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A Comparative Study on the Relationship Between Social and Emotional Maturity of Undergraduate Students in Raipur District

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Abstract:
This study explores the relationship between social and emotional maturity among undergraduate students in Raipur District, focusing on how these traits interact to influence students' overall personality, mental well-being, and adjustment. Using a sample of 600 students from government and private colleges, the study utilized standardized scales and statistical tools, including Pearson's correlation, to assess the degree of association between the variables. Results reveal a statistically significant and positive correlation, emphasizing the importance of fostering emotional intelligence and social adaptability in higher education.

Keywords: Social maturity, Emotional maturity, Undergraduate students, Correlation, Emotional regulation, Mental health

Introduction Understanding the interplay between different characteristics of maturity is crucial for understanding the complex nature of human development. Social and emotional maturity significantly affect an individual's development, relationships, and overall well-being. These qualities undergo critical changes during young adulthood, particularly in college. As students adapt to the demands of higher education, their social interactions and emotional regulation become increasingly relevant.

With the rapid integration of technology in daily life, students face challenges in managing emotional responses and social behavior. Inadequate guidance in digital literacy can lead to mental stress and behavioral issues. Hence, understanding emotional and social maturity is key to supporting youth in navigating this crucial developmental phase. This study investigates how emotional and social maturity are interrelated among undergraduate students in Raipur District.

Definitions of key Terms

Social Maturity Social maturity refers to an individual's ability to interact effectively in diverse social situations. It encompasses communication skills, empathy, cultural awareness, and the ability to form healthy relationships. Socially mature individuals demonstrate appropriate behavior across contexts and contribute positively to their communities. Immaturity in social settings can hinder interpersonal relationships and societal adjustment.

Emotional Maturity Emotional maturity is the capacity to manage and express emotions

appropriately. It involves emotional regulation, adaptability, and the integration of emotional experiences into behavior. A person is emotionally mature when they can respond to situations in a balanced and thoughtful manner. Emotional immaturity, on the other hand, often results in impulsive reactions and poor decision-making.

Mental Health as defined by the World Health Organization encompasses emotional, psychological, and social well being. It affects how we think, feel and act, and influences our ability to cope with stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices. Mental health is crucial for overall well-being and quality of life.

Review of Related Literature

Social Maturity

- Boruah & Padu (2024) emphasized the development of social intelligence from adolescence, shaped by school and community environments.
- N & R (2024) conducted a study on eleventh-grade students and found no significant differences in social maturity across gender or school types.
- Dahiya & Yadav (2024) highlighted the adverse impact of excessive internet use on adolescent social maturity in Delhi and Haryana.
- Rakhimova (2023) provided a theoretical analysis of social maturity, identifying psychological and environmental factors as crucial.

Emotional Maturity

- Sanwal et al. (2023) studied emotional maturity among students in Gujarat, finding significant gender differences, with girls excelling in social adjustment.
- Sethi (2023) examined emotional intelligence and academic stress, finding no significant correlation but emphasizing the value of emotional education.
- Bhathnagar et al. (2023) found a negative correlation between emotional maturity and lack of social support among young adults in Delhi and Haryana.

Objective of the study

1. To assess the levels of social and emotional maturity among undergraduate students during their initial college years.
2. To identify the relationship between social and emotional maturity based on demographic variables

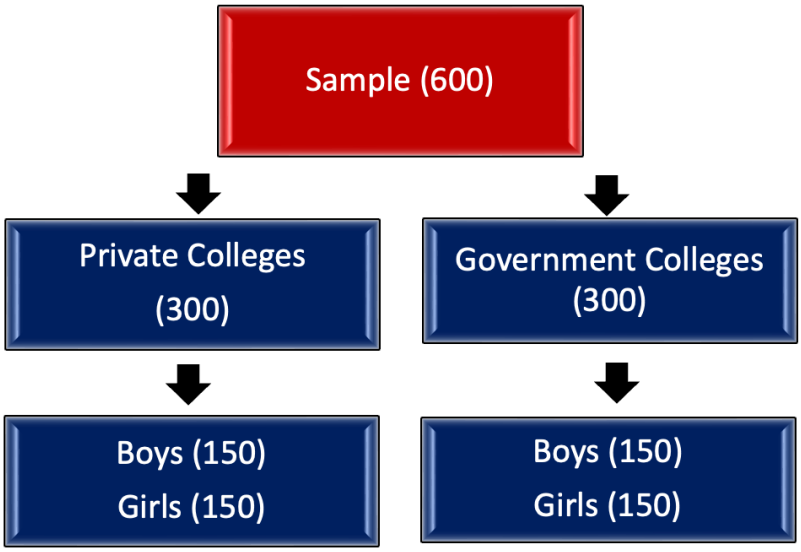
Hypothesis

H01: There will be no relationship between Social and Emotional maturity of the undergraduate students for total sample.

H02: There will be no relationship between Social and Emotional maturity based on demographic variables

Methodology

The study involved undergraduate students from government and private colleges in Raipur District, selected through a proportional stratified random sampling method. Students were informed of the research purpose and consented to their participation. The Social Maturity Scale (SMS-RN) and Emotional Maturity Scale (EMS-SB) were administered in a classroom setting, measuring self-direction, work orientation, and interpersonal adequacy. The data was then analysed using SPSS and Microsoft Excel for scoring, processing, and statistical interpretation.



6.2 Tools Used

- **Social Maturity Scale (SMS-RN)**
- **Emotional Maturity Scale (EMS-SB)**

Data collection occurred in a classroom setting. Responses were analyzed using SPSS and Excel.

7. Statistical Analysis

7.1 Correlation Analysis Correlation measures the direction and strength of the relationship between two variables. The Pearson correlation coefficient (r) ranges from -1 to +1. A positive value indicates that both variables increase together.

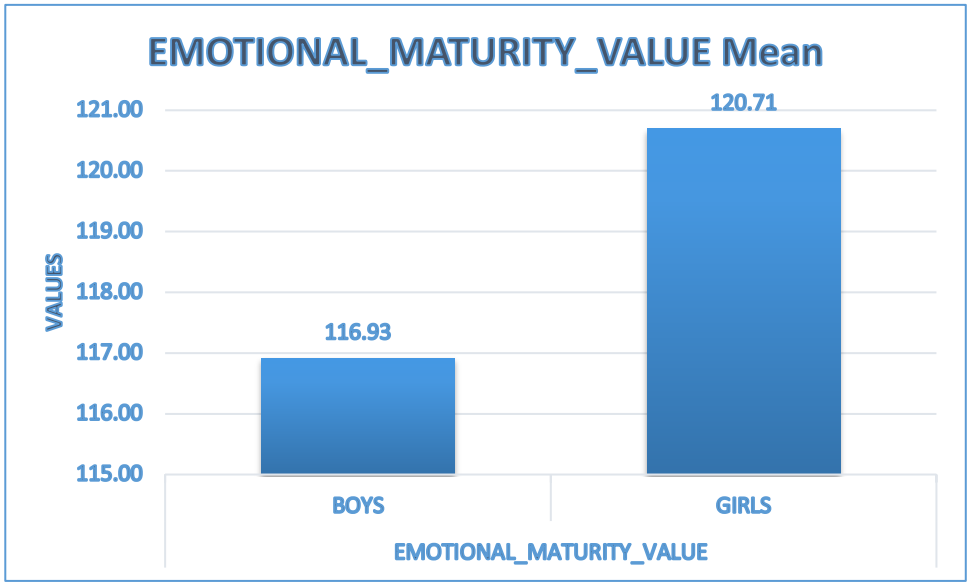


Figure 1

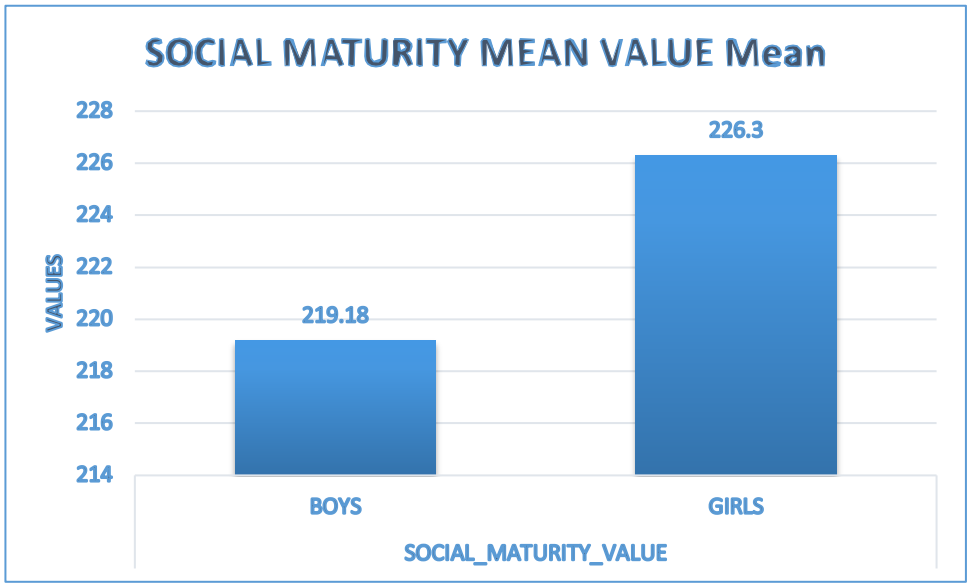


Figure 2

Correlations

		SOCIAL. MATURITY	EMOTIONAL. MATURITY
SOCIAL.MATURITY	Pearson Correlation	1	.421**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		<.001
	N	600	600
EMOTIONAL.MATURITY	Pearson Correlation	.421**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	<.001	
	N	600	600

**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

According to the above figure, it illustrates the Pearson correlation analysis conducted between Social Maturity and Emotional Maturity for a total sample of 600 undergraduate students. The Pearson correlation coefficient **(r) is 0.421, suggesting a moderate positive relationship between the two variables**. This indicates that with the rise in social maturity, there is a corresponding increase in emotional maturity among the students. The p-value (Sig. 2-tailed) is < .001, indicating a high level of significance at the 0.01 threshold, suggesting that the probability of this result arising by chance is below 1%.

Interpretation

The correlation is statistically significant and positive, the null hypothesis—**"There will be no relationship between social and emotional maturity of undergraduate students"—is rejected.** This indicates that there is a significant and beneficial connection between the social and emotional maturity of the undergraduate students surveyed from the Raipur district. The results highlight the crucial relationship between emotional regulation and socially adaptive behaviour in the development of young individuals.

Educational Implications

Integration of SEL in Curriculum:

Educational institutions should embed **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)** into their academic curriculum to foster emotional intelligence and social competence as core educational goals.

Faculty and Counselor Training:
Teachers and college counselors should receive training in **emotional and social skill development techniques**, enabling them to better mentor and guide students through personal and academic challenges.
Development of Life-Skills Programs:
Institutions should design structured **life-skills workshops** focusing on empathy, stress management, conflict resolution, and emotional regulation, which can significantly improve students' overall maturity.
Creation of Supportive Campus Environments:
Colleges should work toward building an environment of **psychological safety and inclusivity** where students feel encouraged to express emotions, collaborate, and build healthy interpersonal relationships.
Assessment and Monitoring Tools:
Periodic assessments using **validated tools for emotional and social maturity** can help track students' growth and tailor interventions to meet individual developmental needs.
Suggestions for Further Research
Impact of Demographic Variables:
Future studies should explore how **gender, socio-economic status, and cultural background** moderate or mediate the relationship between emotional and social maturity.
Longitudinal Analysis:
Conducting **long-term studies** to examine how social and emotional maturity evolve over time can help understand their long-term effects on personal and professional life outcomes.
Effectiveness of SEL Interventions:
Research should evaluate the **impact of specific SEL programs or interventions** on students' emotional and social maturity, using experimental or quasi-experimental designs.
Institutional Type Comparison:
Studies can compare students from **different types of institutions** (e.g., public vs. private, urban vs. rural) to examine contextual influences on maturity development.
Correlation with Academic and Career Success:
Further investigation is needed into how social and emotional maturity **correlate with academic achievement, employability, and workplace success** after graduation.
Conclusion
The present study highlights the crucial interrelationship between social and emotional maturity among undergraduate students, underlining their combined role in shaping an individual's personal, academic, and professional life. The findings demonstrate a statistically significant positive correlation between emotional and social maturity, indicating that the development of one positively influences the other. This relationship underscores the need for a holistic approach in higher education that fosters both emotional intelligence and social adaptability.
Furthermore, the study brings to light subtle differences in maturity levels based on gender and institutional background, suggesting that individual and contextual factors play a role in shaping students' developmental trajectories. These insights are particularly relevant for educators, counselors, and policy-makers aiming to design programs that support students not only in academic excellence but also in their emotional resilience and social competence.
Ultimately, nurturing emotional and social maturity in students is not only beneficial for their

immediate college experience but also prepares them to navigate the complexities of adult life with confidence, empathy, and interpersonal effectiveness.

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