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For Nurturing My Dreams*

## FOREWORD

It gives me immense pleasure to write the foreword for *Violence Against Women: A Historical and Structural Analysis* by Dr. P. Deivakani, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Sri G.V.G. Visalakshi College for Women, Udumalpet, Tamil Nadu. This volume is a remarkable and timely contribution to the study of gender-based violence, combining rigorous historical scholarship with insightful analysis of contemporary social realities. The work demonstrates the author's deep commitment to understanding and addressing one of society's most pressing issues the historical roots and modern manifestations of violence against women.

The book is meticulously structured into six chapters. The opening chapter establishes a strong conceptual and methodological foundation, clearly presenting the objectives, scope, significance, and research framework. Chapter Two traces the evolving roles and status of women across historical periods, examining socio-cultural, economic, and political forces that have shaped women's lives, opportunities, and rights. Chapters Three and Four provide a detailed examination of crimes against women, including domestic and media-related violence, situating these issues within broader structural, cultural, and institutional contexts. Chapter Five highlights social and cultural interventions, emphasizing awareness, prevention, and empowerment strategies. The concluding chapter synthesizes the findings and provides practical recommendations for policy reform, institutional accountability, and social transformation.

This work reflects not only scholarly rigor but also a passionate dedication to social change. Dr. P. Deivakani's clarity of thought, meticulous research, and deep empathy for the subject make this book an inspiring resource for researchers, students, academicians, and policymakers. I sincerely applaud her dedication and perseverance in undertaking such a significant study. I am confident that this work will motivate further research, spark meaningful dialogue, and contribute substantially to the creation of a more just and equitable society.

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## ABOUT THE BOOK

This book offers a comprehensive study of the status of women and the structural roots of gender based violence, with a particular focus on the transformative period between 1975 and 2000. It traces the evolving roles, rights, and opportunities of women, critically examining multiple forms of violence including domestic, psychological, and media-related abuse and highlighting the cultural, social, and institutional factors that perpetuate harm. The volume also explores social and cultural interventions, awareness programs, policy measures, and strategies for prevention, empowerment, and systemic change. Combining historical insight, feminist perspectives, legal developments, and empirical research, this work is an indispensable resource for researchers, students, academicians, and policymakers dedicated to advancing gender justice, equality, and building a safer, more inclusive society for women worldwide.



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