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CHALLENGES AND BENEFITS OF COOPERATIVE LEARNING

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ABSTRACTS

Cooperative learning (CL) research is solid. Notwithstanding the exact examination advantages of CL, its execution faces difficulties in educator schooling study halls. The frontal teaching approach is the only one teacher educators use instead of CL. All of this could be because teacher educators believe that implementing CL is difficult. A concurrent triangulation mixed method research design was used by the researchers to investigate the perceived obstacles that teacher educators in India face when implementing cooperative learning. After sending out a survey to 300 teacher educators, the researchers conducted a semi-structured interview with eight of

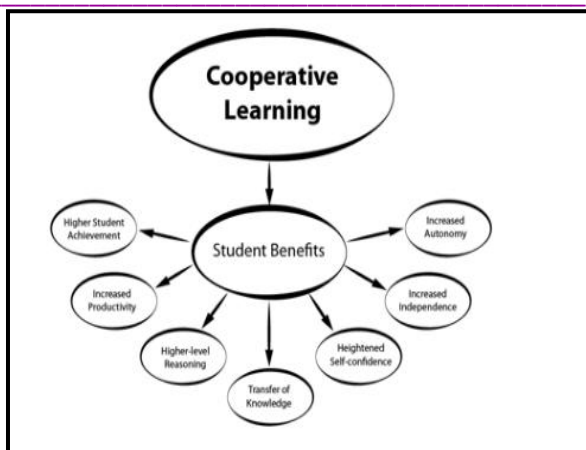


the respondents to the survey. According to the findings of the study, the average number of perceived difficulties experienced by educators working with teachers is 63%. These difficulties can be attributed to difficulties with students, the curriculum, or administrative issues. Male educators were less challenged than female educators. The results of the ANOVA showed that different age groups faced different challenges. To come up with effective solutions, future researchers will need to examine the difficulties of implementing CL with larger samples in a variety of educational settings across the globe, as these findings demonstrate.

KEY WORDS : active learning, collaborative learning, cooperative learning, mixed-method, student-centred learning.

INTRODUCTION

One of the most sought-after qualities in today's professional and educational environments is the capacity to collaborate with others. In order to equip teachers with the knowledge and abilities they need to be successful educators and get them ready for the classroom, teacher training programs are absolutely necessary. Innovative teaching methods like cooperative learning may be influenced by teacher preparation programs (CL). In the 21st century, teachers may incorporate innovative methods and technology into their lessons. Pre-service teachers can, as a result, better meet the ever-changing needs of their students by participating in teacher training, which can create a more engaging and practical learning environment.



Cooperative learning is an instructional strategy where students work together in small groups to achieve common academic goals and enhance their learning experiences. The idea is that students can benefit from the diverse perspectives and skills of their peers, and by working collaboratively, they can gain a deeper understanding of the material.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. Recognize the Advantages of Helpful Learning: To decide and dissect the positive results related with helpful picking up, remembering its effect for understudy commitment, scholastic execution, interactive abilities, and decisive reasoning. the impact that cooperative learning has on students' academic success and comprehension of the material.
2. Inspect the Difficulties of Helpful Learning: to investigate and comprehend the issues with group dynamics, individual accountability, and assessment that arise during cooperative learning. Challenges in surveying individual execution and giving fair assessments.
3. Investigate the Effect of Helpful Learning on Overall vibes: To investigate what agreeable realizing means for cooperations inside gatherings, including coordinated effort, correspondence, and compromise. Strategies for reducing conflicts and enhancing group interactions. The job of the educator in overseeing collective vibes and working with compelling coordinated effort.

HYPOTHESIS -

Certainly! While considering the difficulties and advantages of agreeable learning, outlining the conversation around unambiguous viewpoints that influence the two understudies and educators is valuable. Here is an organized speculation you could investigate The execution of helpful learning in instructive settings presents both critical difficulties and advantages, with the difficulties frequently connected with collective vibes and individual responsibility, while the advantages envelop upgraded understudy commitment and worked on scholarly execution.

- 1. Hypothesis: Enhanced Engagement and Motivation:** When learning collaboratively, students are more engaged and motivated because they can actively participate in discussions and problem-solving. Research frequently demonstrates the way that helpful learning can increment understudy interest and contribution, as students feel more associated with the material and their companions.
- 2. Hypothesis: Development of Social Skills:** Agreeable learning assists understudies with creating basic interactive abilities like correspondence, collaboration, and compromise. Studies show that gathering work urges understudies to rehearse and refine their relational abilities, which are fundamental for both intellectual and expert achievement
- 3. Hypothesis: Improved Academic Performance:** Understudies working in helpful gatherings frequently accomplish better scholastic results contrasted with those working separately, because of shared information and companion support. Evidence: In numerous educational studies, students' grades and comprehension of the material improve when they collaborate and assist one another.

4. Hypothesis: Diverse Perspectives and Problem-Solving: Working in bunches opens understudies to different perspectives and approaches, improving their decisive reasoning and critical thinking skills. Because students benefit from multiple perspectives, cooperative learning can result in solutions to problems that are both more original and comprehensive.

Data Collection Tools –

To really investigate the difficulties and advantages of agreeable learning, you would have to use different information assortment instruments. These tools can assist in the collection of comprehensive and trustworthy data from a variety of sources. Here is a breakdown of potential information assortment instruments and techniques:

1. Surveys and Questionnaires : Reason To gather quantitative and subjective information on understudies' and educators' impression of helpful learning. Surveys using the Likert Scale to measure attitudes toward cooperative learning (such as levels of engagement, contentment, and perceived effectiveness). Open-ended questionnaires to collect in-depth feedback on particular experiences, difficulties, and advantages. "How would you rate the effectiveness of cooperative learning in improving your understanding of the material on a scale of 1 to 5?" What difficulties have you looked during helpful learning exercises?"

2. Interviews : To get inside and out bits of knowledge into individual encounters and insights with respect to agreeable learning. Organized Meetings: Follow a set rundown of inquiries for consistency. Interviews with some structure: Take into account greater adaptability and investigation of unforeseen themes. "Might you at any point depict while agreeable advancing fundamentally helped or prevented your scholastic advancement?" " How would you deal with clashes inside a social scene?"

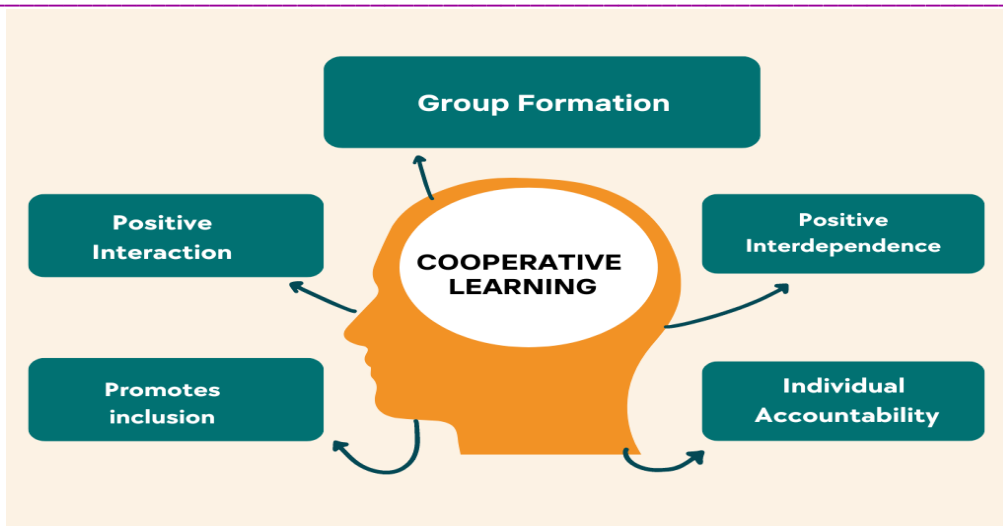
3. Focus Groups : To investigate overall vibes and aggregate assessments on agreeable learning. Work with conversations among a little gathering of understudies or instructors to acquire bits of knowledge into their aggregate encounters and sentiments. " In cooperative learning activities, what are the most frequent obstacles you encounter? What systems have been best in defeating these difficulties?"

4. Observations : to record interactions, dynamics, and behavior during cooperative learning activities. During group work, students are observed by teachers or researchers. Catch connections for definite examination. Investment levels of each gathering part. instances of cooperation or conflict. Facilitation and intervention by teachers.

5. Academic Performance Data : to determine how cooperative learning affects academic performance. Pre-and Post-Tests Evaluate information acquired when agreeable learning exercises. Grades and Evaluations Think about scholastic execution among agreeable and non-helpful learning gatherings.

COOPERATIVE LEARNING , BENEFITS & GOALS

A method of instruction known as cooperative learning involves students of varying levels working together to achieve a common objective. With this strategy, the teacher has several responsibilities. The task that the group will be working on must first be created by them. Additionally, they must select the groups and assign roles to each group member. Because each student has distinct personalities, strengths, and weaknesses, group selection can be challenging. It is difficult enough to group students according to their strengths and weaknesses on its own, but once groups are chosen, personality conflicts may arise that can impede group progress. There might also be students who consistently miss class. A failure to attend class is an absence. A student's absence can have a significant impact on the group's progress, particularly with longer projects that require multiple days to complete. Teachers must assign absentee students to existing groups in order to manage this so that they can still contribute, but their absence will not delay the group's completion of the task.



Goals of Cooperative Learning

Teaching students how to work in groups, which is often a regular occurrence in life after school, is the primary objective of cooperative learning. It teaches them how to think about larger tasks in the context of a group, what skills each person possesses, and how to best align those skills with important project tasks. However, group work frequently brings about numerous complications. It is possible for a teacher to design an excellent lesson and project, but by the time the deadline arrived, very little work had been completed. Also, a few understudies could assume the majority of the work, while others do very little. Teachers should assign both a group rubric and an individual rubric for grading to help combat this. In order to maintain individual accountability, this ensures that students are graded based on individual contributions and have a clear understanding of what is expected of them.



Advantages And Disadvantages Of Cooperative Learning

Cooperative learning has many advantages and disadvantages. What exactly is cooperative learning, you might be wondering? In cooperative learning, students collaborate in small groups to learn and accomplish shared objectives. You'll learn about the benefits and drawbacks of cooperative learning in this article.

Advantages of Cooperative Learning

The appeal of cooperative learning in the search for effective educational models lies in its capacity to foster academic development as well as interpersonal and life skills. The numerous ways cooperative learning can enrich education are listed below.

Enhanced Social Interaction

- Improves students' communication and teamwork skills, as well as their ability to develop empathy for their peers, by involving them in activities that require them to work together.
- Students' social experiences in the classroom are enhanced by teamwork by creating a welcoming learning environment where they feel valued and a part of the community.



Improved Self-Esteem and Self-Efficacy

- Positive peer feedback and the sharing of challenges overcome in cooperative learning boost student confidence, which can significantly boost individual self-esteem.
- Students' self-efficacy is increased when they see how their efforts directly affect the outcomes of the group because collaboration enables them to see the value of their contributions.

Greater Academic Achievement

- When students talk to each other and explain concepts to one another, cooperation helps them retain more information, which improves their comprehension of academic material.
- Learning in groups fosters active participation and engagement, both of which are essential for improving learning outcomes and academic success.

Development of Essential Life Skills

- Encourages the development of critical weak skills like conflict resolution, leadership, effective communication, and teamwork. Beyond the classroom, these abilities are priceless and highly sought after in professional settings. Helps students become more adaptable and resilient by putting them in diverse group situations where they have to deal with a variety of obstacles and perspectives.



Positive Classroom Environment

- Students' sense of community and ability to work together are bolstered by cooperative learning. This helps both the individuals and the group by creating a welcoming and engaging atmosphere.
- It ensures that every student is involved and plays a role, reducing isolation. Classroom morale can rise as a result.

Diversity and Inclusivity

- By bringing students from various backgrounds together to work toward common objectives, collaboration fosters understanding and appreciation of diverse perspectives and cultures.
- Cooperation aids in the removal of stereotypes and barriers. It encourages a diverse and inclusive school culture.



Enhanced Motivation

- Individual motivation can be significantly boosted by group accomplishments and peer support. The achievement of one student inspires others to strive for their own success.
- Cooperative learning's shared objectives and collaborative nature can make academic work more interesting and enjoyable, which in turn boosts motivation to learn.

Better Problem-Solving Skills

- Students are able to approach challenges from a variety of perspectives when working in teams, which encourages creative thinking and collective problem-solving.
- A safe environment for trial and error is provided by group learning, which is essential for developing effective problem-solving skills.

Increased Responsibility and Accountability

- Students learn to take responsibility for how they contribute to the success of the group. Engagement and dedication to the task at hand are enhanced by this sense of ownership over their learning process.
- Accountability reduces the likelihood of free-riding and promotes a more equitable distribution of work by ensuring that all members contribute equally.

Feedback and Assessment

- Allows team members to provide immediate feedback, which may be more relatable and less intimidating than feedback from teachers alone. Improvements in comprehension and quicker adjustments may result from this immediate exchange.
- By observing how students explain concepts to one another and participate in group activities to solve problems, it makes it possible to conduct assessments of students' understanding that are more nuanced.

Therefore, in addition to improving academic performance, cooperative learning helps students develop a variety of interpersonal skills and personal qualities that are crucial to their overall development.

Disadvantages of Cooperative Learning

Cooperative learning has many advantages, but it also has drawbacks. To ensure a balanced approach to group-based pedagogy, educators must be aware of these potential drawbacks.

Risk of Group Dependency

Students' ability to work independently and develop individual initiative may be hindered if they become overly dependent on their peers. When they are required to complete tasks on their own, this dependency can reduce their confidence in their abilities.

Unequal Participation

Due to a lack of interest, confidence, or engagement, some students may choose to participate less in group projects, placing an unfair burden on more active students. Resentment and decreased learning effectiveness can result from this imbalance.

Assessment Challenges

A significant obstacle is the difficulty in accurately evaluating individual contributions and learning outcomes. Grading may be inaccurate due to the difficulty of determining each student's understanding and mastery of the material.

Potential for Conflict

Conflicts can arise between members of the group due to differences in work ethic, personality, or comprehension. If these conflicts are not handled well, they can have a negative impact on the dynamics and outcomes of the group as well as disrupt the learning process.

Time-Consumption

Teachers and students alike must devote a significant amount of time and effort to the planning, formation, and management of groups. Other useful teaching and learning activities may suffer as a result of this increased time commitment.

Teacher Preparedness

Teachers must have specialized training in managing cooperative learning environments for cooperative learning to be successful. Teachers may have difficulty facilitating productive group work if they are not adequately prepared, affecting student outcomes.

Social Loafing

A common issue is social loafing, in which some students minimize their efforts because they are aware that others will ensure the group's success. The group's morale, fairness, and performance are all impacted by this behavior.

Overemphasis on Collaboration

Cooperative learning runs the risk of ignoring the development of individual learning abilities and independence. It's possible that students won't have enough opportunities to solve problems on their own, which could hinder their ability to learn on their own.

Student Compatibility

Not all students do well in groups; Independent study may be preferred or beneficial to some. Cooperative learning can be stressful and less effective than other instructional methods for these students.

Resource Intensiveness

In order to effectively facilitate group activities, cooperative learning necessitates more space and materials. In schools with limited budgets or space, this demand can put a strain on resources and present logistical challenges. Teachers can maximize the benefits of cooperative learning while minimizing its drawbacks by proactively addressing these challenges of cooperation through careful planning, training, and management.

Benefits of Cooperative Learning

- Academic work becomes a valued activity among peers when students work together to achieve a common objective.
- Students want to help each other learn.
- Students can translate the language of the teacher into "student language" for one another.
- Students who share their explanations with one another improve their own learning.
- When students need to organize their thoughts in order to explain them to teammates, they must engage in cognitive elaboration—thinking that builds on other ideas—which significantly improves their own comprehension.
- Individual attention and assistance can be provided by teammates.
- Participating in regular and constructive collaborative study groups can help you learn the material, prepare for exams, and perform better on tests.

Challenges And Benefits Of Cooperation In Education?

In education, cooperative learning has both advantages and disadvantages. During the COVID-19 pandemic, challenges include the difficulty of adjusting to online environments, potential disadvantages like unfair task division and coordination difficulties, and the need for teachers to plan and guide the learning process. However, cooperative learning has significant advantages. It boosts students' motivation, enhances learning outcomes, and cultivates critical thinking, communication, and social awareness skills. Students benefit from autonomy, leadership, and respect through cooperative learning, which also fosters a culture of integration and peace. Additionally, when there is trust and collaboration among students, teachers, parents, and school principals, cooperative behavior in education can benefit disadvantaged students. Overall, cooperative learning is a useful teaching method that boosts student engagement, learning outcomes, and essential skill development.



Research Methodology

The present study utilized a mixed-method research design as its general background. A concurrent triangulation design was used by the researchers (Creswell & Creswell,, 2017). Under this design, both quantitative and qualitative data were collected simultaneously in a single study. The purpose of this kind of research design is to use evidence from the other method to confirm the results of each method. Through a semistructured interview with the participants and a survey questionnaire, the researchers gathered quantitative and qualitative data. Interviews are the only way to obtain in-depth information because the purpose of the study is to investigate the perceived difficulties that teacher educators face when implementing CL. However, more generalized results will be obtained by conducting a quantitative survey with a large sample.

Additionally, the majority of active learning strategies, such as CL, are taught theoretically rather than demonstrated, both of which have been criticized by researchers for their poor teacher education outcomes in middle-income nations. The goal of the study is to help researchers comprehend the issue of not demonstrating CL but instead focusing on content instruction through interviews and a survey of teacher educators. As a result, both quantitative and qualitative data are gathered at the same time, and the findings of this study are supported by the evidence from the semi-structured interviews and the quantitative survey. To collect quantitative data, the researchers developed the PCCLI (Perceived Challenges to CL Implementation) questionnaire using a 5-point Likert scale. In accordance with the objectives of the study and the existing literature, the researchers constructed a questionnaire to assess the perceived difficulties that teacher educators face when implementing CL. The scale was checked by five experts in the field. The experts' suggestions were taken into account by the researchers, who then established the scale's content validity. The final scale had 12 statements, and participants had to rate how well they knew and had experienced CL with regard to each one (strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, and strongly agree). The final scale was put to the test by the researchers by giving it to 40 teacher educators and recording their responses. Cronbach's alpha was used to check the items' internal consistency. The reliability of the scale is found to be 0.63. Qualitative data were gathered through a semi-structured interview by the researchers. The most frequently used data is the semi-structured interview.

The Benefits Of Cooperative Learning In The Classroom

Here are some benefits of cooperative learning to enhance a student's future and What are the impacts of applying these cooperative learning strategies.

1. Enhanced Academic Achievement:

Activities that involve cooperative learning encourage active participation, which in turn improves academic performance. Students' comprehension of the material is enhanced when they collaborate and share information and concepts. For instance, in a mathematics class, students work together to solve difficult problems. They acquire a comprehensive comprehension of the concepts through discussion of various approaches.

2. Improved Social Skills:

Social skills are one of the important advantages of cooperative learning. Students' social skills, such as communication, empathy, and cooperation, improve when they work in groups. They acquire the skills of clear speech, active listening, and respect for differing points of view. Example: Students in a literature class share their interpretations of a novel in a group discussion, respecting each other's points of view and building on the insights of the group.

3. Increased Motivation:

Students develop a sense of shared responsibility and accountability through collaborative learning. They are more enthusiastic about learning as a whole because they are motivated to help the group succeed. Example: Students collaborate to carry out experiments in a science project. They are more motivated to learn because of their shared excitement, which inspires them to investigate novel concepts and hypotheses.

4. Development of Critical Thinking Skills:

Students are encouraged to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information in groups through cooperative learning. Critical thinking, questioning presumptions, and coming to well-informed conclusions are all skills they acquire. Example: Students in a history class work together to examine primary sources and talk about biases and historical context. They learn to think critically through group discussion.

5. Enhanced Communication Skills:

Communication is essential for collaborative activities. In order to improve their communication skills, students learn how to clearly express their thoughts, ask questions, and provide constructive feedback. Example: Students improve their verbal communication skills by practicing coherently articulating their ideas during a group presentation in a language arts class.

6. Promotion of Positive Interdependence:

Through cooperative learning, students are taught to be reliant on one another. The group's sense of unity and cooperation are bolstered by their intertwined success. Example: Students work on various aspects of a research topic in a group project. Because of their positive interdependence, each member's contribution is essential.

7. Cultivation of Leadership Skills:

Students have the chance to lead discussions, delegate tasks, and guide their peers in collaborative groups. This helps them develop leadership skills and boosts their self-assurance. Example: In a social studies class, students take turns leading discussions, honing their leadership abilities and facilitating lively discussions.

8. Increased Retention of Information:

Students retain more information when they demonstrate concepts to their peers. Teaching and reaffirming students' comprehension of the material are frequently part of cooperative learning activities. Example: Through the creation and presentation of educational games based on historical

events, students reinforce their prior knowledge while simultaneously instructing their peers in a fun and engaging way.

9. Diverse Perspectives and Cultural Understanding:

Diverse individuals often make up collaborative learning groups. Cultural understanding and tolerance are cultivated when peers from diverse backgrounds interact with one another. Example: Students in a geography class work together with international pen pals to learn about different cultures and different points of view on global issues.

10. Increased Engagement in Learning:

Strategies for cooperative learning are naturally engaging and interactive. Students actively participate, which enhances the enjoyment and significance of learning. Example: Students work together to create a working model for a science experiment. They stay engaged in the learning process thanks to their hands-on involvement.

11. Development of Conflict Resolution Skills:

Occasionally, disagreements may arise during collaborative activities. Students improve their skills at resolving conflicts in a respectful manner. Example: Students in a civics class may have opposing viewpoints during a debate. They learn to respect each other's points of view while resolving disagreements through constructive argumentation.

12. Preparation for Real-World Collaboration:

Collaboration is crucial in the workplace. Students are better prepared for careers in which teamwork and collaboration are essential skills through cooperative learning. Example: In an economics class, students collaborate on market research, product development, and marketing strategies to mimic a business project.

13. Boosted Self-Esteem and Confidence:

Students gain self-assurance when they actively participate in group projects and discussions. Their self-esteem rises when they receive encouragement from their peers. Example: Students collaborate to create a mural in an art class. They gain confidence in their artistic abilities when they see how much their classmates enjoy their work.

14. Personalised Learning Experience:

Individualized support within groups is made possible by cooperative learning. Individualized assistance can be provided by students working together based on their respective strengths and weaknesses. Example: Students in a language class practice speaking skills in pairs. Fluent speakers help their peers, making learning more individualized for everyone.

15. Increased Empathy and Understanding:

Students are encouraged to comprehend the challenges and perspectives of their peers through collaborative learning. This promotes a supportive learning environment by encouraging empathy and compassion. Example: In a sociology class, students talk about social problems. Empathy is cultivated when students hear about other people's experiences, which makes the classroom more inclusive.

16. Strengthened Work Ethic:

All members of the team must focus on and put in effort when working collaboratively. Students have a better understanding of the value of effort and hard work, which helps them develop a strong work ethic.

17. Enhanced Problem-Solving Skills:

Students learn about different ways to solve problems when they work together. They come up with innovative solutions to problems through discussions and brainstorming.

Example: When working on a physics experiment together, students face difficulties in creating an effective setup. In order to make the most of their experiment, they come up with novel solutions through trial and error.

18. Cooperative learning in the classroom:

A classroom that is welcoming and supportive is created through cooperative learning. Students are more willing to participate in a positive learning environment when they feel valued. Example: Students feel heard and respected when group discussions are incorporated into a history class, fostering a positive atmosphere in which diverse viewpoints are valued.

19. Long-Lasting Friendships:

Strong friendships are frequently the result of cooperative learning strategies. Through shared experiences, students form bonds that last beyond the classroom. Example: Students who work together on a drama production may develop close friendships because they share a love of theater and creativity that goes beyond school.

20. Promotion of Lifelong Learning Skills:

Students are set up for a lifetime of learning thanks to the communication, teamwork, and critical thinking abilities they acquire through cooperative learning. Because they can be used in a variety of settings, these skills are useful for the rest of your life. Example: As part of a community service project, students use their skills to solve real-world problems. The experience inspires a sense of responsibility as well as a commitment to lifelong learning and community involvement.

Need of Cooperative Learning in'

Cooperative learning is a combination of social and academic learning opportunities. It describes a method in which students collaborate to accomplish academic objectives and complete assignments. Individual learning, which is competitive, is not the same as group learning. Students work together to learn under this instructional strategy. Interaction is at the heart of cooperation; Motivation comes from interaction; Students are encouraged to share ideas and knowledge with one another and to rely on one another for resources and study materials when they are motivated. Students are held accountable for their own work and the performance of the group as a whole while working in small groups on a structured activity. Students practice teamwork and face-to-face work. Students can improve their weaker skills and share their strengths when they work in teams. They improve their social skills. They acquire conflict resolution skills. The purpose of this study is to emphasize the significance of cooperative learning in classrooms teaching Indian languages.

Indian Language Classroom: A Study

Cooperative learning has two significant advantages in Indian language classrooms, according to the study. Theoretical instruction, syllabus completion, rote learning, and performance on written exams are the primary goals of Indian language classrooms. The present paper identifies a significant gap in language teaching and learning in Indian language classrooms, taking into account the theory-based teaching method. In the Indian language classroom, teachers typically place a greater emphasis on completing the syllabus within the allotted time. They fail to achieve effective language learning as they finish a syllabus. Students find it difficult to adapt to the current professional environment, where language proficiency is increasingly valued. They are unable to present themselves effectively and fluently in interviews, social settings, and workplace settings. A successful language learning environment would greatly benefit from employing cooperative learning methods in such instances. Students gain confidence through cooperative learning and feel more at ease working in groups. In a

multicultural Indian language classroom, cooperative learning encourages groups of diverse students to work on a common problem, which is another advantage. In Indian classrooms, the process of collaboration fosters a friendly atmosphere. According to Johnson and Johnson, "the learners move to discussing issues and developing a consensus through a process of negotiation, conflict resolution, and active listening." Indian language classrooms will benefit from group learning and information sharing. Students will realize their own responsibilities for language learning and develop self-motivation. The current body of research on cooperative learning and the advantages it offers in language teaching are briefly discussed in the following section. Galaxy: www.galaxyimrj.com

Literature on Cooperative Learning Cooperative learning is a pedagogical practice that has received a lot of attention over the past three decades because there is a lot of research that shows that students benefit academically and socially when they have opportunities to interact with others to accomplish shared goals. In addition, when students work together, they show increased participation in group discussions, demonstrate a more sophisticated level of discourse, engage in fewer interruptions when others speak, and provide more intellectually valuable contributions. By working together, students develop an understanding of Cooperative learning is also associated with positive outcomes such as improved self-esteem, increased motivation to stay on task, and a deeper comprehension of the material. Students can become actively and constructively involved in the content, take responsibility for their own learning, resolve group conflicts, and improve their teamwork skills through cooperative learning. It has been demonstrated that cooperative learning methods boost academic performance. Benefits of cooperative learning in the Indian context Cooperative learning may provide an excellent alternative to the current theoretical approach to language instruction. It would offer a solution to the problem of large Indian classrooms; encourage students who are unsure or hesitant while also instilling confidence in them. Additionally, it would foster a welcoming environment in the multicultural Indian classrooms. The following is a discussion of the numerous advantages of cooperative learning in Indian language classrooms: 3.1 Beneficial for fostering a multicultural atmosphere As was mentioned earlier, Indian classrooms are naturally multicultural. Conflicts and competition are likely to arise in a multicultural setting. A hostile atmosphere is to be expected in the classroom, where a healthy learning environment is unquestionable. Cooperative learning, on the other hand, emphasizes teamwork and consensus. Students are encouraged to assume responsibility and negotiate with other members of the group.

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CONCLUSION

Numerous studies have demonstrated that when students have opportunities to collaborate with others to achieve common objectives, they perform better academically and socially (Johnson & Johnson, 2002; Over the past three decades, pedagogical practices like cooperative learning have received a lot of attention; 2002, Johnson & Johnson). 1996, Lou and co.; (Gillies, 2006; Slavin, 1996) Additionally, when students collaborate, they participate more actively in group discussions, display a higher level of discourse, are less likely to interrupt others when they speak, and contribute material that is more intellectually valuable (Gillies, 2006; Slavin, 1996). (Webb & Farivar, 1999) Worker students are motivated to respond to others' requests for assistance or perceived need for assistance with information, prompts, reminders, and encouragement because they understand that the group has a common goal and needs to support each other's learning (Gillies, 2003a; According to Ross and Smyth (1995), successful cooperative learning tasks are intellectually demanding, creative, open-ended, and involve higher-order thinking tasks (Gillies & Ashman, 1998). Positive outcomes like improved self-esteem, increased motivation to stay on task, and a deeper comprehension of the material are also linked to cooperative learning. Through cooperative learning, students can become actively and constructively involved in the content, take responsibility for their own learning, resolve conflicts in groups, and improve their teamwork skills. Cooperative learning methods have been shown to improve academic performance.

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