Appendix1

Interview schedule for suicide attempters

Personal data

1.1. Name :

1.2. Age :

1.3. Sex : Male / Female

1.4. Caste : Forward/ Backward/ Schedule

1.5. Religion : Hindu/ Christian/ Muslim

1.6. Education : Illiterate/ Primary/ Secondary/ High School/

Undergraduate/ Graduate/ Post graduate/

Professional/ Others

1.7. Marital status : Single/Married/Widowed/Separated/ divorced

1.8. What was the age of marriage-?

1.9. Occupation

1.10. Family income :

1.11. Place of residence : Rural/ Urban

1.12. Type of family : Nuclear/ Extended/ Joint

2.1. With whom do you like to spend your childhood days?

Father/mother/sister/brother/teacher/Playmates/relatives/neighbors/others/self

2.2. From whom you got enough appreciation for your achievements?

Father/mother/sister/brother/teacher/Playmates/relatives/neighbours/others/self

2.3. During your schooling how was your achievements in curricular activities?

Very good/Good/Average/Poor

2.4. During your schooling how was your participation in co curricular activities?

Very good/Good/Average/Poor

2.5. How was your fathers approach towards you?

Strict - Great extent/Some extent/Not at all

Aggressive - Great extent/Some extent/Not at all

Authoritarian - Great extent/Some extent/Not at all

- Irresponsible Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 Explain reason for this behaviour-
- Understanding Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
- Promoting Great extent/some extent/Not at all
- Considerate Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
- Friendly Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
- Sharing Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
- 2.6. How was your mother's treatment towards you?
 - Strict Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Aggressive Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Authoritarian Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Irresponsible Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Explain reason for this behaviour-
 - Understanding Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Promoting Great extent/some extent/Not at all
 - Considerate Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Friendly Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Sharing Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
- 2.7. How was your siblings' treatment towards you?
 - Strict Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Aggressive Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Authoritarian Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Irresponsible Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Explain reason for this behavior-
 - Understanding Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Promoting Great extent/some extent/Not at all
 - Considerate Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Friendly Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Sharing Great extent/Some extent/Not at all

- 2.8. Did your father have any bad habits such as
 - Drinking-Daily/Occasionally/Not at all
 - Smoking--Daily/Occasionally/Not at all
 - Gambling-Daily/ Occasionally/Not at all
 - Quarrelling-Without reason/with reason/not at all
- 2.9. Did such habits of your father disturb your family relations –

Great extent/ some extent/Not at all

- 2.10. Could you satisfy your needs in the family such as
 - Love Great extent/some extent/Not at all
 - Care Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Affection Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Security Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Freedom Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
 - Acceptance Great extent/Some extent/Not at all
- 3.1. Was this attempt planned? Yes/no

If yes give details-

3.2. What method did you use?

Drug poisoning/hanging/odulom/ Consuming furidan /sleeping pills/others

3.3. Have you attempted for suicide earlier? Yes/No

If yes give details

- 3.4. Has any other member in your family attempted or committed suicide- yes/no If yes relationship between you and suicidee-
- 3.5. Did you give any suicidal warning or notes-Yes/no?
- 3.6. Who is the head of your family? Self/ father/mother/husband/wife/children/others
- 3.7. Who takes decision in the family?

Self/ father/mother/husband/wife/children/others

- 3.8. Do you think family is burden to you? Some extent/great extent/not at all
- 3.9. Do you feel you are burden to your family? Some extent/great extent/not at all
- 3.10. The person with whom you like to share your dreams/ambitions?

Family members/friends/peers/teachers/others/Self

- 3.11. The person with whom you like to share secrets in your life Family members/friends/peers/teachers/others/Self
- 3.12. The person with whom you like to spend the precious moments in your life Family members/friends/peers/teachers/others/Self
- 3.13. The person with whom you wish to travel with Family members/friends/peers/teachers/others/Self
- 3.14. The person with whom you wish to go for shopping? Family members/friends/peers/teachers/others/Self
- 3.15. The person you wish to go with for ceremonious.

 Family members/friends/peers/teachers/others/Self
- 3.16. The person with whom you wish to go to worship places.

 Family members/friends/peers/teachers/others/Self
- 3.17. When you are in a crisis the person you wish to approach first? Family members/friends/peers/teachers/others/Self
- 3.18. When you are alone, with whom you like to spend time? Family members/friends/peers/teachers/others/Self
- 3.19. You think, the person those who can wipe out your tears. Family members/friends/peers/teachers/others/Self
- 3.20. Do you/your husband have any habits such as:
 - Drinking-Daily/Occasionally/Not at all When did it start?
 - Smoking--Daily/ Occasionally/Not at all When did it start?
 - Gambling-Daily/ Occasionally/Not at all Is it still practicing?
 - Quarrelling-Without reason/with reason/not at all
 Explain reason for quarrelling
- 3.21. Has he any special reason for beginning these habits? Yes/no If yes give details-
- 3.22. Did your husband's/your habits affect your family relationship?

 Very much affected /slightly affected/not affected

3.23. Did you feel you are all alone in your life? Great extent/some extent/not at all					
3.24. Do you feel hopelessness in your life? Great extent/some extent/not at all					
3.25. Do you feel helplessness in your life? Great extent/some extent/not at all					
3.26. Do you feel frustrated due to unemployment? Great extent/some extent/not at all					
3.27. Are you a victim of sexual harassment/rape? Yes/no					
3.28. Did you face any of the following experience with in six month before the					
suicide? Yes/No					
If yes, how did it affect you?					
 Sudden death of the family member-Affected/slightly affected/Not 					
affected					
 Separation of beloved one- Affected/slightly affected/Not affected 					
 Quarrels within the family- Affected/slightly affected/Not affected 					
If affected quarrels between whom-					
• Problem with spouse- Affected/slightly affected/Not affected					
• Sexual harassment- Affected/slightly affected/Not affected					
• Failure in examination- Affected/slightly affected/Not affected					
Failure in love- Affected/slightly affected/Not affected					
Losses in money or debts- Affected/slightly affected/Not affected					
State your opinion on the following statements					

3.29. Religion can bring behaviour modification.

10 8 6 4

Very much/Often/Sometimes/Rarely/Never

3.30. Religion can strengthen your personal relations.

Very much/Often/Sometimes/Rarely/Never

3.31. Faith in God can solve the problems in your daily life.

Very much/Often/Sometimes/Rarely/Never

3.32. Religion is leisure to the people.

Very much/Often/Sometimes/Rarely/Never

3.33. Religion holds the people together.

Very much/Often/Sometimes/Rarely/Never

3.34. Religious involvement is an outlet for the unwanted thoughts.

Very much/Often/Sometimes/Rarely/Never

3.35. Religion will give an opportunity for the people to communicate with God.

Very much/Often/Sometimes/Rarely/Never

3.36. Division in the religious faith is the cause for suicide

Very much/Often/Sometimes/Rarely/Never

2 4 6 8 10

3.37. Problems with religious institution is the cause for suicide

Very much/Often/Sometimes/Rarely/Never

3.38. Debarring from religious institution is the cause for suicide Very much/Often/Sometimes/Rarely/Never

- 3.39. Your daily income is adequate to meet your daily needs
- 3.40. You are able to meet the educational needs of your children Great extent/some extent/not all
- 3.41. You can meet the dressing needs of your children

Great extent/some extent/not all

3.42. Your income is able to provide adequate food in the family Great extent/some extent/not all

3.43. Your income is able to meet the health needs of your family Great extent/some extent/not all

- 3.44. Did you face any type of business failure- Great extent/some extent/not all
- 3.45. Did you suffer with failure in agricultural crops? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 3.46. Did you spend a lot of money for health of yourself family members?

Great extent/some extent/not all

3.47. Do you have to spend a lot of money for the marriage of your daughter?

Great extent/some extent/not all

3.48. Did you take loan from bank or private institution Yes/No

If yes, purpose of taking loan

- For building house? Yes/No
- For the maintenance of home? Yes/No
- For buying home appliances? Yes/No

•	If yes specify the item-				
•	For beginning business? Yes/No				
•	For agricultural purpose? Yes/No				
•	For the	marria	age of your daughter? Yes/No		
•	For edu	ıcation	of your children? Yes/No		
3.49. Coul	d you re	turn th	is money? Great extent/some extent/not at all		
3.50. You	feel you	are in	a trouble or sad mood.		
0	1	2	3		
Never/	Rarely/	Often/	Very much		
3.51. I can	do my 1	routine	es easily.		
0	1	2	3		
Never/	Rarely/	Often/	Very much		
3.52. I fee	l fear wi	thout a	nny reason.		
0	1	2	3		
Never/	Rarely/0	Often/	Very much		
3.53. I fee	l my spe	ech is	like a type of crying.		
0	1	2	3		
Never/	Rarely/0	Often/	Very much		
3.54. I like	e earlier	is still	like.		
0	1	2	3		
Never/	Rarely/0	Often/	Very much		
3.55. I fee	l a type	of unre	est.		
0	1	2	3		
Never/	Rarely/	Often/	Very much		
3.56. I can	sleep w	ithout	sleeping pills.		
0	1	2	3		
Never/	Rarely/	Often/	Very much		
3.57. Whe	n I leave	home	I am highly anxious.		
0	1	2	3		
Never/	Rarely/	Often/	Very much		

3.58. 1	Now I an	n interested in	n nothing.	
	0 1	2	3	
Ne	ever/Rare	ely/Often/Ver	ry much	
3.59. 1	I feel fati	gue without a	any reason.	
	0 1	2	3	
Ne	ever/Rare	ely/Often/Ver	y much	
3.60. 1	I become	angry unnati	ırally.	
	0 1	2	3	
Ne	ever/Rare	ely/Often/Ver	y much	
3.61. 1	I woke up	early and sl	eep well at night.	
	0 1	2	3	
Ne	ever/Rare	ely/Often/Ver	y much	
$(I_{\!$	f the scor	e is15≥the p	patient is depressed and need for treatment and >14 the	
	person	is not depres	sed)	
Social	l support	scale		
1. I	Nobody t	oothered abou	ut what will happen to me.	
	Great e	xtent/some ex	xtent/rarely/not at all	
2. 1	I feel, I a	m honored. C	Great extent/some extent/rarely/not at all	
3.	I think everybody listen to me, what I say.			
	Great e	xtent/some ex	xtent/rarely/not at all	
4. l	People 1	nelp me beyo	nd what they can.	
	Great e	xtent/some ex	xtent/rarely/not at all	
5. 1	I face diff	ficulty to find	d real friends.	
	Great e	xtent/some ex	xtent/rarely/not at all	
6.	I wish, it	may be bette	r if there was someone dear to me more likely to under	
5	stand me.			
	Great e	xtent/some ex	xtent/rarely/not at all	
7.	It is bette	r, to speak w	ith elders and superiors what they wish to hear.	
	Great e	xtent/some ex	xtent/rarely/not at all	

- 8. When I fail to solve problems there was somebody to give proper attention to me. Great extent/some extent/rarely/not at all
- 9. My colleagues and family members always help me.

Great extent/some extent/rarely/not at all

10. As myself I can't find anybody who are holding values in life.

Great extent/some extent/rarely/not at all

11. My superiors, elders and family members accept all good things which I have done.

Great extent/some extent/rarely/not at all

12. Nobody makes fun of me both at home and in the working place.

Great extent/some extent/rarely/not at all

13. It is difficult to find out one whom I can believe in life.

Great extent/some extent/rarely/not at all

14. I didn't have any relation which is dependable in life.

Great extent/some extent/rarely/not at all

- 15. I am much relaxed ,when I share my problem with others.
- 16. I felt there is not enough time to enjoy life.
- 17. I feel isolation among my friends.
- 18. I didn't get appreciation ,when I do something for others.

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Interview schedule for family members of suicidee

Personal data of victim

- 1. Age of the victim -
- 2. Sex of the victim Male/Female
- 3. Occupation of the victim employed / Self-employed / un employed / Coolie / Private

Employed / Quasi Government / House wife / student / others

- 4. Marital status of the victim -Single/Married/Widowed/Separated/ divorced
- 5. Role of victim in family -Head of the family/Bread winner/dependent
- 6. Name of the respondent -
- 7. Age of respondent -
- 8. Sex of respondent -Male/Female
- 9. Caste of respondent -Forward/Backward/Schedule
- 10. Religion of respondent -Hindu/Christain/Muslim
- 11. .Education of respondent illiterate/Primary/Secondary/Undergraduate/

Graduate/Post graduate/Professional/Others

- 12. .Marital status of respondent -Single/Married/Widowed/Separated/ divorced
- 13. Occupation of respondent employed / Self-employed / un employed / Coolie / Private

Employed / Quasi Government / House wife / student / others

- 14. Family income of respondent -below2000/2000-3000/3000-4000/4000-5000/5000&above
- 15. Place of residence of respondent -Rural/Urban
- 16. Type of family of respondent -Nuclear/Extented/Joint

- 17. Relation between victim and you Father/Mother/Husband/Wife/Son/Daughter/Others
- 18. Duration of relationship
- 19. How often you visit religious institution after this incident? Same as earlier/it has increased/it has decreased
- 20. How is your participation in religious functions after this incident?

Same as earlier/it has increased/it has decreased

21. Do the religious leaders visit you after this incident? Yes/No

family disrupted by gossiping, face disruption in personal relations, disruption in daily routine feel emptiness as a whole, feel fear, insomnia insecurity, shock, affect in taking decision over small matters, upbringing your children, educating your children, people looking down up on them

If yes is it? Same as earlier/it has increased/it has decreased

- 22. Is their visit help you to recovering from this incident? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 23. How is the treat of religious institution towards you?

Sympathetic viewing/giving courage/no special treat

- 24. Did the family disrupted by gossiping or rumors? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 25. Did your family face disruption in personal relations after this incident?

Great extent/some extent/not all

- 26. Did your family facing disruption in daily routine? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 27. Did the family feel emptiness as a whole? Great extent/some extent/not all

- 28. Do you feel fear about this incident? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 29. Did you face insomnia after this incident? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 30. Did you feel insecurity after this incident? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 31. Did feel shock due to this incident? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 32. Is this incident affect in taking decision over small matters? very much affected/slightly affected/not affected
- 33. Is this incident affecting in upbringing your children? very much affected/slightly affected/not affected
- 34. Is this incident affect in educating your children? very much affected/slightly affected/not affected
- 35. Is this incident-affected daily expense of your home? very much affected/slightly affected/not affected
- 36. Is this incident affected in settling marriage of children or other family members? very much affected/slightly affected/not affected
- 37. .Do you think people suspiciously looking at you after this incident? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 38. .Did you face rejection from the people? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 39. .Did you face humiliation from the people? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 40. .Do you think people are reluctant to mingle with you? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 41. .Do you feel people looking down up on you? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 42. .Do the people blaming you for the incident? Great extent/some extent/not all

- 43. .Do you feel people are sympathetically looking of you? Great extent/some extent/not all
- 44. What is your opinion regarding family status after he/she is committing suicide?

Highly degraded / Degraded / Slightly degraded / Not degraded

- 45. Can you agree Suicide may occur anywhere at anytime? Strongly agree / Agree/Partially agree/disagree
- 46. Do you think healthy family atmosphere can reduce occurrence of suicide at great extent? Strongly agree / Agree/Partially agree/disagree
- 47. .After this incident do you fear about suicide? Always/sometimes/rarely/ never
- 48. Suicide makes bitter experience in your life? Strongly agree / Agree/Partially agree/disagree
- 49. Introvert behaviour of the suicidee is major reason for becoming the situation critical?

Strongly agree / Agree/Partially agree/disagree

- 50. Suicide is not a solution to all problems in life? Strongly agree / Agree/Partially agree/disagree
- 51. In depth faith in god helps to face complexities and problems in life?

Strongly agree / Agree/Partially agree/disagree

- 52. Do you think mental health of the person is important than family and societal environment?
 - Strongly agree / Agree/Partially agree/disagree
- 53. .Do you think nuclear family system one of the reasons for this tragedy?

Strongly agree / Agree/Partially agree/disagree