



A Study of Optimistic, Pessimistic and Risk Taking Attitude in Relation to Types of Leadership

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The objective of the present investigation in titled "A Study of Optimistic, Pessimistic and Risk taking Attitude in relation to types of Leadership" was to explore how the types of leadership influence the development of different attitudes. Two types of leadership - Democratic and Authoritarian, were taken as independent variables and the dependent variables were optimistic attitude, pessimistic attitude and risk taking attitude. On the basis of the observation of different Institutes and organization the researcher found that the institutes and organization that were working under democratic leadership had more optimistic attitude whereas development of pessimistic attitude was found in employees working under authoritarian leadership. Secondly on the basis of facts collected from several books as well as review of the previous literature some interdependency was found among variables like types of leadership and development of different attitude. So to test these facts three hypotheses were formulated - 1. Democratic Leadership will have positive effect on the development of optimistic attitude; 2. Authoritarian Leadership will have positive correlation with pessimistic attitude; 3. The level of risk taking attitude will be higher in democratic leadership than authoritarian leadership. The research was conducted on a sample of 200, age ranging from 30 to 35 among which 115 were categorized as democratic and 74 were put in the category of authoritarian leadership type. The scores of 11 persons were equal on both democratic and authoritarian leadership. So they were dropped out. The data was collected from different Institutions and organizations of Patna District. Leadership Preference Scale (L. I. Bhushan), Optimistic - Pessimistic Attitude Scale (D. S. Parasar) and Risk Taking Questionnaire (Dr. V. Sinha and Dr. P. N. Arora) were used for data collection. The result was analyzed by computing mean, S.D., t-ratio, co-efficient of correlation and pie chart. Results indicate positive correlation (0.039) between Democratic Leadership and Optimistic Attitude which proves the first hypothesis. Positive correlation (0.011) was also found between Authoritarian Leadership and Pessimistic Attitude which is also in favour of second hypothesis. High mean value on the Risk Taking Attitude Scale was obtained for Authoritarian Leadership compared to Democratic Leadership which is not in favor of the third hypothesis. The value of t-ratio (0.52) was not significant even at 0.05 level which states that Authoritarian Leaders and Democratic Leaders do not differ significantly on the scores of risk taking attitude which is also going against the hypothesis no.3. Proper guidance to the parents, awareness among organizational leaders and development of risk taking attitude in students were some of the suggestions given by the researchers.

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