

Modern Education – There has been much expansion in the field of education. There has been usage of technology within the classrooms and in higher education, technology and computers are being utilized in order to work on the assignments. Individuals belonging to disadvantaged and socio-economic backward sections of

the society are also getting enrolled in educational institutions in order to sustain their living. Therefore, acquisition of modern education has largely contributed in improving the lives of the individuals and bring about changes within the family.

Discipline – In both the types of families, nuclear and joint, it is important to maintain discipline. An individual is required to maintain several relationships within the family, with parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and children. In the maintenance of all kinds of relationships, it is important to inculcate the factors of discipline, self-control, regulation and obedience. During the absence of these factors, the relationships may get affected in a negative manner, hence, discipline is a factor that is required to be always acknowledged.

Conflicts and Disputes – The occurrence of any kinds of conflicts and disputes within the family always prove to be detrimental to its existence. There are normally conflicts and disputes between individuals of older generation and those of younger generation, because of the differences in the viewpoints. As a result of conflicts and disputes, the level of discipline and dedication towards each other has declined. In some cases, the conflicts and the disputes also hamper the communication terms between the family members and even lead to disintegration.

Financial Position – Every individual has an objective to enhance the living conditions of himself and his family. Finances are considered to be an imperative aspect that would contribute in the improvement of the living conditions. Majority of the individuals acquire education with an objective of obtaining a good job that would improve their financial position, therefore, finances have contributed in bringing about changes within the family. With sufficient finances, individuals are able to fulfil all their basic as well as other needs and requirements.

Relationship between Family and Society

There is a close relationship between family and society, family is stated to be the most important unit of the society, and a society is comprised of many families. There are certain characteristics that the families should possess in order to deal with the societal commitments and other concerns. The head of the family is required to take all the major decisions, when he needs suggestions and ideas, he normally consults other family members, but the decision making authority is vested in the hands of the head of the household. In a society, there are individuals of

different backgrounds, status, religions, ethnicity and castes. In societies, there are some individuals who are engaged in minority jobs and reside in slums, therefore, measures are initiated in order to enhance their positions and bring about their wellbeing.

Marriage is regarded to be the institution that gives rise to family and it belongs to the first and most widespread social institutions. For most of the people, the social institutions are regarded as the core elements of human development as well as for the social consistency of the society. In this respect, the value that is accredited to those two institutions is predominantly dependent upon the viewpoint of the observer. When mating takes place between two families and is publicly recognized, then it is known as marriage, it is a relationship between not just two individuals, but two families. There have been numerous reasons that may lead to disintegration of the families due to marital breakdowns; in order to prevent these, it is important that individuals should make an effort to establish strong, and effective communication links with their family members. If the various ideological positions antagonize each other, the topics of marriage and family may be a good occasion in order to enter into a discussion on areas which people have in common and also the areas that would lead to their disintegration (Reifeld, 2006).

The family is the basic unit of the society and it should be strengthened in order to bring about its development (World Family Organization, n.d.). When families are usually small and there are not much members in it, in such cases, families are dependent upon the society and the community members in order to fulfil their requirements. When a family consists of just a single parent and one child, then it becomes difficult for them to solely look after each and every requirements, in such cases, the parent and the child is dependent upon the society. The main area that is considered vital in order to produce a well-organized relationship between the family and society is effective communication and absence of conflicts amongst them.

Conclusion

Family is a basic unit of the society and it is the foundation on which the life of the individual is based. The family is formed due to two main factors, marriage and birth. There are certain characteristics of the family such as, universality,

emotional basis, limited size, nuclear position in social structure, social regulations and permanent and temporary nature. The family members are required to contribute towards the wellbeing of each other wholeheartedly, there are numerous functions that are performed by the family, these are, regulation of sexual behaviour, reproduction, economic co-operation, education, affection, protection and emotional support and social status. The upbringing of the individual, inculcation of proper values, norms and cultural traits, health and medical requirements of the individuals are all fulfilled by one's family members.

The professional and the social responsibilities of the individuals are centred mainly upon one's family. An individual works, earns money in order to fulfil the requirements of himself and his family. The main factors that lead to changes within the family are, industrialization, urbanization, western culture, modern education, discipline, conflicts and disputes and financial position. These factors have brought about various kinds of changes in the family with respect to number of areas such as, structure, lifestyle, living conditions, standing within the community, interaction within as well as outside the home and in enhancing one's career prospects.

In order to improve one's living conditions, there are certain factors that need to be taken into account, these are, communicating with each other in an effective manner, recognizing one's responsibilities towards the households and the family members, doing well in one's work, whether it is education or employment and formulating effective conflict resolution procedures. The elderly members of the family should always be respected, wealth and monetary sources should be accepted from them whenever they are willing and there should be absence of verbal and physical abuse. The family system in India is considered to be strong, resilient, stable and enduring, they prepare meals jointly, they eat the food cooked at one common hearth, share a common income, common property, are related to each other through kinship ties and worship the same idols. There is a direct connection between family and society, as family is regarded to be the unit of the society, and it has contributed to the stability of the Indian society and culture. The rights, capabilities and the responsibilities of the family members must be well recognized.