

The role of socio-economic variable enhancing self-esteem among adolescence

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Self-esteem as the experience of capable of meeting life challenge and being worthy of happiness. In today's world self-esteem has been viewed as an important tool to face the competitive life. The study was conducted in Hisar district of Haryana state. All the adolescents studying in 9th and 10th standard falling in the age group 15 – 16 years were included in the sample for the study. Self-esteem was taken as dependent variable. Self-Esteem was assessed by Rosenberg's Self-Esteem Scale (RSES) by Rosenberg's (1989). Independent variable was socio-economic variables which included adolescent gender, caste, family type, family size, parental occupation and family income. Result revealed that non-significant differences were obtained in self – esteem mean scores when compared against family structure and annual income. This reflects that family structure and annual income make no significant differences in the scores of self – esteem of adolescents. Non-significant differences were established for self-esteem as per family size, caste, number of siblings and annual income. However comparison of mean scores revealed that adolescents of large families had slightly better self-esteem than adolescents living in medium and small families.

■ **KEY WORDS**: Adolescents, Self-esteem, Gender, Academic achievement, Parental relationship, Family

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