



Occupational aspiration of Post Graduate agriculture studies of Anand Agricultural University

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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 majority (68.67 per cent) of the post graduate agriculture students had medium level of occupational aspiration followed by 16.67 per cent and 14.66 per cent were having low and high level of occupational aspiration, respectively.

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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 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 occupational aspiration of post graduate agriculture students of Anand Agricultural University was undertaken.

The present investigation was conducted in the Bansilal Amrutlal College of Agriculture, Anand Agricultural University, Anand. Total 277 students were registered for post graduate study during academic year 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 in different disciplines. Out of which 150 students were studying in first year and remaining 127 were studying in second year. Among them 75 students from each year were selected randomly. Thus 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. Analysis was done on the basis of 150 agricultural students.

The dependent variables *i.e.* level of occupational aspiration was measured with the help of scale developed by Ajit (2004) with due modification. 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. The statistical measures such as

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percentage, mean score and standard deviation were used.

The aspiration is a strong desire for excellence; it is also the ardent desire to accomplish what one sets out to do. The data regarding level of occupational aspiration of the respondents is presented in Table 1.

Table 1 : Distribution of post graduate agriculture students according to their level of occupational aspiration (n = 150)

Sr. No.	Level of occupational aspiration	Number	Per cent
1.	Low level	25	16.67
2.	Medium level	103	68.67
3.	High level	22	14.66
	Total	150	100

The data presented in Table 1 indicated that majority (68.67 per cent) of the post graduate agriculture students had medium level of occupational aspiration followed by 16.67 per cent and 14.66 per cent were having low and high level of occupational aspiration, respectively.

It can be concluded from above findings that vast majority (83.33 per cent) of the post graduate agriculture students had medium to high level of occupational aspiration.

This might be due because most of the post graduate agriculture students belonged to the families having good economic condition, good literacy, and good occupational status. Because of all these they may have been exposed to

the knowledge of the various occupations available to them as well as their parents are well educated and so they aspired of good job for their children which might have reflected in the student's aspiration for high occupation. This result is agreement with the results reported by Ajit (2004) and Patel (2005).

Conclusion:

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