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Attitude of Pre-Service Teachers towards STEM-Based Teaching

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Abstract

Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education has become a world focus of science education curricular reforms. STEM-Based teaching helps teachers' do more by creating new learning environments' that influence teacher talent and allow the students to go deeper and generate more personalization for students' by developing more motivation and persistence. The teachers should have the background to authentically teach STEM in an integrated way. This is especially true of teachers, who are often less confident or prepared to teach STEM disciplines independently. STEM-Based teaching can enable the learner to fully benefit from formal education and increases learners' effectiveness or performance gains, greater learner engagement or satisfaction, develops more scientific and positive attitudes towards learning to solve real life problems and also increases their efficiency. A survey was conducted to review "Attitude of Pre-service Teachers' towards STEM-Based Teaching". The research investigated to seek out whether pre-service science teachers' have a positive attitude towards integrating STEM instructional designs. The sample included 60 (Bioscience) pre-service teachers of varied government (20), private (20) and (20) autonomous colleges of education in Hyderabad district of Telangana State, and the sampling technique used was Stratified Purposive Sampling. The results revealed that pre-service teachers' have a positive attitude towards STEM-based teaching which will enhance the learning experiences of students through STEM instructional designs.

KEYWORDS: STEM, Attitude, STEM-Based teaching, Pre-service Teacher, Instructional design.

Introduction

Discoveries in science, engineering and technology field's multitude vast innovations in human society in the 21st century and experts foresee a similar trend in the coming decades. STEM is an interdisciplinary approach that will increase awareness, build knowledge, develop problem solving skills, and potentially awaken an interest in pursuing a career. STEM is the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics', and involves a vast range of subjects in each of the terms. STEM education is the need of the hour and is of great importance to help students and make them rise from users of technology to innovators and trend setters.

It is known for its emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, STEM is moderately a new term in the Indian education and training sector. A powerful STEM education creates critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and next generation reformers and innovators. Taking into consideration that India is one among the nations that produce the very best number of scientists, researchers and engineers; the expansion of STEM has picked up significantly over the last few years.

What is STEM? In 2001, American biologist Dr. Judith A. Ramaley then assistant director of education and human resources at National Science Foundation (NSF) was working on curriculum for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The current acronym of the time was known as SMET as former director of the

NSF, Dr. Ramaley rearranged the acronym to STEM and it is emerged as one of the most well-liked curricular subjects of the last decade (Banning & Folkestad, 2012; Christenson, 2011; Egenrieder).

Today the world is at a stage where the number of STEM occupations are growing at a quick pace and right now exceeding the number of STEM graduates. As per the National Science Foundation, it is anticipated that 80% of the jobs created in the next decade will require some type of math and science aptitude and skills. In spite of having the top-quality ability, the exam-focused model of the past has constrained these students with regards to advancement, critical thinking and inventiveness, problem-solving and creativity. This is where the STEM educators and designers come in to fill this gap.

Though research shows that children develop interest in STEM fields at an average age of eight based upon the observed facts presently the usage of technology, gadgets are fascinating them. But, the increase from being a user of technology to an innovator rarely happens and, if at all, it's really a slow evolution. The link between engineering-technology-entrepreneurship is evidently missing in India.

India also needs mutual support from the government and other education societies to benefit from the opportunity and aid of STEM education. However, the Government of India also concentrates on campaigns such as 'Make in India' Innovation Mission, there is focus on developing revolution in inventions and manufacturing right from schools. This will be the right time for India to rise to the challenge and develop a culture of application-based learning and innovation among the schools, students, colleges, and teachers.

Thus, this study focused on pre-service teachers' attitude towards STEM-based teaching in science education. To assess the attitude of pre-service teachers' the researcher has organized the various components of attitude such as awareness, intentions, cognition, emotions and self-efficacy accordingly, and to motivate these upcoming contemporary teachers' to implement STEM instructions in teaching science concepts so that it can help in built of scientific temperament which may results in developing curiosity, inquisitiveness, critical-thinking, problem-solving capacities, imagining, questioning and exploring, innovating, designing and making, testing and modifying the solutions to complex problems among the young learners.

However, in India the concept of STEM is yet to take its roots in the education system, though now NEP 2020 envisages STEM education. Possibly one of the major causes for the delay is the attitude of the teachers thus; the present study aims to analyze the attitude of pre-service teachers with regard to implementation of STEM-based teaching. STEM-based teaching mainly focuses on rather than teach the four disciplines as separate and discrete subjects, STEM integrates them into a cohesive learning paradigm based on real-world applications.

A potential contribution of this study is providing information regarding the attitude of pre-service teachers towards STEM-based teaching and their intentions of integrating STEM in their related lessons during science instruction. Data collected and analyzed from this study could advance knowledge in STEM education, leading to improved practice by assisting educators in creating an atmosphere that supports teachers' attitude and intentions to integrate STEM –based teaching during science instruction. It could influence positive social change by leading to localized professional developments geared towards training pre-service science teachers' on how to incorporate lessons on STEM career during science instruction. Motivating teachers to incorporate lessons on STEM-based teaching during science instruction in the elementary and middle-grades could also assist in producing young students more aware of potential STEM career options. This assistance could lead to more teachers motivating students to take advanced science courses in high school. In addition, it could assist teachers' wanting to encourage students to pursue and graduate from STEM-related degree programs. Ultimately, this encouragement could lead to more students going into STEM professions, possibly alleviating the shortage of STEM workers to fill vacancies in STEM fields.

Research Questions

- What is the attitude of B.Ed. student teachers with regard to STEM-based teaching?
- How much knowledge and practice do student teachers' have with respect to STEM-based teaching?
- What are the difficulties that student teachers faced with when implementing STEM-based teaching?
- What are the advantages of a STEM-based teaching approach?

Objectives of the study

- To assess the attitude of pre-service teachers with regard to STEM-based teaching.
- To understand the level of awareness with regard to STEM-based teaching among pre-service teachers.
- To ascertain the intentions of pre-service teachers towards the implementation of STEM instructional design.
- To analyze the self-efficacy of pre-service teachers in implementation of STEM instructional design in active classrooms.

- To suggest ways of implementing STEM-based teaching in B.Ed. Program.

Hypotheses of the study

- Pre-service teachers have a positive attitude towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching.
- There is a significant difference in the attitude of pre-service teachers towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching.
- There is a significant difference in the level of awareness among the pre-service teachers with regard to STEM-based teaching.
- There is a significant difference in the intentions of pre-service teachers towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching.
- There is a significant difference in the level of cognition among the pre-service teachers in the implementation of STEM-based teaching.
- There is a significant difference in the level of self-efficacy among the pre-service teachers in the implementation of STEM-based teaching.

Statement of the Problem

The Attitude of pre-service teachers towards STEM based teaching in science.

Operational Definitions

STEM: STEM is an interdisciplinary applied approach and educational curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines - science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

- **Attitude:** Attitude refers to a set of emotions, beliefs, and behaviors which includes awareness, emotions, cognition, intention, and self-efficacy.
- **Awareness:** Awareness may be a state of being aware of one's self and one's surroundings.
- **Emotions:** Emotions are the part of individuals' character, it's consisting of their feelings.
- **Cognition:** Cognition is the mental ability to gain knowledge and understanding through reflection, experience, and the senses.
- **Intention:** The intention is an idea or plan of what we are going to do.
- **Self-efficacy:** Self-efficacy is the confidence of an individual in its ability to complete tasks, achieve goals or influence events that have an impact on one's life.

Literature Review

The study of the previous research findings can give a hint to the investigator regarding the generation of new ideas related to his or her study. Hart, M. S. (2018) administered a study on "Rural Science Teachers' Intentions of Integrating STEM Career-Related Lessons". The aim of this transcendental phenomenological study was to know how intentions impacted rural elementary and middle-grade teachers' ability to integrate STEM career-related lessons during science instruction. Guided by Ajzen's (1988) theory of planned behavior, this study was designed to look at teachers' intentions to integrate STEM career-related lessons during science instruction. Kubat, U. (2018) conducted the study on "The integration of STEM into science classes' ". The aims of this study investigation are to uncover how science educators coordinate science, technology, engineering and Math's (STEM) in their instructions and believes in regards to the advantages and downsides they have recognized while incorporating STEM in their lessons, additionally as what very challenges they experience inside the execution procedure. The ideas of John Dewey, Zoltan Dienes, and Richard Lesh have a major influence on research and practice in science, mathematics, and engineering classrooms. Scholars suggested teachers' intentions direct their behaviors for integrating STEM career-related lessons into science instruction and have suggested that teachers' knowledge or attitudes about STEM could influence their intentions. However, little was known about pre-service teachers' attitudes towards STEM-based teaching and how their intentions could influence science instruction. Understanding pre-service teachers' intentions and attitudes in integrating STEM science instructional designs may result in recommendations resulting in more teachers successfully integrating STEM-based science instruction. The gap in the literature determined that a need existed to conduct the findings;

Methodology

The researcher in the existing study designed an outline for conducting the research through which the objectives of research are achieved. The objectives of the study come under purview of descriptive survey. The Dependent Variable in the study was student teachers' attitude which included; Awareness, Emotions, Cognition, Intention, Self-Efficacy related to STEM based teaching and the independent variable being college administration.

Based on the research objectives and hypotheses the tool framed was a self-made structured questionnaire with close-ended statements to assess the attitude of pre-service teachers. A questionnaire with 50 statements included both positive and negative statements to be rated on a five-point Likert scale i.e. Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Neutral, Agree, and Strongly Agree. A pilot study has been conducted on sample of 10 expert teachers in science as a part of the study the tool was administered to check its reliability and validity of the test items ; they were given 15-20 minutes of time to complete the questionnaire. The content validity of the tool was established in due consultation with subject experts. A quick and accurate response was expected. The researcher was present all throughout in any case of difficulty arise in understanding of the questionnaire. The filled in questionnaire of each respondent were scored according to the scoring key i.e., the positive statements of the scale are given the scoring order as 1,2,3,4, and 5 whereas the negative statements of the scale are given the scoring order as 5,4,3,2 and 1 and recorded it in a proper organized manner on an excel sheet. To establish the reliability of the tool Coefficient of correlation or Pearson's Correlation, a suitable inferential statistical technique used to obtain the computed scores of the statements framed, during the process the items which has shown Correlation coefficient values below 0.3 are considered to be weak; 0.3-0.7 are moderate; and more than 0.7 i.e. 0.8 values shows a strong correlation. Therefore, the item which lies between 0.3 and 0.8 values was retained whereas the item which lies below 0.3 and above 0.8 values was eliminated from the structured questionnaire to assess the attitude of pre-service teachers. Thus 10 items out of 50 items have been removed from the tool for its validation.

After verifying the reliability and validity of the tool, the questionnaire was framed into 40 statements to administer it on pre-service teachers' for the study which has 26 positive and 14 negative statements including 9 statements on level of awareness about STEM-based teaching, 9 statements on intentions towards STEM-based teaching, 10 statements on cognition towards STEM-based teaching and 12 statements of emotions and self-efficacy towards STEM- based teaching was designed based on the components of dependent variable i.e. Student Attitude (i.e. of Pre-service Teacher).

After finalization of the tool in order to collect the data, the population and sample of the present study is comprised of 60 pre-service teachers of Biosciences methodology from various B.Ed. Colleges, i.e.20 from Government IASE College of Education, 20 from Private Adam College of Education and 20 from Autonomous St. Ann's College of Education of Hyderabad district of Telangana State, and the sampling technique used was Stratified Purposive Sampling. The sample size is 60 pre-service teachers of biosciences methodology.

Therefore, the study being conducted has taken population as pre-service teachers of various B.Ed. colleges through the process of stratification and as the sample of only bioscience methodology pre-service teachers has been purposively selected to analyze their attitudes towards STEM based teaching by apprehending their level of awareness, intention, cognition, emotions and self-efficacy through a non-standardized tool. In order to analyze the data with suitable statistical techniques the information gathered was organized in a proper manner. The scores of each respondent were recorded accordingly on an excel sheet.

Analysis and Interpretation of Data

Data analysis is a procedure for discovering raw data and translating it into information useful for decision-making by investigators. Data is collected and explored to answer questions, test hypotheses or disprove theories. It includes the analysis of data collected and framing of null hypotheses, so that adopted statistical methods are applied and tested, based on which research hypotheses or null hypotheses are accepted.

Testing of Hypotheses

ANOVA was used to find the differences among pre-service teachers' attitudes towards STEM-Based teaching.

Hypothesis: 1

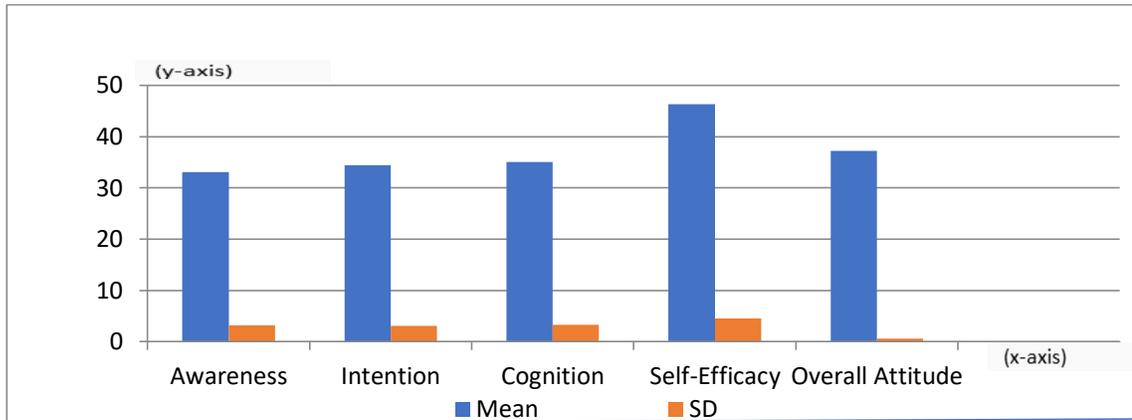
Research Hypothesis (H1): Pre-service teachers have a positive attitude towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching

Table 1: Mean and standard deviation of overall Attitude of Pre-service Teachers' and Components of Attitude towards STEM-based teaching.

	Awareness	Intentio n	Cognitio n	Self- Efficacy	Overall Attitude
Mean	33.1	34.4	35.01	46.32	37.20
SD	3.24	3.13	3.35	4.53	0.65

Percentage of Positive attitude	73%	76.4%	77.8%	77.2%	76.1%
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Fig 1: Graph representing Mean and SD of the overall Attitude of Pre-service Teachers' and its Components towards STEM-based teaching



Interpretation: Table 1 includes the mean and standard deviation of the attitude and components that contribute to the attitude towards STEM based teaching. The average scores show there is substantial positive attitude of pre-service teachers towards STEM based teaching. The highest was observed in cognition (77.8%) followed by self-efficacy (77.2%). Intention (76.4%) and awareness (73%) follows it. The variation is similar among the different components considered to analyse the attitude.

Hypothesis: 2

Research Hypothesis (H2)

There is a significant difference in the attitude of Pre-service teachers towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching.

Table 2: ANOVA results of Attitude of Pre-service Teachers towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching

ANOVA					
Attitude:					
	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	1270.533	2	635.267	5.319	.008
Within Groups	6807.400	57	119.428		
Total	8077.933	59			

Multiple Comparisons:

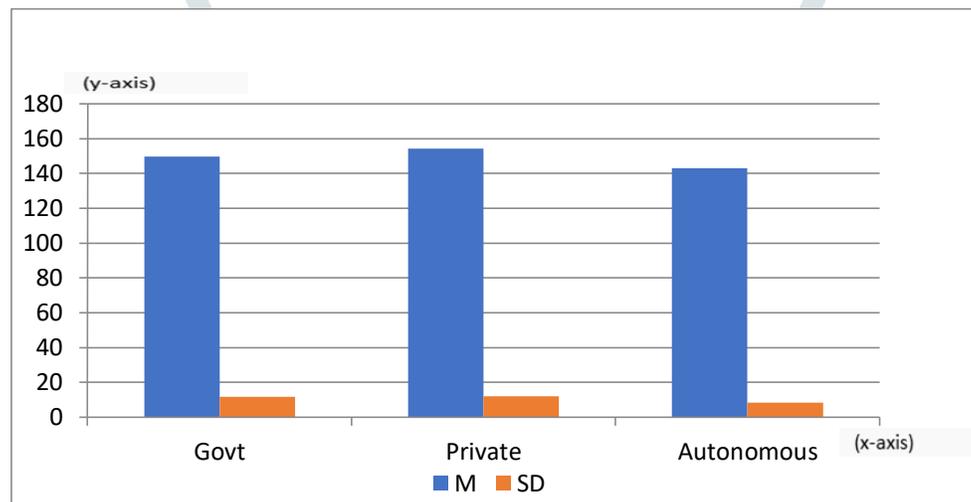
Dependent Variable: Attitude

Multiple Comparisons:				
Dependent Variable: Attitude				
Tukey HSD:				
		Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.
Govt	2.00 (Pvt)	- 4.50	3.45	.400

	3.00 (Auto)	6.70	3.45	.137
Private	1.00 (Govt)	4.50	3.45	.400
	3.00 (Auto)	11.20*	3.45	.006
Autonomous	1.00 (Govt)	-6.70	3.45	.137
	2.00 (Pvt)	-11.20*	3.45	.006
*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.			Table value F (2,57) = 3.16	

Interpretation: An analysis of variance showed that the attitude of pre-service teachers was significant, $F(2, 57) = 5.319$, $p = .05$. Thus, the research hypothesis that there exists a significant difference in attitude of pre-service teachers towards STEM based teaching in respect to type of administration is accepted. Post hoc analyses using the Tukey's post hoc criterion for significance indicated that the average number of errors was significantly lower in the Autonomous ($M=137.5$, $SD = 28.5$) than in the other two i.e. Government and Private. The significant difference was observed among private and autonomous whereas no significant difference among government and autonomous or government and private was observed.

Fig. 2: Graph showing attitude of Pre-service Teachers towards STEM-based teaching



Hypothesis: 3

Research Hypothesis (H3): There is a significant difference in the level of awareness among the pre-service teachers with regard to STEM-based teaching.

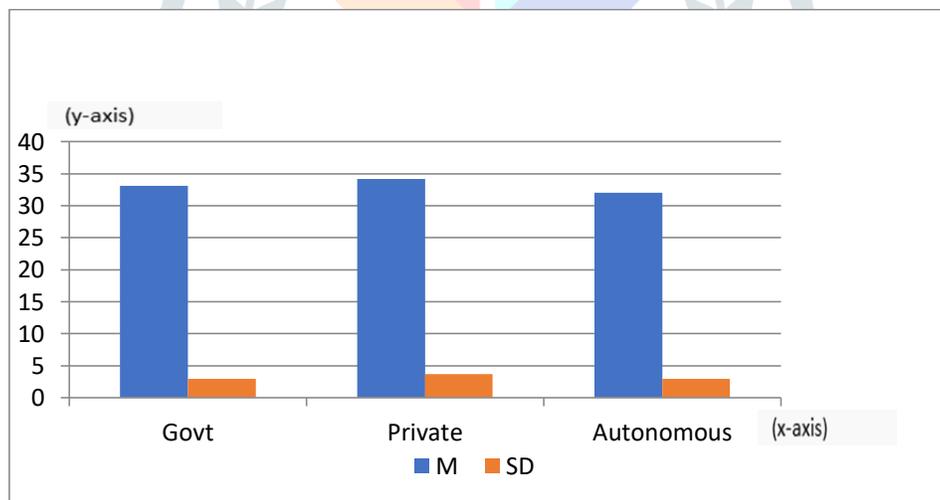
Table 3: ANOVA results of Awareness of Pre-service Teachers' towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching

Awareness:					
ANOVA					
	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	65.700	2	32.850	3.052	.055
Within Groups	613.550	57	10.764		
Total	679.250	59			

Dependent Variable: Awareness				
Tukey HSD:				
		Mean Difference	Std. Error	Sig.
Govt	2.00 (Pvt)	-1.50	1.037	.325
	3.00 (Auto)	1.05	1.037	.572
Private	1.00 (Govt)	1.50	1.037	.325
	3.00 (Auto)	2.55*	1.037	.044
Autonomous	1.00 (Govt)	-1.05	1.037	.572
	2.00 (Pvt)	-2.55*	1.037	.044
* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.				Table value F (2,57) = 3.16

Interpretation: An analysis of variance showed that the level of awareness of pre-service teachers is not significant, $F(2, 57) = 3.052$, $p = .05$ as the obtained value is less than table value ($F = 3.16$). Thus, the research hypothesis that there exists a significant difference in level of awareness of pre-service teachers towards STEM-based teaching in respect to type of administration is rejected. Post hoc analyses using the Tukey’s post hoc criterion for significance indicated that the average number of errors was significantly lower in the Private ($M=137.5$, $SD=28.5$) than in the other two i.e. Government and Autonomous. The significant difference was observed among private and autonomous. No significant difference among government and autonomous or government and private was observed.

Fig 3: Graph showing awareness of Pre-service Teachers' towards STEM-based teaching



Hypothesis: 4

Research Hypothesis (H4): There is a significant difference in the intentions of pre-service teachers towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching.

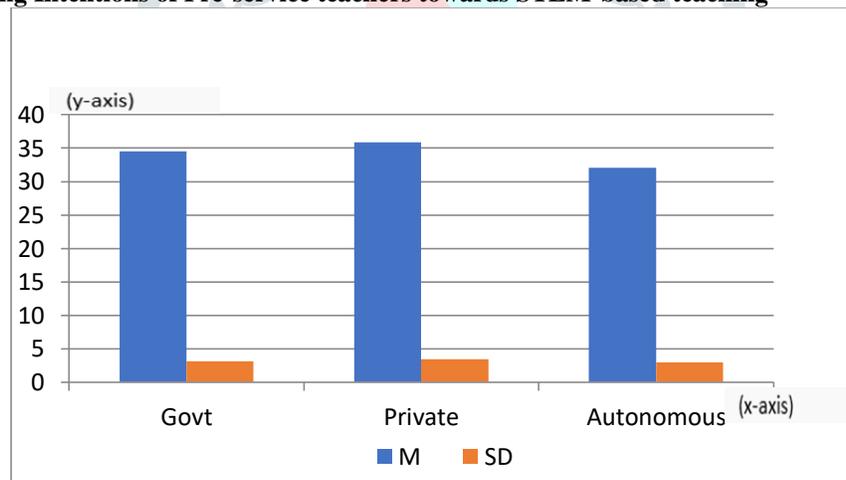
Table 4: ANOVA results of Intentions of Pre-service Teachers towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching

ANOVA					
Intentions:					
	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	87.233	2	43.617	5.036	.010
Within Groups	493.700	57	8.661		
Total	580.933	59			

Multiple Comparisons:				
Dependent Variable: Intentions				
Tukey HSD:				
		Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.
Govt	2.00 (Pvt)	-1.35	.930	.322
	3.00 (Auto)	1.60	.930	.207
Private	1.00 (Govt)	1.35	.930	.322
	3.00 (Auto)	2.95*	.930	.007
Autonomo us	1.00 (Govt)	1.60	.930	.207
	2.00 (Pvt)	-2.95*	.930	.007
* . The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level. Table value F (2,57) =				3.16

Interpretation: An analysis of variance showed that the intentions of pre-service teachers was significant, $F(2, 57) = 5.036$, $p = .05$. Thus, the research hypothesis that there exists a significant difference in intentions of pre-service teachers towards STEM based teaching in respect to type of administration is accepted. Post hoc analyses using the Tukey's post hoc criterion for significance indicated that the average number of errors was significantly lower in the Autonomous ($M=32.05$, $SD=2.94$) than in the other two i.e. Government and Private. The significant difference was observed among private and autonomous. No significant difference among government and autonomous or Government and private was observed.

Fig 4: Graph showing Intentions of Pre-service teachers towards STEM-based teaching



Hypothesis: 5

Research Hypothesis (H5): There is a significant difference in the level of cognition among the pre-service teachers in the implementation of STEM-based teaching.

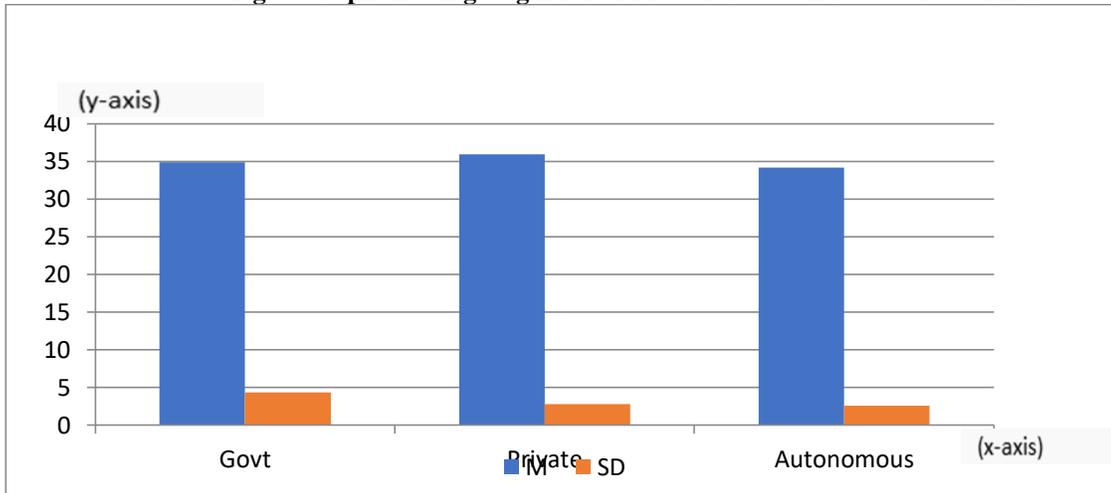
Table 5: ANOVA results of Cognition of Pre-service Teachers in the implementation of STEM based teaching

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Level of sig.
Between Groups	31.033	2	15.517	1.400	.255
Within Groups	631.950	57	11.087		
Total	662.983	59			
* . The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level. Table value F (2,57) =					3.16

Interpretation: An analysis of variance showed that the cognition of pre-service teachers' is not significant, $F(2, 57) = 1.400$, $p = .05$ as the obtained value is less than the table value ($F = 3.16$). Thus, the research hypothesis

that there exists a significant difference in cognition of pre-service teachers towards STEM based teaching in respect to type of administration is rejected. Post hoc analyses using the Tukey’s post hoc criterion for significance indicated that the average number of errors was significantly lower in the Private (M=35.95, SD=2.76) than in the other two i.e. Government and Autonomous. The no significant difference was observed among any of the groups that is Government, aided or autonomous.

Fig 5: Graph showing Cognition of Pre-service teachers towards STEM-based teaching



Hypothesis: 6

Research Hypothesis (H6)

There is a significant difference in the level of self-efficacy among the pre-service teachers in the implementation of STEM-based teaching.

Table 6: ANOVA results of Self-efficacy of Pre-service Teachers in the implementation of STEM based teaching

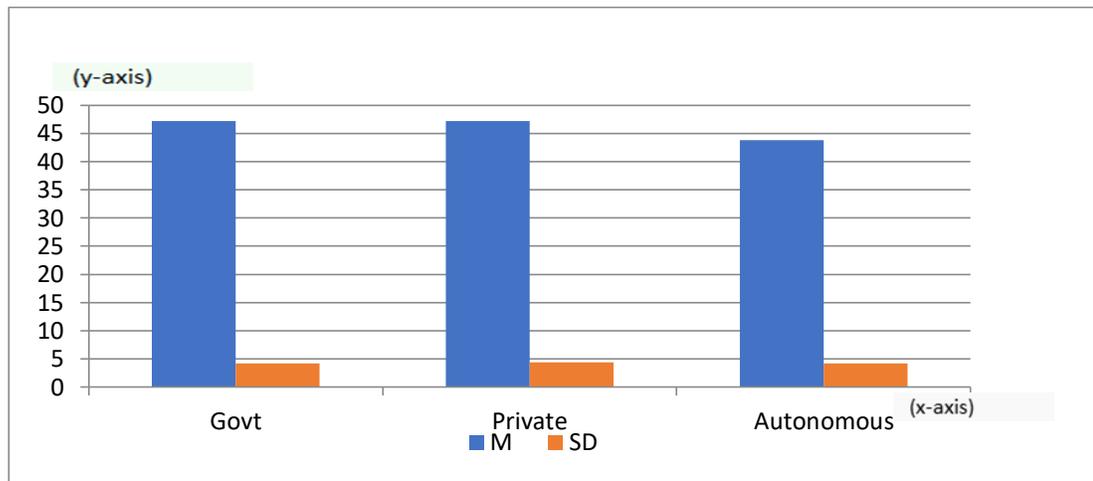
ANOVA					
Self-efficacy:					
	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	181.233	2	90.617	5.007	.010
Within Groups	1031.500	57	18.096		
Total	1212.733	59			

Multiple Comparisons:				
Dependent Variable: Self-efficacy				
Tukey HSD:				
		Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.
Govt	2.00 (Pvt)	-.60	1.34	.896
	3.00 (Auto)	3.35*	1.34	.041
Private	1.00 (Govt)	.60	1.34	.896
	3.00 (Auto)	3.95*	1.34	.013
Autonomous	1.00 (Govt)	-3.35*	1.34	.041
	2.00 (Pvt)	-3.95*	1.34	.013

*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level. Table value F (2,57) = 3.16

Interpretation: An analysis of variance showed that the self-efficacy of pre-service teachers' was significant, $F(2, 57) = 5.007, p = .05$. Thus, the research hypothesis that there exists a significant difference in self-efficacy of pre-service teachers towards STEM based teaching in respect to type of administration. Post hoc analyses using the Tukey's post hoc criterion for significance indicated that the average number of errors was significantly lower in the Private ($M = 43.23, SD = 4.36$) than in the other two i.e. Government and Autonomous. The significant difference was observed among private and autonomous, government and autonomous, were as no significant difference is observed among Government and private.

Fig 6: Graph showing Self-efficacy of Pre-service Teachers towards STEM based teaching.



The data analyzed using statistical techniques like Mean, SD and ANOVA. This study reveals that there is a significant difference in overall Attitudes of pre-service teachers' between government, private and autonomous pre-service teachers' based on their level of awareness, intentions, cognition, emotions and self-efficacy. It has also been found that there exists a considerable positive attitude and as well as significant difference in the attitudes of government, private and autonomous pre-service teachers with respect to the implementation of STEM-based teaching.

Results and Discussion of the Study

The findings includes that there is a considerable positive attitude among pre-service teachers' towards STEM-based teaching which is inferred based on the components of attitude. The hypotheses concerning of attitude of government, private and autonomous pre-service teachers' reveals that there exists a significant difference in attitude among pre-service teachers' by analyzing components of attitude i.e. level of awareness, intention, cognition, emotions and self-efficacy towards implementation of STEM-based teaching which is inferred with respect to the type of administration.

- Pre-service teachers' have a positive attitude towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching. In the present study the hypothesis concerning the overall attitude of pre-service teachers of government, private and autonomous colleges reveal of having considerable positive attitude among pre-service teachers' towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching by analyzing components of attitude i.e. level of awareness, intentions, cognition, emotions and self-efficacy. As STEM-Based teaching works through enriching the students' potential for learning without dropping the significance of the curriculum. It also helps teachers' do more by creating new learning environments' that influence teacher talent also prepares them to teach disciplines independently.
- There is a significant difference in the attitude of Pre-service teachers towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching. The hypothesis concerning of attitude of pre-service teachers of government, private and autonomous college; reveals that there exists a significant difference in attitude among pre-service teachers towards STEM-based teaching with respect to the type of administration. As teachers should have the background to authentically teach STEM disciplines in an integrated manner which will enhance the learning experiences of students through STEM instructional designs that brings organizational changes in the classrooms and also helps them to think independently and communicate creatively in solving various real-life problems.
- There is a significant difference in the level of awareness among the pre-service teachers with regard to STEM-based teaching. In this study the hypothesis concerning to the level of awareness of pre-service teachers of government, private and autonomous college; reveals that there exists a significant difference in level of

awareness of pre-service teachers with regard to STEM-based teaching with respect to the type of administration is rejected. As STEM-based teaching enhances the process of learning and it also improves the quality of education pre-service teachers possess lower level of awareness as one of the components of attitude in comparison with type of administration. Teachers and student teachers are yet to be made aware of STEM based teaching and its implications.

- There is a significant difference in the intentions of pre-service teachers' towards the implementation of STEM-based teaching. In the present study the hypothesis concerning to the intentions of pre-service teachers of government, private and autonomous college; reveals that there exists a significant difference in intentions a component of attitude of pre-service teachers' towards implementing STEM-based teaching with respect to the type of administration. As the knowledge cultivated through STEM-based teaching can develop an individual's capabilities and teaching through STEM instructional designs enables pre-service teachers' to understand and fulfill the learners' need. Though overall there was a positive attitude the component intentions showed difference specifically among private and autonomous probably because autonomous institutions have dynamic curriculum and exposed to new developments in field of education.
- There is a significant difference in the level of cognition among the pre-service teachers in the implementation of STEM-based teaching. In this study the hypothesis concerning to the cognition of pre-service teachers' of government, private and autonomous college; reveals that there exists no significant difference in the level of cognition with respect to the type of administration among the pre-service teachers' towards implementing STEM-based teaching; As cognition is one of the vital components of attitude STEM instructional designs, not only power learning activity but also enhances the intellectual skills and cultivate skills such as creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making, to solve various problems related to the humanity.
- There is a significant difference in the level of Self-efficacy among the pre-service teachers in the implementation of STEM-based teaching. The level of Self-efficacy of pre-service teachers' of government, private and autonomous college; reveals that there exists a significant difference in level of Self-efficacy among the pre-service teachers' towards implementing STEM-based teaching with respect to the type of administration as teacher plays a pivotal role in the process of teaching and learning and STEM-based teaching not only influence teachers' talent but also helps them to be more confident.

Educational implications of the Study

- Academic support structures must organize discussions, meetings, workshops and seminars for integrating STEM-based teaching in education for better teaching-learning process.
- B.Ed. college management should understand the importance and implementation of STEM-based teaching core course in B.Ed curriculum.
- Encourage professional development of both pre-service and in-service teachers' by providing training through STEM-based teaching courses.
- Teacher education programs should also include more exposure to concepts, processes, and skills in STEM that are similar, analogous, complementary, or collective.
- During professional development programs there must be a familiarity with instructional strategies and access to resources and different STEM instructional designs
- The teacher education programs should also provide deeper understanding of content across STEM strategies for collaboration and team work to make integrated instruction time more efficient and less difficult to manage.
- Pre-service teachers should understand the importance and implementation of STEM-based teaching during their internship programme.
- Providing the STEM educational program with more projects and activities that foster active learning and creative thinking. Identifying the students' preferences at the beginning of the academic year and use that in choosing the topics for the projects.

Conclusion

The results of the study conducted on the attitude of pre-service teachers towards STEM-based teaching is helpful in understanding the positive attitude of pre-service teachers' towards implementing STEM-based teaching which will enhance the learning experiences of students through STEM instructional designs. It also helps them to think independently and communicate creatively in solving various real-life problems. It also helps students' for building successful careers and lives, in an increasingly knowledge-based contemporary world. STEM-based teaching brings organizational changes in the classrooms and it emphasizes on the social learning and learning process. It also helps individuals to plan and realize their own learning. This research helps in understanding the importance of STEM-based teaching in regular classrooms through STEM instructional designs to make teaching-

learning process effectively. Pre-service teachers' needs to be given training and their knowledge have to be updated to adopt optimal STEM-based teaching that will maximally benefit the educational.

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