

# Live-In Relationships in India: The Socio-Legal Aspects

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## Abstract

*The core of Indian culture and tradition is marriage and family. The preponderance of Indian civilization is centred on religion and family. The impact of live-in relationships in India is very new, and it has highlighted some important questions about the social consequences of such relationships. Despite the lack of law on the subject, the Indian judiciary has shed considerable light on the issue of live-in relationships and has wisely attempted to strike a balance between society's general expectations and people's particular rights. This article highlights the issue of live-in-relationship in India and examines its socio-legal aspects. This article also examines the legality of the live-in-relationship concept and its impact on the Indian society.*

**Key Words:** Marriage, Live-in-relationship, Family, Law, Society

## Introduction

India is well-known for its democratic values and family structure. People are often incredibly attached to their families, and every ideal Indian's family is his main priority. The fundamental reason for this is that people have a lot of faith and respect for marriage institution. Marriage is the most important social institution in this diverse country. People regard marriage as a vital part of their life, regardless of their religious beliefs, and believe that moral norms and traditions must be upheld and preserved for a healthy community. Marriages were once arranged by the parents and elders of the joint family. The majority of Indians relocate to metropolitan areas for education and livelihood, hence modern Indian families are nuclear. There is no doubt that the current generation is gifted and plays an important part in the country's development. Though

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