

## ABSTRACT

# Changing Family Composition, Structure and Practices in Urban Area

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*Bhopal the city of lakes is the capital of central state of India, Madhya Pradesh. Both Hindus and Muslim population lives here and with the celebration of festivals of both the communities make it special. There are various historical places in the city like Bhimbetka caves, van vihar national park and tajul masjid. The present study was conducted in Bhopal district of Madhya Pradesh. The aim and objective of the study was to assess and observe the changing family composition, structure and changing marriage patterns and other family related characteristics. The data collected was analyzed and it was found that about 71 percent families supported nuclear family system. Various factors were responsible for this transition. The new found freedom and less responsibility and new urban life forced people to opt for nuclear family structure. As stated by George Peter Murdock Nuclear Family is universal. During the study it was also found that changes in family system results changes in other social institutions like marriage and kinship. In urban area of Bhopal district the institution of marriage has underwent drastic changes with people choose their partners on their own choice and some people marry outside their respective social group.*

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