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A BRIEF REVIEW ON AN EMERGING TREND "LIVE-IN RELATIONSHIP"

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ABSTRACT

In India, a Live-in relationship is no more an alien concept considering the changes in societal fabric and its choices. Still, the issue of acceptability of the live-in relationship sometimes crops up which mandates recognition of its existence and the need to accord legitimacy to the same. Considering, that right to marriage has been maintained as a fundamental right via a plethora of judgments; and further protection has been given in such relationships which do resemble marriage-like institutions; it is high time that live-in relationships should be given statutory recognition with similar conditions of eligibility which are applicable in marriage. Various committees and judgments have indicated the same, yet the live-in relationship has not achieved the statutory recognition which is long due. The issue is not of existence but of protection which is at risk considering occasional draconian judgments which refuse to consider the right to companionship as a fundamental right and put unwarranted insistence on morality and ethics even to protect life and liberty. The institution of marriage has itself undergone a major change, yet some parts of the society and legal system simply refuse to acknowledge the same. This paper is an attempt to focus on the need for legalization and legislation pertaining to live-in relationships which would recognize the right of companionship beyond marriage and would also accord protection of life and liberty in such relationships.

KEYWORDS: *Live-in-relationship, Marriage, Cohabitation*

INTRODUCTION

The institution of marriage is the foundation of peace and order of society and is considered as sacred even by those who view it as a civil contract. Under traditional Hindu Law, it is more religious than a secular institution. Marriage, whether considered as a sacrament or a contract, gives rise to a status. It confers a status of husband and wife on parties to the marriage, and a status of legitimacy on the children of a marriage. For a valid marriage, in most systems of law, two conditions are necessary; one is parties must have capacity to marry, and second is they must undergo the necessary ceremonies and rites of marriage.According to Ancient Hindu Law, marriage is the last of the 10 sacraments and is a tie, a sacred tie, a tie which can never be broken. It is a relation established by birth to birth. According to Smritikars even death cannot break this relation of husband and wife which is not only sacred and religious but is a holy union also. Once created this sacred tie cannot be untied. It is not a mere contract wherein a consenting mind is indispensable. The institution of marriage is a sacrament and not a mere socio- legal contract. Marriage improves, refines and ennobles the character.

In this era of urbanisation and industrialisation, when India is developing at a rapid pace, where the concept of morality is changing, marriage still holds an important and sacramental position. But it is also a harsh reality that in Indian society we are witnessing a change in the institution of family by way of live- in relationship. Live- in relationship has become an emerging trend of the modern society. The concept of live in relationship has posed an open challenge to the family system. A continues war is going on between the morals and the legal system as the former does not recognise live relationship because it is the institution of marriage and at large affects the basic unit of society that our family, whereas the latter does not constitute this act of living together by a man and woman as an offence. Live in relationship has posed several questions before Indian society. Marriage confers status of husband and wife on the parties of marriage, provides legitimacy to the children and confers certain rights on the spouses and the children. But accepting live in relationships and giving rights to women and children under it will certainly act as a challenge to the institution of marriage.

Since in our country certainly, marriage is still viewed as a Sacrament, the very mention of living in relationship has an alternative to marriage is hackles and sometimes even results in tragic consequences. The intelligence is not entirely sure what stand they should take and the law is ambivalent and about what is presently referred to as "Common Law relationship" or "cohabitation". The usual agreements offered by the antagonist of living relationship are that they are immoral, encourage promiscuity and anti-family. The central assumption in all of these relationship will we the strong family familiar ties that we, as Indian. see as emblematic of our culture perhaps it would be appropriate in today's climate of growing concern over climbing divorce rates to examine the issue of living relationship in slightly greater depth, a cursory glance at history suggest that marriage has been socially sanctioned form of fort of a better word co-habitation. In our country, marriage has been seen as a subset of the overall family structure and as an

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integral entity in family formation. Arguably, no other social institution has been accorded sacramental status, as have marriage and inevitably when an institution is considered sacrosanct, and attempt at tinkering with it bound to lead too much distress and even agitation. The expression live in relationship is synonymous with the term cohabitation. According to the Oxford advanced learner's Dictionary, Cohabitation means relation of living together of usually an unmarried couple. It has been explained as a living arrangement in which an unmarried couple lives together in a long term relationship that resembles a marriage. In other words, it can be said that live in relationship is an arrangement where two unmarried couples live together as husband and wife on a long term or permanent basis. The term cohabitation is also used to indicate the relation of long-standing living together of two homosexual people or of an unmarried woman with a married man.

Meaning of Live-In-Relationship

The relationship between law and society are intermixed with each other. And as per the Sociological school of Jurisprudence. "A functional study of law is applied to concrete social problems existing in the society in order to make law as an effective instrument of social control for harmonizing the conflicting interest of individuals in the society."

Definitions of Live-In Relationship

Some definitions of Live-in relationship are provided below:

1. American Psychological Association (APA) defined it as: "a living arrangement in which an unmarried couple lives together in a long-term relationship that resembles a marriage".
2. Cambridge dictionary defined it as: "Two people cohabit in the same house and have a sexual relationship, but are not married. They often referred to like live-in partners".
3. Oxford dictionary: "To live in the same house to share a home and have a sexual relationship without getting married".
4. Pew Research Center defined it as: "Unmarried couples who live together in a long-term relationship and share a household".
5. As per Merriam-Webster Dictionary: "an arrangement in which two people live together as if married".

The legal definition of live in relationship is "an arrangement of living under which the couple which is unmarried lives together to conduct a long-going relationship similarly as in marriage."

In brief, live-in relationship is a domestic arrangement where unmarried couples choose to live together in a long-term partnership, sharing a household and often resembling a marital relationship in terms of commitment and shared responsibilities, without the legal formalities of marriage.

Existence of Live-In-Relationship: Live in relationship have been there for many years, the only difference is that back then people were indecisive in revealing their status due to the fear of society, however a part of Indian population are openly accepting this kind of relationship in today's era. Although, this new form of family is unstable, it is natural and thus prevailing in western world. Therefore, it becomes necessary to know the rights & obligations for the partners living together without the marriage all around the world. In metropolitan cities of India this form has become an alternative to marriage where individual gives priority to freedom and people try to stay away from the responsibilities and obligations of a married life. The ambit and definition of live-in relationship is not much clear, there is lack of specific legislation in India on this subject as the laws to govern such relationship are in the form of court judgment. The verdict depends on the circumstances of each case.

Causes for increasing Live-in Relationship in India

1. Compatibility is the most important for the couples: Well in a country like India where the society is so closely associated with the rituals and usage, there is very little chance for the concept like Live in Relationship, but it's very astonishing to watch that the concept of Live in Relationship is tremendously increasing amongst youth in India and the first reason for spreading of live-in relationship in India is that in Live-in relationship you can check the compatibility with your partner and if after having a Live-in Relationship your personal bonding is not good then you can separate your ways easily and without any legal procedure but this is not possible in marriage. The marriage involves lot of legal and paper works for separation. Moreover there is lot of mental and physical, financial harassment in taking the divorce. So the concept of Live-in relationship is easy in terms of harassment marriage.

2. Inter religion or Love Marriages: Earlier in India marriage was performed under the guidance of family and societies. The Bride or Groom was selected according to the choice of elder people of the family. But now the concept of love marriages or inter-caste or inter-religion are spreading in India but the real problem lies in the marriage only so when two people are unable to do love marriages then they choose the way of live in relationship because the Live-in relationship is also a form of cohabitation where two people can live together without completing the formalities of marriage. Moreover the concept of Live-in relationship is also a secular process so people of two different religion, different age, different belongings, and different thinking can live together without any hurdle of religion or caste.

3. Fear of getting failed in the marriage: In the present time people are full of their work and professional life where there is no time for personal life and communication. So hectic lifestyle where people are busy with their own works and there is lack of communication are one of the reason for failure of marriages because people don't know how to manage the time problems and how to sort out the things. So people choose Live-in relationship because in most of the Live-in relation couples chooses same time job and they manage their time in efficient way for their relationship.

4. Hectic Court Procedure: After the failed marriage many couples faces lot of harassment and legal paper work for getting the divorce. Moreover having divorce is a expensive procedure as well lengthy procedure. The expenditure of lawyers, paper formalities and pending dates of the court are the biggest

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reason. So people are now afraid of marriages and aftermath of the failed marriage such as alimony, court cases etc. and the biggest is social stigma where the couple has to face lots of taunt and people used to watch them with a disgraceful eyes. People who have had failed marriages are moving towards a relationship in which they do not want to be tied up formally and where they can live a peaceful and respectful life and where they can avoid responsibility of marriage and aftermath.

5. Marriage is now a showoff event : Earlier the marriage was a sacrament but now with the changing time the marriage has became an event which is very expensive and people with limited income has started avoiding it because for marriage u need lot of money and u should be financial sound for bearing all the expenses of marriage. But in Live -in relationship there is no extra expenditure and people are also free from social boundaries of the society. Going in different cities for higher studies in this competitive world the youth is going away from their family for higher studies or for employment and when they go far away from their family then in the need of a company they opt for this concept of Live-in relationship. Earlier the youth especially the female folks were not allowed to go out for studies or for a job, but now the times is changed and girls are also doing great as boys so now parents are also allowing their and girls this trend has changed which has also given rise to live-in relationships because the youth finds it easy for themselves.

6. Globalization World: In the last century India has open the door for the world and for their economies so after the entry of various foreign economies and introduction of LPG concept in 1991 the Indian came in contact with the global world became more strong and transfer of technology to ideas were started and with the introduction of LPG the foreign MNC were setup and people of foreign came and with the arrivals of foreigners their culture also came and flourished in India this is another factor that is contributing to make the Indians understand that there is no harm in living in a relationship because this live in Relationship concept is very common in foreign countries where you can find a partner for yourself yet you do not lose your independence and do not come under any form of family pressure16.there are various social media platforms and dating apps which are prevalent in foreign countries with the help of them they can find a suitable live in partner for themselves.

7. Changing Lifestyle of the Present Generation: In the last generation the people were not too much interactive and there was no social media so people were not connected globally generally the people were less interacted and the people were not having scope of falling in love or adopting the concept of Live-in Relationship to the children or teenagers. But today's time is full of social media platform and after the emerging of Covid19 people started giving their time on various social media platforms like Instagram, facebook and online dating websites most where a person can easily come in touch with another random person and then he or she may exchange their information and choice and if they find themselves comfortable for each other then they may plan the things for staying together.

8. Use of Social Media: Today's young generation and middle aged person like to share their personal ,professional life events on various social media such as instagram, facebook, twitter and they prefer to make new friends through social media and now people make their fans on new apps like instagram, tinder and all so this gives them a enough opportunities to make new friends and to fall in love if they find compatible with each other. And use of social media is one of the reason for increase in Live in Relationship rate in India and reason why social media is boosting the rate of live in relationship because the social media is really popular and its‟ safe and secure where you can hide their personal identity and they can pretend someone else. But active platforms like Face book, Instagram bring anonymous people together and in big cities they can easily get connected with each other.

Another reason for the growth of Live-in relationship is that our movies although it's a minor cause but the impact of movies is too much on the people and youth starts following blindly so this is also one of the reason.

9.Delay age of Marriage : In the past decades the age of marriage was very less and in British time the age of the girl was just 14 years so the average age of Indian boys and girls was very less and the concept of child marriage was so high so person's were unable to enjoy their single life and they don't even get the opportunity to think about the Live-in-Relationship But with the change in time and society the situation is just opposite with the increase in the age of marriage, or with the late marriages there is ample opportunities for a person to enter into the concept of Live-in Relationship and due to various factors like education, age and search for job, unemployment the time period for

10. Economic Independence of the younger generation: Earlier the youth, especially in metro cities wants to be financially independent and they want to have their life as per their choice and for that they don't want to depend financially on their parents. And after the pandemic time lots of youth are engaged in various online platforms from which they are earning enough money for their survival for example making Web series and YouTube contents from their home and thus they are giving less burden on their parents. So through various means and sources the youth is getting financially stable. Thus, their dependence on their respective families marriage is getting increase. has reduced and when they are not economically dependent on their families then can live their life's in their own ways.

11. Decline of moral and social ethics amongst present generation: India is the land of culture, values, tradition and in early times the joint families were existing in early times. The emphasis was given on the social, moral values of the children. The parents used to teach their children's to preserve the cultural bond but at present times things are changed parents are busy in their personal lives and there is clear cut communication gap between the family members and in this world of globalization and social media everyone is busy in doing personal works and the younger one don't get the proper moral values in the family so they become emotionally weak

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and they cut of themselves from the families and they make their own world where the interference of the family and family members is very less and usually people lacks emotional support which they get from other people.

12. Staying Away from home : Now-a-days many people, either for the purpose of education, jobs or for any other purpose etc., live out of town or out of country or from their homes because they are not getting jobs in their local cities or in their respective areas or state. Thus, they are not in the direct control to their families. Also, the builders are giving pressure to give their flats to married couples or family members so for dividing the rents and other expenses in an metro cities areas they go for live in relationship and they find the Live-in relationship as pocket friendly and at the same time giving opportunity to have a enjoyment.

13. To reduce stress and to remain independent lives: When a girl or a boy goes outside then they feel many unaccepted situations where they get stress and apart from un expected stress they also have the stress of the families, work pressure, future problems and many other types of problems so they start finding someone with whom they can have a tension free lives and at the end they get success by finding someone with whom they can enjoy their lives.

14. Today's life is full of work pressure: pressure of job and when a person thinks about live in relationship his or her priority is to find someone who is exactly as like him or her means they should be from same job or profession or if they are from different job then their level of compatibility should be good enough.

Benefits of having a Live-in Relationship

In India every coin has two perspectives one is positive and second is negative and same is with Live in relationship there are various pros and cons of live in relationship so we will analyze. The world is created by the god and man is consider as the most wisest creature amongst all of the creature which is created by the god but people for their benefits enter into the concepts of Live-in relationship some of the pros and cons of having Live-in relationship. The Live-in relationship offers various types of freedom to the person and some of them are;

1. Freedom from Social Bonds and tie-ups: Like marriage, Live-in relationship is not surrounded with any legal contract or any social contracts or social bonds. So man and woman having a Live-in relationship are free to live their lives as per their choices and in their comfort zone. They cannot be forced to attend family events and other events against their wishes. Moreover the problems of social bonds are less in Live-in relationship and mostly they don't care about the society. Moreover the couple gets enough time for themselves to know their partner in better way.

2. Freedom: The most important reason for choosing for the Live-in relationship by the majority of youth is that they wants freedom and they want to enjoy that freedom in every possible manner in which they can enjoy. The Live-in couple can live together as per the wishes and will of each other. They can divide their work, can share professional life's and can do whatever they want to in their life as per their choice. If they feel that they should go outing on Sunday then they are free for to go out on Sunday so no one is their to prevent them. On the other hand in marriage you have so much work load plus there is so much of pressure of family as well as the society. Plus in marriage the interference of the society is very much as compare to live-in relationship. Plus in Live-in relationship the couples are sole responsible for their good and bad present & future. So it's the sole responsibility of the partner for their acts and all. In Live-in relationship people enjoy their life as per need and comfort zone.

3. Financial Relaxation: This is the most important thing that creates a huge difference in the concept of marriage and Live-in relationships. Generally in married life couples are worried for their present and future as well they are concerned for their savings and deposit. Moreover the married couples show more attention to balance the needs of the family and to act the earning potential of the couple. But in Live relationship both the parties earn and spend as per their needs and it's totally up to them weather to save the money or not to share the savings.

4. Less Responsibility in Live-in relationship: The marriage is full of responsibilities first of the families then for personal responsibility and at the end for their children's and societies. Couple is occupied always with burden of responsibilities and they don't get time for themselves but in the Live-in relationship the people are having less responsibility for themselves so there is peace , love and personal space they can love their life with less tension and they life is better than married couples.

5. No need of divorce just replaces the partner: In marriage if partner is not happy then they don't have chance to leave or separate themselves from their married partner without obtaining the divorce. But If a partner is not happy or bored of living with him/her then he/she can quit from live-in relationship and choose another partner without any feelings and legal procedures as they define themselves before entering into the landscape that their journey would be a temporary drive. Whilst in a marriage, you cannot quit from the knotted relation if not interested to stay anymore. You need to go for legal proceedings to get divorced with the acceptance of both the parties in the presence of the court.

Disadvantages of Live-in Relationship: The biggest disadvantage of having a Live-in relationship in country like India is that it's against the cultural and traditional aspect of the India. Because as we all know that India is the land of culture beliefs and rituals and Indian love to protect the culture and marriage in India is a culture only so the concept of Live-in Relationship is not accepted by the society members easily plus the marriage is socially and legally accepted form of staying together. Plus in Live-in relationship women's and children if born in Live-in relationship are most suffering person.

So if a person is having a Live-in Relationship in India and if he or she is living in non metro city then it's very difficult for them to sustain in society because the view of society is not

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appreciating in India and If you are in love with someone and you are serious for his or her then trust him or her and what is the hesitation of giving someone his or her name so if someone is serious marry him and start your life together because in India at present time the marriage is the best approved and stable form of cohabitation because there is stability and people come with the intention of staying together, there is support of family and elders guide and share their experience in tough time of the marriage and all these things generally lack in the Live-in relationship Because most of the people of our parents will not accept the concept of Live-in relationship in present times. Even in India the Bollywood actor and actress even prefer to get married and have a settled life with their partner because Live-in relationship is a complicated arrangement of staying together where things aren't clear and nor the rights are clearly mentioned in any law or ordinance.

Secondly the present form of Live-in relationship is inspired from the foreign countries so here question arises things which are suitable for foreign countries are suitable for Indians too? Does everything the western do is correct or we should follow them blindly ? Answer is NO. Indian's have their own culture and traditional beliefs so why to adopt the foreign culture and beliefs when we have our own form of cohabitation which is best in the world and most approved form of cohabitation. So instead of giving priority to the concept of Live-in relationship which is not socially nor legally acceptable at current tie the youth go for the marriage. India is also known for its moral values and ethics. And now the western countries are getting attracted towards and now the western people are attracting towards India because the love & care they found in Indian families (note family can be created only when a person get married), is it reasonable to follow live-in-relationship, just to show you modern and trendy.

The opinion of Couple having a Live-in relationship is different some finds it that it helps in growth of the individual so are they saying that marriage does not let grow any one? But we have seen so many successful marriages and the real thing is that growth does not depend on the type of relationship but on how you handle the difficulties. One more severe problem with the Live-in relationship is that Live-in relationship are not stable form of relationship and they are fully in secure, it gives the joy of four days but there is no guarantee that it will help you for long life .Moreover the Live-in relationship has became a source for fulfilling the physical needs of the body nothing more than that. And after all we all are human so we should show a civilized behavior can help to clear the difference between them and to make marriage best option.

The biggest disadvantage of Live-in relationship means the Live-in relationship lacks the "commitment". A small fight, disagreement can end this relationship and any of the partner walk out from a small fight. Whereas, when couples are married they try to make every possible efforts to save their relationship and they seeks to find a permanent solution for that problem and to save the marriage from divorce. In marriage there is pressure of families to both husband and wife so in case of arguments or misunderstanding the families. It is true that in a live-in relationship where there is no financial, social and legal binding, so the door out is always open for the couples. The women's in the Live-in relationship is biologically, physically, mentally and emotionally is at worst receiving and when Live-in relationship gets failed then they get hurts emotionally, mentally and physically.

In our existing society, which is patriarchal in nature and where patriarchal norms are followed where women are the ones who suffer the most and burns of stepping out of conventions. Then it becomes very difficult for them to find a good and understanding spouse after being in a live-in relationship with someone else because they have already lose their trust their confidence and their love so it's very difficult for them to trust again someone. In many cases we have witness that women are subject to cruelty and they are openly misbehaving with them so it's a tuff call for the women to choose the Live-in relationship wisely.

The concept of live in a relationship, like homosexual is not just an ordinary thing for Indians now. Some of the Indians have adopted western culture and are very happy with it. But, still there are majority of people who know their culture, rituals, morals and values and are responsible citizens of India who are in favor of following the culture of India and are the torch bearers of Indian culture and traditions in our society.

The people having a Live in relationship, thinks that it will reduce the rate of divorce or chances of divorces but at the same time the concept of Live-in relationship increases the chances of un wanted pregnancies and there are probable chances that women are treated with cruel nature and in most of the cases they are physically tortured too. So live-in relationship is not everyone cup of tea it is a roller coaster where you have to face up & downs. The Live-in relationship is also shameful for the parents also because the people of the societies question about the upbringing of the children because having a Live-in relationship is very tuff call and it's still practiced as a taboo and its seen with disgraceful eyes.

The concept of Live-in relationship is still a taboo and it has societal pressure so the nature and behaviors of the couples gets changed and they start behaving in unusual way so it's very difficult for them to handle the same relationship but with attitude and changed circumstances. The Live-in relationship lacks the respect and there are enough chances that both man and women are exploited in Live-in relationship so it's a risky concept.

Although there are hundreds of couples who choose to Live-in relationship society still applies a stigma to such marriage. The most of the people from our society see Live-in relationship as taboo and moreover the people watch it as taboo or sin. On the different side the marriage is still worshipped, despite the rise in number of judicial separation, divorce and relationship problems. Subsequently it can be said that pattern of Live-in relationship generally exist in metro cities or in corporate cultural societies but not in rural and various legal social and violation of cultural trends.

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So the marriage is the best approved form of cohabitation in the present time and there is need for having a proper codified law on the Live-in relationship else things will be problematic for the couples as well as for the societies.

Impact of Live-in Relationship

Since India is gradually adopting the western culture and ideas and mainly the concept of live- in. Years ago, live-in relationships were considered to be a sin or something the society would never accept in India, but now that belief has started to change and a lot of couples have started to adopt the trend of live-in. While the live-in trend has started to grow a lot but still there are couples who are not able to take the big step due to the huge embarrassment or an assault they have to face from society.

Few of the couples are lucky enough to find an approach to legal rights, while few still struggle with the fact of being considered as legal strangers living together. Looking at the brighter side, we can consider that couples really get to spend time in knowing each other before making the big decision of getting hitched. However, legal rights have been given to people who really do not wish to tie the knot and make a decision to carry on with the live-in instead of marriage.

One thing which we have to consider is that our Indian society does not and would never give the same respect to the couples in live-in as they give to the ones who are married. Even in the 21st century, couples in live-in are seen as some sought of criminals. Another big issue which arises when the couple is in live-in is that what if there are children born out of the relationship and as per The Hindu Marriage Act,1955 "children born out before marriages are considered to be the legitimate children of their parents, however, the problem arises when the couple decides to live apart and none of the parents is keen to take responsibility of the child", in that case, one of the parents have to adhere to the responsibility of their child and for securing the respective legal rights for the child. One of the guardians has to take the responsibility and the child must get his rights in all the properties out of their father or mother. An example is a famous case of SPS Bala subramanyam v. Scruttayan, which was held by the Supreme Court that stated, "that if a man and women are living together for a considerable period of time then it would be presumed within Section 114 of the Evidence Act that they are husband and wife and children born will be legitimate children".

One thing which we can clearly see in Indian society is how much they value and protect their traditions. Live-in, according to the society is totally opposite from the traditions of the Indian society that is the reason for the low acceptance rate of live-in relationships in India. The couples are not wrong for the conceptual fact that if they have to spend their whole lives with someone, they must get to know them completely but on the other hand, we cannot judge people who do not support live-in relationships. Hindu marriages are seen as an eternal union of two souls and according to them live-in relationships are unrighteous but we should realize that everyone should have the right to live their lives according to their own will and however they want. It has been highly appreciated that the Indian judiciary has given legal rights to the couples for live-in. India is a developing country and any changes or developments should be openly welcomed. The problem lies only in the Indian society and our habit of judging people for making choices they want. It has also been found out that people fear marriage because of the fear of divorce and hence, they prefer live-in relationships. But as we say nothing really escapes without its drawbacks and hence there are some pros and some cons to live-in relationships.

CONCLUSION

Live –in-relationship has increasingly seen in India's metro cities, though through it adult couples get the freedom of choosing their partners in a better way even without taking any responsibilities and commitment. But the concept of marriage is still hold its position in the society because it is an universal phenomenon for the adult couple to stay together with all kind of emotions, responsibilities and respect to each other. The females and the children are getting better acceptance in the society through marriage rather live ins. Live-in relationship may be ok in some circumstances but the importance of the institution of marriage for maintaining the social order cannot be denied.

We may conclude by saying that if we compare the Live-in Relationship with the marriage then we come to know that the couples who are practicing the Live-in relationships are not married and they are not having intention to marry each other also but because of some reasons they are living together under a same roof and enjoying the company of each other. With the growing time and evolution of the society the concept of cohabitation also got changed previously marriage was the single form of cohabitation between man & women which was prevalent their at that time but with the passage of time and our Indian society and culture has got a tremendous change and the living style as well as another form of cohabitation got introduced in the Indian society and that form of cohabitation is known as Live-in- Relationship. There are various causes for increasing Live-in Relationship in India like Compatibility is the most important for the couples, Inter religion or Love Marriages, fear of getting failed in the marriage, hectic court procedure, marriage is now a showoff event, going in different cities for higher studies, globalization world, changing lifestyle of the present generation, use of social media, delay age of marriage, economic independence of the younger generation, decline of moral and social ethics amongst present generation, staying away from home, to reduce stress and to remain independent lives and today"s life is full of work pressure.

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