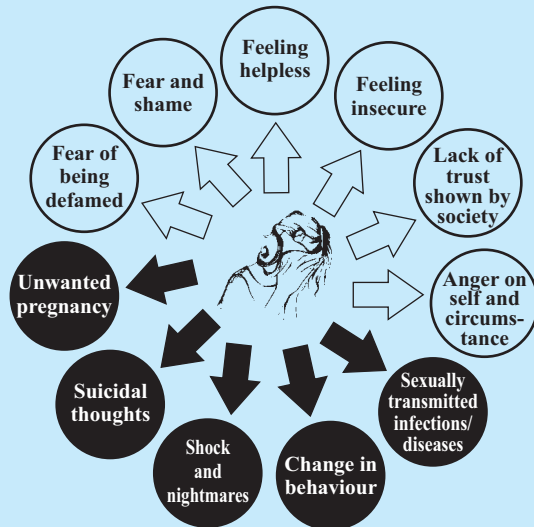


Sexual Violence is not your fault

Do not remain silent...seek help!

- *She* was a 7 year old, lively girl. *He* was a man from the village in search of a job - a distant relative. When there was no one at home, he played a 'game' with her on several occasions - a game that made her uncomfortable. "If you tell this to anyone, your mother will die." - He forced her into a pact. Her mother suspected a change in her behaviour took her into confidence and asked her to tell her what happened. Before confiding in her mother, she said, "Uncle said that if I tell this to anyone, you will die... you won't die after I tell you, will you?"
- To work and back was *her* regular routine. One day, she fell sick at the office. She had been putting off going to the doctor. After a lot of persistence from her friend, she shared that on her way back from work, a man from her locality had called her to his home on some pretext and had forced himself on her. She was so shocked by this unexpected turn of events that she had been unable to react. He had threatened to shame her if she spoke out about the incident.
- *She* was waiting for a bus home one evening; her children were awaiting her return. Her boss passed by in his car and offered to drop her home. When she awoke, dishevelled, all she recalled was being given a cold drink which left her unconscious. He had a gun in his hand. "If you report this, I will kill you - you hear me?"

Some reasons for silence around Sexual Violence



The result of being a victim of sexual violence

Do not suffer in silence – sexual violence is not your fault. It is a crime committed by a person who has abused his/her position of power. Do not be let down by what society thinks or says. Violence has several effects. At *Crisis Intervention Centre for Women*, (Asilo)/ North Goa District Hospital, Mapusa Goa, you will receive support to deal with the impact of this situation.

Some of the ways in which *Crisis Intervention Centre for Women* helps are:



Hospital :

- Complete treatment free of cost
- Medical examination



Police :

- Informing you of your rights
- Understanding police procedures
- Filing a police complaint



Legal aid :

- Informing you of your legal rights
- Informing you about court procedures
- Free legal aid



At *Crisis Intervention Centre for Women* :

- Planning your safety
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Standing by you unconditionally
- Counselling
- Temporary shelter
- Rehabilitation
- Being there with you at any point in time
- Providing services free of cost

As per Section 357C of the CrPC (Criminal Law Amendment Act 2013) a survivor of sexual violence has the right to free first aid and medical treatment at the hospital. Denial of this right is punishable by law.

Seek help – Do not suffer injustice!



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