



A Study of the Problems of Boys' Hostel

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ABSTRACT

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This research work was carried out to study the problems of boys' hostel. The data were collected by observing and interviewing the hostel students, rector, mess contractor, securities, and sweepers. Collected data were in descriptive form so content analysis method was used. It was found that hostel creates many bad habits among the students because of lots of freedom. It was also seen that to create the self awareness and self discipline among the hostel students was the very difficult task for the warden. It was also observed that they didn't like to follow the rule.

Introduction

Hostel is the second home of the hostel students. Many students reside in the hostel. They spare more than 15 hours in the hostel. Hostel problems are different from home problems and college problems. The researcher liked to study the hostel problem because once problems were identified then it is easy to find the solution. The researcher started the research keeping this point in the mind.

Objectives of the study

1. To study the problems of boys' hostel students.
2. To study the problems of boys' hostel staff.
3. To Find Limitation of the study.

The data were collected by observing and interviewing boys' hostel students and staff. Some data were collected by reading the records of boys' hostel. The researcher observed and interviewed the boys' hostel students and staff during academic year 2014-15. The researcher spent two hours every day to observe the boys' hostel. Statistical method was not used in data analysis.

Research Method

It was an applied research. Its method was descriptive so content analysis technique was used in this research.

Sample

The researcher selected Sir P. T. Sarvajnik College of Science Boys' Hostel, Surat as a sample. 206 students of 10 colleges were residing in the hostel during academic year 2014-15 which were observed and interviewed. The college wise list of the students were given in the table.

Sir P.T.Sarvajani College of Science Boys' Hostel List of the students of academic year: 2014-15		
No	Name of College	Number of Students
*	GRANT-IN-AID COLLEGES	
1	Sir P. T. Sarvajani College of Science	33
2	M. T. B. Arts College	18
3	Sir K. P. College of Commerce	40
4	V. T. Choksi Sarvajani Law College	17
5	S. P. B. English Medium College of Commerce	3
*	SELF-FINANCED COLLEGES	
6	Sarvajani College of Engineering & Technology (SCET)	70
7	S. R. Luthra Institute of Management	7
8	Shree Ramkrishna Institute of Computer Education & Applied Sciences	5
9	A. A. E. R. T. & SSB Faculty of Architecture	10
10	Sarvajani College of Performing Arts (SCOPA)	3
	Total	206

There was one rector, one care taker, six securities, three sweepers and one mess contractor in the hostel staff. They were also observed and interviewed.

Tools for Data Collection

Researcher had developed 6 observation sheets to write the observation of various persons: a rector, a care taker, students, securities, sweepers and a mess contractor. One form was also developed to write important information which was collected by reading hostel records.

Data Collection

Researcher collected the data from the rector, the care taker, students, securities, sweepers and the mess contractor by observing them and informal interviewing them. Some data were also collected by reading the hostel records. Observation and informal interview

period was one academic year 2014-15. 600 hours were spent after data collection. The researcher spent every day two hours after it. In this way the hostel data were collected.

Data analysis

Collected data were in observation sheets and information forms. Researcher studied and understood the content properly. After that content were analyzed by objectives the study.

Results

Problems of boys' hostel students

1. Let students use the electric sockets in rooms for personal items.
2. Provide free tea and coffee making facilities.
3. If possible, individuals should be allowed to cook for themselves.
4. If rooms have to be shared, pair compatible a student.
5. All facilities of hostel must be regularly cleaned, particularly toilets, bathrooms and kitchens.
6. Human rights must be preserved.
7. Hostel authorities should not be too hasty in evicting people; they should always listen to anything the resident has to say in defence of their behaviour.
8. Food provided should be fresh and varied with healthy options.
9. Residents should be allowed to take food back to their rooms so that they can eat in privacy and away from company they wish to avoid.
10. More flexibility around mealtimes would be appreciated by those who have activities away from the hostel during the day.
11. Hostel students should have the option to opt out of meals and not be charged.
12. Students appreciate a wide range of general support.
13. Many students need and want help with wound care.
14. Many students need and want help with mental health problems.

15. Hostel staff should communicate regularly with residents.
16. Hostel students like having key workers, especially those who offer advice, counselling or just a listening ear when they want to talk.
17. Students want key workers who talk honestly and openly to them.
18. In accordance with health and safety, fixtures and fittings should be kept in good repair.
19. There must be regulations to prevent bullying, violence and intimidation, theft, and other antisocial behaviours.
20. Don't close hostel gate early. Do not impose unreasonably early curfews if possible. Individuals do not necessarily want to be around other homeless people all evening. Sometimes they have friends and relatives that they can visit and have dinner with.
21. Hostel Staff should always knock before they enter rooms.
22. Staff should not search personal belongings or rooms unnecessarily.
23. Room checks are often necessary to prevent overdosing but should be undertaken sensitively.
24. Providing students with good quality facilities and amenities helps them to feel respected and valued.
25. Providing residents with good quality food in the mess is important for their health and well-being.
26. The hostel staff levels should be high enough.
27. The hostel staff should be professional, thoughtful supportive, respectful, and caring. They should take time to listen.
28. The hostel staff should not stigmatise or look down on residents.
29. Where possible, hostels should not use agency staff. Residents feel that agency staffs are often not committed to the job or to working with them.
30. Night staff should not sleep on the job.

31. Students want staff to be drug tested.
32. Students like the idea of having individually tailored packages of support which are specific to their needs.
33. Tailored care packages should always be discussed with students and include realistic goals.
34. Staffs needs to explain any rules and regulations so that students understand why certain behaviours are not acceptable.
35. Students want visitors to the hostel, so long as guests behave.
36. The hostel premises should be warm and welcoming on entry.
37. Pictures on the walls make the hostel feel homely.
38. Staff should be friendly and welcome back ex-students who return for support.
39. Try to minimise yelling, shouting and unnecessary noise. Loud music, arguing, and doors banging are all disruptive and unsettling.
40. Students appreciate hostels which have a calm and ordered atmosphere.
41. Hostels should ensure that residents are able to have restful sleep. This means keeping noise to a minimum at night, giving people private sleeping spaces when possible, and not making people get up so early that they are exhausted all day.

Problems of the boys' hostel staff

1. Students don't sign in the attendance register regularly.
2. Students don't write proper information in the Leave Register before to go other place.
3. Some students don't write the proper information in the movement register.
4. Many students don't pay hostel fees regularly.
5. Some students are addicted to chewing tobacco, smoking cigarettes and drinking alcohol.
6. Some students aloud outsider in their room.

7. Some students don't stay in the accommodation allotted to them.
8. Hostilities don't to keep their Hostel identity card and receipt for the payment of hostel fees with them.
9. Some students remain absent from the hostel during night between 10-00 p.m. to 6-00 a.m. without the prior permission of the hostel rector.
10. Students leave the head-quarters without prior permission of the hostel rector. They don't apply in writing in advance stating the reason of leaving and the address of destination. Some students were wasting electricity and water.
11. The inmates of the hostel leave the hostel premises on holidays for the purpose of excursion or picnic.
12. Some students harbouring unauthorised elements and outsider in their room.
13. Some students give the hiding place for the miscreants.
14. Some students entertain the illegal stay of un-authorised person.
15. Some students damage the hostel property.
16. Smoking of Cigarette, Chewing tobacco etc. is strictly prohibited yet some students do this.
17. Some students use the belongings of other students without their consent.
18. Some students don't lock their rooms properly when they go out their bath etc.
19. Some students keep valuables things in the hostel rooms. They don't deposit extra cash in the bank or in post office or at any other safe place.
20. Some students use two tube lights and other electric appliances without prior permission of the hostel.
21. Some students don't switch off the light before to leave their room.
22. There is no cleanliness awareness among the students.
23. Some students don't like to follow the hostel rule.

24. Some students like to damage the hostel property.
25. Students don't use the complain book.
26. Some students waste the food in the dish.
27. Some students do not behave properly with staff.
28. Some out sliders do not write the proper information in the visit book.
29. Some students don't park their vehicles properly.
30. Some students don't use the dustbin.
31. Some students don't clean their rooms properly.

Discussion

Though hostel was the second home of the students yet in was not free from problem. Alkandri(2007), Amole(2009), Bekurs(2007), Blimling(1993) and Chickering(1974) also studied residence institution problems. All the institutions were foreign Institutions. It was found commonly that the students were source of problem. The major problems were related to students' behaviour. How to solve this problem? This is the big question arise after this work. A scientific study is essential for the solution of all problems.

Conclusion

To conclude, the main finding of this study is that boys' hostel students, rector, care taker, securities, sweepers and mess contractor had many problems. With the help of the students proper and permanent solutions must be find out. It is helpful to create better environment in the hostel.

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