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Abstract

The Study on Situation of Single Women of Gujara Municipality of Rautahat District was basically focused on single women's experience and their economic status and violence. The study fulfils the objective of examine the social status of the women and find out the economic status of the single women.

Following the research problems, the study primarily explores the status single women and their experience on violence against single women. Single women, due to patriarchal system were subjugated, discriminated and deprived.

Therefore, to meet this objectives, mostly primary and qualitative data were used. Primary data were collected through in-depth interview, observation and case studies. Sample size of the study was 40 and total population was 220.

Most of the single women were suffered from domestic violence due to their social status. Majority of single women were aware and they have knowledge although they have not formal education. Many factors play vital role for domestic violence against single women among them economic dependency was the major factor. If single women earns, then their status automatically become high in their family. It was found that 85.5 percent respondents belong to above 20 years age group where 14.5 percent under 20 years age group. It shows that majority of respondents 75 percent and 5 percent dowry related factor and 20 percent respondents on unequal pay. Suffering from domestic violence were 87.5 percent where is not suffering were

In conclusion, single women in my study are in lower social status, victim of domestic violence, economically deprived and their property right was mostly cheated by the family members

ACRONYMS

AIDS-	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AAN-	Action Aid Nepal
CEI-	Composite Empowerment and Inclusion Index
DVAW G-	Domestic Violence against Women and Girls
FWLD-	Forum for Women Law and Development.
FEDO-	Feminist Dalit Organization
GBV-	Gender Base Violence
HIV-	Human Immuno Deficiency Virus
IIDS-	Indin Inntitute of Dalit Studies
IDSN-	International Dalit Solidarity Network
INGO-	International Non Government Organization
LACC-	Legal Aid & Consultancy Center
NNDSWO-	Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organization
NGO-	Non Government Organization
SEAR-	South East Asian Region
UNICEF-	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIFEM-	United Nations Development Fund for Women
VAW G-	Violence against Women and Girls
WOREC-	Women Rehabilitation Center
WRF -	Women Right Forum
WHO -	World Health Organization

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