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ABSTRACT

The socio-economic status of third sex is unseen and untold issue. Academic discussion and various interactions have been needed for Urban and Rural areas. Since the Organization of the “Blue Diamond Society”, it is being an issue of much concern among the people of all strata. Few studies have been carried out in a capital city, identify the perceptions of these strata. But no studies have been carried out in regards to the Districts level. Socio-economic status plays an important role for a long period because of their prospect for national representation in future. Thus the study is carried out entitling as “The Socio-Economic Status of “Third Sex” A Study of Chitwan District.”

This was accomplished by using the primary data obtained from 41 representatives of Blue Diamond Society’s of Chitwan Districts. Main objective of the study were to study the socio-economic characteristics of the third sex of Chitwan District, to study the knowledge of HIV/AIDS and STI and to study the third sex related issues at chitwan districts. In references to the various socio-economic variables, the perception of third sex was analyzed by quantitative and qualitative methods.

In regards to the socio-economic condition of the representatives, this study has identified that among the 41 representative, 100 percent are third sex. 87.80 percent were unmarried and 12.2 percent were married. There are more (47.22 percent) of the representatives are from the age group of 25-29.

The analysis has revealed that:

1. 80.48 percent of respondent were below the age of 34 years.
2. Majority of the respondents are literate.
3. Hundred percent respondents have knowledge of HIV/AIDS.
4. Majority of respondents earned Rs.3000 to Rs. 6000 per month.
5. Cent percent respondents were treated by family, relatives, peers neighbours and police officers.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	:	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
BDS	:	Blue Diamond Society
CREPHA	:	Center for Research on Environment Population and Health Activities
DIC	:	Drop-in-center
FHI	:	Family Health International
HIV	:	Human Immune deficiency Virus
IBBS	:	Integrated Bio Behavioural Survey
LGBT	:	Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender
MARP	:	Most At-Risk Population
MSM	:	Male having Sex with Male
MSW	:	Male Sex worker
NCASC	:	National Center for AIDS and STD Control
NGO	:	Non-Government Organization
SACTS	:	STD/AIDS Counseling and Training Services
SLC	:	School Leaving Certificate
STD	:	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STI	:	Sexually Transmitted Infection
WHO	:	World Health Organization