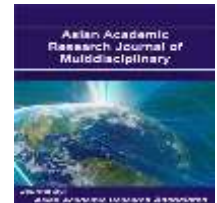




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CONCEPT OF MARRIAGE AND INDEPENDENT DECISION MAKING ABILITY AMONG COLLEGE GIRLS

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Abstract

The college life is a significant stage in everybody's life and this is the stage where girls have physical changes and gets mental maturity and learns to adapt social life. This stage is the major turning point in every girl's life as she has to take important decisions during this period which includes carrier and marriage. Historically, society believed a woman's place was in her home, caring for her husband and children, as opposed to the workplace. In this context, the marriage aspirations of a college girl are a central issue which needs to be addressed. The socioeconomic status, education and parental encouragement during college life play a significant role in deciding what a girl aspires about her marriage. In this paper an attempt has been made to analyze the marriage aspirations of college girls in urban areas based on personal interviews. It is found that, the unmarried college girls strongly feel that they have the rights to choose their life partner and should be consulted and wants to be the part of the decision process which involves their parents. This shows a clear changing pattern in marriage system as the earlier marriage system used to involve only parents in decision making process.

Key words: Marriage, College girl, changing pattern, aspirations, life partner

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