



## Study to assess the occupational aspiration of higher secondary girls

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### Abstract

The professional aspiration of the individual at adolescent age has a sure effect on selection of occupation at their later years. Career decisions are generally made at secondary school stage. A descriptive study was conducted to assess the occupational aspiration of higher secondary girls studying in urban selected government school of Indore district. The objective are: to assess the occupational aspiration of higher secondary girls studying in urban government school of Indore district, and to find out association between the professional aspirations of higher secondary girls with their selected socio –demographic variables. A non-experimental descriptive research design was used. Research was done on 10 higher secondary girls were selected from govt school, Indore by using non probability convenient sampling technique, which allowed the researcher to select the participants who are willing to participate and present during the period of data collection. Data was collected by using structured questionnaire and occupational desire of higher secondary school girls were assessed by standardized occupational aspiration scale. Data were analyzed by using descriptive and inferential statistics. This study revealed that, 09 (90%) of higher secondary girls had adequate level of knowledge and 01 (10%) had moderate level of knowledge regarding assessment of occupational aspiration. Mean score of occupational aspiration of govt higher secondary school was 52.5 (S.D.≥3.845). This value indicates that girls of govt higher secondary school were having adequate level of occupational aspiration.

**Keywords:** occupational aspiration, career maturity, higher secondary girls

### Introduction

An aspiration is a strong need for high achievement and it is influenced by family background, and the ways in which family interacts, communicates, and behaves. It arises due to social context of class, caste and gender. Students are affected by gender role socialization, parental expectations, and teacher attitudes. Adolescent girls are the most economically vulnerable groups. Adolescent girls usually lack access to financial capital and have more specific opportunities to gain the education, knowledge, and often lack social support, and community social norms create restrictions to their economic advancement.

Aspiration are defined as an individual's desire to obtain a status object or goal such as a particular occupation or level of education, expectation are the individual estimation of the likelihood of attending those goal, plans, ambition or dreams. Career aspirations are 'expressed career –related goals or choices that provide important motivational momentum for career success. It can be either idealized or realistic. Idealized aspirations are occupations one would like to have if there were no limitations on opportunity, finances or ability when selecting a career.

### Need for the study

The career aspiration of the individual at small age has a sure effect on the preferences of occupation at their later years. Career decisions are generally made at second school stage. It is an essential duration for the development of career growth, when students are faced with academic and occupational decisions over the course of their study. Their present level of occupational aspirations and career maturity is depended upon their future career decisions. The proper decision making

depends upon the level of occupational maturity and occupational aspirations of students. The present research is an attempt to study the levels of occupational aspiration and career maturity of secondary school students of Govt. Higher Secondary school. The research shows what corelation exists between career aspiration and career maturity of secondary school students. This studies also assess the professional aspiration and career maturity of higher secondary girls of govt. high secondary school.

### Problem statement

“A Descriptive study to assess the Occupational Aspiration of higher secondary girls studying in urban selected government school of Indore District.”

### Objectives

- To assess the occupational aspiration of Higher Secondary girl studying in urban government schools of Indore district.
- To find out association between the occupational aspiration of Higher Secondary girls with their socio –demographic variables.

### Operational definition

- Occupational aspiration: Occupational aspiration means decisions made by a student on her/his future work.
- Higher secondary girls: The higher secondary girls those who are studying in the 12<sup>th</sup> standard
- Urban: Urban area is the region surrounding a city most inhibition of urban area have non agriculture jobs. “Urban area can refer to town & suburbs.
- Government school: The term “state school” refers to

government funded school which provide education free of charge to people.

**Hypotheses**

At 0.05 level of significant.

**H<sub>1</sub>**:- There is a significant association of occupational aspiration of higher secondary girls with their selected socio demographical variables

**Methodology**

The data was collected by using descriptive survey research approach.10 higher secondary school girls of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Indore were selected by using Non probability convenient sampling technique. The researcher designed a tool consisting of sample demographic variables and structured questionnaire data was collected by using standardized Occupational Aspiration scale. The data collected was analyzed by using descriptive & inferential (chi square test) statistics.

**Findings and discussion**

**i) Findings related to socio-demographic variables**

- In relation to the age group of Higher secondary girls all 10 (100%) of them belonged to age group of 17 years.
- It shows that all the selected Higher secondary girls 10 (100%) were belonged to Hindu religion.
- Regarding known language all Higher secondary girls 10 (100%) were known Hindi language.
- Regarding educational status of parents 06 (60%), in primary education, 03 (30%) in higher secondary, & only 01(10%) illiterate was found.
- In relation to parents occupation 05 (50%), have their own business, 04 (40%) have semi government job, 01 (10%) have government job.
- It reveals that annual income of parent i.e. 09 (90%) 50 thousand-1 lakh & 01 (10%), 2 to 3 lakh of parent’s income of Higher secondary girls.

**ii) Findings related to assess the Occupational Aspiration of Higher Secondary girls**

**Table 1**

**N=10**

Score	Grading	Frequency	Percentage	Mean	Median	Standard deviation
0-24	Inadequate	0	0	52.6	52.5	3.835
24-48	Moderate	1	10%			
45-72	Adequate	9	90%			

This table shows that 09 (90%) higher secondary girls were having adequate occupational aspiration whereas only 01 (10%) were having moderate occupational aspiration of higher secondary girls studying in urban government school’. Mean score of occupational aspiration of govt higher secondary

school was 52.5 (S.D.≥3.845). Median score was 52.5 and Standard deviation of Occupational Aspiration shows 3.835. This value indicates that girls of govt. higher secondary school were having adequate level of occupational aspiration.

**iii) Findings related to Association between the occupational aspirations of higher secondary girls with their socio – demographic variables**

**Table 2**

Selected Demographic Variables		Inadequate 0 – 24	Moderate 25-48	Adequate 49-72	D f	Chi square
Parent’s education	Illiterate	0	1	1	3	0.87
	Primary education	0	1	3		
	Middle secondary	0	0	1		
	Higher secondary	0	1	2		
parent’s occupation	Govt. job	0	0	1	3	0.278
	Business	0	1	7		
	Semi govt	0	1	0		
	Others	0	0	0		
Income	50,000-1,00000	0	3	6	1	0.476
	100000 -200000	0	0	0		
	2,00000-300000	0	0	1		
	300000 & above	0	0	0		
Cast	OBC	0	1	4	1	0.00
	SC/ST	0	1	4		
	General	0	0	0		
Area	village	0	1	2	1	0.47
	city	0	1	6		
	town	0	0	0		

Findings depicts that there is no significance association of level of occupational aspiration with their selected socio-

demographic variables. Hence the research hypothesis (H<sub>1</sub>) is rejected and null hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>) is accepted.

### Conclusion

This study revealed that 09(90%) of higher secondary girls students have adequate level of Occupational Aspiration whereas (10%) had moderate level of Occupational Aspiration. Mean score of Occupational Aspiration of govt. higher secondary girls was 52.5 (S.D.>3.845). This value indicates that girls of govt. higher secondary school were having adequate level of occupational aspiration of their carrier.

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