3.0 AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The aim of the present study is to understand rejection sensitivity as a mediating link between attachment security and psycho-social adjustment in early adolescence.

3.1 OBJECTIVES:

The main objective of the study is:

* To examine rejection sensitivity as a mediating link between attachment security and psychosocial adjustment in early adolescence.

Other objectives of the study are:

- To study rejection sensitivity in early adolescence.
- To study attachment security and attachment styles of coping towards mother and father in early adolescence.
- To study the psychosocial adjustment in early adolescence.
- To study gender differences in attachment pattern, rejection sensitivity and psycho-social adjustment in early adolescent girls and boys.
- To study socio-economic status (SES) differences in attachment pattern, rejection sensitivity and psycho-social adjustment in early adolescents.
- To examine the association of attachment security and attachment styles of coping with psycho-social adjustment in early adolescence.
- To examine the association of attachment security and attachment styles of coping and rejection sensitivity in early adolescence.
- To examine the association of rejection sensitivity with psycho-social adjustment in early adolescence.

3.2 HYPOTHESES:

The main hypothesis formulated for the study is that:
Rejection sensitivity is a mediator in the link between attachment security and psychosocial adjustment in early adolescence.

As the first three objectives are exploratory in nature, hypotheses have not been formulated on those. The hypotheses formulated for the study are:

- Attachment security towards mother would be significantly higher than that towards father in early adolescence.
- There are significant gender differences in attachment pattern, rejection sensitivity and psycho-social adjustment between early adolescent girls and boys.
- There are significant differences in attachment pattern, rejection sensitivity and psycho-social adjustment between early adolescents belonging to government and private schools.
- There is a significant association of attachment security and attachment styles of coping, with psycho-social adjustment in early adolescence.
- There is a significant association of attachment security and attachment styles of coping, with rejection sensitivity in early adolescence.
- There is a significant association of rejection sensitivity with psycho-social adjustment in early adolescence.