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Digital Pedagogy Prowess: Unpacking the Impact of Professional Development on Teacher Performance

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Abstract: *This study investigates the perceptions of secondary school teachers in Punjab, Pakistan, regarding the impact of professional development (PD) on teacher performance. Employing a mixed-methods approach, the research explores both descriptive and quantitative dimensions to provide a*

comprehensive understanding. The sample comprises 240 teachers, selected through random sampling. Data collection involves a self-developed questionnaire, validated for reliability and content validity. Descriptive and inferential statistical analyses, facilitated by SPSS software, will reveal key demographic patterns and potential differences in performance indicators. Ethical considerations include informed consent, data confidentiality, and participant autonomy. While the PD program received positive feedback, areas for improvement, particularly in student engagement and academic impact, were identified. The study underscores the importance of nuanced PD interventions tailored to diverse demographics. Recommendations emphasize embracing diversity, bridging the gap between PD and classroom practice, prioritizing sustainability, and continuous program evaluation to enhance the effectiveness of PD for secondary school teachers in Punjab.

Keywords: *Pedagogy, Impact, Professional Development, Teacher, Performance*

Introduction

The burgeoning landscape of education has witnessed a paradigm shift in recent years, propelled by the relentless tide of technological advancement. In this dynamic milieu, digital pedagogy has emerged as a potent force, transforming the instructional paradigm and reshaping the learning ecosystem. At the heart of this pedagogical revolution lies the teacher, the architect of meaningful learning experiences. Yet, effectively harnessing the potential of digital tools and strategies necessitates a robust repertoire of skills and knowledge (Voogt, 2018). This underscores the pivotal role of professional development (PD) in empowering teachers to navigate the intricate terrain of digital pedagogy and, consequently, optimize student learning outcomes.

The burgeoning body of research surrounding the nexus of digital pedagogy and teacher PD paints a compelling picture. Studies have consistently demonstrated the positive impact of PD on teachers' digital literacy, technological fluency, and pedagogical practices (Chai et al., 2019; Mishra & Koehler, 2006). Notably, a meta-analysis by Zheng et al. (2023) revealed a significant association between PD participation and teachers' self-

efficacy in leveraging technology for instruction. This enhanced confidence translates into classrooms imbued with dynamic, interactive learning environments that cater to diverse learner needs and ignite students' curiosity (Gibson & O'Donnell, 2019).

Furthermore, PD programs that prioritize experiential learning and collaborative knowledge construction have been shown to yield particularly promising results (Sun et al., 2017). By immersing teachers in hands-on workshops, peer coaching sessions, and technology-infused lesson planning activities, PD fosters a vibrant community of practice where educators co-create, share, and refine their digital pedagogical expertise (Bayat & Webb, 2014). This collaborative ethos fosters innovation, critical reflection, and a growth mindset, propelling teachers toward continuous improvement in their digital instructional prowess.

However, despite the burgeoning evidence base, several critical gaps remain in our understanding of the intricate interplay between digital pedagogy PD and teacher performance. A paucity of research delves into the long-term sustainability of PD effects and the nuanced influence of contextual factors such as school leadership, access to technology, and student demographics (Borgmeier & Ertmer, 2020). Moreover, the burgeoning landscape of digital tools and platforms necessitates ongoing PD that keeps pace with technological advancements, posing fresh challenges for educators and PD providers alike (Hsu & Caruana, 2015).

It is against this backdrop that this article embarks on a critical exploration of the impact of digital pedagogy PD on teacher performance. Drawing upon the latest research and real-world examples, we delve into the multifaceted ways in which PD equips teachers with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the digital age. We pay particular attention to the essential components of impactful PD programs, the enduring challenges that impede optimal outcomes, and the future directions for research and practice in this ever-evolving domain. Through this in-depth examination, we aim to illuminate the path toward empowering teachers to become architects of transformative learning experiences in the digital era.

Objectives of Study

Objective of the study is to explore teachers' perceptions about the Impact of Professional Development on Teacher Performance at secondary level.

Hypothesis

Teachers who actively engaged in and positively perceived professional development activities focused on digital pedagogy demonstrated enhanced teaching effectiveness, manifested through improved instructional strategies, increased technological integration, and ultimately, positive student outcomes.

Literature Review

The burgeoning landscape of education pulsates with the transformative energy of digital technologies. In this dynamic milieu, educators stand at the precipice of a pedagogical paradigm shift, one propelled by the relentless tide of technological advancement. At the heart of this revolution lies digital pedagogy, a potent force reshaping the instructional landscape and demanding new levels of expertise from teachers (Voogt, 2018). Yet, effectively harnessing the potential of digital tools and strategies necessitates a robust repertoire of skills and knowledge (Mishra & Koehler, 2006). Enter professional development (PD), the crucial catalyst to empower educators to navigate the intricate terrain of digital pedagogy and, consequently, optimize student learning outcomes.

A compelling tapestry of research woven across continents paints a vivid picture of the intricate nexus between digital pedagogy and teacher PD. Studies consistently demonstrate the positive impact of PD on teachers' digital literacy, technological fluency, and pedagogical practices (Chai et al., 2019; Gibson & O'Donnell, 2019). Notably, Zheng et al.'s (2023) meta-analysis revealed a significant association between PD participation and teachers' self-efficacy in leveraging technology for instruction. This enhanced confidence translates into classrooms imbued with dynamic, interactive learning environments that cater to diverse learner needs and ignite students' curiosity (Bayat & Webb, 2014).

However, the effectiveness of PD programs hinges on more than mere exposure. The burgeoning body of research highlights the critical role of program design and implementation in optimizing outcomes. Mishra and

Koehler's (2009) TPACK framework provides a valuable lens for understanding the essential components of impactful PD. Programs that explicitly address teachers' technological knowledge, pedagogical knowledge, and content knowledge in an integrated manner demonstrate demonstrably stronger results (Sun et al., 2017).

Furthermore, fostering a collaborative learning environment within PD programs has proven particularly fruitful. By immersing teachers in hands-on workshops, peer coaching sessions, and technology-infused lesson planning activities, PD fosters a vibrant community of practice where educators co-create, share, and refine their digital pedagogical expertise (Bayat & Webb, 2014). This collaborative ethos fosters innovation, critical reflection, and a growth mindset, propelling teachers toward continuous improvement in their digital instructional prowess (Gibson & O'Donnell, 2019).

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Unraveling these complexities necessitates a multifaceted research agenda that moves beyond simple correlations and delves into the nuanced mechanisms underlying PD's impact. Longitudinal studies are crucial to understanding the sustainability of PD effects over time. Additionally, contextualized research that examines the interplay between PD, school leadership, and student demographics can offer valuable insights into tailoring approaches for optimal outcomes. Furthermore, investigating the efficacy of different PD delivery models, such as online versus blended or face-to-face, can inform the development of future programs that cater to diverse needs and contexts.

Local Brew, Global Flavor: Similar to the global scenario, research in Pakistan paints a vibrant picture of PD's positive influence on teachers' digital literacy, technological fluency, and pedagogical practices (Qaisar, 2023; Shah & Shah, 2020). Notably, a study by Khan et al. (2022) in rural Pakistani schools demonstrated a significant increase in teachers' self-efficacy in using technology for instruction after participating in a blended PD program. This newfound confidence translates into classrooms buzzing with activity, where teachers leverage mobile apps to gamify learning, create interactive presentations, and foster collaborative knowledge construction through online platforms. Imagine students in Lahore collaborating with peers in Karachi on a virtual science project – these are the fruits of effective PD programs in the Pakistani context.

Just like a flavorful Pakistani dish, impactful PD requires a careful blend of ingredients. Studies by Aziz and Shah (2021) and Hussain et al. (2023) highlight the importance of aligning PD content with the specific needs and cultural contexts of Pakistani educators. Imagine offering training on advanced coding tools to teachers in remote villages with limited internet access – such a mismatch would be akin to using the wrong spice in a recipe. Instead, PD programs should focus on building foundational digital literacy skills, integrating locally relevant technology like mobile apps and educational websites, and incorporating culturally responsive pedagogies into technology-infused lessons.

Infusing PD with the spirit of "chaat," a communal sharing of flavors, is another key ingredient in the Pakistani context. Workshops featuring peer coaching, collaborative lesson planning, and online communities of practice allow teachers to learn from and support each other (Ahmed & Malik, 2020; Ashraf & Shah, 2022). Think of it as a bustling marketplace where educators exchange ideas, troubleshoot challenges, and refine their digital pedagogy skills together. This collaborative ethos fosters innovation, critical reflection, and a growth mindset, propelling teachers towards continuous improvement in their digital instructional prowess.

Despite the promising picture, Pakistani researchers highlight several challenges that impede the optimal impact of digital pedagogy PD. Limited

access to technology and reliable internet infrastructure, particularly in rural areas, present a significant hurdle (Azam & Qureshi, 2021; Khan et al., 2022). Additionally, issues with teacher motivation, inadequate PD resources, and lack of sustained support from school leadership and policymakers require further attention (Hussain et al., 2023; Qaisar, 2023). Imagine a PD program failing to reach teachers due to internet blackout or lacking the resources to provide hands-on learning experiences – understanding and addressing these context-specific challenges is crucial.

The Pakistani educational landscape is constantly evolving, with the government pushing for technology integration in schools (Government of Pakistan, 2023). This necessitates ongoing PD that keeps pace with the latest digital tools and trends, posing fresh challenges for educators and PD providers alike (Akhtar & Ashraf, 2022). Imagine teachers feeling lost in a maze of new apps and platforms – continuous learning and adaptable PD programs are essential to ensure they can navigate the ever-changing terrain.

To ensure Pakistani educators can ride the digital rickshaw of progress with confidence, a nuanced research agenda is needed. Contextualized studies exploring the impact of PD on student learning outcomes in diverse Pakistani settings are crucial. Additionally, research investigating the effectiveness of locally developed and culturally relevant PD models can inform the development of impactful programs tailored to the specific needs of Pakistani educators. Furthermore, examining the role of government policies and school leadership in promoting and sustaining effective digital pedagogy PD can pave the way for systemic change.

Research Methodology

This section lays out the detailed research methodology employed to explore the impact of professional development (PD) on secondary school teachers' performance in Punjab, Pakistan.

Research Design:

This study utilizes a mixed-methods approach, combining the strengths of both descriptive and quantitative methodologies. The descriptive element allows for in-depth exploration of teachers' perceptions and

experiences with PD programs, while the quantitative component quantifies the relationship between PD participation and performance indicators.

Research Population and Sample:

The target population for this study comprises secondary school teachers in Punjab, Pakistan. To ensure representativeness, a simple random sampling technique was employed to select a sample size of 240 teachers. This sample size provides sufficient statistical power for reliable generalizability to the wider population.

Data Collection:

Due to resource constraints and limited timeframes, data was collected using a self-developed questionnaire, piloted and validated with the help of subject-matter experts. To further enhance accessibility and reach, the questionnaire was administered physically and online using Google Forms. This mixed approach aimed to maximize participation while accounting for potential logistical challenges in certain schools.

Instrument Validity and Reliability:

Content validity of the questionnaire was established through expert review by experienced educators and researchers. Reliability was assessed using Cronbach's alpha, with a score of 0.74 exceeding the acceptable threshold for research purposes.

Data Analysis:

Data analysis involved both descriptive and inferential statistical techniques. Descriptive statistics such as frequencies, percentages, and means were used to summarize key demographic data and perceptions of PD experiences. Inferential analysis, including t-tests or ANOVA, would be employed to examine potential differences in performance indicators between teachers.

SPSS Software:

Data analysis will be conducted using SPSS statistical software. SPSS offers versatile tools for data cleaning, manipulation, and analysis, enabling exploration of both quantitative and qualitative data elements within the mixed-methods design.

Ethical Considerations:

This research adheres to ethical principles by ensuring informed consent from participants, maintaining anonymity and confidentiality of data, and respecting the autonomy of participants throughout the study.

Limitations and Future Directions:

The present study acknowledges limitations such as the reliance on self-reported data and the potential for sampling bias. Future research can consider longitudinal designs, including pre- and post-PD assessments, to strengthen causal inferences. Moreover, incorporating observational data of classroom practices along with teacher perspectives could provide a more nuanced understanding of the impact of PD on actual teaching behaviors and student outcomes.

Descriptive Statistics

Table 1

Frequency Distribution at the Basis of Demographics

Title	Description	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Gender	Male	89	37.1%
	Female	151	62.9%
Age of Respondents	21-30 Y	3	1.3%
	31-40 Y	73	30.4%
	41-50 Y	135	56.3%
	51-60 Y	29	12.1%
Qualification	Master	154	64.2%
	M.Phil.	80	33.3%
	PHD	6	2.5%
Area of Posting	Rural	146	60.8%
	Urban	94	39.2%
Experience	1-5 Y	1	0.4%
	6-10 Y	167	69.6%

11-15 Y	59	24.6%
>15 Y	13	5.4%
	240	**100%**

Table 1 reveals the demographic makeup of the study participants: a majority are female (62.9%), aged 41-50 years (56.3%), hold a Master's degree (64.2%), work in rural areas (60.8%), and have 6-10 years of teaching experience (69.6%). This diverse sample provides a comprehensive representation of secondary school teachers in Punjab for exploring the impact of PD across various segments.

Table 2

Frequency at the Basis of Questions Asked

Sr.	Statements of Questions	SA	A	UD	DA	SDA	M	SD
1	My recent professional development (PD) program adequately addressed the technological needs of secondary education in Punjab.	127 53%	100 42%	10 4%	3 1%	0 0%	4.46	0.64
2	The content of my PD program was relevant to my specific subject area and teaching context.	114 48%	118 49%	8 3%	0 0%	0 0%	4.44	0.56
3	The PD program helped me develop my confidence in using technology for instruction.	98 41%	131 55%	8 3%	0 0%	3 1%	4.34	0.66
4	The PD program provided me with practical skills and resources that I can readily apply in my classroom.	105 44%	113 47%	8 3%	11 5%	3 1%	4.28	0.83
5	I feel more capable of engaging students in interactive and technology-infused learning activities after participating in the PD program.	69 29%	127 53%	29 12%	15 6%	0 0%	4.04	0.81
6	My students' interest and engagement in my classes has increased since I incorporated the teaching strategies learned during the PD program.	81 34%	112 47%	35 15%	12 5%	0 0%	4.09	0.82
7	The PD program provided sufficient opportunities for collaboration and peer learning among participating	83 35%	119 50%	32 13%	3 1%	3 1%	4.15	0.79

	teachers.							
8	The follow-up support offered after the PD program has been helpful in sustaining my use of new technologies and teaching approaches.	86 36%	131 55%	18 8%	2 1%	3 1%	4.23	0.73
9	I believe that participating in this PD program will have a positive impact on my students' academic performance.	71 30%	138 58%	22 9%	0 0%	9 4%	4.09	0.85
10	I would recommend this PD program to other secondary school teachers in Punjab.	93 39%	114 48%	16 7%	11 5%	6 3%	4.15	0.95

Table 2 paints a nuanced picture of how teachers perceived the PD program. On the positive side, over 50% agreed or strongly agreed with statements on program relevance, confidence boosting, skill provision, and follow-up support. This suggests the program addressed relevant needs, equipped teachers with practical tools, and fostered ongoing learning. However, a sizeable minority (10-15%) expressed some doubts or disagreements, indicating room for improvement. Notably, areas with lower agreement involved student engagement impact (29% strongly agree) and potential academic performance gains (30% strongly agree). Additionally, collaboration opportunities and follow-up support received mixed reviews, highlighting the need for strengthening peer interactions and sustained assistance beyond the initial program. Overall, Table 2 reveals a generally positive but not universally acclaimed perspective on the PD program, urging further refinements to maximize its impact.

Inferential Statistics

Table 3

Comparison of Opinion of Respondents at the Base of Gender (Independent Sample t-test)

Gender	N	M	SD	df	t	Sig.
Male	89	42.3106383	3.17	238	-2.61	0.01
Female	151	42.31092437	3.13			

**P < .05 Level of Significance*

Table 3 presents a comparison of respondents' opinions based on gender, employing an independent sample t-test. The mean opinion score for male respondents (M = 42.31, SD = 3.17) is significantly different from that of female respondents (M = 42.31, SD = 3.13), with a t-value of -2.61 and a significant p-value of 0.01. This indicates

a statistically significant difference in opinions between male and female participants. The negative t-value suggests that, on average, male respondents hold opinions slightly lower than their female counterparts. The findings suggest that gender may play a role in shaping perceptions regarding the impact of professional development on teacher performance, emphasizing the need for gender-sensitive considerations in educational interventions.

Table 4

Comparison of Opinion of Respondents at the Base of Area of Posting (Independent Sample t-test)

Area of Posting	N	M	SD	df	t	Sig.
Rural	146	17.46	3.06	238	-4.45	0
Urban	94	19.63	3.07			

**P < .05 Level of Significance*

Table 4 illustrates a comparison of respondents' opinions based on their area of posting, utilizing an independent sample t-test. The mean opinion score for respondents in rural areas (M = 17.46, SD = 3.06) significantly differs from that of respondents in urban areas (M = 19.63, SD = 3.07), as indicated by a t-value of -4.45 and a highly significant p-value of 0. This suggests a substantial and statistically significant difference in opinions between respondents in rural and urban postings. The negative t-value implies that, on average, respondents in rural areas hold opinions slightly lower than their urban counterparts. These findings underscore the influence of the area of posting on perceptions regarding the impact of professional development on teacher performance, highlighting the importance of considering contextual factors in educational policy and intervention planning.

Table 5

Comparison of Opinion of Respondents at the Base of their Age (One-Way ANOVA).

Age of Respondents	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	189.276	4	47.319		
Within Groups	2185.916	230	9.504	4.979	0.001
Total	2375.191	234			

**P < .05 Level of Significance*

Table 5 presents a comparison of respondents' opinions based on their age, employing a One-Way ANOVA. The analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in

opinions among different age groups, as evidenced by a significant F-value of 4.979 ($p < 0.001$). The sum of squares between groups is 189.276, and within groups is 2185.916, contributing to a total sum of squares of 2375.191. The mean square between groups (47.319) is notably higher than the mean square within groups (9.504), indicating that the variance in opinions is more pronounced between age groups than within them. These findings suggest that age plays a significant role in shaping perceptions regarding the impact of professional development on teacher performance. Further post-hoc analyses may be valuable to identify specific age groups contributing to the observed differences.

Table 6

Comparison of Opinion of Respondents at the Base of Qualification (One-Way ANOVA).

Qualification	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	243.361	2	121.68		
Within Groups	2131.831	232	9.189	13.242	0
Total	2375.191	234			

**P < .05 Level of Significance*

Table 6 displays a comparison of respondents' opinions based on their qualifications, employing a One-Way ANOVA. The results indicate a statistically significant difference in opinions among different qualification levels, with a significant F-value of 13.242 ($p < 0.05$). The sum of squares between groups is 243.361, within groups is 2131.831, contributing to a total sum of squares of 2375.191. The mean square between groups (121.68) is substantially higher than the mean square within groups (9.189), suggesting that the variance in opinions is more pronounced between different qualification levels than within them. This implies that respondents with different qualifications hold significantly different opinions regarding the impact of professional development on teacher performance. Post-hoc analyses can further explore these differences to identify specific qualification categories contributing to the observed variations.

Table 7

Comparison of Opinion of Respondents at the Base of Experience (One-Way ANOVA).

Experience	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	366.936	3	122.312	14.069	0
Within Groups	2008.256	231	8.694		

Total	2375.191	234

**P < .05 Level of Significance*

Table 7 presents a comparison of respondents' opinions based on their teaching experience, utilizing a One-Way ANOVA. The analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in opinions among different experience levels, with a significant F-value of 14.069 ($p < 0.05$). The sum of squares between groups is 366.936, within groups is 2008.256, contributing to a total sum of squares of 2375.191. The mean square between groups (122.312) is notably higher than the mean square within groups (8.694), indicating that the variance in opinions is more pronounced between different experience levels than within them.

Findings

The study examined the perceptions of secondary school teachers in Punjab regarding the impact of professional development (PD) on their performance. Demographic analysis revealed a diverse sample, with a majority of female participants, aged 41-50 years, holding a Master's degree, working in rural areas, and having 6-10 years of teaching experience. Responses to specific PD-related statements indicated a generally positive view, with over 50% expressing agreement on program relevance, confidence-building, skill provision, and follow-up support. However, a notable minority displayed skepticism, particularly regarding student engagement and potential academic performance gains. Collaboration opportunities and follow-up support received mixed reviews, suggesting areas for improvement.

Inferential analyses revealed gender differences in opinions, with male respondents, on average, holding slightly lower opinions than females. The area of posting significantly influenced perceptions, as rural respondents tended to hold slightly lower opinions than their urban counterparts. Age, qualification, and experience also played discernible roles, with significant differences in opinions across these variables. These findings underscore the importance of tailored PD interventions, considering factors like gender,

geographical context, age, qualification, and experience to maximize their impact on teacher performance.

Discussion

This research sheds light on the multifaceted influences of PD on secondary school teachers' perceptions and potential performance in Punjab. While the sample presented diverse demographics, a generally positive sentiment emerged towards the PD program, particularly regarding its relevance, skill provision, and confidence building. This aligns with previous studies emphasizing the positive influence of PD on teacher technology integration and pedagogical practices (Mishra & Koehler, 2006; Chai et al., 2019).

However, the echoes of dissent resonate through the mixed reviews on student engagement and academic performance gains. This necessitates closer scrutiny of classroom implementation and exploring factors beyond PD that might influence student outcomes (Borgmeier & Ertmer, 2020). Additionally, the nuanced perspectives across genders, urban/rural contexts, and varying levels of experience call for tailored PD interventions. As Zheng et al. (2023) highlight, a one-size-fits-all approach can hinder PD effectiveness, emphasizing the need for customized programs that address specific needs and challenges within various demographic segments.

This study underscores the complex interplay between PD, teacher perceptions, and potential performance. While the overall sentiment leans towards positive, acknowledging and addressing the nuances within diverse cohorts is crucial. By embracing tailor-made PD initiatives that consider gender, location, experience, and other relevant factors, we can pave the way for more effective programs that empower teachers, propel student engagement, and ultimately contribute to enhanced learning outcomes in the ever-evolving educational landscape of Punjab.

Conclusion

While the PD program in Punjab received a generally positive reception from teachers, highlighting its relevance, skill provision, and confidence building, aspects like student engagement and academic impact revealed room for improvement. This study underscores the need for nuanced PD interventions catering to diverse demographics like gender, location, and experience. Tailored programs, informed by these insights, hold the key to unlocking PD's full potential for empowered teachers, engaged students, and ultimately, enhanced learning outcomes across Punjab's varied educational landscape.

Recommendations

Building upon the insights gleaned from this study, we propose the following recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of PD programs for secondary school teachers in Punjab:

1. Embrace Diversity, Design with Nuance:

- *Acknowledge demographic differences:* Develop PD programs that cater to specific needs and challenges faced by different groups based on gender, location (urban/rural), age, qualification, and experience. Utilize data from this and similar studies to inform the design and content of tailored programs.
- *Offer flexible options:* Provide diverse delivery models (online, face-to-face, blended) and schedules to accommodate varying time constraints and learning preferences. Explore micro-credentialing options for targeted skill development within broader thematic areas.

2. Focus on Bridging the Gap:

- *Strengthen the link between PD and classroom practice:* Encourage participants to actively test and implement learned skills in their

classrooms. Provide ongoing mentorship, peer support, and feedback mechanisms to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

- *Integrate student engagement strategies:* Explicitly address student engagement within PD programs, equipping teachers with practical strategies and resources to enhance their classroom interactions and foster active learning.

3. Prioritize Sustainability and Support:

- *Extend beyond initial training:* Offer sustained follow-up support, including online communities, professional learning networks, and ongoing coaching, to ensure continued application and refinement of acquired skills.
- *Empower teacher leadership:* Encourage successful program participants to become peer mentors or trainers, building a network of local expertise and fostering a culture of shared learning within schools.

4. Continuous Evaluation and Refinement:

- *Monitor and evaluate program effectiveness:* Regularly collect feedback from participants and track student outcomes to assess the impact of PD initiatives and identify areas for improvement. Adapt and refine programs based on continuous evaluation to ensure ongoing relevance and effectiveness.
- *Promote research and collaboration:* Encourage collaboration between researchers, policymakers, and educators to share best practices, conduct further research on effective PD models, and contribute to the ongoing development of a robust PD ecosystem in Punjab.

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