

A Study on Students Prospective of Higher Education

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Abstract

Students are the main beneficiary of higher Education. They are the main Judges of Higher Education System. This paper focused on Students opinion and expectation about higher education. Primary data is collected through questionnaire and direct interaction with the students. Sample size of 120 Students is selected randomly. Primary data is collected from B.com Degree Students (Women's) of our College only. Suggestion and Conclusion are drawn on the basis of Students feedback about higher education.

Key words;- Students. Higher Education.

Introduction

Students are the main beneficiary of higher education. They are the main judges of higher education. Higher education is very important in life of every student. It is also important to shape the destiny of the country. Higher education helps the student to frame their future life by providing honorable job, creating confident. Moral support, financial standing etc., . There is question whether higher education fulfills the needs of the student & satisfies student expectations. There is a gap between present system of higher education & student expectation. Industries expectations are also different from what the students actually having in higher education system. So it is very essential to update the education system according to students expectation. In this background this Paper focus on student problem & expectation from higher education.

Review of literature

Students' satisfaction as a short term attitude, resulting from an evaluation of a students' educational experiences . It is a positive antecedent of student loyalty and is the result and outcome of an educational system (Zeithaml, 1988).

Students' satisfaction is a multidimensional process which is influenced by different

factors. According to Walker-Marshall & Hudson (1999) Grate Point Average (GPA) is the most influential factor on student satisfaction. Marzo-Navarro, et al. , Appleton-Knapp & Krentleri identified two groups of influences on student satisfaction in higher education as personal and institutional factors. Personal factors cover age, gender, employment, preferred learning style, student's GPA and institutional factors cover quality of instructions, promptness of the instructor's feedback, clarity of expectation, teaching style. Wilkins & Balakrishnan identified quality of lecturers, quality of physical facilities and effective use of technology as key determinant factors of student satisfaction. As well as, student satisfaction in universities is greatly influenced by quality of class room, quality of feedback, lecturer-student relationship, interaction with fellow students, course content, available learning equipment, library facilities and learning materials. In addition to that, teaching ability, flexible curriculum, university status and prestige, independence, caring of faculty, student growth and development, student centeredness, campus climate, institutional effectiveness and social conditions have been identified as major determinants of student satisfaction in higher education .

Statement of the problem

The paper entitled “ A Study on Students Prospective of higher Education “ is very essential topic because the Students are the main customer of the higher education. They are king the in the in the higher education. But there is minimum studies are carried out in order to know to students opinion and expectation about higher education. Government and teachers responsibility is also essential to satisfy the needs of the students. In this back ground this paper try to highlight the students prospective of higher education.

Objectives of the study

1. To know the student expectation from higher education.
2. To know the gap between present system of education & their expectation.
3. To give suitable suggestions & conclusion.

Scope of the study

Scope of the study includes degree student of our college only. (Government First Grade College for women. Tumkur). Sample size is limited to 120 women students in our college only.

Limitations

1. Information is collected from 120 student of our college only.
2. Time is the main limitation of this study.
3. Conclusion & suggestion is based on students response of our study

Methodology

Primary data is collected through questionnaire & direct interactions with student. Secondary data is collected from website, newspaper and journals.

Analysis of Data

Total Respondent:- 120.

The following information is drawn from the respondent:-

1. Age: 1) between 17 to 18:- Nil
2) Between 19 to 20:- 63
3) Between 20 to 21:- 40
4) Between 20 to 21:- 17
5) Above 21
2. Class:-
III year B.com:- 120
3. Present curriculum is :-
a) Very good:- 18
b) Good:- 67
c) Satisfactory:-28
d) Bad:- 7
4. According you, present system of education will be:-
1) Skill oriented:- 19.
2) Knowledgeable:- 36.
3) Technologically updated:- 6
4) Job oriented:- 8
5) Old/ not updated:-59
5. Present education system helps you to become :-
a) Independent:-11
b) Industrialist/ self employed:- 38
c) Professional/ employed:- 56
d) Non of the above:-15
6. UG education will encourage you to get PG or further education
a) Yes:- 106
b) No:- 14
7. What are the problems you are facing from present education system :-
a) lack of infrastructure ; - 48.
b) lack of skills:- 26.
c) lack of technology ; -14.
d) All the above;-32.
8. Government schemes to support higher education is
a) very good:-6
b) Good:- 66
c) Satisfactory:-34
d) Bad:-14
9. Facilities support to get higher education is:-
a) Very good:-22
b) Good:-69
c) Satisfactory:-26
d) Bad:-03
10. Do you think practical training is essential in final year degree
a) Yes:-120

- b) No:-00
11. Quality of teaching in present education system is
- Very Good:-11
 - Good:-83
 - Satisfactory:-19
 - Bad:-07
12. Present system of Higher education is
- More curriculum oriented:-79
 - Research oriented:- 8
 - Job oriented:- 14
 - Non of the above:-19
13. Cost of higher education
- Very high:-93.
 - High:-7.
 - Minimum:-11
 - Very minimum:-9
14. What are the challenges you are facing?

Summary of the Students response is:-

- Many rural students told that they are facing the transportation problem. Buses are not come in time.
- Heavy syllabus leads lack of concentration.
- Difficult to get job because of they are lack in communication skill.
- Lack of Parents support to continue in higher education.
- Lack good building and basic facilities.
- Lack of training and development facilities.
- Lack of information about job.
- Lack of knowledge about society,
- Lack government support for women to get higher education because huge higher education cost if they are interested in studying in reputed institution.
- Lack of finance to continue in higher education.

15. What is your opinion about to improve higher education System?

Summary of Students response about this question is :-

- Admission fees must reduce to maximum extent.
- Government provide regular bus facilities to rural students in order provide higher education to rural students.
- Government provides communication skills to rural students.

- Online education and online examination is required to improve higher education system.
- Government provides infrastructure facilities to Government colleges.
- More campus recruitment is required to provide job opportunities to Government college students.
- Very good teaching is also required to improve higher education.
- Government support to poor people is required in order to improve higher education.
- Free Computer education and Skill oriented education is also required in order to improve higher education.
- Job assurance is also provided by government in order to improve higher education.
- Government provides equal facilities to all categories of people.
- Universities provide facilities for industrial visits and tour programs to students.
- Minimize cost of higher education.
- Provide more job oriented courses.
- Provide canteen facilities to government colleges.
- Syllabus must be updated according to the requirement of companies.

Suggestion

- Good infrastructure facilities are very essential to improve higher education.
- Government overall support is required in order encourage higher education.
- Technically upgraded education is required to improve higher education.
- Government support to poor people of all the categories is also essential to improve higher education.
- Student's interest is the main requirement in order to improve higher education.
- Frequent revising of syllabus is essential to support higher education.
- Students and parents counseling is also required to improve higher education.

Conclusion

Students expectation is differentiated from actual education what they got from universities. Government colleges still struggle to get infrastructure faculties and finance to improve higher education system. Education system is also updated and provide practical training to the final year degree students in order understanding the environment of companies. Department also provide training to faculties in order understand updated technology. Universities is also upgrade their syllabus according to the requirement of corporate and society. Parents support and student's interest in higher education is also essential to improve higher education system.

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