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# A STUDY ON MAINSTREAM TEACHERS ATTITUDE TOWARDS INCLUSION OF SPECIAL NEED CHILDREN IN THE MAINSTREAM SCHOOL

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Abstract: Reported is the study of mainstream teachers attitude towards inclusion of special need children in the mainstream school. The data were collected from 500 mainstream school teachers from different district of West Bengal. Samples were collected by using purposive sampling technique. The Multidimensional Attitudes towards Inclusive Education Scale (MATIES) developed by Marian Mahat (2008) and adopted by Bishnupada Nanda was used for data collection. Statistical analysis of the data were done by using ANOVA and 't'-test. Results were discussed in the light of the review of researches.

Key words: Multidimensional Attitude, Mainstream Teachers, Inclusive Education, Special Need Children.

#### Introduction

Inclusion in education is an approach to educating students with special educational needs. Under the inclusion model, students with special needs spend most or all of their time with non-disabled students. Inclusion rejects the use of special schools or classrooms to separate students with disabilities from students without disabilities.

Implementation of these practices varies. Schools most frequently use the inclusion model for selected students with mild to moderate special needs. Fully inclusive schools, which are rare, do not separate "general education" and "special education" programs; instead, the school is restructured so that all students learn together.

Inclusive education differs from the 'integration' or 'mainstreaming' model of education, which tended to be concerned principally with disability and special educational needs, and learners changing or becoming 'ready for' or deserving of accommodation by the mainstream. By contrast, inclusion is about the child's right to participate and the school's duty to accept the child.

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