

CHAPTER IV

DEVELOPMENT OF A PSYCHOLOGICAL
EDUCATION INPUT MODEL

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IV.1 INTRODUCTION

A model may be conceived of as a simplified version of the real world, designed by extracting the essential features of the reality. What is extracted from the real world depends on the specific purpose for which the model is to be used and model builder's understanding of the elements of reality. Model building cannot be an one shot effort; rather it is an interactive process combining intuition and experiences, and assumptions and facts. The steps involved in such a model building process may broadly be specified as follows:

1. Purpose of the model
2. Structural specification
3. Model simulation
4. Preliminary tryout
5. Final validation

The purpose for which the present model is evolved has already been stated in the preceding chapter. The present chapter includes a schematic presentation of the earlier attempts in this direction, clarifying the structural specification for such a model. Simulated model for the present study has also been given. Details of the tryout and final validation of the model will be provided in Chapter V.

There have been, already, certain attempts to develop psychological input models. Such efforts have been made by

McClelland (1953), Mehta (1967), Heredero (1969), Desai (1970), Pareek (1971) and Alschuler (1973) who evolved various models for the development of achievement motivation. Generally, these attempts are based on certain theoretical propositions, which may or may not have been explicitly stated.

One important point to be noted is that these models are very much rooted in particular, simulated situations where they have to be utilized. These researchers have tried to develop chosen aspects of psychological behaviour and they are characteristically different from one another, although similar in some respects.

Each model has been presented here (in the form of a chart) as consisting of three aspects, viz.,

1. Basic Propositions
2. Input Activities
3. Outcomes.

In the works of Heredero (1969), Mehta (1968) and Alschuler (1973) the input models have not been given in the same fashion as is presented here. Some have not stated the basic propositions explicitly; some have described some activities only; and, some have given outcomes in detail whereas some others have not given. The investigator has made an attempt to closely study the works of these researchers and present their approaches in a common schematic form in order to give a comparative view of the ideas and activities adopted by them.

IV.2 THE EARLIER MOTIVATION DEVELOPMENT MODELS

1. McClelland's Achievement Motivation Development Treatment (1968)

Basic Propositions

Achievement Syndrome

- A₁ - The more thoroughly an individual develops and clearly conceptualizes the associative network of defining a motive, the more likely he is to develop the motive.
- A₂ - The more an individual can link the newly developed associative network to related actions, the more the change in thought and action is likely to occur and endure.
- A₃ - The more an individual can link a newly conceptualized association action complex to events in his everyday life the more likely the motive is to influence his thoughts and actions in situations outside the training experiences.

Input Activities

- Subjects are presented with a set of pictures which provoke achievement imageries.
- Subjects are given a lecture on nature and value of motivation.
- Cases of successful entrepreneurs are presented.
- Subjects write an autobiography to make plans for their future.
- Subjects practice achievement thinking by learning to perceive job situations, problems and possibilities in achievement terms.

Outcomes

- Development of achievement oriented thinking.
- Clear perception of achievement and its application to life in general.

Basic Propositions

Input Activities

Outcomes

G. Goal-Setting

The more reasons an individual has to believe that he can, will or should develop a motive, the more educational attempts designed to develop that motive are likely to succeed.

The more an individual commits himself to achieving concrete goals in life related to the newly formed motive, the more the motive is likely to influence his future thoughts and actions.

The more an individual keeps a record of his progress toward achieving goals to which he is committed, the more the newly formed motive is likely to influence his future thoughts and actions.

- Subjects take practical steps and make commitments necessary to fulfill the personal goals they have set for their own lives.

- Counselling sessions are arranged for the subjects to obtain better self-knowledge, more realistic appraisal of goals and more creative ways of attaining them.

- Subjects play ring toss and block building games.

- Development of self-confidence.
- Development of realistic goal-setting behaviour.

S. Self-Study

The more an individual perceives that developing a motive is required by the demands of his career and life situations, the more educational attempts designed to develop that motive are likely to succeed.

The more an individual can perceive and experience the newly conceptualized motive as consistent with the ideal self-image, the more the motive is likely to influence his future thoughts and actions.

- Subjects write essay on 'Who am I?'

- Self-appraisal of their motive and work.

- Development of better self-image.

- Clearer self-perception.

- Increased commitment for achieving the set goals.

Basic Propositions

The more an individual can perceive and experience the newly conceptualized motive as consistent with prevailing cultural values and norms, the more the motive is likely to influence his future thoughts and actions.

Input Activities

Outcomes

I - Interpersonal Support

Changes in motives are more likely to occur in an interpersonal atmosphere in which the individual feels warmly but honestly supported and respected by others as a person capable of guiding and directing his own future.

Changes in motives are more likely to occur the more the setting dramatizes the importance of self-study and lifts it out of the routine of everyday life, thereby creating an ingroup feeling among the participants.

Changes in motives are more likely to occur and persist, if the new motive is a sign of membership in a new and continuing reference group.

- Subjects practice in aiding and supporting one another in group activities.
- Subjects examine their relations with others in the group throughout the course.

- Development of ingroup feeling.
- Development of warm and supportive climate.

2. Mehta's Achievement Motivation Development Treatment Through Better Self-Image (1967)

Basic Propositions

When the pupils are made aware of their abilities and interests, better will be their self-image.

When the pupils perceive their abilities and the achievement situation clearly, they will set moderate goals.

When the pupils are made aware of their responsibility for work in class, understanding the value of time, regular work habits, the more supportive will be the classroom climate.

Better self-image, moderate goal-setting and supportive climate will lead to the development of achievement motivation and thereby increasing the academic performance.

Input Activities

- Discussion on 'Who am I?' and 'Why am I here?'

- Discussion on life goals.
- Pupils fill up questionnaire for life goals.

- Thoughts about success are promoted by discussion, questions and essay writing.

- Pupils get acquainted with the scoring of TAT stories for n Ach. and with the components of achievement motivation.

- Clarification of achievement language.

- Pupils perform a short play which have a basis on achievement theme.

Outcomes

- Better perception

- Development of realistic goal setting behaviour.

- Development of supportive classroom climate.

- Learning the language of achievement motivation.

- Development of achievement thinking leads to better performance.

Basic Propositions

Input Activities

Outcomes

- Explanation of the meaning of creativity.
- Pupils speak on biographies of scientists.
- Discussion about the characteristics of a successful person.

- Development of creative thinking.

3. Rosenthal's Treatment of Self-Fulfilling Prophecy (1968)*

Development of the teacher's favourable expectations of their pupils, influence pupils' performance.

- Favourable expectations were given to few children for the intellectual growth.
- Teachers rated each of their pupils on variables related to intellectual curiosity, personal and social adjustment and need for social approval.
- Increase in pupils' intellectual growth.

* This model was used with a few modifications in the experiments conducted by Mehta (1967) and Rist (1970).

4. Heredero's Leadership Courses for Development of Achievement Motivation (1968)

Basic propositions

When the students are given chances to take initiative and think independently, it will help in developing leadership qualities in them.

- Talks on: Development of personality, characteristics of high n-Ach. personality and on leadership.
- Lectures on achievement motivation, its relationship with other aspects like national progress and leadership qualities.
- Students fill in questionnaires regarding leadership qualities.

When the students are made aware of the meaning and importance of philosophy of life, it will help them attain religious maturity.

- Talks on: Have an ideal life, Towards a unifying philosophy, Moral excellence and faith.

When the students are made aware of the concept of moderate risk-taking behaviour, it will help them set moderate goals.

- Students play games such as Ring Toss, Block Building, Alexander's pass along intelligence game, M.R.G. business game.
- Students fill in questionnaires regarding maturity, study habits, achievement motivation.

Outcomes

- Development of certain personality traits.
- Development of leadership qualities.

- Development of religious value.

- Development of moderate risk-taking behaviour.

5. Desai's Incentive Treatment (1970)

Basic propositions	Input Activities	Outcomes
<u>Incentive Treatment</u>		
When proper feedback is given (both verbal and non-verbal) it will help pupils improve their performance.	- Feedback given on test results and discussion.	- Increase in pupils classroom participation.
When opportunities are provided to pupils to mix with their class fellows, they will understand them better.	- Change in the sitting arrangement.	- Development of understanding for others and cohesive classroom climate.
When pupils are made aware of the discrepancy between their expected and obtained marks it will help them set goals according to their abilities.	- Pupils suppose the marks for the tests and compare the obtained marks with the marks supposed.	- Development of realistic goal-setting behaviour.
When the competitive spirit is aroused in the pupils it will lead them to better performance.		
When the pupils are guided for better achievement, they will try to gain inner strength for better performance.	- Individual as well as group guidance.	- Increase in academic performance.

6. Desai's Achievement Motivation Development by Developing Better Self-Image Through Specially Designed Curriculum (1971)

Basic Propositions	Input Activities	Outcomes
Development of the teacher's achievement motivation will result in raising the achievement motivation of pupils.	- Scoring of the stories	- Increase in teachers' achievement motivation.
Development of better self-concept helps the pupils to set realistic goals.	- Pupils write on 'What would I like to be', 'My Goals, Use of leisure time.' - Pupils play games viz., ring toss, Block building and Boat making.	- Realistic goal-setting behaviour.
Development of origin self-image will lead to greater confidence in themselves: through pupils clearer concept of leisure time, their achievement idol will help them to develop better self-image.	- Pupils write on 'Who am I?', 'If I were, Myself and My school', 'People whom I honour', 'A bridge of energy', 'Dialogue with oneself.'	- Development of better self-image. - Greater perception as reflected in self-perception exercises.

7. Pareek's Achievement Motivation Development Model Through Interaction (1971)

Basic Propositions	Input Activities	Outcomes
<p>When the teachers use more indirect influence in their teaching, it will influence pupils' achievement motivation, adjustment, classroom trust, dependency level, initiative level, activity level and cohesiveness of the group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More use of indirect teacher behaviour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in n-Ach. - Better adjustment of pupils. - Greater classroom trust. - Increase in pupils' initiative level. - Increase in pupils' activity level. - Pupils' become more independent. - Development of group cohesiveness.

8. Alschuler's Psychological Education Input Treatment (1973)

Basic Propositions

n-Ach. Action Strategies

When the pupils are made aware of the realistic and unrealistic risk-taking behaviour, they will prefer realistic risk-taking behaviour.

When the pupils are given immediate feedback for their better performance, it will encourage them for working hard.

When the responsibility is given to pupils it will develop a sense of identification with the work.

n-Ach. Planning

When the pupils are made aware of the achievement goals and goals for affiliation, task and power achievement, it will help them to set achievement goals.

Input Activities

- Pupils play games viz., Ring toss, Dart dice, Origami.
- Demonstration and discussion of the games.

Outcomes

- Development of moderate goal-setting and risk-taking behaviour.

- Presentation of case studies and discussion of it.

- Teaching the components of achievement motivation.

- Pupils' writing and scoring the stories in pictures presented to them.

- Development of achievement thinking.

- Learning the components of achievement motivation and its application to life.

Basic Propositions

Input Activities

Outcomes

Self Study

When the pupils are made aware of the reality demands, self-image and values of the group they belong to, it will help them to set their goal accordingly.

- Discussion on 'Who am I?', 'Why am I here?', 'What do I want?'

- Development of clear perception of self.

Goal Setting

When the pupils are allowed to apply what they have learned to a personal achievement goal, it will help them in visualizing their progress.

- Exercises on aiming by pupils.
- Group discussion and goal-setting programme.
- Pupils get the guidance individual as well as in the group.

- Development of moderate goal-setting leads to better performance.

IV.3 THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EDUCATION INPUT MODEL OF THE PRESENT STUDY

3.1 Purpose of the Model

Before presenting the model it may be useful to point out certain main features of the process adopted in developing the model. As has been noted earlier the model has been evolved with the purpose of implementing it in the primary school classes for achieving a balanced development of the psychological domain of the children. However, as academic learning is, by and large, considered to be the major aim of schooling, the model inputs have been so structured as to have a positive effect on the academic performance of the children.

3.2 Structure Specification

Structural specifications for the model were evolved after making a close observation of the classroom where the model was to be ultimately utilized and after making a critical appraisal of the various principles of psychological development which one comes across in the vast literature on child development.

The model consists of three components. The first component refers to a set of propositions which provide the theoretical basis for organizing suitable learning experiences. The second component consists of a set of input activities which have been formulated based on the propositions enunciated and have been so planned as to achieve the outcomes expected. The

third component refers to the set of outcomes which are expected to be resultant of the various learning experiences provided. Although, the structural specification refers to three distinct aspects of the model, details have been spelt out carefully, bearing in mind the relationships that exist among the three components as well as among the various constituents of each of the components. Details about the three components of the model have been provided at ^{the end of} the chart giving a schematic presentation of the model.

3.3 The Model

A schematic presentation of the psychological education input model developed under the present study has been given in the following. Here, the model has been specified in its final form after it was refined based on the results of tryout study and the validation experiment. As it can be observed the model presents under separate heads the basic propositions, the input activities and the expected outcomes. Specific input activities and outcomes have been listed against each proposition. This has been done to illustrate the inter-relationships that exist between the set of propositions, the set of input activities, and the set of expected outcomes. However, it should be noted that there is no one-to-one correspondence between the three sets. An activity might have its basis in more than one proposition and also more than one activity may have their basis in any one proposition. The same relationship holds good between the sets of input activities and expected outcomes also.

The Psychological Education Input Model of the Present Study

Basic Propositions	Input Activities	Outcomes
<p>1. <u>Awareness of Abilities and Aspirations leads to Clearer Goal Perception.</u></p> <p>If opportunities are given to think about their abilities and aspirations for future life clearer will be the perception of their immediate and life time goals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupils write and discuss on: - 'Who am I?' - 'What would I like to be?' - 'My aims'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved self-image. - Clearer goal perception.
<p>2. <u>Awareness of their role in school leads to Favourable Attitude towards School.</u></p> <p>If chances are given to pupils to objectively think about their roles in relation to school, more favourable will be their attitude towards school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupils write and discuss on: - Myself and my school. - Word association. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clearer perception of pupils' role on the school. - Correct perception of teachers' role. - Favourable attitude towards school.
<p>3. <u>Healthy competition leads to concern for excellence</u></p> <p>If more situations are created for healthy competition among the pupils greater will be their concern for excellence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupils play games and work in group. - Spelling game. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manifestation of more goal directed activities. - More concern for excellence.

Basic Propositions	Input Activities	Outcomes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of charts in different subjects. - Preparation of question paper for the tests and work in group. - Doing assignments, project work in groups. - Reading story books and biographies and discussing about them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in their need achievement. - Improvement in academic performance.
<p>4. <u>Immediate Feedback leads to Need to Achieve</u></p> <p>If pupils are given immediate feedback regarding their performance in testing situations, greater will be their need to achieve.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupils get individual as well as group guidance immediately after the announcement of their results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupils suppose the marks before the tests. They compare and find out the discrepancy between marks what they have supposed and what they obtained.
<p>5. <u>Realization of Discrepancy leads to Realistic Goal-Setting</u></p> <p>If chances are given to pupils to realize the discrepancy in supposed and achieved goals, more realistic will be their goal-setting behaviour.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupils play Ring toss and Block building game and discuss about it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of realistic goal-setting behaviour. - Development of moderate risk-taking behaviour.

Basic Propositions

Input Activities

Outcomes

6. Awareness of Abilities leads to Decrease in Anxiety.

If pupils have greater awareness about their abilities less anxious would they be in testing situations.

- Pupils prepare and discuss about question paper.
- Discuss about their abilities and also about their performance in previous tests.

- Decrease in anxiety.

7. Clearer Role Perception leads to Better Adjustment.

If more chances are given to pupils to perceive the roles of people around them, greater will be their level of adjustment.

- Pupils write and discuss on:

- Clearer perception of teacher's role.

8. Accommodation of Ideas leads to Better Classroom Trust

If pupils' ideas are accommodated to a greater extent in organization and management of classroom work, greater will be their classroom trust.

- Pupils discuss and suggest to the teacher every week regarding sitting arrangement, activities to be conducted, scheduling of teaching in different subjects and their other activities.

- Increase in classroom trust.

Basic Propositions	Input Activities	Outcomes
<p>9. <u>Involvement in Classroom Procedure leads to Initiative Level</u></p> <p>If greater involvement is given to pupils in the decision making about procedures of classroom work greater will be their initiative level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupils take responsibility of classroom work - discipline, cleanliness, maintaining Bulletin board. - Organizing cultural programme, educational tour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in initiative level.
<p>10. <u>Chances for Participation leads to Greater Activity Level</u></p> <p>If more chances are given to pupils to participate actively in various activities - academic as well as non-academic, greater will be their activity level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question-answer sessions are conducted about both academic and general knowledge; pupils are divided into different teams for this purpose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in activity level.
<p>11. <u>Involvement in Extra-Curricular Activities leads to Wider Non-Academic Interests.</u></p> <p>If pupils are involved to a greater extent in extra-curricular activities, wider will be their non-academic interests.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupils write and discuss on: - My leisure time. - Steps of honour. - Pupils participate in various competitions organized in the school and also by Municipal Primary School Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of non-academic interest. - Positive changes in images for emulation.

Basic Propositions

Input Activities

Outcomes

12. Mutual Interaction leads to Group Cohesiveness

If more opportunities are given to pupils to mutually interact with their class fellows greater will be the cohesiveness of the group.

- Sitting arrangement of the pupils change thrice in a week in rotation.
- Better social relationships.

13. Freedom to Select leads to Better Sociometric Status of the mates

If more freedom is given to pupils in choosing their mates during various activities within and outside classroom, better would be the sociometric status of the group.

- Positive changes in the sociometric status.

3.3.1 Basic Propositions

A set of thirteen propositions were enunciated which would clearly specify the mechanisms underlying the development of the psychological domain of the children. Thus, these propositions constitute the basic theoretical foundations from which the practical aspects have to be derived. A basic theoretical assumption made in deriving the practical aspects is that the children would manifest only those behaviours which they get opportunities to practise.

3.3.2 Input Activities

A series of input activities were planned for the classroom and outside the classroom based on the set of propositions enunciated. These activities would provide ample opportunities to the children to practise those behaviour which would facilitate psychological development. However, it has been realized that such a purely behaviouristic and atomistic approach is futile as the behaviour patterns induced through such an approach would largely be shortlived. Therefore, in operation the input activities are to be cogently integrated with the regular schedules of classroom work. This would create a natural milieu for the operation of the model and also help to bring about changes in the children's overall development in a formal setting. Further, it would allow each child to internalise the behaviour patterns induced through the input activities in his own normal way without seriously disturbing

the development of inherent instinctual aspects of his personality. Details about the various input activities have been provided in the following:

Who am I?

The pupils were asked to write on 'Who am I?'. They were to write about their family, interests and attitudes, hopes for future. After completion of the writing, they (pupils) were to discuss about the same topic. The teacher herself spoke about 'Who am I?', to encourage the children.

What Would I Like To Be?

Pupils were to write on what they want to become in future and state the reasons for selecting. Each pupil was encouraged and given chance to participate. After the discussion, the teacher used to conclude by giving ideas regarding what they were supposed to speak about. The discussion aimed at inducing achievement thinking in pupils.

My Aims

Pupils were to list the short term goals which could be achieved within a week as well as long term goals which have to be achieved over a considerably long duration. The purpose was to make them perceive their goals more clearly and to commit themselves for the achievement of the goals they have set for themselves. It was repeated thrice at approximately equal intervals of time during the course of experimentation.

Myself and My School

The pupils were to answer four questions given for the item which mainly reflected their attitude towards the school. It measures pupils' perception of their role in school and of various school activities, teachers and norms of the school. Pupils were encouraged to discuss and express their ideas.

Word Association

The words were announced one by one in the class. Pupils were to write two lines in response to each word announced. They were provided three seconds gap for writing each response. They were to discuss about it.

Competition

In the regular classroom work, pupils were divided into groups. They worked together for school subjects. The competitive spirit was aroused in them for concern for excellence. The teacher was very careful about the healthy atmosphere of the group. Besides classroom work, the pupils were encouraged to participate in the competition organized by Municipal Corporation.

Change in Their Sitting Arrangement

Pupils spent their major part of their school hours inside the classroom. It is in fact, inside the classroom most of the likings, preferences, affiliation and understanding develop among pupils. But, generally, sitting arrangement never alter

during the year. Pupil sitting in the last bench sits there only. This becomes a barrier to their interaction. As a result, some pupils remained isolates only, certain other form rigid cliques among themselves.

A way to avoid such a tendency was to change the sitting arrangement. The change was made thrice in a week, so that every individual gets chance to mix with others.

A sociogram was prepared thrice during the experimentation. The stars, isolates and cliques were identified among pupils and also pupils' preferences and likings for others were noted. The changes of the sitting arrangement was based on this data.

Goal Discrepancy Scale (GDS) Treatment

Pupils were asked to suppose about their marks on tests as well as on games. GDS treatment was repeated once in a week. Two days before the test, the pupils were asked to suppose the marks for the test. These marks were recorded on the sheet of progress report. These progress report sheets contained the column for marks supposed, obtained marks and discrepancy between the supposition of marks and marks obtained. After the test, the pupils were informed about the marks they had supposed. The discrepancy was made clear to them by providing individual guidance. Generally, the weekly tests were conducted on the end of the week day. So the pupils were asked to suppose their marks on two days before the tests and was recorded on the progress

report sheet. To provide an immediate feedback, the marks were announced on the first day of ^{the} week, and counselling regarding their difficulties were provided individually as well as in the group. In the classroom, feedback was provided to bright pupils by praising them in the class and the weak pupils were encouraged to improve upon themselves and to compete with the group.

For non-academic aspect, Ring Toss and Block Building games were played.

Ring Toss Game

In the 'Ring Toss' game, the pupils were asked to throw the ring on the peg from any distance around ten feet. This game is divided into four phases.

The pupils in the first phase were asked to choose the distance and allowed to throw by themselves when none of their classmates were there. They were given three chances each.

In the second phase, the same pupils were asked to throw the ring on the peg from any distance they chose, but in this phase they had to play amidst their classmates. Here again three chances were given to each.

In the third phase of the game, the pupils were again asked to throw the ring on the toss from the distance chosen by them. This time, some positive incentives with some verbal tones like: 'good', 'try again', 'you will succeed', etc. were given. Alongwith, incentives like credits were assigned to

every feet - feet of distance, e.g. 1 feet - 100 marks, 10 feet - 1000 marks.

While, in the fourth phase of the programme, reverse incentives were given. No feedback was given. Reserve incentive of the credits were set, i.e., the credits were reversed in the order of distance of feet, e.g.

1 feet distance	-	1000 marks
10 feet distance	-	100 marks

After completion of the game, there was a discussion regarding the game. The game was played twice as pre-post measure.

Block Building Game

It gives practice to pupils in goal-setting behaviour. A good number of wooden cubes were put on the table. The aim was to put as many cubes as possible on the top of the other. This was to be done by the pupil blind folded. Before the actual game started, pupils were to decide the number of cubes he will be able to place. Pupils were to build twice for positive and negative incentive. Instructions were given to the pupils for building the blocks. After the completion of the game, there was a discussion about their gaps between their supposition marks and marks obtained. The game was played twice as pre-post measure.

These games were tried out to find appropriate ways

in which they should be included in school work for understanding and improving their risk-taking and goal-setting behaviour respectively.

Group Work and Creativity

This activity was included to help increase group cohesion, provide opportunity for creative activity, develop a sense of belongingness and understand the importance of co-operative efforts.

The group work was organized thrice a week. The composition of group used to be changed every time. Competitive-spirit was aroused in them by giving the same work in all the four groups. They were asked to do their best to get the highest marks. Care was taken while forming the groups to see that each group had equal number of bright and enthusiastic pupils. Both academic and non-academic items were included in the group work such as preparing charts in the school subjects, project work, spelling games, collection of materials and writing poems.

Library Work: This activity helps the pupils for developing reading habits, creating a sense of appreciation, knowing about the great personalities^{etc.} Once in a week, pupils were given short story books. The books were divided into three categories - religious, historical and biographical. A record was kept for each pupil for their selection of the books. Pupils were encouraged to read all the three types of

story books. They were given a paper on which they were to write down certain points about the qualities and achievements of the great people. Main aim of the activity is to increase the wealth of images pupils possess and hold as ideals for emulation.

Story Telling: Once in a week, teacher used to tell stories depicting the biography of the eminent people, indirectly stressing the points of their great achievements, good qualities and how they reached the greatness. Through this an attempt was made to induce achievement thinking in them. Pupils were also encouraged to tell stories in the class. After the story telling, a group discussion session was arranged where pupils were to discuss about the qualities they liked most for practising in their own life.

What Type of Teacher Do I Like

The pupils were to write about the qualities they like most in the teacher. This exercise was meant to provoke some ideas in the pupils about the teacher. They were to discuss this exercise in group.

Steps of Honour

The pupils were asked to write the names of three persons whom they honoured most and also forward reasons for their choices. Teacher first explained the purpose of the activity and herself gave out the names of persons whom she

honours most.

Leisure Time

The pupils were required to respond to four questions provided to them on a printed sheet. The questions were meant to extract information regarding the activities they do in their leisure time which would indicate their non-academic interest. Pupils were to speak about the activities they do in their leisure time.

3.3.3 Expected Outcomes

The third component of the model as has been noted earlier, relates to output specifications. A list of expected outcomes has been specified which, taken together, would serve as ^{an} indicator of psychological development of the children. Thus, one can study the effectiveness of the model by measuring and evaluating the changes in those aspects of behaviour specified by the various expected outcomes. Further, an appraisal of these outcomes at intermittent stages during the course of the programme would serve as useful feedback to the teacher as well as to the pupils.

IV.4 THE CRITICAL DISCUSSION OF THE VARIOUS MODELS

The propositions of McClelland are derived from his conception of motives as 'affectively toned associative networks' arranged in a hierarchy of strength or importance within a given individual. (McClelland, 1965). The associative -

network of a person with high achievement motivation can be characterised by the thoughts typically found in his thought samples. At the simplest level, if a motive is nothing more than the associative network, then to change a motive is merely to change a person's associativ^enetwork.

The underlying principles, input ideas and activities of all the models discussed earlier have their basis in McClelland's basic propositions, which include four major aspects - achievement syndromes, self-study, goal-setting and interpersonal supports.

Though, all these studies have not included all the four aspects, yet are originally based on all or most of these aspects. The most identical element in these models is self-study wherein the basic principle for raising achievement motivation is to make clear about individual's self-perception.

What is actually done in a training course to operationalise these propositions and make them into inputs? The cognitive associative network input consists largely of teaching the trainees to think the kinds of thoughts found in the thought samples of people with high n-Achievement. To start with they write stories. Then they study scoring categories and score their own stories. This procedure shows them that they can recognize achievement thoughts in their own stories.

They learn that whenever a problem arises in their own life they can think of the behavioural sequence underlying

the scoring categories and identify their goal and decide whether it is an achievement goal or not. They can decide whether they really want it. (Need) by investigating their feelings of affect about it (positive and negative affect), they can ask themselves whether they anticipate success or failure (Positive and Negative Goal Anticipation); they can investigate what kinds of interference they may encounter either due to their own inabilities (Personal Block) or from external sources (World Block); they can think about specifically what they need to do to attain the goal (Instrumental Activity) and if they can get any help from other sources (Help). Such a careful self analysis and planning moves the trainee beyond developing the cognitive associative network and begins to help him tie it in with affective and behavioural components that are important to him.

But before he can apply the new technique to real problems he practises it in games where he can see how strategy works. Numerous games have been developed to help tie the cognitive to the affective and behavioural aspects. The games are designed to demonstrate that careful analysis of risks, and careful checking of personal skill lead to success in competitive situations. Games using ring toss, dart dice, racing carts and puzzles show the advantages of taking moderate risks based on careful analysis of results indicating individual skill.

An attempt is made during the course of the training to insure that the lessons learned from applying achievement

thoughts to games are transferred to real goals by having the participant analyse his goals in an inventory and select a specific goal that he may reasonably expect to achieve within the next two years of his life. He is encouraged to work out a plan for attaining his goal and attempts are made by means of follow-up questionnaires or interviews to help him check on his progress.

These procedures deal more or less directly with achievement motivation and goals. In addition to these inputs, the entire training course is placed in the setting of self-analysis. The trainees usually write a short essay in answer to the question 'Who am I?', in which the participants introspect about themselves and goals. The aim of this procedure is to increase their self-understanding and to encourage them to see themselves as achievers. Such a critical self-analysis is apparently best carried out in a warm, accepting atmosphere.

deCharms (1968) points out that "to think of the associative network as only thoughts about achievement is a mistake". He has suggested that, conceptually, at least three types of mediating mechanisms may be postulated, namely, cognitive, affective and motor mediating mechanisms. He further suggested that affective mediating mechanisms lie at the heart of motivation but that they never occur in isolation. The motive is actually a combination of all three types of mediating mechanisms, i.e., the associative network is composed of cognitive, affective and motor aspects. Instilling primarily

the cognitive aspect by training in the scoring categories is only one-third of the story and should not result in a very effective way of changing the motive. Changes in cognitive aspect, i.e., increasing the number of achievement thoughts and decreasing the number of interfering thoughts, must be accompanied by changes in the affective and motor or action components, i. e., a change of all the aspects of the associative network. McClelland's (1953) thought sampling may be seen as one way of tapping the predominant networks and assessing their content, but the cognitive aspects must be connected with the affective and behavioural aspects to result in a full-blown motive. deCharms in his approach of motivation development has tried to link the cognitive and affective aspects of development.

McClelland conducted his studies mainly in business and industries, but other researchers have made an attempt to gear the treatments to educational settings. Out of four Indian studies in achievement motivation development, three studies were conducted to train teachers in motivation development and thereby raising the motivation of pupils at the secondary school level. Two of them have attempted to develop the motivation development curriculum discussed in this chapter (Mehta, 1969 and Desai, 1971) for high school pupils. Mehta (1968) stressed the expectation boosting in the teachers. Desai (1971) stressed on the development of motivation through better self-image. If Desai's and Mehta's models were to fit

in Alschuler's four courses on achievement motivation development, viz.. Achievement full, Affiliation, Achievement action and Achievement planning, the first part of their studies which involves training in achievement motivation development to the teachers is based upon the achievement full course wherein theoretical aspect is given greater weightage. However, with the children, more of achievement planning and achievement action are utilized.

Alschuler attempted to translate McClelland's twelve original propositions (McClelland and Winter, 1969) for acquiring a motive into more relevant teaching strategies for the students. Most of the original propositions are incorporated within the following six sub-goals.

1. Get and sustain students' attention by creating moderately novel learning situations.
2. Allow the student to experience intensely the thoughts, actions and feelings that comprise the motive.
3. Help the student clearly conceptualize the motive he has experienced.
4. Help the student intellectually relate the motive to his dominant values, ideal self-image, and the demands of his salient life situations.

5. Guide the student in practising the application of this goal-oriented pattern of thoughts, actions and feelings.
6. Internalize the motive by progressively withdrawing the support of the learning situation while the student takes increasing responsibility for maintenance.

The six goals form a logical sequence in the sense that each is required before the next can be accomplished. Before the motive can be experienced, students must be in attendance and attending. Before the student can clearly and meaningfully conceptualize the motive, he must be aware of the experience to be conceptualized. The sequence of goals is cumulative in that each activity contains the previous ones. For example, intellectually relating the motive to one's values, self-image and the demands of reality involves attention, and memory of the experience. Further, each step has distinctive criteria for success that can be used to assess progress.

It may be helpful to briefly illustrate this sequence as it was implemented in the training programme. To get and maintain attention throughout the course, moderately novel situation was created in the norms, values and procedures of schooling. At each stage in the learning sequence, however, the training departed moderately from traditional school routines. Educational games were used to provide the experience-base for conceptualization rather than workbook exercises or

written projects.

They introduced contents in learning the conceptual vocabulary instead of orienting them to tests. To help them relate their experience to values, ideal self-image and reality demands, the lectures were given on how Achievement Planning and Actions were helpful to them. Help was given to each person practise what he learned by coaching him in setting a meaningful goal that could be reaching in six weeks.

These research attempts have been made to raise n-Ach. level. They trained the teachers in motivation development programme and then studied its effectiveness thereby in raising the motivation of pupils. They involved inputs for different treatments like expectation boosting, incentive, leadership and mental health. But, no effort has been put forth, till now, to develop inputs for a total psychological education and to see the effect not only on academic performance but also on other behaviour^{-al} aspects. Further, generally, the training programmes have not been integrated with the regular instructional work of school. However, the major contribution of all these researches is that they have clearly demonstrated that changes can be brought out in certain aspects of psychological development through inducing suitable inputs in them.

The psychological education input model developed for the present study has certain underlying principles which are based on goal-setting behaviour, self-perception, group behaviour, creative and active participation etc., and their

relationship with performance. These principles to some extent are based on the twelve propositions of McClelland (1968). Along with the input activities the expected outcome have also been specified. The outcomes, in fact, represent the resulting behaviour of children when the basic ideas are translated into practice. The experience to be provided to the children in order to achieve the expected outcomes have been listed under the head activities. The activities include supposition of marks, feedback on performance, discussion of goal discrepancy, ring toss game, block building game, etc. Some of the activities have been taken from the procedures suggested by Desai (1972), and Alschuler (1973). Some of the measures of psychological indices viz., adjustment, classroom trust, classroom initiative have been taken from the study conducted by Pareek (1971). The overall approach for developing the model has been on the lines suggested by Alschuler (1973).

An attempt is made to develop psychological education input model in a more comprehensive manner. It is an attempt to educate the individual with a view to achieve a total development of his psychological domain as much as his intellectual aspects. A list of sixteen indicators of psychological development were thought out for psychological development of pupils. These sixteen indicators do not exhaust all the constituents of psychological domain; however, they broadly reflect the general trends in the development of psychological aspect. Further, the indicators, as such, appear to be more relevant to the school, although they would largely correspond to the general nature of development independent of the school milieu.