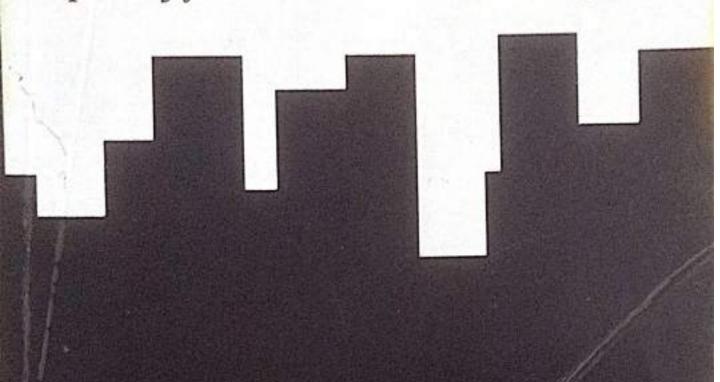
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## Young Generation and Filial Responsibility: An Empirical Study

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#### ABSTRACT

Nuclear family in India is emerging very first due to the breakdown of traditional Indian joint family. The nuclear family is also in turmoil stage due to divorce of the parents and moving out of the son or daughter near to their working place and keeping behind their parents. The questions arise who is going to look after them when they won't be able to look after themselves or when one parent remains alive and cannot take care of her self or him self? The present paper investigates the attitude of young generation about their filial responsibility and how they like to compromise their career with this responsibility. The findings indicate that both boys and girls are willing to take their filial responsibility but are not ready to compromise with their career. Both boys and girls desire to live by themselves after their marriage as they think that their relationship with their parents will remain cordial. They believe child-parents relationship is not just reciprocal - it is more than that.

Key Words: Nuclear family, Filial responsibility, Ageing parents, Career.

Throughout the recorded history in India, adult off springs especially sons have taken on the primary responsibility of caring their