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Teachers Professional Development and Job Satisfaction

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Abstract

India is a developing country and Education is the most important pillar of National development. Education is a tri-polar process in which Teacher, Student and Curriculum plays important role. Teachers are the backbone of teaching- learning process so, they have to be disciplined, punctual, skilled and must have professional ethics. Job Satisfaction is also an important criterion for professional development. A teacher performs with his full potential when he/she is satisfied with his working conditions, salary, resources and good environment. The present paper will provide valid indication that Job Satisfaction is also an important criterion for teacher's professional development.

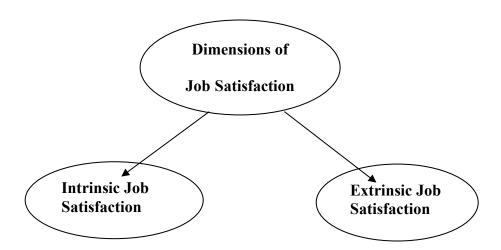
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Introduction

Teachers are called as the Nation builders hence; they have to play very important role in development of the country. Any organization has their own goals to achieve and that can be achieved by full participation of their employees. An employee performs with their full potential if he will get proper working conditions, good salary, sufficient resources and good environment. Job satisfaction is the most important criteria for the organizational commitment of employees.



When teachers are professionally developed, they can achieve desired objectives of any organization. Job satisfaction among the workers is an important and necessary variable for the healthy functioning of an organization. The satisfaction of a worker with his job helps to give maximum output to the employer, who gives him more responsibilities, great opportunities for advancement, and better financial avenues. Job satisfaction is further divided in two dimensions:



a. Intrinsic Job Satisfaction

Intrinsic job satisfaction is the kind of work and duties done by an employee, which makes the Job done. For e.g. Teaching, Mechanical work etc.

b. Extrinsic Job Satisfaction

Extrinsic job satisfaction is basically focused on the working conditions like environment, salary, resources, coworkers and head of organization.



Skaalvik & Skaalvik (2011) [8] has defined Teachers' Job satisfaction, as "teachers' affective reactions is their work or to their teaching i.e. has been investigated in the subject of work psychology.

Sinha (1974) [7] has defined, "Job satisfaction covers both the satisfaction desired from being engaged in a piece of work in any pursuit of a higher order.

Professional development is the skill training, career training and education which is obtained after entering in workplace for doing their work. A teacher needs to be professionally developed for achievement of their organizational goals. Teachers are required to be updated with new knowledge and skills for better understanding and good teaching- learning process. So, we can say that a teacher who is professionally well developed do their duties with full devotion and enthusiasm for the welfare of their students.

Impact of Teachers Professional Development on Job Satisfaction

Inyoung & Loadman(1994) [3] found that Professional Development actives were among the factors which highly influenced teachers' job satisfaction.

Whitehead (2006) [12] found that there was positive relationship between Professional Development and Job Satisfaction.

Hall (2007) ^[2] revealed that collaborative Professional Development activities positively influenced teachers' job satisfaction.

Akcay & Kizilkaya (2012) [1] revealed that positive relationships were found between teachers' participation in professional development activities and their job satisfaction.

Sims, S. TALIS (2013) [6] found that more effective professional development is associated with higher Job Satisfaction among teachers.



Renbarger, R.; Davis, B. (2019) [5] revealed that there is negative relationship between barriers to professional development and job satisfaction.

Wang, K.; Li, Y.; Luo, W.; Zhang, S. (2020) [11] revealed that effective professional development is the important predictor of job satisfaction.

Toropova, A.; Myrberg, E.; Johansson, S. (2021^[10]) found that, teachers with higher exposure to professional development have higher levels of job satisfaction.

Smet, M (2021) ^[9] revealed that participation in professional development activities is associated with higher job satisfaction among teachers.

Juhji, et. Al (2023) ^[4] found that significant positive interaction is formed between teacher job satisfaction and professional development. Professional development should continue to be developed periodically and carried out by teachers in facing the challenges of 21st-century learning.

The above studies clearly indicate that professional development activities influence Job Satisfaction. Teachers professional development training and skill development programs plays important role in Teachers Professional development and job satisfaction. Hence, a teacher with higher professional skills has greater job satisfaction.

Conclusion

From above studies it was found that Teachers professional development and Job Satisfaction are co-related to each other. Professional development activities influence Job satisfaction of Teachers. Hence, Teacher training programs should be focused on development of professional ethics, communication skill development, work values and personality development.



These professional skills enhance teachers Job Satisfaction which results in better organizational progress.

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