ABSTRACT:
Almost every country in the world has exhibited preference for one sex over other. In case of India, sex preference is synonymous to son preference. It has also been found that the socio-economic condition of a country has an influence on the extent of son preference observed in the society. Additionally, the lack of social security mechanisms for the elderly has increased dependency on the male child during old age. Present study attempted to explore involvement of son in providing a secured shelter to old parents. Study finds that in most cases the only one son is taking care of parents and the relationship with other son is strained. It also finds that in most cases of cohabitation with son old parents are spending almost all of their monthly income for the household. The sons appear to have failed to provide a secured shelter.