

Knowledge and Opinion Regarding Adoption Among Adults Residing in Rural Area

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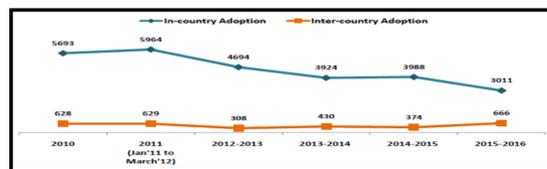
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BACKGROUND

Children are regarded as the precious gift. There are many couples worldwide as well as in India without children because of Infertility with rate of 8% and 12% of primary and secondary infertility respectively.¹ Adoption become more common worldwide, 233,934 children were placed for adoption in between 1999-2011.²



In Haryana there have been a total of 75 in-country and 36 inter-country adoptions.³ About 20 million of children are orphan in India. Even then adoption rate is very. Indian couples face much more social and familial pressure due to cultural belief and lack of awareness regarding adoption which act as barriers.⁴

OBJECTIVES

1. To assess and compare the knowledge and opinion score regarding adoption among adults of different age groups.
2. To determine relationship of knowledge and opinion regarding adoption among adults.
3. To seek association of knowledge and opinion score regarding adoption with selected variables.

MATERIAL & METHODS

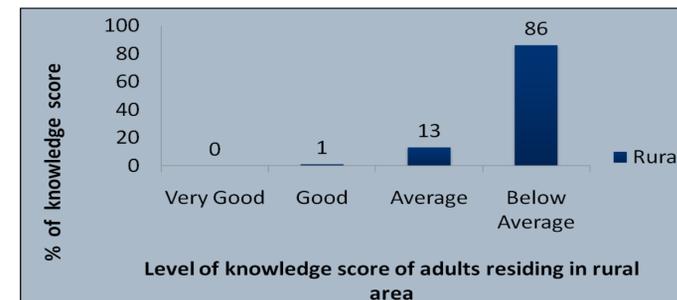
A Quantitative research approach with descriptive cross sectional survey design was

adopted. Two hundred (200) adults (>20 years) from selected rural area were chosen by quota sampling technique. Structured knowledge questionnaire and likert scale were used to collect data by interview technique. Permission was taken from institutional ethical committee for the study. Those adults who were able to understand Hindi and English, available at the time of data collection included in the study. The reliability of structured knowledge questionnaire was found 0.77 by Kuder Richardson-20 formula and likert scale was found 0.76 by Cronbach Alpha formula. Study period was from August 2015 – June 2017. Door to door survey was done after selecting home by systematic random sampling. Only one adult from one family was selected for interview as other family members were also at the same time of interview which influence the knowledge and opinion of other adults. After completing the structured knowledge questionnaire and likert scale, experiences of those adults who had an adoption in family, friends, relatives were explored.

SUMMARY

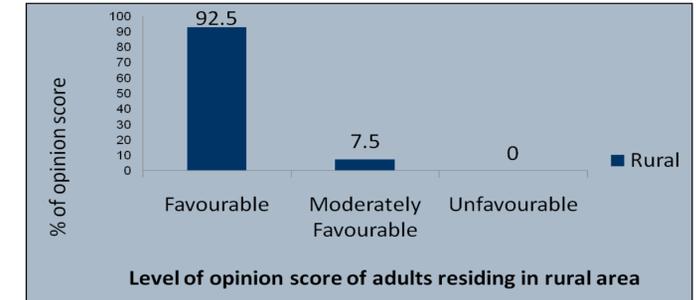
Present study showed that majority of adults (86%) in rural area had below average knowledge about adoption.⁵ And majority (92.5%) of adults in rural area have favourable opinion for adoption. These finding were also supported by the other research studies.⁶

RESULTS



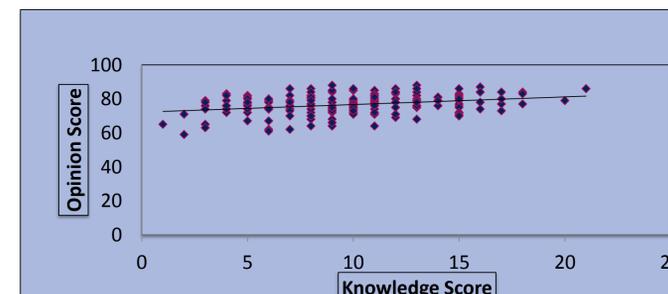
Bar Graph Showing Percentage Distribution of Rural Adults in Terms of Level of Knowledge Regarding Adoption.

Figure 1



Bar Graph Showing Percentage Distribution of Rural Adults in Terms of Level of Opinion Regarding Adoption.

Figure 2



Scatter Diagram Showing Correlation between Knowledge Score and Opinion Score of Adults of Rural Area

Figure 3

Knowledge score of rural adults was dependent on marital status, duration of marriage (year) if married, education level, occupational status number of living children, source of information, any child has ever been adopted in relation to your family, relatives, friends and opinion score were dependent on education level, family income (per month), source of information, current age of the child.

CONCLUSION

Findings showed that in rural area adults were having below average knowledge and favourable opinion regarding adoption. There was weak positive correlation between knowledge and opinion. There was a statistically significant difference between the knowledge score of adults in different age groups residing in rural area.

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