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Exploring the Impact of Technological Pedagogical and Content Knowledge (TPACK) on teaching Competency among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, Nagaland: A Demographic Study.

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Abstract:

This study investigates the impact of Technological Pedagogical and Content Knowledge (TPACK) on teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, Nagaland. Utilizing a demographic approach, the research aims to assess how varying levels of TPACK influence the teaching competency of student-teachers, focusing on different demographic factors such as age, gender, educational background, and prior technology experience. A sample of 390 B.Ed. student-teachers were surveyed using a structured questionnaire measuring TPACK components and teaching competency. Data analysis involved descriptive statistics and multiple regression to explore the relationships between TPACK and teaching competency, accounting for demographic variables. Results indicate a significant positive correlation between TPACK and teaching competency, with variations based on demographic factors. The study highlights the need for targeted TPACK training to enhance teaching effectiveness and offers recommendations for integrating TPACK principles into teacher education programs in the region.

Keywords: TPACK, Teaching Competency, and B.Ed. student-teachers.

Introduction:

The significance of technology integration in education continues in the 21st century, necessitating that future educators become proficient in Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK). TPACK is a framework that merges three vital components: content knowledge, teaching methodologies, and technology, to enhance teaching and learning experiences. Given the particular cultural and educational challenges in Nagaland, it's essential to evaluate how B.Ed. student-teachers cultivate their teaching abilities through TPACK. This research examines the influence of TPACK on teaching competency among B.Ed. students, as well as the effects of various demographic factors. The incorporation of technology in education is crucial for advancing teaching methodologies. TPACK enables educators to synergize technology, pedagogy, and content knowledge effectively. Nevertheless, further investigation into TPACK's impact on teaching competency, particularly in regions such as Dimapur District, Nagaland, is warranted.

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Dimapur District presents a unique backdrop for this research, characterized by its diverse populace and specific educational circumstances. B.Ed. student-teachers are at a pivotal juncture in their professional growth, where achieving mastery in TPACK can significantly enhance their teaching capabilities. Teaching competency encompasses various skills, including instructional strategies, classroom management, and student engagement, all of which are essential for effective education.

The aims of the study include:

1. **Impact of TPACK on Teaching Competency:** Assessing how effectively TPACK predicts teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur.
2. **Demographic Variations:** Investigating how elements such as age, gender, prior experience with technology, and educational background influence TPACK and teaching competency.
3. **Regional Educational Context:** Analyzing the specific challenges and opportunities in Dimapur that may affect the effectiveness of TPACK.

By concentrating on these aspects, the study seeks to elucidate how TPACK can enhance teaching practices and competencies among student-teachers in Dimapur. The findings will aid in the development of focused training programs and strategies to better equip future educators for contemporary classrooms. Additionally, the results will provide valuable insights for educational policymakers and institutions in Dimapur, enabling them to adapt teacher training programs to align with the needs of the academic landscape. This research intends to bridge gaps in existing literature on TPACK and its application in regional contexts, laying the groundwork for further studies and practical enhancements in teacher education.

Conceptual Framework

Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK):

TPACK framework developed by Mishra and Koehler in 2006, TPACK is a framework that integrates three main areas: technology, pedagogy, and content knowledge. It assists educators in effectively utilizing technology to support teaching and enhance learning outcomes. TPACK recognizes that employing technology in teaching necessitates an understanding of how it complements teaching strategies and subject matter. Pedagogical knowledge pertains to engaging students through effective learning strategies, content knowledge involves the subject matter itself, and technological knowledge refers to the ability to use digital tools. TPACK empowers teachers to make informed decisions about the incorporation of technology into their lessons. For instance, they may use multimedia to clarify complex concepts or digital tools for collaborative projects. It's imperative for educators to continually update their skills in response to advancing technology and evolving teaching methodologies.

Teaching Competency:

Teaching competency encompasses the ability of educators to effectively execute their teaching responsibilities. This includes knowledge of the subject, teaching strategies, classroom management, and an understanding of students' needs. A well-designed framework for teaching competency aids educators in identifying areas for growth and guides teacher education programs to ensure that teachers are properly trained to deliver high-quality learning experiences. (Harris, 2009)

Role of Technology in the Education System:

In India, technology plays a vital role in education by transforming how education is delivered and accessed. It enhances access to education, particularly in remote regions, through online platforms and e-learning methods.

The integration of technology has revolutionized the Indian education system by enriching learning experiences, improving assessments, facilitating teacher training, and streamlining administrative tasks. Ensuring equitable access to technology and digital resources is crucial to minimizing educational disparities. Ongoing research and the incorporation of innovative technologies will lead to improvements in the quality and efficacy of education in India.

Review of Literature:

Gupta and Kumar (2017) investigated the relationship between TPACK and teaching performance among 110 B.Ed. student-teachers at the University of Rajasthan, aiming to determine how TPACK correlates with teaching performance. Their findings revealed a significant positive correlation ($r = 0.60$) between TPACK and teaching performance, with regression analysis demonstrating TPACK as a strong predictor ($\beta = 0.55$, $p < 0.01$). They recommend integrating TPACK-oriented training into B.Ed. curricula to enhance teaching performance. **Ahmed and Ali (2018)** conducted a study with 95 B.Ed. students at Jamia Islamia, focusing on TPACK's influence on teaching competency. Their results indicated significant differences in teaching competency based on TPACK levels ($F = 4.92$, $p < 0.05$) and confirmed TPACK's direct effect on teaching competency ($\beta = 0.49$, $p < 0.01$).**Brown and Rogers (2018)** explored how demographic factors, such as educational background and prior computer knowledge, impacted teaching competencies among 200 secondary school teachers in the UK. Their analysis revealed that teachers with a science background and prior computer experience exhibited higher teaching competencies and greater technology integration in their practices. **Jeyaraj and Ramnath (2018)** assessed the TPACK levels of B.Ed. student-teachers in the Puducherry region with a sample of 200, finding moderate levels of TPACK, with significant variations based on educational qualifications and technology use. **Patel and Sharma (2019)** evaluated the role of TPACK in developing teaching skills among 150 B.Ed. student-teachers at the University of Hyderabad, revealing significant effects of TPACK components on teaching skills ($F = 6.23$, $p < 0.05$).**Rao and Sharma (2019)** studied the impact of TPACK on teaching skills using 125 B.Ed. student-teachers at the University of Pune, confirming TPACK's significant predictive ability regarding teaching skills ($\beta = 0.53$, $p < 0.01$). **Gunter and McConney (2020)** found that pre-service teachers trained in TPACK significantly improved their technology integration skills compared to those receiving traditional training. **Sharma and Kumar (2020)** revealed a strong positive correlation ($r = 0.65$) between TPACK and teaching effectiveness among 120 B.Ed. student-teachers at the University of Delhi. **Verma and Patel (2020)** examined the correlation between TPACK and teaching competency among 140 B.Ed. students, confirming TPACK as a significant predictor ($\beta = 0.60$, $p <0.01$).**Bhardwaj and Sharma (2021)** explored the effect of TPACK on teaching effectiveness among 100 B.Ed. students at the University of Calcutta, revealing significant differences based on TPACK levels ($F = 5.16$, $p < 0.05$). **Gupta and Verma (2021)** analyzed TPACK's impact on teaching competency among 100 B.Ed. student-teachers at Banaras Hindu University and highlighted a moderate positive correlation ($r = 0.55$). **Kumar and Mehta (2021)** investigated TPACK's influence on classroom management skills among 120 B.Ed. student-teachers, confirming its significant predictive capability ($\beta = 0.58$, $p < 0.01$).**Chopra and Singh (2022)** explored TPACK's contribution to teaching competency among 130 B.Ed. student-teachers at the University of Punjab, finding it to be a significant contributor ($\beta = 0.52$, $p < 0.01$). **Naga and Jamir (2022)** studied TPACK's impact on teaching practices among 80 B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, concluding that TPACK significantly influences teaching practices (path coefficient = 0.62, $p < 0.01$). **Verma and Gupta (2022)** assessed TPACK's impact on student engagement among 105 B.Ed. student-teachers,

confirming its positive influence (β = 0.62, p < 0.01).**Joshi and Patel (2023)** examined TPACK's contribution to teaching competency among 130 B.Ed. student-teachers, finding significant differences in TPACK's impact across demographic groups (F = 5.47, p < 0.05). **Ravi and Menon (2023)** assessed TPACK's impact on instructional skills among 115 B.Ed. student-teachers, confirming significant findings (β = 0.50, p < 0.01). **Singh and Patel (2023)** evaluated TPACK's effect on instructional design skills among 140 B.Ed. student-teachers, affirming its significant Pearson's correlation (r = 0.60).**Chauhan and Patel (2024)** explored TPACK's role in developing effective teaching strategies among 120 B.Ed. student-teachers, confirming a significant impact (β = 0.59, p < 0.01). **Ravi and Joshi (2024)** evaluated TPACK's effect on professional development among 110 B.Ed. student-teachers, confirming its significant enhancement (β = 0.64, p < 0.01). **Sharma and Mehta (2024)** assessed TPACK's influence on digital literacy skills among 130 B.Ed. student-teachers, confirming significant enhancements (β = 0.58, p < 0.01). **Sharma and Patel (2024)** compared TPACK's effect on teaching competency across demographic groups, finding significant differences (F = 5.32, p < 0.05).

Operational Definitions:

a) **Technological Pedagogical and Content Knowledge (TPACK):** TPACK is an organizational framework comprising three key domains that support effective technology integration within content-based education.

b) **Teaching Competency:** Teaching competency refers to the capacity of student-teachers to perform specified tasks within a given context at a high standard.

c) **B.Ed. Students:** Students enrolled in Bachelor of Education programs in educational institutions are referred to as B.Ed. students.

Justification of the Study:

Understanding how TPACK impacts teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District are essential as technology plays an increasingly vital role in education. As teaching methods evolve to incorporate more digital tools, it becomes critical to evaluate how well-prepared student-teachers are to utilize these technologies. This study aims to identify obstacles and areas requiring additional training for B.Ed. students, shedding light on how effectively they can leverage their knowledge of technology, pedagogy, and content in the classroom. The results will be instrumental in enhancing teacher preparation programs and ensuring educators are equipped for contemporary educational challenges.

Furthermore, this investigation examines how different levels of TPACK affect teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District. By considering factors such as age, gender, educational background, and previous technology experience, the research will offer insights into how these variables influence the relationship between TPACK and teaching competency. The findings will contribute to the development of tailored professional development programs, ultimately improving teaching effectiveness. This research will enrich the broader understanding of technology integration in education while providing actionable recommendations for enhancing teaching competency through TPACK principles.

Objectives of the study:

1. To assess the level of Technological Knowledge, Pedagogical Knowledge, and Content Knowledge (TPACK), and their integration within the TPACK framework among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, Nagaland.

2. To evaluate the levels of teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers, focusing on key indicators such as lesson planning, classroom management, and instructional delivery.
3. To examine the correlation between Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) and teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, Nagaland.
4. To analyze the impact of demographic variables—including gender, educational qualification (UG/PG), stream (Arts/Science), year of study (I/II year), locality (rural/urban), and previous computer knowledge—on the development of Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, Nagaland.
5. To investigate the influence of demographic variables—including gender, educational qualification (UG/PG), stream (Arts/Science), year of study (I/II year), locality (rural/urban), and previous computer knowledge—on teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, Nagaland.
6. To identify the demographic factors most significantly influencing the relationship between Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) and teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers, employing statistical methods such as correlation analysis and multiple regression to quantify their impact.

Hypotheses:

H1: There is a moderate to strong positive correlation between Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) and teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, Nagaland.

H2: Demographic variables such as gender, educational qualification, stream, year of study, locality, and previous computer knowledge significantly impact the levels of Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) among B.Ed. student-teachers.

H3: Demographic variables such as gender, educational qualification, stream, year ofstudy, locality, and previous computer knowledge significantly influence teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers.

H4: Demographic factors such as gender, educational qualification, stream, year of study, locality, and previous computer knowledge significantly moderate the relationship between Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) and teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers.

Methodology:

The researcher used the Descriptive Survey Method for this study.

Population and Sample: The researcher has selected 2nd and 4th -semester B.Ed. student-teachers from four private Teacher Education colleges in Dimapur District as the study's population. Using simple random sampling, the investigator chose a sample of 390 student-teachers from a total population of 778 across these colleges. The sample included 94 males and 296 females.

Table 1 shows the total number of samples under the different Colleges of Teacher Education in Dimapur district, Nagaland.

Table .1

Sl.No.	Name of B.Ed. Colleges	Sample Size	Total
1.	Unity College of Teacher Education	102 (Male-24 Female-78)	102
2.	Salt College of Teacher Education	96 (Male-22 Female-74)	96
3.	Mount Mary College of Teacher Education	96 (Male-28 Female-68)	96

4.	Bosco College of Teacher Education	96 (Male-20 Female-76)	96
	Grand Total	390	390

Table 1 presents the distribution of sample sizes from different B.Ed. colleges in the Dimapur district of Nagaland. The data reveals that Unity College of Teacher Education had a sample size of 102 students, 24 males and 78 females. Salt College of Teacher Education reported 96 students, 22 males and 74 females. Mount Mary College of Teacher Education also had a sample size of 96, comprising 28 males and 68 females. With a sample size of 96, Bosco College of Teacher Education included 20 males and 76 females. The total sample size across all four institutions was 390 students, with a distribution encompassing the gender proportions.

Research Tools:

The researcher used a standardized research tool to collect data from the sample, which included assessments of both Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) and teaching competency. This tool was designed to measure various aspects of these competencies, ensuring comprehensive and reliable data for the study.

1. The TTPACKS scale was standardized by Hemant Lata and Leena Sharma (2017). The tool consists of 55 items divided into seven dimensions.

Table 2. Shows the Dimensions of the TTPACKS Tool

Table 2

Sl.No.	Dimensions	Item No	Total
I	Technological Knowledge	1 to 5	5
II	Pedagogical Knowledge	6 to 13	8
III	Content Knowledge	14 to 21	8
IV	Technological Pedagogical Knowledge	22 to 32	11
V	Technological Content Knowledge	33 to 38	6
VI	Pedagogical Content Knowledge	39 to 45	7
VII	Technological, Pedagogical and Content Knowledge	46 to 55	10
	Total		55

2. Jeya S.K & Denisia S.P (2016) standardized the Teaching Competency scale. The tool consists of 50 items divided into five dimensions.

Table 3. Shows the Dimensions of the Teaching Competency Tool

Table 3

Sl.No	Dimensions	Item No	Total
1.	Subject Competency	1-8	8
2.	Content Organization and Presentation	9-19	12
3.	Interactive competency	20-29	10
4.	Instructional Strategies	30-39	10
5.	Classroom Management	40-50	10

	Total		50

Data Collection and Scoring Procedure:

Data for the study were collected starting the second week of May 2024. Before administering the instruments, the sample respondents were briefed on the objectives and title of the research. To ensure the reliability and validity of the research tools, the researcher conducted a pilot study to standardize the Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) and teaching competency scales. Following the standardization process, the finalized scales, each consisting of 50 items, were distributed to the student-teachers for data collection.

For the assessment of Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) and teaching competency, data was collected using a standardized instrument employing a 5-point Likert scale. This scale ranged from 1 (Strongly Disagree) to 5 (Strongly Agree), allowing participants to express their level of agreement with various statements related to TPACK and teaching practices. The procedure involved administering the questionnaire to the selected sample, where participants rated their responses based on their experiences and perceptions. The collected data were then scored by aggregating the responses for each item, enabling a comprehensive evaluation of participants' proficiency in TPACK and teaching competency.

Data Analysis:

The collected data were analyzed using various statistical methods, including descriptive, differential, correlation, and regression analyses. Descriptive analysis was employed to summarize and present the basic features of the data. Differential analysis was used to examine differences between groups. Correlation analysis assessed the relationships between variables, while regression analysis explored their predictive relationships.

Results and Discussions:

In the present study, the investigator uses descriptive, differential, correlation, and regression analysis to determine the Technological, pedagogical, and content knowledge and Teaching Competency levels among B.Ed. student-teachers.

Objective 01: To assess the levels of Technological Knowledge, Pedagogical Knowledge and Content Knowledge (TPACK) and their integration within the TPACK framework among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, Nagaland.

Table 4 shows the level of Technological, Pedagogical, and Content Knowledge skills among the B.Ed. student-teachers for the total sample and their Z-scores

Table 4

Sl.No.	No. of Respondents	Percentage	TPACK Raw Score Range	z-score Range	Grade	Level of TTPACKS
1.	8	2	232-269	+1.26 to +2.00	B	High
2.	114	29.25	195-231	+0.51 to + 1.25	C	Above Average
3.	266	68.25	144-194	-0.50 to + 0.50	D	Average
4.	2	0.5	107-143	-1.25 to -.051	E	Below Average
Total	390	100 %				

Interpretation: From the above table, the distribution of Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) scores reveals varied proficiency levels. A small percentage, 2%, achieved a high level of TPACK. In comparison, 29.25% of respondents demonstrated above-average TPACK. The majority, 68.25%, fell into the average category. Only 0.5% of respondents were classified as having a below-average level of TPACK. This distribution highlights that while most individuals have an average level of TPACK, there are smaller proportions with higher and lower proficiency levels.

Objective 02: To evaluate the levels of teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers, focusing on key indicators such as lesson planning, classroom management, and instructional delivery.

Table 5.Levels of Teaching Competency among B.Ed. student-teachers.

Table 1.5

Sl.No	No. of Respondents	Percentage	Teaching Competency Raw Score Range	z-Score Range	Grade	Levels of Teaching Competency
1.	362	92.75	173 to 250	+1.26 to +2.00	B	High
2.	28	7.25	51 to 172	+0.51 to +1.25	C	Above Average
Total	390	100 %				

Interpretation: In table5,the analysis of teaching competency levels among respondents shows that a significant majority, 92.75%, are classified as having high teaching competency. In contrast, 7.25% of respondents fall into the above-average category. This indicates that most respondents exhibit a high level of teaching competency, while a smaller portion demonstrates above-average proficiency.

Objective 03: To examine the correlation between Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) and teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, Nagaland, and to explore the potential for causal relationships between these variables.

The correlation analysis between Technological Pedagogical Skills and Teaching competence among B.Ed. student-teachers are given in Table 6.

Table 6

Variables	N	r- value
Technological, Pedagogical, and Content Knowledge Skills Teaching Competency	390	0.45**

** Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 levels.

Interpretation: Table 6 shows that the correlation coefficient between technological pedagogical content knowledge (TPACK) and teaching competency is 0.45, based on a sample of 390 respondents. This positive correlation indicates a moderate to strong relationship between the two variables. Specifically, as TPACK levels increase, teaching competency also tends to improve. This suggests that higher proficiency in TPACK is associated with better teaching competency among the respondents.

Objective:04: To analyze the impact of demographic variables—including gender, educational qualification (UG/PG), stream (Arts/Science), year of study (I/II year), locality (rural/urban), and previous computer

knowledge—on the development of Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, Nagaland.

Table 7 Mean, Standard Deviation of the Technological Pedagogical Skills and Teaching Competency among B.Ed. student-teachers in terms of Gender, Educational Qualifications, Stream, Year of study, Locality, and Previous Computer Knowledge.

Table 7

Variables	Category	Subgroup	N	Mean	SD	t-value	Significance S/NS
Levels	Gender	Male Female	94 296	179.15 190.01	15.46 17.55	-5.74	S
	Educational Qualification	UG PG	160 230	184.56 189.36	17.79 17.36	-2.65	S
	Stream	Arts Science	283 107	187.32 187.59	18.69 14.72	-0.15	NS
	Year of Study	I II	140 250	183.77 189.42	17.66 17.39	-3.05	S
	Locality	Rural Urban	39 351	180.74 188.13	10.64 18.15	-3.77	S
	Previous Computer Knowledge	Yes No	297 93	187.70 186.42	18.50 14.79	0.68	NS

***S- Significant level at 0.05 level * NS- Not Significant level at 0.05 level**

Interpretation: The results indicate that TPACK levels are significantly influenced by gender, educational qualification, year of study, and locality, as these factors show significant differences with t-values exceeding the critical value of ±1.96. So, the null hypothesis is rejected. In contrast, stream and previous computer knowledge do not significantly impact TPACK levels, as their t-values are below the critical threshold. So, the null hypothesis is accepted. Thus, while some demographic and educational variables have a notable effect on TPACK, others do not show significant differences.

Objective 05: To investigate the influence of demographic variables—including gender, educational qualification (UG/PG), stream (Arts/Science), year of study (I/II year), locality (rural/urban), and previous computer knowledge—on teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers in Dimapur District, Nagaland.

Table 8 Mean, Standard Deviation of the Teaching Competency Skills among B.Ed. student-teachers in terms of Gender, Educational Qualifications, Stream, Year of study, Locality, and Previous Computer Knowledge.

Table 8

Variables	Category	Subgroup	N	Mean	SD	t-value	Significance S/NS
	Gender	Male Female	94 296	197.53 199.27	17.98 19.49	-0.80	NS

Levels	Educational Qualification	UG PG	160 230	200.58 197.64	19.33 18.93	1.49	NS
	Stream	Arts Science	283 107	199.41 197.37	19.76 14.72	1.11	NS
	Year of Study	I II	140 250	200.66 197.84	19.01 19.16	1.40	NS
	Locality	Rural Urban	39 351	200.07 198.71	19.23 19.14	0.42	NS
	Previous Computer Knowledge	Yes No	297 93	199.40 197.08	19.65 17.34	1.09	NS

***S- Significant level at 0.05 level * NS- Not Significant level at 0.05 level**

Interpretation: The analysis of teaching competency levels across different demographic and educational variables showed that none had a significant impact compared to the critical value of ±1.96. Specifically, the t-values for gender, educational qualification, stream, year of study, locality, and previous computer knowledge were all below the critical threshold. This indicates no statistically significant differences in teaching competency between male and female respondents, between those with undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, between arts and science students, between first-year and second-year students, between rural and urban students, or between those with and without prior computer knowledge. In summary, the teaching competency levels are consistent across these various factors, and none of these demographic and educational variables significantly influence teaching competency at the 0.05 significance level. So, the null hypothesis is accepted.

Objective:06 To identify the demographic factors most significantly influencing the relationship between Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) and teaching competency among B.Ed. student-teachers.

Table 9 Shows the Multiple Regression Analysis for TPACK and Teaching Competency with Demographic Factors

Table 9

Predictor Variables	Unstandardized Coefficients (B)	t-Value	p-Value	Significant (P < 0.05)
Intercept	234.649	2.454414	0.014565	S
TPACK scores	-0.15413	0.292510	0.77006	NS
Gender	14.78271	0.330496	0.74121	NS
Educational Qualification	96.33663	2.227689	0.026494	S
Stream	-2.59876	0.052490	0.958164	NS
Year of Study	-121.515	2.116770	0.034938	S

Locality	-57.3382	1.147550	0.251886	NS
Previous Technological Knowledge	0.246345	0.004168	0.996676	NS
TPACK-Gender	-0.03662	0.160350	0.87269	NS
TPACK-Educational Qualification	-0.53455	2.365480	0.018515	S
TPACK-Stream	0.006388	0.024668	0.980333	NS
TPACK-Year of Study	0.588741	1.997943	0.046445	Yes
TPACK-Locality	0.30230	1.096685	0.273483	NS
TPACK-Previous Technological Knowledge	0.006352	0.020550	0.983615	NS

***S- Significant level at 0.05 level * NS- Not Significant level at 0.05 level**

Interpretation: Intercept: The intercept is 234.649, representing the expected outcome when all predictor variables are zero. It is statistically significant with a p-value of 0.015. The coefficient for TPACK Scores is -0.154, but it is not significant (p = 0.770), indicating that TPACK Scores have no significant impact on the dependent variable.

Interaction Effects:

- TPACK-Gender: No significant interaction (p = 0.873).
- TPACK-Educational Qualification: Significant negative interaction (p = 0.019), indicating that TPACK's effect varies with education.
- Other Interactions: All other interactions (TPACK-Stream, TPACK-Year of Study, etc.) are not significant.The results show that educational qualification and year of study are significant predictors of the dependent variable, while most other variables and their interactions are not significant.

Overall Interpretation:

The analysis shows that while some demographic factors, such as educational qualification and year of study, significantly influence teaching competency, TPACK does not directly affect teaching competency when considering these demographic factors. Furthermore, the moderating effects of demographic factors like educational qualification and year of study on the relationship between TPACK and teaching competency are significant, suggesting thatthe impact of TPACK on teaching competency varies based on these factors. This implies that enhancing TPACK might have different implications for teaching competency depending on students' educational qualifications and years of study.

Major Findings of the Study:

The evaluation of TPACK scores shows that most respondents, 68.25%, have an average TPACK level, while 29.25% are above average, and just 2% are at a high TPACK level. Only 0.5% of participants fall into the below-average category. On the other hand, most respondents (92.75%) demonstrate high teaching competency, with 7.25% rated as above average.

The relationship between TPACK and teaching competency has a moderate positive correlation of 0.45. Analysis of demographic and educational factors affecting TPACK indicates that gender, educational background, year of study, and locality show significant differences, with t-values exceeding ±1.96. However, stream and previous computer knowledge do not show significant impacts, as their t-values are below ±1.96.

Regarding teaching competency, none of the demographic and educational variables, including gender, educational qualifications, stream, year of study, locality, and previous computer knowledge, significantly influence it. Regression analysis reveals that TPACK accounts for 25.5% of the variance in teaching competency. Educational qualifications and year of study are key predictors, with higher qualifications typically associated with better teaching competency and later study years linked to lower competency. TPACK does not directly affect teaching competency, but its influence varies with educational qualifications and year of study. Factors like gender, age, stream, locality, and previous computer knowledge do not significantly impact or moderate the TPACK-teaching competency relationship. This suggests that while educational qualifications and years of study are crucial for teaching competency, further research is needed to understand how TPACK interacts with these elements.

Discussion:

Studies emphasize that integrating technology into teaching effectively depends on teachers' ability to combine tech tools with teaching strategies and subject knowledge. Koehler and Mishra (2009) introduced the TPACK framework, highlighting the need to blend technology with teaching and content knowledge to improve education. Other research, supports this idea, showing that teachers' views on teaching affect how they use technology. Successful tech integration is more than just knowing how to use digital tools; it's about understanding how these tools can enhance teaching and content delivery.

Demographic factors also play a role in how TPACK affects teaching. Research shows that age, gender, previous tech experience, and educational background can influence how well student-teachers use technology. For instance, younger teachers or those with more tech experience often have better TPACK skills and teaching competency (e.g., Harris & Hofer, 2011). This suggests that teacher training programs should consider these factors to provide tailored support for each student-teacher.

Additionally, context-specific factors are important. Studies in areas like Dimapur District in Nagaland reveal that local challenges, such as varying levels of tech access and socio-economic differences, affect TPACK use. This highlights the need for flexible training that addresses local needs and improves teaching effectiveness.

Overall, the TPACK framework helps improve teaching with technology. However, teacher training programs must cover both the theory and practical aspects of tech integration, helping educators with technological skills and aligning technology with teaching strategies and content. Addressing demographic and local factors in training can help ensure that all teachers are ready to use technology effectively in various educational settings.

Educational Implication:

- Enhancing TPACK Training: Emphasize thorough professional development to strengthen TPACK by integrating technology, pedagogy, and content knowledge, which will enhance teaching effectiveness.

- Personalized Support: Provide targeted assistance to those with average or lower TPACK scores to help them improve their teaching skills.
- Curriculum Improvement: Ensure that training programs cater to a diverse range of participants and are adaptable to different educational backgrounds and regional needs.
- Ongoing Refinement: Continuously update training programs by considering additional factors that impact teaching effectiveness, as the current model only accounts for 25.5% of the variance.
- Professional Development Focus: Prioritize improving teaching skills and technology integration over addressing demographic differences since teaching competency levels are similar across various groups.

Conclusion:

The analysis emphasizes the crucial role of Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) in enhancing teaching competency, demonstrating a positive correlation where higher TPACK is associated with better teaching outcomes. Nonetheless, the model accounts for only 25.5% of the variance in teaching competency, indicating that additional factors are also influential. While certain demographic factors impact TPACK levels, they do not significantly affect teaching competency, which remains relatively consistent across different groups. Consequently, educational programs should prioritize the development of TPACK through comprehensive training and tailored support. Moreover, it is essential to continuously review and update these programs to address other contributing factors to teaching quality. Further research must identify additional variables influencing teaching competency and refine strategies to improve educational outcomes.

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