HYPOTHESES


A.

1. Non drinking and non smoking adolescents were expected to score higher on Spiritual Well Being and its dimensions - Religious Well Being and Existential Well Being in comparison to drinking and smoking adolescents.

2. Non drinking and non smoking adolescents were expected to score higher on Health Habits in comparison to drinking and smoking adolescents.

3. Non drinking and non smoking adolescents were expected to score higher on Self Efficacy and Uplifts in comparison to drinking and smoking adolescents.

4. Non drinking and non smoking adolescents were expected to score higher on Perceived Parental Care in comparison to drinking and smoking adolescents.

5. Non drinking and non smoking adolescents were expected to score higher on Adaptive Coping Styles viz., problem solving and emotion focussed styles in comparison to drinking and smoking adolescents.
B.

1. Non drinking and non smoking adolescents were expected to score lower on Stress measures, viz., stress symptoms and daily hassles in comparison to drinking and smoking adolescents.

2. Non drinking and non smoking adolescents were expected to score lower on Avoidance Coping in comparison to drinking and smoking adolescents.

3. Non drinking and non smoking adolescents were expected to score lower on Depression in comparison to drinking and smoking adolescents.

4. Non drinking and non smoking adolescents were expected to score lower on Total Aggression and its dimensions viz., physical, verbal, anger and hostility in comparison to drinking and smoking adolescents.

5. Non drinking and non smoking adolescents were expected to score lower on Total Sensation Seeking and its dimensions, viz., Thrill and Adventure Seeking, Experience Seeking, Boredom Susceptibility and Disinhibition in comparison to drinking and smoking adolescents.

6. Keeping in view the paucity of research no clear direction was predicted as regards Parental Overprotection and smoking and drinking among adolescents.

It was also decided to explore the gender differences, if any, in protective and risk factors in smoking versus drinking adolescents.