

Fear Of Our Own!

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This entire documentation extracted from many case studies and actual happenings near us is quite an eye-opener to how we are living with all of these unbelievable but true events happening around us. Their impact is too long-lasting and deep rooted for us to be left free of these fears. It is out of human wants, desires, greed, sick minds and dead hearts that we are creating this new environment of distrust.

It is quite terrifying to even imagine family members committing crimes against other members, and yet such cases continue to occur. Common sense would dictate that we should be protective of our own family before anyone else. However, they might be the ones who are planning to cause our end. The case studies herein have been segregated with each heading highlighting the phase of life – childhood; married life; and old age. Each of these have one thing in common i.e. the crimes were committed by those trusted the most - family members.

CHILDHOOD PHASE

The first relation anyone ever experiences is with their parents. Much of our understanding of the world, of good and bad, trust, family, relationships, and understanding stems from this first connection. But what if the parents betray the child?

- i. Newborn girl child 'sold' for Rs. 10,000 in Ghaziabad
- ii. Baby (2.5 months) dies after dad throws her into river to cure his own ailments, in Guwahati. He claimed that God commanded him to do that.
- iii. Mumbai woman delivers girl child on her own in her bathroom and then throws her from 17th floor. The Police suspect the woman murdered her child in fit of rage over her husband's alleged affair and money issues.
- iv. Man (25 yrs) arrested for burying infant girl alive in Tamil Nadu. He did not want to raise a girl child and therefore took away the girl when her mother was sleeping. The grave of the girl was found by following the footprints of the man.



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- v. **Alcoholic man takes 2 daughters for walk, smashes their faces against a wall and returns home to kill his 4 year old son and wife as well in Greater Noida. He was not happy about his wife working as a domestic help and therefore wanted to end the entire family. The son and wife saved themselves by running to hide in their landlord's house.**
- vi. **Woman kills her 6-year-old son from her marriage with her estranged husband and dumped the body with the help of her live-in partner. The child was thrashed by the woman's partner over food due to which he had fallen unconscious after which they decided to murder him instead of taking him to the hospital. They found it difficult to bear the child's expenses.**
- vii. **Woman strangles her 8-year-old son to death in Thane. She had some disagreements with her husband and was staying with her sister at Badlapur town in Thane. She called her sister and told her that she had strangled the boy because she was under a lot of stress.**
- viii. **Woman kills physically challenged son with help from her friend in Hyderabad. They were reportedly in a relationship and saw the 8-year-old as an obstacle, thereby eliminated him.**
- ix. **Man poisons minor daughter after raping her in Chandigarh. Fearing that she would reveal the incident to her mother, he hatched the plan to eliminate her.**
- x. **Woman teams up with son to kill daughter and stuffs the body in a sack later, in Ghaziabad. Then she told police that the 15-year-old whose father died 5 years ago, use to fight with her brother and her often, due to which they had to change their rented accommodations frequently and therefore decided to end her life this time.**
- xi. **Mother burns her 17-year-old daughter alive in Tamil Nadu after a heated argument between the two after which the mother poured kerosene on her and burnt her alive. Soon after the mother set herself too on fire. The argument was reported to be over the relationship of the girl with a dalit with whom she wanted to marry as she were to turn 18. The boy claimed his caste was the prime reason of the disagreement between the two. The mother was saved later in Nagapattinam hospital, Chennai.**
- xii. **15-year-old was murdered by her mother and brother (17) in Ghaziabad. The women said her daughter had a boyfriend, who would visit her often. Her mother objected to this and would move houses frequently. This probably led to a fight and the girl was strangled.**
- xiii. **A 19-year-old's cremation was stopped by police suspecting a murder case in the victim's death. It was later discovered that the father tried to pass off daughter's death as natural whom he had murdered because of her wanting to marry someone outside of their caste. They felt insulted by her choice and strangled her to death.**

xiv. A 14-year-old Hapur woman sold off by her father and aunt, raped by 16 men in 5 years. She burnt herself after police 'refused' to file her complaint following her gangrape emerged. She was forced to marry an old man and later after he left her with a baby, she was sold to her father's friend for Rs. 10,000, who married her later and gave her another child the next year. He forced her to work as household help at his friend's house and established physical relations without her consent. From 2010 to 2018, she was allegedly raped by multiple men. She tried to report all of this to police many times but they did not lodge a complaint, soon after, she decided to set herself to fire on April 28, 2019 and was then recommended to be treated in Delhi on May 2. - Her story has a lot more struggle than the gist here and her bravery throughout is one remarkable thing to mention.

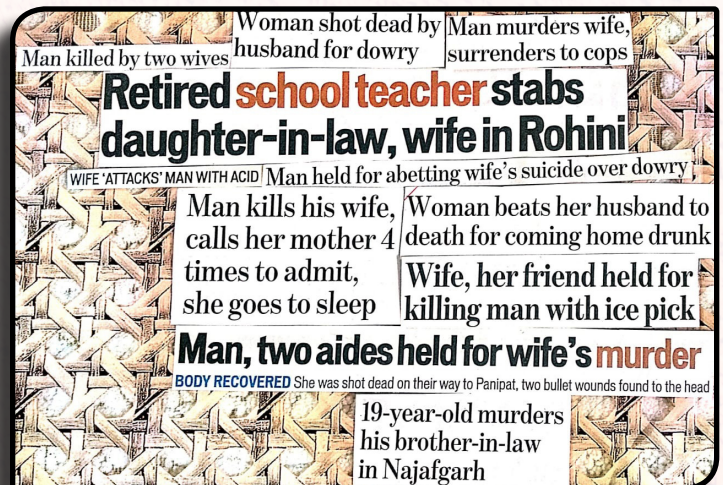
xv. A 10-year-old girl was allegedly raped by her 14-year-old cousin in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu District.

The cases above showcase the hopelessness in the purest of human relations. It's like everything is becoming a matter of business, choice, rage, lust and monetary benefits. The bliss of child and parenthood has become a burden instead and valuation is only in monetary terms. All too often the parents are the ones who lead to such unimaginable suffering for their children. It is both surreal and unbelievable but unfortunately such cases continue to pile up.

MARRIAGE PHASE

Married life is like a new start altogether. We seek new completeness and understanding in this phase. Our partner is said to be our other half and to be counted on as our supporter for the rest of our life. A girl is entrusted by her parents to a boy and together they are considered settled and to be by each other through all that life brings to both of them. This entire definition of marriage is set on fire by actions resulting from greed, lust and rage. The betrayals are in fact so devastating that they end with the death of either of the so-called partners for life.

i. A 35-year-old woman and her male friend were arrested for stabbing her husband using an ice pick in west Delhi's Dwarka. Police said the woman was having an affair with the man and her husband had been harassing her over this, both physically and mentally, which prompted them to kill him. The husband was strangled and then stabbed at least two dozen times with an ice pick until he died.



- ii. **Man killed by two wives in Goregaon, Mumbai, who lived together with him. He had 3 sons and 1 daughter from them and was unemployed. He use to come home drunk and assault both his wives. In a fit of rage, the two wives used a pillow to smother him to death.**
- iii. **A 33-year-old man, walked in himself to confess he murdered his wife because he suspected her of being in a relationship with another man. He was helped by his brother in chopping her body into pieces and dump them in their septic tank and a drain.**
- iv. **A 19-year-old man stabbed his brother-in-law in outer Delhi's Najafgarh for allegedly objecting to his relationship with a married woman and then slapping him in front of her. The woman's husband was also aware of the affair and tried to stop it by relocating some weeks ago to Bahadurgarh with his wife.**
- v. **A woman in north Gujarat tied her husband to the bed and then poured acid on his face, for allegedly neglecting her for many years. They had been married for 20 years and the woman felt not valued by her husband in all these years. The man was saved by his daughter and niece and the woman is yet to be arrested.**
- vi. **Man held in Pune for abetting wife's suicide over dowry. The woman was often on the receiving end of domestic violence as well for dowry. It was an arranged marriage and they had a 2.5-year-old daughter. The lady had resumed work and had been noted to have a wound on her forehead that showed the domestic violence she was going through.**
- vii. **A man and two aides were held for wife's murder in New Delhi. She (20) was shot dead on their way to Panipat and the body was left in some bushes. The decomposed body was recovered after she was missing for 16 days and had two bullet wounds found to the head. The woman's father alleged that her husband had been torturing her for dowry since they got married.**
- viii. **Another case from New Delhi where a 25-year-old woman was shot dead allegedly by her husband over dowry demand in south-west Delhi's Kapashera area. The body of the woman was thrown from the 2nd floor of a building to make it look like a case of suicide. The accused married her in 2015 and his family was allegedly demanding an SUV from the victim's family. He was helped by his mother, sister and brother in the entire set up.**
- ix. **Retired school teacher (64) stabbed daughter-in-law and wife in Rohini. The man suspected his daughter-in-law of having an extramarital relationship. The investigator said that he accused his 62-year-old wife also of having an affair. All this happened in front of his two grandchildren (3-year-old girl and a 1-year-old boy). He attacked his daughter-in-law seeing her awake so early in the morning at 5:15 AM. She use to get up to get her daughter ready for school. His wife was killed while she tried to save her daughter-in-law.**

Even educated, well versed people today are losing control over their thought process, leading to acts that can never be reversed. On the basis of mere suspicion today we hear cases of lives being taken. The perpetrators don't talk, don't try to find solutions, and it seems they do not love to bring someone happiness but only to have power over them.

OLD AGE PHASE

This is the phase where we seek support and love once again. We wish to be taken care of, and not to be seen as a burden but an elderly support system in the house, completing the family with wisdom borne of experience. But today most of us are prepared or preparing ourselves to be independent in old age as well because the spirit of familial support is disappearing.

i. Kerala woman held for killing 6 family members with different motives ranging from securing family property to gaining power in the household. She masterminded every murder by masking her real face for 14 years.

ii. Hyderabad woman kills mother over relationship and dumped the body on the railway tracks at Ramannapet. A police officer said on condition of anonymity that the woman preserved the body for three days before dumping it with the help of her friend. She appeared to show no remorse, the officer said. She admitted to having sex with her friend, right next to the body. Her dad came home a week later after all this and suspected her daughter's involvement in his wife being missing. The daughter was then put in custody where she confessed how her mother had caught her having sex with her friend. Worried that it could become a scandal, she throttled her to death.

iii. Man (22) kills mother in northeast Delhi's Meet Nagar and then disguised himself as homeless to evade cops. He grew his beard long and started living outside temples, railway stations and beg for food and clothes in Uttar Pradesh's Modi Nagar. He murdered his 50-year-old mother in a fit of rage as she did not respond to him while he asked her to give money because she was praying. He needed money to buy drugs and since she didn't respond even after him asking several times, he killed her with a pestle.

iv. 25-year-old man kills father (60) over PUBG since he objected his obsession for the game, in Karnataka. Locking the door to the room where the rest of the family was sleeping, he attacked his father with a machete, chopping off his head and legs.



- v. Another youth (27), gym trainer, held for killing his handicapped father in a fit of rage in New Delhi. The body of the victim was found lying in a pool of blood. The accused had already absconded by the time cops came but was later nabbed when he came to collect money from a friend. A 0.30 bore pistol and 14 live rounds were recovered from him. He later confessed that he was outraged with his father's abusive behaviour towards him and his sisters and hence decided to eliminate him.
- vi. 80-year-old woman left to die on streets rescued by DCW. She was found with deep scars, injuries, fractures and clots on her body and was shivering profusely. The doctors also detected third grade bed sores on her body. According to the doctors, the woman was suffering from hypothermia when brought to the hospital. She was found lying in her own excreta in front of her house. It was revealed that she was beaten by her daughter and was in too critical a condition to survive, being malnourished having lived on the street for 6 months.

Our Indian culture of respecting and revering our elders is slowly being forgotten, leading to such devastating attacks on our own family members. Once again, negative emotions like rage, lust, and greed overpower reason and levelheadedness, leading the perpetrators to violence against the very relatives who loved and nurtured them through the most vulnerable phases of their own lives.

This entire documentation revolves around situations we have been addressing through movements, laws, and education. But are we really learning, fearing, or applying any of those? Shocking as these cases might seem, these are but a few examples of the crimes close relatives have committed against their own in recent times, age no bar. It would seem that in this modern era not even the bond of family is considered sacred by some.

There is no easy solution to such a pervasive problem that encompasses all ages, genders, and phases of life. We have to be careful in our interactions with everyone, including our own family members as well, lest they should be secretly harboring feelings of discontent. At the same time, actively calming down our own need for instant gratification would go a long way towards fostering an attitude of tolerance towards others, and hopefully lead us to peace in daily life and a better tomorrow.

Stop all the race, calm all your rage.

Breathe once again and think of soothing pains over causing any pains.

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Editor's Comments

The article showcases heinous crimes committed by close relatives of the victim in India. This dark situation is not unique in India or relatively less affluent countries. Humans are the same everywhere and their thought processes are similar.