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ABSTRACT

This study focuses on classroom management in secondary level of Kaski District of Nepal. In particular, this study attempts to examine the physical resources management and discipline management in mathematics classroom. This study tries to explain the existing situation of physical resources, problems created due to the facilities in the school, disciplinary problems in the students and impact of disciplinary problems in mathematics learning. This is a qualitative study related to the classroom behavior of students and situation of physical facilities in the schools. Observation form for the researcher, questionnaire for the teachers and students with unstructured interview schedule for the students were used to collect primary data from the eight community schools of Kaski District.

The study is concerned to the physical resources, facilities, classroom condition and disciplinary problems in mathematics classroom It also tries to explore their effect in mathematics achievement.

The study shows that the condition of classroom was not good in most of the schools. There was no use of sufficient teaching materials, clean drinking water etc. Due to the student's absence in their class, carelessness in preparing the next day lesson, making unnecessary noise, highly affects in their mathematics learning

Those physical and disciplinary problems were found to be influential factors on learning and achievement of students. The analysis of data concluded that the achievement of students in mathematics is better in school with well physical and disciplined than not well physical and disciplined ones.

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ABBREVIATIONS

B.S. - Bikram Sambat

BPEP - Basic and Primary Education Programme

CERID - Center for Educational Research Innovative and Development

CDC - Curriculum Development Center

NGO - Non Governmental Organization

NESP - Nepal Education System Plan

VDC - Village Development Committee

RCC - Rod, Concrete and Cement