

**"HIV/AIDS Patients In ART Centre Meerut : A Sociological Study"***Reserch Scholar : Arvind Sirohi***Abstract**

It is well known that HIV/AIDS is the most serious present day health hazard. Today it is clear that social factors plays a critically important role in health. The concept of health, disease and treatment is as varied as culture. Health does not mean merely the absence of disease but complete adjustment of individual to external environment, both physical and social. Impact of environment on health and disease can not be ignored. The main Objective of the present study was to investigate the Socio-economic profiles of HIV/AIDS infected patients and to know the level of awareness about transmission and prevention of HIV/AIDS before their illness. The other important objective was to investigate the impacts of HIV/AIDS on the life of its infected patient and changes in behavior of the family and community of HIV/AIDS infected patients and the coping strategies adopted by HIV/AIDS infected patients to overcome the problem. The present study was conducted in Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Medical Hospital, Meerut. (S.V.B.P.).The information form the respondents was collected by using the schedule/interview guide in the quantitative phase of data collection. Symbolic Interaction perspective focuses on how health, health care and labels and how such meanings are learned through interaction with others .The study chiefly finds out that large majority of the respondents are male belongs to the age group of 31-40 are middle caste category are Hindu

by religion were educated upto High School and dominating in occupational category have a income about 20000 per month lives in Rural area While in female category are from younger age (31-40) that is the most reproductive age are belong from lower castes of Hindu religion engages in lower occupation eg. daily wage labour have a income about 10000 per month. Women are much more stigmatized than men when they are became infected. Stigma is also linked to power and domination throughout society as a whole. All of the respondent are facing financial difficulties. All of the respondent reported that they do not go in any type of social gathering due to social stigma which is strictly associated with this disease. All most all of the respondents have shared their status with their family members .All most all of the respondents felt stigma and discrimination from family side but counselling given by the counsellor is very helpful to overcome the problem. Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a collection of symptoms and infections resulting from the specific damage of immune system caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). HIV affects mainly young people, being transmitted by sexual intercourse, sharing of needles and from the mother to fetus. The Indian epidemic, in fact, is believed to be one of the fastest growing HIV/AIDS epidemics in the world. AIDS is especially unfortunate because it attacks those who are at or just beginning, the prime of their lives. HIV/AIDS also affects household income, as families increase expenditure on medical care and adults become too sick to work.