

A STUDY OF SOCIAL MATURITY AMONG GIRL ADOLESCENTS

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Abstract:

The present study examined social maturity among rural and urban girl adolescents. The study was confined to 60 girl (30 rural and 30 urban) college students studying in 12th grade from different colleges of Kolhapur city. Comprehensive Scale of Social Maturity developed by Roma pal was applied for present study. The simple random sampling method was adopted in this study. The statistical techniques such mean, SD and 't' test was used for the analyze the data. The researcher found that there is significance difference found between rural and urban girl adolescents. Rural girl adolescent posses higher social maturity than urban adolescents.

Keywords : *Social maturity, female adolescents, rural and urban area.*

Introduction:

Adolescence is the crucial stage of human development According to various Psychologists, adolescents is bridge between childhood and adulthood. All the development human being depends upon this stage. Our former President, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam also introduced that the importance of adolescent in reconstruction of nation. Adolescents are creature, innovator of any nation and we can develop our nation with the help of the adolescents. So, we have to focus on the development of adolescents. But, we seen that especially in India, there is lot of obstacles in development of adolescents. These obstacles are increasing day by day. The obstacles related to physical, mental, emotional and social aspects. Social factor is too much important for development of adolescents. Social maturity is a key factor for the development in adolescents. The social maturity allows in depth perception of social circumstances and develops social patterns of social behavior in an individual. The aspects includes such as communication, occupational activities, self efficiency, self-direction and social participation. Raj, M. noted that "Social Maturity as the level pf social skills and awareness that an individual has achieved relative to particular norms related to an age group. It is a measure of the development competence of an individual with regard to interpersonal relations, behaviour appropriateness, social problem solving and judgment." Bretsch (1952) highlighted that social maturation permits more detailed perception of the social environment which helps adolescents to influence the social circumstances and develop stable patterns of social behavior. Social maturity plays a vital role in social life of an individual. It shows satisfactory fulfillment of social life. In present era, we seen that today's adolescents mature in physically and mentally but found socially immature. The proper guidance of teachers, parents, friends and relatives needed to improve social maturity in adolescents and it will definitely benefit to adolescents.

Definitions of Maturity:

1. "Maturity is the stage or quality of being nature specially"
2. "Maturity means the growth and development that is necessary either before any unlearned behaviour can occur or before learning of any particular can take place."

Social Maturity: "It means attaining maturity in social relationships that is to establish good relations with family, neighbors, friends, classmates, teachers and other members of the society for making and keeping friends. A person having a quality of friendliness and adjustable nature is considered a socially mature person."

Need and Importance of Social Maturity:

Social maturity is a proper evidence to show the capacity of an individual social maturity plays vital role in human development and it can positively caused for the following reasons.

1. To boost self-confidence
2. To extend social feelings
3. To increase productivity
3. To expand social and human values
5. To decline egocentric nature

Review of Literature:

1. Pratibha & Verma V. (2015) examined social maturity of the adolescent girls of rural and urban area. Total 120 girl adolescents from rural and urban area involved in this study. The sample random method was adopted in this study. Social maturity scale prepared by Dr. Nalini rao was used for assessment of variables in this study. The result of the study reveals that there is significance difference found between rural and urban girl adolescents in relation to their personality traits.

2. Anita P. (2017) conducted a study on social maturity of the adolescent college students in colleges at Tiruchirappalli. A total 300 college student involved and simple sampling method was adopted in this study. Social maturity scale developed by Dr. Nalini Rao was used for the study of social maturity. the researcher found that there is significance difference in overall social maturity in relation to gender.

3. Mishra et al. (2017) examined a study on social maturity of adolescents in Sultanpur city. A sample comprised of 60 (30 boys and 30 girls) college students. The random sampling method was adopted for the selection of sample. Vineland social maturity test (1992) prepared by Dr. A. J. Malin and Dr. J. Bharath Raj used to assess the variables of the study. The result indicates that girl students possess more social maturity than boy students.

Aim:

To study social maturity among girl adolescents.

Objectives:

1. To study the social maturity of girl adolescents.
2. To examine the social maturity of rural girl adolescents.
3. To examine the social maturity of urban girl adolescents.

Hypothesis:

1. There is no significant difference between rural and urban girl adolescents in relation to social maturity.

Methodology:

1. Sample:

The ample for the present study was selected who were studying in 12th grade from different colleges of Kolhapur city. Simple random sampling method was adopted in this study. The sample comprised of 60 girl college students (30 rural and 30 urban). The age range of the girl students was 18 to 19 years.

2. Variables:

Independent Variables- Rural girl students
Urban girl students

Dependent variables- Social Maturity

3. Tools:

A Comprehensive Scale for Social Maturity (ACSSM) developed by Dr. Roma Pal (Agra) was used for present study. There are 50 items are given in this scale. Each item has four point responses which indicates strongly agree to strongly disagree social maturity. The scale has sufficient degree reliability and validity and both are significant at 0.01 level.

4. Statistical Analysis:

The obtained data was analyzed by using standardized statistical techniques such as Mean, SD, and ‘t’ test in this study.

Results and Discussion:

Table No. 1
Showing Mean, SD and ‘t’ value of social maturity of rural and urban girl adolescents

Rural Girl Adolescents	N	Mean	SD	t value
Rural	30	143	38.71	0.22 ***
Urban	30	139	36.87	

*Significant at 0.01 level **Significant at 0.05 level *** Not significant

Figure No. 1
Showing Mean, SD and ‘t’ value of social maturity of rural and urban girl adolescents

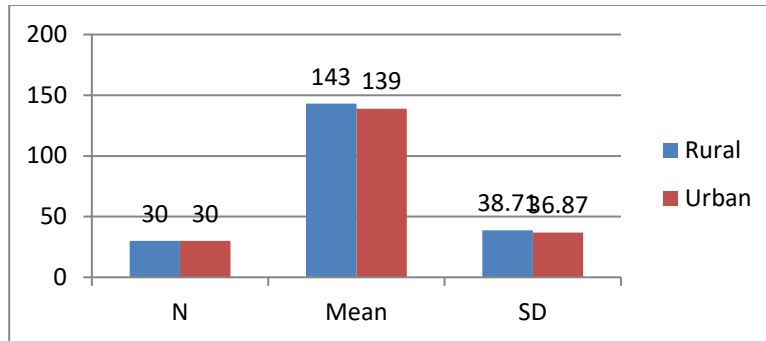


Table No. 1 and Figure No. 1 depicts that mean, SD and ‘t’ value of rural girl adolescents. The mean value of rural girl adolescent is 143 SD is 38.71. The mean value of urban girl adolescents is 139 and SD is 36.87. The obtained ‘t’ value is 0.22 which is statistically non-significant at both level of confidence. It means there is no significant difference found with respect to social maturity. It means that **Hypothesis No. 1 “There is no significant difference between rural and urban girl adolescents in relation to social maturity”** is not proven.

Conclusion:

1. Reference to table no. 1, there is no significant difference between rural and urban adolescents in relation to social maturity.

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