

ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION LEVEL AMONG CHILD LABOUR

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ABSTRACT

The current study was conducted to assess the depression and anxiety level among children doing labour at different places. A total number of 90 children, 60 male working children and 30 female working children were selected through purposive sampling from different organizations and workplaces. The participants were administered Depression and Anxiety Scale to measure their depression and anxiety levels. The score of male and female working children was compared. Pearson's Product Moment and the t-test were used for statistical significance of data. It was found that there was a significant relationship ($r=0.879$, $p<.01$) between depression and anxiety. This indicates that there is a strong positive correlation between depression and anxiety. Moreover a significant difference was found between men and women on depression and anxiety scores, which indicate that female child labour have high level of depression and anxiety as compared to male child labour. It was also found that male child labour working in hazard conditions have high level of depression and anxiety as compared to male child labour working in non hazard conditions.

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