

# STUDY ON THE FACTORS INFLUENCING THE PERFORMANCE OF ACADEMICIANS IN ANDHRA PRADESH PRIVATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

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# ABSTRACT

This study intends to examine various factors that effects performance of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Technical colleges. As job performance of academicians is one of the main criteria in determining a Technical colleges Ranking in a country. Hence, this study aimed to determine the role of job satisfaction on job performance as few studies in the past has focused on academicians in private institutions. This paper will enable parties such as the Ministry of Higher Education and AICTE and management of private technical institutions to pinpoint the core areas that need improvement and take corrective actions to improve job performance of academicians in private technical institutions. Besides that, this study will also increase self-awareness of academicians towards their job performance.

Herzberg's two-factor theory was adopted for this study as it is deemed the most appropriate in the context of this study. Questionnaires will be distributed to 700 academicians in 127 Andhra Pradesh Technical colleges out of total 494 colleges via e-mail or walk-in. Hence, the sample will be selected by convenience sampling.

KEYWORDS: Job Satisfaction, Job Performance, Academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Technical Institutions

# INTRODUCTION

India holds an important place in the global education industry. The country has more than 1.4 million schools with over 227 million students enrolled and more than 36,000 higher education institutes. India has one of the largest higher education systems in the world. India has become the second largest market for e-learning after the US. The sector is currently pegged at US\$ 2-3 billion, and is expected to touch US\$ 40 billion by 2017. The distance education market in India is expected to grow at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of around 34 per cent# during 2013-14 to 2017-18. Moreover, the aim of the government to raise its current gross enrolment ratio to 30 per cent by 2020 will also boost the growth of the distance education in India.

## MARKET SIZE

The education sector in India is poised to witness major growth in the years to come as India will have the world's largest tertiary-age population and second largest graduate talent pipeline globally by the end of 2020. In FY 2015-16, the education market was worth about US\$ 100 billion and is expected to reach US\$ 116.4 billion in FY 2016-17. Currently, higher education contributes 59.7 per cent of the market size, school, education 38.1 percent, pre-school segment 1.6 per cent, and technology and multi-media the remaining 0.6 per cent.

The higher education system in India has undergone rapid expansion. Currently, India's higher education system is the largest in the world, enrolling over 70 million students while in less than two decades, India has managed to create additional capacity for over 40 million students. At present, higher education sector witnesses spending of over Rs 46, 200 crore (US\$ 6.93 billion), and it is expected to grow at an average annual rate of over 18 per cent to reach Rs 232,500 crore (US\$ 34.87 billion) in the next 10 years, which leads students to spend a substantial amount of time, money and energy into their education for the promise of a better standard of living. At the same time, the prospect of greater opportunities for enhanced lifestyle lead parents to save in advance, sacrifice present consumption opportunities and go into debt in order to enable their child to pursue tertiary studies. (Baum & Payea, 2005)

Andhra Pradesh has a dualistic higher education system which consists of public and private institutions. Ironically, most parents prefer to send their children to Govt Institutions. One of the reasons for this trend is believed to be the fact that none of the private institutions in Andhra Pradesh are listed in the Top ranked Technical Institutions in the world 2011/2012. This indicates that the performance of academicians in private institutions in Andhra Pradesh is unfavorable which has caused it to be left out in the Top ranked Technical Institutions in the world, as the performance of academicians is one of the main criteria evaluated when determining the world rankings.

# **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

Despite having 490+ private technical institutions in Andhra Pradesh, none is close or have ever come close to being in the Top ranked Technical Institutions in the world. This has left many Andhra Pradeshians wondering the causes behind this situation. As job performance of academician is one of the criteria used to determine a Technical college ranking, this study will probe into the factors affecting job performance of academicians.

Besides, past studies have often examined the factors affecting job satisfaction on an isolated basis and none have examined job satisfaction as a mediating variable. Hence, this study examines these factors affecting job satisfaction and also the influence of job satisfaction as a mediating variable on job performance.

# **OBJECTIVES**

- To determine the main factors affecting performance of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private technical institutions.
- To examine the relationship between advancement opportunities and the job satisfaction of academicians Andhra Pradesh Private technical institutions.
- To determine the relationship between employee empowerment and the job satisfaction of academicians Andhra Pradesh Private technical institutions.
- To analyse the relationship between working environment and the job satisfaction of academicians Andhra Pradesh Private technical institutions.

# SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

From a theoretical perspective, this Study examines the relationship between job satisfactions of lecturers as a mediating factor towards their job performance as there has been lack of studies in the past which uses a mediating factor. Furthermore, this study focuses primarily on the educational sector and most past studies relating to job performance have

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focused on the service and retail sector.

# **CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK**



#### HYPOTHESIS DEVELOPMENT

H1: There is a positive relationship between advancement opportunities and job satisfaction of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Institutions.

**H2:** There is a positive relationship between Employee Empowerment and job satisfaction of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Institutions.

**H3:** There is a positive relationship between working environment and job satisfaction of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Institutions.

## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

#### **Study Design**

A survey approach is used in this Study to study how job satisfaction affects job performance of academicians. The unit of analysis in this study is academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Institutions.

Quantitative study was chosen for this Study as it highlights the relationship between advancement opportunities, employee empowerment, working environment towards job performance.

## SAMPLING DESIGN

#### **Target Population**

The target respondents for this Study are academicians in Andhra Pradesh Technical colleges because none of the private Institutions in Andhra Pradesh are listed in the Top ranked technical Institutions in the world.

#### **Sampling Frame and Sampling Location**

In this research, there is no sampling frame in view of the huge number of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Institutions. Therefore, non-probability sampling method has been used as it provides a range of alternative ways to select sample with subjective judgment (Saunders et al., 2009). The sampling locations are those private Institutions situated in Chittoor, Nellore, Ongole, Vijayawada, Tirupati, Vizaq and Rajahmundry. These locations were chosen as the researchers were only able to get related private Institutions" staff emails from their website.

## Sampling Technique

Convenience sampling is used in this study as the researchers are unable to survey every academician. As the researchers were only able to get particular academicians' email address from those Institutions' website, it provides the easiest way to obtain samples from academicians in different locations.

#### Sampling Size

The sample size was determined based on absolute sample size and N/p ratio. Guilford (1954) suggested that at least a sample size of 200 is needed for consistent factor recovery. Besides that, Hair, Anderson, Tat ham, and Grablowsky (1979) focused on the number of respondents per variable (N/p) and recommended a 20:1 ratio in order to minimize the chance of over fitting data. By applying the N/p ratio, the sample size is suggested to be 160. By comparing these two methods, the higher sample size method was employed, which was 200 respondents. In this research, 700 questionnaires were distributed to academicians. Out of 700 sets, 256 sets were returned. 54 returned questionnaires, consisting of outliers and incomplete data were removed to avoid misrepresentation in the data analysis. Therefore, 444 questionnaires were used to conduct the data analysis.

#### **Research Instrument**

A survey approach was used in this Study to study how job satisfaction affects job performance of academicians. The rationale of using a survey is that it is easier to collect information from multiple private Institutions without allocating excessive time and financial resources. Besides that, this also helps to protect the privacy of the respondents; hence increasing the accuracy of data collected.

A self-administered questionnaire (internet questionnaire) was chosen as the Study instrument (Hew son, Yule, Laurent, & Vogel, 2003). The questionnaires were delivered to academicians in Andhra Pradesh private Institutions through various methods. 700 sets of questionnaires were distributed physically and through email to respondents from 2<sup>nd</sup>November to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016. After a week from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, a follow-up email was sent to all recipients to thank early respondents and also remind non-respondents to answer the questionnaire (Saunders et al., 2009).

The Pilot test had been conducted among academicians from Sri Venkateswara College of engineering and technology campus to assess the validity of the questions. 30 questionnaires were distributed for the pilot test as the minimum requirement is 10 (Saunders et al., 2009) and traditional pharmacopeia testing required 10 to 30 units in order to assess content uniformity (Dierner, et al., 2009).Reliability test was conducted to ensure the questions are consistent and valid.

## **Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient**

In this study, Pearson's Correlation Coefficient was used to evaluate the strength of the association between the independent variables and a dependent variable. The coefficient of correlation ranges from -1 to +1. The value of +1 is considered to be in a perfect positive relationship and implies that the independent variable has a direct relationship with the dependent variable and vice versa. A value of 0 signifies that there is no relationship between the two variables while a value that is nearer to 1 signifies that the two variables are strongly correlated (Saunders et al., 2009).

#### **Multiple Linear Regressions**

Multiple linear regression analysis is a multivariate technique used to assess the strength and character of the relationship between multiple independent variables and a single dependent variable by calculating the coefficient of multiple determination and regression equation using multiple independent variables and a single dependent variable. The regression coefficient indicates the relative importance of each of the independent variables in the prediction of the dependent variable (Sekaran & Bougie, 2009), whereas the coefficient of determination, or square, can be used as a measure of how good a predictor the regression equation is likely to be. Therefore a value of 1 represents a perfect predictor, whereas a value of 0 means the equation predicts none of the variation (Saunders et al., 2009). According to Malhotra and Peterson (2006), the multiple regression equation is:

Performance of academic staff = a + B1X1 (Advancement opportunity) + B2X2 (Employee empowerment) + B4X4 (Working Environment)

#### **Data Analysis**

Variables		No. of Item	<b>Cronbach's Alpha</b>
Independent Variable:	Advancement Opportunities	5	0.8880
	Employee Empowerment	5	0.7995
	Working Environment	5	0.9343
Mediating Variable:	Job Satisfaction	7	0.7066
Dependent Variable:	Job Performance	8	0.8223
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Source: Developed for the research

Based on Table 1, the Cronbach's Alpha for all of the variables were between

0.7066 And 0.9343. According to Nunn ally and Bernstein (1994), the variables are acceptable and reliable if the value of Cronbach's Alpha is above 0.7.

Variables	Mean	Median	Mode	<b>Standard Deviation</b>
Advancement Opportunities	3.7683	3.8000	4.0000	0.7681
Employee Empowerment	3.3406	3.4000	3.0000	0.6908
Working Environment	3.3228	3.4000	3.6000	0.8226
Job Performance	3.8874	3.8750	4.0000	0.5011

**Table 2: Central Tendencies Measurement of Constructs** 

Source: Developed for research

Table 3: Central Tendencies for Each Item in Each Variable

Variables	Items	Mean	Median	Mode	<b>Standard Deviation</b>	Rank
Advancement Opportunities	AO1	3.9505	4.0000	4.0000	0.8682	1
	AO2	3.9059	4.0000	4.0000	0.9337	2
	AO3	3.7673	4.0000	4.0000	0.9877	3
	AO4	3.6634	4.0000	4.0000	0.9545	4
	AO5	3.5545	4.0000	4.0000	1.0170	5
Employee Empowerment	EE1	3.1832	3.0000	3.0000	1.0080	4
	EE2	3.0347	3.0000	3.0000	1.0240	5
	EE3	3.4059	4.0000	4.0000	0.9534	3
	EE4	3.4059	4.0000	4.0000	1.0667	2
	EE5	3.6733	4.0000	4.0000	1.0036	1

	Table 3: Contd.,											
Variables	Items	Mean	Median	Mode	<b>Standard Deviation</b>	Rank						
Working Environment	WE1	3.0050	3.0000	3.0000	1.0720	5						
	WE2	3.3564	3.0000	4.0000	1.0798	3						
	WE3	3.5000	4.0000	4.0000	1.0521	1						
	WE4	3.2970	3.0000	4.0000	1.0655	4						
Job Performance	JP1	4.2475	4.0000	4.0000	0.6450	1						
	JP2	4.2228	4.0000	4.0000	0.6728	2						
	JP3	3.4059	4.0000	4.0000	0.9690	8						
	JP4	4.0644	4.0000	4.0000	0.7796	3						
	JP5	3.8812	4.0000	4.0000	0.8016	5						
	JP6	3.5248	4.0000	4.0000	0.9783	7						
	JP7	3.8564	4.0000	4.0000	0.7881	6						
	JP8	3.8960	4.0000	4.0000	0.7943	4						

**Source:** Developed for the research

The mean was calculated by using the average result from the scaled provided in the questionnaires coded from 1 to 5 which depicted that "1= strongly disagree", "2=disagree", "3=neutral", "4=agree" and "5=strongly agree". According to table 2, the mean values of all the variables were range from 3.2267 to 3.8874. This shows that the variables are more towards neutral and agreed. The standard deviation for all of the variables was less than 1.

Among all of the independent variables, advancement opportunities have the highest mean of 3.7683 which means that the respondents agreed that the advancement opportunities would influence towards their job satisfaction (mediating variable). Salary has the lowest mean of 3.2267. However, it is still in the range of neutral to agree. The mediating variable, job satisfaction has a mean of 3.7885 and the dependent variable, job performance has a mean of 3.8874.

#### **Reliability Test**

## Table 4: Reliability of Questionnaire

 Cronbach's Alpha
 Number of Items

 0.947800
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Source: Developed for the research

Table 5: Reliabilit	y of (	Juestionnaire	for	Each	Variable
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Variables	Item	No Item of	Cronbach'S Alpha
Advancement Opportunities (AO)	AO1		0.865
	AO2		
	AO3	5	
	AO4		
	AO5		
Employee Empowerment (EE)	EE1		0.714
	EE2		
	EE3	5	
	EE4		
	EE5		
Working Environment (WE)	WE1		0.838
	WE2		
	WE3	5	
	WE4		
	WE5		

Based on Table 4, the reliability statistics show that the Cronbach's

Alpha is 0.948 for the 45 items in this study. Hence, the reliability of the questionnaire is very satisfying (Nunnally & Bernstein, 1994). According to Table 5, the range of the Cronbach's Alpha for the variables is between 0.714 and 0.865. Advancement opportunities, working environment, achieved Cronbach's Alpha of 0.865, 0.838, respectively. With a Cronbach's Alpha of more than 0.80, those variables are good and highly reliable as they are able to produce consistent output (Nunnally & Bernstein, 1994). According to Sekaran and Bougie (2009), this shows that AO has the highest internal consistency reliability, as the closer Cronbach's Alpha is to 1, the higher the internal consistency reliability. Employee empowerment and job performance achieved Cronbach's Alpha of 0.714 and 0.768 respectively. These variables are considered

Acceptable and reliable with Cronbach's Alpha of more than 0.70. In short, all of the questions in use have achieved internal consistency reliability.

# **INFERENTIAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Pearson Correlation**

	AO	EE	R	WE	JS	S	JA	JP
JA PC	0.571**	0.511**	0.580**	0.560**	0.569**	0.491**	1	
Sig	<.0001	<.0001	<.0001	<.0001	<.0001	<.0001		
Ν	202	202	202	202	202	202		
JP PC							0.682**	1
Sig							<.0001	
N							202	
** Co	rrelation i	is signific						

#### **Table 6: Pearson Correlation**

Source: Developed for the research

PC	: Pearson Correlation
Ν	: Sample Size
JA	: Job Satisfaction
JP	: Job Performance

By referring to table 6, the correlation coefficients range from 0.491 to 0.580 among all the independent variables. The correlation coefficient of the independent variables (advancement opportunities, employee empowerment, working environment) is 0.571, 0.511, and 0.560, respectively. It indicates that all the independent variables are positive and moderately associated with job satisfaction and the correlation coefficient are statistically significant at p-value is less than 0.0001 (p-value<0.05). Besides that, it also shows that the correlation coefficient of the mediating variable (job satisfaction) is 0.682. It shows that job satisfaction is positively and moderately associated with job performance and the correlation coefficient is statistically significant since the p - value is less than 0.0001.

# DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

## Inferential Analyses

Hypotheses	Pearson Correlation	Multiple Linear Regression (R-Square: 0.5172) Simple Linear Regression (R-Square: 0.4657)				
	Result	Statistic	Beta	Result	Statistic	
H1: There is a positive-relationship between	0.571	MLR	0.13524	0.0096	Accepted	
advancement opportunities and job satisfaction of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Institutions	(Moderate, Positive)					
H2: There is a positive relationship between	0.511	MLR	0.12214	0.0169	Accepted	
employee empowerment and job satisfaction of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Institutions	(Moderate, Positive)					
<b>H3:</b> There is a positive relationship between	0 560	MLR	0.16250	0.0002	Accepted	
working environment and job satisfaction of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Institutions.	(Moderate, Positive)					

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#### **Pearson Correlation**

Based on Table 7, the result of Pearson correlation indicates that all independent variables are positive and moderately associated with the mediating variable (job satisfaction). It also showed that the mediating variable is positive and moderately associated with the dependent variable (job performance) since the p-value for all the variables are less than 0.05

## **DISCUSSION OF MAJOR FINDINGS**

#### **Table 8: Summary Result of Hypotheses Testing**

Uwnotheses		Significant	Statistics
nypotneses		Level	Result
H1	There is a positive-relationship between advancement opportunities and job satisfaction of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Institutions	0.0096	Accepted
$H_2$	There is a positive-relationship between advancement opportunities and job satisfaction of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Institutions	0.0169	Accepted
H <sub>3</sub>	There is a positive-relationship between advancement opportunities and job satisfaction of academicians in Andhra Pradesh Private Institutions	0.0002	Accepted

# CONCLUSIONS

The six independent variables tested in this Study are advancement opportunities, employee empowerment, recognition, working environment, job security, and salary. Results from this study show that among the six independent variables, only job security did not affect the job satisfaction of academicians.

This is proven by the results from conducting various tests such Pearson's

Correlation, Multiple Linea Regression and Single Linear Regression Therefore, all the Study questions and

objectives have been answered and achieved.

Besides that, the level of job satisfaction can be increased through the effort of management of the Institutions, government and lecturer themselves to improve their job performance. Implications from this study are useful for the education industry, but at the same time crucial for the society at large since the academicians are the people who educate the future leaders who will one day the pillars of the nation. Additionally, future researchers may be able to take on the limitations and recommendations into account when conducting their research.

Overall, this Study has provided a useful and investigable Study for future studies on the performance of academicians in Andhra Pradesh private Institutions.

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