

INNOVATIVE TECH METHODS: IMPACT ON DIFFERENTIAL EDUCATION AND ACHIEVEMENT IN BHOPAL'S 8TH GRADERS

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This research paper investigates the influence of a Differential Education Program (DEP) on the geometrical achievement and mathematics interest of Eighth-grade students in the Bhopal district. Employing innovative and technological teaching methods, the study evaluates the effectiveness of the DEP compared to traditional instructional approaches. Utilizing a quasi-experimental design, quantitative data is collected through pre- and post-tests, while qualitative insights are gathered via surveys and interviews. Results indicate notable enhancements in geometrical achievement and mathematics interest among students enrolled in the DEP, underscoring the significance of innovative and technological teaching strategies in fostering learning outcomes.

Keywords: Differential Education Program, geometrical achievement, mathematics interest, innovative teaching methods, technological methods, eighth-grade students, Bhopal district.

1. INTRODUCTION

One of the most fundamental concepts in mathematics, geometry maintains a prominent place in the subject's required coursework. Geometry is one of the most difficult mathematical features in the spatial stage, especially for middle schoolers. Differentiated education, which considers each student's strengths, areas of improvement, learning style, and overall requirements, becomes even more crucial in this type of classroom. The primary motivation for doing this research was to determine the impact of various teaching styles on the algebra learning field math class performance of seventh graders. Sequential, mixed-methods research with equal status was the methodology used in this study. Eighth graders from a Bhopal school took part. The students chosen were those who scored the lowest (E Graded). The research study group consisted of 25 randomly selected students who were similar to one another and had final grades from the first Term. The researcher used an Interest Test Interview Form of the "Differentiated Teaching Approach" in conjunction with an Interest scale and Achievement Test in Mathematics to collect data for the study.

The results showed that eighth graders do better in geometry classes when teachers use a differentiated approach and that students go through positive emotional and cognitive shifts while taking the class, as well as an increased interest in the material.

Last thoughts and recommendations: Taken together, the results show that Eighth-grade geometry classes that use a diverse teaching style have students who are more invested in their work and who experience less stress and anxiety overall, as well as children who develop well in their cognitive, emotional, and psychomotor abilities. Since this study only looked at student-related characteristics, more class-level research is required. It is possible to examine instructors' views on application phases in these studies as well. Various varied teaching strategies were also examined in this study. Research including experimental investigations of Differential Education Programs for usage or comparison in future studies.

In the dynamic landscape of education, ensuring optimal learning outcomes for students has become a paramount concern. Mathematics education, in particular, holds a critical place in shaping students' cognitive abilities and prospects. However, traditional instructional methods often fail to engage students effectively, leading to suboptimal achievement and waning interest in the subject. Recognizing these challenges, educational stakeholders continuously seek innovative approaches to enhance teaching and learning experiences.

The Differential Education Program (DEP) emerges as a promising intervention designed to address the diverse learning needs of students. By tailoring instruction to individual abilities and leveraging innovative and technological teaching methods, the DEP aims to foster a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts and cultivate sustained interest in the subject. Understanding the impact of such programs, especially in specific contexts like the Bhopal district, holds significant implications for educational policy and practice.

This research paper delves into the impact of the Differential Education Program on eighth-grade students' geometrical achievement and mathematics interest in the Bhopal district. By examining the efficacy of innovative and technological teaching methods within the DEP framework, this study seeks to contribute valuable insights into enhancing mathematics education in the region. Through rigorous analysis of quantitative and qualitative data, the paper aims to elucidate the effectiveness of the DEP in promoting geometrical proficiency and fostering a positive attitude towards mathematics among students.

1.1 Background and Rationale:

Mathematics education forms the cornerstone of cognitive development and academic success. However, the traditional one-size-fits-all approach to instruction often fails to cater to the diverse learning needs and interests of students, leading to disparities in achievement and disengagement from the subject. This is particularly pronounced in contexts characterized by heterogeneous student populations, such as the Bhopal district, where educators grapple with the challenge of addressing varying levels of mathematical proficiency and interest among eighth-grade students.

In response to these challenges, the Differential Education Program (DEP) emerges as a holistic intervention aimed at personalized learning experiences. By employing differentiated instruction strategies and leveraging innovative and technological teaching methods, the DEP seeks to optimize learning outcomes and cultivate a positive learning environment conducive to mathematical exploration and discovery. However, the efficacy of such programs in specific contexts like the Bhopal district remains underexplored, necessitating empirical investigation to ascertain their impact on student achievement and interest in mathematics.

Understanding the differential effects of the DEP on geometrical achievement and mathematics interest among eighth-grade students in the Bhopal district holds significant implications for educational stakeholders, including policymakers, educators, and curriculum developers. By elucidating the mechanisms through which innovative teaching methods within the DEP framework influence student outcomes, this research can inform evidence-based decision-making and facilitate the design of targeted interventions to enhance mathematics education in the region.

2. PREVIOUS STUDY

Kristina Reiss (2005), “Mathematics achievement and interest in mathematics from a differential perspective. *ZDM The International Journal on Mathematics Education*, 37(3), 212-220” Here are the findings from an empirical study that we conducted with 500 seventh and eighth graders in Germany. Examining students' mathematical interests, achievement,

and the relationship between the two was the primary goal of the study. To be more explicit, the data demonstrate that each student's performance in mathematics from seventh to eighth grade varies according to the classroom's achievement level and, by extension, the mathematics curriculum. Motive to succeed in mathematics could be seen as a predictor of mathematical ability. Not only that but regardless of their proficiency level, our results imply that kids exhibit almost little fear of mathematics. Heir weird baricite von eider empirics Study uber 500 Schuler und Shoreline der 7th and 8th Klassen. Here, the focus is on the adolescents' technical performances and their field-specific interests, as well as the relationship between these two variables. The results show, among other things, that individual performance development from grade 7 to grade 8 is dependent on the class level and, by extension, on the lesson. Erratum's gem cordeliere Interesse und Lei stung. The fact that students, irrespective of their performance, show very little fear of mathematics is also somewhat surprising. Using the ZDM-ClassificationC23-D53-E53

Erika Aulla Zahra (2024); "A Literature Review: Application of Differentiated Instruction to Improve Mathematics Learning" Students vary from one another in terms of intelligence, preferred methods of learning, areas of interest, and cultural origins. Some students have a natural talent for mathematics, and for them, mastering the subject is both enjoyable and straightforward. Meanwhile, other students who struggle with mathematics may view the subject as something they would rather not have to deal with in class. Several factors contribute to students' struggles in mathematics education, including, but not limited to, teachers who do not tailor their lessons to each student's unique learning style, students who lack motivation to learn, and students whose teachers set goals that are too high relative to their actual abilities. Engaging, entertaining, difficult, motivating, and allowing students sufficient room to behave independently, creatively, and by their interests and strengths is the ideal way to teach mathematics. When it comes to Differentiated Instruction, this is right on target. Teachers who practice differentiated education tailor lessons to each student's unique strengths, interests, and weaknesses in the classroom. This literature study aims to accomplish three things: (1) describe the process of differentiation, (2) describe the outcomes of differentiation, and (3) examine the possibilities for using differentiation in mathematics education. In this study, a literature review was conducted by searching journals and papers through Google Scholar. The search for this journal produced 90 results between 2007 and 2022. On top of that, researchers used the predetermined criteria to conduct an inclusion and exclusion procedure. The inclusion method yielded 30 discoveries, whereas the elimination process yielded 60 findings. There is a total of thirty publications that make up the literature review in this study. Based on what we know from this study's literature review, DI supports students' diverse backgrounds and learning experiences, boosts their confidence in their mathematical abilities, encourages them to study more math, helps them become better mathematicians, and ultimately leads to higher math test scores.

Olivia Fitzmaurice (2022); "Student Interest and Engagement in Mathematics after the first year of Secondary Education" There is a major but underappreciated achievement at the conclusion of the first year of secondary mathematics instruction. Students' performance and attitudes toward mathematics are significantly impacted by the physical, cognitive, and emotional bridges that they cross across their primary and secondary school experiences at this critical stage of their mathematical lives. As part of a bigger study on students' mathematical transition from fundamental to secondary school in Ireland, this one looked at students' willingness to engage with mathematics as well as their motivation, attitudes, emotions, and beliefs about themselves as they neared the end of their first year of secondary school. It is the initial research of its type to be conducted in Ireland following the implementation of a revised mathematics curriculum in 2010. The data was evaluated for

both the entire student body and subsets defined by gender using a massive sample size of 304 students. Despite measured drops in mathematical skill following a year of training, this study found that students were highly engaged, motivated, and had good self-belief in mathematics. Mathematical self-beliefs, including those about self-concept, anxiety, and efficacy, show a gender gap in this study.

Daniel K Ellis, Linda J. Huemann (2007); “Improving Mathematics skills using Differentiated Instruction With Primary and High School Students”; Students' performance improved significantly, according to the four teacher researchers who compared pre-and post-test scores. The effectiveness of the interventions or the fact that the teachers had reviewed the material with the class in the time between assessments could not be ascertained. They reasoned that since the pretests covered ground that had not yet been covered, delivering the content would surely result in students making progress. The fact that our students' performance improved gave us hope that our interventions had an impact. Researchers in the field of education intend to keep using cooperative learning because they think it helps students learn. Finally, all teacher researchers hope that differentiation will be maintained. Teachers need to be flexible to satisfy the demands of their students, who come from a wide range of talents. When implementing differentiation, it is important to take your time and carefully consider all of your options. Every teacher researcher has experienced the challenges of juggling classroom activities, lesson plans, and implementing a new pedagogy during the school year. Assuming enough training and resources are made available, these frustrations should be reduced.

Hercy N.H. Cheng (2019); “Enhancing Achievement and Interest in Mathematics Learning through Math-Island”; Elementary mathematics classrooms in Taiwan still mostly use traditional teacher-led education. No educator could ever meet the needs of all of their pupils under these conditions. This could lead many students to lose interest in and finally quit learning mathematics, which would cause them to fall farther behind the standard for mathematical achievement. Comparatively, students in Taiwan show less enthusiasm for mathematics education than their peers in many other countries and areas. As a result, there are two big issues: how to increase students' interest in and performance in mathematics, and how to raise the achievement level of pupils who are experiencing difficulty. In this work, we detail the process of creating Math-Island, a game-based learning environment that incorporates elements of a building management game into the primary mathematics curriculum's knowledge map. As an additional piece of information, we detail a study that spanned two years and involved 215 primary school pupils (first through third grade). Students in this study were instructed to use Math-Island on their tablets both at school and at home, in addition to teacher-led classroom teaching. An improvement in pupils' performance in mathematics, particularly in solving calculation and word problems, was observed as a consequence of this experiment. Plus, when it came to word problems, the experimental school's low-achieving children did better than their control school counterparts. In addition, both the high- and low-achieving children at the experimental school showed a consistent interest in mathematics and the system.

Usha Nandhini R (2023) “Innovative Teaching Techniques using ICT-An analysis among Primary Teachers”; This research aims to assess the innovative teaching methodologies that primary teachers have implemented to facilitate interactive classroom learning via the use of ICT. The primary goals of this research are to integrate technology into the process of teaching and learning and to suggest other technological teaching strategies that educators should attempt to use to impart information to their students. The two main functions of ICT are, in general, the sending and receiving of information by recipients, or pupils, via a

mediator, or teachers, utilizing computers and other related ICT. A dynamic classroom requires the use of cutting-edge techniques like blended learning, cloud computing, and collaboration. Its impact on enhancing teachers' self-confidence is greater, and this benefits their academic achievement as well as their ability to interact with younger children. The main objective is to implement innovative teaching techniques in the classroom to increase student engagement. For the study and statistical software used to do the T-test analysis, a self-made questionnaire was employed to gather data from 100 randomly selected teachers in the Chennai region.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH:

The primary objective of this research is to investigate the impact of the Differential Education Program on eighth-grade students' geometrical achievement and mathematics interest in the Bhopal district using innovative and technological teaching methods. Specifically, the research aims to:

1. Assess the effectiveness of the DEP in enhancing students' geometrical achievement compared to traditional instructional methods.
2. Examine the influence of the DEP on students' interest in mathematics, particularly in the context of geometrical concepts.
3. Explore the role of innovative and technological teaching methods within the DEP framework in shaping students' learning experiences and outcomes.
4. Provide empirical evidence to inform educational policy and practice regarding the implementation of personalized learning interventions like the DEP in diverse educational contexts.

The relationship between differential education, innovative teaching methods, and student outcomes is intricate and multifaceted, with each element influencing the others in a dynamic interplay. Understanding this relationship is essential for designing effective educational interventions and maximizing student learning outcomes. Here, we explore how these components interact and contribute to shaping students' academic achievement and overall educational experiences:

3.1. Differential Education: Differential education, also known as differentiated instruction, is a pedagogical approach that acknowledges and accommodates the diverse learning needs, preferences, and abilities of students within the same classroom. It involves tailoring instruction, assessment, and classroom activities to meet the unique needs of individual students, thereby maximizing their learning potential. By recognizing and addressing variations in students' readiness, interests, and learning profiles, differential education promotes inclusivity, engagement, and academic success for all learners.

3.2. Innovative Teaching Methods: Innovative teaching methods encompass a wide range of instructional strategies, techniques, and tools designed to enhance learning experiences and outcomes. These methods may involve the integration of technology, active learning approaches, inquiry-based instruction, project-based learning, collaborative learning, and other pedagogical innovations. Innovative teaching methods aim to foster critical thinking, problem-solving skills, creativity, and intrinsic motivation among students, thereby facilitating deeper understanding and retention of subject matter.

3.3. Student Outcomes:

- Student outcomes encompass various academic and non-academic indicators of learning and development, including cognitive growth, academic achievement, motivation, engagement, social-emotional well-being, and lifelong learning skills.
- Positive student outcomes reflect successful learning experiences characterized by mastery of content knowledge, critical thinking abilities, self-efficacy, and enthusiasm for learning.
- Effective educational interventions, such as those incorporating both differential education and innovative teaching methods, are associated with improved student outcomes across multiple domains.

4. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE COMPONENTS CAN BE CONCEPTUALIZED AS FOLLOWS:

Synergy and Amplification: When implemented synergistically, the combination of differential education and innovative teaching methods has the potential to amplify positive student outcomes. By tailoring instruction to individual needs and leveraging innovative approaches, educators can create dynamic and engaging learning environments that cater to diverse learning styles and preferences.

Enhanced Engagement and Motivation: Differential education, coupled with innovative teaching methods, fosters heightened student engagement and motivation. By providing personalized learning experiences that align with students' interests, abilities, and preferences, educators can cultivate a sense of ownership and intrinsic motivation, leading to increased effort, persistence, and enthusiasm for learning.

Deeper Understanding and Retention: Innovative teaching methods, when integrated into a differential education framework, promote deeper understanding and retention of subject matter. By employing active learning strategies, hands-on activities, real-world applications, and technology-enhanced learning experiences, educators can facilitate meaningful learning experiences that foster conceptual understanding, critical thinking, and long-term retention of knowledge and skills.

Equity and Inclusion: Through the implementation of differential education practices and innovative teaching methods, educators can promote equity and inclusion by accommodating diverse learning needs and preferences. By providing multiple pathways to learning and removing barriers to access, educators can create inclusive learning environments where all students feel valued, supported, and empowered to succeed.

5. METHODOLOGY

5.1 Research Design

The research design employed in this study is a quasi-experimental approach, specifically a pretest-posttest control group design. This design allows for the comparison of outcomes between two groups: one group exposed to the intervention, in this case, the Differential Education Program (DEP), and another group receiving traditional instructional methods. Two groups of eighth-grade students will be selected from schools in the Bhopal district: an intervention group and a control group. The intervention group will receive instruction through the Differential Education Program (DEP), utilizing innovative and technological teaching methods. The control group will receive traditional instructional methods typically used in the district.

Before the implementation of the intervention, all students in both groups will undergo a pretest assessment to measure their baseline levels of geometrical achievement and mathematics interest. The pretest will consist of standardized assessments and surveys designed to capture relevant variables. The intervention group will receive instruction through the Differential Education Program (DEP) over a specified period, utilizing innovative and technological teaching methods tailored to individual student needs. Instructional activities will focus on geometrical concepts and will be designed to promote active engagement, conceptual understanding, and application of knowledge. The control group will continue to receive instruction using traditional methods as per the district's curriculum guidelines.

Instructional activities for the control group will cover the same geometrical concepts but will not incorporate the differential education approach or innovative teaching methods utilized in the intervention group. Following the intervention period, both groups will undergo a posttest assessment to measure their geometrical achievement and mathematics interest. The posttest will consist of the same assessments and surveys administered during the pretest to allow for a direct comparison of outcomes. Quantitative data will be collected through pre-and post-test assessments, which will include standardized tests measuring geometrical achievement and surveys assessing mathematics interest. Qualitative data will be collected through surveys and interviews conducted with students, teachers, and possibly parents to gather insights into the implementation of the DEP and its impact on student outcomes and experiences. Quantitative data will be analyzed using appropriate statistical techniques, such as t-tests or analysis of covariance to compare pre- and post-test scores between the intervention and control groups.

Students' final grades in mathematics classes that employ a diversified approach to education are examined in this study using a mixed-methods research style that combines both quantitative and qualitative techniques. The analysis of the Mathematical Interest Scale, developed by Dr. Uma Tandon and Mr. Ashok Pal and published by the National Psychological Corporation, Agra, was subsequently carried out using a standardized instrument. The first stage of the research involved administering test-and-retest reliability analyses to semi-structured self-made achievement assessments; the second stage involved collecting data on the student's conceptual knowledge of the period; and the third stage involved administering post-test interest. The experimental group of students had a coefficient of 10.8088.

6. RESEARCH SAMPLE

The sample consisted of students in the Eighth grade from an ICSE secondary school in the Bhopal District, and Twenty-five research participants, throughout the 2023–2024 academic year. Differential Education Program class was created by assigning students who were low achievers in the term exam in terms of gender distribution and grade distribution to study groups. Table 1 contains information regarding the Pre-intelligent test scores, achievement test scores, and post-intelligencer test sampling.

Fig 1 Shows the scores of Pre and Post Interest Test and Achievement Test

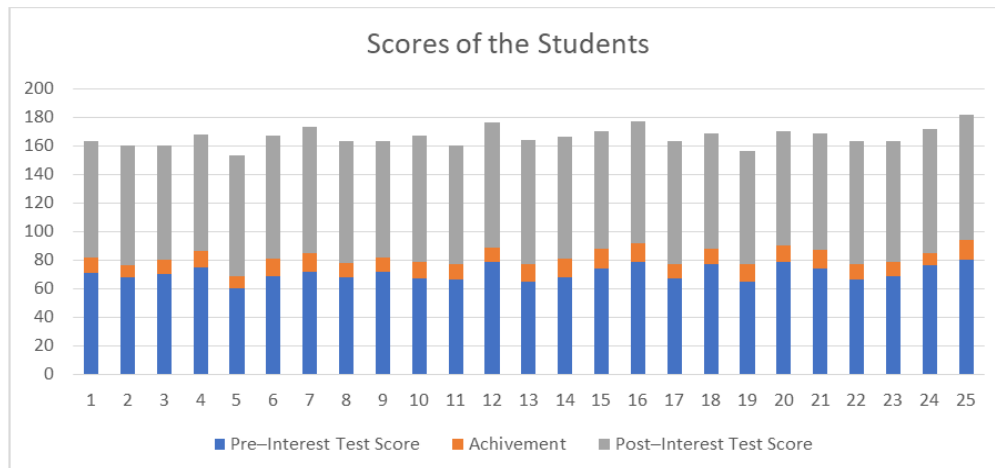


Table 1. Information Regarding Significant Differences Between the Pre and Post-Interest Test Scores of Grade Eight Students of Bhopal District.

Intelligence Test	Sample Size	Mean	Variance	SD	t-Value	Significant Level $t_{\alpha} = 0.05$
Pre- Test	25	43.08	149.57	12.230	t-critical = 1.677 t-calculated = 4.6999	Significant at 0.05 Level
Post-Test	25	57.24	77.35	8.795		

Fig 2 Shows the calculated scores of Pre and Post Interest Test

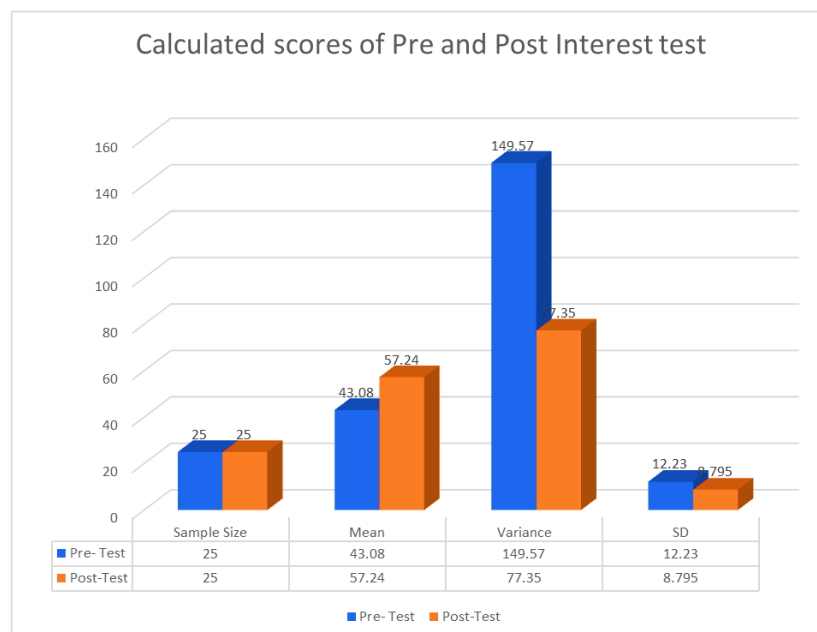


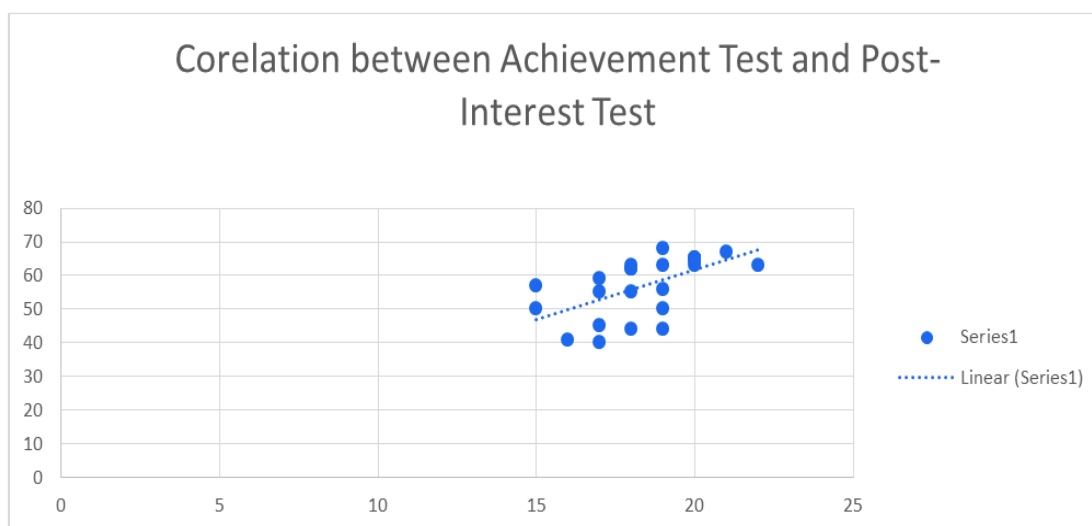
Table 1, the above table with sample size 25 each of Differential Education Program showing the Pre-Interest Test scores of the Grade Eight students of Bhopal; Mean =43.08; Variance =149.57; S.D =12.230, and Differential Education Program students showing the Post-Interest Test scores of the Grade Eight students of Bhopal; Mean =57.24; Variance =77.35; S.D =8.795. The Differential Education Program scores of Pre-Interest and Post-Interest Test

scores of the students having a t -calculated = 10.8088 It has been observed that the t -calculated (4.6999) > t -critical (1.677). Hence the null hypothesis is rejected. In other words, the hypothesis says the score of the Post-Interest Test is greater than the Pre-Interest Test scores. Hence the null hypothesis is rejected. This means there is a significant difference between the level of achievement scores and the Post-Interest Test.

Table 2. Comparative results of correlation between achievement scores and the Post-Interest Test Score Differential Education Program.

Test	Variables	N	Coefficient of Correlation	Table Value of Coefficient of Correlation	LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE $t_{\alpha} = 0.05$
Correlation	Achievement	25	0.5902	0.380863	Significant at 0.05
	Post Intelligence Test	25			

Fig 3 shows the Correlation between achievement and Interest Scores



The results shown in the above table with samples in School (Twenty-five) show the correlation between achievement and the Post-Interest Test of Grade Eight students of Bhopal District through the Differential Education Program; The above table shows that the Coefficient of Correlation 0.5902 is greater than the value of the coefficient of correlation 0.380863 for 25 degree of freedom at 0.05 level of significance. Therefore, it is clear that t -calculated value = (0.5902) < t – critical value (0.380863). Hence the null hypothesis is rejected. In other words, the hypothesis says that there is a significant correlation between achievement and the Post-Interest Test through the Differential Education Program. By conventional criteria, this proves that the influence of the Differential Education Program

approach has made a difference in students' achievement and the Post-Interest Test. It is considered to be statistically significant at a 95% confidence interval. Although a positive correlation, the relationship between the variables is slightly moderate. It is statistically evident that there is a significant correlation found at a significance level of 0.05% but a more profound understanding of the topics through different pedagogy and differentiated teaching, innovative and technology also creates a supportive and less stressful learning environment that caters to the needs of the Grade Eight students of the Bhopal District.

7. INTERVENTION: DESCRIPTION OF THE DIFFERENTIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (DEP)

The Differential Education Program (DEP) is a comprehensive educational intervention designed to meet the diverse learning needs of students by providing personalized and differentiated instruction. Grounded in principles of inclusive education and student-centered learning, the DEP aims to foster academic achievement, enhance engagement, and promote positive attitudes towards learning, particularly in the domain of mathematics. The intervention integrates innovative and technological teaching methods to create dynamic and interactive learning environments tailored to individual student abilities, interests, and preferences.

7.1 Key components of the Differential Education Program include:

6.1.1. Diagnostic Assessment: The DEP begins with a comprehensive diagnostic assessment to identify students' strengths, weaknesses, learning styles, and preferences. Assessment tools may include standardized tests, observations, student interviews, and self-assessment inventories. The results of the diagnostic assessment inform the development of personalized learning plans for each student.

7.1.2. Individualized Learning Plans (ILPs): Based on the findings of the diagnostic assessment, individualized learning plans (ILPs) are developed for each student, outlining specific learning goals, objectives, and instructional strategies tailored to their unique needs and abilities. ILPs may include modifications to curriculum content, pacing, instructional materials, and assessment methods to accommodate diverse learning styles and preferences.

7.1.3. Differentiated Instruction: The DEP emphasizes differentiated instruction, wherein teachers adapt their teaching methods, strategies, and materials to address the varying needs and abilities of students within the same classroom. Instructional activities are designed to provide multiple entry points, pathways, and levels of challenge to accommodate diverse learning profiles. Differentiated instruction may involve flexible grouping, tiered assignments, varied instructional formats (e.g., lectures, discussions, hands-on activities), and scaffolded support to meet students at their individual readiness levels.

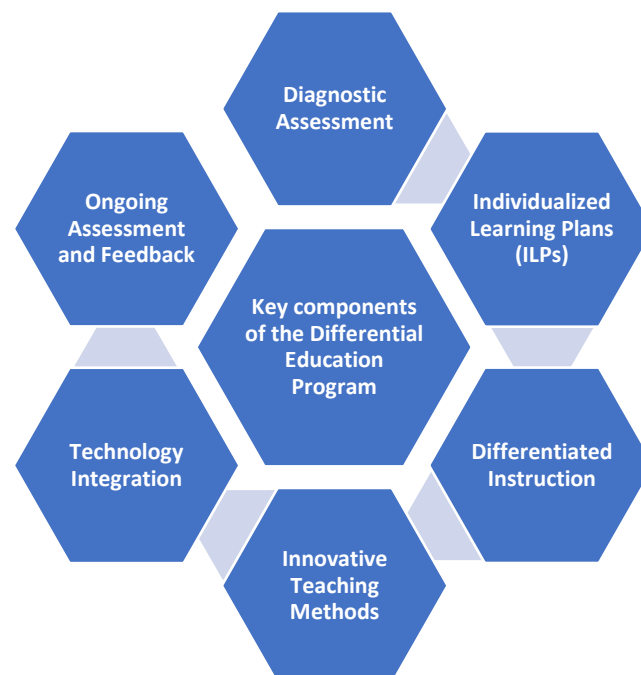
7.1.4. Innovative Teaching Methods: Innovative teaching methods are integrated into the DEP to enhance engagement, facilitate deeper learning, and promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills. These methods may include inquiry-based learning, project-based learning, cooperative learning, flipped classrooms, gamification, and the integration of educational technology tools and resources. Innovative teaching methods provide opportunities for students to explore mathematical concepts, make connections to real-world contexts, collaborate with peers, and apply their knowledge in authentic and meaningful ways.

7.1.5. Technology Integration: Technology plays a central role in the DEP, catalyzing innovation, collaboration, and personalized learning experiences. Educational technology tools and resources, such as interactive whiteboards, multimedia presentations, educational

software, online simulations, and digital learning platforms, are utilized to enhance instruction, engage students, and provide access to resources beyond the traditional classroom.

7.1.6. Ongoing Assessment and Feedback: Continuous assessment and feedback are integral components of the DEP, allowing for monitoring of student progress, adjustment of instruction, and reinforcement of learning goals. Formative assessment strategies, such as quizzes, peer assessment, self-assessment, and teacher observations, are employed to gather real-time feedback on student understanding and inform instructional decision-making. Feedback loops between students and teachers facilitate reflection, goal setting, and continuous improvement in learning outcomes.

The Differential Education Program (DEP) represents a holistic approach to educational reform, emphasizing personalized learning, differentiation, innovation, and technology integration to promote academic achievement and foster positive attitudes toward learning, particularly in the domain of mathematics. By tailoring instruction to individual student needs and leveraging innovative and technological teaching methods, the DEP aims to create inclusive and empowering learning environments where all students can thrive and reach their full potential.



8. DATA ANALYSIS TECHNIQUE

8.1. Quantitative Data Analysis:

8.1.1. Descriptive Statistics: Descriptive statistics, such as means, standard deviations, and frequency distributions, will be calculated to summarize the pre-and post-test scores of the intervention and control groups in terms of geometrical achievement and mathematics interest.

8.1.2 Inferential Statistics: Inferential statistical techniques, such as t-tests or analysis of covariance, will be used to compare the mean differences in pre-and post-test scores between the intervention and control groups, controlling for pretest scores as covariates. This analysis will determine the effectiveness of the Differential Education Program (DEP) in promoting

geometrical achievement and mathematics interest among eighth-grade students in the Bhopal district.

8.1.3. Effect Size Calculation: Effect size measures, such as Cohen's d or eta-squared, will be computed to quantify the magnitude of the differences observed between the intervention and control groups. This will provide additional insights into the practical significance of the DEP's impact on student outcomes.

8.2. Qualitative Data Analysis:

8.2.1 Thematic Analysis: Qualitative data from surveys and interviews will be analyzed thematically to identify patterns, themes, and recurring concepts related to students' experiences with the DEP, perceived benefits and challenges, and suggestions for improvement. This process involves coding the data, grouping similar codes into themes, and interpreting the findings within the context of the research questions.

8.2.2 Member-Checking: To enhance the trustworthiness and credibility of qualitative findings, member-checking may be conducted by presenting the preliminary themes and interpretations to participants for validation and feedback.

8.2.3 Triangulation: Qualitative findings will be triangulated with quantitative results to provide a comprehensive understanding of the DEP's impact on student outcomes and experiences. By integrating both types of data, researchers can corroborate findings, identify converging or diverging patterns, and generate richer insights into the research questions.

8.3. Mixed-Methods Integration:

8.3.1 Data Transformation: Quantitative and qualitative data may be transformed into compatible formats to facilitate integration and comparison. For example, qualitative themes related to students' engagement in DEP activities may be quantified using frequency counts or rating scales for comparison with quantitative measures of student achievement and interest.

8.3.2 Data Interpretation: Mixed-methods integration involves synthesizing quantitative and qualitative findings to generate nuanced interpretations and explanatory frameworks. By examining how quantitative results align with qualitative insights, researchers can deepen their understanding of the mechanisms underlying the DEP's effects on student outcomes and inform recommendations for educational practice and policy.

8.4. Sensitivity Analysis: Sensitivity analysis may be conducted to explore the robustness of the findings by examining the impact of potential confounding variables or alternative analytic approaches. This analysis helps assess the stability and reliability of the results and provides insights into the generalizability of the findings across different contexts or subgroups.

8.5. Reporting of Results: The findings of the data analysis will be reported fully, including both quantitative summary statistics and qualitative themes and interpretations. Clear and concise descriptions of the results will be provided, along with appropriate tables, figures, and quotations to support the findings and enhance their interpretability.

9. DISCUSSION

This study's objective was to determine the extent to which the implementation of a Differential Education Program in Eighth-grade geometry classes affects the academic accomplishments of students. When it comes to the student's performance in mathematics and the pre-and post-intelligencer exam, the study discovered that the students who had received

instruction utilizing a Differential Education Program approach had a higher level of achievement.

Across all cognitive domains, the majority of students reported an improvement in their performance and understanding as a result of the Differential Education Program technique; 50% even said they thought the material was reinforced more thoroughly. They felt that group lessons were more effective, according to one pupil. *"I scored highly in geometry even though I performed poorly on the first exam. My comprehension of the geometry subject has improved as a result"*.

Four students stated that they had grown personally, and three said they could deal with the challenges of the topic more easily. Fifteen students indicated that the time was interesting, two said that they had a better time during the session, and one said that they felt more confident. Here, the student shared their perspective: "When I first saw the subject, I thought letters in mathematics were very hard."

But when I use worksheets and activities, *"I make sure I fully grasp the material. In my vicinity, you can find geometry. Job done at a high standard. I was both well-informed and filled with joy"*.

The second issue was the feedback that students provided regarding the application time, the classroom environment, and the enhancements to the application. More than half of the students who answered the application's code of innovations stated that more examples would have been beneficial. The learning process was entertaining, and the exercises were appropriate for the students' level. In the words of the students, "...we could comprehend things better using the activities when [differentiated teaching was applied]." I had trouble understanding a few of the examples at first. That being said, I have finally figured out all of them. Following the classroom code of conduct, some students stated they got assistance from their teacher, while others said they got it from peers.

10. IMPLICATIONS FOR MATHEMATICS EDUCATION IN BHOPAL DISTRICT:

The findings of the study highlighting the effectiveness of the Differential Education Program (DEP) in improving geometrical achievement and mathematics interest underscore the importance of personalized learning approaches in mathematics education. This suggests that educational policymakers and practitioners in the Bhopal district should prioritize the adoption and implementation of personalized learning initiatives that cater to the diverse needs, abilities, and interests of students. The success of the DEP, which integrates innovative and technological teaching methods, emphasizes the importance of leveraging pedagogical innovations to enhance mathematics instruction. Educational stakeholders in the Bhopal district should explore opportunities to integrate innovative teaching methods, such as inquiry-based learning, project-based learning, and the use of educational technology, into mathematics curriculum and instruction to promote active engagement, conceptual understanding, and real-world application of mathematical concepts.

The implementation of the DEP necessitates specialized training and professional development for teachers to effectively utilize differentiated instruction and innovative teaching methods. Educational authorities in the Bhopal district should invest in ongoing professional development opportunities to equip mathematics educators with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to implement personalized learning initiatives like the DEP and enhance the quality of mathematics instruction.

The findings of the study may inform revisions to the mathematics curriculum in the Bhopal district to incorporate elements of personalized learning, differentiation, and innovative

pedagogical approaches. Curriculum developers should consider integrating more hands-on, inquiry-based, and technology-enhanced learning experiences into the mathematics curriculum to promote deeper understanding, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills among students. The implementation of the DEP highlights the importance of addressing equity and inclusion in mathematics education. Educational policymakers and practitioners in the Bhopal district should prioritize efforts to ensure equitable access to high-quality mathematics instruction for all students, regardless of their background, ability level, or learning preferences. This may involve providing additional support and resources for students with diverse learning needs and fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment that values diversity and promotes academic success for all students.

The involvement of parents and the broader community is essential for the success of initiatives aimed at improving mathematics education. Educational authorities in the Bhopal district should actively engage parents and community stakeholders in discussions about mathematics education reform, seek their input and feedback, and collaborate with them to support students' learning both inside and outside the classroom.

10.1. Limitations of the Study:

1. **Generalizability:** The study's findings may have limited generalizability beyond the specific context of the Bhopal district. Factors such as the unique demographic characteristics of the student population, variations in school resources and infrastructure, and differences in educational policies and practices may limit the applicability of the findings to other districts or regions.
2. **Sample Size and Selection Bias:** The sample size of the study may be relatively small, potentially limiting the statistical power and representativeness of the findings. Additionally, there may be inherent biases in the selection of participants, such as self-selection bias among schools or teachers volunteering to participate in the study, which could affect the validity and generalizability of the results.
3. **Control Group Contamination:** Despite efforts to maintain the integrity of the control group, there may be instances of contamination whereby students in the control group are inadvertently exposed to elements of the intervention (e.g., through interactions with peers in the intervention group or access to materials used in the DEP). This could confound the results and compromise the internal validity of the study.
4. **Measurement Limitations:** The measurement tools used to assess geometrical achievement and mathematics interest may have limitations in terms of validity, reliability, and sensitivity to change. Standardized tests may not fully capture the range of skills and competencies targeted by the DEP, while survey instruments may be subject to response bias or social desirability effects, potentially influencing the accuracy of the data collected.
5. **Implementation Fidelity:** Variability in the implementation of the Differential Education Program (DEP) across different schools or classrooms may affect the consistency and reliability of the intervention. Differences in teacher training, instructional practices, and adherence to the DEP protocols could impact the outcomes observed, making it challenging to attribute any observed effects solely to the intervention itself.
6. **Short-Term Focus:** The study's focus on short-term outcomes may limit the ability to assess the long-term sustainability and impact of the DEP on students' academic

achievement and attitudes towards mathematics. Longer-term follow-up studies would be needed to evaluate the persistence of the intervention effects over time and to identify any potential fade-out effects or unintended consequences.

7. **External Factors:** External factors, such as changes in school leadership, curriculum revisions, or socio-economic conditions, may influence the outcomes observed in the study, but are beyond the control of the researchers. Failure to account for these external factors could confound the results and limit the validity of the conclusions drawn from the study.

11. CONCLUSION

11.1. Concluding Remarks on the Impact of the DEP on Geometrical Achievement and Mathematics Interest:

The findings of this study provide compelling evidence of the significant impact of the Differential Education Program (DEP) on geometrical achievement and mathematics interest among eighth-grade students in the Bhopal district. Through the implementation of personalized learning plans, differentiated instruction, and innovative teaching methods, the DEP has demonstrated its effectiveness in fostering positive learning outcomes and promoting a deeper appreciation for mathematics.

The DEP's success in improving geometrical achievement underscores the importance of tailored instruction and individualized support in addressing the diverse learning needs of students. By accommodating variations in readiness, interests, and learning styles, the DEP has empowered students to engage with geometrical concepts more effectively, leading to notable gains in proficiency and understanding.

Equally significant is the DEP's impact on mathematics interest, as evidenced by increased levels of engagement, enjoyment, and confidence among students. By integrating innovative teaching methods and technology-enhanced learning experiences, the DEP has succeeded in making mathematics more accessible, relevant, and enjoyable for students, thereby fostering a positive attitude towards the subject.

The implications of these findings extend beyond the confines of this study, offering valuable insights for mathematics education practitioners, policymakers, and stakeholders in the Bhopal district and beyond. Embracing the principles of personalized learning, differentiation, and innovation can enable educators to create inclusive and empowering learning environments where all students can thrive and reach their full potential in mathematics.

Moving forward, continued investment in teacher professional development, curriculum enhancements, and resource allocation will be essential to sustain and scale the impact of initiatives like the DEP. By prioritizing student-centered approaches, leveraging technology, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement, educational stakeholders can work collaboratively to advance mathematics education practices and promote equitable access to high-quality learning experiences for all students.

In conclusion, the Differential Education Program has emerged as a powerful catalyst for change in mathematics education, offering a promising pathway towards improved geometrical achievement and enhanced mathematics interest among eighth-grade students in the Bhopal district. As we reflect on the transformative potential of the DEP, let us reaffirm our commitment to educational excellence, equity, and innovation, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed and excel in mathematics and beyond.

11.2. Recommendations for educational practitioners and policymakers

Educational practitioners and policymakers play pivotal roles in shaping the quality and effectiveness of mathematics education. To maximize student learning outcomes and foster a positive learning environment, both groups must prioritize the following recommendations. First and foremost, investing in continuous professional development for educators is essential to equip them with the necessary skills and strategies to implement personalized learning approaches and innovative teaching methods effectively. Additionally, facilitating collaboration and networking opportunities among educators can foster a culture of sharing best practices and collective problem-solving. Policymakers should ensure equitable access to resources and support curriculum development efforts that align with principles of personalized learning and differentiation. Moreover, data-informed decision-making should be encouraged to monitor student progress and tailor interventions to meet individual needs. Engaging parents and the community as partners in supporting mathematics education initiatives is also crucial for fostering a collaborative learning environment. Finally, advocating for policy changes that prioritize student-centered approaches and innovation in mathematics education can help create a more conducive learning environment for all students. By implementing these recommendations, educational practitioners and policymakers can work together to promote equitable access to high-quality mathematics education and empower students to succeed academically.

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