

THE SHIFT FROM “SACRED” TO “SECULAR” FAMILY: WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE ELDERLY

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ABSTRACT

Because of increase in urbanization, the family structure has already undergone change and in cities like Jammu, there are mostly nuclear families, the going away of children for taking up jobs and settling outside Jammu has led to a new change in the family structure namely “the split-family”- the set of parents left in the native city and children (almost always the sons) and their families in other cities. Thus, this study becomes significant as it focuses on the emerging problems in the society ranging from change in the family to increase in the gerontological problems and also looking at their possible issues that emerged during the course of the given study.

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