

IMPACT OF AREA OF BELONGINGNESS & SOCIAL CATEGORY ON SENSE OF DEPRIVATION AMONG ADOLESCENTS

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ABSTRACT

A deprived or culturally impoverished environment has damaging effects on intellectual as well as physical growth of the child. For the child whose earlier years have been deprived emotionally or intellectually, adolescence brings greater dangers because his early experiences are likely to have left him immature, insecure and educationally adrift. The present paper aims to find the effect of area of belongingness & social category of the adolescents on their sense of deprivation. Self Expression Inventory (SEI) by Dr. R.P. Verma and Dr. Usha Upadhaya (1984) was administered on a sample of 240 adolescents studying in secondary schools selected through stratified sampling technique from four districts of Himachal Pradesh. Statistical technique of 2×2 ANOVA and 't'-test were used to analyze the sense of deprivation scores of adolescents. The results indicated that adolescents from the tribal area possess a higher sense of deprivation due to home & school environment both as compared to non-tribal adolescents. Moreover the sense of deprivation was found to be higher among adolescents of SC/ST/OBC category as compared to general category. The overall level of sense of deprivation found among the adolescents was average.

KEY WORDS: Adolescents, Area of Belongingness Home Environment, School Environment, Sense of Deprivation, Social Category.

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