

Communal Harmony for Bright Future of India: A Study of Attitude of Hindus and Muslims towards Religiosity and Secularism in Bihar

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The present study is to find out the religious and secular attitude among Hindus and Muslims of different social and cultural background to know whether the religious and secular behavior of the people is influenced by their social and cultural background. For this purpose, 300 adult persons-150 Hindus and 150 Muslims were purposively selected as a sample from different areas of Patna Municipal Corporation of Patna district in Bihar. “The Secular Attitude Scale” by Mehra, and Sinha, (1992), “The Religious Attitude Scale” by Rajamanickam (1988), and Self-constructed interview schedule was prepared and applied to the respondents for data collection. The obtained data were statistically analyzed with suitable statistical techniques. The obtained results revealed that; (i) secularism and religiosity was positively correlated, meaning that these variables tend to increase together (high religious attitude is associate with high secular attitude), (ii) The respondents belonging in Hindus community have more secular attitude comparatively respondents belonging to Muslims community, and (iii) The respondents belonging in Muslims community have more religious attitude comparatively respondents belonging to Hindus community.