Adolescence is the most important period of human life. Poets have described it as the spring of the life of human being and an important era of the total life span. Psychologically, adolescence is the age when the individual becomes integrated into the society of adults, the age when the child no longer feels that he is below the level of his elders but equal, at least in rights. In view of the society, too, this period is of vital importance as its strongest assets are passing through the period of adjustment and may have strong feelings of insecurity and uncertainty, a phase of "identity confusion". These predispose him to heightened emotionality. Jealousy as an emotion is predominantly observed during this phase of "flying in the sky". Since this emotionality is mainly due to social factors, the responsibility lies on the society itself. To see this emotional energy flow constructively for the welfare of adolescent himself and thus society as a whole in turn. Concern of social scientists for studying adolescence will certainly be a contributing factor to understand this most complex phase of the life span. This piece of present research work is another step to understand adolescents jealousy with an aim to convert this negative energy into the positive one by providing a suitable social environment wherein these adolescents can find their worth, their identity by being emotionally matured.

In Chapter One of the thesis, the concept of adolescent and their emotion with special reference to jealousy have been explained. Relevant studies pertaining to the effects of ordinal position, sex, achievement motivation and reward on jealous behaviour of adolescents have also been reviewed in this chapter. Chapter Two is devoted to elaborating the problems and respective hypotheses undertaken for the investigation in the present research. Methodology in the present research has been detailed in Chapter Three. Results of analyses of data through
various statistics have been summarized in Chapter Four. The findings have been discussed in Chapter Five. A separate Chapter Six on summary has been added to give a bird eye view of the whole study. It was found that ordinal position and reward have their own independent saying but not joint in regard to jealous behaviour of adolescents.

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