

Students' Perceptions on Teacher Behaviour at College Level

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Abstract

The study sought to find out the relationship between how students perceive their teachers behaviour. Stratified random sampling techniques were used 244 under graduate students studying at different college affiliated to Burdwan University, Burdwan, West Bengal. Students' Perception on teacher's behavior tool (SPTB) was used as tool for collecting data on students' perceptions on teacher behavior. A trial test of 40 students using split-half reliability test was carried out which yielded reliability coefficients of 0.72 for SPTB. Pearson Product Moment Correlation and t-statistics were used to answer the research questions and test the hypotheses. Findings show that the way students' perceive their teachers' in terms of knowledge of their subjects, personality, professional ethics ,communication ability, teaching methods and classroom management skills has a significant relationship with students' attitude towards subject.

Keywords: Teacher behaviour, College, Perception

INTRODUCTION:

Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, caliber, and future of an individual. If the people remember me a good teacher, that will be the biggest honour for me. -A.P.J.Abdul Kalam.

Great men of the world went through the hands of great teachers. Great teachers of the world turned the world upside down with their philosophies and great ideas. Teaching is one of the oldest professions. The Gurukula system where teachers interacted with students in an organized way. The teachers instructed the students in various disciplines, and the students did for their teachers. Education has been undergoing rapid change in the last several years. New modes of learning have been espoused and new communication techniques/strategies are being encouraged as alternative methods to the traditional classroom model. However, "the traditional view of education, a view that still prevails, holds that learners must submit themselves to teachers" (Menges, 1977, p.5.). Perception is considered to be a process that helps a person to become aware of things, situations and persons. "Perception" as the Oxford Dictionary suggests, can be classified as a mental impression, an intuitive understanding or insight of the way one may individually look at things in the world. It is more of a psychological process and can vary amongst individuals. The concepts dealing with the nature of individual are four. They are (i) individual difference; (ii) whole person; (iii) motivation and (iv) human dignity. From this particular point of view, the researcher had identified following objectives of the study-

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

- i. To study college students' perception on teacher's behaviour in respect of their gender.
- ii. To study college students' perception on teacher's behaviour in respect of their age.
- iii. To find out whether there is significant difference between the Rural college and Urban college students in their perception on teacher's behaviour.

HYPOTHESES OF THE STUDY:

Following hypotheses were formulated in connection with the objectives stated in the present study:

H01: There is no significant difference between boys and girls with regard to their perception on teacher's behaviour.

H02: There is no significant difference between students in the age group up to 18 years and above 18 years of age with regard to their perception on teacher's behaviour.

H03: There is no significant difference between the rural college students and urban college students with regard to their perception on teacher's behaviour.

METHODOLOGY:

Population of the study: A population may refer to all of any specified groups of human being or of non-human entities such as objects, geographical areas, time units, methods, test or schools. The population for the present study could be considered as all students at college level of Burdwan district.

Sampling: For the present study the researcher used simple random sampling method for selecting the samples. Sample of 244 college students were selected. Out of which 122 were boys and 122 were girls student.

Instruments used for data collection: The prime objective of the investigation is to study the students' perception on teacher's behaviour at college level. To study the students' perception on teacher's behaviour, the

investigator used SPTB tool for collecting information from the students.

It was a five point rating scale. Against, each teacher behaviour statement, 5 ratings have been given namely „strongly agree (SA)“, „agree(A)“, „disagree(DA)“, „strongly disagree(SDA)“ and „undecided (UD)“, having scores 4,3, 2, 1 and 0 respectively for positive statements and 1,2,3,4 and 0 for negative statements in the SPTB tool.

DATA ANALYSIS:

Descriptive and inferential statistics were used to analyses and interpret the hypotheses:

The details of statistical measures and tests of significance of difference between mean rating in the assessment of perception on teacher behaviour between boys and girls students at college level are presented in Table 1.

The research hypothesis -1, of investigator is that, “There is no significant difference between boys and girls in with regard to their perception on teacher’s behaviour”. This hypothesis converted into null form for statistical purposes and the test applied. The details are presented in Table 1. The table 1 explains the significant difference in the perception on boys and girls to their perception on teacher’s behaviour.

H01: There is no significant difference between boys and girls with regard to their perception on teacher’s behaviour.

TABLE-1 : THE DIFFERENCE IN THE PERCEPTION ON BOYS AND GIRLS AT COLLEGE LEVEL

Sex	No	Mean	SD	Calculated ‘t’ Value	Table ‘t’ Value	Significance
Boys	122	69.58	7.77	2.98	2.60	**
Girls	122	70.31	9.34			

(** = 0.01 Significant Level)

The obtained “t” value for Boys and girls students' perception is 2.98. As the calculated „t“ value 2.98 is greater than the table value 2.60 the null hypothesis is rejected at 1% level of significance. Hence, the null hypothesis is rejected at 0.01 level (i.e., 1% level). So there is a significant difference between the perception at college level boys and girls students in their perception on teacher’s behaviour.

ANALYSIS OF PERCEPTION ON TEACHER BEHAVIOUR BY THE COLLEGE STUDENTS’ AGE WISE

The research hypothesis-2 of investigator is that, “There is no significant difference between college students of 18 years of age and above 18 years of age with regard to their perception on teacher behaviour”. This hypothesis converted into null form for statistical purposes and the test applied. The details are presented in Table 2 and it explains the significant difference in the perception on teacher’s behaviour on the basis of the age wise students.

H02: There is no significant difference between students in the age group up to 18 years and above 18 years of age with regard to their perception on teacher’s behaviour.

TABLE-2: THE DIFFERENCE IN THE PERCEPTION ON STUDENTS IN RESPECT OF THEIR AGE

Age	No	Mean	SD	Calculated ‘t’ Value	Table ‘t’ Value	Significant at 1% level
Up to 18 Yrs	146	70.02	9.23	2.89	2.60	Significant
Above 18 Yrs	98	69.13	7.55			

As the calculated „t“ values 2.89 is greater than the table values 2.60; Hence the null hypothesis is rejected at 1% level of significance. The obtained “t” value for age wise students' perception is 2.89. As the calculated „t“ value 2.89 is greater than the table value 2.60. So, the hypothesis is rejected at 0.01 level (i.e., 1% level). Hence, there is a significant difference between the perceptions on students with respect to their age wise in their perception on teacher behaviour.

ANALYSIS OF PERCEPTION ON TEACHER BEHAVIOUR BY THE COLLEGE AREAWISE

The research hypothesis-3, of investigator is that “There is no significant difference between the rural college students and urban college students with regard to their perception on teacher’s behaviour”.This

hypothesis converted into null form for statistical purposes and the test applied. The details are presented in Table 3 and it explains the significant difference in the perception on teacher behaviour on the basis of college area wise – Rural, Urban.

H03: There is no significant difference between the rural college students and urban college students with regard to their perception on teacher's behaviour.

TABLE- 3: THE DIFFERENCE IN THE PERCEPTION ON TEACHER BEHAVIOUR BY THE COLLEGE AREA WISE

Area	No	Mean	SD	Calculated 't' Value	Table 't' Value	Significant at 1% level
Rural	147	70.01	9.22	2.87	2.60	Significant
Urban	97	69.12	7.55			

The obtained "t" value for Boys and girls students' perception is 2.87. As the calculated "t" value 2.87 is greater than the table value 2.60 the null hypothesis is rejected at 1% level of significance. Hence, the null hypothesis is rejected at 0.01 level (i.e., 1% level). So there is a significant difference in the perception on teacher behaviour on the basis of college area wise – Rural, Urban

CONCLUSION OF THE STUDY:

The teacher's behaviour does directly affect how pupils learn. His personality his philosophy, his ways of handling the pupils, his ways of instructing, all enter into the learning process and help to determine its directions and quality.

In total students' perception on teacher behaviour at college level of Burdwan district of West Bengal state in India, for student's perception, there is a significant difference in the students at college level in gender, age, class and institutes area wise. All the major areas which are highlighted by the investigator there is a significant difference between them for their wards perception on their teacher behaviour. Above all the discussion the investigator suggests that teacher behaviour as viewed by administrators at different levels of education can be planned and studied.

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