

Factors affecting occupational aspiration of post graduate agricultural students

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ABSTRACT

The present investigation was conducted in the Bansilal Amrutlal College of Agriculture, Anand Agricultural University to find out the occupational aspiration of post graduate agriculture students. For that, total 150 post graduate students were selected. And findings of the study states that independent variables like academic performance, family educational status, family income and attitude towards agriculture education had positive and highly significant correlation with level of occupational aspiration of agricultural students. The variables like caste, participation in extra curricular activities and family occupational status showed positive and non-significant relationship with level of occupational aspiration of agriculture students and birth order, family background and size of family showed negative and non-significant relationship with level of occupational aspiration of agricultural students.

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INTRODUCTION

Education occupies an important place in the intellectual and social development of human being. It is through education that the all round development of personality is possible. Education is a life long process since; it starts from birth and ends with death. The aim of education is to develop the persons. Its aim is to perfect the individual in all his powers. It is education that determines the level of prosperity welfare and security of the people.

Occupation plays an important role in the life of an individual. Thus those in the education process develop awareness towards the type of education imparted and the courses in which they are enrolled. It helps them in judging their future prospectus and scope for employment.

Quite a number of studies have been conducted in India and abroad in the areas of socio-psychological, educational, personal, and economical factors influencing the occupational aspiration of agriculture students. Number of studies have been conducted by researchers in the field of education psychology, sociology and other sciences on occupational choice behavior *viz.*, occupational aspiration, preference and choice of the adolescent and attitude of students towards different psychological objects like school, science, scientist etc.,

but are very limited with respect to faculties of agricultural sciences.

Keeping this in view, it is thought to plan study on factors affecting occupational aspiration of post graduate agricultural students of Anand Agricultural University was undertaken.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The present investigation was conducted in the Bansilal Amrutlal College of Agriculture, Anand Agricultural University, Anand. Total 150 post graduate students were selected as a sample for study. They were interviewed with a structural pre-tested English version interview schedule with an aim to study the level of occupational aspiration. Measurement of factors affecting occupational aspiration of post graduate agricultural students was done by measuring co-efficient of correlation given by Pearson (1978). The data were collected with the help of structural interview schedule. The collected data were classified, tabulated and analyzed in order to make the findings meaningful.

EXPERIMENTAL FINDINGS

In order to determine the relationship between the

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