

## **Perception of Rural Rajput Community of Jammu Regarding Prenatal Sex Determination Tests**

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**ABSTRACT** The present research is an attempt to study the perception of rural Rajput community of Jammu regarding prenatal sex determination tests. A sample of 400 parents (200 mothers, 200 fathers) was selected from 10 blocks of Jammu district. The tool consisted of a self- devised structured questionnaire for determining the perception and beliefs of parents regarding prenatal sex determination tests. Results of the study revealed that majority of the parents were aware of the sex determination tests and considered it right and safe method for having a son. They wanted the practice to be continued in spite of the legal restrictions and legislation against it. The reasons behind this belief were stated to be economic liability and family pressure. This paper also suggests few recommendations based on data to eliminate this evil practice.