

## Gender Role Expectations within the Institution of Marriage

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**ABSTRACT** This paper aims to observe gender roles in the institution of marriage and investigates how fairly these are distributed to wives and husbands. The paper argues that gender roles are socially and culturally constructed, disadvantaging women as compared to men. The paper is of the opinion that, in addition to the household chores and the upbringing of children, women continue to provide care that directly impact on men's well-being. The present study, therefore, explores the issues of motherhood and the reliance of men on gender roles that are more in their favour. The research further explores gender relations that are skewed in favour of men, and argues that this is the result of the historically evolved system of patriarchy and male hegemony.