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the West and India. During the 1920s-30s, the language of the contemporary Indian woman was very similar to her European and American counterparts. The women's movement had a very strong Maoist influence. Some of these Maoist groups were Naxalite affiliates. The Maoist-Dalit movement also made its presence felt in a big way. The women's and social-reform movements of the late-19th and early-20th century were all development-focuses; they dealt with women's health and education, eradication of purdah, dowry and sati, working conditions, and by the early-20th century also included political rights such as to franchise and representation.

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Leadership Behaviour of College Principals

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[The present study was undertaken to see the Leadership behaviour of college principals of Assam. The study aims to explore the Leadership behaviour of male and female college principals. For this 13 colleges were taken as sample of the study. Descriptive Survey method was applied. The study revealed that there is significant difference in Leadership behaviour of college principals.]

Leadership behaviour of any country depends mostly on education. Progress of any country is possible only when its citizens are dynamic, resourceful, enterprising. Higher education is an important part of national development. Educational Administration is concerned with the management of institution, where human beings as well as physical resources are brought together for attaining educational objectives.

Among all the educational institutions, college plays an important role in the development of the quality education. Principal is the soul of the entire institution. Principal is a teacher and a leader of the leaders. Principal is responsible for planning, organizing, staffing, supervising, directing, coordinating, reporting, budgeting etc. In brief, Principal must have well developed personality. His personal reputation and the success of his endeavour depends mostly

upon the relations that he maintains with his staff, students their parents and community.

Leadership behaviour means the leadership act of a particular person who happens to be the administrator at the time and also the leadership act initiated by group members. Kuchari, N. (1998-99) maintained in his thesis that Leadership leader i.e. The Principal is one who portrays clearly the relationship between himself and his staff members and establishes well defined pattern of organizational channels of communication and ways of getting jobs done but whose behaviour reflects friendship, trust, respect, warmth of relationship between himself and his staff.

Objectives of the study

1. To study the Leadership behaviour of college principals
2. To study the Leadership behaviour of college principals in relation to age

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3. To study the Leadership behaviour of male and female college principals

Hypotheses

H₀1 There is no significant difference of Leadership behaviour of college principal.

H₀2 There is no significant difference in Leadership behaviour of college principal in relation to their age.

H₀3 There is no significant difference in Leadership behaviour in relation to gender

Geographical area of the study

Kamrup Metropolitan district is one of the prominent districts of Assam where capital city Guwahati is located. There are 28 affiliated general degree colleges of Kamrup (M) district.

Research Design

Methodology

The researcher applied Descriptive Survey method for the investigation.

Population and Sample

The population of the present study includes all the 28 affiliated general degree colleges of Kamrup Metro District of Assam. The investigator has taken 15 colleges as sample of the study.

Sampling Technique

For selection of adequate sample for the investigation, the investigator used purposive sampling technique.

Tool

The following tool was used for collection of relevant data in the present study.

Administrative Behaviour Scale (ABS) by Dr. Hassen Taj. The scale was constructed mainly for secondary school principals. But the investigator has slightly modified the scale and applied it for college principals.

Statistical techniques employed

i) chi-square, ii) t-test, iii) Simple percentage technique

Analysis and Interpretation

Objective no. 1

To study the Leadership behaviour of college principals

H₀1 There is no significant difference of Leadership behaviour of college principal.

In order to study the Leadership behaviour of college principals, the investigator collected the data with the help of Leadership Behaviour Scale by Dr. Hassen Taj and categorized into three groups: high, average, and low. The investigator used simple percentage technique. The description of Leadership behaviour of college principal is tabulated in the following from the above table; it has been found that 37% of the total sample collected from the group of college principals has high Leadership behaviour. The investigator found that 53% college principals have average Leadership behaviour. Above table shows that 20% principals have low Leadership behaviour.

Objective no.2

To study the Leadership behaviour of college principal in relation to age

H₀2 There is no significant difference in Leadership behaviour of college principal in relation to age.

In order to study the Leadership behaviour of college principals in relation to age, the investigator categorized age of principals into three groups 45-49, 50-54, 55-60 and collected the data and analysed it with the help of chi-square technique.

The computed value of chi-square i.e., 6.126 is much less than critical value at .01 and 0.5 level of significance. Hence, it is not significant. Consequently, null hypothesis is accepted. So, it is said that there is no significant difference in Leadership behaviour of college principals in relation to age.

Objective no.3

To study the Leadership behaviour of male and female college principals

H₀3 There is no significant difference in Leadership behaviour of male and female college principals.

In order to study the Leadership behaviour of male and female college principals, mean and SD were calculated. For studying the significance of the mean difference of male and female principals regarding Leadership behaviour 't' test was applied and 't' value of Leadership behaviour of male and female principals are calculated:

As per analysis from the it is found that Mean score of male principals regarding Leadership behaviour is 0.75 with .077 pooled SD and mean value of female principals is 0.58 with 0.77 pooled SD. The investigator found that critical value of "t" with 18 degrees of freedom at .01 and .05 level of significance is 2.10 and 2.88 respectively. The computed value of "t" is 0.5 which is quite smaller than critical value 2.10 and 2.88. From the above data it can be concluded that calculated value is not significant at both levels. Therefore the null hypothesis is accepted. It means there is no significant difference in Leadership behaviour of male and female college principals.

Findings of the study

1. The study reveals that Leadership behaviour of college principals is different. It means there is a significance difference in Leadership behaviour of college principals.
2. In the present study, it was found that there exists no significant difference of Leadership behaviour between principals in respect to their age.
3. The study revealed that age group of the principal is not a factor in administration.
4. The result of the study revealed that there is no significant gender-wise difference in Leadership behaviour of principals at .01 and .05 level of significance.
5. Gender has no effect on the Leadership behaviour of principals.

Conclusion

Leadership behaviour of an administrator is a complex phenomenon which is largely situational and which affect the quality of education. Effective leadership quality of principal is also important for directing group behaviour and supervising members of the organization to achieve organizational goals and objectives. In the situation obtaining the affiliated colleges the principal acts as the leader. The college principal is in a leadership role where he can be instrumental in releasing the human potential of the institution.

Through his decisions, planning, discussion with teachers, parents, peoples and others, he plays a significant part in maintaining a desirable learning environment in a college system. The present study helps in understanding the importance of Leadership quality and its relation with the age and gender of the principals.

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