Topic:-

Offence Against Women

Introduction:-

Offence against woman are serious violations of human rights that affect the dignity, safety and freedom of woman. In Pakistan, such offences are mainly dealt with under the Pakistan Penal code (PPC) along with special laws.

Definition:-

Offences against women include acts causing physical sexual or psychological harm such as rape, harassment kidnapping and domestic violence

Kinds:-

1:- Rape (sec 375 PPC)

Rape means sexual intercourse without consent.

Case law:-

Mukhtar Mai

Mukhtar Mai was gang - raped on the orders of a tribal council. The case became internationally recognized and highlighted flaws in the justice system. It led to reforms and awarness regarding women's rights.

2:- Kidnapping & Abduction (361- 369 PPC)

Taking a woman away unlawfully for marriage or illegal Purpose.

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Case law:-

Saima Waheed

The court held that an adult Muslim woman has the right to marry of her own free will even without guardian consent

3:- Assault or Outraging Modesty (354 PPC)

Any Act intended to insult a woman's modesty

Case law:-

State v. Abdul khaliq

The court emphasized that even Physical gestures or inappropriate toucing can amount to outraging modestry.

4:- Sexual Harassment:-

Unwelcome sexual behavior at workplace or public

Case law:-

Meesha shafi vs Ali Zafar case

This case raised awareness about work place harassment and the importance of Proper legal forums

5:- Domestic Violence:-

Physical or mental abuse within the household

Case law:-

Shabana Bibi

Courts have recognized domestic abuse as a serious violation of fundamental rights.

6:- Honour killing:-

Killing a woman for family "honour"

Case law:-

Qandeel Baloch Murder

The murder of Social media

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Star Qandeel Baloch led to stricter honour killing laws in Pakistan.

7:- Acidic Attacks :-

Throwing acid causing injury or disfigurement

Case law:-

Fakhra Younus

This case highlighted the brutality of acid crimes and led to stricter Punishments

legal Protections for woman:-

- Pakistan Penal code
- Protection of woman Act, 2006
- Protection of woman Againt harassment at workplace act, 2010
- Acid control and Acid crime Prevention Act, 2011

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Conclusion:-

Case laws show that courts in Pakistan are increasingly Protecting women's rights However, effective implementation of laws and awareness are still needed to eliminate offences against woman and ensure justice.

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