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A study the wives' status of Alcoholics and research challenges: A sociological study

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Abstract

Alcoholism is a broad term for problems with Alcohol and it's generally used to mean compulsive and uncontrolled consumption of Alcohol beverage. And it's a form of individuals and social disorganization. Nowadays it's burning issue in the society and also considered as major social problem. Women experiences some form of domestic violence in their life time, specifically the wives of Alcoholics experiences socially, physically, psychologically threaten and consequently they develop depression, guilt, loss of trust, low self-esteem and high suicide risk due to the domestic violence. Which is occurs in all socio-economic and cultural, sub groups of population. And women are socializing and even rationalize to accept, tolerate, and remain silent about it. They have become the victim of domestic violence and they are abused in their homes and usually by their husbands. The institutions of higher education are responsible for nurturing the growth of knowledge managing development for social transformation by the research. The problems are faced by researcher in India and remedial measures for promoting and improving the quality in higher education level. The research of "A study the wives' status of Alcoholics and research challenges" Alcoholism as an academic field as a major social problem, like gender issue, corruption, crime so on. And a research area regarding the above topic is a recent phenomenon and this study mainly focused about research problems encountered in finding the status of wives of Alcoholics. We have objectives in this study to get information Alcoholism, wives' status of Alcoholic and domestic violence, through the conflict perspectives. And also we have hypotheses that wives of Alcoholics are countering the domestic violence and many other problems.

This study mainly focused about research challenges in collecting the data's of wives' status of Alcoholics with prepared quaternaries on the conflict perspectives of the above concerned topic.

Keywords: research challenges, wives of Alcoholics, Domestic violence or conflict, Social status, Alcoholism

Introduction

Alcoholism is a broad term for problems with Alcohol and it's generally used to mean compulsive and uncontrolled consumption of Alcohol beverage. And it's a form of individuals and social disorganization, created by the individual's maladjustments with the complex condition of the modern society. Swedish doctor MAGNUS HUSS who used the word Alcoholism for the first time, during 1849. In Alcohol addiction we can see moderate drinkers, excessive drinkers, morbid drinkers, continuous drinkers, & etc. In the present scenario Alcoholism Is considered as major burning social problem and evil in the society. Due to this addiction of Alcohol it results in number of family destruction, individual disorganizations, loss of mental stamina, chronic problems, domestic violence, low socio-economic status, social disorganization so on. So it has to cure or eradicate from the society Alcohol is banned in some parts of India such as Manipur and Gujarat, but it is legally consumed in the majority of states. There are believed to be 62.5 million people in India who at least occasionally drink alcohol. Unlike many western countries the consumption of alcohol in India is witnessing a dramatic rise – for instance, between 1970 and 1995 there was a 106.7% increase in the per capita (this means per individual in the population) consumption. International brewers and distillers of alcoholic beverages are keen to become popular in India, because it is potentially offers the third largest market for their product globally. India has also become one of the largest producers of alcohol – it produces 65% of alcoholic beverages in South-East Asia. Most urban areas have witnessed an explosion in the number of bars and nightclubs that have opened in recent years.

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In this study we emphasized about wives of Alcoholic are facing socio-economic problems and domestic violence due to their husbands are Alcoholic And encountering some research problems while went to study about wives of Alcoholic. Women experiences some form of domestic violence in their life time, specifically the wives of Alcoholics experiences socially, physically, psychologically threaten and consequently they develop depression, guilt, loss of trust, low self-esteem and high suicide risk due to the domestic violence. Which is occurs in all socio-economic and cultural, sub groups of population. And women are socializing and even rationalize to accept, tolerate, and remain silent about it. They have become the victim of domestic violence and they are abused in their homes and usually by their husbands.

The area of research Hassan district of Karnataka state. Hassan District occupying a total area of 6826.15 Sq. km encompasses the latitudinal parallels stretching between 12° 13' and 13° 33' North on one hand and the longitudinal meridians extending from 75° 33' and 76° 38' East on the other. The district is strategically sited 180 km from the, Bangalore metropolis. Agriculture forms the district's economic backbone where coffee, black pepper, potato, paddy and sugarcane are the major crops. Hassan District with its lush terrains and bracing, salubrious climate reverberates with legendary tourist spots which include some of the most exquisitely carved sculptures like that of the Belur-Halebeedu, Shravanabelagola and Halebeed.

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Review of the earlier studies

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Alcoholic families demonstrate poorer problems solving abilities than non-alcoholic families both among the parents and within the family and the whole. These poor communication and problem solving skills may be mechanism through which lack of cohesion and increased conflict develop and escalate in Alcoholic families

Stuart, Larcia & Frisch 2005

The consequence of alcoholism all too often results in chaotic disorganized and dysfunctional families. Families of alcoholic's experiences guilt, shame, resentment, insecurity,

delinquency, financial trouble, isolation, fear and violence etc.

Objective of the study

We have objectives in this study 1) to get information Alcoholism, wives' status of Alcoholic and domestic violence, 2) To realize the scope of research the Wives status of Alcoholic, 3) To find the research challenges at the time finding the problems the wives of Alcoholics, on the conflict perspectives. And also we have hypotheses that wives of Alcoholics are encountering the domestic violence and many other problems.

Scope of the Study

In this study we emphasized research challenges at the time of finding problems of wives of alcoholics. Research challenges are 1) there is proper interaction between researchers and the Respondents. This leads to a data going untapped. Interaction programs should be organized between researchers and respondents. This will be highlight was issues need to be researched, what data is required for conducting research. And economic problems, as such travelling expense and problems in availability of the respondents (wives of Alcoholics) 2) Lack of confidence and gender problems. Most of the respondents are of the opinion that researchers can misuse the data provided them, as such; they are reluctant to divulge details of their personal. And in the case opposite gender of the researchers to the respondents they don't give the clear pictures of the problems and no response and so on. 3) improper library management;- the libraries are not managed systematically much of the precious time of the researchers is spent in looking for books, reports, newspapers, etc, rather than searching relevant information from them

Methodology

In this present study we used simple random sampling method and selected 50 Alcoholics families and I used direct interview, interview schedule, observation method and cross sectional methods and descriptive design was used to assess the way the problems of wives of Alcoholics and also used secondary and primary resources.

Resources information

1. Primary resources;- To collect the primary information I used the self prepared questionnaire for interview. Some questions are modified, dropped and added to questionnaire according to suggestions of the experts. Finally information is collected by 50 respondents.

2. Secondary sources;- which means population reports records of statistical department etc but researcher did not used the secondary resources more, information's collected through the direct interview.

Analysis of the study

Table 1:

SL NO	Personal profile of the respondents									
1	Age	15 years to 20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46- 50	51+	
		02	04	06	08	08	12	06	04	
2	Place of living	Rural				urban				
		30				20				
3	Religion	Hindu		Christian			Muslim		Others	
		38		06			04		02	
4	Cast	vakkaliga		Lingayutha		kurubas	SC-ST		Others	
		14		06		08	18		04	
5	Education	Illiterates	Primary /middle		Secondary /degree		Higher edu,			
		08	20		16		06			
6	Occupation	Agriculture	Labors	Govt, employ		Business	House wives	students		
		14	20	02		08	06	00		
7	Monthly income	00 to3000	3001-6000		6001-9000		9001-12000		12000+	
		14	18		06		08		04	
8	Residential status	Own house			Rental house			Others		
		24			20			06		
9	Types of family	Nuclear family				Joint family				
		50				00				

In demographic information age, education qualification, profession, income of family, cast and various information's of respondents are followings

- **Age:-** age of respondents is important factor in the time of interviewee, I found 04% of the alcoholics families women respondents are of 15-20 years old. 08% are 21-25 years old. 12% of the respondents are 26-30 and 16% of the alcoholics respondents are 31-35 years old, and 16% of the respondents 36-40 and 24% of the respondents age was 41=45 and also 12% of the respondents were 46-50 years old. And 08% of the respondents were above 50 years old.
- **Place of living:-** in this research Alcoholism practices has classified as Urban and Rural areas, 60% of the respondents were living in Rural areas and other 40% of the respondents were living in Urban area.
- **Religion:** - 76% of Hindu wives of Alcoholic respondents and 12 of Christian and only 08 of Muslim wives of Alcoholic respondents were found and also 04% of the respondents were belongs to other religion.
- **Caste:-** alcoholism is various formed in different caste in India, 28% of vakkaliga respondents of wives of alcoholics, 12% of lingayutas and 16% of kurubas and 36% of sc-Sts And 08% of respondents were found in other castes.
- **Education:** - 16% of the respondent's illiterates. 40% were having primary education. 32% having secondary/degree education and only 12% are having higher education.

- **Occupation:-** 28% were agriculturists. 40% were labors, 04% were government employees, 16% were having own business and 12% of the respondents were house wives were found to interview.
- **Monthly income:** - 28% of the respondent family having up to Rs 00-3000 income per month. And 36% were having income from Rs 3001-6000. And 12% are having income up to Rs 6001- 9000. And 16% were having income up to 9001-12000. And 08% of the respondents income per month was Above 12000 rupees.
- **Residential status:** - 48% of the respondents of wives of Alcoholic were having own house And 40% of the respondents were living in rental houses. 12% respondents were living other house like (small huts in road side etc).
- **Types of family:-**100% of alcoholic families are nuclear families were found while research.

Status of wives of Alcoholic

The family members or wives of Alcohol depended person in the background of the sick person. These victimized people are really treated as individual who need help. Families and wives of Alcoholic experience guilt, shame, resentment, insecurity, delinquency, financial troubles, isolation, fear, and violence and so on. Alcoholism leads to various problems such as poverty, family and personal disorganization, and it's creates low social and economic status of the alcoholic family in society.

Table 2

SL NO	status of wives of Alcoholic	00%
1	Financial problems in the family from Alcoholic husband and other Alcoholic members of the family	94%
2	Wives of Alcoholic having the Problems in rearing and educate the children and maintain the family and insecurity so on due to the alcohol addiction of their husband	80%
3	Encountered the conflict and domestic violence with Alcohol such as abusing, beating wife, children, parent and with other members of the family. And react badly to intoxication. They can become aggressive and do things they later regret	90%
4	Less of social respect from the society, public neighbors due to Alcoholic husband	84%
5	Alcoholic husbands Became sick from consumption of Alcohol like, liver disease, mental problems, insomnia, swelling of organs, irritability, blood pressure, Anxiety, tension, chronic disease so on	70%
6	Shame And guilt problems of wives of Alcoholic to go to the neighbors functions such as marriages, ceremonies and also celebrates the festivals etc, due to the alcohol dependents of the family	80%
7	Leading low level life like living at poor quality of home Wearing the indecent and dirty cloths and less nutrition food so on	80%
8	In the Alcoholic family Children are also becoming alcoholics due to the impacts of alcoholic parents	30%
9	Problems of wives of Alcoholics in having the good relationship with relatives, public, neighbors and society due to the alcoholics in the family	90%
10	Wives of Alcoholics are encountering Mental and physical illness, anxiety and also having bad marks on the body which was made while conflicts from alcoholic husband	70%
11	Wives of Alcoholics are facing Problems in marriage of their children due to the loss of respect in the society and economic problems and many other problems are caused by alcohol addiction of husband	60%
12	Lose of respect for their children in society from alcoholic parents	80%

Financial problems in the family: - 95% of wives of alcoholics respondents were opined wives of alcoholics are facing poverty in their family due to the Alcoholic husband. Alcoholism is the main reason to the extreme poverty in the family. An Alcoholic husband is frequently busy in drinking Alcohol, he spends full of his earning money to purchase the Alcohol, and also he is some time thefts money in his family to buy alcohol and some of them they won't do any work because they lost their job due to alcohol addiction and inability to do the work. Families can suffer financially as a result of this type of substance abuse its main reason to the families of Alcoholics is in poverty.

Family problems: - 80% of respondents says encountering the problems in rearing and educate their children. And maintain the family and insecurity so on. Due to the Alcoholic husband he doesn't contribute and supportive to the family as economically and socially its leads to the family disorganization.

Conflict in family with Alcohol: - 90% of the respondents were Encountered the conflict, quarrels domestic violence with Alcohol such as abusing, Suspects on wives and other members of the family, wife beating, quarrels with children, parent and with other members of the family and neighbors, public etc, sometimes wives of Alcoholic attempted to suicide. And react badly to intoxication. They can become aggressive and do things they later regret

Less of social respect from the society: - 80% of the wives of Alcoholic respondents says there is less respect as economically socially and politically in the public and society. Wives and children of the Alcoholic families have low self-esteem compare to the non-Alcoholic families.

Alcoholic husbands became sick:-70% of the respondents were said their husbands became sick or diseased from highly consumption of Alcohol. The family members of the Alcohol dependent person suffers in the background of the sick person like, liver disease, mental problems, insomnia, swelling of organs, irritability, blood pressure, Anxiety, tension, chronic disease, panic attacks and anxiety disorder so on. This type of habit damages whole parts of the human body.

Shame and guilt problems of wives of Alcoholic: - 80% of the wives of Alcoholic are encountering problems the less of social and public respect. Public is treating them as low this types of response made them irritation and resentment to go to the neighbors functions such as marriages, ceremonies and also celebrates the festivals etc, due to the alcohol dependents of the family

Leading low level life: - 80% of the respondents of wives of Alcoholics were said they are having low quality of home, some of the respondents were living in poor huts, and also having problems to get nutrition food and lack of vitamin it leads to other women and children related diseases so on. And they are wearing indecent and dirty cloths due to the extreme poverty.

Effects on children: - 30% of the wives of Alcoholics said in their family Children are also becoming alcoholics, delinquency, low self-esteem, personally disorganized etc, due to the impacts of alcoholic parents, children of the Alcoholic families are becoming criminals in the society

Problems in relationship with relatives, public :- 90% respondents were responded to the problems in having the good relationship with relatives, public, neighbors and society due to the alcoholics in the family, an Alcoholic frequently makes quarrels and conflict in the society, and he is responsible domestic violence hence wives of alcoholic felt shame and guilty to make relationship with relatives and others, and also other un-satisfaction response its irritates alcoholic members of the family.

Wives of Alcoholics are encountering Mental and physical illness ;- 70% of the Wives of Alcoholics are encountering Mental and physical illness, anxiety, low self-esteem, inferiority complex and also having bad marks on the body such as burnt marks, beaten marks which was made while conflicts from alcoholic husband

Wives of Alcoholics are facing Problems in marriage of their children: - 60% of the Wives of Alcoholics are facing Problems in marriage of their children due to the loss of respect in the society and economic problems and many other problems are caused by alcohol addiction of husband. He doesn't give economic contribution to the family and he is main responsible to the poverty.

Lose of respect for their children in society from alcoholic parents: - 80% of the wives of alcoholic respondents said their children having less respect in the society and they suffering from anxiety, poverty, isolation, and low self-esteem compare to the non-Alcoholic family

Findings

1) The wives of alcoholics are encountering domestic violence, poverty, 2) Alcoholic families are suffering from social and economic problems as we know they have felt inferior and lower self-esteem in society, 3) they having the, marriage and education problems of their children, attempts of suicide, health problems pauperization eventually of family due to the practice of alcoholism in their husbands, and we found some research problems at the time of research, 1) when we go to the study of wives of Alcoholic I faced gender problems all most respondents were female as wives of Alcoholics so un satisfaction cooperating to the interview. 2) Some of the case were no response to the research 3) some of the wives of Alcoholics were busy in their works and they have shortage of time to response to the interview questions. 4) Suspicious character of the respondents, 5) Inferiority complex of the respondents and hesitates, and afraid to give clear information of the problems such as physical and sexual harassments etc, in their family. 6) It is an expensive to the re-researcher.

Conclusion

Today the wives of Alcoholic encountering various family problems, domestic violence, poverty, delinquency physical harassments and they have social and economical inequalities and also having inferiority and low self-esteem in the society and Alcoholic husbands are have alcohol related diseases like liver disease, mental problems, insomnia, swelling of organs, irritability, blood pressure, Anxiety, tension, chronic disease so on. Hence Alcoholism has to be cure and it should be eradicate from the society. And there are some research problems concern to the topic

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