

1. What are the various ways to make the digital space safer for all, particularly women? Elaborate.

India is country with young youth demography with 24.1% in Generation X & 34.1% in Millenials. With digitization, Interactions & interconnection increased. But it also causes harm, particularly vulnerable is women.

Crimes against women

Crimes India Statistics of National Crime Records Bureau - around 10000 cyber crimes reported against women in 2020, 24.1% jump from 2019.

Various forms of abuse include - cyber blackmailing, pornography, defaming, fake accounts & others..

Reasons for increasing abuse - women

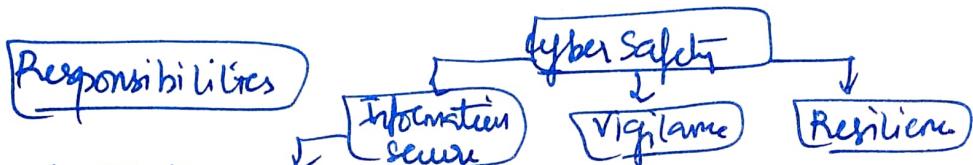
1. private pictures - leaked online through hacked accounts
(a) Sexual relationship
2. New social norms - sharing intimate pictures to express sexuality among youth leading to increased new forms of abuse

Efforts - to tackle these abuses

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1. Information technology act; helps to provide safety & security particularly to women & children.

2. The Act provides for discussion on the threat of evolving nature of abuse. Thereby making Evidence based Intervention.

3. Leading Academics are also increasing involved in studying entirely new forms of online abuse.



1. Platform providers must also take responsibility.

Interventions - like 'Design choices' to make women control in PS and leveraging 'open source platform' to identify and build blue brand images. (Information is secured)

2. Vigilance → Safety tools & techniques in websites and applications.

3. Resilience → societal support and public discourse of evolving threats to spread awareness

All Stakeholders must take responsibility to act in coordinated way, so digital space safety for women as safety of all & in particular women.

"Embrace technology & being cyber smart."