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### THE ROLE OF ICT IN FOSTERING SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES AT SECONDARY LEVEL

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#### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to measure ICT in fostering school management and leadership activities at the secondary level. The study employed a quantitative approach utilizing a descriptive research method, specifically a cross-sectional survey for data collection. The population comprised approximately 137 Headteachers from secondary schools in Kotli, AJ&K, with a sample size of 105 selected according to Gay's (2001) sampling table. A five-point Likert scale was utilized to assess the role of discipline in education and its impact on social development at the secondary school level. A questionnaire containing 35 statements was used in this study for the collection of data. The reliability of the questionnaire was confirmed through Cronbach's alpha, yielding a coefficient of 0.977, indicating strong reliability for further research. Data collection involved personal visits to government schools in Kotli, and data analysis was conducted using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS), employing simple mean, frequency, percentage, and standard deviation for comprehensive analysis.

**Key Words:** ICT, Fostering, School Management, School Leadership, Secondary Level.

#### INTRODUCTION

School leadership is essential for directing the teaching-learning process that equips contemporary students with the skills and knowledge required to be productive members of society in the twenty-first century. According to Dinham (2005), leadership is essential for establishing innovative, effective institutions and facilitating quality teaching and learning. As previously mentioned, the principals assume a crucial function in integrating technology. This position is vital in assisting educators in designing the optimal learning environment for students today. Aligned with this notion, Wilmore and Betz (2000) assert that "effective implementation of information technology in schools is contingent upon the principal's active endorsement, reciprocal learning, provision of sufficient professional development, and provision of support to staff throughout the change process" (Ghavifekr & Rosdy, 2015).

ICT into their daily work and to advocate for the use of technology in the teaching-learning process consistently and constructively. Indeed, they ought to be technology leaders. Achieving technology leadership necessitates a dual comprehension of the technologies and their practical implementations for task completion (Agbo, 2015). Activities promoting school leadership are designed to aid in the development of leadership abilities and increase the effectiveness of leaders in their positions. Activities that aid in the development of fundamental leadership abilities, such as problem-solving, active listening, and effective group administration, may be incorporated into the curriculum.

Activities involving leadership afford this opportunity for practice. They are planned activities that provide opportunities for both individuals and teams to assess and enhance their capabilities, as well as those of their teammates, within a controlled environment. These exercises closely resemble the routines that the majority of athletic teams perform to simulate games. You and your team can be adequately equipped to handle any eventuality by conducting these exercises (leadership activities) (Diamond & Ling, 2016). School administration entails the operation of a school by intended educational policies. It integrates all facets of the educational institution, including policies, personnel, materials, activities, and apparatus, to form a cohesive and effective entity. Educational institutions require committed, principled, proficient, and fiercely driven administrators who possess the ability to promote introspective reflection, dialogue, and collaboration among all school personnel and external parties.

ICT plays a significant role in educational administration by enabling the dissemination of information and knowledge. Additionally, it facilitates the acceleration of administrative transactions by assuring a modern approach to administration and accelerating the integration of administrative functions. It offers novel and more efficient approaches to alleviating a portion of the difficulties confronting the nation's educational system. These technologies are characterized by their swift development and transformative impact, which consistently alters how individuals interact with them. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has evolved into an indispensable component of our daily lives; consequently, its incorporation into school improvement serves a dual purpose: educational administration and instruction (González-Zamar, Abad-Segura, López-Meneses, & Gómez-Galán, 2020).

Davis (2000) asserts that ICT offers educators an extensive array of novel tools, techniques, and strategies to enhance conventional pedagogies and classroom procedures. Moreover, it empowers educators with the capability to develop novel approaches, methodologies, and strategies. ICT presents novel, pertinent, and stimulating learning opportunities and modalities for educators and learners, to advance the education sector (Asad, Aftab, Sherwani, Churi, Moreno-Guerrero, & Pourshahian, 2021). The utilization of ICT enables educators to optimize their time, leading to a subsequent increase in productivity. Presently, educators are utilizing computers and the Internet to enhance the efficiency of their work preparation. Because ICT assists teachers in problem-solving and decision-making (Grabe & Grabe,

2001), the use of computers, the Internet, and multimedia in the classroom increases teachers' motivation and enhances the learning process. Furthermore, the incorporation of ICT into classroom activities boosts teachers' self-efficacy.

#### Objectives of the Study

1. To find out the role of information communication technology (ICT) at the school level.
2. To identify the leadership style of school heads.
3. To check the management activities of schools.
4. To examine practices of the role of information communication technology in improving school leadership and management.

#### Literature Review

##### Information and communications technology (ICT)

ICT, which stands for information technology (IT), is an extensional term that emphasizes the significance of unified communications and the integration of computers, telephone lines, wireless signals, and telecommunications (including storage, audiovisual, and middleware). This integration empowers users to retrieve, maintain, transmit, comprehend, and manage information (Hadaichuck & Herasyenko, 2022).

The convergence of telephone and audiovisual networks with computer networks via a singular cabling or link system is another meaning of the acronym ICT. The integration of the computer network system with the telephone networks, utilizing a unified system for cabling, signal distribution, and administration, presents significant economic benefits. ICT is an all-encompassing term that refers to any communication device, including satellite systems, radio, television, mobile phones, computers, and network hardware, in addition to the services and appliances that accompany them, such as distance learning and video conferencing. In addition to paper-based communication and other forms of analog technology, ICT encompasses any medium that transmits information. ICT is a vast field whose concepts are constantly developing. This category encompasses any electronic device capable of storing, retrieving, manipulating, transmitting, or receiving data in a digital format (e.g., personal computers, digital televisions, email clients, or robotics). Jones (2022) identifies the Skills Framework for the Information Age as one of numerous frameworks that delineate and oversee the competencies that are essential for ICT professionals in the twenty-first century.

Presently, information and communication technologies contribute to the acceleration of pluralism within new social movements. Bruce Bimber asserts that the internet is "accelerating the formation and action of issue groups" [34]. To describe this new phenomenon, he devised the term "accelerated pluralism." In effect, ICTs facilitate societal change by "enabling social movement leaders and empowering dictators" [35]. ICTs have the potential to mobilize support at the grassroots level for a cause, as the internet enables political discourse and direct interventions with state policy. Additionally, they can revolutionize how governments address citizen complaints. Moreover, the presence of ICTs within a household is correlated with

women declining to accept justifications for intimate partner violence. This is likely the case, according to a 2017 study, because "access to ICTs exposes women to different ways of life and different conceptions of the role of women in society and the home via Information Communications Technology," particularly in culturally conservative regions where observed alternatives contrast with traditional gender expectations (Harbo, 2022).

### **School Leadership**

School leadership is a hierarchical system that frequently employs distributed leadership models to oversee all school functions, including finances and student welfare, for the advantage of students, faculty, and parents and to unite them behind the same objectives. While a chief teacher may appear to be the ultimate authority figure, the responsibility for school leadership is distributed among a multitude of individuals. Numerous individuals, including department directors, school business managers (SBMs), designated safeguarding leads (DSLs), and school governors, are instrumental in directing a school's academic and business performance management. Contemporary education systems are increasingly reliant on distributed leadership (Sammons &Georgen, 2020).

School leadership is an arduous occupation, particularly in settings with constrained resources. Due to the responsibilities delegated to schools as a result of decentralization, the school principal's portfolio of activities has been significantly expanded. The individual in question should possess the capacity to oversee the educational institution's human, material, and financial assets, devise and administer a strategy for school enhancement, and facilitate collaborations among stakeholders within and beyond the institution via the formation of alliances (Vaillant, 2015). In contrast to teachers, principals, and other educational administrators frequently endure extended work hours and greater obligations without substantial supplementary compensation or palpable recognition (UNESCO, 2018). A school leadership role is frequently regarded as the pinnacle of senior teachers' careers and provides limited opportunities for advancement (OECD, 2019; Tournier et al., 2019). These aforementioned elements may discourage exceptionally motivated educators or other qualified individuals from pursuing leadership roles in schools.

### **Leadership styles**

A competent leader articulates the organization's objectives and mission with precision. Beyond financial performance or year-end figures, a leader imbues one's actions with a sense of direction. By their leadership approach, leaders direct their teams through various phases. These styles prescribe how a leader executes strategies, offers direction, and supervises tasks. There are a multitude of styles, each representing a distinct personality and approach. This style of leadership is predicated on the notion that anything can be improved. Transformational leaders afford members of the team the chance to investigate and evaluate a variety of concepts and methodologies. They expressed their creative faculties. By placing your team first, you convey to them that you genuinely care about them. You demonstrate concern and attention towards the

issues faced by your team members. It cultivates a feeling of connection, inclusion, and allegiance to the institution (Cardona & Rey, 2022).

Over time, however, a reliance on nurturing and praise can also result in mediocre performance. It can also lead to the company lacking a solid, distinct direction. Leaders ought to strike a balance to prevent followers from becoming overly complacent. In PNE's environment, leadership excellence requires both talent and effort. The establishment of an effective leadership style is not a static concept. A person can adopt, reject, or combine any leadership style by the circumstances and individuals. Enhancing one's overall leadership qualities while one's resilience, emotional intelligence, and experience are factors to consider. It is crucial to note that this is a continuous procedure that is entirely contingent on adjusting to the evolving dynamics of the corporate realm (Vitanova, 2021).

Furthermore, one of the most prominent and influential leadership attributes is evident within the military. We have coworkers and colleagues in the workplace. There are siblings and brothers in the military. Although they may quarrel and dispute, they remain unified in the face of adversity (Wallenius, 2020).

### **Transformational leaders**

Offer the members of the team opportunities to investigate various concepts and methodologies. They expressed their creative faculties. By placing your team first, you convey to them that you genuinely care about them. You demonstrate concern and attention towards the issues faced by your team members. It cultivates a feeling of unity, inclusion, and allegiance to the institution. Over time, however, a reliance on nurturing and praise can also result in mediocre performance. It can also lead to the company lacking a solid, distinct direction. To avoid overly complacent individuals, leaders must strike a balance (Newman & Ford, 2021).

### **Democratic leadership**

You refer to style as adhering to the "two is better than one" philosophy. Democratic leaders prioritize the opinions and values of their constituents. It is also referred to as "participative leadership" in the business sector. This category of leader is ultimately responsible for making decisions. However, democratic leaders may delegate authority to adherents on occasion. Despite this, a democratic leader remains culpable. They continue to bear responsibility for all of the results. Decentralization of power and authority is what is meant by this (Feldman, 2021).

### **Autocratic leadership**

Is a leadership approach that is boss-centric? The commander exercises complete authority over the entire undertaking. They employ a hierarchical method of communication. They demand that their adherents adhere to the directives, policies, and activities that they prescribe. High power dynamics are evident in the relationship between the leader and the adherents. Autocratic leaders assign minimal to no significance to activities that foster teamwork and social interaction. These leaders do not solicit group members' input or feedback. Individuals evaluate a given circumstance through their lens (Schmitz, 2020).

**Bureaucratic leaders**

Abide by the established regulations. There are circumstances in which one anticipates the completion of tasks by "the book." You desire a tattoo and have an expectation that the tattoo artist will adhere to the initial procedure. You desire vehicle repair and expect the mechanic to adhere to established protocols while addressing the issue. Similarly, you should guide your team in accordance with the principles outlined in the book. Bureaucratic leaders adhere to and strictly adhere to predetermined regulations at all times. However, this style of leadership can occasionally be quite rigorous. This inflexibility hampers the degree of ingenuity involved in the procedure.

This leadership style is predicated on mentoring employees to achieve excellence. Generally, they are authorities in their respective fields and exceptional communicators. Athletic teams are where this style of leadership is most prevalent. However, the process can become challenging at times due to the time required to coach and mentor the staff (Fuller, 2020).

**School Management**

The inception of educational management as an academic discipline can be traced back to the early twentieth century in the United States. In the United Kingdom, development did not occur until the 1960s. As its name suggests, educational administration is concerned with the operations of academic institutions or organizations. The development of educational management has been observed in numerous domains and disciplines, including administration, law, business, industry, and political science, so there is no universally accepted definition. Therefore, regarding the definition of educational management, it can be stated as follows: "Educational management is an intricate human Endeavour that entails the coordination and provision of diverse resources to attain the intended and anticipated goals or objectives." It should be meticulously planned, with less emphasis on the rigorous application of physical and mechanical principles, since it is primarily a human endeavor. It is inherently a social organization in which significant importance must be placed on interpersonal relationships. To ensure the efficacy of educational administration, an institution must possess a harmonious blend of requisite discipline and decorum and sufficient autonomy and adaptability (Chernetska & Maksymchuk, 2019).

Management of education, also known as educational management, encompasses the implementation of pragmatic strategies to ensure the efficacy of the system in pursuit of the educational institution's goals or objectives. Educational administration functions within institutions or organizations that provide education. The development of educational management has been significantly influenced by numerous academic disciplines, including economics, sociology, and political science, and thus lacks a universally acknowledged definition. However, some experts in this field have stated their positions by providing the definitions of educational management that appear below (Alharazin & Dahleez, 2020).

### **Role of ICT in school leadership**

The impact of information and communication technology (ICT) on educational institutions is growing. In this regard, school administrators are crucial as innovators, especially in the field of ICT. In light of this, the study discussed in this article focuses on ICT-related difficulties and school leadership and management operations. It aimed to examine how often German school principals use ICT in comparison to principals in other nations, identify any unique ICT usage clusters among German principals, and examine principals' perceptions of ICT in schools and associated difficulties (Gerick & Eickelmann, 2022). approach, methodology, and design. Utilizing both exploratory qualitative data from Germany and quantitative data from the international comparative large-scale assessment study ICILS 2018, a mixed-methods strategy was selected. Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, Portugal, Uruguay, and the United States were among the 12 countries that participated in the International Computer and Information Literacy Study (ICILS) 2018 and their school principal data sets were considered for the international comparison. A latent class analysis (LCA) was used to explore beyond averaged frequencies and find potential groups of school leaders who use ICT for management and leadership tasks in different ways. According to the findings, German principals generally employ ICT for management and leadership tasks at a level comparable to those of their international counterparts.

While representative actions (presentations, home page) are rather rare, they appear to interact with education authorities considerably more frequently than their worldwide counterparts. Lack of competencies and inadequate support are significant obstacles to fully realizing the potential of ICT for leadership, management, and school enhancement, according to the qualitative data. Originality and worth-based on the authors' knowledge, this study represents the initial attempt to examine the application of ICT in school leadership and management activities using the provided data set. The findings offer valuable insights into the comparative utilization of ICT by German and international school principals for leadership and administration purposes. The qualitative data provides supplementary perspectives on potential obstacles that may impede the optimal utilization of ICT (Sshelane, 2015).

ICT initiatives frequently entail stringent time constraints, which necessitate strong leadership attributes in managers, including decisiveness and the capacity to foster positive team dynamics. An illustration of this would be a software development team being given four weeks to prepare a functionality test for the product. A situation such as this may necessitate decisive leadership to formulate a feasible strategy for the team to adhere to. Additionally, administrators with leadership qualities can increase productivity by bolstering team morale, as opposed to simply assigning tasks. This may entail maintaining accessibility to address inquiries or offering constructive criticism as the group advances closer to their designated timeframe (Sijtsema & Vartiainen, 2013).

### **Role of ICT in school management**

ICT is essential for school administration because it facilitates collaboration and communication among parents, students, administrators, and instructors.

Furthermore, it empowers educational administrators to securely exchange and ultimately gain access to a wealth of knowledge that extends beyond the confines of the classroom. ICTs can foster innovation, facilitate progress, enhance and refine competencies, inspire and involve students, establish connections between educational experiences and professional environments, generate economic sustainability for future workers, fortify pedagogy, and support institutional transformation (Hussain & Jabbar, 2022).

As stated by Daniels (2002), ICTs have emerged as fundamental components of contemporary society in an exceptionally brief period. In many nations, comprehension of ICT and mastery of its fundamental concepts and skills are now considered essential components of education, alongside literacy, numeracy, and writing. Nevertheless, it seems that there is a misunderstanding that ICTs exclusively pertain to "computers and activities associated with computing." Thankfully, this is not the case; while computers and their applications are undeniably integral to contemporary information management, the phenomenon commonly referred to as ICTs also comprises other technologies and systems. According to Pelgrum and Law (2003), the terminology 'computers' was superseded by 'IT' (information technology) in the late 1980s. This change in terminology indicated a transition in emphasis from computing technology to the ability to retrieve and store information.

ICTs encompass a wide range of activities related to information and communication, including but not limited to media and broadcasting, libraries and documentation centers, commercial information providers, network-based information services, and Internet service provision (ISP), as stated in a 1999 United Nations report. Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have undeniably had an impact on education, encompassing research, instruction, and learning (Yusuf, 2005). The positive effects on educational quality have been substantiated by an abundance of research (Al-Ansari, 2006). ICTs possess the capacity to foster innovation, enhance proficiency, and develop expertise, inspire and involve learners, facilitate the connection between educational experiences and professional environments, generate economic sustainability for future workers, fortify pedagogy, and facilitate institutional transformation (Davis and Tearle, 1999; Lemke and Coughlin, 1998; cited in Yusuf, 2005). Much has been said and reported regarding the impact of technology, particularly computers, on education, according to Jhuree (2005).

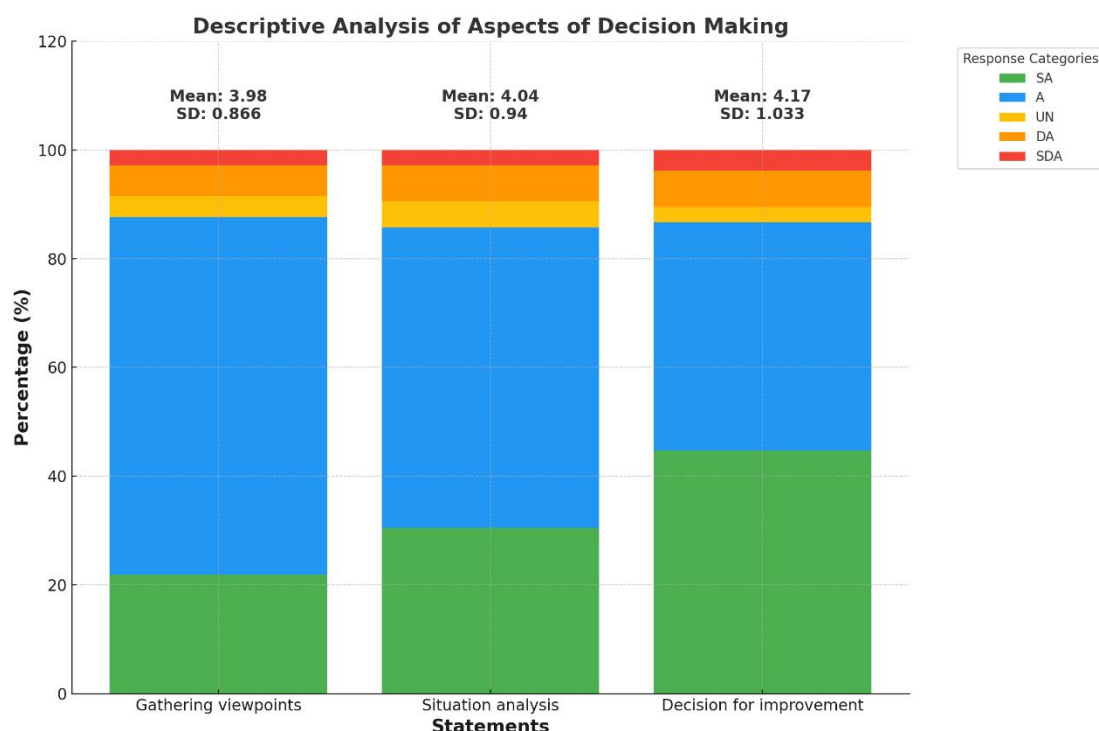
### **Research Methodology**

The study was quantitative, so the researcher used a descriptive method of research in this study. In the descriptive method, the researcher used a cross-sectional survey for data collection. All the Headteachers of the secondary level in Kotli AJ&K were selected as the population of the study which was approximately 137. In this study sample consisted of 105 Headteachers of secondary school level in district Kotli. The sample was selected according to the Gay (2001) table. A Five-point Likert Scale was used in the research to identify the role of discipline in education and its impact on social development at the secondary school level. A questionnaire was used as a research instrument to collect data from secondary school Headteachers. There were



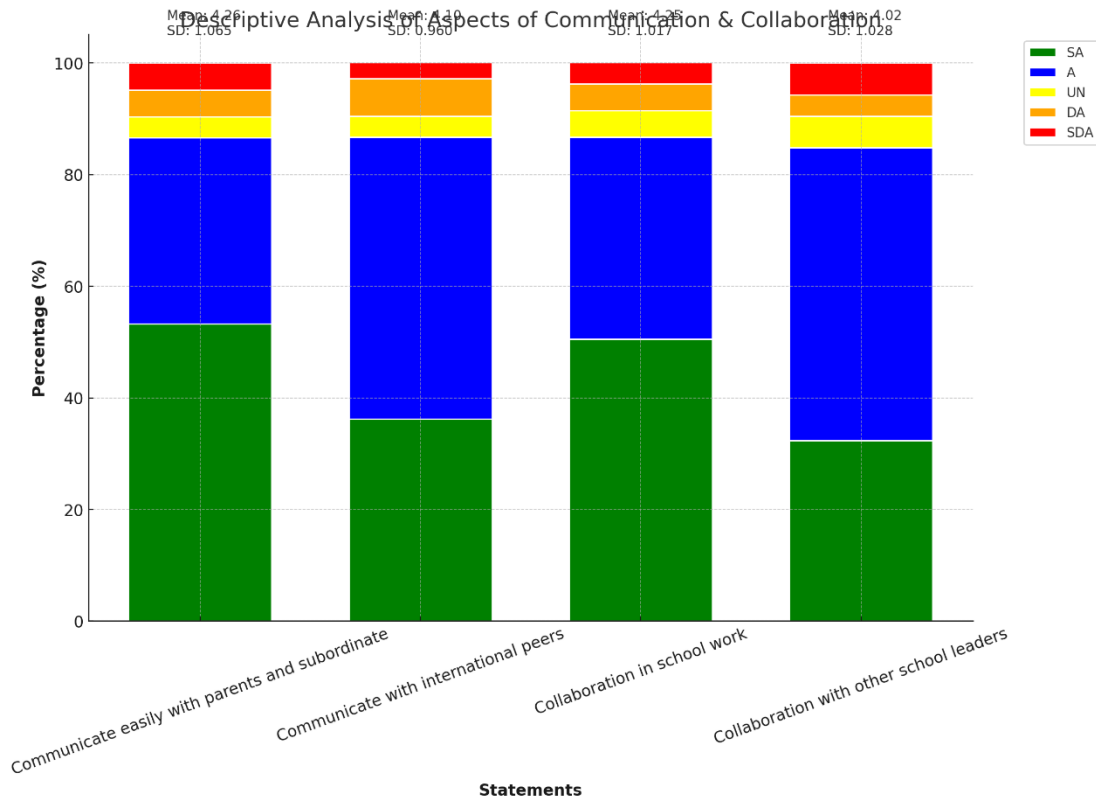
35 statements in the questionnaire. The questionnaire was validated by three educational experts from the Department of Education University of Kotli AJ&K. The reliability of the instrument was checked by Cronbach's alpha Statistical Technique. The reliability of the instrument was 0.977 which was acceptable for further research. The researcher personally visited the government schools of Kotli Azad Jammu and Kashmir to collect the data. Data were analyzed by using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). The researcher used simple mean, frequency, percentage and standard deviation for the analysis of data. The results are present in the form of tables.

**Results**



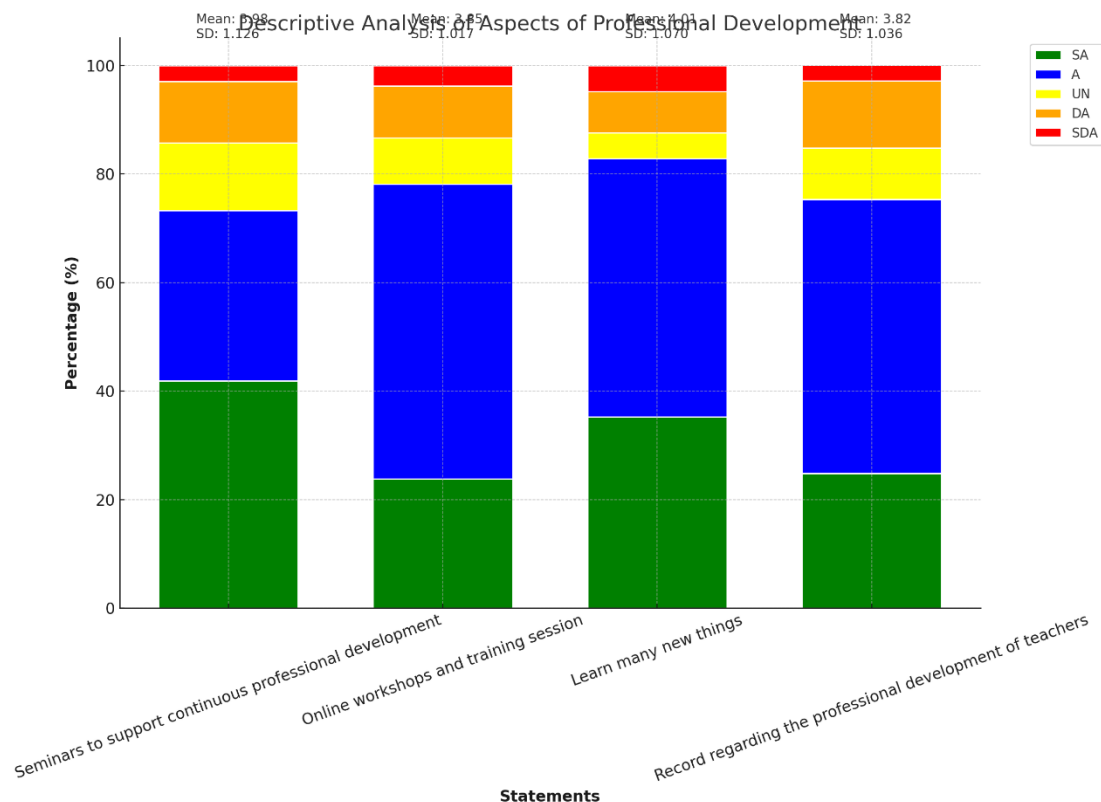
**Graph 1 Descriptive analysis of aspects of decision making**

The graph presents a descriptive analysis of three aspects of decision-making: Gathering viewpoints, Situation analysis, and Decision for improvement. The majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with all three statements, as indicated by the large blue (Agree) and green (Strongly Agree) sections in each bar. The mean scores, which range from 3.98 to 4.17, reflect a high level of agreement, with the highest mean observed for "Decision for improvement." The standard deviations, ranging from 0.866 to 1.033, suggest some variability but overall indicate a strong positive consensus among respondents regarding these aspects of decision-making.



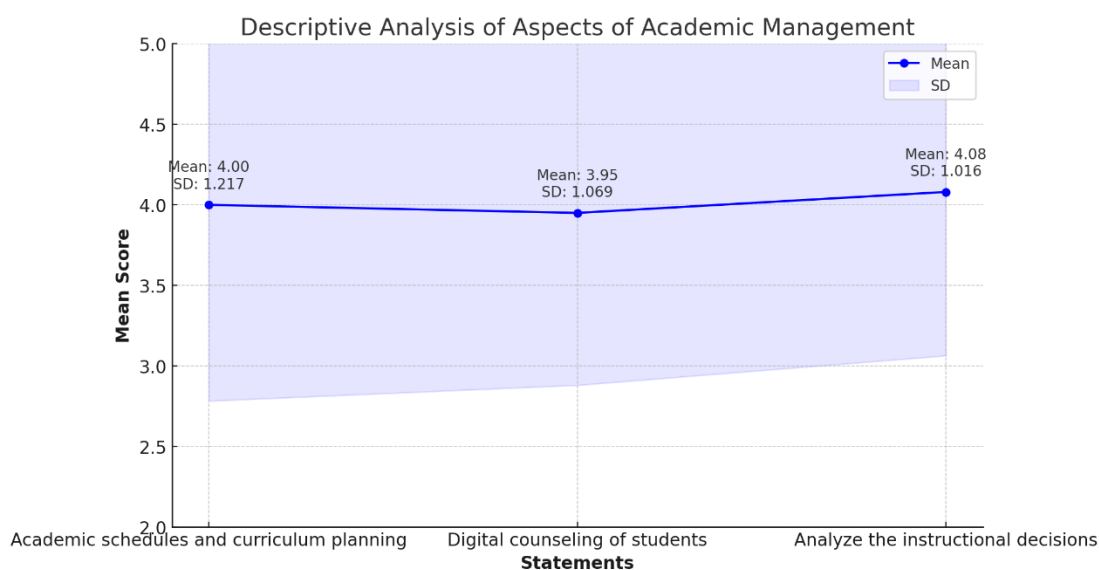
**Graph 2 descriptive analysis of aspects of communication and collaboration**

The graph presents a descriptive analysis of aspects of communication and collaboration, focusing on four statements: Communicate easily with parents and subordinates, Communicate with international peers, Collaboration in school work, and Collaboration with other school leaders. For each statement, the responses are categorized into five levels: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Undecided (UN), Disagree (DA), and Strongly Disagree (SDA). The majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with all four statements, as shown by the substantial blue (Agree) and green (Strongly Agree) sections. Mean scores for the statements range from 4.02 to 4.26, indicating a high level of agreement, while standard deviations range from 0.960 to 1.065, suggesting some variability but overall strong positive consensus among respondents regarding communication and collaboration aspects.



**Graph 3 Descriptive analysis of aspects of professional development**

The graph presents a descriptive analysis of aspects of professional development, focusing on four statements: Seminars to support continuous professional development, Online workshops and training sessions, Learning many new things, and Keeping records regarding the professional development of teachers. For each statement, the responses are categorized into five levels: Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A), Undecided (UN), Disagree (DA), and Strongly Disagree (SDA). The majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with all four statements, as shown by the substantial blue (Agree) and green (Strongly Agree) sections. Mean scores for the statements range from 3.82 to 4.01, indicating a high level of agreement, while standard deviations range from 1.017 to 1.126, suggesting some variability but overall strong positive consensus among respondents regarding professional development aspects.



**Graph 4 Descriptive analysis of aspects of academic management**

The line chart presents a descriptive analysis of aspects of academic management, focusing on three statements: Academic schedules and curriculum planning, Digital counseling of students, and analyzing instructional decisions. The mean scores for each statement are plotted, with error bands representing one standard deviation (SD) above and below the mean. The mean scores range from 3.95 to 4.08, indicating a generally high level of agreement. The standard deviations, ranging from 1.016 to 1.217, suggest some variability in responses but an overall positive consensus. This visual representation highlights the consistency in respondents' perceptions across different aspects of academic management.

### Discussion

The findings indicate a significant consensus among respondents regarding the pivotal role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in various dimensions of school management and improvement. In decision-making, the majority expressed that digital tools significantly aid school leaders in gathering diverse viewpoints, thereby facilitating more informed and effective decisions. The ability of ICT tools to enhance predictive analysis and situational assessments further underscores their importance in decision-making processes, empowering leaders to implement strategies for school improvement. Research supports this notion, highlighting that data-driven decision-making facilitated by ICT can lead to better educational outcomes (Higgins et al., 2020).

In the realm of communication and collaboration, respondents affirmed that ICT tools, such as email and messaging platforms like WhatsApp, enable seamless communication between school leaders, parents, and staff. This is crucial as effective communication fosters a collaborative school environment, enhancing engagement among stakeholders. The use of ICT for connecting with international peers also enriches the educational experience by providing access to a broader range of perspectives and practices. Studies have shown that effective communication, supported by technology, can lead to improved collaboration and outcomes within schools (Baker & Smith, 2021).

Resource management emerged as another area where respondents noted significant ICT contributions. The ability to manage resources digitally not only enhances accessibility but also optimizes the utilization of available staff. By reducing the need for extensive administrative support through digital tools, school leaders can focus more on strategic planning and educational initiatives. The trend of digital resource management in educational settings has been widely documented, with findings suggesting that such approaches lead to greater efficiency and effectiveness in resource allocation (Johnson & Smith, 2019).

Professional development was also highlighted, with respondents acknowledging that ICT facilitates continuous learning through online workshops and seminars. This accessibility to professional development resources helps educators enhance their skills and adapt to new teaching methods. Research underscores the importance of ongoing professional development supported by ICT, emphasizing that it can lead to improved teaching practices and student outcomes (Miller, 2022). Administrative tasks were reported to benefit significantly from ICT, particularly in maintaining attendance records and managing school finances. The automation of these tasks through digital tools allows for more accurate record-keeping and financial management, freeing up time for educators to engage in more impactful activities. Recent studies suggest that schools employing ICT for administrative purposes experience improvements in organizational efficiency (Davis et al., 2023).

In academic management, the ability to create academic schedules and provide digital counseling for students through ICT tools was seen as advantageous. Respondents indicated that these tools help teachers analyze instructional decisions effectively, leading to improved academic planning and support for student learning. Research has shown that effective academic management through ICT can enhance student engagement and academic performance (Taylor & Green, 2023). Regarding student and parent relations, respondents acknowledged that ICT fosters effective communication and facilitates online meetings. This enhanced communication encourages greater parental involvement in school activities, which is critical for student success. Studies have demonstrated that strong school-family partnerships, supported by technology, correlate with positive educational outcomes (Turner & Johnson, 2021).

In the area of extracurricular activities, ICT tools were recognized for their role in coordinating student participation and organizing events. By leveraging technology, schools can enhance student engagement in extracurricular programs, which are vital for holistic development. Research supports the idea that active participation in extracurricular activities, facilitated by ICT, positively influences students' social and emotional development (Williams & Brown, 2022).

Lastly, in community relations, the majority of respondents agreed that ICT helps manage the school's image and reputation while building relationships with other institutions. The enhanced communication between schools and the community facilitated by ICT is crucial for fostering trust and collaboration. Recent literature

emphasizes the importance of maintaining a positive school image and effective community relations through strategic use of technology (Anderson & Miller, 2024).

### **Conclusion**

1. It is concluded that majority of respondents agreed with the statements that in decision making digital tool support school leaders in gathering viewpoints for decision making and ICT tools facilitate better predicting and situation analysis for decision making. Furthermore, ICT empowers school leaders to make decision for school improvement.
2. It is concluded that majority of respondents were agreed with the statements that in communication and collaboration the ICT allows school leaders to communicate easily with parents and subordinates through email and whatsapp. Moreover, teacher use ict to communicate with international peers and education related matters and these tools improve quality of collaboration in schools work. Furthermore ict tools allow us to collaborate with other schools leaders.
3. It is concluded that most of the respondents were agreed with the statements that in resource management ict helps school heads to maintain resources digitally for access and it helps to work with less numbers of supporting staff. Moreover, it provide tools for school heads to distribute online assignments.
4. It is concluded that most of the respondents were agreed with the statement that in professional development Ict helps heads to arrange seminars to support continuous professional development and ICT helps school heads to arrange online workshops and training session. Moreover, ICT helps to learn many new things which enhance my professional skills. Furthermore ICT helps school heads keep record regarding the professional development of teachers.
5. It is concluded that most of the respondents were agreed with the statements that in administrative task ICT helps to maintain student`s attendance records and ICT helps to conduct online training and overseeing teachers. Moreover, ICT helps to manage the schools finance and expense tracking.
6. It is concluded that most of the respondents were agreed with the statements that in academic management ICT tools facilitate the creation of academic schedules planning and ICT supports to provide digital counseling of students. Moreover, ICT provides tools for teachers to analyze the instructional decisions.
7. It is concluded that most of the respondents were agreed with the statements that in student and parent relations ICT helps to facilitate effective communication between the schools, parents and students and ICT helps to organize online meetings of parents and teachers. Moreover, ICT encourages parents to participate in school activities.
8. It is concluded that most of respondents were agreed with the statements that in extracurricular activities ICT tools help to coordinate the student participations in extracurricular activities and ICT helps to organize school events and cultural festivals. Moreover, ICT helps to conduct extracurricular activities and sports programs.

9. It is concluded that most of respondents were agreed with the statements that in community Relations ICT helps to manage the school image and reputation in the community and ICT supports in building relationships with other institutions. Moreover, ICT enhances communication between school and the community.

### **Recommendations**

1. It is recommended to prioritize the integration of digital tools in educational leadership for decision-making, emphasizing the benefits of improved communication and collaboration. This may enhance the effectiveness of school leaders in decision-making processes and foster better connections within education.
2. It is recommended to control ICT in resource management for updated digital access and increased efficiency in schools. Additionally, integrating ICT into professional development is crucial for organizing seminars, workshops, and online training sessions, developing continuous learning, and enhancing teachers' professional skills.
3. It is recommended to integrate ICT tools in administrative and academic tasks for efficient attendance tracking, online training, financial management, academic scheduling, digital counseling, and empowering teachers with tools for effective instructional analysis. This may ensure efficient school management, enhanced academic planning, and improved support systems for both administrators and educators.
4. It is recommended that ICT tools to enhance communication between schools, parents, and students, encourage active participation in school activities. Additionally, integrating ICT for organizing extracurricular events and sports programs may simplify coordination, promoting efficient and inclusive school engagements.
5. It is recommended to prioritize the integration and effective utilization of ICT tools for community relations, emphasizing image management, relationship building, and enhanced communication. This will ensure a positive school reputation and update record-keeping processes, facilitating improved tracking of student progress and efficient reporting to parents and regulatory bodies

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