

Professional Qualities of Teachers and Performance of Students at Secondary Level

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ABSTRACT

Human being is a developing being and the cornerstone of human development is education. Education continues in the life of man, both formally and informally. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam said that the teacher is the best creation of God, by developing the innate powers of the human being, he transforms the human into a rational and cultural man. Inculcates social qualities in a person and broadens his outlook. If the teacher is conscious of his responsibility, then the quality of education reflects in the society and in the field of education, because teacher acts as a bridge between education and society. The geographical environment of the country, the cultural concept of the country and the business and industrial thinking which go hand in hand in the form of science and technology among the students. Along with this, teacher's perspective in his subject, psychological understanding of life, vigilance towards discipline which he gets through teaching training of the present context. This gives the best grade to the teacher. An important task in front of the teacher is to awaken the huge inner power hidden in the personality and various aspects of each student like physical, intellectual, artistic and creative. The paper tries to produce an analysis on professional qualities of teachers and performance of students at secondary level.

Key words: Professional Qualities; Performance, Teaching and learning environment

INTRODUCTION

School is where students go to acquire knowledge, learn skills and inculcate values that make them productive citizens and help them develop to their full potential Professional qualities of the teacher are considered to be the most important factor in improving the achievement of the students Professional qualities of teachers are the most important factor in enhancing the learning potential of the students. Therefore, the professional quality of the teacher is considered as the means to achieve this goal.

Professional qualities of teachers have at great influence on the achievement of students Professional qualities of a teacher affect the performance of the student and professional qualities of a teacher highlight the academic aptitude and experience of the students. A teacher with highly professional qualities improves both students academic education in the short term and their long-term quality of life. Teachers are the most important resource with the help of which students get maximum and better results. It is clear that the professional qualities of the teacher have a significant impact on the performance of the students. Professional quality of teachers contributes to the achievement of students.

The expectations of the society are also very high from the teacher, which can be tested on the basis of Guru-Shishya tradition since ancient times in a country like India, who has made his mark as the best teacher. Following characteristics are expected in a good and effective teacher-

1. Ability to Present the Content
2. Excellent Characteri
3. High Breakthrough Ability
4. Healthy Body
5. Love of Students
6. Personal Attraction
7. Patience

8. Good Attitude
9. Sociability
10. Ability to Encourage

In this way, society is expected from the teacher to provide socially useful education to the children. The teacher should impart education according to the societal requirements. There is no age to get education, education can be achieved at any time, but when we talk about formal education system, there are three educational levels- Primary education, secondary education and higher education.

Secondary education is an important link in the present education system. The level of secondary education is such a platform which opens the way for entry into higher education on the one hand and employment and livelihood on the other because through this education the goals of the nation are determined. The prosperity, success and bright future of our country depend on secondary education.

The role of the teacher is prominent in the process of exchange of education. Teachers make tireless efforts in making the country a responsible citizen by making human beings their capital of human and culture. HG. Well has written explaining the importance of teachers. The teacher is the maker of history. The history of a nation is written in schools and schools can vary greatly from the quality of their teachers. The education tradition inherited by our nation is one of the oldest in the world. Our education system was born by consciously coordinating the country's rites, sect, culture and intellectual wealth. In which the teacher is an important component, the trained teacher should be trained in the changing role in the society, because teaching work is considered to be the holiest and most essential of all works. There is no other beneficiary specified act like the donation of knowledge. Teaching process is definitely dependent on teacher education. According to Adams, the education process moves between two poles in which the mature personality of the teacher acts to bring about the desired change in the immature personality of the learner. Therefore, it can be said that this is an educational event. In which efforts are made to educate various level and class teachers in such a way that with the transfer of knowledge and values, they are able to assume and bear all the educational and professional responsibility. Teacher the pivot of any educational system and has an important place in the teaching world.

The key concept of the Education Commission (1954-66) is that the destiny of India is being shaped in the school classrooms. It is right in its place that school building, curriculum, co-curricular activities, guidance programs, textbooks, etc. have an important place in educational programs, but unless they are accelerated by good teachers, all these are meaningless. Therefore, the teacher is that power which directly or indirectly exerts its influence on the descendants. Thus teachers play a major role in the classrooms of the school. A teacher who creates many people is not only an individual but an institution in itself.

Therefore, it is necessary to prepare skilled teachers for the proper development of the child's education. The progress of any nation depends on the quality of its teachers, as they are the future builders of the nation. It serves as the focal point of passing intellectual traditions from one generation to another and helps to keep the light of civilization burning. It is the teacher who makes the students curious for learning smoothly and leads them towards the desired goal. For this, teachers should be proficient in all teaching skills and all related disciplines.

According to the National Policy on Education (1986), the status of teachers in a society reflects its cultural-social outlook. It has been said that no nation can rise above the level of its teachers. Government and society should create such conditions. From which teachers should be inspired to create and increase the creation. Teachers should be given the freedom to experiment and devise appropriate methods of communication and new approaches to suit the problems and capabilities of their community.

Changes will be made in the system of quality of teachers in such a way that they can be selected on the basis of their qualifications and in accordance with the requirements of their work. The salary and service conditions of teachers should be commensurate with their social and professional responsibility, which should attract governments' huge investment in public education, its output in terms of quality of students has been observed to be unequal with government expenditure. Consequently upon this the researcher observed that lukewarm attitude of some teachers to work, has been attributed to poor academic performance of students. The quality of education depends on the teachers' professional traits as reflected in the performance of the duties. Overtime students' academic performance in both internal and external examinations had been used to determine excellence in teachers and teaching (Ajaa 2001). Teachers have been shown to have an important influence on students' academic performance and they also play a crucial role in education. (Afe 2001). It is not a gainsaying that both teaching and learning depend on teachers, as an effective teacher has been conceptualized as one who produces desired results in the course of his duty as a teacher (Uchefuna, 2001). Considering governments' huge investment

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Eggen and Kauchak (2001) posit that. positive teachers attitude are fundamental to effective teaching. They identified a number of teachers attitude that will facilitate a caring and supportive classroom environment. They are enthusiasm, caring, firmness, democratic practices to promote students responsibility and use of time for lesson effectively. Teachers established efficient routines, and interact freely with students and providing motivation for them. Ehindero and Abade (2000) assert that students who are curious stakeholders in educational enterprise, have long suspected and speculated that some of their teachers lack the necessary professional qualifications. That is skills, techniques, strategies required to communicate concepts, ideas, principles in a way that would facilitate effective learning. They believed that these deficiencies contribute significantly to the growing rate of failure and subsequent drop out of students in secondary institutions. These observations by stakeholders necessitate the need to investigate the effects of teachers professional traits such as professional qualification teaching skill and techniques necessary for teaching and learning in secondary schools on academic performance of students.

CONCLUSION

A teacher greatly influences the learning environment by their professional qualities. Only competent teachers are responsible for bringing about the desired change in the students. Teacher competence is an intellectual power which is present in the mind of the teacher and which fit in doing his work according to leonal standards. Competence teachers are the most important element in improving student whievement and closing the achievement ap. The key difference between the most and least vective class is that of the teacher. The most unportant influence on student learning is the quality of teaching. If teachers are not given the pportunity to improve practice in the classroom, it is the student's achievement that can result in loss. Ellective teachers not only make the student feel good about school and learning, but also that their work actually increases student achievement. achievement the competence of the teachers. If teachers are full of Student's depends skills then they will give proper knowledge to the students. They will improve the academic achievement of the students.

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