PREFACE

Psychological health of child is matter of great concern. This concern with children is not time bound although all the periods have witnessed the importance given to children, yet the extent of present time concern with their welfare seems to be unprecedented. Each stage of development is equally important and each has age specific behavior patterns. However, adolescent period is considered much more crucial and critical because it is the period of rapid growth between childhood and adulthood, including psychological and social development. It is generally viewed that parents especially mother contribute significantly in the healthy/unhealthy development of children. In a current era of cut throat competition, the material assets of parents and mother’s support do become instrumental in the psychological health and achievement of the child.

However, the present research is a humble effort to investigate the influence of maternal employment on psychological health and achievement motivation of adolescents. Research even when conducted by an individual is a joint venture and cannot be accomplished without support and assistance from number of people.

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