Changed the Marriage System and increased Live in Relationship

Dr. Pisal Anita Sambhaji, Assistant Professor,
Bharati Vidyapeeth University,
Social Science centre, Pune.

Introduction

Marriage is the legal institution allows men and women to enter in to family life to live in the intimate personal relationship primarily for the purpose of are getting and rearing children. Marriage is universal institution even though the forms and objective of marriage may differ from society to society and from community to community. Marriage is regarding could be a stable relationship in which traditionally one man and one women are socially and legally permitted to have children and live as a family.

Marriage is the deepest and most complex involvement of human relationship. It involves the social sanction, generally in the form of a civil and religious ceremony authoring two persons of opposite sex to change in sexual union and other consequent or correlated socio-economic relation with another.

Definition of the marriage

- **By Edward Westermarck**: “Marriage is nothing more or less than a durable connection between male and female lasting beyond the more acts of propagations [sexual relationship] till after the birth of offspring”.

- **ELLEN**: “Marriage signifies the living together of love and the parenthood of children.”

- **HUNT**: “Marriage is the approval social pattern where by two or more people establish family.”

- **By Land berg**: Marriage consists of the rules and regulation which define the rights, duties privilege of husband and wife with respect to each other.”
H.E. Muzumdar: Marriage is a socially sanction union of male and female or as a secondary institution devised by society to sanction the union of male and female for the purpose.

- Establishing a family
- Entering into sex relations
- Procreating
- Providing care for the offspring

The most important of marriage is its social and legal recognition. The society recognizes and respects the relationship and treats it as the only “proper” way for a man and woman to share a single roof and rear children. Marriage is protected by the law and both the partners have their clearly defined right and obligations. If they want to split, there is a laid down procedure that has to be followed. There are strict provisions to take care of children upbringing in case of parental divorce. Another substantial benefit marriage offers to the couple is emotional commitment and support. The partners demand loyalty and fidelity from each other. In return, they bare their entire secret to each other and share their finances to buy assets for the family. There is no other relationship that can match the emotional support, social recognition and legal rights that a marriage provides.

In India, Majority of the marriage take place within the caste. During the first thirty years of the present century, inter caste marriages were very rare because in an agricultural society following caste system and arranged marriage, it is very difficult for a man or a woman to marry outside the caste.

But today’s many educated young men and women are prepared to break through the bonds of caste if mutual love or attraction demands it. Today’s increased the women’s education; because the couples came together in educational institution and working together, they were living in the same neighborhood and coming together in picnic, social gatherings, cultural programs, after some time they are very close in her relationship and they have been accepted live-in relationship.

They desire the emotional. Physical security of a relationship as well as the freedom and independence that comes with being single living in relationship legal validity will remain the dilation of social morality, social obligation and family bonds.

**Differences between Marriage and Live-in relationship**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Marriage</th>
<th>Live-in relationship</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Satisfaction of sexual needs</td>
<td>Don’t married but these needs are full</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Production and procreation of Child rearing</td>
<td>Not compulsory</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Marriage is not compulsory in the young men and women because all needs are full fill the without marriage means live-in relationship is good for her life so both young couples are accepted these relation.

**Live-in- Relationship**

A live in relationship is an arrangement where a heterosexual couple lives together, without entering in to a formal relationship called marriage. It need not necessarily involve sexual relations. It is an informal arrangement between intended parties. Live in relationship are not new in our society. The only difference is that now people have become open about it. Formally they were known as “maitray karars” in which people of two opposite sex would enter in to a written agreement to be friend, live together and look after each other. A change is visible in our society from arranged marriages to love marriages and now to “live-in-relationship”.

These are today quite popular with the young crowd. The benefits of live-in-relationship are many. The foremost among these is the freedom that you get. The lack of commitment, the disrespect of social bond and the lack of tolerance in relationship have given rise to alternative to marriages. Whatever the reason, it is quite clear that even in a traditional society, where the institution of marriage is considered to be “sacred”, an increasing number of couples chose a live-in relationship.

Live-in relationship increasing numbers of couples choose. Relationship “by choice” are those where the partner live together. There are live-in-partners who are consciously choosing to live as “live in”. They do not want a status of formal marriage. They are happy to continue to live as live-in partners only. If an analysis is made of need of such relationship; avoiding responsibility would emerge as the prime reason. The lack of commitment, the disrespect of social bonds and the lack of tolerance in relationship have given rise to alternative to marriage.

These are today quite popular with the young crowd. The benefits of live-in-relationship are many. The foremost among these is the freedom that you get. Whatever the reason, it is quite clear that even in a traditional society, where the institution of marriage is considered to be “sacred”, an increasing number of couples chose a live-in relationship,

**Definition of the Live-in-Relationship**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Formation of family</th>
<th>No formation of the family</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Socialization</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Providing social status</td>
<td>Better</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Responsibility ,right and duties</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Providing social, economic and psychological Security</td>
<td>Full fill these needs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Satisfaction of primary and secondary needs of the family</td>
<td>Full fill these needs</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
1) “It’s better to have a live-in-relationship rather than having a divorced life.”

2) The legal definition of live-in relationship is “an arrangement to living under which the couples which are unmarried live together to conduct a long –going relationship similarly as a marriage.”

3) “Staying together without being marriage”.

4) “Living arrangement in which an unmarried couple lives together in a long term relationship that resembles a marriage.”

**The Concept of Live-In- Relationship**

The concept of the live-in relationship the freedom and liberty it offers to partner and most importantly, the fact that an increasing number of urban couple in India are choosing to “live-in” rather than marry is a new development that has turned the traditional Indian marriage on its head.

Live-in-relationship is far different from that of marriage. Marriage is lifetime commitment where as a live in relationship is an agreement by choice runaway from individual who went to people going in for live-in relationship are those who just want to enjoy life with fun for some time but are afraid of the responsibility that come along with being committed.

**Reason of the accepted live-in relationship**

Avoiding responsibility

Lack of commitment

Disrespect of social bonds

Lack of tolerance in relationships

Element of convenience.

Freedom

No need to surrender any rights or accept any obligations.

Test of emotional and physical compatibility

Adjustment

To share cost of living

Western impact

Security – physical, emotional

Common career
To avoid responsibilities of marriage

Partner choice

Avoid Dowry

No legal bonds

Sexual needs

Change is a rule of marriage life. Any change brings with it some kind of controversy as it disturbs the existing order of life. When any economic change takes place, it brings with it social and moral changes too. Impact of the Globalization on India family and marriage system.

Globalization is a term used for a number of economic, social, technological and political changes on a world scale. These changes have impacted human relations. In the process of globalization, many family ties are lost forever. Globalization has stressed all relationships. In family life, the formerly dominant values of loyalty, duty, obedience, and self-sacrifice are slowly being displaced by the standards of personal fulfillment, companionship, sexual gratification for spouse, equalitarianism, and compatibility, at least among the upper classes in developing countries. Life for us is a long journey full of challenges and problems of individual who will provide a shoulder to lean on and share some of our responsibilities. Thus, the institution of marriage was created in which two adults of opposite sex formally tie the knot in a socially and legally accepted and enduring bond that is meant to last an entire lifetime.

Increased Female education

These dynamics reveal the whole range of changes in the family system - its structure, functions, core values and regulative norms. This has resulted into a substitute for the deep routed family and marriage system called as a "Live-in Relationship". The legal definition of lives in relationship is "an arrangement of living under which the couples which are unmarried live together to conduct a long-going relationship similarly as in marriage."

In present time more and more couples choose not to marry, but they desire to have long-term relationships without marriage. Thus they live together without being married, just like spouses. This arrangement is termed as 'Live-in Relationship'. Live-in relationships among urban, educated, upper-middle class young people began as a declaration of independence, as a way of keeping away from the 'shackles' of institutionalized marriages. In fact, it's a willful rejection of the institution of marriage, and of the restrictions and inequalities it has come to stand for. Live-in relationships, pre-marital sex, divorces, words that were taboo just five years ago, define the changing face of relationships in India today. Live-in relationship is a very progressive concept that gives couples the time to find out if they are compatible.

Conclusion

Modern society is now adapting to such practices on Live-in relationship. However, there is still a huge dilemma and debate that arises in everyone’s mind when you hear the words-
'live-in'. The matter of splitting the finances, variant sexual orientations or lack of faith in the institution of marriage. All these concepts are too progressive for our present-day society and will take some time before finding universal acceptance. But the very fact that these phrases are being openly talked about confirms that the concepts have arrived. Commitment is an important aspect of any relation. Any relationship, whether a live-in or marriage should ensure that it causes no domestic violence, that leads to mental imbalance and psychological differences in children.