ENHANCING PRIMARY SCIENCE TEACHING THROUGH SCHOOL-BASED MENTORS

A Study from Pakistan

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Recognized as one of the few books in Pakistan based entirely on a single research study in education, Nelofer Halai's Enhancing Primary Science Teaching through School-Based Mentors: A Study From Pakistan explores a multi-faceted approach towards professional development. It focuses primarily on teacher education, and understanding school-based mentoring in government primary school environments, particularly in the rural areas of Sindh.

Aiming to develop a model in understanding key strategies, the author indicates existing gaps and exposes the readers to logistical components of workshops, while at the same time, places special emphasis on conceptualization of ideas for preparing and using appropriate materials to teach science to adult teachers. In addition to this, the book also provides teachers’ insights on how to develop themselves into mentors or teacher educators and thus enhance their impact in schools by not only teaching students, but also other teachers. Halai aims at aiding teachers away from conventional and towards new tutoring techniques by providing a broad context of study.

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