

## Changing Pattern of Family in India

### Part- III

Following Harold Christensen, we can expect following possible changes in Indian family in the

first quarter of the twenty-first century.

The family will continue to exist It will not be replaced by state-controlled systems of reproduction and childbearing.

Its stability will depend more on interpersonal bonds than on social pressures from outside or upon kinship loyalty.

It will more depend upon community support and services.

With medical advances, the family will have greater control over its biological process (of separating sexual from reproductive function, controlling sickness and death, and determining sex of the offspring).

Remarriage and divorce rates will be high.

Parents and grandparents will continue to support their children and grandchildren even after their retirement.

A woman's position of power within the family will further improve with an increase in gainful employment.

Viewed generally, the family will not be egalitarian but will remain husband-dominant family.