

Role perception and performance of Sarpanch

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ABSTRACT

A study was conducted with 60 sarpanch's in Achalpur and Chandur Bazar tahsil of Amravati District. The data collected through personal interview schedule was analyzed and co-efficient of correlation was worked out to find out the relationship between dependent and independent variables. Findings revealed that a majority (46.66 %) of sarpanch's were middle age group (36 to 50 years), (41.67 %) of sarpanch's were having secondary and higher secondary education, majority of sarpanch's (45.00 %) were from Rs. 20,001 to 40,000 annual income, two third (66.67 %) of sarpanch's were having medium level of social participation, mostly sarpanch's (93.33 %) had experience up to 5 years as a grampanchayat member, three-fifth (63.34 %) of the sarpanch's were having medium level of degree of change proneness, most (88.33 %) of sarpanch's studied were married and two-third (63.33 %) of sarpanch's had male. Degree of change proneness, most (88.33 %) of sarpanch's studies were married and two-third (63.33 %) of sarpanch's had male. A study revealed that sarpanch's with younger age, more formal education, social participation greater cosmopolitanism and change proneness had more role perception and performance. Result correction analysis revealed that age, education, social participation, experience to member of grampanchayat, cosmopolitanism, change proneness and gender had positively correction with role perception and performance. Marital status and annual income no relationship with role perception and performance.

INTRODUCTION

The grampanchayat since the introduction of three tier system, it plays a major role in the development of village level in proper functioning of the 'Panchayat Raj System'. It is the most potential school of social and political training for the rural masses. The village panchayat is at the root of our constitution and it is the major organization for overall progress of the village. The grampanchayat is not only decentralized form of administration but also a medium through which Indian people from rural areas can express their administrative, social and economic problems to the upper levels, it is the local government of the village that touches nearly most lives of rural people.

The success of any grampanchayat largely depends upon how well the selected members and sarpanch perform their roles within the framework of Panchayat Raj constitution. It is necessary for the Sarpanch and member of the grampanchayat to have knowledge and understanding of their roles and its

effective implementation for the development of village. It was therefore, felt important to know the perception of the role by the sarpanch and how for they are performing their role. A present investigation "role perception and performance of sarpanch" at the Achalpur and Chandubazar taluka of Amravati district was planned and undertaken with the objectives to study the personal and socio-economic characteristics of sarpanch, to study the extent of performance by the sarpanch, to study the relationship between the personal socio-economic characteristics of sarpanch and role perceived by them.

METHODS

The present study was undertaken in Amravati district of Maharashtra. Achalpur and Chandurbazar Panchayat Samiti were selected from Amravati district, 60 sarpanch were purposively selected from grampanchayat under Achalpur and Chandur Bazar panchayat samiti a suitable questionnaire was developed and data were collected by personally interviewing the

sarpanch.

Two sets of variable namely, independent variables and dependent variables. The independent variable includes personal and socio-economic characteristic while the dependent variable includes role perception and performance of sarpanch of village grampanchayat.

OBSERVATIONS AND ANALYSIS

The main findings and discussion of the research were being presented theme wise below:

Performance of sarpanch regarding their different role:

The data in respect of role performance of sarpanch about their different role are given

The data from Table 1 reveals that the sarpanch's educated had relatively better performance about their role as an executor, followed by organizer, co-operative, manager, and an administrator. While, they had poor performance about the

Sr. No.	Particular about role	Mean performance score	Rank order
1.	Planner	0.431	VIII
2.	Executor	0.930	I
3.	Administrator	0.583	V
4.	Communicator	0.433	VII
5.	Coordinator	0.516	VI
6.	Organizer	0.706	II
7.	Evaluator	0.389	IX
8.	Manager	0.643	IV
9.	Representative	0.343	X
10.	Group maintainer	0.343	X
11.	Harmonizer	0.306	XI
12.	Co-operative	0.647	III
	Mean performance score	S0.522	

role *viz.*, evaluator, representative, group maintainer and harmonizer. The data also shows that sarpanch's had relatively fair performance about their role as coordinator, communicator, and planner. The performance of sarpanch's about their role as executor was ranked first and that of harmonizer was ranked last *i.e.* XI.

Relationship between the personal and socio-economic characteristics of sarpanch's and their role perception:

In order to ascertain the relationship between the personal and socio-economic characteristics of sarpanch's and their role perception, the co-efficient of correlation was worked out. The data so corrected was worked out. The data so obtained are

Table 2 : Relationship between the personal and socio-economic characteristics of sarpanch's and their role perception

Sr. No.	Particular of characteristics	'r' value
1.	Age	0.4811**
2.	Education	0.6154**
3.	Annual income	0.0706NS
4.	Social participation	0.7454**
5.	Experience to member of grampanchayat	0.1925**
6.	Cosmopolitaness	0.5605**
7.	Change proneness	0.7648**
8.	Marital status	0.1728**
9.	Gender	0.3418**

** indicates significance of value at P=0.01

NS = Non-significant

presented in Table 2 and are discussed below :

Age and performance:

The 'r' value 0.4811 from Table 2 shows there negative but significant relationship between the age of sarpanch and their role performance. It is indicated from the table that role performance by the sarpanch was influenced by their age.

Education and performance:

The 'r' value 0.6154 from Table 2 supported this assumption showing the positive and highly significant relationship between education of sarpanch and their performance. This indicated that performance of sarpanch was influenced by their education.

Annual income and performance:

The 'r' value 0.0706 from Table 2 indicated that there was non significant relationship between the annual income of sarpanch and role performance by them.

Social participation and performance:

The 'r' value 0.7454 from Table 2 shows that there was positive and highly significant relationship between the level of social participation of sarpanch and their performances.

Experience to member of grampanchayat and performance:

The 'r' value 0.1925 from Table 2 shows that negative and significant relationship between the experience of grampanchayat members and their role performances.

Cosmo politeness and performance:

The 'r' value 0.5605 from Table 2 shows that there was a positive and significant relationship between degree of cosmopolitaness of sarpanch and performances.

Change proneness and performance:

The 'r' value 0.7648 from Table 2 shows that there was

positive and highly significant relationship between the degree of change proneness of sarpanch and their performance.

Material status and performance:

The 'r' value 0.1728 from Table 2 shows that there was positive and significant relationship between the marital status and the performance of sarpanch.

Gender and performance:

The 'r' value 0.3418 from Table 2 shows that there was negative but significant relationship between the gender and performance of sarpanch.

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