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AIMS AND HYPOTHESIS
Due to advancements in medical sciences and improved living standard, the average human life span has increased across the world. Further due to globalization and industrialization, the society is undergoing a major shift towards change in the life style of the people. The rural society is changing into urban and joint family system is being rapidly replaced by a smaller nuclear family. All these changes may cause adverse effect on the general well-being of the aged. The present investigation was aimed to study the general well-being of the institutionalized and non-institutionalized aged. The problem of the present investigation is entitled as "General well-being amongst Institutionalized and non-institutionalized aged subjects".

OBJECTIVES:

The following were the objectives of the study:

1. To study the general well-being of male and female, institutionalized and non-institutionalized aged.

2. To study the general well-being of non-institutionalized rural and urban aged.
3. To study the relationship of general well-being with social support, financial support, daily activity and perceived financial satisfaction level amongst the aged.

4. To identify the determinants of general well-being amongst the aged.

HYPOTHESES:

To fulfill the objectives of the study the following hypotheses were formulated:

1. General well-being of non-institutionalized aged would be better than the institutionalized aged.
2. Males would have better general well-being than females.
3. Urban aged would have better general well-being than the rural aged.
4. Activity, financial and social support would correlate positively with general well-being amongst the aged.

With this, we may now pass on to the next chapter dealing with Design and Methodology.