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PERCEPTION OF YOUTH ON MARRIAGE PRACTICES: A STUDY IN DODDA BIRANA KUPPE GRAM PANCHAYAT, H D KOTE TALUK, MYSURU DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

Marital relationship not only provides sanction to family life but also affects the life decisions and satisfaction of people in this bond. The ritual associated with marriage has direct impact on wellbeing of persons in this relationship. Although debates and discussions on child marriage and restrictions for widow etc. have brought legislations to prohibit such practices but still these are not completely eradicated. Hence, to make future free from such evils and to understand the marital satisfaction, it is essential to understand the perception of young people on the marriage rituals of their communities and also their expectations. This study focused on the perception on marriage rituals of tribal youth living in Dodda Birana Kuppe Gram Panchayat of H D Kote Taluk, Mysore district. Research has taken gender and educational qualification as factors to understand association of these factors with perception and knowledge of youth about marriage. Based on the finding and suggestions of community youth, study has emphasized the importance of counselling and education.

Keywords:

Marriage Practices, Marital relationship, child marriage, marriage rituals.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Marriage is an essential social institution. It provides social approval to start family life. Although it is universal but rituals, practices and types of marriage differs in different communities. India is known for its diversity and different groups, castes and religions observe different rituals to celebrate their social ceremonies. Various demographic factors like gender, caste, place of living, education level etc. influence perception towards marriage. Studies show that young male and female (Bhale, 2013) and respondents with different education level (Misra,