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Occupational Stress And Psychological Health Of School Teachers In The Post Globalized Era

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Abstract

Teachers are considered as the builders of a nation. Teachers' job dissatisfaction is the outcome of negative psychological experience which comes as the reaction of job-related stress. Occupational stress results from complicated nature of work and its excessive demands. Long term stressful situation leads to various physical and emotional threats. Globalization has changed the teaching culture and added diverse responsibilities for teachers. In these circumstances a teacher has to understand how to cope with stressful situation in an effective manner. In light of this background the present study has the following objectives: to identify the factors that lead to occupational stress in the higher secondary school teachers, to find out the relationship between occupational stress and health among the higher secondary school teachers and to offer some suggestions regarding curricular modification in the teacher education programme. The sample comprises of 256 higher secondary school teachers working in various schools of Kolkata. Data analysis will be conducted through t- test and coefficient of correlation. Hopefully the present study will provide some suggestions on how to create a well balanced teaching population.

Keywords: Occupational stress, Stress management, Globalization and Quality teaching.

Introduction

Globalization has transformed the whole world into a global village. It is a process wherein geographic distance becomes a factor of diminishing importance in the establishment and maintenance of cross border economic, political and socio-cultural relations (Jadhav, 2012 p.32). The effects of globalization on education, especially in the field of teacher education are significant. It has created various opportunities and challenges in the field of teacher education. Today, teaching profession is not only beneficial in educating (knowledge developer, generator, and facilitator) but has other dimensions as well. These increase occupational complexities of