



# Crime Against Women: Comparative Analysis of Kathua Rape Case in Two National English Magazines

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## Abstract

*The study involves the analysis of the leading news magazines of the India. The crime against women is increasing day by day. In this era of mass media, it is important to analyze the role of magazines regarding the crime against women. This study includes two leading magazines i.e., India Today and Outlook. Researcher analyses the content about the famous Gang rape case of Kathua in which a minor girl was raped leading to her death. This study critically analyses the importance given by both the magazines and space given to the incident. Content space given to a certain incidence reflects the importance and preference.*

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## 1. Introduction

Kathua rape case took place in January 2018 which involved abduction and gang rape leading to the murder of the victim. The victim was just 8 years old minor girl from Rasana, a village near Kathua in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The girl was disappeared from the village for a week and later discovered by the locals. In April 2018, eight people were charge sheeted in the case which made the case more famous and it was highlighted by the national media. The incident also had political relevance as the political parties organized rallies in favor of the accused as well as against them. On June 10, 2019, three of the accused were sentenced to life and three others were sentenced for five years while one was acquitted in the case.

## 2. Literature Review

Mamta Mehrotra (2004) in her book 'Crimes against Women in India: A Study', found that rape is widespread in the country. Girls or women are not safe at any place, whether they are at home, workplace or on the roads itself. With or without a guardian girls/woman are subjected to all kinds of humiliy.

The book named 'Violence Against Women and Children' was edited by Mary P. Koss, Jacquelyn W. White, Alan E. Kazdin (2011), explored that the child abuse, sexual and domestic violence are among the most critical experiences affecting girls and women.

## 3. Methodology

Content analysis is a research tool used to define the presence of certain words, themes, or concepts within some given data. Content analysis can be used by the researchers to quantify and analyze the meanings and relationships of certain words, themes, or concepts (Krippendorff, 2004).

The research paper undertakes the analysis of the content of the two national English magazines i.e., India Today and Outlook. Both the magazines have wide circulation in the country and cover different

socio-political issues. The paper study the quantitative analysis of the issues in both magazines such as the number of stories, types of article, length of the covered area and the number of headlines.

The purpose of content analysis is to establish and stimulate meaning from the data collected and to draw realistic conclusions from it.

#### 4. Data Analysis

##### 4.1 January 2018 Second Issue

Name of the Magazine	Number of News	Area Covered (sq. cm)
Outlook (Weekly)	1	80
India Today (Weekly)	1	360

##### 4.2 January 2018 Fourth Issue

Name of the Magazine	Number of News	Area Covered (sq. cm)
Outlook (Weekly)	1	145
India Today (Weekly)	1	180

#### 5. Conclusion

The study concludes as the Kathua case took place in second week of the January 2018, there was no news in first and second issue of the January in both the magazines. But both the magazines covered the issue in second and third issues of the January 2018.

It is very much clear with data that India Today given more space in both the issues i.e. second and third. In third issue of India Today given full page story regarding the case while Outlook published a single column story. India Today provided 360 sq. cm space to the story while Outlook provided only 80 sq. cm. space which is lesser than India Today.

In the fourth issue of both the magazines India today again provided more space to the Kathua case while Outlook was not provided that much. Though, in the fourth issue Outlook provided more space than its third issue as it provided 80 sq. cm in third issue and 145 sq. cm in fourth issue. India today provided less in fourth issue than provided in its third issue. India Today provided 180 sq. cm. space in fourth issue while the space provide in the third issue was double i.e. 360 sq. cm.

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