

Gender Differentials in Participation of Tribal Adolescents in Various Activities

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ABSTRACT The present study was undertaken with the objective to study the participation of male and female tribal respondents in the various activities related to domestic, arts and handicrafts, music and social. The study was carried on 150 males and 150 females selected from Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti and Bharmaur subdivision of Chamba district. The respondents were administered self-structured interview schedule in consultation with five judges. Weighted mean scores were calculated to make the sex comparisons which revealed that boys had more participation than girls in agricultural operations animal grazing, milking of animals and marketing of produce whereas girls participated more in household chores, animal care, sibling care and fetching of water, As far as arts and handicrafts was concerned, boys had more participation in drawing and painting activities, girls had more participation in arts and handicrafts activities like weaving, embroidery, traditional craft and stitching. Boys participated more in fairs and festivals and wore traditional dress on occasions than the girls had more participation in music and local dance. Regarding social interaction both boys and girls had friends and enjoyed the friends' company. Boys were playing more outdoor games and girls were playing more indoor games