Abstract

In psychology ego integrity can indicate mainly to the development of ego or mainly to one of the levels of development proposed by E. Erikson. He explains that human beings pass through eight stages of development, out of which ego integrity is the last stage. At each point, the person would face a problem and either resolves it to move through to the next, or fail and remain at a stage of arrested development. Eriksson’s investigations were mainly vital, as he was one of the first psychologists to specifically look at the developmental role of aging. Last stage of adulthood gave an impression to their life that they feel fully satisfied. They can look back on their memories and be happy with the way they have lived their life. Now a day too many elderly people are not satisfied and look depressed. Most fear of death of either loved one or for themselves. It can be very well said that there is still a great amount of contradiction in all the above research findings regarding the ego-integrity level among geriatric persons and apart from that one question is still unexplained and that is, whether there is a varying level of ego-integrity in both the genders in different socio-demographic variables.

The study conducted was “A comparative study to assess the level of ego integrity among male and female geriatric population in a selected geographical areas at Indore city (M.P.)” OBJECTIVES: (1) To assess the level of ego integrity towards life among male geriatric population, (2) To assess the level of ego integrity towards life among female geriatric population, (3) To compare the level of ego integrity towards life among male and female geriatric population, (4) To associate the level of ego integrity towards life of female and male geriatric population with selected socio demographic variables.

Method of data collection were interview schedule to assess socio demographic data and rating scale to assess level of ego integrity, sampling technique was simple random sampling for 300 males & 300 females geriatric population (60-80 years) living selected geographical areas of Indore (M.P).
Data analysed by descriptive and differential statistics. Mean value of ego integrity towards life among male geriatric population was 151.04 and for female geriatric population was 119.16 this value indicates that male geriatric populations were very satisfied and female geriatric population were poorly satisfied on the level of ego integrity. And the value of standard deviation for male geriatric population (25.52) and for male geriatric population (34.12) showed that there will great variations from the value.

To compare the level of ego integrity towards life among male and female geriatric population used the test statistics. The findings (Z=13.06) shows that calculated value (13.06) is greater than tabled value (1.96) at 5% significance so null hypothesis is rejected. And there is significant difference in level of ego integrity towards life between male and female geriatric.

To find out the association of level of ego integrity towards life of male and female geriatric population with selected socio demographic Variables ANOVA test and t test was applied, results showed that male geriatric population variables such as age, marital status, type of family, mobility, sensory deprivation, education, social activity and leisure time is having significant association and rest of the variables were not having significant association with level of ego integrity towards life of male geriatric population.

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