CHANGING TRENDS OF FAMILY SYSTEM
AND OTHER ISSUES

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ABSTRACT

Every individual is the member of the family. Family is the basic unit of society. It is the primary unit of human culture. Family is a most important primary group.

The home is the centre of family’s comfort, place of love, rest and health. The atmosphere in the family provides an individual to learn about their cultures, manners and habits.

Today individual to face the challenges of modern living. Family is the Universal institution. In any area face the problem in the family institution the impact of all areas family groups. Because society have many institution and the main characteristic of the society. Society is a group of institutions so family is a universal institution. There is slightly changes in impact condition. Family is the smallest kinship group. There are many characteristics of family.

That is: the family is based on making relationship. This relationship is determined and established by the form of marriage. Family has its own name and own system of reckoning descent. All families needs economic support to lead their life. Each family must have common habitation. All these tendencies explained the family institution is a basically established by relation bonds. Family performs many functions.

Types of families is different based on different criteria. In each type of family faced many challenges. These challenges raised by occurring new trends in the society.

Some of the new trends bring changes in the organization of families. The effects of Urbanization, Westernizations and modernization make changes in the structure, economic recreational and religious functions of the family.

Modern family mainly concentrate on its economic wealth since it is playing an important role to determine their status in the society. Due to this there are so many problems and issues arising in the family system and society. Particularly lack of unity creates or develops. Unlike situation between the family members etc. All these points explain in this article. The new trends in the family and issues are mainly concentrate in this.
**Key words:** Family system, new trends, or challenges issues.

**Introduction:**

The home is the centre of family’s comfort place of love and affection, rest and health, creates new bonds with marriage system. The atmosphere in the family provides and individual to learn about their customs, traditions, manners, culture, special habits and traditional appearances, norms etc.

Every individual is the member of the family with out family the person cannot learn culture and be recognized as a member of society. The family gives recognition and surname. Married couple establish new family and they continue their family generation. Family is the basic unit of society. It is a group of biologically realted individuals living together and eating from a common kitchen. The child is first exposed to the family. Family is a universal institution. All societies have some form of family.

According to mac lver “Family is a group defined by sex relationship sufficiently precise and enduring to provide for the procreation and upbringing of children”

Family System: Generally family is formed through the establishment of mating relationship between man and women without that no family can come into existence. Family presupposes institution of marriage. Every family has some nomenclature which reckons its descent. “Casually head of the family is supposed to satisfy the economic needs of the members. Family must have a home for living. Child bearing and child rearing. At the time of selection of mates Boy or girl may be selected by parents or by the wishes of the individuals. Concerned.

Family is a Universal institution. All societies have some form of family. Family is built upon sentiments of love and affection, sympathy and cooperation. The family socializes the child it shapes the personality and mould the character of its members guarded by taboos and legal regulations. The family members have certain responsibilities, duties and obligations.

**Types of Family:**

The are different types of families based on composition like on the basis of members families are divided into nuclear, extended and joint families. Based on authority in female authority is matriarchal and male authority is patriarchal. when descent is traced through the mother it is known as matrilineal. Patrilineal families are regarded as the descendents of the fathers family. After marriage the married couple resided at particular home means the wife lives in the residence of the husband in marticlocal husband lives in the residence of the wife. In bio local the newly married couple may live with either the bride’s parents or the bridegroom’s parents. In Auan culocal the married couple live with bridegroom’s materal uncle. In neo local the married couple establishes their own separate residence. Relationship is most priority in the family system. Families may be monogamous in their one man has only one wife similarly one women has one husband at a time. One man with several wives it is polygamous family. If a woman has more than one husband at a time it is polyandrous family.
Functions: Family performs basic needs to the family members physical needs, biological needs and psychological needs also and procuring of food, housing and clothing, satisfying sexual desires of mainly members Fro lection of the young and old. The family makes arrangements for income to fulfill the needs of the family members and care of property. In a family every individual has a status. The family hands over the social traditions, customs and ideals to the next generation.

Religious, cultural, recreational, health functions are fulfilled by the family. Finally, the family exercises social control over the members. In the family the anti social tendencies of its members are watched.

**Changing trends of family System:**

- In the past Family was performing many functions.
- Today many of the functions have been taken over by other agencies:
  - Today family is not required to educate the children. This function has now been taken over by schools, corporate collages, coaching centers etc.
  - Hither to head of the family exercised to control over the members. Intervention of head of the family is not tolerated now.
  - For recreation facilities there are T.V., Internet, Cells, Social Media, Clubs, Associations etc.,
  - With the practice of both control methods the function of child procreation is now being given up by modern families.
  - The modern family satisfies sex in greater degree than the traditional family. In the old family sexual act was combined with reproduction and the fear of pregnancy. The modern family is in a better position to satisfy sex instinct without any fear of conception.
  - Economic dependency is vanishing. Today women are working.
  - Sewlar out look has reduced the importance of religious functions. Through this integration develops in societal members. Every one develop their mental feeling in their religious out look and they change their linking or interesting religious, converted their religion to taking religion.
  - Religious sanctity was attached to marriage. None of the spouse thought of braking the bonds. Today it can be broken at any time. A little disharmony new result in divorce.
  - Hither to family used to cook food, wash cloths, clean houses etc. Today these things are done with the help of machine.

Some of the new trends bring changes in the organization of families. The effects of Urbanization, Westernization and modernization make changes in the structure, economic, recreational and religious functions of the family. Modern family mainly concentrates on its economic wealth since it is playing an important role to determine their status in the society.
**Effects of new trends:-**

- Majority of the families in city are nuclear model.
- The joint family system is gradually declining and its functions are also changing.
- The educational families adopt family planning and welfare measures and most of the families are following the small family norm.
- Women’s status in the families among the all religions.
- In the families women orientation is exchanged. That is why husband cannot order his wife, only he can request.
- The choice of choosing the mate is falling inlove.
- Increase awareness regarding contraceptives. They prefer simple and small family life.
- Each and every family member maintain of course earning member maintain their own savings and properties. Open bank accounts very easy process now a day of course government declared every person has had bank account at any bank it is compulsory.
- Due to declining the control of family aged members thean the youth maintain illegitimate sex relationship (now a day’s occasionally it can be seen)
- Children tend to dominate and their whishes are included while making the policies of the family children fulfill freedom to take vital decisions.
- Less importance is given for early prayer, poojas and other religious rituals, important ceremonies like marriage are also performed as a civil contract rather than a religious sacrament. Married couple takes easily braking the bonds. Today it can be broken at any time. A little disharmony now result indivorce.

**ISSUES:**

Most of the families, everybody is a the working member. Evey body leads a mechanical life, there is less chance to share their feelings. More than that the children get separated from their parents after their school days, or even before that. They contact their parents through phones and other devices. They don’t know about their relatives.

Due to the Westernization, close relatives, blood relatives are also addressed as uncle and aunt by the children. Ther is no difference between the close relatives and family friends.To every body they maintain superficial relationship.

Now a days, there is a noticeable decay of social values which the family rests. Previously marital ceremonies were conducted as religious ceremonies. Now it becomes an ordinary practice. Marriage is viewed as a materialistic and self centered and it weakens the foundations of its social values. Family life requires solid foundation, sacrificed living, personal chastity and assumption of social responsibility. All these social values are declining in the families.
The control of the family over its members has decreased. In very young age itself everybody learns to lead their independent life. Faith in one another is decreasing. There is lack of mutual understanding. The marriage bounds have weakened. Premarital and extramarital relationship have increased. The increase of specialized agencies has greatly diminished the participation of members. The family members prefer to take meal from hotels and pass their most of leisure time in the clubs rather than home. The younger generation does not like any interference by their elders. All these factors make disputes among the family members and there is lack of affection and unity.

Every individual in the family requires liberty and freedom. They obtained their own entity. So that every one interfere into the family. Persons in the family delivered their own feelings. But once upon time only elders or head of the family maintain all family works. All other relatives obey the head’s words. But now all have independence, every one want their idea fulfilled. Then many problems arose in the family. Because of “No two persons are alike”, some situation arise in the couple, where even newly married couple also faced many problems. They want their own identity no one can obey to other spouse that is why increase rate of divorce. The major reasons for getting divorce are misunderstandings between the spouses. Love marriages also face same maladjustment problem and other main issue is urbanization. In cities there are so many employment facilities. In urban areas industries, factories shops etc., So high employment opportunities very vast in the cities. Every person has got employment in their family. Women are working for earning and able to lead an independent life. If she doesn’t like to continue her life with partner, she has legal provisions for that. Most of the families, both hold equal status. Society does not force her to live and lead her life in the family. Most of the love marriage couple they don’t get the support from family members and they are able to face the societal challenges. The divorce rate has been going up in the industrialized societies because of the economic factor.

Majority of the families are nuclear. Specially in city are nuclear and joint families are there in villages. Today in the villages there are also nuclear families are following the small family norm. Joint family system is gradually declining and its functions are also changing. Generally families are based on type of marriages. Most of the problems are created from the misunderstandings between the members adjustments problem. The husband and wife do not have perfect adjustments’ between them. The husband wants to maintain supremacy while wife demands equal rights and privileges.

The modern families are getting disorganized with the problem of sexual disharmony. Love marriage are mainly responsible for this. Before the marriage boys and girls meet with each other with high hopes. After marriage instead of happy life there are family quarrels which lead to divorces.

Another issue is proper administration of family. Unlike the past, members of the family do not obey each other. Administration of family becomes a problem.

Child rearing practices become another problem. Modern family is nuclear family today both men and women are taking employment and return to the house completely exhausted. By this the children are neglected. Family and marriage are lack of trust among the partners, difficulty in taking stable decisions,
economic inequalities between the husband and wife, sexual heterogeneity developing inferiority and superiority complexes with each other and decline of family control. Indian culture is based on traditionalism. But as the effect of westernization, Indian families are undergoing considerable changes. This impact is more among the upper socio-economic families.

- Comparing to previous days, now all individuals are leading a stressful and mechanized life and gets less time to spend with the family members. Lack of intimacy among the partners or among the family members is the major cause of problems in the familial and marital life.
- Previous days joint family pays more attention of taking care of geriatric group. Now these geriatric like old age particularly retired personas also faced lost of problems like loneliness, lack of love and affection of our specially blood relatives like grandson, granddaughters can talk to them. They feel isolated previous joint families solved it but now it is a very miserable problem.
- The members take sick persons adequate care in the joint family. Now the sick are take rest at the hospitals or homes.

Children are emotionally attached to their relations in the joint family. Now children every time talk to their friends like girls or boys too much is everything danger. In the family they feel secured and responsible. But in the friends group they feel only misunderstandings and too much feelings then it becomes special issues. Mental illness occurs due to this situation.

- Comparing to joint families the modern families their individuals feels emotional disturbances because of there is nuclear families, no bonds, no closeness.
- Modern families encourage the children taking food nutritious and high calorie food but there is no love and affection and bonds. Only taking nutritious food they feel healthy but they don’t know any customs and habits. Every time they feel stress. Without affections and emotions, there is no happy feel without happy feel there is stress. “Division of properties is impossible in the joint family system”. But the whole property holds the power has only one person like: Karta[head of the family]. In joint families, today nuclear family is dominating this situation that is why there is no unity between the family members.

There is no blood relation feelings. They feel only independence and freedom.

Every family must have common habitations which imples that the members of family must live together under the same identity. Surname is their recognition. Children get basic functions from the family. Children learn values by observing other people especially their parents or elder brothers and sisters. Today there is no feelings of ownness, blood relations. Only one own individuality. New born baby learns group norms, habits and ideals. Every family prescribes its own ways and means of giving social training to its members, new born also so that they may develop their own personality. This social training is socialization. It is a continuous process in which the child and elders are socialized. In the process family has an important role to play. Without this training [socialization] human beings cannot properly behave and pull on in the society.
Children learn habits not only from family but also from many agencies like school, peer group, religious institutions, T.V., films, internet, etc. Social Media plays more important role today.

Today cell, net etc impact on children and youth so high. The persons if any disturbed through social media and faced problem, however the don’t take any suggestion from others Busy parents are not interfere child’s life that is today culture. That is why so many issues arise.

In most of the other cases the parents give so much pressure to their children. Especially to day education employment these two concepts the children very much worried and feel most pressure from the parent’s side to day this is specially problematic issue.

The retired persons are deprived of active participation and decision making in occupation and family sellings. The older people want to have grip over the younger ones in family. The younger ones start confirming their rights and powers. The negligence and indifferences of others also impair the feelings of the ego. They have the feeling of isolation and loneliness. They find it difficult to adjust to the social changes and family changing trends.

**Conclusion:**

Inspite of all these changes still the essential and basic functions of the family remain unchanged. Family is still the legal agency for satisfying sexual urges. Reproduction of children still remain the responsibility of the family. So also the burden of taking care of health, education and recreation remains the responsibilities of family. Still the culture and social functions are performed. The children still get love and affection in the family. They may be slight changes in the non-essential functions but family remains its basic characteristics. In the society family is a small unit and primary Unit. But family helps the nation in controlling the society, populations, providing security to their members and socialize the members. Family performs smooth running of all institutions like education, economic organization, and marriage and so on.

Finally society established by the family. All persons have family. Family creates, develops, runs their familial members. All families live in the society. After established society the society arrange all other economic, political, administration, education religious organizations.

Family system maintains some rules, customs every family has their own customs. After developing society the family norms, rules, customs are changes occasionally changing trends of family system creates some disturbance in the family, persons, and society. But everyone must adjust such type of changes. At the period of adjustment arrives many problems and issues there is path of overcome the issues. If not accept of changing trends society, individuals are not developed. So every time change is occurred. Educationalists thinks “how to overcome the challenges or issues than smooth salvation is there”.

“Change is Law of Universe”.

Changing trends of family system creates upbringing of family status.”
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