

Profile and level of aspirations of undergraduate students

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ABSTRACT

The present study was conducted in College of Agriculture, Latur under Marathwada Agricultural University, Parbhani (M.S.) in 2009-10 with specific objectives to study the aspiration of the agriculture college students. All registered student of the third year and final year were selected for the study. In this study it was observed that majority of the students belonged to male sex, were from nuclear families, medium size families, having rural background with medium family education, farming business as their main occupation, with semi-medium land holding, landless area under irrigation with low family annual income. These clearly point out the need of motivating the rural students belonging to farm families to select agriculture course for higher education with medium self image.

KEY WORDS : Profile, Level, Aspiration

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INTRODUCTION

Education is the process of developing capabilities of the individuals so that they can adequately respond to their situation. Human development is the result of many interacting forces and education is one of them. Education is a continuous process. Its aim is to develop the latent capacities in human nature and co-ordinate their expression for the enrichment and process of society by equipping children with spiritual, moral and material knowledge.

Agricultural education today has become highly complex and specialized discipline. The major functions of agricultural universities to impart diploma, under graduate and post graduate, doctorate education in agricultural universities and allied fields.

These students are expected to be well equipped with knowledge and skill required for employment in agriculture, public and private sectors. The College of Agriculture, Latur is the constituent college of Marathwada Agricultural University, Parbhani originated with the objective to impart agricultural education to the students, especially in the rural areas and there by to provide scientific background to agriculture. The intake capacity of Agriculture College, Latur is 96 students per year.

In this modern age, it is imperative to know the choice

of career of agricultural students and to prepare them for a satisfied living to avoid frustration in their life. Keeping the above view in mind, the study was conducted with following objectives to know the personal characteristics of the undergraduate students, to appraise the levels of aspirations of the undergraduate students and to find out the relationship between personal characteristics of the undergraduate students and their aspirations.

METHODOLOGY

The present study was conducted in College of Agriculture, Latur under Marathwada Agricultural University, Parbhani (M.S.)

In this study, the data were collected by personal interview method with the help of structure interview schedule from third and final year agricultural College students in college of Agriculture, Latur during 2009-10. All the registered students of third year and final year were selected for the study. Simple statistical techniques like frequency, percentages and coefficient of correlation were used for analysis of the data.

OBSERVATIONS AND DISCUSSION

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