We do not have any standard measurement to gauge the social development of a child; nor do we have any source to assess the amount of healthiness of the development which teachers and parents generally talk of.

In this situation lies a latent challenge to prepare one such instrument which can point graphically the extent of development. Besides, there is also need of bridging the gap between laymen's expectations and notions in connection with social immaturity with the psychological concepts. In this study an attempt is made to construct such a bridge. It begins with a sort of introspection as to whether we ever offer opportunities and the education suitable to our expectations of the child? The nature of these expectations is another point worthy of consideration.

Some aspects of social development and the units which can measure their maturity have been shown in this study. This has made the measurability of social maturity possible. The scale is limited to children up to ten years of age. Two separate norms have been prepared for the areas of Urban and Rural locality.
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