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Abstract

The study entitle with "Students Achievement in Mathematics at Secondary Level". The main objectives of this study were to compare the achievement of boys and girls students of grade X in mathematics and to find the causes of low and high achievement of mathematics in Kailali district of grade X. The design of this study was mixed research design. An achievement test paper and interview was the main instrument for the study. I had developed 20 multiple choice items based on textbook and practise book. This study was conducted total schools with 1500 students in population. In kailali district 6 secondary schools were taken as sample schools for this study by using explanatory sequential method.

Total students were selected from 6 sample schools in grade X. Students of 6 sample school's were 350 students as a sample for achievement test paper in grade X. 36 student's were taken interview by researcher who received low and high marks in achievement test of mathematics. From the test researcher collected the required data for this study. The collected data were analyzed by using mean, standard deviation, variance and one-tailed t-test at the 0.05 level of significance.

It is concluded that this study there was no significance difference between boys and girls achievement in mathematics of grade X in kailali district. The main causes of low and high achievement in mathematics were school environment, economic condition, attitudes towards mathematics, role of parents and teaching learning process. So achievement difference between boys and girls students in mathematics is not depend upon gender but depend upon school environment, economic condition, attitudes towards mathematics, role of parents and teaching learning process.

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