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1. Book on Male involvement



“Enhancing Male Partnership in Sexual Reproductive Health”

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Published for the National Institute for Research on Reproductive Health, ICMR, Jehangir Merwangi Street, Parel, Mumbai 400 012. India, 2005

Book released by Health Minister
Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss

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This book consists of 39 papers presented in the international conference divided into six broad themes: 1. Needs, Rights and Responsibilities, 2. Expanding Contraceptive Choices and Use, 3. Addressing Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV/AIDS, 4. Needs and Perceptions of Male Adolescents, 5. Men and Gender and 6. Reaching Men with Information and Programmes. For complementary copies please write to: bdonta2007@yahoo.com

2. Books Arrivals

1. “STRONG RELIGION, ZEALOUS MEDIA: Christian Fundamentalism and communication in India”, by Pradip Ninan Thomas, University of Queensland, Australia, SAGE, Sage publications (www.sagepub.in) New Delhi, 2008
2. “SHORT INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL RESEARCH”, by Matt Henn, Mark Weinstein and Nick Ford, Nottingham Trent university, Vistarr Publications, SAGE, (www.sagepub.in) New Delhi, 2006, Rs.420
3. “CREATIVE SOCIAL RESEARCH”, Ananta Kumar Giri, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, Vistarr Publications, SAGE, (www.sagepub.in) New Delhi, 2005, Rs.595.00
4. ‘RESEARCH METHODS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES’, Edited by Bridget Somekh, Vistarr Publications, SAGE, (www.sagepub.in) New Delhi, Rs.450
5. ‘STYLES OF PARENTING ADOLESCENTS: THE INDIAN SCENARIO’ by Dr. Sibnath Deb and Dr. Pooja Chatterjee, Akansha Publishing Company, New Delhi, March 2008 sibnath23@gmail.com
6. ‘CHILDREN IN AGONY’, by Dr. Sibnath Deb, The Concept Publishing Co., New Delhi has received the 'Best Book Award, 2007'. sibnath23@gmail.com

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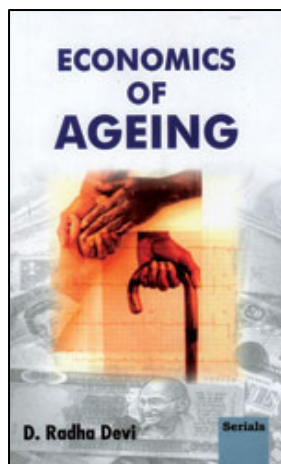
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3. BOOKS REVIEW

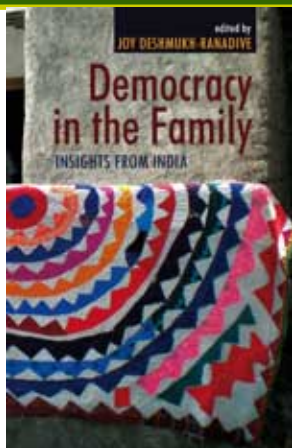


Economics of Ageing, by **D. Radha Devi**, Publisher: Serials Publications, Pages: 190, Edition: 2008, Price: Rs.595.00, \$ 28.00 Publishers & Distributors: serialspublications@vsnl.net, serials@satyam.net.in

This book examines how the possession of assets or the lack of it affects the health of the elderly and their involvement in household decision making and household activities. As many studies are not undertaken in this area, it is hoped that this book will lead to some discussions on the subject and further studies of similar nature would be carried out, to reveal the role which money plays in the lives of the elderly in the course of their ageing with dignity and in getting a feeling of belonging to the households of which they are a part of.

Economics of ageing essentially relates to the financial requirement for the care of the aged or the available finance to take care of the elderly or how the economic status of the elderly is likely to affect the different aspects of their life in the household. In poor societies where the majority is engaged in the informal sector including agricultural and related activities, many older persons will not have any financial support or care except from their own underprivileged families. Such a situation can create a great deal of mental strain for both the elderly and the care giver as the latter will have to stretch the available resources to cover the needs of the elderly, besides their own needs and that of their children

“interface between principles of democracy inside and outside the home”



DEMOCRACY IN THE FAMILY Insights from India

edited by: **JOY DESHMUKH-RANADIVE** *Indian School of Microfinance for Women, Ahmedabad, SAGE India, 2008, Pages 256*

Democracy in the Family: Insights from India is unique in the way it employs diverse research methods to address the issue of justice in the family under the common theme of examining whether the ethos of democracy is relevant to it. The interface between principles of democracy inside and outside the home is explored through the sub-themes of `Experiencing the Family`, `Expressing the Family`, `Seeking Justice` and `Including the Excluded`. The topics covered range from examinations of the institution of the family, the site of the household, practices of house holding and relationships between members, the impact of non-democratic norms and attempts to seek justice in the face of domestic strife and violence, to the advocacy of inclusive strategies that involve men and entire communities in democratizing the family

4. REPORTS

On the Global AIDS Epidemic

The 2008 Report on the global AIDS epidemic confirms that the world is, at last, making some real progress in its response to AIDS. Governments are acting on their commitments made at the 2006 United Nations High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS, to scale up towards universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support by 2010. As of 2008, a small number of countries have already been providing universal access to antiretroviral treatment and to services to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV. Twenty-seven years into the epidemic, AIDS continues to challenge all of our efforts. Today, for every two people who start taking antiretroviral drugs, another five become newly infected. For full information in PDF report visit:

[http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/lib.nsf/db900sid/ONIN-7H7S6D/\\$file/JC1510_2008GlobalReport_en.pdf?openelement](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/lib.nsf/db900sid/ONIN-7H7S6D/$file/JC1510_2008GlobalReport_en.pdf?openelement)

World Health Report, 2007

This report explains how the revised International Health Regulations (2005), which came into force this year, help countries to work together to identify risks and act to contain and control them. The report says the prospect of a safer future is within reach - and that this is both a collective aspiration and a mutual responsibility. See the report: The World Health Report 2007 - A safer future: Global Public Health Security in the 21st century

<http://www.who.int/entity/whr/2007/en/index.htm>

WHO and the Global Food Crisis: The Health and Nutrition Dimensions

The global food security crisis endangers the lives of millions of people, particularly the world's poorest who live in countries already suffering from acute and chronic malnutrition. Multiple factors are behind the crisis which includes rapidly increasing energy prices, lack of agricultural sector investment, rapidly rising demand for food arising from economic growth and higher incomes, recurrent bad weather, environmental degradation etc. The health implications are immense, particularly in the countries that WHO says suffer from acute or chronic malnutrition. See the WHO Report WHO and the Global Food Crisis: The Health and Nutrition Dimensions http://www.who.int/entity/food_crisis/global_food_crisis/en/index.html

WHO Reports
Health report
and
Global food crisis
report



5. CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

XXXIV All India Sociological Conference

The Indian Sociological Society in association with the Department of Sociology, University of Rajasthan is organizing the 34th All India Sociological Conference will in Jaipur during 27-29 December, 2008. The Theme of the conference is **Youth, Globalization and Social Transformation**. There are meetings of the different Research Committees in addition to four symposia on topics of interest to IASSH members. The registration fee up to 31 August 2008 is Rs 1000, and it is raised to Rs 1200 up to 15 October. 2006. Abstracts are accepted up to 30 September, 2008. Please see the Indian Sociological Society website www.insoso.org for details.

Conferences:

Conference on Gender Equity:

K.J.Somaiya College of Science and commerce is organizing a National conference on **"Gender Equity at Work and Home - A key to National Development"** during 9-10 January 2009. The venue is Management Institute auditorium K.J.Somaiya College, Vid-yavihar campus, Mumbai. For further details, contact Usha Iyer. Cell No. 9819181010 ushaiyer777@hotmail.com

International Conference

I.

International Conference on Health and Development: Issues, Strategies and Options, Thalassery, Kerala, 22-23 October, 2008:

The Department of Applied Economics of Kannur University located at Thalassery, North Kerala is organizing the above conference. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 15 September, 2008. Accommodation will be arranged in hotels on payment basis.

For more details see their website; www.ichd.kannuruniversity.ac.in

Or write to Prof K.Gangadharan, email address: dacinc2008@gmail.com

II.

International Conference on Gender-based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health, 15 - 18 February 2009, Mumbai, India

The National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health (Indian Council of Medical Research), UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction, World Health Organization and the Indian Society for the Study of Reproduction and Fertility will be organizing an International Conference on Gender-based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health.

The conference will be held at the **Inter Continental The Grand Mumbai**, Sahar Airport Road, Andheri East, Mumbai 400059. **The final date to receive abstracts is 15 October 2008**. Registration fee and other details contact: Dr. D. Balaiah, gbv2009@yahoo.co.in, bdonta2007@yahoo.co.in

6. EVENTS

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY by PSG COLLEGE OF NURSING-PEELAMEDU, COMBATORE-4 ECO CLUB on "CO₂-KICK THE HABIT: TOWARDS LOW CARBON ECONOMY" 26.6.2008

PSG College of nursing conducted an intercollegiate competition on 20th June 2008 to commemorate the "World Environment Day" on the theme "CO₂. Kick The Habit :Towards A Low Carbon Economy" in order to sensitize the students on issues related global warming, climate change and its impact, irrational use of energy and improper waste disposal and menace of plastic.

The various events were: Photo exhibition, Poster Presentation and painting with a theme "NATURE INCREDIBLE". Other competitions were essay writing both in English and the state language Tamil based on international theme. There was also quiz on all aspects orienting to the international theme. Altogether 134 students from various colleges competitor and three best were awarded in each event. All were issued with participation certificate. A Documentary was telecast whole day and students from PSG Children School were invited, and all other participants also viewed the movie on Snake, tiger, and other fauna and flora.



The session was presided over by **Shri.Rangasamy**, Managing Trustee, PSG & SONS charitable trust. He emphasized on the importance of restoring the nature and take steps to promote the measures in slowing down the ill effects of climate change and global warming. **Thiru. Marudhachalam**, Proprietor, Photo centre, Coimbatore delivered the chief guest address. He emphasized the need for restoring the environment and reduces the emission of CO₂. **Dr.J.S.Bhuvaneshwaran**, Medical Director; PSG Hospitals felicitated the activities, objective and verbalized the dire need for the youth to take cautious steps in reducing the harm. **Dr.Subhathra Iyengar**, Point Person presented a report of activities of Club and presented a proposal to students to join hands in making the planet worth living for all beings. Principal **Prof.Elizabeth Jean Abraham** welcomed the gathering and also pointed out the dangerous state of our environment and ill effects of most of our activities, which is causing an alarming effect on our environment. Vice Principal, Prof. T.Nirmala proposed vote of thanks by expressing the need to take active steps in restoring the nature.



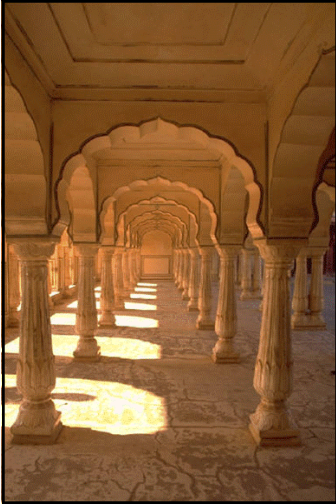
The winners were: Ms.Annie Vargheese of KAMCH College of Nursing student was first in **Poster Presentation**. Ms.Sasikala A, KMCH College of Nursing stud first in painting competition, in **Essay (TAMIL) writing**, the best was by Ms. Saranya, of PSG College of Nursing, who got the First place. In English **Essay writing** Ms.Jinu Thomas, KMCH College of Nursing, got the First Prize. In **Quiz** competition, the team constituting of PSG College of Nursing won 1st Prize

The second place in photo exhibition was won by Ms.Kalpaka of RVS College of Physiotherapy, in poster presentation to Ms. Kavitha of RVS college of nursing, in Painting contest Ms. Sumathi, of RVS college of Nursing won second place, where as in Tamil essay, Ms.Meena of PSG College of Nursing won second prize.

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7. RESEARCH



1. **Research project entitled “Mental Health of Higher Secondary School Students of Kolkata”:** by Prof. Anjali Ray and Dr. Sibnath Deb, A Pilot Study, funded by the World Bank. sibnath23@gmail.com
2. **AWARENESS OF COMMUNITY ON PARTICIPATION ISSUES OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, R. Baranitharan, V.Mahalakshmi,** PSG College of Physiotherapy, Peelamedu, Coimbatore, TamilNadu. baranipt@yahoo.com

The main objective of the study is to assess awareness among various social groups regarding the participation of children with special needs in the community. To achieve the objectives a survey was conducted among various groups such as teachers of both schools and colleges, doctors, final year undergraduate and postgraduate students of Physiotherapy, Pharmacy and Nursing profession and general population in and around the PSG Hospitals and PSG rural health centre, Coimbatore. About 190 students participated in the study. Data were collected through a questionnaire consisting questions related to community awareness and attitudes towards participation issue. About half of the students surveyed have stated that community members are not aware of the activities that exist for the children with special needs.

Maternal and child health project funded by WHO.

Research articles on HIV/AIDS

3. **Knowledge, stigma, Perception about HIV/AIDS and Acceptance of HIV/AIDS testing among Pregnant Women, R. Baranitharan, V. Mahalakshmi, V. Kokila,** PSG College of Physiotherapy, Peelamedu , Coimbatore -641 004 baranipt@yahoo.com

This study evaluates the knowledge, perception and stigma about HIV/AIDS, and their acceptance of HIV/AIDS testing among pregnant women. Data were collected through a pre designed questionnaire consisting of questions regarding knowledge, perception and stigma about HIV/AIDS and acceptance of HIV/AIDS testing and was administered to 134 pregnant women who visited the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, PSG Hospital, Coimbatore. Results revealed that the level of awareness of HIV/AIDS among pregnant women was about 81.7 percent. The sources of information were TV, radio, posters, followed by news paper .

8.a. Selected Health and Social Science Journals

Health Journal:

I. Health Services Management Research can be found on our new exciting website www.rsmjournals.com hosted by High wire, offering you a more functional and efficient way of accessing the journal.

Royal Society of Medicine Press, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE
rsmjournals@rsm.ac.uk

II. Multidisciplinary Social Science journal with the purpose of promoting..
www.esocialsciences.com/

eSocialSciences IRIS Business Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.
T-131, Tower 1, 3rd Floor, International InfoTech Park,, Vashi, Navi Mumbai - 400 703, India.

Email : editor@esocialsciences.com

III. On line Demographic Journal.

Visit the site and send your research articles for publication: <http://www.demographic-research.org>

IV. Reproductive Health

Development gate way: Visit Population and Reproductive Health and you can get e-mail alert regarding latest research on RH. <http://population.developmentgateway.org>

8.b. Selected Social Sciences Institutes in India

1. Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India

Provides post-graduate programs and research in Social sciences, Personnel management, Research methodology, and Health services, contact address: P.O. Box 8313 Deonar, Mumbai 400 088, Visit www.tiss.edu

2. MG University, Kottayam, Kerala

http://www.mguniversity.edu/schoole_nvironmental/sss.htm

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES Mahatma Gandhi University, Pullarikunnu
Mallooserry P.O, Kottayam- 686 041, Kerala, INDIA. Phone: 0481 2392383

3. ACHARYA INSTITUTE OF HEALTH SCIENCES & SCIENCES

Contact: www.aihs.ac.in

Acharya Institute of Sciences

No.51, Cholanagar, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 032, Karnataka, India

Tel: +91-80-2353 0369, 2354 3913, 2354 1416 **E-mail:** info@aihs.ac.in

4. NTR University of Health Sciences, Andhra Pradesh

Dr. NTR UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Fax: 91-866-2450463, Tel.: **91-866-2451206 – 10**, **E-mail:** ntruhs@hotmail.com

Website: <http://ntruhs.ap.nic.in>

5. Asian Institute of Health Sciences (Deemed University)

www.asianhealthsciences.com

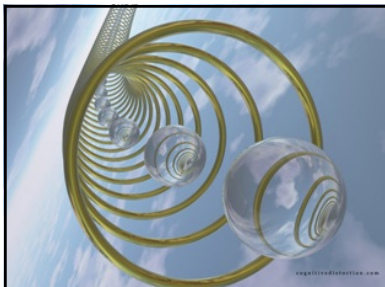
Ravi Hospital, 50, Veer Savarkar Nagar, Navghar, Vasai(W). Mumbai - 401 202,

Email: asianhealthsciences@yahoo.com

9. WEB LINKS for Higher Studies in Social Sciences and Health

Social Science for Public Health:

The Faculty of Arts at The University of Auckland, New Zealand, with links to information about the Arts. http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/subjects/index.cfm?S=S_SOCSCIPH



Health related courses and research at the University of Brighton .New website for Applied **Social Science**: <http://www.brighton.ac.uk/hss>

Health Social Science International Program, Mahidol University THAILAND <http://www.sh.mahidol.ac.th/hssip>

University Graduate School University Graduate School Kirkwood Hall
111 Indiana University Bloomington, Contact: grdschl@indiana.edu ,
<http://www.indiana.edu>

Social Science and Health Research: Growth at the National Institutes of Health <http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/abstract/94/1/22>

Online **Social Science** Degree - Classes at CAPELLA are a way to earn your public **health** masters degree. CAPELLA is an accredited online university that offers a quality education online:

http://www.capella.edu/schools_programs/human_services/masters/social_behavioral_sciences.aspx

Ph.D. in Social Science and Health School of Human Evolution:
<http://www.shesc.asu.edu/node/318>

Bachelor of Health Science/Bachelor of Social Work
<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/healthsciences>

Web Links and
Assignments



10. Assignments:

Dr. Balachandra Kurup on UN assignment in Sudan

Dr. K. Balachandra Kurup, former Director of Socioeconomic Unit Foundation in Tiruananthapuram has taken up a new assignment as the Sector Strategy and Coordination Advisor for the United Nations in Sudan. He is responsible for developing strategies and coordination mechanism so as to strengthen synergies and complementarities across sectors and humanitarian and early recovery programmes, envisaged in the work plan of UN and Partner agencies in Sudan. Contact: balan_kurup@yahoo.com or bkurup@unicef.org



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11.Fellowship at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation Call for applica-

tions: For more information, please contact us by email at:

pgf@healthmetricsandevaluation.org or visit <http://www.healthmetricsandevaluation.org>

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington is accepting applications for the winter 2009 cohort of the Post-Graduate Fellowship program.

Post-Graduate Fellows will be involved in research in one of five key areas of work: **health outcomes, health services, resource inputs, evaluations and decision analytics**. Applications must be received by September 1, 2008. Interviews with selected applicants will occur in September. Candidates will be notified in October and will begin the fellowship on February 1, 2009. For more information, please contact by email at: pgf@healthmetricsandevaluation.org or visit <http://www.healthmetricsandevaluation.org> Post-Graduate Fellows are appointed at IHME for one year with the possibility of renewal for a second year upon mutual agreement. The salary is \$50,000 during the first year and subject to a UW merit driven increase during the second year. **The winter cohort begins on February 1 of each year.**

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