

Rearing Practices of Rural Girls- A Situational Analysis Across Cultural Zones of Punjab

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ABSTRACT The Punjab State is divided into three cultural zones i.e. Majha, Malwa and Doaba. A multi stage random sampling method was employed for the selection of the sample. The total sample of the study was 3600 adolescent girls. The girls were interviewed on the existing levels of schooling status, household responsibilities, upbringing practices, economic, social, health and marriage aspects. The girls in all the three cultural zones were of the view that discrimination between genders was felt in different rearing practices. No matter, what amount of school work is there, the girls from all cultural zones have to give priority to their household responsibilities. Girls were not allowed to go for movies /shopping, as this would bring bad name to their families. No social /religious functions are performed on birth of a baby girl.