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Profile of Unnatural Death of Adult Females in and Around Akola – A Medico-Legal Study

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Abstract

Even in present era of women liberalization, empowerment and education, there is increase in crimes against women is deeply embedded in our society which is matter of great social concern. This study was conducted to determine unnatural deaths of adult females in age group of 18-60 years. It was a retrospective study which autopsy data from January 2013 to December 2013 was studied. A total 180 female cases were autopsied in this one year period. Among them majority of victims were married [79.4%], Hindu [65%] and most of the victims were from age group 21-30 years [37.7%]. Burns were commonest cause of death [49.4%] in which majority of deaths were accidental [52.2%] in nature. The findings of present study show that how women of adult age group are susceptible to unnatural deaths. Henceforth, it is the need of hour to take some concrete steps to reduce or prevent the potentially preventable unnatural deaths among adult females of the region.