable to Penal offences under the Indian penal code².

Cyber Crimes against women's are as follows :

Harassment by E-mails

Electronic mail also popularly known as E-mail, is the most convenient way of communication. However, it has some limitations. It can be modified, altered, changed by the intruder. Thus, the changes made can not be spotted. The sender can hide his identity. Technically, an e-mail can also be sent by the third person.

1. Moore, R., Cyber Crime: Investigating High Technology Computer Crime, {Anderson Publishing, Cleved and Mississippi,2005}

2. Dr. Vishwanath Paranjape, Legal Dimension's of Cyber Crimes and Preventive Laws; { Central Law Agency, Allahabad,2010}

This flexibility paved the way for e-mail misuse. Now a days, e-mail are used for committing frauds, scams, terrorists activities and other

heinous crimes³. But it also includes Bullying Blackmailing and cheating via e-mail.

Some persons tries to harass her through threatening messages or e-mails, so in such cases Supreme Court gave judgment on this. They gave some legal rights to women in case if someone harassing them through e-mails ex. In Shrya Singhal VS Union Of India to truck down Sec. 66 A of Information Technology Act,2000 as unconstitutional, as it is violative of Art. 19[1] [a]⁴

Now comments on social networking sites⁵ will Not be an offence unless they came under the Provisions of Indian Penal code, 18606

Here it is important for the aggrieved to register complaint or to seek help from the concerned authorities. Thus Police Departments of various states and women organizations have made the complaint registration process easier and now the complaints can be even be registered through e-mail, post or on the web sites of the concerned departments⁷

Cyber Staking:- This is one of the most talked about internet crimes in the modern world.

The Oxford dictionary defines Stalking as “pursuing stealthily”⁸ Cyber stalking usually occurs with women , who are stalked by men or children who are stalked by adult predators.

3.Ahemad, Dr. Farooq, Cyber Law in India,[Law on internet] New era Law publications, Faridabad, [4

th edition Reprint 2015] pg. no.351-352

4.Freedom of speech and expression

5.This provisions included just after the case of two Mumbai based girls who arrested for posted on Face-book against Shiv Sena Leader Bal Thackeray on November 19 th

6.The Information Technology Act,2000

7.Richa Arya, “crime against women can you register complaint over e-mail or post?” Posted on [June 27,2014], Available at <https://blog.pleaders.in/crime-against-women>, Last visited on 7 th May,2018

8.Dr. Nuzhat Parveen Khan, women and the Law, Universal Law Publications [1 st edition] 2016. Pg. no. 296-298

The main target of cyber stalking are females, children, emotionally weak or unstable persons, etc. It is believed that over 75% of the victims are female

The motive behind cyber stalking has been divided into four reason

1 Sexual Harassment 2} For obsession for love 3 For Revenge 4 Hate, ego and power

Cyber stalkers harass the women through e-mails, web sites, chat rooms, blog etc⁹

Cyber Defamation:- Cyber defamation is another common crime against women although this can happen to both genders, but women are more vulnerable.

This occurs when defamation takes place with the help of computers internet when some one publishes defamation matter about someone on the website or sends e-mails containing defamatory information all of that person's friends.

But unfortunately cyber defamation is not defined by the IT ACT,2000 and it is treated by the criminal justice system.

Statutory Provisions relating to cyber Defamation in A India IPC, 1860 deals with the menace of Defamation under sec. 499, 500 & 503

Morfing:- Morfing is editing the original picture by the unauthorized user or fake identity in simple words. It is transforming of one image into another. It is identified that female pictures are downloaded by fake users and against re-posted or uploaded on social sites by crating fake profiles. This is violation of IT Act, 2000 & attracts sec. 4311 & 6612 of the Act
Trolling and Bullying:- Trolling and Bullying are under researched issues in the area of cyber crimes.

9.Halder, Debarati, "cyber crime against women in India"
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times.com,/last seen on 7 th May, 2018

10.Sec. 499 of IPC says that however by words either or intended to be read or by signs or by visible representations, makes or publishes any imputation concerning any person

intending to harm or knowing or having reasons to believe that such person, is said to defame that person. The law of defamation under sec. 499 got extended to "speech" and "documents" in electronic form with the enactment of IT ACT,2000

11.Penalty and compensation for damages to computer, computer system etc.

12.computer related offences.

In India, these two in the computer mediated communication system targeting women are particularly important because of patriarchal social mendset¹³

Every time on Face-book, Twitter or any App women are the main targets either it is related to their thoughts, body or any physical appearance.

Conclusions :- There are so many cyber crimes against womens above are the burning issues which are mostly found in recent times.

But this should be stopped. Technology on one hand gave comfort to the world but on the other hand it gave birth to so many computer related crimes. This is called the menace of Technology or in other words they are known as cyber crimes.

13. Halder, Debarati & K. Jaishankar, Cyber Crimes against Women In India, Saga Publication, Private Limited, New Delhi, 2017, Pg. no.45
