RESEARCH NOTE

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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