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REVIEW OF RESEARCH



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MENTAL HEALTH IN RELATION TO ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SALEM DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT:

The main objective of the study was to examine the relationship between mental health and academic achievement of IX standard students. Survey method was used. A random sample of 300 students was selected. 't-test' and coefficient of correlation were employed for data collection. Result showed that there is positive relationship between mental health and academic achievement of IX standard students. Findings also revealed that there is significant difference in mental health and academic achievement of IX standard students based on parental education and parental income.

KEYWORDS :mental health and academic achievement, positive relationship, harmonious function.

INTRODUCTION

Mental health is important in harmonious function of all-round personality. The term mental

health is important in recent years because mentally healthy person shows a homogenous relationship in attitudes, values and adjustments. It is also related to prevention and treatment of mental disorders. Students can realize his or her abilities and cope with practical life to get success.

NEED AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

Today students are facing different kinds of stress in family, school, college and society because of crimes and anti-social activities. Also education focuses mainly on cognitive factors rather than psycho-social factors. The knowledge of mental health is very essential for the students to understand the problems faced in day today activities. Academic achievement is the main factor that decides the future of the students nowadays. In this view the investigator interested to study the relationship between mental health and academic achievement of IX standard students.

REVIEW OF THE STUDY

Ganapathi and Diane Joseph (2017) conducted a study on mental health in relation to academic achievement of higher secondary school students in Villupuram district. Data was collected from 500 higher secondary students. Data was analyzed by t-test and correlation coefficient. Findings indicated that there is no significant difference in mental health of higher secondary students with regard to gender, locality, medium of study, parental education, and income of the parents. But there is significant relationship between mental health and academic achievement of higher secondary students. Manikandan and Nirmaladevi (2016) investigated mental health among adolescence students. Normative survey method was followed to collect the data from 350 adolescent students. Results of the study were: the level of mental health is moderate; and there is significant difference in mental health with respect to gender, locality, and type of management.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

• To study the significant difference in mental health of

IX standard students based on parental education and parental income.

- To study the significant difference in academic achievement of IX standard students based on parental education and parental income.
- To examine the relationship between mental health and academic achievement of IX standard students.

HYPOTHESES

- 1. There is no significant difference in mental health of IX standard students in terms of parental education.
- 2. There is no significant difference in mental health of IX standard students in terms of parental income.
- 3. There is no significant difference in academic achievement of IX standard students in terms of parental education.
- 4. There is no significant difference in academic achievement of IX standard students in terms of parental income.
- 5. There is no significant relationship between mental health and academic achievement of IX standard students.

METHODOLOGY

Survey method was followed to find out the mental health and academic achievement of IX standard students. 300 students studying in matriculation school from Salem district was taken as sample.

Tools

- Mental Health Battery by Arun Kumar Singh (2007) which was revalidated by the investigator in 2016.
- For Academic Achievement, second mid-term marks of IX standard were taken.

Analysis of Data

Table 1: Mental Health of IX Standard Students based on Parental Education and Parental Income

Variables		N	Mean	SD	t-value	Remark
Parental Education	Literate	206	63.80	11.95	2.49	Significant at 0.05 level
	Illiterate	94	53.48	10.45	2>	Significant at older to ver
Parental Income	Below1Lakh	60	55.62	11.01	2.08	Significant at 0.05 level
	Abovel Lakh	240	61.58	12.44		

Table-1 depicts that the t-values 2.49 and 2.08 are significant at 0.05 level. Hence the hypothesis-1 & 2 are rejected. Thus, there is significant difference in mental health of IX standard students with regard to parental education and parental income.

Table 2: Academic Achievement of IX Standard Students based on Parental Education and Parental Income

Variables		N	Mean	SD	t-value	Remark
Parental Education	Literate	206	53.02	12.26	2.40	Significant at 0.05 level
	Illiterate	94	62.54	10.87		
Parental Income	Below1Lakh	60	56.24	11.03	3.05	Significant at 0.01 level
	Abovel Lakh	240	60.44	12.98		

Table-1 shows that the t-values 2.40 and 3.05 are significant at 0.05 and 0.01 level respectively. Hence the hypothesis-3 & 4 are rejected. Thus, there is significant difference in academic achievement of IX standard students with regard to parental education and parental income.

Table 3: Relationship between Mental Health and Academic Achievement of IX Standard Students

Category	N	'r' value	Result
Mental Health	300	0.185	Significant
Academic Achievement		0.100	~.gvv

From Table-3, the calculated 'r' value 0.185 is greater than the table value 0.159 at 0.05 level of significance. Hence the hypothesis-5 is rejected. Thus, there is significant relationship between mental health and academic achievement of IX standard students.

CONCLUSION

This study indicates that there is significant difference in mental health and academic achievement of IX standard students in relation to parental education and parental income. There are high mean scores for literate parents and above 1 lakh income than their counter parts. The student of literate and high income parents caring is high due their awareness and interest. This is because basic interest in study and active in taking decision. Counseling is needed to reduce academic pressure and increase in achievement.

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