

## The impact of birth order on the soft skills of children

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Soft skills are applied skills as opposed to basic knowledge skills because these are the abilities and traits that pertain to personality, attitude and behaviour. The order in which a person is born into their family plays a substantial role in the individual's development of soft skills. The study was conducted in Hisar district of Haryana state. Two areas were selected purposively *i.e.*, rural and urban, from urban area Hisar city and from rural area two villages namely Balsmand and Kharia were taken for collection of data. A total of 200 children in three age groups, namely, 3, 4 and 5 years were selected for the study. Birth order was independent variable and soft skills were taken as dependent variable. Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scale of Social Maturity (Sparrow *et al.*, 1935) was used to determine soft skills of children. Result revealed that soft skills were not significant related to birth order of child in rural ( $\chi^2=1.24$ ) and urban ( $\chi^2=0.07$ ) areas.

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