

Perceived attributes of home stead technology among rural women

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■ **ABSTRACT :** Women play an important role in the development of a family and society. From last few decades, they have been actively participating in various economic and social activities, but their efforts remain unrecognized. Women in rural areas suffer from many grave disadvantages and are subjected to great deal of hardship and drudgery. The jobs done by them are often physically arduous, time consuming and repetitive, resulting in fatigue and drudgery. So women need new technologies and practices to improve upon the old ones. Technology transfer and adoption process work simultaneously. The rate of adoption depends on the evaluation of innovation in terms of its perceived characteristics such as relative advantage, compatibility, complexity, trialability and practicability. To study the perceived attributes of homestead technologies the present study was carried out hisar district of harayana state. The total sample size was 200 rural women. The study found that most of the respondents FRM related technologies were perceived relatively advantageous (39.7%) by the maximum of the respondents. In terms of compatibility, HDFS technologies were at top (40.6%). Simplicity and practicability of FN related technologies was perceived by maximum number of the respondents (41.9% and 48.9%).

■ **KEY WORDS:** Rural women, Social activities, Home stead technology

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