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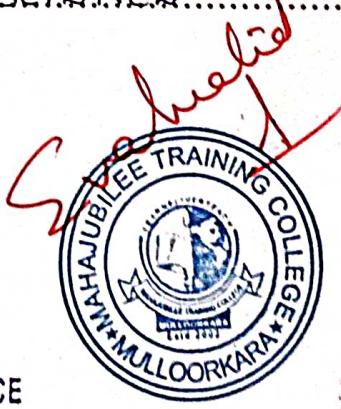
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What is Action Research?

Action Research is defined as:

...a research method used in education. It involves inquiry under real-life and unscripted conditions. An action researcher:

...represents an educational body, for example, a teacher, who has a question about their own practice or about the way they work with their students.

...uses research methods to study situations, for example, the own teaching of mathematics, and their own assessments of student achievement, for example, the own introduction of new material to their students and their own assessment of student achievement.

ACTION RESEARCH

Action Research is based on the research tradition of the social sciences and is concerned with the development of effective and effective practices. The research process is iterative, cyclical, and continuous, and it is based on the belief that the best way to evaluate the overall quality of action research is to evaluate its practicality and its effectiveness in achieving the goals of the research.

For example, action research can be used to evaluate the effectiveness of different teaching methods and approaches, to evaluate the effectiveness of different pedagogical approaches, and to evaluate the effectiveness of different educational programs and policies. Action research can also be used to evaluate the effectiveness of different educational institutions and to evaluate the effectiveness of different educational systems.

1. INTRODUCTION

Action Research is defined as any systematic inquiry conducted by teachers, administrators, counsellors or others with a vested interest in the teaching and learning process or environment for the purpose of gathering information about how their particular school operates, how they teach, and how their students learn.

Action research allows teachers to study their own classrooms - for example, their own instructional methods, their own students and their own assessments - in order to better understand them and to be able to improve their quality or characteristics of the population with whom a practice is employed or with whom some action must be taken. This, in turn results in the increased utility and effectiveness for the practitioner. It offers a process by which current practice can be changed toward better practice. The overall goal of action research is to improve practice immediately with one or a few classrooms or schools.

In schools, action research refers to a wide variety of evaluations, investigative and analytical research methods designed to diagnose problems or weaknesses - whether organizational, academic or instructional - and help educators develop practical educa-

to address them quickly and efficiently. The general goal of action research is to create a simple practical, repeatable process of iterative learning, evaluation and improvement that leads to increasingly better results for schools, teachers or programs.

2. OBJECTIVES

- To make the teacher and school administrators research minded
- To develop in the practitioners the required confidence and ability to carryout research for solving their own problems.
- To make the school or educational personnel more cooperative and democratic in their world of work
- To make the teaching - learning environment more conducive for effective outcomes
- To raise the level of performance and the level of aspiration of the students.
- To improve the working conditions of various infrastructural components of a school.
- To develop scientific attitude among teachers whereby they are motivated to study problems scientifically before taking decisions.

3. NEED AND IMPORTANCE

- Action research develops scientific outlook in the teachers, inspectors, heads and management of the educational institution.
- Some of the problems of educational institutions are related to curriculum, textbooks, methods of teaching, system of examination, discipline, co-curricular activities etc. Action research helps the teachers and examiners to evaluate their own methods and to remove their defects.
- Action research is useful from the point of view of application of the results obtained. Results are applied and implemented by the person engaged in the work of education.
- It helps the teachers to turn from the traditional methods of teaching to those methods that are modern and effective hence ensuring the satisfaction of the needs of the students.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF PROBLEM

During the period of my internship, I came across certain problem in learning among the students of Govt. Girls High school, Wadakkancherry. Balancing