

A Study of Indulgence in Risk Behaviours and Level of Awareness Related to HIV/AIDS amongst Migrant Gold Artisans

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ABSTRACT HIV/AIDS accompanying global economic development where internal as well as external migration is inevitable, will soon assure epidemic proportions if people are not made aware of its far-reaching consequences. The paper attempts to explore the level of awareness related to HIV/AIDS amongst the migrant gold artisans who do not risk themselves but may act as the potential source of its transmission to their spouses and children. Not surprising then the entire rural community too may be engulfed with HIV/AIDS infection if immediate interventionist measures are not adopted. It is found that the risk behaviours of gold artisans expose them to the risk of HIV infection. Alarming the level of awareness is low which may further compound in absence of authentic or curative measures.