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A pre experimental study to evaluate the effectiveness of structure teaching programme regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency in terms of knowledge among the primary school teachers in selected schools of District Ludhiana, Punjab

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Introduction

"Children are like wet cement, whatever falls on them make an impression" -Keith Kameg

Background of study

Today's children are tomorrow's responsible citizens of the world. There is a great deal of emphasis of children, these days because of the recognition that a very substantial proportion of the world population 35-45% constitutes the young children. The future of our country depends on the mental health of our young people. However, one in 5 children have emotional and behavioural problem at some point of time in their lives regardless of their geographical region or socioeconomic status.¹

Youth now a days, regardless of gender, social origin or country of residence, are subject to individual risks but are also being presented with new individual opportunities- some beneficial and some potentially harmful. Quite often, advantage is being taken of illegal opportunities as young people commit various offences, become addicted to drugs and use violence against their peers.² 2

Most people associate policing with fighting crime. Stories about policing and crime have always been popular in the news media as well as with novelists, playwrights and film makers. But these crime stories tend to be sensational. They focus on violent offences; shooting stabbing, murders, rape and on the behaviour of gangs. In fact most criminal offending is petty and usually involve in theft of small items or minor acts of vandalism. A Juvenile Delinquent is a person who is typically under the age of 17 and commits an act that otherwise would have been charged as a crime if they were adult. Depending on the type and severity of the offense committed, it is possible for people under 18 to be charged and treated as adults.³ 3

Need of study

As a psychological term attachment is defined as the emotional bond that forms between two people. The parent child attachment is a process that develops over the first year of life. The quality and security of parent child attachment depends on the sensitivity of the caregiver.21 According to reports in WHO, 2007, depression is a common mental disorder that is present with depressed mood, loss of interest or pleasure, feeling of guilt or low self esteem, disturbed sleep or appetite, low energy, and poor concentration. At its worst, depression can

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lead to suicide, a magic fatality associated with the loss of about 850.000 thousand lives every year same studies reported that nearly half of adolescents suffer from depressed mood and feeling of hopelessness and sadness at one point in time. 18

On the contrary to this finding, it was estimated that only 5% of adolescents have the symptoms of a depressive syndrome. But, the following conclusions can be drawn from the present study that more adolescent girls were in depressed mood as compared to adolescent boy. Similarly, a relationship between family environment and adolescent internalizing and externalizing disorders has been established. ¹⁹ 19

The study was conducted to assess the level of parent child relationship between father and mother of adolescents by age and sexing in District, Ludhiana. Total 160 adolescents of age group 14-16 years of both sexes were selected from 4 high selected schools located in villages. The results of study included that the attitudes of fathers were significantly more in different towards sons in comparison to daughters. Fathers were more loving towards daughters in comparison to sons. Similarly, on other hands the mothers attitudes towards daughters were more different in comparison to the same towards sons while mothers were more loving towards sons as compared to daughters. 20

Juvenile delinquency also known as "Juvenile offending" is participation in illegal behavior by minors. Most legal system prescribes specific procedures for dealing with juveniles, such as juvenile detention centers, and courts. Citing national crime records bureau (NCRB) data, the minister said percentage of crimes committed by juvenile had also increased in relation to the total crimes committed by juvenile all ages.²2

The percentage of robbery are rise from 40.7% in 2002 to 58% in 2016. A Mumbai police officer explained that controlling juvenile crimes is a challenge as it is not merely linked to law and order but also the socio economic dynamics of the society. Most juvenile criminals come from extremely poor backgrounds, start stealing and then slowly start indulging in bigger crimes, including robbery, murder and rape. So many of them go back to their old ways even after getting caught and spending time in juvenile homes it is not just the fear of the law that will stop this (Nesman TM2007).

Objectives

- 1. To assess the pre-test knowledge score of the primary school teachers regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency.
- 2. To assess the post-test knowledge score of the primary school teachers regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Methodology

The methodology for the study is defined as the way pertinent information is gathered in order to answer the research question or analyze the research problem. It enables the researcher to project a blue print of the research undertaken. According to Abdellah (1997)48 research methodologies involves the systematic procedure by which the researcher starts from the initial identification of the problem to its final conclusion.

This chapter deals with the methodology for the problem selection and are discussed under following headings:

Research approach
Research design
Variables under study
Research settings
Population
Sample size and sampling technique
Criteria for selection of study subjects

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Development and description of tool Content validity and reliability of tool Pilot study

• Ethical consideration Data collection procedure Problem faced by researcher Plan for data analysis

Analysis and interpretation Plan for analysis

This chapter deals with analysis and interpretation of data collected from the 50 selected primary school teachers in selected schools of District Ludhiana, Punjab.

The analysis and interpretation was done in accordance with the objectives laid down for the study. The data was analysed by using descriptive and inferential statistics according to the objectives of the study.

In the descriptive statistics, mean and standard deviation was used for analysing the knowledge of primary school teachers according to their demographic variables. In inferential statistics, 't' test, ANOVA and "Z" test were used. "t" test was applied to compare the mean pre-test and post test knowledge of primary school teachers. The results of the study represent in the form of pie chart, tables and figures. The level of significance selected for the study were p<0.05 and p<0.001 level of significance. The data was organized according to the objectives.

Organization of data for analysis

The analyzed data was organised according to the objectives and presented under the following sections:

Section-1

Frequency and percentage distribution of sample demographic characteristics.

Section-2

The post test level of knowledge regarding the prevention of juvenile delinquency among the primary school teachers. Percentage distribution of primary school teachers according to the post test level of knowledge score regarding the prevention of juvenile delinquency. The effectiveness of structured teaching programme on prevention of juvenile delinquency was evaluated among the primary school teachers by comparing the pre test and post test knowledge score regarding the prevention of juvenile delinquency with the help of paired "t" test.

Section-1 Table-1: Percentage distribution of characteristics N=50

S.No.	Sample characteristics	n	%age
1.	Age (in years) a) 21-30 b) 31-40	3 27	6% 54%
	c) 41-50 d) > 50	12 8	24% 16%
2.	Sex a) Male	12	24%
	b) Female	38	76%

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3.	Education		
	a) E.T.T.	7	14%
	b) B.A.	2	4%
	c) M.A.	5	10%
	d) B.Ed/M.Ed	36	72%
4.	Marital status		
	a) Married	46	92%
	d) Unmarried	2	4%
	c) Widow	2	4%
	d) Divorce	0	0%
5.	Residence area		
	a) Urban	13	26%
	b) Rural	37	74%
6.	Teaching experience (in years)		
	a) < 1year	2	4%
	b) 1-10 years	30	60%
	c) 11-20 years	14	28%
	d) above 50 years	4	8%
7.	Source of Information		
	a) TV	18	36%
	b) Newspaper	12	24%
	c) Seminar	17	34%
	d) Workshop	3	6%

Table 1 depicts the frequency and percentage distribution of sample characteristics according to the demographic variables.

According to age maximum number of primary school teachers belonged to age group of 31-40 years that is 54% followed by 24% belonged to age group of 41-50 years, 16% belonged to the age group of >50 years and only6% belonged to age group of 21-30 years. According to sex, majority of the primary school teachers were female that is 76% followed by minimum that is 24% primary school teachers were males.

According to education, maximum number of primary school teachers that is 72% were B.Ed/M.Ed followed by 14% were E.T.T, 10% were M.A. and only 4% were B.A.

According to marital status, most of the school teachers that is 92% were married followed by 4% were unmarried and least 4% were widow.

According to marital status, most of primary school teachers that is 92% were married and least of them that is 4% were in both widow and unmarried.

According to residence area, majority of primary school teachers belonged to rural area that is 74% followed by minimum that is 26% of them belonged to urban areas.

According to teaching experience, maximum number of primary school teachers had 1-10 years teaching experience followed by 28% had 11-20 years, 8% had >50 years and minimum of them that is 4% had <1 year teaching experience.

According to source of information, maximum number of primary school teachers that is 36% had taken information from T.V followed by 34% from seminar, 24% from newspaper and least 6% from workshop.

Section-2

Objective 1: To assess the pre test level of knowledge of teachers regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency.

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Table-2: Percentage distribution of teachers according to pre-test level of knowledge N=50

Level of knowledge	Score	n	%age
Good	19-26	1	2%
Average	11-19	44	88%
Below average	<10	5	10%

Maximum score = 26 Minimum score = 1

Table 2 depicts the percentage distribution of primary school teachers according to pre-test level of knowledge regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency. The teachers who had average knowledge were 88% followed by below average were 10% and good knowledge were only 2%.

Hence, it was concluded that in pre- test majority of teachers had average level of knowledge regarding the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Section-3

Objective 2: To assess the post test level of knowledge of the teachers regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Table-3: Percentage distribution of teachers according to post test level of knowledge N=50

Level of knowledge	Score	N	%age
Good	19-26	46	92%
Average	11-19	4	8%
Below average	<10	-	-

Maximum score = 26 Minimum score = 1

Table 3 and Fig 4 depicts the percentage distribution of primary school teachers according to post test level of knowledge regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency. The primary school teachers who had good level of knowledge were 92% followed by 8% had average level of knowledge.

Hence, it was concluded that maximum number of teachers had gain knowledge in post test which reveals that structured teaching programme is effective regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency among teachers in selected primary schools of District, Ludhiana, Punjab.

Discussion

This chapter deals with discussion of findings of the present study in accordance with objective of research and they are discussed with reference of result observed by others investigators, trends and theoretical constructs.

The distribution of teachers according to experience, source of information show that distribution of teachers according to experience. It indicate that majority of them i.e. (60%) were having experience between 1-5 years (22%) between 5-10 years and (18%) were having experience of 10-15 years, teachers got information from contact with health person (24%) from formal education (24%) from mass India (24%) from friends and relatives. The (64%) of teachers attend training programme on prevention of juvenile delinquency and (36%) do not attend in such programme.

According to first object that is to assess the pre test knowledge of primary school teachers regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency. Findings reveals that (2%) of subject had good knowledge score followed by (88%) had average knowledge score (10 %) had below average

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score regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency. These findings were similar study conducted by Kumar Santosh (2015) on effectiveness of structured teaching programme on knowledge regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency among primary school teachers in Tumkur which was revealed that (80 %) of the teachers had moderate knowledge score followed by (12%) had adequate knowledge score.

According to second object that is to assess the post test knowledge of primary school teachers regarding juvenile delinquency. The findings revealed that (92%) of the respondents had good knowledge score and (8%) had average knowledge score regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency. No teachers were falling under the category of below average knowledge score. The finding were similar to the study conducted by Kumar Santosh 50 (2015) on effectiveness of structured teaching programme on knowledge regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency in Tumkur which revealed that (76.4%) of

the teachers had adequate knowledge regarding prevention of juvenile delinquency among primary school teachers.³

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