

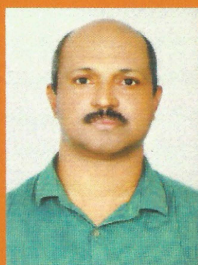


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TEACHER AVAILABILITY IN KERALA- A GENDER WISE COMPARISON

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Abstract

The growth and development of any country depends on the quality of education system set for students in that country. Gaining education enhances an individual to live a respectful life in the society. Education acts as the basis for socio-economic, political and cultural transformation of the society. Education system in a nation consists of three broad categories as Educational Institutions, students and Teachers. Education for students largely depends on availability and efficiency of teachers and hence this paper focused mainly on teachers in India and teacher pupil ratios.

Introduction

A key determinant of a nation's economic growth is the human capital with knowledge and skill. As teachers in the 21st century, they have to face the great challenge of adapting education to the changing needs of the ever dynamic modern society. The future of a nation depends largely on the availability of human resources in that nation. It is observed that behind an efficient utilisation of any natural resource there exist the hands of a man, an efficient man. Ability and efficiency of human resources are determined mainly by the way a nation mould its student community. It emphasises nothing but the importance of teachers. That is it reveals the unique relevance of teaching community in nation building. Teachers have a big role to play in shaping the future of the nation through their approach to and performance in teaching. Education is not merely passing on of information not simply showing their expertise in subject matter knowledge and pedagogy. The essence of teaching lies in creating an insatiable love for knowledge in the learners, a love that will not die when they leave the educational institution, but will continue to influence them till the end of their lives. The real success of a teacher lies in helping children to grow into worthy human beings with courage to face the problems in life, with an inner strength that is the result of good character and community living.

Education imparts skill and knowledge to a student which instills confidence in him to achieve his dreams. However, this education is delivered to the student through teachers who combine the subject with