



## SocioCultural Dimensions of Marriage in Rural India

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Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 1990. N.A. Book Condition: New. Xv+272pp This book is an outcome of empiric study cross-culturally carried out in early part of 1980's in rural areas of South Central India viz, Andhra Pradesh. The theme of the study focusses on Nuptiality (Marriage) and particularly on age at marriage and its determinants, decision making on marriage, inter-generational changes in marriage patterns etc. Although most aspects of this study cover both husbands and wife as a unit, the last but one chapter is extended further to the marriageable children/brothers of the main respondents, which enhances the predictability of the findings for the immediate future and also for the next two decades or even more. The determinants of age at marriage considered here cover several important cultural, socio-economic, demographic, decision-making and modernization variables. This work will be found as of great utility and the implications of the findings can be beneficial for (i) policy formulations by health, social welfare and planning departments, (ii) evolving educational strategies for improving the quality of future married life and (iii) strengthening health and population education programmes in developing countries. It also can serve as a reference book for administrators, planners, policy makers, educationists and...



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