PREFACE

In the present competitive world, academic achievement of students has great significance especially at the Higher Secondary level where the students get an opportunity to select his/ her area of study and decide his/ her future goals. How far a student will be successful in his/ her academic performance is a matter under investigation since the notion that only hardworking, studious and intelligent students will achieve academic success is now a myth. Several factors together may be found to be responsible in influencing and shaping the academic accomplishment of students. A child’s performance is a complex response to his environment, the primary and the most influential one being his immediate environment viz., his family or his home environment. The experiences that he gathers from his home environment, the social interactions which he shares with his parents and other family members and the values that he instils and imbibes is reflected in his behaviour, adjustment, socialization and achievement in his academic career. The home environment plays a significant role in tailoring and moulding the child’s personality as it take cares of his mental and emotional well being and prepares him/ her to adjust properly with himself/ herself and as well to the greater society. Home environments which are encouraging, supportive, learning stimulatory and provide a healthy psychological climate, might motivate the students to strive for accomplishment for positive and desirable outcomes and thus can contribute to determine the educational performance of the students. The kind of psychological environment the students perceive at home, the current status of their mental health and emotional intelligence and level of procrastination of students in their academic tasks especially during and before their Higher Secondary examination is a major concern of the present research study.

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