**Female Children of Migrant Labour : A Socio-Psychological Study of Ranchi District in Jharkhand, India**

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***ABSTRACT***

The problem of migration is a topic of great interest for social scientists. Migration is a socio-psychological phenomenon. It creates conditions for deep-rooted changes in social and cultural life of both - the migrant community and the host community. Migration provide employment, income and saving in otherwise lean and difficult seasons. Migrants repay their old debt, repair their houses and meet out the social obligation with their saving. But it affects the schooling of their children and caused dislocation of the family.

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The main objective of the proposed research was to study the impact of parental migration on mental health of tribal female children of Jharkhand, India. In the first stage, four hundred (400) migrant parents’ (Mothers-200 and Fathers-200) sample was selected randomly in respect of two sociological factors divided into two sub-groups: Religion (Christian - Non-Christian) and Socio-economic Status (High-Low). In second stage, the 200 female children from the four sub-groups (50 x 4) were selectedrandomly for the study.General Health Questionnaire (GHQ)-12 was applied on selected children sample to find-out their mental health level.For analysis of the data, percentage values of the scores obtained on Mental Health Scale (GHQ-12) were calculated in respect of Religion (Christian - Non-Christian) and Socio-economic Status (High - Low). The findings indicate that the percentage values of mental health of the female children sample of migrant tribal Christian parents’ were found higher than that of non-Christian group. But the children of high socio-economic status parent’s of Christian and non-Christian sample were scored better mental health than their counterpart of low socio-economic status sample.

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