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Do the Visual Media Contribute to Violence Against Women?

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ABSTRACT The present paper discusses the rising violence on women in modern times and its relations with the violence shown on television and in the cinema. In a country where women are held in high esteem and worshipped, they would be depicted in a lewd manner in most of films. Today Indian women suffer hunger, oppression, physical and mental torture, dishonour, illiteracy, disease and general neglect. So the question arises, Do the visual media have any relation with the crimes being perpetrated on women today?