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Social and Psychological Problems
faced by Rag Pickers of Chennai City using
BAM model

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Abstract:

The rag pickers of Chennai city face several social and psychological Problems like easily being exploited by public and police, insecurity, runaway from home hence several thoughts of love and hate, exploited by senior rag pickers, misused by anti social elements and so on; most of these rag pickets are school dropouts, run away from family and had taken up this job due to acute poverty or due to a strong feeling of liberty and self sufficiency. We have interviewed around 90 rag pickers from the Chennai city using a linguistic questionnaire. Later this data was transformed into a Bidirectional Associative Memories (BAM) model with seven attributes related to the social and psychological problems of the rag picker re given by the expert and eight attributes related with the causes that led or forced them into the profession of rag picking. Several interesting conclusions were derived. The most shocking and a pathetic one is that they are always under the stress of being taken into police custody for any form of problem in that locality.