CAREER-ASPIRATIONS OF ADOLESCENTS IN RELATION TO THEIR FAMILY VALUES, SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

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SUMMARY

Education is important for both the individual and the society. Career aspiration is one of the main aspects of the concept itself. An aspiration is a strong desire for high achievement and it is influenced by family background and the ways in which the family interacts, communicates, and behaves. This study aims to explore the relationship between career-aspirations of adolescents in relation to their family values, socio-economic status and academic achievement on a sample of 600 students from government senior secondary schools of Chandigarh. In this research survey method was used. Data collection was made by using scales of Career Aspirations Scale, Family Values Scale and Socio-Economic Status Scale. Filled up tool data sheets were collected, compiled and the data was tabulated. Major findings revealed that there exists positive and significant relationship among career-aspirations, family values, socio-economic status and academic achievement which shows that adolescents who aspiring high in their career have good family values, high socio-economic status and score good in their previous class and vice-versa. Through multiple correlation it can be concluded that all the independent variables i.e. family values, socio-economic status and academic achievement are associated with the criterion variable i.e. career aspirations. The findings would be helpful for filling the gaps in the knowledge on career aspirations. Further this study would be beneficial for policy makers, teachers, parents, administrators and adolescents.