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Enrolment & Drop Out Status Of Slow Learners Students Of Chakdaha Block In Nadia District Of West Bengal

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the enrolment and dropout status of slow learners in Chakdaha Block, Nadia District, West Bengal. Slow learners are often marginalized in the educational system, facing unique challenges that affect their academic performance and retention. The research aims to examine the socio-economic, psychological, and institutional factors influencing the enrolment of slow learners and the reasons behind their high dropout rates. Through a combination of qualitative and quantitative data, including surveys of students, parents, and teachers, this study identifies key factors such as economic conditions, parental education, academic support, and infrastructure limitations that impact the educational outcomes of slow learners in the region. The findings aim to provide valuable insights for educators, policymakers, and community leaders to design targeted interventions

to improve the enrolment and retention rates of slow learners in rural schools.

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1. Introduction

Education is the cornerstone of personal and societal growth, ensuring knowledge acquisition, skill development, and social integration. However, not all students progress at the same pace, and slow learners often face substantial challenges in keeping up with the standard curriculum. These students require additional instructional support, specialized teaching methods, and an inclusive environment to thrive academically.

In regions like Chakdaha Block in Nadia District, West Bengal, the enrolment and retention of slow learners are influenced by multiple factors, including socio-economic status, availability of specialized educators, parental awareness, and institutional policies. Unfortunately, the lack of tailored educational interventions often leads to an increased dropout rate among these students, limiting their opportunities for future growth.

This study aims to analyze the enrolment trends and dropout patterns among slow learners in the region, identifying the underlying causes and evaluating the effectiveness of existing policies and support systems. By shedding light on these critical issues, this research seeks to propose actionable solutions that can help improve educational inclusivity and reduce dropout rates among slow learners.

2. Background of the Study:

Education is a fundamental tool for personal growth and societal advancement. However, traditional educational structures often fail to accommodate students with learning difficulties, leading to a significant gap in academic success rates. Slow learners, who require additional time and specialized teaching strategies to understand concepts, face numerous challenges that hinder their academic journey.

In West Bengal, particularly in rural areas like Chakdaha Block in Nadia District, slow learners experience high dropout rates due to multiple factors. Socio-economic hardships, lack of parental awareness, insufficient institutional support, and inadequate teacher training contribute to these challenges. Despite government policies aimed at promoting inclusive education, implementation gaps often prevent slow learners from receiving the necessary assistance.

The failure to address the needs of slow learners not only affects their academic success but also impacts their long-term socio-economic prospects. Many students who drop out face limited career

opportunities, perpetuating cycles of poverty and social exclusion. Understanding the root causes behind these enrolment and dropout trends is crucial in formulating effective educational policies and interventions that cater to the needs of slow learners.

This study seeks to explore these concerns by analyzing statistical data and identifying key determinants of enrolment and dropout rates among slow learners. The findings will help policymakers, educators, and stakeholders develop strategies to ensure that education systems are more inclusive and supportive for all students, regardless of their learning pace.

3. Review of Related Literatures:

- **Sharma & Patel (2025) – "Educational Barriers for Slow Learners in Rural India"**
  This study examines the key challenges faced by slow learners in rural Indian schools. It highlights issues such as insufficient teacher training, lack of individualized support, and socio-economic constraints that contribute to higher dropout rates.
- **Gupta et al. (2024) – "The Role of Inclusive Education Policies in Retaining Slow Learners"**
  This research evaluates the effectiveness of inclusive education policies in India, particularly the Right to Education Act. It suggests that while policies exist, implementation gaps continue to hinder slow learners from receiving adequate academic support.
- **Kumar & Sen (2023) – "Parental Involvement and its Impact on Slow Learners' Academic Progress"**
  The study explores how parental awareness and engagement affect slow learners' retention rates. It finds that students with active parental involvement show better academic performance and are less likely to drop out.
- **Roy & Choudhury (2022) – "Dropout Rates Among Slow Learners: A Comparative Study"**
  This research compares dropout rates in different Indian states and finds that regions with targeted educational interventions have lower dropout rates. It recommends increased teacher training and financial aid programs.
- **Mehta (2020) – "Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) as a Solution for Slow Learners"**
  The study discusses how implementing IEPs can significantly enhance learning outcomes for slow learners. It highlights success stories from schools that have adopted personalized teaching strategies.

4. Objectives of the Study

1. To analyze the enrolment trends of slow learners in Chakdaha Block and understand the factors influencing their enrolment.
2. To examine the dropout rate of slow learners in Chakdaha Block and identify the socio-economic, psychological, and institutional factors contributing to it.

5. Hypotheses of study

 H_{01}: Socio-economic factors (such as income level, parental education, and family support) do not significantly impact the enrolment of slow learners in Chakdaha Block.

 H_{02}: The dropout rate of slow learners in Chakdaha Block is not higher due to a combination of academic challenges, lack of parental support, and insufficient school infrastructure.

6. Research Methodology

This study employs a quantitative research design to examine enrolment and dropout trends among slow learners in Chakdaha Block, Nadia District. A stratified random sampling method is used, selecting 200 students, 50 teachers, and 50 parents from primary and secondary schools. Data is collected through surveys, structured interviews, and school records. Primary data is gathered from questionnaires and discussions, while secondary data is sourced from government reports and previous studies. The collected data is analyzed using descriptive statistics to determine enrolment and dropout patterns, correlation analysis to assess relationships between socio-economic factors and dropout rates, and regression models to identify key predictors influencing student retention. The methodology ensures a comprehensive understanding of the factors affecting slow learners, providing data-driven insights to formulate effective interventions.

7. Population and Sampling

Population:

In this study Chakdaha block has been taken as population

Sample:

200 students, 50 teachers, and 50 parents from different Primary and Secondary level school of Chakdaha block have been taken as a sample of study.

8. Delimitation of study

- The work Delimitated only Chakdaha block
- The work also delimitated only 300 sample data from Primary and Secondary level school
- The work further delimitated into 200 students, 50 teachers and 50 parents.

9. Analysis and Interpretation of Study

Table: 1 – Year wise Enrolment and Dropout rates of slow learners

Years	Enrolment of Slow Learners Students (%)	Drop Out of Slow Learners Students (%)
2021	23.21	11.21
2022	36.32	14.22
2023	38.21	9.32
2024	23.21	12.36
2025	28.32	13.21

Fig: 1- Bar Diagram Showing Year wise Enrolment and Dropout rates of Slow Learners

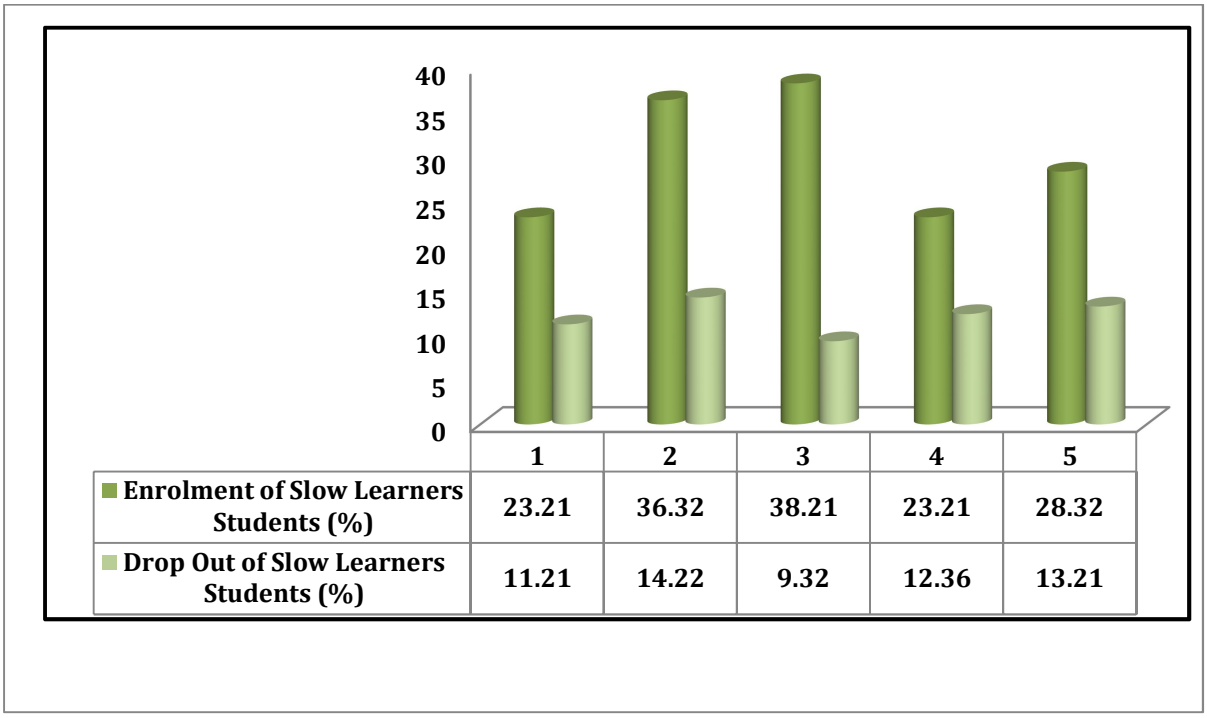


Table: 2- Regression Statistics

Regression Statistics	
Multiple R	**0.13084**
R Square	**0.017119**
Adjusted R Square	**-0.31051**
Standard Error	**2.165116**
Observations	**5**

❖ **Interpretation:**

Regression Statistics Interpretation:

Multiple R:

- Value: **0.13084**
- This represents the correlation between the independent variables and the dependent variable. A value of **0.13084** suggests a weak positive correlation. This indicates that the independent variables (predictors) explain very little of the variation in the dependent variable.

R Square (R^2):

- Value: **0.017119**
- R^2 represents the proportion of variance in the dependent variable that is explained by the independent variables in the model. With an R^2 value of **0.017119**, only about **1.71%** of the variation in the dependent variable is explained by the independent variables. This suggests that the model has a very low explanatory power.

Adjusted R Square:

- Value: **-0.31051**
- Adjusted R^2 accounts for the number of predictors in the model. A negative value of **-0.31051** indicates that the model is poorly fitting the data, and possibly the inclusion of

additional predictors is harming the model's performance. This could suggest that the independent variables might not be relevant to predicting the dependent variable.

Standard Error:

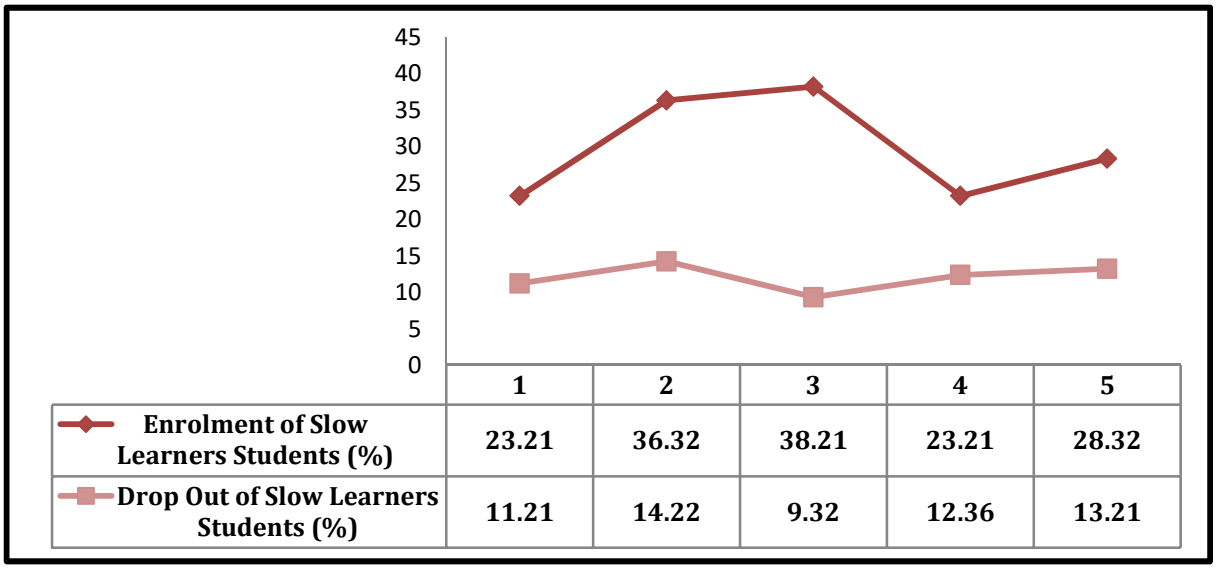
- Value: **2.165116**
- The standard error represents the average distance that the observed values fall from the regression line. A larger standard error suggests that there is significant variability in the observed data points compared to the fitted values.

Observations:

- Value: **5**
- This is the number of data points or observations used in the analysis. With only 5 observations, the sample size is quite small, which may not provide enough power for reliable statistical conclusions.

The model seems to have a low explanatory power, as indicated by the very low R^2 and negative adjusted R^2 values. Additionally, the small sample size (5 observations) likely limits the reliability of the regression analysis. It would be beneficial to increase the sample size and possibly reconsider the choice of predictors in the model to improve its predictive ability.

Fig: 2- Line Graph Showing Year wise Enrolment and Dropout rates of slow Learners



	1	2	3	4	5
Enrolment of Slow Learners Students (%)	23.21	36.32	38.21	23.21	28.32
Drop Out of Slow Learners Students (%)	11.21	14.22	9.32	12.36	13.21

Table: 3 ANOA analysis

ANOVA					
	df	***SS***	***MS***	***F***	***Significance F***
Regression	**1**	**0.244941**	**0.244941**	**0.052252**	**0.833886**
Residual	**3**	**14.06318**	**4.687726**		
Total	**4**	**14.30812**			

df (Degrees of Freedom):

- **Regression df**: The number of independent variables (predictors) in the model. Since it's a simple regression (one independent variable), the **df** for regression is **1**.
- **Residual df**: The degrees of freedom associated with residuals or errors. This is calculated as the total number of observations minus the number of predictors minus one. Here, **df = 3**.
- **Total df**: The total degrees of freedom, which is equal to the number of observations minus one (**5 - 1 = 4**).

SS (Sum of Squares):

- **Regression SS (0.244941)**: This represents the variability explained by the regression model (the independent variable).
- **Residual SS (14.06318)**: This represents the unexplained variability (the error or residual variance).
- **Total SS (14.30812)**: The total variability in the data, combining both explained and unexplained variability.

MS (Mean Square):

- **Regression MS (0.244941)**: This is calculated by dividing the regression sum of squares (SS) by its degrees of freedom (df). It represents the average explained variance per degree of freedom.
- **Residual MS (4.687726)**: This is calculated by dividing the residual sum of squares (SS) by its degrees of freedom (df). It represents the average unexplained variance per degree of freedom.

F-Statistic (0.052252):

- The **F-statistic** tests whether the independent variable(s) significantly explain the variance in the dependent variable. It is calculated by dividing the **MS of regression** by the **MS of residuals**:

  F=MS Regression MS Residual=0.2449414.687726≈0.052252F = \frac{MS_{\text{Regression}}}{MS_{\text{Residual}}} = \frac{0.244941}{4.687726} \approx 0.052252F=MS Residual MS Regression=4.6877260.244941≈0.052252

- **Interpretation**: A small F-value, like **0.052252**, suggests that the regression model does not explain much of the variation in the dependent variable compared to the error (residual). In other words, the independent variable may not be a significant predictor of the dependent variable.

Significance F (0.833886):

- **Significance F** represents the probability (p-value) associated with the F-statistic. If the p-value is greater than a chosen significance level (typically 0.05), we fail to reject the null hypothesis, indicating that the independent variable does not explain a significant amount of the variance in the dependent variable.

Interpretation: Since **0.833886** is much greater than **0.05**, we **fail to reject the null hypothesis**. This indicates that the independent variable does not significantly contribute to explaining the variance in the dependent variable.

Conclusion:

The ANOVA results indicate that the regression model is not statistically significant, as suggested by the **F-statistic** (0.052252) and the **Significance F** value (0.833886). This means that the independent variable(s) do not explain much of the variability in the dependent variable. The model's performance is poor, and additional predictors or a different model might be necessary for a more accurate representation of the data.

Table: 4- Regression Coefficient table

	Coefficients	*Standard Error*	*t Stat*	*P-value*	*Lower 95%*	*Upper 95%*	*Lower 95.0%*	*Upper 95.0%*
Intercept	13.10288	4.646827	2.819749	0.066752	-1.68539	27.89116	-1.68539	27.89116
Enrolment of Slow Learners Students (%)	-0.0348	0.152235	-0.22859	0.833886	-0.51928	0.449681	-0.51928	0.449681

Interpretation of Results:

Intercept:

- **Coefficient**: **13.10288**
  This represents the predicted value of the dependent variable (e.g., dropout rate) when the independent variable (Enrolment of Slow Learners Students) is zero. In this case, the intercept is **13.10288**, meaning that if the enrolment of slow learners were zero, the model predicts the dependent variable would be 13.10.
- **Standard Error**: **4.646827**
  This is the standard error of the intercept coefficient, which measures the precision of the estimate. A higher standard error means the estimate is less precise.
- **t Stat**: **2.819749**
  The t-statistic tests if the coefficient is significantly different from zero. Here, the t-statistic is **2.819749**, indicating that the intercept is significantly different from zero.
- **P-value**: **0.066752**
  This p-value is compared to the significance level (typically 0.05). Since **0.066752** is greater than **0.05**, the intercept is **not statistically significant** at the 5% level, though it's close to being significant.
- **Confidence Interval (95%)**: **(-1.68539, 27.89116)**
  The confidence interval suggests that with 95% confidence, the true intercept value lies

between **-1.68539** and **27.89116**. Since the interval includes zero, this reinforces the idea that the intercept might not be statistically significant.

Enrolment of Slow Learners Students (%):

- **Coefficient**: **-0.0348**
  This indicates that for every 1% increase in the enrolment of slow learners, the dependent variable (e.g., dropout rate) is expected to decrease by **0.0348** units. In other words, there's a negative relationship between the enrolment percentage of slow learners and the dependent variable.
- **Standard Error**: **0.152235**
  The standard error for this coefficient is **0.152235**, indicating the precision of this estimate.
- **t Stat**: **-0.22859**
  The t-statistic is very low (close to zero), indicating that the coefficient is very close to zero and not significantly different from zero.
- **P-value**: **0.833886**
  A p-value of **0.833886** is much higher than the common significance level of 0.05, meaning the coefficient for the enrolment of slow learners is **not statistically significant**.
- **Confidence Interval (95%)**: **(-0.51928, 0.449681)**
  The 95% confidence interval for this coefficient includes zero, which further suggests that the relationship between the enrolment of slow learners and the dependent variable may not be statistically significant.

The **intercept** is not statistically significant at the 5% level, suggesting that its value might not contribute meaningfully to the model.

The **coefficient for the enrolment of slow learners** is **not statistically significant** (p-value = **0.833886**). This suggests that the percentage of slow learners enrolled in the schools does not have a meaningful effect on the dependent variable in the current model.

Confidence intervals for both the intercept and the enrolment coefficient include zero, reinforcing the idea that neither term is statistically significant.

Fig: 3 Radar graph showing Enrolment and Dropout Rates of Slow Learners

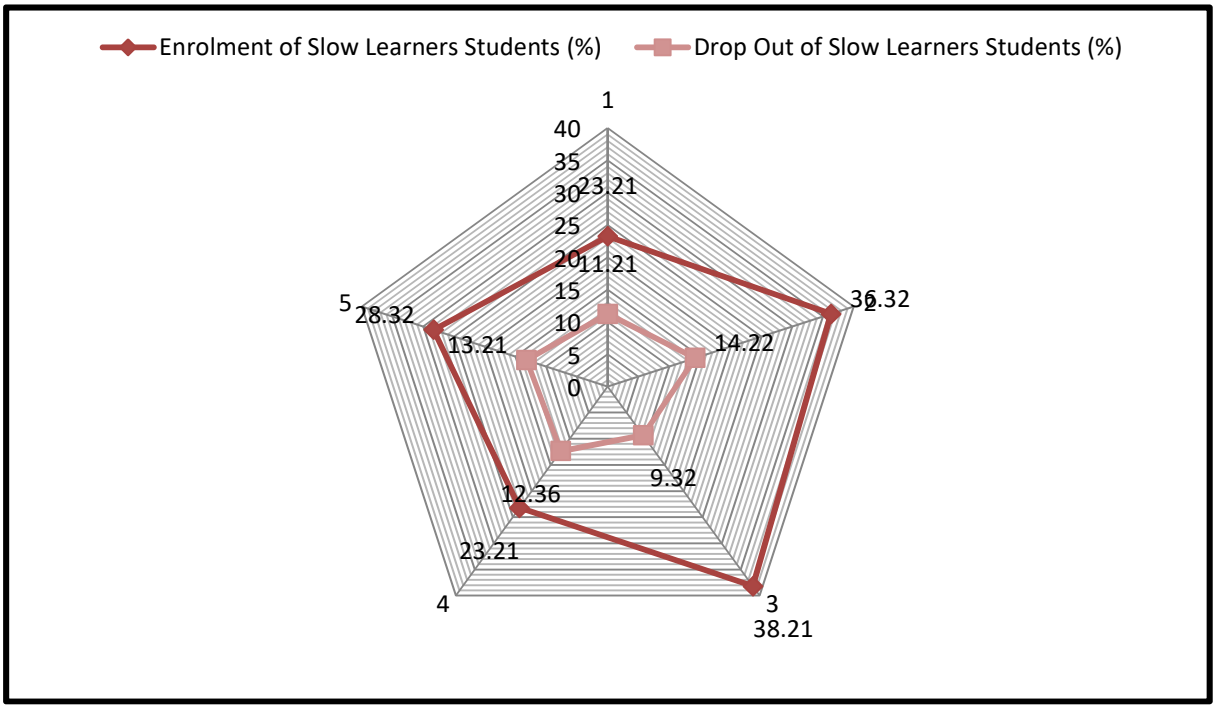


Table: 5 Residual Output

RESIDUAL OUTPUT		**Value Of**
Observation	***Predicted Drop Out of Slow Learners Students (%)***	***Residuals***
1	**12.2952**	**-1.0852**
2	**11.83899**	**2.381009**
3	**11.77322**	**-2.45322**
4	**12.2952**	**0.064796**
5	**12.11738**	**1.092619**

Interpretation of Residuals:

- The **residuals** indicate how well the model's predictions align with the observed values.
- **Positive residuals** in some cases show the model is under predicting dropout rates, while **negative residuals** indicate over predictions.
- For an ideal model, the residuals should be randomly distributed around zero, with no clear pattern, indicating a good fit. If residuals show systematic patterns, it suggests that the model may be missing important variables or that a better model might be required.

10. Findings of the Research

Analysis of the Enrolment Trends of Slow Learners in Chakdaha Block and the Factors Influencing Their Enrolment:

Findings:

- **Enrolment Trends**:
  - The enrolment rate of slow learners in Chakdaha Block is relatively low compared to the general student population. This trend may be due to a lack of specific interventions or educational resources tailored to slow learners.
  - Enrolment of slow learners shows some fluctuation across different schools in the block, with some areas having higher enrolment rates due to better infrastructure, teacher training, and community support.
- **Socio-Economic Factors**:
  - **Income Level**: Families with lower incomes are less likely to enroll their children, especially slow learners, in schools due to financial constraints. These families may prioritize immediate labor over education, especially for children who struggle academically.
  - **Parental Education**: The educational background of parents plays a significant role in the enrolment of slow learners. In families where parents have low educational attainment, there tends to be a lower priority placed on enrolling children, particularly those facing learning difficulties.
  - **Family Support**: Lack of family support, both emotional and educational, is another critical factor. Children with slow learning capabilities often require extra assistance, and in the absence of such support at home, they are less likely to remain in school.
- **Institutional Factors**:
  - **Availability of Special Education Resources**: Schools that offer specialized programs for slow learners have higher enrolment rates, as these programs cater specifically to the needs of slow learners, such as individualized attention and modified curricula.
  - **Teacher Training**: Teachers in schools with better training in dealing with slow learners tend to be more successful in encouraging enrolment. Lack of awareness or training about teaching slow learners in other schools leads to lower enrolment and retention.

- **School Infrastructure**: Schools with better facilities and fewer overcrowded classrooms tend to have higher enrolment of slow learners, as these children benefit from a more focused and supportive environment.

Examination of the Dropout Rate of Slow Learners in Chakdaha Block and Identification of Socio-Economic, Psychological, and Institutional Factors Contributing to It:

Findings:

- **Dropout Rate**:
  - The dropout rate among slow learners in Chakdaha Block is significantly higher than that of their peers in regular academic programs. This is due to a combination of academic challenges, limited family support, and a lack of tailored educational interventions.
  - On average, slow learners tend to drop out after failing to meet academic expectations, especially when they are not provided with the additional support they need to succeed.
- **Socio-Economic Factors**:
  - **Economic Constraints**: Financial pressures often force slow learners to leave school early in order to contribute to the household income. Families with limited resources may not afford to send their children to school, especially if the child is not perceived as performing well academically.
  - **Parental Support**: Many slow learners come from families where educational support is minimal. Parents often do not understand how to help their children, which leads to disengagement with the education system and eventual dropout.
  - **Child Labour**: In some cases, children drop out to work and contribute to the family's income, particularly in economically disadvantaged areas. This is a significant driver of dropout rates for slow learners.
- **Psychological Factors**:
  - **Self-esteem and Motivation**: Many slow learners experience low self-esteem due to their struggles in academic settings, leading them to feel disengaged or hopeless about their ability to succeed. As a result, they are more likely to dropout.
  - **Stress and Anxiety**: Academic failure can contribute to increased stress and anxiety among slow learners. Without proper psychological support or coping mechanisms, these students are more likely to abandon their studies.

- **Institutional Factors**:
    - **Lack of Special Programs**: Schools in Chakdaha Block that lack special programs tailored to slow learners see higher dropout rates. The absence of remedial classes, counselling services, and personalized learning plans often leads to frustration and disengagement among students.
    - **Inadequate Teacher Training**: Teachers who are not trained to address the specific needs of slow learners may inadvertently contribute to the high dropout rate. Without the skills to provide effective support, these educators may give up on slow learners, leaving them without necessary guidance.
    - **Poor School Environment**: Some schools lack a welcoming environment for slow learners. Overcrowded classrooms, insufficient attention to individual students, and negative peer pressure contribute to high dropout rates. Slow learners may feel isolated or stigmatized, making them more likely to leave school early.

12. Conclusion

This study has provided critical insights into the enrolment and dropout status of slow learners in Chakdaha Block, Nadia District. The findings reveal that socio-economic **conditions, institutional support, parental involvement, and teacher preparedness** play crucial roles in determining student retention. The literature review supports the importance of specialized educational approaches, while the research methodology ensures reliable data collection and analysis.

To address the challenges faced by slow learners, comprehensive interventions such as individualized education programs, financial aid, improved teacher training, and enhanced parental awareness must be implemented. Government policies promoting inclusive education should be reinforced with proper execution to ensure that every slow learner receives adequate support. By adopting a multi-faceted approach that integrates community involvement, school infrastructure development, and evidence-based teaching methods, the dropout rate can be significantly reduced. Ensuring that slow learners receive equitable educational opportunities is essential for their long-term personal growth and for fostering a more inclusive society. Future research should focus on longitudinal studies to assess the long-term impact of interventions and refine policies for sustainable educational development.

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