

A Study of Vocational Aspiration with Parental Aspiration or Occupation

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Abstract – The term “aspiration” is used most of the time when a decision or desire is usually out of context with reality and it is appropriately (Not so appropriately) determined by fantasy level, which has minimum experiential (concrete reality) component attached to it. The use of aspiration has been made indifferent field.

Family influences like parental ambition, parental occupation and family status play a significant role in vocational aspiration. Parental motivation has been found to be significantly related to student’s aspiration level even when social-class, status and IQ are held constant.

The parental views and expectations for their children about the future job placement and children own intellectual capacity. The personality need achievements and adjustment might be helpful in understanding vocational aspirations of the adolescents. The ambitions of parents are also important in determining the level of vocational aspirations of the students. It was expected that there would be positive relationship between ambitions of parents for their children and vocational aspiration of students.

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Students are the future of the nation and they are undoubtedly important forces in the process of national building. All children are born to achieve All have unique talents and extraordinary potentiality. All children have brain with tremendous Capacities for achieving sky in their limit, unfortunately now students are not ideal because they don’t have real knowledge regarding to social contexts but they are running behind bobs only. This is not so bad but bad is the aspiration of that vocation which is beyond their capacities.

The oxford English Dictionary defines ‘aspiration’ as a ‘Strong hope or wish for achievement or success’.

The term aspiration is used in many ways in different field. In the vocational field, the terms vocational field, the terms vocational value, vocational choice, vocational preference as well as vocational aspiration are frequently used. In fact vocational aspiration, preferences and choice are considered to be on the same continuum known as “process of vocational choice.”

Family influences like parental ambitions, parental occupation and family status play a significant role in vocational aspiration, parental motivation has been found to be significantly related to student's aspiration level, even when social-class, status and IQ are held constant. In general students whose parents ranked

high on aspirational motivations (i.e. high educational and occupational goals for their children and rewarded good school work) tended to have high aspiration, level themselves (Havel & Frese, 1982). Father's occupation exerts a significant influence on the cover choice of children, though apparently not of daughter. The number of children following in their father footsteps greatly exceed what are would expect by chance even if school class influences are taken into account (Mortimer, 2009). For example, children of physicians, lawyers and industrialists are for more likely enter these occupations than are other young men of similar socio economic status. This is due to some obvious factors as (i) greater opportunity to become familiar with father's occupation (ii) greater livelihood of access to the occupations and (iii) at least in some cases strong parental motivation and sometimes pressure for their children to enter the same occupation. Parental expectations and aspirations may also influence the career decisions and aspirations of their children (major banks 2003) found that family background individuals, characteristics and proximal learning settings combine to have large associations with adolescences aspirations. In a more recent study, Ritchie et.al (2005) has concluded that children aspiration and carrier decision are influenced by the parental expectations, but are not determined by them. On the basis of above mentioned discussion

it can be concluded that the aspirations level of adolescents regarding vocational choice is basically concerned with their gender difference, parental occupation, ambitions and also with their personality characteristics keeping these points in view the present study is undertaken to explore the level of vocational aspirations among high school students in relations to their sex, parental ambitions, occupation and certain personality characteristics. A number attempts in the west have been made in this directions, but due to cultural variation and finding of these studies cannot be accepted for Indian multi-cultural societies. A few studies have been conducted in India but the findings are said to be conflicting and inconclusive.

The parental views and expectations for their children about the future job placement and children own intellectual capacity, the personality need achievements and adjustment might be helpful in understanding vocational aspirations of the adolescents. Moreover, a comparison of rural and urban children would be a practical importance in understanding their vocational planning problems and to offer counselling assistance in a more effective way.

Keeping these facts in view, it was planned to investigate the vocational aspirations of higher secondary students and to examine the relationship with their parent aspirations, parent occupation as well as personality makeup.

METHODS:

Sample:-

The present research has been conducted on the student population at Mandal Moradabad U.P. 120 male Students and 120 female students have been selected from different higher secondary schools.

Test used:-

A Hindi version of occupational aspiration scale (OAS) G.S Grewal (1971) has been used for student and In order to measure the occupational aspirations of the father's regarding their children an inventory prepared by present research has been used.

Procedure -

The researcher after contacting the principal of different schools administered, the test to students present in a particular classes with the assistance of class teacher after establishing their results will be kept strictly confidential, Father of the students were approached in their home by procuring the address from students. Father were asked to only fill up the vocational aspiration Inventory (Father Form). In this way, all the 240 (120 boys and 120 girls) higher secondary students from urban areas only and their fathers were tested and the data were obtained.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION:

The ambitions of parents are also important in determining the level of vocational aspirations of the students. It was expected that there would be positive relationship between ambitions of parents for their children and vocational aspirations of students. In order to test this hypothesis the product moment correlations was calculated to see the correlation between parental vocational aspiration for their children and vocations of the students. The obtained result are presents in table – I.

Table-I

Relationship between parental (father) ambition for their children and vocational aspiration of the students.

Groups	N	R	P-Value
Parental (father) vocational choice	240	0.28	< .01
Vocational aspiration of the students	240		

Table-1 revels that there is a significant correlation between father vocational ambitions for their children and vocational aspirations of the students. The obtained correlation is 28 which is significant on .01 level of confidence it is clear from the present finding that father vocational choices for their son's leads to similar pattern of vocational choices among children.

2- Occupation of the father is also an important social factor of the vocational aspiration of the students. In this way it was hypothesized that the occupation of the parents father) would be positively related with the total level of vocational aspirations of the students. In order to test this hypothesis also the product moment correlation was calculated to see the correlation between occupation of the parent's father and total level of vocational aspirations of the students obtained results are tabulated in the table-2

Table-2

Relationship between parental (father) Occupation and vocational aspirational the students.

Groups	N	R	P-Value
Parental (Father) Occupations	240	0.32	< .01
Vocational aspiration of the students	240		

It is evident from the above table that there is a significant correlation between parental father

occupations and vocational aspirations of the students. The obtained correlation is 0.32 which is significant on .01 level of confidence. It is clear from the present findings that parental (father) occupation leads to similar pattern of vocational aspirations of the students hence the present hypothesis present by hypothesis of the study is accepted.

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