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A Study on Social –economical Values among substance users

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Abstract: Values are an integral part of human lives. Values guide our behaviour & actions. When individual undergo addictions, values deteriorate. In this particular study emphasis was given on societal values. Purposive sampling technique was adopted. Allport –Vernon-Lindzey scale was used. Statistical analysis shows correlation between social and economic values are found to positive and highly significant both at .05 and .01 level. Findings could be utilized in day to day intervention for the healthier, happier and fuller lives of the substance users.

Keywords: Substance user, Value, quality.

INTRODUCTION

Values are an integral part of human lives. Values guide our behaviour & actions. When individual undergo addictions, values deteriorate. Addiction is a biogenetic & primary disease. Another important features of these that it is a chronic disease which gradually diminishes societal values. Keeping these in mind, economic and social values of substance users were ascertained in a residential treatment centre of Kolkata.

In this particular study emphasis was given on societal values. Due to addiction, emotional bond within the family and other close relations gradually weakens. More over the person was practical in nature, but became bohemian and withdrawn. After detoxification psychotherapeutic session was started. Stress was laid upon enhancing quality of lives. Lecture sessions along with group discussions were provided. In order to deliver personal care it is urgently needed to throw light upon their values, so that proper treatment could be provided with personalized care.

METHODOLOGY:

Sample:

Purposive sampling technique was adopted. Those who belong to HS to graduate had been taken as subjects. Their age range fall between 25-40. 75% of them were from middle – socioeconomic status.

Tools:

Allport –Vernon-Lindzey scale was used. Six categories of values were there: theoretical, (T) economic (E) esthetic (A), Social(S), political (I) and religious (R). In this study the data of two categories – social and economic was considered. The person was asked to choose from multiple alternative responses. The responses become the index of the relative strength of the two basic values.

Procedure:

Report was properly established with them. Care has been taken so that they could follow the instruction properly. Data only for “social” and “economic” value was considered for further examination. Statistical analysis was done and it was interpreted.

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RESULT:

Table- 1: Table Shows The Social And Economic Value Of The Substance Users By Allport Vernon Lindzey Scale

SL NO	SOCIAL	ECONOMIC
1.	4	3
2.	2	2
3	6	4
4	4	2
5	6	6
6	2	2
7	4	2
8	2	3
9	3	3
10	5	3
11	1	1
12	4	4
13	5	3
14	6	4
15	4	3
16	3	3
17	5	4
18	4	4
19	3	3
20	3	4

..... By Allport Vernon Lindzey scale

Table-2 shows obtained values significant at .05 level and .01 level

Degrees of freedom N-2	18	Obtained Values 0.69	tvalue at .05 level .44	tvalue at .01 level .56
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INTERPRETATION

Statistical analysis shows correlation between social and economic values are found to positive and highly significant both at .05 and .01 level. Obtained values are much higher than table values . It implies those who love people are highly practical and those who are isolated and alienated are appeared to be not social and down to earth. In therapeutic intervention instrumental values such as “ ambitions” “ helpful’ “ loving “ “responsible”, self controlled could be induced, so that substance users could rehabilitate physically ,emotionally . socially, occupationally and able to cope with the environmental demands .

CONCLUSION

Considering all aspects of studies and findings it could be concluded social and economical values of the substance users are highly correlated , Findings could be utilized in day to day intervention for the healthier , happier and fuller lives of the substance users.

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