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Knowledge and perception among anganwadi worker regarding gender discrimination and female foeticide

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ABSTRACT

The present investigation was undertaken to know the perception of Anganwadi workers regarding female foeticide on a sample of 100 respondents. The sample was selected from ICDS projects, Jammu and Gandhinagar. Random sampling technique was used to draw a sample for the study. A self devised interview schedule was used as a tool for data collection. The results revealed that majority of the respondents were aware of the prevalence of gender discrimination. They were also aware about the declining sex ratio and repercussions of missing girls. Contributing factors for son preference found were like sons bring dowry, perform last rites, support provider in old age and carry on the family lineage. Awareness of AWW's regarding Medical Termination of Pregnancy and Pre-natal diagnostic techniques (PNDT) act was negligible. They were not aware about guidelines and legal aspects regarding PNDT.

KEY WORDS : Anganwadi, Foeticide, Amniocentesis, Foetus

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