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## **Enhancing Proficiency in Reading with Understanding & Numeracy of Government**

### **Primary School Children in Ghamroj Village**

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#### **1. Introduction**

The case study aimed to investigate enhancing proficiency in reading with understanding and numeracy among school children in the village of Ghamroj, Haryana in accordance with Nipun Bharat Mission. The aim of this study is to address the challenges faced by students in developing reading and numeracy skills, and to propose effective strategies for improvement. Ghamroj is a village in the state of Haryana, India. Like many rural areas, Village Ghamroj faces various socio-economic challenges that affect the education system. Despite efforts to achieve universal primary education, the village faces numerous challenges such as inadequate infrastructure, limited teacher training, lack of appropriate teaching materials, and low community involvement in education. As a result, children in Ghamroj struggle with fundamental literacy and numeracy skills, hindering their educational development and future prospects. One key challenge is the inadequate access to quality education, resulting in low levels of literacy and numeracy among school children. This hampers their overall academic performance and future prospects. To tackle this issue, a comprehensive intervention program is being designed and will be implemented in Ghamroj. The program aimed to enhance the reading comprehension and numeracy skills of the school children. The study is focused on primary school students especially classes (1-3), as these foundational years are crucial for building a strong foundation in these fundamental skills. The intervention program are included various components such as teacher training, provision of learning materials, and interactive teaching methodologies. Teachers will provided with specialized training to improve their pedagogical skills in teaching reading comprehension and numeracy. They will also adopt the use of innovative teaching methods to engage students and make learning more interactive and enjoyable. Additionally, learning materials such as books, worksheets, and educational games were provided to the children. These resources will be carefully selected to cater to the specific



needs of the students in Ghamroj, ensuring that they were relevant, culturally appropriate, and aligned with the curriculum.

The impact of the intervention program will be evaluated through pre and post-assessments, which measured the improvement in reading comprehension and numeracy skills among the students. Overall, this case study on enhancing proficiency in reading with understanding and numeracy of school children in the village of Ghamroj, Haryana, provides valuable insights into the challenges faced by rural communities and the strategies that can be employed to improve educational outcomes. The results of this study can serve as a guide for policymakers, educators, and other stakeholders in designing effective interventions to enhance literacy and numeracy skills among school children in similar settings.

## **2. Demography of Village Ghamroj Gurugram**

Ghamroj village, situated within Sohna tehsil of Gurugram district in Haryana, India, lies approximately 9km from the sub-district's administrative center at Sohna (tehsildar office) and 16km from the district's headquarters in Gurugram. As of 2009 records, Ghamroj village also functions as a gram panchayat. The village spans across a total geographical area of 1257 hectares and sustains a population of 4,797 individuals, comprising 2,494 males and 2,303 females (Census 2011). The literacy rate in Ghamroj stands at 72.11%, with 78.31% literacy among males and 65.39% among females. Approximately 842 households are present within Ghamroj, and the village is designated with the Pincode 122102. In terms of governance, Ghamroj is overseen by a Sarpanch, elected as the village's representative through local elections. According to 2019 statistics, Ghamroj village falls under the Sohna assembly constituency and Gurugram parliamentary constituency. For various economic activities, Sohna serves as the nearest town to Ghamroj village (Census 2011).

## **3. Importance of Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy**

- a) **Academic Success:** Proficiency in reading with understanding is crucial for academic success. It enables students to comprehend and analyze complex texts, grasp new concepts, and effectively communicate their ideas. This skill is fundamental to the learning process across all subjects.
- b) **Empowerment:** Reading empowers children by expanding their knowledge, broadening their perspectives, and fostering critical thinking skills. It equips them with



the ability to question, evaluate, and make informed decisions. Proficient readers are more likely to become lifelong learners and active participants in society.

- c) **Language Development:** Reading with understanding enhances language skills, including vocabulary, grammar, and syntax. It improves communication abilities, enabling children to express themselves clearly and effectively. Strong language skills are essential for success in various aspects of life, including personal relationships and future careers.
- d) **Cognitive Development:** Reading stimulates cognitive development by improving memory, concentration, and analytical thinking. It enhances problem-solving abilities, logical reasoning, and creativity. Proficient readers are better equipped to handle complex tasks, think critically, and adapt to new situations.
- e) **Real-World Application:** Numeracy skills are essential for daily life, enabling individuals to solve practical problems, make informed financial decisions, and understand statistical information. Proficiency in numeracy equips children with the skills necessary to navigate the increasingly quantitative aspects of the modern world.
- f) **Career Opportunities:** In today's technologically advanced world, numeracy skills are highly sought after by employers across various industries. A strong foundation in numeracy opens up a wide range of career opportunities, including fields such as science, engineering, finance, and technology.
- g) **Logical Reasoning:** Numeracy skills develop logical reasoning and critical thinking abilities. Children who are proficient in numeracy can analyze data, identify patterns, and make reasoned judgments. These skills are valuable not only in mathematics but also in other areas of life.
- a) **Financial Literacy:** Numeracy skills are crucial for financial literacy, enabling individuals to manage their finances effectively and make informed financial decisions. Proficient numeracy skills empower children to understand concepts such as budgeting, saving, investing, and managing debt.

Enhancing proficiency in reading with understanding and numeracy among school children in the village Ghamroj is of paramount importance. It will provide them with the necessary tools to succeed academically, develop language and cognitive abilities, and navigate the challenges of the modern world. By prioritizing these skills, the village of Ghamroj can empower its



children to reach their full potential, opening doors to a brighter future and a more prosperous community.

#### **4. Objectives of the Case Study**

1. To assess numeracy and reading proficiency levels (Grade 1-3) in Ghamroj village.
2. To enhance numeracy skills using innovative teaching techniques.
3. To enhance reading skills using innovative teaching techniques
4. To cultivate a love for reading among primary students in Ghamroj.
5. To make suggestions for improving reading and numeracy skills with understanding.

#### **5. Methodology**

The methodology involves a multi-faceted approach starting with comprehensive data collection through assessments, and document reviews to gauge current reading and numeracy levels. The initial step involves assessing the proficiency levels of children from Grades 1 to 3 using a variety of worksheets and evaluation tools. These assessments have establish a baseline understanding of their numeracy and reading capabilities. Following this pre-service phase, interventions and engaging methodologies have implemented to enhance numeracy skills and reading comprehension. Post-intervention, a comprehensive post-test was administered to measure the progress made by the students. This approach ensures a thorough evaluation of the children's initial levels and tracks their advancements throughout the program.

Implementation will introduce interactive sessions and activities aligned with the improved curriculum. Continuous monitoring, classroom observations, and periodic evaluations will track progress. Data analysis will measure the impact, leading to recommendations for sustained enhancements in reading comprehension and numeracy, culminating in a detailed report for stakeholders.

#### **6. Intervention Programme**

The detailed breakdown of the proposed outcomes aligned with the intervention activities, categorized by date:

##### **Day 1: September 29, 2023**

In the initial phase of the intervention, the student's proficiency levels in English, Mathematics, and Hindi were assessed through a pre-test conducted by student teachers from the School of



Education (SOED). Various tools including worksheets, reading passages, mathematical problems, and language exercises were utilized to comprehensively gauge the student's learning abilities from classes 1 to 3. The assessment focused on evaluating their skills in enhanced reading comprehension, writing, and numeracy in these subjects. For Enhanced Reading Proficiency, students were presented with age-appropriate reading material, followed by comprehension questions. The comprehension exercises aimed to measure their understanding of the text, vocabulary grasp, and critical thinking abilities. Writing Skills were assessed through tasks that encouraged students to express themselves in Hindi and English. This included descriptive writing, forming sentences, and basic grammar exercises. In Numeracy, mathematical problems related to concepts covered in their respective classes were given to evaluate their mathematical understanding. Tasks varied from basic arithmetic to problem-solving exercises to assess their numeracy skills.

The pre-test was meticulously designed to identify student's strengths and weaknesses, enabling tailored interventions for each student. Results from the pre-test formed the basis for developing personalized teaching strategies and targeted support aimed at addressing specific areas of improvement.

### **Glimpses of the First Day Visit for Pre-Test:**

#### **Photograph 1: Engaged Pre-Test Activities**







Student Engagement in Pre-Test Activities: General snapshots showing students actively participating in the various assessment tasks and exercises.

**Photograph 2: Reading Proficiency Evaluation**



Engaging Reading Comprehension Exercises: Images capturing students involved in reading activities with comprehension passages.



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**Photograph 3: Mathematics Skills Assessment**



Mathematical Problem-solving Moments: Photos showcasing students working on mathematical problems and engaging with numbers.





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**Photograph 4: Individualized Learning Assessments**



Individualized Assessments: Images highlighting teachers conducting one-on-one assessments or small group activities to gauge individual student abilities.

**Photograph 6: After the Pre-Test Assessment**







These photographs show that the engagement between the student teachers of the School of Education and the primary school children of classes 1 to 3 paints a vivid photograph of their interactive learning sessions. Through various tools such as worksheets and other learning materials, the aim was to assess the student's learning levels. The visual documentation distinctly illustrates the enthusiastic participation and keen involvement of both the educators and the children.

Evident from these visual narratives is the discovery that students across these classes showcased weaknesses primarily in mathematics, English reading, and numeracy skills. Despite the dedicated efforts of the educators, the assessments revealed certain areas where the children faced challenges. The images vividly capture the engagement and determination of both teachers and students in understanding and addressing these educational gaps.

### **Day 2: October 6, 2023**

On October 6, 2023, following the insightful revelations from the pre-testing assessments highlighting gaps in numeracy, English reading, and Hindi among the students of Ghamroj village, the student teachers of the Schools of Education embarked on a purposeful journey.

Armed with a deep understanding of the student's learning needs, they meticulously crafted an array of teaching tools, charts, and educational materials tailored to address these specific shortcomings.

The second day was dedicated to the meticulous preparation and customization of teaching aids, aligning them with the distinct requirements of the primary students from classes 1 to 3. Understanding the significance of a tailored approach, the educators diligently tailored each tool to suit the learning styles and needs of the Ghamroj village students.

These materials were not mere educational aids; they were strategic tools meticulously designed to engage the young learners effectively. Charts and visual aids were structured to simplify complex concepts, ensuring easy comprehension. Worksheets and exercises were crafted to strengthen numeracy skills, enhance English reading abilities, and reinforce Hindi language proficiency.

The content of these teaching tools was thoughtfully curated, emphasizing interactive and participatory learning experiences. The objective was not just to teach but to inspire curiosity, stimulate critical thinking, and foster a love for learning among the students.

The meticulous efforts of the student teachers were evident in the precision with which these tools were designed and tailored. Each material reflected a deep understanding of the students'



learning gaps, aiming to bridge these lacunae and pave the way for comprehensive learning experiences. The day's endeavours were not merely about crafting educational aids; they were about creating pathways for impactful and engaging educational journeys for the young minds of Ghamroj village.

**Glimpses of the day 2<sup>nd</sup> of the Intervention Programme Photograph 1: Interactive Numeracy Session: Exploring Math through Games**







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**Photograph 2: Group Activities: Collaborative Learning in Hindi Language**



**Photograph 3: Individual Attention**







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**Photograph 4: Peer Learning: Cooperative Tasks for Holistic Development**



**Photograph 5: Peer Learning**







### **Day 3: October 11, 2023 - Focus on Numeracy Enhancement**

During the third visit, the attention was specifically directed towards bolstering numeracy skills among the primary students. To reinforce their foundational understanding of numeracy, a multifaceted approach was adopted. The session began with an emphasis on fundamental arithmetic operations, namely addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

- **Hands-on activities for Conceptual Understanding**

Student teachers introduced a range of hands-on activities tailored to each arithmetic operation. These activities were designed to offer practical, tactile experiences to help students comprehend the core concepts behind arithmetic. Utilizing tangible materials and visual aids, students engaged in activities that vividly illustrated these operations, making abstract concepts more concrete and understandable.

- **Utilization of Numeracy-Based Games and Exercises**

To further fortify the understanding of numerical concepts, a series of engaging numeracy-based games and exercises were integrated into the session. These interactive games were carefully curated to make learning enjoyable while instilling a deeper understanding of numbers, patterns, and mathematical operations. Through games, puzzles, and quizzes, students actively participated and honed their numeracy skills in an entertaining manner.

#### **Group Activities and Collaborative Problem-Solving**

Another pivotal aspect of the session involved fostering collaborative learning through group activities. Students were organized into groups, encouraging teamwork and peer-to-peer learning. The group activities revolved around collaborative problem-solving sessions, where students collectively tackled numeracy-related challenges. This approach not only enhanced their mathematical proficiency but also fostered vital skills in teamwork, communication, and critical thinking.

By infusing the learning environment with hands-on activities, engaging games, and collaborative problem-solving sessions, the student teachers aimed to create a dynamic and immersive experience that strengthened the students' foundational numeracy skills. **Glimpses of the Third Visit**



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**Photograph 1: Immersive Learning**





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**Photograph 2: Experiential Learning Activities**







**Photograph 3: Collaborative Learning**



**Photograph 4: Guided Instructional Process by Student-Teachers**







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**Photograph 6: School Children Engaged in Hands-on-Learning Activities**





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**Photograph 7: Fostering Activity Based Learning at the School**



**Photograph 8: Student-Teachers engage the School Children in Joyful Learning Activities**







#### **Day 4: November 3, 2023 - English Reading and Comprehension Enhancement**

During the fourth visit, the primary focus was to elevate English reading and comprehension levels among the students of Ghamroj village. To achieve this, the student teachers from the School of Education employed a diverse range of innovative and engaging learning techniques.

##### **Innovative Learning Techniques Employed**

- **Story-Based Learning:** Introducing storytelling sessions to captivate students' interest and improve their understanding of English. Through narratives and tales, students were engaged in immersive learning experiences, fostering language acquisition and comprehension.
- **Phonics-Based Activities:** Leveraging phonics-based exercises to enhance reading fluency. Activities focusing on letter sounds, word formation, and pronunciation were designed to strengthen foundational reading skills.
- **Interactive Reading Sessions:** Implementing interactive reading sessions where students actively participated in reading passages, encouraging them to ask questions, discuss content, and express their thoughts, thus honing their comprehension abilities.
- **Vocabulary Expansion Games:** Engaging students in vocabulary-building games and exercises. Word puzzles, word associations, and vocabulary-based games were used to expand students' word banks and improve language retention.
- **Reading Comprehension Strategies:** Introducing specific strategies to improve reading comprehension. Techniques such as predicting, summarizing, and questioning were taught to help students better comprehend and analyze written material.
- **Utilization of Visual Aids:** Incorporating visual aids like flashcards, posters, and illustrations to aid comprehension and reinforce vocabulary. These aids made learning more visual and interactive, aiding better retention of English language concepts.
- **Group Reading Activities:** Encouraging group reading sessions where students read aloud together. This fostered a supportive environment for students to practice English reading skills and receive constructive feedback.
- **Digital Learning Tools:** Utilizing educational apps or digital platforms for interactive learning. Incorporating technology enhanced engagement and catered to varying learning styles among students.



By amalgamating these innovative techniques into the English reading and comprehension sessions, the student teachers aimed to create an immersive and effective learning environment, elevating the language skills of the primary students in Ghamroj village. **Glimpses of the 4<sup>th</sup> Visit**

**Photograph 1: Interactive Reading Sessions**







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**Photograph 2: Activities on Story-Telling through Play and Drama**



**Photograph 3: School Children engaged in Story Telling Session conducted by Student Teachers**







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**Photograph 4: Children engaged in Vocabulary Expansion Games**



**Photograph 5: Children engaged in Group Reading Activities**





**Photograph 6: Individualized Instruction for Doubt Clearing**



**Day 5: November 23, 2023 (Hindi Reading and Comprehension Enhancement)** During the fifth visit, the primary emphasis was on enhancing Hindi reading and comprehension levels among the primary students of Ghamroj village. To achieve this, the student teachers from the School of Education employed various innovative and engaging learning techniques tailored for Hindi language learning. **Innovative Learning Techniques Employed**

- **Storytelling in Hindi:** Utilizing storytelling sessions conducted entirely in Hindi. This immersive approach aimed to improve language comprehension, vocabulary, and sentence structure through engaging narratives in the native language.
- **Phonetic Activities in Hindi:** Engaging students in phonetic-based exercises specifically designed for Hindi language sounds and pronunciation. This approach focused on building a strong foundation in the script and sound structure of the Hindi language.





- **Interactive Hindi Reading Materials:** Creating interactive reading materials in Hindi, including worksheets, storybooks, and comics. These materials were designed to be culturally relevant and interesting, encouraging students to read and comprehend Hindi texts.
- **Role-play and Drama in Hindi:** Introducing role-play and drama activities conducted in Hindi. This technique encouraged students to participate actively, enhancing their speaking and comprehension skills in a conversational setting.
- **Hindi Vocabulary Games:** Employing vocabulary games and word-building exercises in Hindi. Word games, puzzles, and interactive activities were utilized to expand students' Hindi vocabulary and reinforce their language skills.
- **Comprehension Exercises in Hindi:** Introducing comprehension exercises tailored to Hindi texts. Students engaged in exercises that involved reading passages in Hindi and answering questions to test their understanding.
- **Cultural Immersion Activities:** Incorporating cultural immersion activities related to Hindi literature, poems, or folk stories. This approach aimed to deepen student's connection to the language and foster a sense of pride in their cultural heritage.
- **Visual Aids and Flashcards in Hindi:** Utilizing visual aids, flashcards, and posters featuring Hindi words, phrases, and images. These aids facilitated visual learning, aiding in comprehension and retention of Hindi language concepts.





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**Glimpses of the 5<sup>th</sup> Visit Photograph 1: Story Telling Session conducted by Student-Teacher**





### **Final Visit: November 29, 2023 - Post-Testing and Assessment**

On the concluding visit, conducted on November 29, 2023, a comprehensive post-testing and assessment were carried out to gauge the progress and impact of the intervention programs implemented by the student teachers from the School of Education. The focus was primarily on assessing the advancements made in numeracy, English reading comprehension, and Hindi comprehension among students in classes 1, 2, and 3 of Ghamroj village. **Post-Test Methodology**

- **Numeracy Evaluation:** A series of numeracy tests and problem-solving assessments were administered to evaluate the improvements in mathematical skills and understanding among the students. Tasks involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division were used to assess their competency in applying mathematical concepts.
- **English Reading Comprehension Assessment:** Engaging reading passages in English were provided to the students, followed by comprehension questions. The aim was to determine their ability to comprehend and analyze written English texts, assessing the progress made in reading comprehension skills.
- **Hindi Reading Comprehension Assessment:** Similar to the English assessment, passages in Hindi were presented to the students, followed by comprehension questions tailored to evaluate their understanding of Hindi language texts. **Findings from Post-Testing and Assessment**

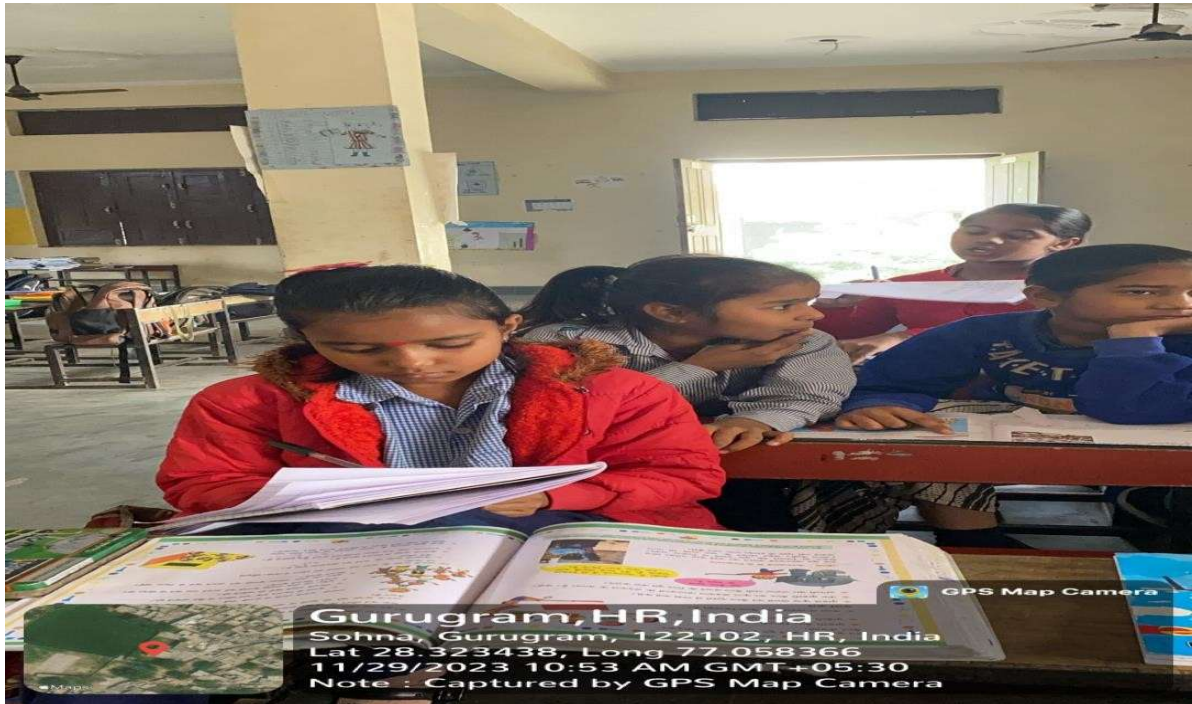
- **Numeracy Enhancement:** Comparing the post-test results with the initial pre-test assessments revealed significant progress in numeracy skills. Students exhibited improved problem-solving abilities, better understanding of mathematical concepts, and increased confidence in handling mathematical operations.
- **English Reading Comprehension:** The assessment indicated noticeable advancements in English reading comprehension. Students demonstrated enhanced proficiency in comprehending and interpreting English texts, showcasing improved analytical skills and vocabulary.
- **Hindi Reading Comprehension:** Results from the Hindi comprehension assessment exhibited commendable growth in the students' understanding of Hindi language texts.



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They showed increased fluency in reading and comprehension of Hindi passages.

**Glimpses of the Final Visit Photograph 1: School Children Engaged in Post Test Activities**



**Photograph 2: Enthusiastic SOED Team moving towards Village Ghamroj from University premises to culminate the Ongoing Project.**



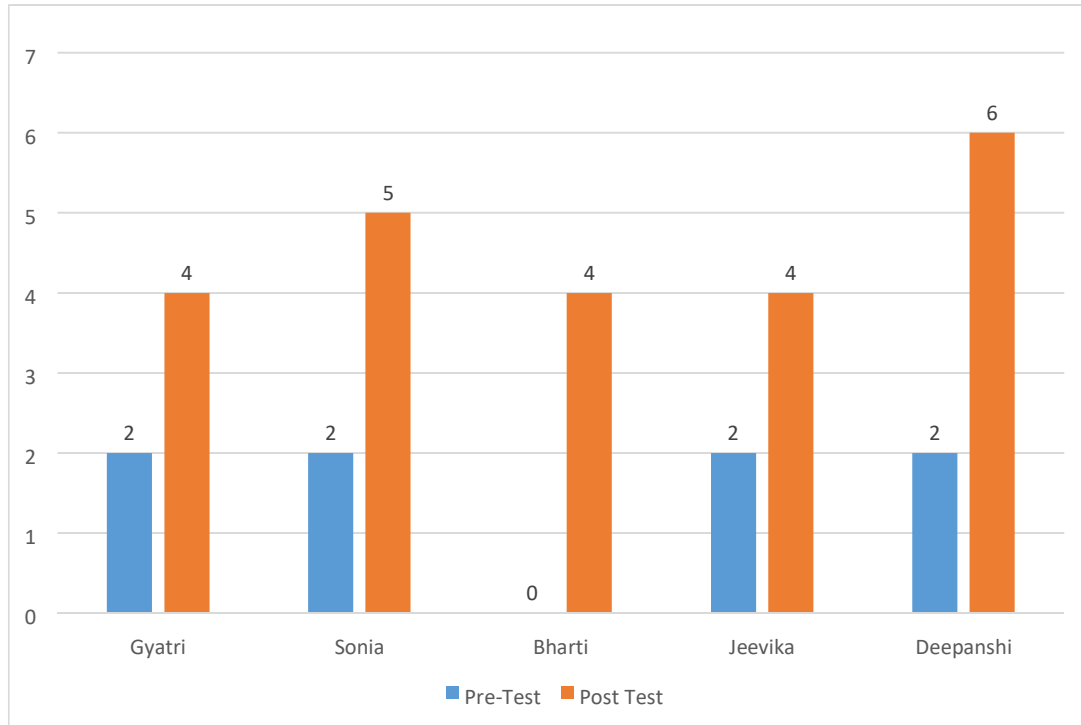


**Photograph 3: Group Photograph of SOED Team with School Children at Village Ghamroj**



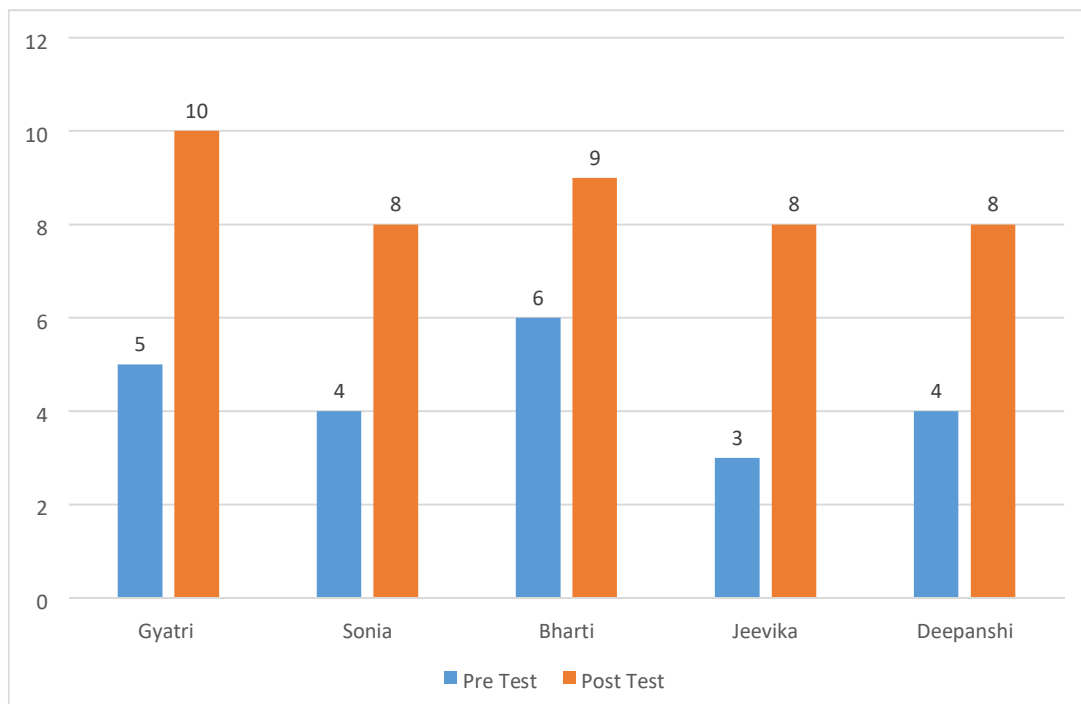
## 6. Analysis of the learning Levels through graphical representation

Table 1. Comparative analysis of pre-test and post-test assessment in class 1 for the subject of Hindi.



**Source:** Worksheet Assessment.

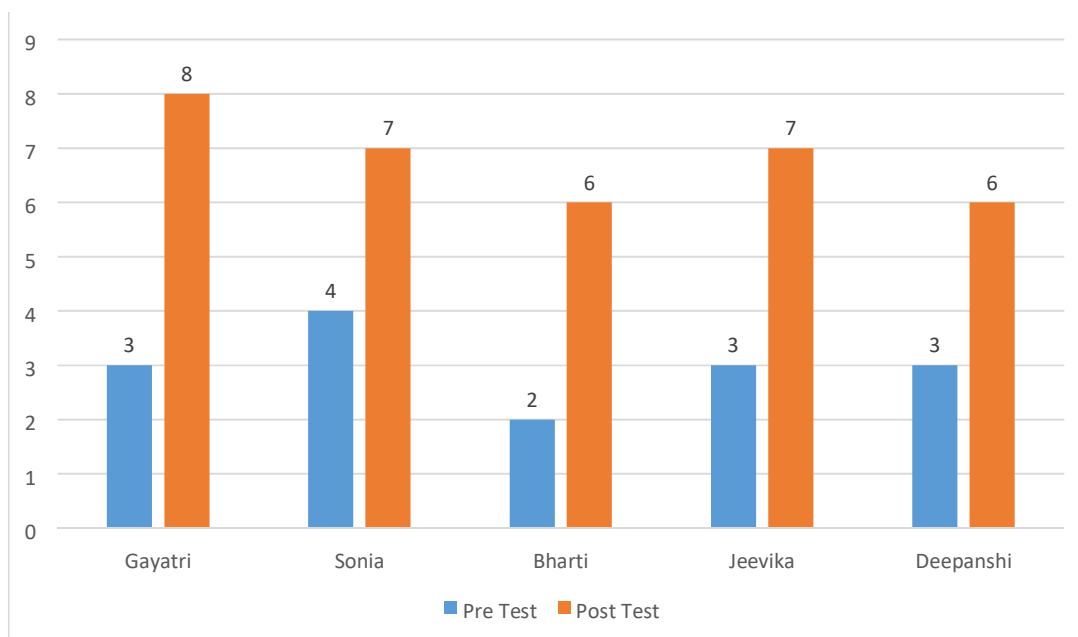
Table 2. Comparative analysis of pre-test and post-test assessment in class 1 for the subject of Mathematics.





**Source:** Worksheet Assessment.

Table 3. Comparative analysis of pre-test and post-test assessment in class 1 for the subject of English.



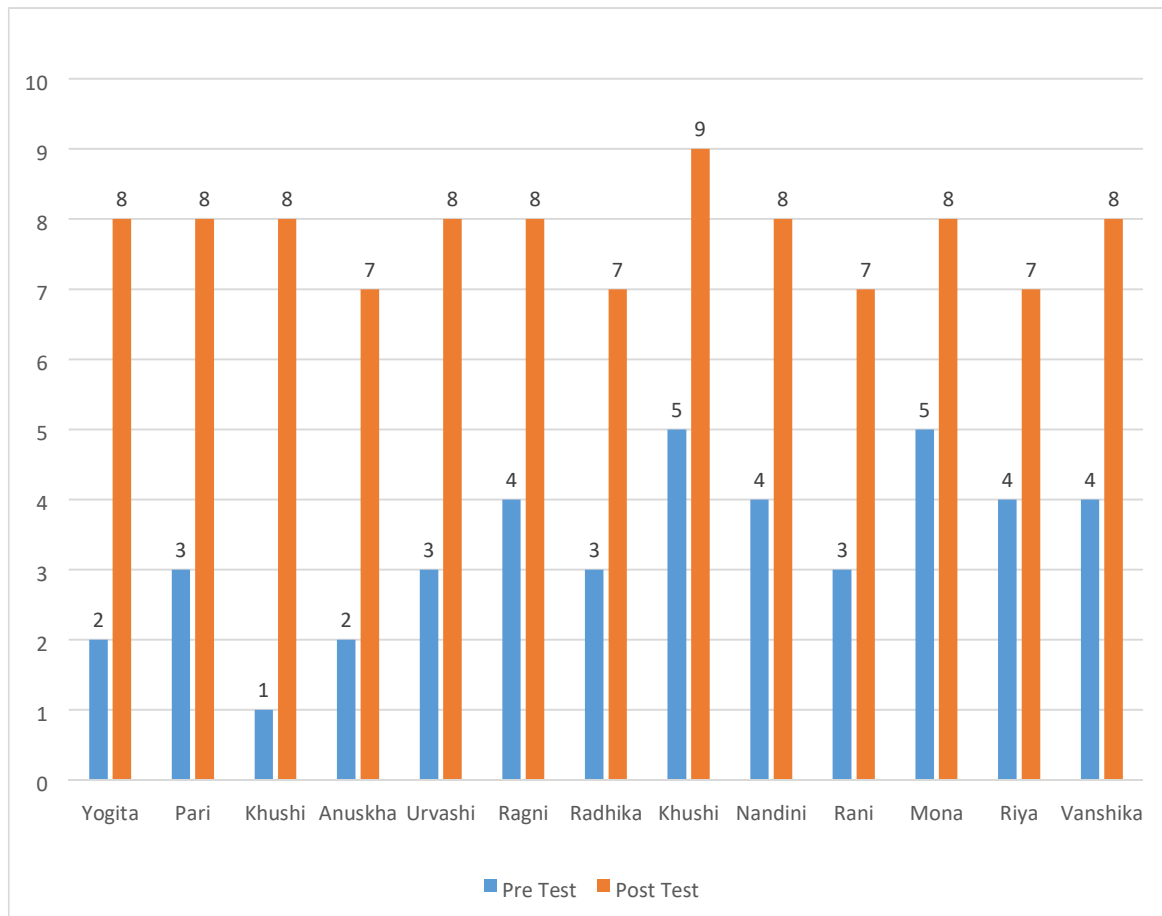
**Source:** Worksheet Assessment.

From the tables (1-3) it has been found that students were low learning level about the subjects of Hindi, Math and English. Students were assessed through pre-test assessment. Worksheets were provided to the students and it was found that students were low writing skills and numeracy skill, with the intervention programme different teaching activities and innovative methods were used to enhance the students reading and numeracy levels of Hindi, Maths and English. The students further assessed through a post-test techniques and it was found that students show positive progress in the three subjects which was measured by marks. In the pretest the students were attained 2 to 5 marks were in post-test the Students were attained 6 to 9 marks which showed an positive impact on their learning levels.

### **Class 2<sup>nd</sup>**

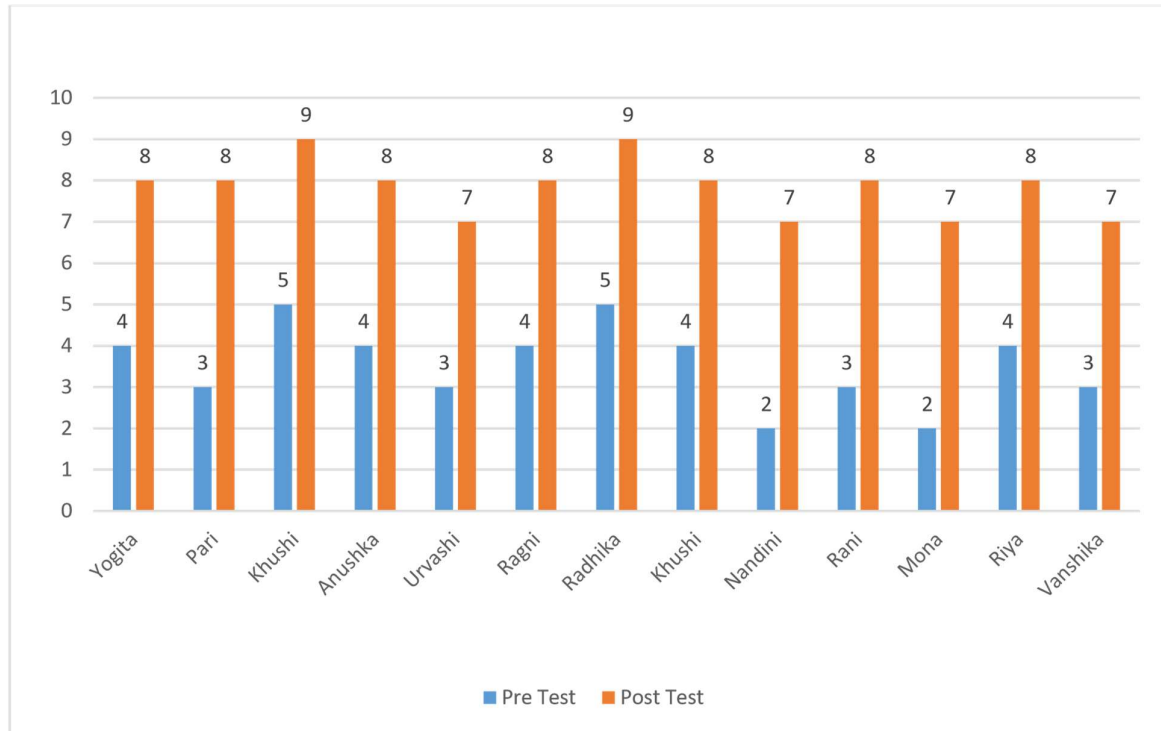
**Table 4.** Comparative analysis of Pre-test and Post Test assessment in class 2nd for the Hindi.





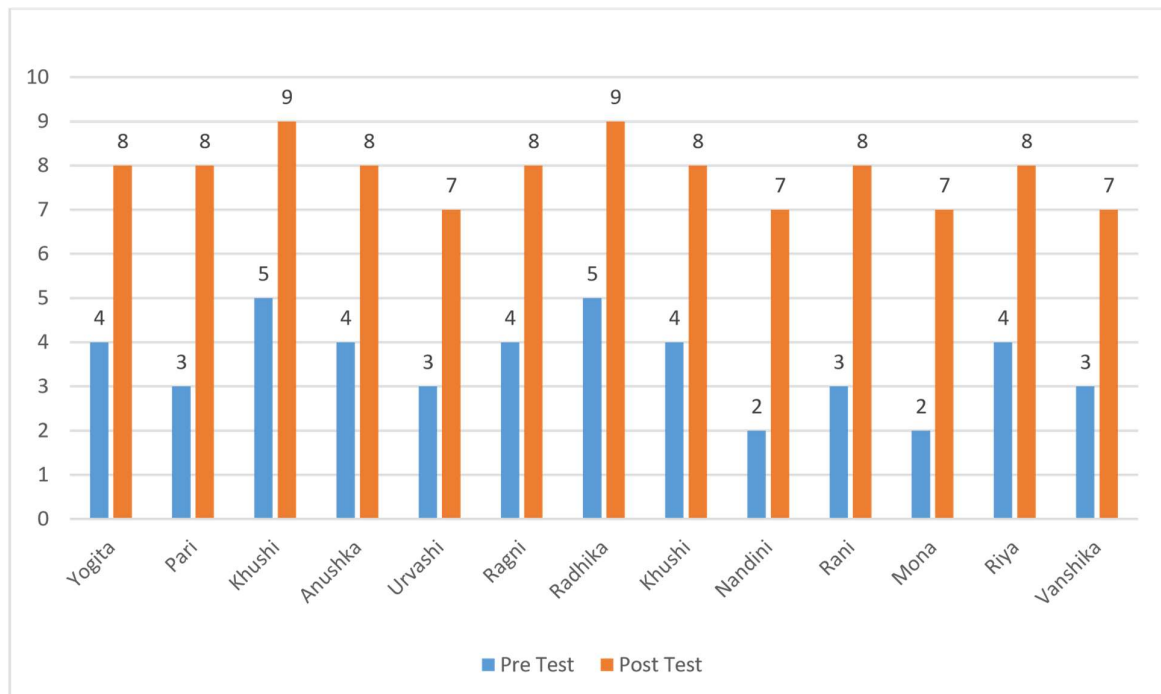
**Source:** Worksheet Assessment.

Table 5. Comparative analysis of pre-test and post-test assessment in class 2nd for the subject of Math.



**Source:** Worksheet Assessment.

Table 6. Comparative analysis of pre-test and post-test assessment in class 2nd for the subject of English.



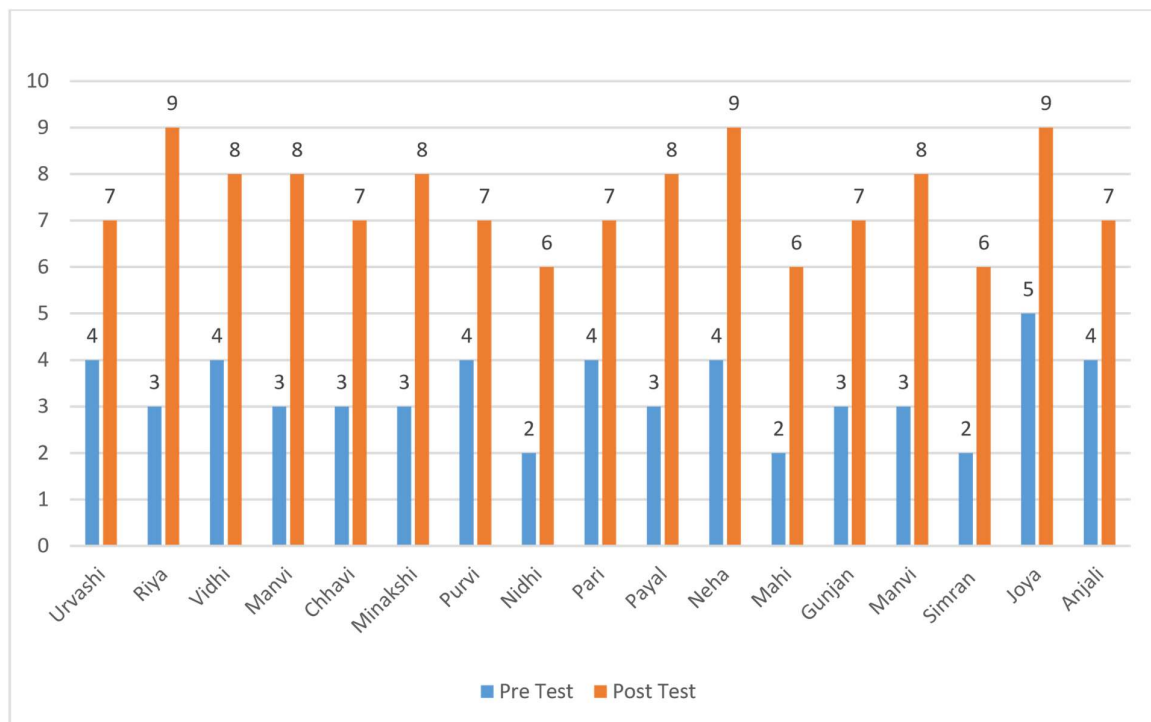
**Source:** Worksheet Assessment.



The initial assessment of students in Hindi, Math, and English revealed low learning levels, particularly in writing and numeracy skills. Recognizing this challenge, an intervention program was implemented, employing diverse teaching activities and innovative methods aimed at enhancing reading, writing, and numeracy skills in the three subjects. A postassessment demonstrated significant positive progress, quantified by an increase in marks from 1-5 in the pre-test to 5-9 in the post-test across all subjects. This measurable improvement underscores the efficacy of the intervention in elevating the student's overall academic proficiency. The success across multiple subjects suggests a holistic impact, validating the comprehensive approach taken. Further considerations, such as assessing the long-term impact and identifying the most effective teaching strategies, could enhance the understanding of the intervention's success and inform future educational initiatives. Overall, the analysis showcases a targeted and successful intervention that effectively addressed identified weaknesses and significantly improved students' learning outcomes in Hindi, Math, and English.

### **Class 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Table 7. Comparative analysis of pre-test and post-test assessment in class 3<sup>rd</sup> for the subject of Hindi.

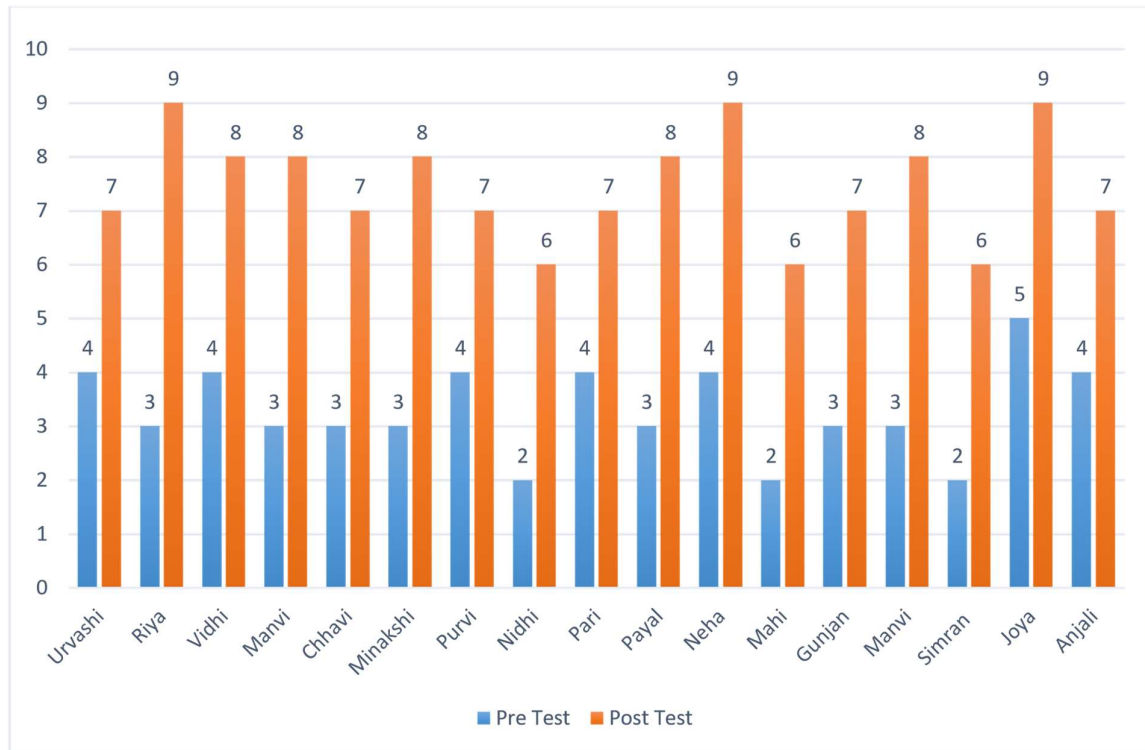






**Source:** Worksheet Assessment.

Table 8. Comparative analysis of pre-test and post-test assessment in class 3<sup>rd</sup> for the subject of Mathematics.



**Source:** Worksheet Assessment.

Table 9. Comparative analysis of pre-test and post-test assessment in class 3<sup>rd</sup> for the subject of English.



**Source:** Worksheet Assessment.

In the 3rd-grade comprising 17 students, an initial assessment identified substantial deficiencies in grammar, writing, and numeracy skills across Hindi, Math, and English subjects. Acknowledging these gaps, an intervention program was introduced, employing innovative teaching methodologies and varied activities to fortify reading, writing, and numeracy competencies. Following this intervention, a subsequent assessment demonstrated a significant positive impact, showcasing marked progress in students' learning. This advancement was quantitatively evident as students transitioned from achieving 1-5 marks in the pre-test to 5-9 marks in the post-test across the three subjects. The success of this intervention not only addressed identified weaknesses but also exemplified a holistic approach that fostered comprehensive improvement in Hindi, Math, and English proficiencies. However, to sustain and refine these gains, it would be beneficial to delve into the long-term effects, identify the most effective methodologies, and conduct personalized assessments to tailor support for individual student needs, providing a more nuanced understanding for ongoing educational enhancements.

## 6. Outcomes and Results

Amidst the challenges faced by primary school students in Ghamroj village, the implemented intervention strategies emerged as transformative pillars, revolutionizing the educational landscape. These strategies, meticulously curated and executed by dedicated student teachers,



not only unveiled a significant upliftment in reading proficiency and numeracy skills but also marked a paradigm shift in the overall academic performance. As the intervention progressed, the disruptive change became palpable, resonating through the enhanced comprehension, expanded vocabulary, critical thinking prowess, and a newfound mathematical confidence among the students. The holistic impact cascaded beyond isolated subjects, elevating student's cognitive abilities, fostering unwavering confidence, and propelling a trajectory of continual progression, affirming the potency of focused interventions in revitalizing educational landscapes.

### **6.1 Improvement in Reading Proficiency**

The intervention strategies implemented by the student teachers resulted in a notable enhancement in reading proficiency among primary school students in Ghamroj village. The post-testing and assessment revealed significant progress in the following areas:

- **Enhanced Comprehension:** Students exhibited marked improvements in their ability to comprehend and analyze written texts, both in English and Hindi. There was a visible increase in their capacity to grasp the core meaning of passages and respond effectively to comprehension questions.
- **Expanded Vocabulary:** Through engaging reading sessions and interactive activities, students demonstrated an expanded vocabulary and a more nuanced understanding of word meanings and context.
- **Critical Thinking Skills:** The interventions fostered critical thinking abilities among students. They showed enhanced capabilities to interpret and infer information from texts, enabling them to approach reading materials with a more analytical mindset.

### **6.2. Enhancement in Numeracy Skills**

The intervention programs focused on numeracy significantly contributed to the improvement of student's mathematical proficiency:

- **Improved Mathematical Concepts:** Students displayed a better grasp of fundamental mathematical concepts, showcasing advancements in their understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- **Enhanced Problem-Solving Skills:** The interventions encouraged students to apply numeracy skills in real-life problem-solving scenarios. They exhibited increased confidence in tackling mathematical problems and demonstrated improved problemsolving strategies.





- **Hands-on Learning:** Utilizing hands-on activities and interactive methods, students engaged actively with numerical concepts, leading to a deeper understanding of mathematical operations.

### 6.3. Impact on Academic Performance

The holistic impact of the intervention strategies on academic performance was evident:

- **Overall Academic Enhancement:** The intervention programs positively impacted overall academic performance. Students showed remarkable progress not only in numeracy and reading comprehension but also in other subjects due to improved cognitive abilities and critical thinking skills.
- **Confidence and Participation:** The interventions boosted students' confidence in participating actively in classroom discussions, problem-solving tasks, and interactive learning sessions.
- **Continued Progression:** Post-intervention assessments reflected sustained progress, indicating that the acquired skills were retained and continued to evolve beyond the intervention period.

These outcomes and results highlight the substantial improvements in reading proficiency, numeracy skills, and the broader impact on academic performance due to the targeted intervention strategies implemented in Ghamroj village.

### 7. Challenges Faced and Lessons Learned

1. Inadequate availability of learning materials, including books, worksheets, and educational aids, restricting student's access to supplementary resources crucial for skill development.
2. Language Barriers and Linguistic Diversity
3. Diverse linguistic backgrounds among students pose challenges in comprehending instructional materials, particularly in subjects requiring language proficiency like reading and comprehension.
4. Varied foundational knowledge levels in numeracy concepts among students create challenges in uniform skill progression, requiring tailored interventions to bridge these gaps effectively.
5. Sustaining student engagement, especially in prolonged activities like reading comprehension exercises or numeracy drills, remains a challenge due to varying attention spans among students.



6. Socio-economic factors contribute to disparities in educational opportunities, affecting access to resources outside the school environment, which could hinder skill development.
7. Variances in teaching methodologies and capacities among educators may impact the effectiveness of interventions, necessitating continuous teacher training and support.

### **8. Recommendations**

1. Develop an integrated curriculum that emphasizes both reading comprehension and numeracy skills across subjects to reinforce learning.
2. Allocate resources and establish training programs to equip teachers with innovative pedagogical methods for effective skill development.
3. Ensure easy access to diverse and appropriate learning materials that cater to various learning styles and abilities.
4. Encourage community involvement through awareness programs, parental engagement, and collaborations to reinforce learning beyond school hours.
5. Invest in educational technology for interactive learning platforms and digital resources to supplement classroom teaching.
6. Establish a systematic framework for ongoing assessment to track progress, identify challenges, and adapt interventions for continuous improvement.
7. Address classroom sizes and resource allocation to facilitate better individualized attention and support for students.
8. Develop long-term strategies ensuring the sustainability of programs beyond initial implementation through community partnerships and governmental support.
9. Recognize and incentivize schools or educators implementing successful strategies to encourage the adoption of effective teaching methodologies.
10. Allocate funds for educational research and development to explore new teaching approaches, educational technologies, and innovative practices.

These recommendations aim to create a holistic educational environment that supports the development of reading comprehension and numeracy skills among primary school children in Ghamroj Village, setting a precedent for similar initiatives in rural areas.



## **9. Suggestions for further Research**

1. Conduct a longitudinal study tracking the long-term impact of improved reading comprehension and numeracy skills on academic performance and career opportunities among students in Ghamroj Village.
2. Compare the effectiveness of interventions in Ghamroj Village with similar rural communities, assessing the transferability of strategies and their applicability in diverse socio-economic contexts.
3. Investigate the influence of increased parental involvement in educational activities on children's learning outcomes and sustained skill development.
4. Explore the integration and impact of technology-based learning interventions, such as adaptive learning platforms or educational apps, on improving reading and numeracy skills.
5. Conduct a detailed analysis of the efficacy of teacher training programs, identifying specific elements that contribute most significantly to enhanced student outcomes.

These research suggestions can further deepen our understanding of effective interventions, shed light on sustainable practices, and provide insights into optimizing educational strategies to enhance proficiency in reading with understanding and numeracy among primary school children in rural areas like Ghamroj Village.

## **10. NIPUN Bharat Mission Integration and Impact**

The Student Teachers leading the intervention in Ghamroj village were actively involved in the NIPUN Bharat Mission, an initiative aimed at fostering foundational literacy and numeracy among young learners. These student teachers received hands-on training that complemented their teaching methodologies during the intervention. The mission's core focus on enhancing foundational skills in reading, comprehension, and numeracy perfectly aligned with the objectives of the intervention. Through specialized training sessions and workshops, the student teachers were equipped with innovative teaching techniques and approaches endorsed by the NIPUN Bharat Mission. This training played a pivotal role in enriching the intervention strategies, ensuring a more profound impact on the students' learning outcomes. The integration of NIPUN Bharat's methodologies amplified the effectiveness of the interventions, empowering the student teachers to deliver tailored and impactful educational experiences to the primary school children in Ghamroj village.





## **11. Conclusion**

The case study on enhancing proficiency in reading, numeracy, and overall academic performance among primary school children in Ghamroj village showcases the transformative impact of targeted intervention strategies. Amidst the challenges faced by rural education, the innovative approach led by student teachers from the School of Education emerged as a beacon of change, illuminating pathways toward holistic academic development. Throughout the intervention, the primary objective was to uplift reading comprehension and numeracy skills among students from classes 1 to 3. The journey commenced with meticulous pre-testing, revealing glaring gaps in mathematical understanding, English reading, and Hindi comprehension. These findings formed the bedrock for subsequent interventions. The intervention's success stemmed from multifaceted strategies tailored to meet diverse learning needs. Innovative tools, engaging materials, and hands-on activities were deployed to bridge learning gaps and ignite a passion for learning. In-depth pre-testing enabled a targeted approach, directing efforts toward reinforcing foundational skills. The interventions targeting numeracy were instrumental in transforming students' mathematical proficiency. Activities focused on arithmetic operations, engaging games, and collaborative problem-solving sessions instilled confidence in handling mathematical concepts. Interactive learning methods fostered a deeper understanding of numerical operations, equipping students with essential life skills. Similarly, interventions for enhancing reading comprehension in English and Hindi were a testament to the impact of engaging reading sessions and interactive activities. Students exhibited remarkable progress in comprehension, vocabulary, and critical thinking. Through these interventions, they not only improved their academic prowess but also honed skills crucial for lifelong learning.

The culmination of the intervention showcased resounding success. Post-testing highlighted substantial improvements across all targeted areas. Notably, students displayed enhanced comprehension abilities, an expanded vocabulary, and a refined approach to problem-solving in both mathematical and linguistic domains. The broader impact extended beyond academics, boosting confidence, participation, and overall academic performance. The intervention's success rested on the collaboration between student teachers, school faculties, and the community. The dedication of student teachers and the collaborative effort of educators and parents were pivotal in driving change. Workshops, collaborative sessions, and continuous monitoring ensured the sustained evolution of students' skills beyond the intervention period.



This case study serves as a testament to the efficacy of targeted interventions in transforming educational landscapes. It underscores the transformative power of innovative methodologies, collaborative efforts, and focused interventions in fostering holistic academic development. The success achieved in Ghamroj village stands as a blueprint for similar interventions in rural education. It showcases the potential of tailored strategies, collaborative engagement, and a holistic approach to reshape educational paradigms, ultimately empowering students with the skills and confidence needed for lifelong success.

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