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DIRECTION OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

The idea of women empowerment has been at the centre since the last decade of the 20th century. Women as well as their environment is changing and there is also a change in the parameters set for them. The important is that there is no stagnation in this change rather there is a continuity in it. Consequently, the direction of social revolution is not built. There is more destruction and less construction in transition period and even there is lesser peace and tranquility in it. To some extent, it is a period of terror which a woman feels from both inside and outside herself. In no time, it has created a vast world in which women have multidimensional images of herself and in those images there are sagas of great exploitation, pity and sympathy. From that multidimensional facets of women, the revolutionary society is in great anger.

The power which decides and set the parameters for the direction of women empowerment are quite panic. Women have encroached the direction which was set for them. Now, they are out from that model of personality development in which they were supposed to be a teacher and self-reliant after becoming educated. It was the template of their progress. The intelligent and educated class is still trying to prove that becoming teacher and professor is the best profession for their daughters and wives. But women absolutely understand this conspiracy. They know it well what they have to do as a teacher. In the guise of dignity and social-family responsibility, they will be made patron of patriarchy in the long run. After dividing her personality into two parts they would be made weak. As a result, they will become as usual dignified, disciplined, laborious and meek on the cultural parameters. The female teachers of our country shrinks in the mere personality of a mother and starts living their lives on the level of society as an ordinary mother lives on the level of the family. The broad scope of this patriarchy cannot be accepted by the women. They want to create an independent world of her own where they could achieve the liberty like Taslima Nasrin; and occupy

the personality of Kalpana Chawla, Shahbao, Sudha Goyal, Shivani Bhatnagar, Madhumita, Mathura and Naina Sahni.

The conspiracy and game of patriarchy is very deep. It creates and establishes a new power in accordance with the changing environment. Its strongest arms are feudalism, casteism, communalism, marketism and capitalism. These arms of patriarchy have been influencing the direction of women empowerment in its own favour in variation. Women have only gained as much liberty as it has allowed them the space of living inside its clutch. In the present scenario, all the arms in the leadership of capitalism have gained unlimited power. All the achievements of women are being encashed by capitalism. Women are trying to make themselves better for the welfare of the society and the country, but the irony is that their every effort is benefitting merely the powers of capitalism. Women are illusioned as well as surprised at result of what has happened in the journey of their struggle of development for over two hundred years. Where did their entire achievements go? Why did their achievements not satiate her soul? From where and how did scarcity come in her relations? On what basis did they become weak even after becoming financially strong? In the twenty-first century, what, after all, should they do to have the life of respect and love? All these questions are the challenges of women empowerment. Without passing through it, the direction of women empowerment cannot be set. The research scholars should do research and ponder in the light of these questions who wish that women should have a dignified and secured life in the society. These research papers will be given preference in the coming issues of 'Satraachee'. It is hoped that papers related to capitalism and patriarchy will be available in the next issue.

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Working Women and Investment Awareness: An Empirical Investigation

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Abstract:

Today working women's are growing rapidly in all sectors around the globe. Besides the stereotypes culture many women's are leaving their marks in their chosen fields & supporting the families. It's also important for women to achieve a sense of financial equality and independence. They need to acknowledge that managing own and the family's finances is not a rocket science. There are lot of avenues available in India for investment. In fact investing is one of the best way for women to ensure that they have the potential to accumulate the same amount of wealth as men. It can be mastered with a little patience and knowledge. The goal of this study is to determine the awareness level of working women towards different investment options for that One-Way ANOVA test has been applied using MS-EXCEL.

The study reveals that in case of modern investment options like mutual fund, National pension fund, shares, debentures the awareness level is found to be low among working women of Nagpur. However the working women in Nagpur prefer the traditional method of investments and mainly the objective behind investment is wealth creation and for higher education for themselves or their children.

Keywords: Awareness level, investment behavior, objective of investment, working women.

INTRODUCTION:

Now a days we have many investment options available, but the decisions to choose the best one depends on the level of knowledge and the risk taking capacity of an individual. The

risk and return requirements are different for all the investment options. Investment and saving are two sides of the same coin. Savings gives a stimulus for making investment, and investment strengthens the country's economy. Investing is thought to be a man's world. In the past, women's earning was simply seen as supplemental revenue. In my mother's generation that would be unusual, and in my grandmother's time it would have been unimaginable. It is a dramatic shift for women to earn more than males, not just in India but globally. The world has 195 nations, yet not one of them has achieved financial gender equality. The world becomes a stronger and better version of itself when you offer women the ability to maximise their financial resources.

As per the survey conducted by catalyst.org in July 2020, women constitute 48.1% of the population. Out of this population nearly 21% are working women in both rural & urban areas. It has been observed that the 69% of women are working in farming & agriculture sector. The next highest 11% of women work in manufacturing sector in our country. The number of women investors is surging.

LITERATURE REVIEW:

Gangwani, S., & Al Mazyad, H. A. (2020), the study found that working women were more familiar with and favoured bank deposits as an investment alternative. Most working women make investments to ensure the security of their families. The majority of them were motivated by their own instincts and chose safety as their primary investment strategy.

Dr. R. Savitri & Ph.D. Research scholar R. Harini (2021) conducted a research on the investment habits of working women in the context of knowledge and investment pattern. The study has also made an effort to identify the most important component that influences investment decisions. They discovered through their research that women favour investing in low-risk or risk-free ventures. The main reason why women avoid investing in risky ventures is a lack of knowledge.

Mahapatra, M. S., & Mehta, S. (2015), conducted a study on "Behavioural Finance: A Study on Gender Based Dilemma in Making Investment Decisions". It was observed through the study that both genders have specific financial goals in mind when they invest, and that both the gender are subject to anchoring bias. But when it comes to risk appetite, there is a noticeable difference between the genders. According to the empirical findings, women are more inclined towards risk free options were as men investors are likely to be both risk takers & risk averse.

Sharma, P., & Kaur, N. (2019) conducted a research study to examine every factor influencing working women's attitude towards investing in Punjab's educational sector. The study found that women have a higher predisposition towards risk aversion, which is one of the reasons they seek for investment strategies which is more secure and yield consistent returns. The capital to invest purely depends on their annual income. Factor Analytical results show that women favour investing in low-risk financial products.

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RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The following were the main objective of the present research:

1. To evaluate the awareness levels of investment options among employed women.

2. To study the demographic factors influence the investment choices of employed women in Nagpur.
3. To examine the factors behind investment decision of working women's of Nagpur city.

HYPOTHESIS:

Hypothesis was framed on the outlines of the above objectives.

H0: There is no significant level of awareness among employed women's towards various investment options.

RESEARCH DESIGN:

This is a descriptive research. An interview method & structured questionnaire is used to collect the information regarding financial investment awareness and the investment options of the working women's of Nagpur city. In the current study 100 women's working in Government sector, Semi Government, Private sector, Self-employed / Entrepreneur were considered for collecting the information from them. For this purpose, convenient sampling technique has been used. To determine the extent to which working women are aware of alternative investment choices, One-Way ANOVA is used.

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Interpretation : The above chart shows that the 48 % of working women doing investments belong to the age group 20-30 followed by 36% of the respondent in the age group 31-40 years. Very few i.e. only 4% of working women in the age group 50 and above prefer doing investment in the options available to them. The young women have started investing their funds for better future. This group will help our economy to grow steadily in long run.

AWARENESS LEVEL OF WOMEN WITH RESPECT TO INVESTMENT OPTION:

The study attempt to find the awareness level of women employers towards different financial products. In this research majority of the financial products have been taken into consideration viz., Bank Deposits, Public Provident Fund (PPF), Mutual fund(MF), Life Insurance, National Pension Fund (NPF), rest has been categorized under "Others" head.

Type of Investment	Highly Unaware	Unaware	Neutral	Aware	Highly Aware
Bank Deposits	4%	9%	15%	44%	28%
Public Provident Fund	13%	16%	15%	35%	21%
Mutual Fund	18%	31%	16%	21%	14%
Life Insurance	17%	23%	19%	21%	20%
National Pension Fund	28%	29%	15%	19%	9%
Other	24%	21%	13%	27%	15%

Interpretation : The majority of working women are aware of bank deposits and public provident fund. In case of mutual fund investment, mixed responses have been obtained, 49% of the women are not aware of mutual fund as an investment option. In case of life insurance 40% working women are unaware and 41% of the working women are aware of this investment option. However, in case of National Pension Fund, the awareness level of working women is found to be very low.

Hypothesis Testing:

Interpretation : To determine the extent to which working women are aware of alternative investment choices, One-Way ANOVA test has been applied using MS-EXCEL.

Anova: Single Factor

SUMMARY

Groups	Count	Sum	Average	Variance
Bank Deposit	100	383	3.83	1.132424
Public Provident Fund	100	335	3.35	1.765152
Mutual Fund	100	282	2.82	1.785455
Life Insurance	100	304	3.04	1.937778
National Pension Fund	100	251	2.51	1.70697

ANOVA

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	P-value	F crit
Between Groups	102.5	4	25.625	15.38526	7.2E-12	2.389948
Within Groups	824.45	495	1.665556			
Total	926.95	499				

Interpretation: The above table gives the sum of square, degree of freedom variance in the second, third and fourth column. The F-value obtained from the test is 15.38526 which is compared with the F critical value of 2.389948. The higher F-value suggests that working women are significantly more aware of the range of investment possibilities. Hence, the hypothesis i.e. "There is no significant level of awareness among

working women towards various investment options” is rejected.

OBJECTIVE BEHIND INVESTMENT DECISION:

Interpretation : We can observe from the figure that 20% of the women believe investment is done towards wealth creation. 16% of women invest with the objective of earning regular returns, 14% women invest their money for higher education of self or children and equal number of women invest with the object of saving for old age. 12% of women plan their investment keeping marriage of self/children in mind. 9% women agree that they save to meet unanticipated expenses, whereas 8% women plan their investment with the objective of purchasing a property in future and remaining 7% plan their investment with the objective of saving tax.

INVESTMENT PREFERENCE BASED ON NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT:

Interpretation : We can clearly observe, the women working in government sector prefer investing in Bank deposits i.e. 16% followed by 11% in PF schemes for their future security. Now a day’s people are getting more aware towards insurance. 8% of the working women are investing in life insurance to protect themselves and their families. The women working in private sector prefer bank deposit as best option for doing the investments. It is observed that still the women are preferring mutual fund and National pension scheme as the last option for investment. This could be mainly because of lack of knowledge about the products.

5. FINDINGS & CONCLUSION:

It has been observed from above study that, the working women’s are aware towards the importance of financial investment in their life. They have started taking their financial decisions on their own. However, in Nagpur City the situation is somewhat different. The inclination towards traditional investment options like bank deposits, life insurance and public provident fund is found to be high. This is even supported by the hypothesis testing which states the significant level of awareness towards the various investment options can be found in the employed women. However, in case of modern investment options like mutual fund, National pension fund, shares, debentures, etc. the awareness level is found to be low among working women’s of Nagpur.

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An Empirical Investigation of the Role of AI-Powered Personalization in Enhancing Consumer Engagement in Perfectly Competitive Online Markets

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Abstract:

In the era of perfectly competitive online markets, where firms offer homogeneous products at identical prices, the quest for differentiation and consumer engagement becomes paramount. This study delves into the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI)-powered personalization in shaping consumer engagement dynamics within such markets. The research explores the multifaceted implications of AI-driven marketing strategies on consumer behaviour, competitive advantage, and market equilibrium. Findings of this study offer insights into the acceptability of AI technology for enhancement of consumer engagement in perfectly competitive markets.

Keywords: Perfectly competitive markets, artificial intelligence, AI algorithms, consumer experiences.

Introduction:

In today's business landscape, perfectly competitive markets pose a distinctive challenge for companies striving to make a mark and distinguish themselves. These markets are defined by numerous firms selling identical products or services at the same prices, making it difficult to employ the conventional methods of product differentiation or pricing strategies to attract and retain customers. In such an environment, where intense price competition prevails and products appear virtually indistinguishable, the pursuit of consumer engagement takes center stage as a critical strategic objective.

In recent times, the emergence of artificial intelligence (AI) has introduced a fresh dimension to marketing strategies, providing a novel opportunity for companies operating within perfectly competitive markets to transcend the limitations imposed by commodity-based rivalry. AI-driven personalization, supported by sophisticated algorithms that include machine learning and recommendation systems, holds the promise of customizing marketing messages, products, and services according to each individual consumer's preferences. In doing so, it aims to reshape the consumer journey by delivering relevance and significance in a marketplace characterized by uniformity.

Research objectives:

1. To Assess the Impact of AI-Powered Personalization on Consumer Behavior
2. To Investigate the Competitive Advantage of AI-Driven Personalization

Research hypothesis:

Alternate Hypothesis (H1): AI powered personalization helps in enhancing customer engagement and experience in perfectly competitive online market.

Null Hypothesis (H0): AI powered personalization has least effect on customer engagement and experience in perfectly competitive online market.

Research methodology :

In this research paper, surveys have been conducted with the industry professionals to understand their perspectives on AI powered personalization. Convenience sampling technique has been used to select the sample size of producers, distributors and retailers. Convenience sampling technique has been used because of the fact that lesser number of key stakeholders are aware of the AI powered personalization technology and therefore, only those stakeholders were surveyed who are well aware of the technology or who has used the technology in their organization. Thus, 10 producers, 20 distributors and 20 retailers have been selected for the study. One-Way ANOVA test has been implemented for testing the hypothesis.

Data analysis:

1. Are you familiar with AI powered personalization technology?

Respondents	Yes	No
Producers	7	3
Distributers	16	4
Retailers	14	6

Table 1: Familiarity of respondents with AI powered personalization Technology

The data suggests that there is a significant level of familiarity with AI powered personalization technology among all three groups of respondent viz. Producers, Distributers, and Retailers.

2. Has your organization implemented AI powered personalization technology in any aspect of its customer engagement and experience enhancement operations?

Respondents	Yes	No
Producers	7	3
Distributers	17	3
Retailers	16	4

Table 2: Implementation of AI powered personalization Technology

The above data suggests that a significant portion of organizations within the Producers, Distributors, and Retailers categories have implemented AI powered personalization technology in some aspect of their marketing operations. Distributors have the highest rate of implementation, followed by retailers and producers. This suggests that AI powered personalization is gaining traction as a technology for improving marketing operations across different sectors, with distributors leading the way in adoption.

From this point onwards, the sampled respondents that have not implemented AI powered personalization technology in their organization has not been considered for further data analysis.

3. Do you believe that AI-powered personalization has improved your customer engagement & customer experience with online stores?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Producers	5	3	2	0	0	0
Distributors	16	3	1	0	0	0
Retailers	14	2	2	1	1	1

Table 3 : Effect of AI Powered Personalization on customer engagement

From this data, it appears that Producers generally have a positive perception of AI-powered personalization, with a majority (Strongly Agree + Agree) feeling that it has improved their engagement with online stores. For Distributors, there is a strong consensus among the respondents that AI-powered personalization has had a significant positive impact on their engagement with online stores, with the majority "Strongly Agreeing." Among Retailers, there is also a predominantly positive perception of AI-powered personalization, with a majority "Strongly Agreeing."

Findings:

The data that has been compiled in the data analysis section has been tested using SPSS software by applying ANOVA test. This testing has helped in the determination of whether the null hypothesis is accepted or rejected. Following are the results of ANOVA test:

ANOVA					
	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Has your organization implemented AI powered personalization technology in any aspect of its customer engagement and experience enhancement operations?					
Between Groups	5.703	1	5.703	116.900	.000
Within Groups	2.426	47	.064		
Total	8.129	48			
Do you believe that AI-powered					

personalization has improved your customer engagement & customer experience with online stores?

Between Groups	1.323	1	1.323	69.900	.000
Within Groups	.766	37	.017		
Total	2.089	38			

Table 5: ANOVA result

Since the significance value for the overall ANOVA test is less than the chosen significance level of 5%, we can therefore conclude that the null hypothesis can be rejected, and the alternative hypothesis is accepted. This alternative hypothesis suggests that " AI powered personalization helps in enhancing customer engagement and experience in perfectly competitive online market.."

Conclusion:

In an era defined by the relentless pursuit of engaging consumers and distinguishing oneself in fiercely competitive online markets, the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into personalization strategies emerges as a game-changing force. Our investigation has yielded strong evidence of AI's ability to enhance customer engagement and elevate the online shopping experience. Survey participants consistently recognized the value of AI-driven recommendations, personalized content, and customized discounts in creating a shopping environment that aligns with their unique preferences.

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ROLE OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN COVID-19 PANDEMIC: WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO RAJASTHAN

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Abstract

The worldwide pandemic COVID-19 had become a major challenge for humanitarian relief operations. Local communities, civil societies and NGOs have come forward to help those affected people due to the lockdown. NGOs were approached by Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to help the government deal with the Covid-19 pandemic. The contribution of every NGO had been important during the pandemic, no matter how big or small. It is not possible through this paper to examine the contribution of each NGO, but still, through the distribution of food and essential ration items to poor and needy people, blood donation, raising awareness in rural areas, encouraging people to get vaccinated, etc., the role of NGOs and their contribution during the pandemic through activities was immeasurable.

Keywords - Covid-19 pandemic, NGO, civil society, vaccination, food and essential items, awareness, social distancing, mask, blood donation.

COVID-19

Covid-19 is a disease caused by infection with 'Nobel Corona Virus'. The infection of this virus started in Wuhan city of China in December. The main symptoms of this disease are-

- ❖ Fever
- ❖ Dry cough
- ❖ Difficulty in breathing
- ❖ Muscle pain and stiffness
- ❖ Sore throat
- ❖ Drop in oxygen levels

How Covid-19 spreads - When a person is infected with Covid-19, sneezes or coughs without covering his mouth, the infection spreads through the droplets coming out of his mouth. This

happens in two ways -

- ❖ Direct close contact – Any person can get infected by coming in close contact (distance of 1 kilometer or less) with a patient suffering from Covid-19.
- ❖ Indirect contact- Corona epidemic viruses survive for several days on clothes and objects. Whenever a healthy person comes in contact with an infected object or cloth, this virus enters the body of the healthy person through eyes, mouth or nose, due to which he gets infected.

The infection period of coronavirus is 14 days. This infection can spread even from people who are not showing serious symptoms of this epidemic.

Covid-19 prevention measures-

- 1 **Social distancing-** Social distancing has been considered by the Health Ministry as an important step for Covid-19 prevention. In this, a person should avoid going to crowded areas like public places, fairs, hot and religious places. If for some reason there are more people in a public place, then they should keep a distance of one meter from other people. One should avoid mutual contact with other persons like hugging, shaking hands, holding hands etc. Table, chair, door handle, railing etc. should not be touched by the person.
- 2 **Cleanliness-** Person should wash his hands frequently-
 - ❖ After coming home from outside and meeting other people
 - ❖ After coughing and sneezing
 - ❖ While cooking and feeding children
 - ❖ After throwing garbage
3. While coughing or sneezing, a person should cover his nose and mouth with a handkerchief or towel and the handkerchief and towel must be washed once a day.
4. One should not spit in public places.
5. Objects and surfaces in the house should be cleaned regularly.
6. Mask should be worn when leaving the house.

Even after the infection is confirmed, about 80 percent of cases recover without any complications. But one out of every six people who gets infected may suffer from severe infection, which may lead to difficulty in breathing. Sometimes it can also turn into severe pneumonia. Therefore, its treatment is possible only in high level health centers like district level hospitals. Sometimes this infection also becomes the cause of death.

Voluntary Organization - Voluntary organizations mean such non-governmental organizations which are not part of the government, but have the ability to bring about changes in the policies of the government by putting pressure on the government. These are non-profit businesses that are formed or come into existence to solve problems related to the elderly, the poor, helpless children, environment, epidemics, etc. Registration of NGOs is done under various Acts like Indian Societies Registration Act 1807, Religious Endowments Act 1833, Indian Trust Act etc.

The largest number of NGOs is found in India. According to a study, as of 2009, the

number of NGOs in India was 33 lakh. The first NGO in Gujarat was established in 1871 by the name of Bhil Seva Mandal, whose objective was to develop the tribes. Non-governmental organizations became very popular after the establishment of the United Nations in 1945. On 17th April, 2010, it was announced to celebrate 27th February, as 'World NGO Day'. Non-governmental organizations are broadly divided into five parts on the basis of their functioning and form, these five types are as follows-

1. BINGO – Business Friendly International NGO
2. ENGO – Environmental Non-Governmental Organization
3. GONGO – Government organized NGO
4. INGO – International Non-Governmental Organization
5. CONGO – Semi-Autonomous NGO

NGOs work is to provide education to poor orphan children. They provide nutritious food to the children in school. It provides study material to economically weaker children. Makes arrangements for women's accommodation. Gets work done for water conservation. Solves the problems of tribal society. They help elderly people, help people suffering from any kind of epidemic in the society, even during the Corona epidemic, voluntary organizations played an important role which is as follows-

Creating public awareness - Various programs were organized by voluntary organizations in collaboration with the administration to create awareness among the general public about COVID-19 and to take preventive measures. Voluntary organizations with the help of various religious leaders organized road shows to make followers of all religions aware about Covid-19. Apart from this, videos related to preventing the spread of corona infection were prepared and disseminated. Shri Govind Group and Helping Hand Foundation, Vipra Foundation, Jaipur District Vaishya Federation, Amrit Group etc. had important contributions.

Distribution of masks and sanitizers - The voluntary organization, in collaboration with the District Administration and Education Department, distributed masks and sanitizers among the general public. Explained to the general public the importance of using masks to protect against Covid-19. Urges were made to wear masks through candle march and rangoli making. Suresh Upadhyay, Director of Shri Govind Group and Shakuntala Upadhyay, Treasurer of Helping Hand Foundation, made an important contribution in the “7 Days 7 Lakh Masks” campaign by distributing 11000 masks free of cost. Apart from this, 4000 masks and sanitizers were provided to the police department by Jaipur Royal Club. Contribution of Pravinlata Sansthan, All India Welfare Society, Vipra Foundation, Manav Seva Trust Rajasthan etc. was important.

Placing posters and stickers - To prevent the infection of Corona epidemic, posts and stickers prepared by the state government and various voluntary organizations were put on houses, shops, public places, hospitals and vehicles so that people reach as much information about Corona infection as possible and they themselves Can keep it safe.

Arrangement of food and basic essentials - “No person should go hungry”, for this purpose, food items were made available to the needy and hungry people during the Corona period by various voluntary organizations. Food was also provided to the patients and their relatives admitted in the corona ward of the hospital by these organizations. Most of the

people in India live below the poverty line and some people live their lives by doing daily wages. Due to the closure of all commercial institutions due to the lockdown in Corona yesterday, there was a problem of their food, in such a situation, food was provided to the hungry and needy people by various voluntary organizations. A 24-hour helpline system was also operated by these organizations to deliver ration materials to the disabled and needy families. Any needy Divyangjan could get ration material by calling the helpline of the institutes. Jai Shree Om Banna Samiti, Vipra Foundation, Murlipura-based Arya Nagar Vikas Samiti, Akshay Patra Foundation, Niwala Sansthan, Saksham Sansthan, Help Foundation etc. contributed significantly in this work.

Arrangement of oximeter, oxygen cylinder and PPE kit - In the second phase of the corona epidemic, due to lack of oxygen for the corona infected patients, voluntary organizations helped by sending oximeters and oxygen cylinders to the hospitals located in different districts. PPE kits were also made available for the safety of the medical staff in these institutions with the help of a donor agency. 400 PPE kits were donated to SMS Hospital by Agarwal Samaj Seva Samiti. Juice packets given to coronavirus by District Vaishya Federation Central. On 24th April, 2021, 500 beds were provided by Vipra Foundation for the Covid Care Center being built in Bilwa.

Get rid of post Covid-19 symptoms - Lockdown was announced by the government to prevent corona infection. This lockout increased the loneliness in the lives of the citizens and due to economic pressure, people started living a stressful life. Therefore, people started seeing post covid symptoms like irritability, weak self-confidence, weak will etc. To solve this problem, online meditation program was started by Heartfulness Institute Ajmer, through which corona infected patients and other people who were suffering from post covid-19, can get rid of these problems soon.

Motivating to use Aarogya Setu App - Voluntary organizations inspired common people and government employees to download the Arogya Setu app. The Aarogya Setu app was developed through a public-private partnership and launched on the Google Play Store. The main objective of this app was to inform about positive COVID-19 cases within 6 feet proximity of the person and provide information related to remedial measures.

Motivating to increase immunity - According to the instructions issued by the Ministry of AYUSH, the voluntary organizations motivated the general public to take proper diet (rich in Vitamin C) and do Yogic activities (Pranayama Anulom Vilom) to increase immunity. An attempt was made to relieve stress among the people living in the 200 feet Ajmer Road Hirapura Kamla Devi Budhia Government College shelter site through yoga exercises and motivational songs. This work was completed under the supervision of Anand Shekhawat Revenue Board, Babulal Jat Yoga Teacher etc. People were also motivated by voluntary organizations to take herbal decoction containing lemongrass, Giloy and Tulsi.

Arranging an ambulance - Corona infected persons were taken to the hospital by arranging an ambulance by the voluntary organization. If due to some reason the corona infected person dies, then the dead bodies were also taken to Moksh Dham by ambulance.

Making funeral arrangements - On March 15, a new guideline was issued by the Ministry of Health in relation to the last rites of a person who died from Corona, according to which bathing, hugging, shouldering and lighting the dead body was not allowed, nor was the

deceased allowed to be cremated at the time of cremation. The family members could have been present nearby. Under such circumstances, arrangements for the last rites of persons who died due to corona infection were also made by voluntary organisations.

Blood donation - “Blood donation is a great donation” Keeping this goal in mind, many voluntary organizations have also played an important role in the fight against the corona epidemic by donating blood. In this, 23 units of blood were collected by Terapanth Yuvak Parishad, 9 units of blood by Jain City Charitable Trust and 11 units of blood were taken care of by Amrit Group.

Subsidies - Financial assistance was provided by various voluntary organizations in the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, in which Rs.100501 by Meena Samaj working in AG Office, Rs.15 lakh by Oriental Insurance Company, Rs.201000 by Maha Bhartiya Ragger Mahasabha, R.C. Financial assistance of Rs 51000 was provided by the team.

Arrangement of food and water for silent animals and birds - During the Corona transition period, fodder was arranged in the cowshed by The Sky Team for the mute animals and birds facing the problem of food and grains and water were arranged for the animals and birds.

Honoring the guards of dawn- Lockdown was imposed in the entire country due to Corona infection, in such a situation social media became the main medium of information, but there was always a question mark on their veracity. In such a situation, accurate information could reach us only through the newspaper. The work of delivering the newspapers to us was done by the morning watchmen. In such a situation, to encourage his spirit, he was honored by voluntary organizations and civil society. Newspaper distributor Suresh Kumar Saraswati was awarded ? 1100 by Amer Vyapar Mandal. Chandra Singh Meena was rewarded by Pratap Sena by giving ? 501. Manish Yadav was honored by Lions Club. Tejpal Singh was honored by wearing a turban by the Aparajita Foundation.

Free vaccination - Free vaccination camp was organized by Vipra Foundation on 14th June, 2021 in Jaipur. This camp was organized at Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce, MI Road, which timings were from 10:30 to 4:00 pm. The Covid-19 protocol was strictly followed in the vaccination camp. The camp was inaugurated by Dr. Mahesh Joshi, MLA, Rajasthan. To ensure that the vaccination process runs smoothly, prior registration was made necessary. A total of 500 people were vaccinated in this camp.

Conclusion - Covid-19 has turned the lives of billions of people around the world upside down. Lives and jobs were lost, the economy was in crisis and society was thrown into disarray. During these challenging times, voluntary organizations and civil societies have been most active. These voluntary organizations played an important role in many areas such as economic and social assistance to mankind, diplomacy, advocacy and global governance. After facing the unprecedented challenge of the pandemic, the entire world has understood the role and importance of NGOs.

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The Impact of Kaizen Practices on Inventory Management in Supply Chains : A Comprehensive Review of Performance Metrics

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Abstract:

This research study delves into the profound impact of implementing Kaizen principles and practices in supply chain management putting a specific focus on the optimization of inventory management. Organizations, in today's fast-paced business environment, are continuously seeking ways to enhance efficiency and reduce costs within their supply chains. The research explores the strategies and outcomes associated with integrating Kaizen practices into supply chain inventory management. The research methodology encompasses an extensive review of existing literature, comprehensive case studies of organizations that have embraced Kaizen for inventory management, and the development of performance metrics to assess the effects of Kaizen initiatives. The findings of this study provide valuable insights for organizations aiming to optimize their inventory management processes and overall supply chain performance.

Keywords: Kaizen, Inventory Management, Supply chain management, Supply chain performance.

Introduction:

In an era of global competition and dynamic market landscapes, supply chain management plays a pivotal role in the success of organizations across various industries. As companies strive to achieve operational excellence, reduce costs, and enhance customer satisfaction,

they are increasingly turning to continuous improvement methodologies to refine their supply chain processes. Among these methodologies, Kaizen stands out as a powerful approach that emphasizes incremental, sustainable improvements through the engagement of employees at all levels. This research embarks on a comprehensive exploration of Kaizen principles and practices within the realm of supply chain management, with a specific focus on the optimization of inventory management.

Supply chains are complex networks of interconnected activities, from procurement and production to distribution and customer service. The efficiency and effectiveness of these processes profoundly impact an organization's competitiveness and profitability. Inventory management, in particular, plays a critical role in achieving a balance between meeting customer demand and minimizing operational costs. As such, the effective management of inventory is a central concern for supply chain professionals.

In the context of supply chain management, Kaizen offers a promising avenue for streamlining inventory management practices, reducing waste, and increasing the agility and responsiveness of supply chains. This research embarks on an in-depth investigation into the implementation of Kaizen principles and practices in supply chain management, focusing on the specific area of inventory management.

Objectives:

1. To determine how can Kaizen principles be effectively applied to optimize inventory management within supply chains.
2. To assess what strategies and tools are employed in the integration of Kaizen practices into inventory management.
3. To determine what are the tangible outcomes and impacts of adopting Kaizen for inventory management in terms of inventory turnover rates, holding costs, and overall supply chain efficiency.
4. To determine how does the application of Kaizen principles influence other aspects of supply chain management, such as demand forecasting, supplier collaboration, quality control, and sustainability.

Research Methodology:

The research will commence with an extensive review of existing literature on Kaizen, supply chain management, and inventory optimization. This literature review will provide a theoretical foundation, allowing for a deeper understanding of the key concepts, principles, and previous research related to the research topic. It will also help identify gaps in the current knowledge, providing a basis for the research's unique contributions. In-depth case studies will be conducted on organizations that have implemented Kaizen principles and practices to improve inventory management within their supply chains.

Literature review:

In today's dynamic business environment, marked by unpredictable shifts in customer demand and swift transformations in the competitive arena, companies face the formidable task of efficiently meeting customer needs. The most prosperous enterprises are those that integrate external customers and suppliers into their internal improvement processes (Vanpoucke et al., 2014), as noted by Krajewski et al. (2015). Therefore, partnering with both

suppliers and customers serves as a strategy to boost competitiveness and improve efficiency, as highlighted by Flynn et al. (2010).

Kaizen Principles and Practices:

Kaizen, originating from Japanese manufacturing and the philosophy of continuous improvement, has earned worldwide acclaim for its profound impact on organizations. This approach underscores the active participation of employees across all levels in the identification and implementation of gradual enhancements in processes. Key principles of Kaizen encompass the reduction of waste, establishment of standardized work, ongoing improvement, and the empowerment of employees (Goni, Tharia, & Suryo, 2018).

Kaizen in Supply Chain Management:

Studies such as "Kaizen Implementation in the Supply Chain Process of a Company" by Valentin Iordache and "The Impact of Lean Manufacturing and Kaizen on Supply Chain Performance: A Case Study of a Pharmaceutical Company" by Mokhtar et al. have examined the application of Kaizen in supply chain contexts.

Kaizen and Inventory Management:

Studies like "The Application of Lean Principles to Improve Inventory Levels in Healthcare Supply Chain Management" by Schweikhart et al. and "Improving Inventory Control in Small Manufacturing Enterprises: A Case Study" by Hines and Taylor have examined the application of Kaizen in inventory management contexts.

Research gap:

Many existing studies focus on Kaizen or inventory management in isolation. There is a research gap in the integration of these two areas, specifically how Kaizen principles are integrated into inventory management processes within supply chains. Much of the literature may focus on specific industries or sectors. There might be a gap in cross-industry analyses that examine the applicability and effectiveness of Kaizen in various supply chain contexts. While some studies focus on inventory turnover and cost reduction, there might be a research gap in identifying and measuring performance metrics related to sustainability goals within supply chains influenced by Kaizen practices.

Performance metrics for Kaizen initiatives on inventory management:

Measuring the impact of Kaizen initiatives on inventory management is crucial for assessing their effectiveness and guiding continuous improvement efforts. Here are some performance metrics to consider when evaluating the outcomes of Kaizen initiatives in inventory management within supply chains:

1. **Inventory Turnover Ratio (ITR):** This metric calculates how efficiently inventory is being used. It's defined as the ratio of the cost of goods sold (COGS) and the average inventory value. A higher ITR indicates better inventory turnover and reduced holding costs. Mathematically, it can be calculated as: $ITR = COGS / \text{Average Inventory Value}$
2. **Holding Cost as a Percentage of Inventory Value:** This metric quantifies the cost of holding inventory as a percentage of the total inventory value. Reducing holding costs through Kaizen initiatives indicates more efficient inventory management. Mathematically, it can be calculated as: $(\text{Holding Cost} / \text{Total Inventory Value}) * 100$
3. **Fill Rate:** Fill rate helps in measuring the percentage of customer orders that can be

fulfilled from stock on hand without backorders or delays. Higher fill rates indicate improved customer service and better inventory management. Mathematically, it can be calculated as: $(\text{Orders Filled on Time} / \text{Total Orders}) * 100$

4. **Supplier Performance Metrics:** Evaluate the performance of suppliers in terms of on-time deliveries, quality, and lead times. Kaizen initiatives can impact supplier relationships and performance, which can, in turn, affect inventory management.
5. **Employee Engagement:** Employee engagement can be measured through surveys or feedback mechanisms. Engaged employees are more likely to actively participate in Kaizen initiatives, leading to better results.
6. **Defect Rate:** In industries where quality impacts inventory management, track the defect rate. Kaizen can lead to quality improvements, reducing the number of defective products and excess inventory due to rework. Mathematically, it can be calculated as: $(\text{Number of Defective Items} / \text{Total Items Produced}) * 100$

Conclusion:

In the complex and rapidly evolving landscape of supply chain management, the integration of Kaizen principles and practices has emerged as a compelling strategy to optimize inventory management. This study has undertaken a comprehensive exploration of the impact of Kaizen initiatives on inventory management within supply chains, shedding light on critical insights and practical implications. In this research has contributed to the expanding body of knowledge surrounding the integration of Kaizen principles and practices into supply chain inventory management.

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e NAM in Agricultural Marketing - An Overview

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Abstract

India's economy heavily relies on agriculture, employing about half of the population. However, the sector's role to Gross Value Added has been declining, with a historical focus on production over post-production aspects. The National Agriculture Market, e-NAM, was introduced in 2016 to construct a unified national marketplace for agricultural commodities, integrating physical wholesale markets across states. It aims to enhance agricultural marketing by providing online opportunities for farmers and ensuring transparency. e-NAM has integrated Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs) across states and Union Territories. During emergencies like the Covid lockdown, e-NAM facilitates remote selling for farmers. This initiative is part of the Digital India campaign, streamlining APMC-related services and transactions, with a vision of "One Nation, One Market." It's funded by the Central Government and managed by the Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium. This secondary research tries to study the e NAM concept, its background and its benefit to the farmers and nation.

Key words: e NAM, APMC, Agriculture Markets

Introduction

India's economy is predominantly agrarian, with agriculture and its related sectors serving as the primary source of livelihood, particularly in rural areas. Despite this heavy dependence on agriculture, its contribution to the country's Gross Value Added has been consistently diminishing, as highlighted in the Economic Survey of 2019-20. Since gaining independence, India has largely emphasized the production aspect of agriculture, often overlooking the crucial post-production elements. In this regard, India has somewhat neglected the other significant facet of the agriculture sector, encompassing storage, transportation, and marketing, as pointed out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

e-NAM, was introduced on April 14, 2016, as a comprehensive nationwide platform. It functions as an electronic trade portal, effectively connecting the existing physical regulated wholesale markets, commonly referred to as APMC markets, and other market yards situated across various states. The overarching goal of e-NAM is to establish a unified national marketplace for agricultural goods. e-NAM plays a pivotal role in enhancing and fortifying the agricultural marketing landscape. It achieves this by offering farmers improved marketing prospects through an online platform characterized by competitive pricing and transparent price discovery mechanisms, along with the convenience of online payment facilities. The core vision behind the e-NAM portal is to realize the concept of "One Nation,

One Market" for agricultural produce. Currently, e-NAM has successfully integrated Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs) across Union Territories and states into its platform. In times of national emergencies like the Covid lockdown, the proper implementation of e-NAM could indeed be a game-changer. This electronic portal allows farmers to sell their produce without the necessity of physically visiting wholesale markets, known as mandis. However, it's worth noting that only 14 percent of farmers have registered on this platform thus far, as reported by www.downtoearth.org.in.

e-NAM, a highly successful initiative under the Digital India campaign, serves as a comprehensive single-window service for all information and services related to Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs). It encompasses aspects such as tracking commodity arrivals, assessing quality and prices, facilitating responses to trade offers, and executing electronic payment settlements directly into the accounts of farmers. This initiative is all funded by the Central Government and this is executed by the Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium.

The different stakeholders of the scheme include Farmers, APMCs / Mandies, Traders Buyers, Processors & Exporters. The e-NAM initiative is strategically designed and executed to deliver advantages to all key stakeholders, including Farmers, Mandis (wholesale markets), Traders, Buyers, Processors, and Exporters. The benefits encompass:

1. **Transparent Online Trading:** It facilitates transparent trading by enabling better price discovery.
2. **Enhanced Market Accessibility:** It offers improved accessibility to the market for all participants.
3. **Real-time Price Discovery:** It provides real-time price discovery, resulting in better and stable price realization for agricultural produce.
4. **Expanded Access to Buyers and Sellers:** e-NAM connects participants to a larger network of buyers and sellers.
5. **Swift Payment:** The platform ensures prompt payment processing.

6. **Reduced Transaction Costs:** It reduces transaction costs for buyers, making the process more efficient.
7. **Commodity Price Information:** The e-NAM mobile app offers valuable information on commodity prices.
8. **Price and Quantity Updates via SMS:** Participants receive details about the commodity's price and quantity sold through SMS notifications.
9. **Quality Certification:** It includes quality certification mechanisms.
10. **Efficient Supply Chain:** The system supports more efficient supply chain management and warehouse-based sales.
11. **Direct Online Payments:** Payments are made directly to farmers' bank accounts through the online platform.

States interested in adopting e-NAM need to amend their APMC Acts in the following ways:

1. **Incorporate Electronic Trading:** The state APMC Act should include provisions for e-auction or electronic trading as a mode of price discovery.
2. **Single Trading License:** Establish a single trading license valid throughout the state or Union Territory.
3. **Uniform Market Fee:** Implement a single-point levy of market fees consistently across the entire State or Union Territory.

The anticipated outcomes of the e-NAM scheme include the consolidation of fragmented markets, heightened transparency, streamlined licensing procedures, increased efficiency in the supply chain, reduced wastage, greater income for farmers, and enhancements in agricultural infrastructure.

Review of literature :

Agricultural marketing in India encompasses the entire process from farm to consumer, including handling, processing, and packaging to maintain quality and reduce wastage. However, this system is inefficient, impacting farmers negatively. India has historically prioritized agricultural production over post-production elements like storage and transportation, neglecting a crucial aspect of the agricultural as per Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

As per United Nations' FAO, the country faces significant food wastage, with over one lakh crore rupees worth of food wasted annually, primarily due to logistical and infrastructure challenges, exacerbated by India's hot and humid climate. Modernizing post-harvest processing and improving logistics can save resources and help combat hunger. (Sivanappan, 2000)

Agriculture marketing inefficiencies :

At present primary agricultural markets in the country governed by APMC Acts which is the main reason for many flaws. One of them is the scattered agricultural

markets in the India causing inefficiencies in the process of price discovery. Marketing efficiency is of much importance if farmers need to garner optimal share in consumer's rupee. But there are lots of market inefficiencies in the system. India's primary agricultural markets governed by APMC Acts suffer from various flaws, including market segmentation leading to price inefficiencies. Efforts are needed to enhance marketing efficiency for farmers to receive a fair share of consumer spending.

Effective price monitoring systems, improved statistical databases, and market intervention mechanisms are crucial for addressing these issues (Deshpande and Gopalappa, 2003). Additionally, the lack of post-harvest facilities, like food processing and storage, impacts growers' income and consumer prices (Ramkishan, 2004). India's inadequate infrastructure, including the absence of cold storage, exacerbates the challenges faced by farmers and questions the efficiency of the food distribution system. The government aims to achieve a second 'green revolution' by diversifying crop patterns and focusing on high-value products like fruits, vegetables, milk, and meat. However, marketing these products remains a major challenge alongside issues related to land and water management, research, extension, input supply, and rural non-farm sector development (Usha Tuteja and Subhash Chandra, 2012).

Addressing these problems requires effective government policies, technological adoption, and infrastructure improvements.

Regulated markets in India:

The Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, known as the APMC Act, introduced reforms in agricultural markets in India. Initially, these acts brought primary wholesale agricultural markets under regulation and established market committees. These reforms had positive effects on agricultural growth, technology adoption, and area expansion (Purohit et al., 2017; Bisen and Kumar, 2018).

However, over time, the functioning of APMC markets led to market segmentation and inefficiencies in price discovery due to inadequate infrastructure (NIAM, 2015). Trade liberalization in 1991 and WTO agreements exposed Indian agriculture to international competition, necessitating domestic trade liberalization to enhance competitiveness (Chand, 2016). APMC Acts restricted farmer choices, hindering their ability to choose where and to whom they sell their produce. Excessive regulations favored middlemen at the expense of producers and consumers (Patnaik, 2014; Chand, 2016). Geographically segregated mandis had market power, causing farmers to sell at lower prices (Chatterjee and Kapur, 2016). Efforts to reform APMC Acts began with the Model APMC Act in 2003 and its subsequent rules in 2007. However, adoption and implementation varied among states, revealing shortcomings as per (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, 2017; Niti Ayog, 2016; Subramanian, 2014). Barriers like restrictive entry, varying market fees, and the middlemen chain increased transaction costs and reduced price realization for farmers (Patnaik, 2011). Storage

and logistics challenges were also identified as significant hindrances to agricultural growth in India (Elamathi, 2013). The fragmented and distortion-ridden agricultural markets remain a key obstacle to the country's agricultural development (Government of India, 2015).

To address these issues, a new model APMC Act proposed a single point levy of market fees across a state and a unified trading license, emphasizing cost-effective transactions and democratization of market committees (The Hindu Business Line, 2017, 2018). Proper adoption of this model act is seen as crucial for doubling farmers' income by 2022, along with the need for new marketing strategies.

e-NAM, is an electronic trading portal with physical market support. Aiming to enhance transparency, competitiveness, efficiency, and farmer participation by integrating various stakeholders, clearing and settlement systems, payment gateways, logistics, warehousing, and banking services, along with grading and assaying facilities (Shalendra, 2016). e-NAM offers farmers increased selling options, improved market access, and reduced transaction costs. It also benefits traders by providing easier market access (K.V. Deshmukh et al., 2018).

Conclusion :

The study's relevance stems from the significant food wastage issue in India, where over 40% of produce goes to waste due to challenges such as the country's hot and humid climate and the lack of post-harvest marketing infrastructure, including cold storage and inadequate transportation (Times of India report). India's farm output often exceeds the required quantity, contributing to this wastage problem (UN's FAO). Additionally, situations like the COVID-19 lockdown have made it even more challenging for farmers to harvest and sell their produce, highlighting the importance of solutions like e-NAM. The government's ambitious e-NAM scheme aims to address these agricultural marketing challenges. Proper implementation at the ground level has the potential to significantly improve farmers' living standards by addressing post-harvest marketing problems and removing barriers for all stakeholders involved in the agricultural marketing process. Relevant research can play a strategic role in facilitating the proper adoption of e-NAM and addressing the aforementioned barriers in India.

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Study of Green Finance Initiatives for SMEs in India

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Abstract :

SMEs in India encounter notable difficulties when it comes to incorporating green practices into their operations, primarily due to resource constraints, a dearth of knowledge, and low levels of awareness. This research endeavor will delve into the strategies and measures implemented by various stakeholders in India, including the government, financial institutions, and other pertinent agencies, to foster the adoption of environmentally responsible practices within SMEs. The core focus of this investigation is to comprehensively evaluate the suite of green initiatives and support mechanisms made available by both financial institutions and the government, specifically designed to facilitate and encourage SMEs in their journey towards sustainable and eco-friendly business practices.

Key words: Green Finance Initiatives(GFIs), SMEs

Introduction :

India, as a signatory to the Paris Agreement and committed to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), has developed a National Determined Contribution (NDC) that encourages the industrial sector, particularly SMEs, to adopt green business practices. These practices encompass energy efficiency, technological advancements, waste management, utilization of renewable energy sources, and the enhancement of operational procedures and methods.

Despite these initiatives, SMEs encounter challenges in adopting green practices due to resource limitations. Although India has introduced fiscal and monetary measures to address these challenges, large-scale green investments necessitate the alignment of the financial system with green objectives. Additionally, there is an urgent need to sensitize both the financial and industrial sectors to the importance of green finance initiatives. India's financial sector currently lacks uniform actions to promote green lending and investments. As per International Finance Corporation (2018) the addressable credit gap is Rs. 25.8 trillion. As per UK Sinha Committee Report (2019), RBI constituted Committee , the overall credit gap is 20-25 trillion. This research aims to analyse the green initiatives available to SMEs. (UNEP, 2015) (CPI, 2020)

Literature Review :

MSMEs occupy a fundamental position in the Indian economy, with a staggering 63 million such enterprises, second only to China in terms of numbers. They contribute significantly, accounting for 30% of India's GDP, 40% of its exports, and providing employment to approximately 110 million people. However, in order to remain competitive on a global scale, MSMEs need to adapt to the changing global landscape.

The energy consumption in this sector stands at around 20–25% of the total energy consumed by India's large industries, making energy efficiency a critical consideration. Notably, energy costs for the most polluting MSMEs in the manufacturing sector can range from 10–30% of their total production costs, emphasizing the need for investments in energy-efficient and sustainable practices (source: ieeefa.org, November 24, 2022).

Additionally, MSMEs are responsible for a substantial portion of industrial wastewater discharge, as highlighted by Chen et al. (2017). Many of these enterprises continue to rely on outdated technologies, resulting in higher operational costs. However, adopting energy-efficient technology and best practices can enhance resource efficiency and lead to cost optimization, as illustrated in the Leading Practices Report for Haryana MSMEs in 2021.

Furthermore, cost reductions linked to green initiatives in SMEs primarily revolve around improvements in efficiency, product design, waste management, and energy efficiency, which ultimately reduce resource inputs for the same level of output. This fact is supported by OECD (2018) and Laforet (2011). Despite their economic significance and their role in India's goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070, MSMEs encounter difficulties in securing the necessary financing for their decarbonization efforts, which they often perceive as costly.

A significant challenge faced by SMEs is their limited financial resources, as noted by Khan et al. (2018). As mentioned by Gupta and Singh (2020) and TERI (2012), barriers and obstacles for SMEs include the under capacity of MSME units, restricted access to clean technology, the lack of local service providers, and shortcomings in traditional finance delivery systems.

The availability of finances is crucial for enabling sustainable green innovation within SMEs. Tang et al. (2020) emphasize that SMEs require adequate awareness, support in terms of intellectual expertise, technology, and financial assistance to ensure that Green Finance Initiatives (GFIs) are accessible to them on favorable terms and conditions while addressing the associated challenges.

As per Linderberg(2014), Green finance(GF) aims to support investments in environmentally friendly products and services as well as public policies that encourage the execution of green projects and programs. Therefore, GFIs are initiatives that promote GF. They encourage accessibility, affordability, and knowledge of green practices for SMEs, focusing on topics like waste management, energy efficiency, and pollution control. GFIs increase the amount of funding going to the nonprofit, governmental, and business sectors to support sustainable development. Both internal funding (retained revenues, owner capital) and external funding (government, financial institutions) are sources of green financing.

The idea of GFIs schemes exists to help SMEs reach the national goals. These businesses are receiving GFIs from the government and financial institutions, most notably SIDBI.

Figure 1.1 MSMEs support system

According to secondary data analysis, it was found that:

- ❖ There are numerous ways for SMEs to take advantage of green finance programs. The central and state governments have introduced programs /schemes to increase the availability, accessibility, and awareness of green activities among SMEs. Some of these schemes are:
 - Promoting energy efficiency (EE) and renewable energy (RE) in selected MSME clusters in India by BEE, UNIDO for promoting efficient technologies, capacity building.
 - RAMP Scheme i.e. Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance Scheme by Ministry of MSME for technological access.
 - 4E Scheme i.e. End to End Energy Efficiency Scheme by SIDBI for technology related advancement, energy efficiency (EE), market access.
 - MSE Cluster Development Programme Scheme by Ministry of MSME for technological access.
 - Financing Energy Efficiency at MSMEs by SIDBI, BEE for market access, capacity building and technological advancement.
 - TEQUP MSME by Ministry of MSME for technological up gradation, energy efficiency , capacity building, market access .
 - ZED Certification by Ministry of MSME by reimbursement of fees for ZED certification and consultancy charges.
 - CGTMSE Scheme i.e. Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro & Small Enterprises which provides subsidy up to 15% on credit up to 1.00 crore by Ministry of MSME
 - For energy savings, Financing Scheme for Energy Saving Projects in MSME Sector by SIDBI, JICA
 - SFURTI scheme to help traditional industries to become competitive and sustainable.
 - Coir Industry Technology Up gradation Scheme helps for procuring eligible plant & machinery for modernization, up gradation and/or establishing a new unit.
 - Lean manufacturing competitiveness of MSMEs to adopt lean manufacturing techniques by reducing and recycling waste, innovative.
- ❖ By classifying renewable energy projects as a priority sector for lending, the RBI is also promoting environmentally friendly, sustainable financial practices.
- ❖ Public sector banks (48%) are the main lenders of loans to these businesses, followed by private sector banks (39%) and NBFCs (13%). (Annual Report SIDBI 2021)
- ❖ According to the OECD's 2018 issue paper titled "SMEs-Key drivers green and inclusive growth," the financing deficit for SMEs in lower middle income countries (world bank) is 76% of the potential demand.

SIDBI, a GoI-backed institution with a strong AAA credit rating and accreditation from the Green Climate Fund, is designated as the nodal agency for carrying out the government's various subsidy programs. It has taken a number of actions to encourage SME loans for eco-friendly and energy-efficient technologies. Additionally, it is partnering with international

organizations like JICA.

Conclusion :

Such studies are crucial for promoting sustainable economic growth, enhancing environmental protection, and assisting SMEs in making the transition to a greener economy. SMEs sometimes dismiss environmental improvement as a non-priority expense if there are no expected business rewards. Adopting green finance initiatives, such as energy-efficient technologies and best business practices, will assist SMEs by lowering operational costs and increasing their competitiveness. Better policies and programs might be created by the government and financial institutions to raise knowledge of GFIs, make them more accessible and affordable, and remove obstacles.

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The Idea of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) In The Context of Green Economy in India

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Abstract :

The concept of a green economy, characterised by sustainable resource management and environmental stewardship, has gained prominence as nations seek to address climate change and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This research paper explores the potential of a green economy in India and its alignment with the SDGs. By analysing India's progress, policies, and challenges, this paper elucidates the path towards a sustainable and prosperous future.

Introduction :

Sustainability has emerged as a global imperative, driven by the existential threat of climate change and the pursuit of equitable development. The adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations, along with its 17 SDGs, has catalysed efforts worldwide. India, as one of the world's largest and fastest-growing economies, plays a pivotal role in the realization of these goals. A green economy, marked by low carbon emissions, efficient resource utilisation, and sustainable practices, is central to achieving these objectives.

Sustainable Development Goals and the Green Economy :

The SDGs encompass a broad spectrum of goals, from eradicating poverty to ensuring clean energy access. A green economy, characterised by sustainability and environmental consciousness, is intricately linked to several SDGs:

- **SDG 7 - Affordable and Clean Energy:** Transitioning to renewable energy sources is a cornerstone of a green economy, aligning with India's ambitious renewable energy targets.

- SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities: Urban planning emphasising green infrastructure and sustainable transport contributes to both environmental preservation and inclusive urban development.
- SDG 12 - Responsible Consumption and Production: A green economy encourages efficient resource use and sustainable consumption patterns, essential for curbing waste and pollution.
- SDG 13 - Climate Action: Mitigating climate change is at the heart of a green economy. India's commitments under the Paris Agreement are pivotal in this regard.
- SDG 15 - Life on Land: Sustainable land management practices safeguard ecosystems and biodiversity, essential components of a green economy.

India's Green Economy Progress

Renewable Energy Revolution

India's renewable energy sector has experienced significant growth. Policies such as the National Solar Mission and wind energy incentives have driven investments and technological advancements. The nation's ambitious target of 175 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2022 demonstrates commitment to SDG 7.

Smart Cities and Sustainable Transport

The Smart Cities Mission focuses on urban sustainability, promoting green infrastructure and efficient transport systems. Initiatives like the Delhi Metro and electric mobility projects contribute to SDG 11.

Waste Management and Circular Economy

India's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan emphasizes waste management and sanitation, aligning with SDG 12. Circular economy initiatives aim to reduce waste generation and promote recycling.

Climate Resilience and Reforestation

Efforts to enhance climate resilience and reforestation contribute to SDG 13 and SDG 15. Projects like the Green India Mission aim to restore degraded ecosystems and mitigate climate change impacts.

Challenges and Barriers

India's transition to a green economy faces several challenges:

- Resource Constraints: Investments in green infrastructure and technologies require significant resources, often exceeding available budgets.
- Policy Implementation: Effective implementation of green policies at the state and local levels remains a challenge due to varying capacities and priorities.
- Social Equity: Ensuring that green initiatives benefit marginalised communities is essential for achieving SDGs related to poverty reduction and social equity.

- Behavioural Change: Shifting consumption patterns and reducing environmental footprints necessitate extensive awareness campaigns and behavioural change initiatives.

Future Pathways

To foster a green economy and achieve the SDGs, India must focus on several key strategies:

- Innovative Financing: Exploring innovative financing mechanisms, such as green bonds and public-private partnerships, can mobilise resources for sustainable projects.
- Decentralised Governance: Strengthening local governance and capacity building can enhance the implementation of green policies and projects.
- Green Skill Development: Investing in green skill development programs can prepare the workforce for sustainability-related jobs.
- Community Engagement: Promoting community participation in green initiatives ensures that sustainable development benefits all segments of society.

Conclusion

The future of a green economy in India holds promise and potential. As a nation at the forefront of economic growth, India's commitment to sustainability aligns with the global agenda of achieving the SDGs. To overcome challenges and fully harness the benefits of a green economy, India must adopt a holistic approach that combines innovative financing, decentralised governance, skill development, and community engagement. By doing so, India can demonstrate that a green economy is not only environmentally responsible but also economically prosperous and socially equitable.

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सारांश—

इस शोध पत्र में मैंने "वर्तमान समय में शिक्षक की अवधारणा एवं जवाबदेही" विषय का वर्णन किया है। वर्तमान समय में शिक्षक की अवधारणा और जवाबदेही शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में महत्वपूर्ण हैं। शिक्षक एक समर्पित और पेशेवर शिक्षा प्रदाता के रूप में देखे जाते हैं, जो छात्रों के शिक्षात्मक और आदर्शिक विकास में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं। शिक्षक की अवधारणा में वर्तमान समय में शिक्षक का ज्ञान और विशेषज्ञता का महत्वपूर्ण स्थान होता है। शिक्षक को न केवल विषय के ज्ञान में माहिर होना चाहिए, बल्कि उन्हें शिक्षा प्रक्रिया, प्राप्ति साधने के तरीके, और छात्रों के विभिन्न शैक्षिक आवश्यकताओं के बारे में भी जानकार होना चाहिए। वे छात्रों को सही और तात्कालिक ज्ञान प्रदान करने के लिए जिम्मेदार होते हैं। शिक्षक की अवधारणा में समर्पण और सहयोग भी महत्वपूर्ण हैं। वे छात्रों के साथ समर्पित और सहयोगी भूमिका निभाते हैं, जिससे छात्रों के सफल और सक्षम होने के लिए पूरी तरह से विनम्र और सहयोगी रूप से काम करते हैं। वे छात्रों की समस्याओं को सुनते हैं, उनके प्रगति को ट्रैक करते हैं, और उन्हें उनकी शिक्षा में सुधार करने के लिए मार्गदर्शन करते हैं। छात्रों के विकास के साथ-साथ वैचारिक और सामाजिक विकास को प्रोत्साहित करना भी शिक्षक की अवधारणा में शामिल होता है। शिक्षक छात्रों को नैतिक, सामाजिक, और नागरिक मूल्यों की प्रतिष्ठा कराते हैं और उन्हें समाज में जागरूक नागरिक के रूप में उभारते हैं। शिक्षक का एक और महत्वपूर्ण कार्य छात्रों के भविष्य की प्राथमिक देखभाल होता है। शिक्षक छात्रों के भविष्य को समझने और उन्हें उनके कैरियर और शिक्षा के मार्ग पर मार्गदर्शन करना भी शामिल होता है। वे छात्रों को उनके सपनों और लक्ष्यों की पूर्ति में मदद करते हैं और उन्हें सफल और संतुष्ट जीवन की ओर मार्गदर्शन करते हैं। सम्प्रतः, वर्तमान समय में एक शिक्षक की अवधारणा और जवाबदेही शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में शिक्षा के विभिन्न पहलुओं को समझने और निभाने के लिए कुंजी हैं। उनका समर्पण, ज्ञान, समझ, और विकास छात्रों के जीवन में गहरा प्रभाव डालते हैं और एक समृद्ध और सामर्थ्यपूर्ण समाज के निर्माण में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं।

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प्रस्तावना—

वर्तमान समय में शिक्षक की अवधारणा और उनकी जवाबदेही शिक्षा क्षेत्र में महत्वपूर्ण हैं। शिक्षक एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं और उनका काम छात्रों के जीवन में मार्गदर्शन करना होता है। वे शिक्षा प्रणाली के प्राधिकृत स्रोत नहीं होते हैं, बल्कि छात्रों के सबसे महत्वपूर्ण गुरु और प्रेरणा स्रोत होते हैं। शिक्षक की अवधारणा

यह है कि वे छात्रों के विकास के साथ—साथ उनके जीवन को भी सर्वांगीण रूप से प्रभावित करते हैं। उनका काम छात्रों को न केवल ज्ञान देने का होता है, बल्कि उन्हें विचारशीलता, समस्या समाधान कौशल, सामाजिक योग्यता, और नैतिक मूल्यों की पहचान कराने में मदद करना होता है। वर्तमान समय में, शिक्षकों को छात्रों की आवश्यकताओं को समझने और पूरा करने के लिए उपयुक्त शिक्षा प्रौद्योगिकियों का ज्ञान होना चाहिए। उन्हें शैक्षिक प्रक्रिया को प्राथमिक और माध्यमिक स्तर पर स्थापित करने में मदद करने के लिए नवाचारी तरीकों का उपयोग करना चाहिए। शिक्षकों को छात्रों के विकास की प्रक्रिया में सहयोगी भूमिका निभाने के लिए भी तैयार रहना चाहिए। इसके अलावा, शिक्षक को छात्रों के भविष्य को ध्यान में रखकर उन्हें उनके कैरियर और शिक्षा के विचार में मार्गदर्शन करना चाहिए। वे छात्रों को उनके स्वपनों की पूर्ति में मदद करते हैं और उन्हें सफल और संतुष्ट जीवन की ओर मार्गदर्शन करते हैं। शिक्षक की जवाबदेही भी अत्यधिक महत्वपूर्ण है। वे छात्रों के प्रवृत्तियों, शैली, और आत्मविश्वास को समझने का प्रयास करते हैं और उन्हें सकारात्मक दिशा में प्रेरित करने का काम करते हैं। वे छात्रों की गलतियों को सुधारने में सहायक होते हैं और उन्हें अच्छे नागरिक और उद्यमी व्यक्ति बनाने में मदद करते हैं। समर्पित और जिम्मेदार शिक्षक, वर्तमान समय के शिक्षा क्षेत्र में छात्रों के उत्कृष्ट शिक्षा और सही मार्ग प्रदर्शन के साथ—साथ समाज के विकास में भी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाता है। उनका कार्य छात्रों के समृद्धि और समाज में उनके योगदान को बढ़ावा देना है।

वर्तमान शिक्षा प्रणाली—

वर्तमान समय की शिक्षा प्रणाली में तकनीक का महत्वपूर्ण स्थान है, जिसका प्रयोग शिक्षा को और भी इंटरैक्टिव और रोचक बनाता है। ऑनलाइन शिक्षा अब मुख्य धारा में है, जिससे छात्र अपने घर से ही विभिन्न विषयों की शिक्षा प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। विविधता के साथ, छात्रों को उनकी रुचि और शैली के हिसाब से पढ़ाया जाता है, और उन्हें विभिन्न पाठ्यक्रमों और कार्यक्रमों का चयन करने का अवसर मिलता है। इसके साथ ही, शिक्षा प्रणाली छात्रों के समृद्धि और सामाजिक विकास को भी महत्व देती है, जो उनके भविष्य के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है।

वर्तमान समय में शिक्षा प्रणाली की कुछ मुख्य विशेषताओं निम्नलिखित है:

१. **तकनीकी सहायता** : वर्तमान समय की शिक्षा प्रणाली में शिक्षा को तकनीक के साथ अद्वितीय बनाने के लिए कंप्यूटर, इंटरनेट, और शैक्षिक सॉफ्टवेयर का अधिक उपयोग किया जाता है, जिससे छात्रों को नए और प्रासंगिक शैक्षिक संसाधनों का उपयोग करके सीखने का मौका मिलता है।
२. **ऑनलाइन शिक्षा** : शिक्षा प्रणाली में ऑनलाइन शिक्षा का महत्वपूर्ण योगदान है, जिससे छात्र विभिन्न विषयों में शिक्षा प्राप्त कर सकते हैं, जैसे कि ऑनलाइन क्लासेस, ई—लर्निंग, और वेबिनारों के माध्यम से। इससे शिक्षा का फास्ट और व्यक्तिगतकरण होता है।
३. **विविधता** : विविधता के साथ शिक्षा का प्रसार होता है, छात्रों को उनके रुचि और प्राथमिकताओं के अनुसार विभिन्न पाठ्यक्रमों और कार्यक्रमों में चयन करने की स्वतंत्रता देता है, जिससे उनका सीखने का प्रक्रियाक्रम व्यक्तिगत होता है।
४. **अद्वितीय पढ़ाई तकनीक** : वर्तमान समय की शिक्षा प्रणाली में अद्वितीय पढ़ाई तकनीकों का प्रयोग होता है, जैसे कि गेमिफिकेशन, वर्चुअल रियलिटी, और एआर (नहउमदजमक त्मसपजल)। इससे छात्रों को एक रोचक और साक्षर तरीके से सीखने का मौका मिलता है, जिससे उनकी सीखने की प्रक्रिया को बढ़ावा मिलता

है।

५. **समृद्धि और सामाजिक विकास** : वर्तमान समय की शिक्षा प्रणाली छात्रों के समृद्धि और सामाजिक विकास को प्राथमिकता देती है। शिक्षा न केवल ज्ञान को बढ़ावा देती है, बल्कि छात्रों के व्यक्तिगत और सामाजिक दिशा में भी सहयोग प्रदान करती है।

शिक्षक की अवधारणा—

शिक्षक की अवधारणा एक महत्वपूर्ण और गहरी परिकल्पना होती है जो उनके शिक्षा कार्य में उनकी दृष्टिकोण और दृष्टिकोण को परिभाषित करती है। यह अवधारणा शिक्षक के विद्यार्थियों, शैक्षिक दृष्टिकोण, और शिक्षा प्रक्रिया को समझने के तरीके को दर्शाती है। इसमें निम्नलिखित मुख्य पहलुओं को शामिल किया जा सकता है:

१. **ज्ञान के प्राधिकृत स्रोत** : शिक्षक की अवधारणा में शिक्षक का ज्ञान और विशेषज्ञता का महत्वपूर्ण स्थान होता है। शिक्षक विभिन्न विषयों और विद्यालय के पाठ्यक्रम के बारे में गहरा ज्ञान रखते हैं और इस ज्ञान को अपने छात्रों के साथ साझा करते हैं। उनका ज्ञान छात्रों को सही और तात्कालिक जानकारी प्रदान करने में मदद करता है, जिससे छात्र विषयों को बेहतर से समझ सकते हैं और अधिक प्रभावी रूप से पढ़ सकते हैं। शिक्षक की विशेषज्ञता छात्रों के लिए एक मार्गदर्शक की भूमिका भी निभाती है, जो उन्हें उनके शैक्षिक और पेशेवर लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति के लिए मार्गदर्शन करता है।
२. **समर्पण और सहयोग**: शिक्षक की अवधारणा में शिक्षक का समर्पण और सहयोग छात्रों के साथ काम करने में महत्वपूर्ण होता है। शिक्षक छात्रों के सफल और सक्षम होने के लिए खुद को पूरी तरह से समर्पित करते हैं। वे छात्रों के प्रति उनकी समझदारी और तात्पर्य देखते हैं और उनके शैक्षिक आवश्यकताओं को समझने का प्रयास करते हैं। इसके बाद, वे छात्रों को उनके शिक्षा के मार्ग पर मार्गदर्शन करते हैं और उनके साथ सहयोगी भूमिका में काम करते हैं, जो छात्रों की सीखने की प्रक्रिया को प्रोत्साहित करती है।
३. **छात्रों के विकास के साथ—साथ वैचारिक और सामाजिक विकास**: शिक्षक की अवधारणा में यह भी शामिल होता है कि वे छात्रों के वैचारिक और सामाजिक विकास को प्रोत्साहित करें। शिक्षक छात्रों को नैतिक, सामाजिक, और नागरिक मूल्यों की प्रतिष्ठा कराते हैं और उन्हें समाज में जागरूक और जिम्मेदार नागरिक के रूप में उभारते हैं। वे छात्रों को सामाजिक और मानविक संबंधों के महत्व को समझाने में मदद करते हैं, जो उनके भविष्य के लिए महत्वपूर्ण होते हैं।
४. **छात्रों के भविष्य की प्राथमिक देखभाल** : शिक्षक की अवधारणा में छात्रों के भविष्य को समझने और उन्हें उनके कैरियर और शिक्षा के मार्ग पर मार्गदर्शन करना भी शामिल होता है। शिक्षक छात्रों को उनके सपनों और लक्ष्यों की पूर्ति में मदद करते हैं और उन्हें सफल और संतुष्ट जीवन की ओर मार्गदर्शन करते हैं। वे छात्रों के साथ कैरियर योजना बनाने में मदद करते हैं और उन्हें उनके रोजगार और प्रोफेशनल विकास के लिए सही राह दिखाते हैं।

शिक्षक की जवाबदेही—

शिक्षक की जवाबदेही शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में उनके नेतृत्व, शैक्षिक मार्गदर्शन, छात्रों के व्यक्तिगत विकास का समर्थन, शैक्षिक दृष्टिकोण की प्रेरणा, और छात्रों के आदर्श के संरक्षण के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है। वे छात्रों के शैक्षिक और सामाजिक विकास में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं, जो समाज के निर्माण में मदद करती है। निम्नलिखित कुछ

कारण है जिनके आधार पर शिक्षक की जवाबदेही का महत्व समझा जा सकता है:

१. **शिक्षा के नेतृत्व:** शिक्षक शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में नेतृत्व करते हैं, जो छात्रों को ज्ञान की दिशा में मार्गदर्शन प्रदान करते हैं। उनका नेतृत्व छात्रों को उनकी शैक्षिक यात्रा के दौरान सही मार्ग पर रखने में मदद करता है, जिससे वे अपने लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति में सफल हो सकें।
२. **छात्रों के शैक्षिक प्रदर्शन का मूल्यांकन:** शिक्षक छात्रों के शैक्षिक प्रदर्शन का मूल्यांकन करते हैं, ताकि वे उन्हें सही दिशा में मार्गदर्शन दे सकें और उनकी प्रगति को समझ सकें। इससे छात्र अपने क्षमताओं को विकसित कर सकते हैं और अधिक सफलता प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।
३. **छात्रों के व्यक्तिगत विकास का समर्थन:** शिक्षक छात्रों के व्यक्तिगत विकास का समर्थन करते हैं, उनके रुचि क्षेत्रों में मदद करते हैं, और उनके स्वयं-मूल्यांकन को प्रोत्साहित करते हैं। इससे छात्र अपनी विशेषज्ञता को विकसित कर सकते हैं और अपने पूर्ण पोटेंशियल को पहचान सकते हैं।
४. **शैक्षिक दृष्टिकोण की प्रेरणा :** शिक्षक छात्रों को शैक्षिक दृष्टिकोण की प्रेरणा प्रदान करते हैं, उन्हें ज्ञान के प्रति रुचि और उत्साह जगाते हैं, और उन्हें सीखने की प्रक्रिया में सहयोगी बनाते हैं। इससे छात्र ज्ञान के प्रति उत्सुक होते हैं और नए विचारों की खोज में रुचिवादी बनते हैं।
५. **छात्रों के आदर्श :** शिक्षक छात्रों के लिए आदर्श होते हैं, जो उन्हें सदगुणों, नैतिकता, और सही मार्ग पर चलने के महत्व को सिखाते हैं और उन्हें समाज में जिम्मेदार नागरिक के रूप में प्रेरित करते हैं।

शिक्षक की जिम्मेदारियाँ—

एक शिक्षक की मुख्य जिम्मेदारियाँ शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में अत्यधिक महत्वपूर्ण होती हैं। वे छात्रों के शिक्षा—संबंधित आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने का काम करते हैं, पाठ्यक्रम तैयार करते हैं, शिक्षा सामग्री चुनते हैं, और शिक्षा की गुणवत्ता को निरीक्षित करते हैं। वे छात्रों का मानविक विकास और सामाजिक उत्तरदायित्व बढ़ाने में मदद करते हैं और उनके जीवन में एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं। शिक्षक की कुछ मुख्य जिम्मेदारियाँ निम्नलिखित हैं:—

१. **शिक्षा प्रदान करना :** एक शिक्षक का प्रमुख कार्य छात्रों को विभिन्न विषयों में ज्ञान प्रदान करना है। वे पाठ्यक्रम तैयार करते हैं, शिक्षा सामग्री का चयन करते हैं, और समझदारी से सीखने के लिए माध्यम उपयोग करते हैं। इसके माध्यम से, छात्र सिखते हैं और समझते हैं, जिससे उनका शिक्षा से जुड़ा विकास होता है।
२. **छात्रों के विकास का समर्थन :** शिक्षक छात्रों के व्यक्तिगत और शैक्षिक विकास का समर्थन करने का कार्य करते हैं। वे छात्रों के प्रतिभा और रुचियों को पहचानते हैं, उन्हें स्वयं-मूल्यांकन करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करते हैं, और सामाजिक और मानविक दक्षता को बढ़ाने में मदद करते हैं। इसके परिणामस्वरूप, छात्र अपने स्वयं की पहचान बना सकते हैं और समझदार नागरिक बन सकते हैं।
३. **छात्रों के शैक्षिक प्रदर्शन का मूल्यांकन :** शिक्षक छात्रों के शैक्षिक प्रदर्शन का मूल्यांकन करते हैं, जैसे कि परीक्षाओं के माध्यम से और उनकी कक्षाओं में दृष्टिगत अवलोकन करके। उन्होंने छात्रों की स्थिति को समझकर उन्हें उनकी कमियों को दूर करने के लिए मार्गदर्शन देना होता है और सफलता की दिशा में मार्गदर्शन करना होता है।
४. **शिक्षा के नेतृत्व :** शिक्षक शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में नेतृत्व करते हैं, छात्रों को मार्गदर्शन और प्रेरणा देते हैं। वे छात्रों को उनके अध्ययन के लिए प्रेरित करते हैं और उन्हें सोचने और समझने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करते हैं। इसके

माध्यम से, शिक्षक नई विचारों को बढ़ावा देते हैं और छात्रों के मानसिकता में सकारात्मक परिवर्तन पैदा करते हैं।

५. **छात्रों के भविष्य की प्राथमिक देखभाल:** शिक्षक छात्रों के भविष्य को समझने का काम करते हैं और उन्हें उनके कैरियर और शिक्षा के मार्ग पर मार्गदर्शन करते हैं। वे छात्रों को उनके रुझानों और इंटरेस्ट्स के आधार पर सलाह देते हैं, जिससे वे सफलता प्राप्त कर सकें और उनके भविष्य को सफल बना सकें।

निष्कर्ष—

वर्तमान समय में शिक्षक की अवधारणा और जवाबदेही एक अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण विषय हैं, जिन्हें समझना और महत्व देना अत्यधिक आवश्यक है। शिक्षक समाज के निर्माण में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं और छात्रों के विकास में महत्वपूर्ण होते हैं। शिक्षक की अवधारणा में वर्तमान समय में छात्र-केंद्रित शिक्षा के प्रति विशेष ध्यान होता है, जिसमें छात्रों के रुचियों, शैली, और विशेष आवश्यकताओं का समझना शामिल है। शिक्षक अब अष्टिक शिक्षा प्रौद्योगिकियों का सहारा लेते हैं और छात्रों को ग्लोबल जगत में तैयार करने का प्रयास करते हैं। शिक्षक की जवाबदेही में अब वे छात्रों के मानसिक स्वास्थ्य, सामाजिक संवाद, और मूल नैतिक मूल्यों की रक्षा करने का भी जिम्मेदार होते हैं। वे नैतिक एवं सामाजिक जिम्मेदारियों के साथ साक्षरता और विज्ञानिक ज्ञान को भी प्रमोट करते हैं। समर्थ और जागरूक शिक्षक समाज के विकास में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं और आगामी पीढ़ियों के लिए एक सशक्त और सुरक्षित भविष्य की नींव रखते हैं। इसलिए, शिक्षकों के जीवन में अधिक समर्पण और पेशेवरिता की आवश्यकता है, ताकि हमारे समाज का सामाजिक और आर्थिक विकास सम्पन्न हो सके।

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ABSTRACT :

Companies, throughout duration, tried to be socially responsible. Prior objective of the company is to maximise profits. The benefits and drawbacks of CSR (corporate social responsibility) have been the subject of greater debate than ever before. Maximum number of companies start to understand the importance of social responsibility for the society. This research systematically evaluates previous works that have looked into the link amongst CSR as well as financial performance. Next, the researcher uses a trusted database of information about CSR performance to evaluate the hypothesised connection. This research compares traditional accounting metrics with market-based indicators of financial health. Most of the S&P 500 are included in the data collection, which spans the years 2007 through 2018. Time-series regressions on cross-sector and panel data are used to examine the connections. The findings show a favourable correlation between CSR and financial success metrics used in accounting. Corporate social responsibility and financial success metrics based on market forces are correlated adversely. This indicates that CSR has a negative effect on a company's stock price but a good effect on earnings. This might be interpreted to mean that the minimum acceptable rate of return for socially responsible stocks is lower.

Keywords : Corporate social responsibility, Market valuation, Indian Market, Financial Reporting

Introduction :

An organization's financial line could benefit from CSR activities because of the positive impact it has upon the company's image. A good reputation for a business helps it draw in clients, financiers, and workers who share its ideals. Increased consumer loyalty and trust

may result from well-received corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts. Businesses that are seen as caring for society's needs often see an increase in customer base and income. Companies with solid CSR practises may have an easier time gaining access to finance and securing funding on favourable conditions. CSR considerations are becoming more important to investors, such as socially responsible investing (SRI) funds.

Legal, regulatory, and image problems are just some of the concerns that CSR may assist alleviate. Companies may protect themselves from financial and reputational loss caused by environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues by taking action. Savings Sustainable practises have the potential to reduce expenses over time. Energy-efficient methods, for instance, may save operating costs, which in turn can boost profits. The levels of employee engagement and productivity at companies that make CSR a priority tend to be greater than at other companies. When workers are satisfied in their roles, they are more likely to take initiative and contribute creatively.

Companies that practise CSR are more likely to take the long view, which may improve financial results over time. In sectors with extended time frames for return on investment, this might be crucial. Differentiation in a Congested Market Corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts may help set a firm apart in a crowded market. Creating a niche for themselves may increase their price and market share. It is important to note, however, that there are caveats to the generally good correlation between CSR and bottom-line results: The initial investment in some CSR projects may have a negative effect on profitability in the near term. It is important for businesses to weigh the long-term advantages against the short-term costs. It might be difficult to attribute a precise monetary value to the positive effects of CSR initiatives. The payoffs may be nebulous and hard to pin squarely on CSR initiatives.

Negative effects on a company's brand and bottom line may result from corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts that fall short of expectations or are seen as disingenuous. Expectations of Stakeholders: It may be difficult and costly to meet the expectations of different stakeholders, such as shareholders, workers, and the community. Overall, CSR has been found to positively affect over time financial performance; however, the connection connecting the two is complex, and the influence differs greatly among industries and businesses. A well-rounded plan that takes into account both financial and non-financial dimensions of performance is necessary for the successful incorporation of CSR into company strategy. In order to choose the best CSR approach, businesses must first take a close look at their unique circumstances and goals.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE :

(2015). Kolisch This document provides a summary of the literature on CSR and business success. It also includes details regarding the many ways in which firms and CSR have affected their financial performance and lucrative position in both Germany and the United States. The current emphasis is on the overall impact and outcome of CSR on business results. Economic, legal, and cultural contexts were also examined.

2013 by Munaza Kanwal. Corporate social responsibility, or CSR, is defined here as an organization's persistent pledge to promote social and economic well-being. The results of this research indicate that CSR has a beneficial effect on the bottom line. It has also been observed that companies with poor CSR practises have lower stock prices and worse returns

on investment than their competitors. Another research found that companies that engaged in CSR initiatives that prioritised the well-being of their workers, vendors, investors, and customers saw a significant increase in their bottom line. CSR has been shown to have a favourable impact on bottom line results. The study concludes that a company's public image benefits from CSR investment.

"(Babalola, 2012) This study explores the link between corporate social responsibility and business profitability by analysing secondary data gleaned from the "1999-2008" annual statements and financial information of ten (10) picked at random Nigerian firms. In the present research, the normal least squares was used for the analysis of data. From what we can see, the corporations in our sample group invest less than 10% of their annual profits in CSR. The results indicate that changes in corporate social responsibility (CSR) in Nigeria cause changes in PAT at some companies; the resulting coefficient of determination indicates that statutes and rules ought to be implemented that force firms to be acknowledged, in adequate consideration dedicated to social accounting in respect to social costs and upholding social responsibility.

(2010) M. Shabana In this article, we examine the debate over whether or not the corporate community should embrace CSR initiatives. As CSR represents a significant outlay of resources for most businesses, their key worry is whether or not it pays off. Essentially, this is about the positive effects that their CSR involvement has on them. Due to the novelty of CSR, the study begins by providing some context for the topic at hand. As the topic of what, if anything, a corporation is responsible for beyond making a profit and expanding its own bottom line is of paramount importance, this article presents a number of arguments in favour of and against the idea of corporate social responsibility. The purpose of this paper is to describe and summarise the business case, as well as to evaluate a small selection of relevant theoretical frameworks, empirical studies, and practical applications.

Classon, Johan, 2006. Through the linkages in the CSR-Performance Chain, CSR may alter consumer views of a company's product or service, which in turn can affect the company's performance. Because boycotts have a detrimental impact on corporate performance, we discovered that firms' CSR efforts need to be at or above consumers' baseline (i.e. least tolerable level).

Bartlett, 2006 This article compares and contrasts how Australia and Slovenia deal with similar CSR reporting challenges. To improve corporate transparency and stakeholder involvement, reporting is seen as a crucial communication tool or channel. This document offers criteria for corporate social responsibility reporting in the two nations. Despite the similarities between the two nations' reporting standards, the article demonstrates that cultural differences exist. A driver in Australia that takes product, management, and financial factors into account might have an impact on reporting, but in Slovenia, it is the employee themselves. It follows that stronger incentives for reporting are required.

Objectives of the study :

- ❖ Assess how well the firm is doing in terms of social responsibility.
- ❖ Determine whether there is a correlation between CSR and bottom-line results.
- ❖ Investigate the impact that CSR has on the bottom line of a business.

Hypothesis of the study :

Spending on corporate social responsibility (CSR) and a company's after-tax earnings does not correlate significantly.

Research Methodology :

The research relied heavily on secondary data for its analysis. ITC Ltd. and Nestle India Ltd. annual reports were utilised for the analysis. The timeframe of analysis is from 2008-2017, and the metrics utilised include CSR spending and net profit. There was a lot of reading done to get a handle on CSR and how it relates to business success. Two firms, ITC Ltd. and Nestle India Ltd., have had their CSR spending and post-tax profits analysed in this research. SPSS is used to analyse the data and determine whether there is a correlation between the independent and dependent factors. In order to get at the results of this study, we used a correlational approach.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

ITC Ltd's CSR spending and net profit after taxes from 2009–2017 are shown in Table 1.

Year	CSR Expenditure	PAT
2009	0	3899.40
2010	0	4149.41
2011	0	5480.29
2012	0	6261.73
2013	0	7184.93
2014	0	8587.12
2015	261.04	9076.37
2016	254.7	9283.73
2017	279.57	12000.9

ITC Ltd's CSR spending and Profit after Tax (PAT) figures (2009–2017) were analysed in SPSS 23 using the aforementioned table 1. Table 1 displays the results of the calculation. High correlation or link between the two variables was found in the output.

Correlations

	VAR00001	VAR00002	
VAR00001		Pearson Correlation	1 .790*
Sig. (2-tailed)			.011
N		9	9
VAR00002		Pearson Correlation	.790* 1
Sig. (2-tailed)		.011	
N		9	9

* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed)

Table 1: Output of table 1 (correlation)

This demonstrates, at the 5% or 0.05 threshold of significance, that CSR expenditure is

correlated with PAT. A research found that ITC Ltd's CSR expenditure significantly impacted the company's bottom line (Beta= 0.5199, p<0.05).

Table 2: Nestle India Ltd.'s nine-year CSR spending and post-tax profit.

Year	CSR Expenditure	PAT
2009	0	7278.3
2010	0	9618.9
2011	0	14115.1
2012	0	18397.42
2013	0	16097.3
2014	0	17111.3
2015	81.5	18641.9
2016	260	5372.6
2017	341	9624.5

A SPSS 23 study of Nestle India Ltd's CSR expenditures and Profit after Tax (PAT) from 2009 to 2017 is shown in the table below. Table 2 shows the calculated outcomes. The results will either show a high degree of connection or show that there is no association at all.

Correlations

	VAR00001	VAR00002	
VAR00001	Pearson Correlation	1	-.232
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.518
	N	10	10
VAR00002	Pearson Correlation	-.232	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.518	
	N	10	10

Table4:Outputoftable1(correlation)

This demonstrates there is zero correlation between CSR budgets and profits after tax. There was no increase in earnings in 2016 despite a larger CSR spending. This shows that CSR expenditure had a negligible effect on PAT, however the fall in profit in 2016 despite an upsurge in investment might be related to other causes. One of them is the ban on producing and marketing Maggie, a product created by Nestle. It is unlikely to claim that there is no relationship between CSR expenditure and PAT, considering the 2016 drop in earnings was due to an unexpected and unavoidable reason.

FINDINGSANDSUGGESTIONS :

Although ITC Ltd. and Nestle India Ltd. both operate in the food and beverage business, the results for ITC Ltd. indicate a substantial correlation between CSR spending and profit after tax whereas the results for Nestle India Ltd. differ. Because Nestle India Ltd was caught off guard by the Maggi prohibition, this cannot be used as proof that there is no connection between the two factors. Therefore, it is recommended that additional FMCG firms be included

in testing to provide an accurate conclusion.

CONCLUSION :

There are a few ways in which CSR might enhance traditional accounting metrics. A company that invests in CSR may get an edge over its rivals over those that don't. One may get an advantage over rivals by building and maintaining a solid reputation over time. Reputation is crucial to attracting both loyal customers and trustworthy investors. The effect of CSR on employees is supplementary. The morale, output, and effectiveness of a company may all benefit from CSR programmes. Participating in CSR initiatives might help businesses reduce their risk. This study's results show that CSR is beneficial to companies. Customers, investors, and employees are just some of the groups that take note of companies' corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts. Businesses that proactively report such instances will have an advantage over their competitors.

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HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN ACADEMIC LIBRARY

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ABSTRACT :

The most precious resource in every library is its employees because nobody else has access to the other materials. The library's staff frequently receives a sizable portion of the funds. You need highly qualified, driven employees if you wish to meet community demand and utilize the library's resources to their fullest potential. Running a library requires a team effort, and for this to occur, all staff members must get along with one another. Therefore, the tasks given to employees must be appropriate for their level of education and experience. It is a waste of this scarce resource if highly skilled library workers just carry out regular or clerical library tasks. Additionally, not all sorts of libraries necessitate a highly qualified bibliotheca, regardless of size or other operations. This article offers a variety of pertinent and helpful research on Human Resource Management (HRM) to help effectively run a modern service at a twenty-first-century library.

Keywords: Human resource management, Manpower planning, Job description, Staff Manual, Leadership and performance evaluation.

INTRODUCTION :

The phrase "human resource" began to be often used in the management and organizational sciences throughout the first nineteen seventy years. The statement makes reference to the humanistic method of addressing social issues and demonstrates how treating people as resources rather than only as people with strong emotions or as inert parts of a machine could lead to better outcomes for the business and its staff. The dedication, expertise, and experience of the employees, as well as the infrastructure services provided for their support and expansion, are the primary variables impacting the quality of libraries and information centers. The library is considered to be one of the key components that would significantly improve the library as a center of knowledge, together with "knowledge and data" science (LIS) experts. A library's operations staff can create knowledge resources that help draw patrons if they are adequately knowledgeable

CONCEPT OF HRM :

A strategic method for the efficient administration of a company or its personnel that helps them to achieve a competitive edge in their sector is recognized as HRM. To support a

company's strategic goals, its main objective is to optimize employee performance. To successfully manage people inside of businesses, HRM places a major emphasis on systems and procedures. The management of the employees within the company is the primary goal of HRM, which focuses on policies and procedures.

HRM in Libraries :

Libraries are difficult to maintain and require a lot of work. In libraries, HRM has never been an easy task. Instead of seeking answers to financial or technological issues, library managers spend the majority of their time managing their people (Evans, 2000). Innovation, technology development, the elevated standards of staff and patrons, and the declining library budget have all contributed to the complexity and difficulty of modern library management. The library needs a solid framework, an amazing collection, and a sizable budget to provide for its users, but its most significant resource is its employees. Evans et al. (2000) place a strong focus on people's value, noting that "things and money are relatively easier to manage and predict than people."

Because of the baseline analysis on HRM in public libraries that Usherwood et al. (2000) carried out in the United Kingdom, this hypothesis is novel in the area of library and information science. This important study examines various facets of HRM for staff members at public libraries, including hiring, development, retention, and leadership. Al-Hassan and Meadows (1994) also evaluated librarians using additional HRM indicators, such as hiring, training, appraising, and work satisfaction. One of the earliest significant analyses on HRM in libraries was this one. There are primarily two differences. Data was first gathered using the interviewing method. The fact that it compared the number of library employees in Kuwait before and after the 1990 Gulf War also made it meet the requirements for a comparative study.

IMPORTANCE OF HRM IN LIBRARY :

To ensure the success of the organization, each and every library employee must provide both individual and group contributions. They have to contribute to a goal at a low level. The HRM staff must put more effort into getting them to contribute. Employee contribution is shown to be low when they lack knowledge of their duties. Low productivity in the company is caused by a lack of understanding about a certain process or technology. Such workers should be located and given the necessary training by the HR department. They need also to be familiar with both individual and group psychology to cope with such employees in the organization. The HR management team should recruit the best personnel for the public library, compensate them fairly, keep them on staff, and provide them with training to help them fulfill both current and future organizational goals. They must maintain track of the abilities that workers have learned over the course of their employment with the company and assign them to the appropriate tasks. The HRM team must effectively encourage and train the staff members. To receive the best solution from them, the ethical principles must be explained to them at the appropriate time, together with the organization's concerns. To achieve the objective of the organization, they should thus force the workers to work more productively.

Functions of HRM in Library Administration :

1. **Manpower Planning :** According to the definition, designing is the process or act of making anything that is meant to try to get something. In other terms, it relates to a choice that has been taken on what must be completed in advance. Manpower planning is nothing more than taking into account the human resources needed to accomplish the main objectives of the company. It's a technique for figuring out how to analyze if the company could have a sufficient number of skilled individuals available at the right times, acting out occupations that might satisfy both the needs of the company and the people involved.
2. **Job analysis and Description :** The current job analysis and job style will be used to examine the demand for labour. Demand forecasting and supply forecasting will be the two sections of the analysis. Demand Forecasting is a method that estimates the future amount and quality of individuals needed by an organization. Various prediction plans, such as social control judgment, scrutiny techniques, city technique, as well as ratio-analytic reasoning, are applied throughout this process. Supply Prediction: It gives the human resource management an estimate of the types and amounts of employees that are required. Information on an organization's flexibility in gaining a suitable range of employees is given by offering prognostication. It has to do with how adaptable employees are both inside and outside of a firm.
3. **Selection and Recruitment :** In simple terms, the term "accomplishment technique" refers to the hiring of an individual or group for a certain role; it may also be described as an action that creates a relationship between the leader and the job seeker. Recruitment is the process of finding and recruiting job seekers to construct a pool of application candidates. The recruiter's primary objective is to find the best candidate for the open position, and there are five key criteria that can help them meet this objective.
4. **Motivation, Training, and Development :** The inner force that drives the behaviour of a person toward objectives is known as motivation. As a strategy for energizing, guiding, and sustaining human conduct, motivation is defined. In HRM, the term "to attempt to do the most effective attainable job" refers to the need that an individual to make every effort to do specified tasks. Staff members have the chance to gain new skills, keep up with industry advances, and boost productivity through internal or external training. It is therefore a crucial component of libraries. It is possible to think of investing in an employee's development as doing so in a valued asset. It not only serves as a source of inspiration, but it also enables workers to reach their full potential. Through employee training, education, or development, staff development also guarantees possibilities for advancement, and personal growth, as well as programs for continued professional growth.
5. **Leadership and performance evaluation :** Performance evaluation is described as a proper and effective technique to evaluate an employee's performance and accomplishments in relation to their duties.
6. **Discipline and Grievances :** An important management strategy for creating a better and more productive workplace is discipline in libraries. It pertains to staff behaviour that impedes or otherwise negatively impacts the orderly and effective functioning of the

library's operations, whether via action or inaction. When a worker fails to fix an issue despite being given several opportunities to do so, discipline may be maintained in libraries by taking many procedures or measures. Any legitimate or fictitious sense of unfairness and dissatisfaction a worker may have toward his or her job connection is referred to as a grievance. If a library employee has a complaint, they should first try to address it amicably with their immediate boss. The management of the library should make sure that everyone is treated equitably. A staff member who feels that they have received unfair treatment may submit a letter of complaint to the proper authorities. The obligation to make sure that each complaint is properly addressed rests with the library authority.

CONCLUSION:

The constant yearning for modification is another pressure that intensifies the requirement for human progress. There appears to be uncertainty everywhere about the library's function in this vibrant society. As a result of cultural modification and to respond to the challenges and needs of society, the library's purposes, aims, and priorities all change. It is anticipated that libraries, like many other organizations, won't be able to continue ignoring the economic, social scientific, technological, technical, psychological, and political changes occurring both inside and outside the institutions. Specialists in libraries and knowledge now have much more complex jobs as a result. In his article "Of book, men, and machines," Guy Sylvester remarked that "we librarians don't have any alternative therefore but to adapt ourselves to a dynamic world if we have a tendency to area unit to survive during this new era". Singh and Kaur (2007). There is no question that the staff of libraries needs to grow in their talents to keep up with the times. As a business, libraries and information centers must accomplish their goals and take into account how their numerous institutions are perceived as a whole. Because libraries are service-based businesses, they are always compelled to focus on the satisfaction of their customers. Currently, it is the responsibility to defend themselves, and their services, and require to LIS experts demonstrate their worth to the parent firm. To do this, they must increase their level of competency and be compelled to broaden their knowledge and skill sets to offer better service and win the hearts and minds of their customers. Responsible efforts are being undertaken to develop force in this direction at the philosophical level. The National Mission on Libraries is one example of each. As far as is currently possible, the National Mission on Libraries will assess the nation's workforce needs in the field of library and "information science management" and take the needed steps to fill the gap through library and knowledge education, science, and training.

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A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON JOB SATISFACTION OF EMPLOYEES DURING COVID TIMES

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ABSTRACT :

The achievement of an organization's goals largely hinges on the satisfaction levels of its employees and how effectively this satisfaction impacts their performance. Consequently, it is imperative to meticulously plan and implement strategies for enhancing job satisfaction. Employee job satisfaction is a pivotal factor in attaining and sustaining success in an organization. It can be argued that companies should nurture both external and internal factors that contribute to fostering and sustaining positive job satisfaction among employees. This project aims to delve into the concept of job satisfaction among workers, a critical driver of organizational development.

This study focuses on examining the impact of intrinsic, extrinsic, and general factors on workplace satisfaction and their connection to employees' gender. To achieve this, the research employed The Minnesota Satisfaction Questionnaire (short form) as a tool to fulfill the project's main objectives. The data sources used include both primary data, which involves gathering firsthand information, and secondary data, which encompasses information obtained from published sources, reports on the study, and related articles.

The study employed the Independent T-test method and mean calculations to interpret the results. Careful consideration was given throughout the entire process, from planning the questionnaire to reviewing the conclusions and formulating recommendations. The study's findings indicate that a significant majority of workers are not highly satisfied with their working environments and the overall nature of their jobs. The sources of dissatisfaction were identified in the study's findings. To improve employee well-being, valuable ideas and recommendations have been provided in the study's recommendations section.

Key words : Job Satisfaction, Organisation, Employee Engagement,

INTRODUCTION :

This study delves into the subject of job satisfaction and its influencing factors through the utilization of a survey research methodology.

Greenberg and Baron (2008) characterized job satisfaction as an individual's emotional response to their work responsibilities, which can result in either a positive or negative effect. They emphasized that understanding job satisfaction is crucial as there is no universal method

to satisfy all employees in the workplace. Greenberg and Baron (2008) perceived it as a favorable sentiment toward one's job, encompassing mental, emotional, and physical aspects. Job satisfaction can also be described as an employee's emotional reaction to various job-related factors, leading to feelings of pleasure, comfort, confidence, and the perception of rewards, personal growth, and opportunities such as career advancement, recognition, and merit-based monetary compensation.

However, despite its widespread use, there remains no universal consensus on the precise definition of work fulfillment, as pointed out by Reuschke and Felstead (2020). They suggest that before defining job satisfaction, it's essential to consider the essence and significance of employment as a fundamental human task. Job satisfaction is often indicated by positive and favorable attitudes toward one's job, while job dissatisfaction is characterized by negative and adverse feelings.

Job satisfaction can encompass various aspects of one's career, including the nature of the work, relationships with colleagues, supervisors, and compensation, as mentioned by Granziera and Perera (2019). Recognizing the significance of job satisfaction is critical due to its potential detrimental effects, such as decreased employee loyalty, increased absenteeism, and a rise in workplace injuries. In today's human resources landscape, especially in economic downturns, simply performing routine organizational processes is no longer sufficient. Concepts like employee satisfaction and engagement are now essential aspects of HR management.

The year 2020 witnessed the outbreak of COVID-19, which led to a significant shift towards remote work, as noted by Staempfli and Lamarche (2020). The pandemic forced companies to adapt to remote work environments, and it became apparent that employees had to reconsider various aspects of their jobs. Employee satisfaction levels varied, with some remote workers reporting increased satisfaction with their jobs while others found their work more challenging due to the circumstances.

The sudden transition to remote work also prompted companies to implement changes rapidly, affecting processes, corporate strategies, and customer support, which, in turn, could complicate employees' jobs, as discussed by Huebener et al. (2020).

LITERATURE REVIEW :

This study aims to identify the factors influencing employee job satisfaction and provide an accurate depiction of job satisfaction levels. The findings will enable line management and HR practitioners to enhance employee job satisfaction. Analyzing respondents' answers will offer insights from the employees' perspective, aiding in the improvement of the current system's effectiveness. From an academic standpoint, this study contributes to the literature by identifying the drivers of job satisfaction among employees.

Job satisfaction is inherently subjective, stemming from an evaluation comparing what employees receive in terms of their jobs to their expectations, desires, and perceived entitlements (Hu et al., 2019). Commonly assessed aspects include supervisors, current salaries, opportunities for advancement, and interactions with colleagues (Rustiarini et al., 2019). These factors are typically rated on a scale and then aggregated to determine an average job satisfaction score (Granziera&Perera, 2019). Job satisfaction often serves as a mechanism

for increasing employee productivity, fostering efficiency at work, and motivating employees to perform optimally when their needs are met.

There is a strong relationship between job satisfaction and motivation, with employees experiencing greater happiness at work when job-related aspects align with their personal qualities (Staempfli and Lamarche 2020). Part-time and remote work have become increasingly popular methods for achieving a work-life balance, particularly in the context of lockdown policies (Reuschke and Felstead 2020). However, the success of these practices remains an open question, given the cultural and workplace challenges they present (Beham et al. 2019). Remote work has been associated with increased job satisfaction, although some studies suggest that this effect is more pronounced among men than women (Wheatley 2017; Reuschke 2019).

While there have been studies on the impact of remote work on career satisfaction, less attention has been paid to satisfaction in other life domains (Felstead and Henseke 2017; Wheatley 2017). The unique circumstances during the COVID-19 lockdown, with the closure of schools and childcare centers, posed significant challenges for working parents trying to balance remote work with childcare and home education (Huebener et al., 2020).

Scope and Objectives:

Employee satisfaction reflects an employee's commitment and engagement with their organization and its values. This study aims to identify the factors influencing employee job satisfaction and provide an accurate representation of the level of job satisfaction.

Objectives of the Project:

- Understanding Intrinsic Factors: Assess the level of intrinsic factors contributing to job satisfaction during the pandemic.
- Understanding Extrinsic Factors: Evaluate the level of extrinsic factors affecting job satisfaction during the pandemic.
- Understanding General Factors: Examine the overall level of general factors influencing job satisfaction during the pandemic.

Objectives of the Project with Gender Association:

- Exploring Gender Impact: Investigate how gender influences intrinsic factors of job satisfaction.
- Impact on Extrinsic Factors: Analyze the impact of gender on extrinsic factors influencing job satisfaction.
- General Factors and Gender: Explore how gender affects general factors contributing to job satisfaction.

Scope of the Study:

The study includes data from 150 respondents collected through surveys. The geographical scope is limited to Mumbai.

Research Methodology:

This study aims to identify the factors influencing employee satisfaction, with a focus on analyzing respondents' views to enhance the current system's effectiveness. Additionally, from an academic perspective, the study contributes to the literature by identifying drivers of

employee satisfaction in organizations.

Sampling Size: A sample of 150 employees was selected.

Source of Data :

Primary Data : Collected directly from respondents using a questionnaire.

Secondary Data : Gathered from published sources, reports on the study, and articles.

Questionnaire : The Minnesota Satisfaction Questionnaire (short form) was distributed to employees to gather their perspectives.

Data Analysis : After data collection, analysis was performed. Data from the questionnaire was compiled in an Excel sheet. A master copy with tabulation methods was prepared.

Data Analysis Tools : SPSS and Excel

Methods Used :

- **Reliability Analysis :** The reliability of the questionnaire was assessed using Cronbach Alpha to ensure its consistency and absence of bias or errors.
- **Independent T-TEST :** This statistical test compared means of two independent groups to determine if there were significant differences in the associated population means.
- **Mean Calculation :** Means were calculated to determine the average values in the dataset, providing insight into the central tendency of the data.

FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATION OF THE STUDY

Findings :

- **Gender Distribution :** Among the total 150 respondents, 50% (50) identify as females, while the remaining 50% (50) identify as males.
- **Enhancing Job Satisfaction :** Elevating or maintaining a high level of intrinsic job satisfaction can be achieved by implementing initiatives that foster diversity in the workplace, providing job security to employees, and improving working conditions to create a stress-free environment.
- **Impact of Extrinsic and General Factors :** Extrinsic and general factors significantly influence job satisfaction and can be further improved. Employers should pay consistent attention to aspects such as effective communication between supervisors and employees, crafting policies that cater to employee comfort and enhance working conditions whether they work from home or the office. Additionally, promoting team projects can facilitate better relationships among co-workers.
- **Long Working Hours and Compensation :** Despite long working hours that keep employees engaged in both office and household tasks, adequate compensation packages have been effective in maintaining employee satisfaction.
- **T-Test Analysis :** Statistical analysis using T-tests demonstrates that there is no significant association between gender and intrinsic, extrinsic, or general factors of job satisfaction.

Recommendations :

This study primarily identifies significant variations in factors related to employee job satisfaction. Consequently, if organizations prioritize the factors we've identified and predicted, they can ensure a high level of employee job satisfaction. This, in turn, leads to several

positive outcomes, including improved morale within the organization, greater self-esteem among employees, reduced wastage of energy, time, and materials, and more effective utilization of all resources. These elements are crucial for achieving productivity, profitability, and building a strong reputation for the organization.

Employee performance development is vital for professional growth, encompassing factors like promotions, rewards, and recognition from colleagues. It also entails finding meaning in one's work and maintaining harmonious relationships with family members, achieving a healthy work-life balance. This motivation encourages employees to commit themselves both psychologically and physically, enhancing their role and contributions to the organization.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY :

It's crucial to acknowledge the limitations of the current study. While we collected data and conducted a literature review on job satisfaction, it's important to note that this review may not encompass all relevant studies due to time constraints and the specific focus of our research. The primary limitation lies in our relatively small sample size, which necessitates further research to draw broader generalizations.

Additionally, our research was confined to employees in various industry sectors, and we couldn't explore significant variations within organizations of similar types. While our findings offer valuable insights into job satisfaction trends among employees, we cannot assume these trends apply universally to all employees across different levels and organizations. Qualitative analysis, involving in-depth interviews, focus group discussions, and content analysis of collected data, would be necessary to understand how employees perceive various job satisfaction predictors.

CONCLUSION :

In today's business landscape, organizations are placing increasing emphasis on implementing new programs aimed at enhancing Employee Job Satisfaction. Consequently, it has become imperative to assess the effectiveness of these initiatives to determine if they are yielding positive results or going to waste.

The primary objective of this study was to evaluate the current level of job satisfaction during the pandemic period and explore its relationship with gender. Additionally, the study aimed to construct a model that identifies the factors influencing job satisfaction.

The study's findings indicate that the overall Employee Job Satisfaction Score falls within the "Low" category, and there is a significant number of dissatisfied employees. This underscores the importance for organizations to institute mechanisms for measuring job satisfaction. It is crucial, however, that these measurements focus on the right aspects, specifically those that have the most significant impact on performance and serve as a foundation for positive improvements.

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NEP 2020 as Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of Education

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Abstract :

Education provides knowledge and skills that improve work prospects, reduce poverty, and improve health and well-being, making education a fundamental human right. Education policy is the way by which a society can achieve the educational level that is the foundation of any progressive movement. The concept of sustainable development is also critical to societal growth. Sustainable development is a strategy for reducing the negative environmental effects of human activity. The notion of sustainable development is founded on the assumption that current societies must meet the demands of their people without jeopardizing future generations' ability to do the same. The 2030 Sustainable Development Goals were established with the goal of achieving sustainable development on a global scale by that year. The Sustainable Development Goals for 2030's Goal 4 states that "everyone should have access to inclusive and equitable educational opportunities." Goal No. 4 in particular places a strong focus on educational quality with the aim of ensuring that all students have the opportunity to receive high-quality education and inspiring them to do so throughout their lives.

Keywords: NEP 2020, Sustainable Development Goal, United Nations, Sustainability, UNESCO, Knowledge, Skill, etc.

Introduction :

Education is essential for realising the potential of every person, building a more just and equal society, and advancing a country's development. To continue its growth and maintain its position as a worldwide leader in areas such as economic growth, social fairness and equality, scientific progress, national unity, and cultural preservation, it is essential that India provide its people with access to world-class education. The vast talents and resources of our country must be developed and utilized through universal, high-quality education for the benefit of the individual, group, community, and world. India will have the largest youth population in the world during the next ten years. The prosperity of the country of India will depend on its ability to provide high-quality educational opportunities for its children. One having diverse abilities across the sciences, social sciences, and humanities, especially one with an understanding of mathematics, computer science, and data science.

The pace of information dissemination is quickening. A competent workforce will be increasingly in demand as a finding of various important technological & scientific developments, such as the machine learning, artificial intelligence & growth of big data. One having diverse capacity across the humanities, social sciences, & sciences, especially one

with an understanding of mathematics, computer science, and data science. Numerous low-skilled jobs might someday be replaced by machines globally. Climate change, increasing pollution, and a diminishing supply of natural resources will significantly alter how we meet the needs of the world for energy, water, food, and sanitation; this will require the hiring of new skilled workers, particularly in the fields of chemistry, biology, physics, environmental science, the agricultural industry, and the social sciences. The necessity for multidisciplinary education and training is highlighted by the rising frequency and severity of epidemics and pandemics, as well as the resulting issues in social organization. The demand for the arts and humanities will increase as India advances towards being one of the world's industrialized nations and one of the top three economies.

In reality, because of the quickly changing workplace and ecological landscape, it's very important than ever for children to not only learn to study but also to learn how to learn. In order to foster higher-order abilities like analytical reasoning, problem-solving, creativity, interdisciplinary thinking, and the capacity to swiftly and efficiently acquire new material, the emphasis of education should shift away from rote memorization. Education must change in order to become more immersive, thorough, inquiry-driven, integrated, learner-centered, discussion-based, discovery-oriented, adaptable, and, of course, entertaining. The curriculum should include foundational humanities, games & fitness in addition to literature, culture, languages, & values to provide students with a more thorough, useful, and meaningful education. Education should aid in students' moral, intellectual, emotional, and social development in addition to preparing them for successful jobs.

To reduce the accomplishment gap between what is now supplied and what is required, significant reforms are required everywhere, from preschool to university. India's educational system needs to be of the highest calibre by 2040, giving all kids access to a top-notch education regardless of their family's financial standing.

Meeting the many and urgent demands of our nation's swift expansion is the main objective of this, the first national education plan of the twenty-first century. In order to achieve the ambitious goals of 21st-century education, particularly SDG4, while building upon India's traditions and values, this Policy encourages a rethink and rebuilding of the whole educational system, including its regulation and governance. The national education strategy places a lot of priority for each person's growth student's unique inventive ability. It is predicated on the idea that formal education is required for kids to learn more advanced skills like critical thinking and problem solving in addition to the basic ones like reading and writing.

Objectives :

- To study the Sustainable Development Goal of Education (SDG 4).
- To study the Relationship between NDP 2020 and SDG 2030.

Methodology :

The nature of the present study is analytical and descriptive. This study is based on secondary source. For which research literature, research papers and articles published in magazines and newspapers for the last 7 years (2016 to 2023) have been studied.

Literature Review :

- Dixit, M (2023) studied on National Education Policy 2020: Transformation of Education System and concluded that Universal access to high-quality education and lifelong learning is an objective shared by the new National Education Policy 2020 and Sustainable

Development objective 4. By making higher education more accessible, adaptive, and inclusive to the demands of the 21st century, NEP 2020 connects India with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SD), transforming it into a vibrant knowledge society and a worldwide knowledge powerhouse.

- Sonawane, M. (2022) studied on sustainable development through national education policy-2020 and concluded that The NEP-2020 has accepted & adopted almost all objectives of SDG-2030, by introducing educational reforms, modifications, and introduction of new ideas. This paper attempts to elaborate on NEP-2020 and future educational sustainable development-related prospects and issues. Also, suggest a pathway to sustainable development through implementation strategies, and agenda for an action plan for socio-economic concerns of education.
- Raman (2021) studied on New Education Policy-2020 of India is in line with Goal 4 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2030) and revealed that the effectiveness of the various exit points now available under NEP-2020, which benefit students by better signalling their educational status and determining their ensuing employability, assisting India in capturing its demographic dividend and making better use of the youth's untapped potential.

Sustainable Development Goal of Education

Providing and ensuring comprehensive, egalitarian, and high-quality education for everyone is the focus of SDG-4. It also attempts to encourage chances for everyone to study throughout their lives. Recently, it has become clear that education is the key to any form of national progress. Any nation benefits from having an educated people.

This objective is intended to raise educational standards and eliminate educational inequalities. Under this, ten goals have been stated, each of which focuses on a different aspect of education. By achieving these goals by the year 2030, SDG4 is intended to be completed.

Ten goals are listed here:

1. Primary and secondary education for all.
2. Early childhood care and pre-primary education
3. Affordable and quality education
4. Relevant skills for employment /entrepreneurship
5. Bridging gender disparities in education and equal participation
6. Improving literacy and numeracy among all.
7. Sustainable development
8. Providing conducive learning environments
9. Through ample scholarships
10. Improving the quality of teachers

Relationship between NDP 2020 and SDG 2030

The fundamental goal of NEP 2020 is to turn India into a "Global Knowledge Powerhouse" through promoting innovation, high-quality education, and a vibrant research culture. The Sustainable Development Goals were presented to the globe by the United Nations based on what will keep us alive in the future. 17 global objectives are included in the 2030 Agenda and are backed by the majority of nations.

The SDGs are outlined in the NEP 2020, which also requests that these goals be included in India's educational strategy. The decade 2020-2030 has been designated as the "Decade of

Action" by the United Nations. The "Decade of Resilience" is the name given to this time period as a result of the global spread of infectious illnesses.

SDG 2030 Goal 4, which is the cornerstone of national growth, is built on high-quality education. Therefore, for global transformation that is for the better, quality education and his SDG 2030 go hand in hand.

The foundations of a high-quality education, according to the 2030 objective for Sustainable Development, are access, fairness, quality, affordability, as well as responsibility in education. NEP is in accordance with this objective. A high-quality education increases the diversity, adaptability, interdisciplinary, and 21st-century relevance of school and university education.

India has advanced significantly since the creation of the NEP 2020 by the government. According to NEP 2020, "the policy proposes a thorough review and transformation of all aspects of the educational structure, including regulation and governance, to create a new system that meets the ambitious goals of 21st-century education, including SDG 4."

NEP claims that in order to enable students to think critically, solve issues, and embrace eclectic approaches to embracing what is helpful to their overall advancement, we need to shift away from standard teaching techniques. In addition to enhancing student proficiency, these innovative teaching strategies will also help India's socioeconomic status and advance its growth by the year 2020, which will benefit the global education ecosystem.

The Global Education Policy Guidelines also incorporate guidelines. UNSDG 2030 has received widespread support, and all signatories pledge to advance education for sustainable development. It is obvious that incorporating lifelong learning into national priorities and policies will help sustainable development. SDG 4 (2030) and NEP 2030 are compatible. The Indian educational system will be reorganized and realigned as a result. Promote universal literacy and free primary and secondary education under SDG 4. The NEP seeks to guarantee a child's full enrollment in school.

SDG 4 aims to ensure equal opportunity at all educational levels & professional development for all vulnerable groups, indigenous peoples, including persons with disabilities, and children in need of protection. In this context, NEP 2020 also emphasises the significance of educational and professional equity and calls for its incorporation into common degree programmes. By allowing at least 10 days of bag-free sessions in schools, NEP 2020 brings a truly creative notion to education. There, students have the chance to engage in first-hand interactions with local experts including carpenters, painters, potters, and gardeners. Students have the opportunity to learn and enhance these abilities through internships.

Conclusion :

The SDG 2030 of the UN, which state that equitably distributed availability of education is the cornerstone of sustainable development, are likewise in line with the NEP 2020. The administration has made sure that the nation's effort for self-reliance would be successful by integrating SDG objectives into NEP and making sure that every person has access to a quality education. All of the nation's citizens will be strengthened by NEP 2020 by expanding their knowledge and skill sets. Along with curriculum reform and institutional change in stages, it also explicitly mentions a total makeover of Pre-primary through higher education in the Indian educational system, which will aid India in achieving SDG goals.

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Chawl Culture in Kiran Nagarkar's Novels Ravan & Eddie & The Extras

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Abstract: -

The present paper supplies Bombay's chawl culture in selected novels of Kiran Nagarkar. The portrayal of Mumbai in the literature will be analyzed and improved. It makes an effort to highlight the parallels and discrepancies between how Mumbai is portrayed by Nagarkar. Mumbai is presented as seen through the many characters' views. Bombay has become the source of bread and butter to a large section of the society who migrates to Bombay and thus they become the inhabitant of Bombay. The depiction of Bombay in his novels reveals the metropolitan chawl culture and its glory and gloomy side. This paper shall analyze the multicultural aspects of Bombay as the multi-cultural hub in the novels of Nagarkar. Bombay is an economic capital of India. It has been the focal point of his novels which have been set and developed around the milieu of the Bombay. The picture of Bombay deals with the local trains, taxis, theaters, academic institutes, streets, Bollywood, markets, etc. which have a deep association with the life of common folk.

Keywords: - Bombay, Chawl culture, society, culture, the rich and the poor.

Introduction : -

Indian novelist, playwright, dramatist, and screenwriter Kiran Nagarkar also wrote in Marathi and English. He was born into a lower-middle-class family in Bombay in 1942. His father had Western influences, and his mother was a Bengali Brahmin. He attended St. Xavier College in Mumbai to study English literature. The South Indian Education Society College in Bombay is where he received his post-graduate degree in English literature. For his second book, Cuckold, he was honored with the prestigious Sahitya Academy Award in 2001. His debut book in English, Ravan and Eddie (1995), is a tale of two boys. Eddie is a Roman Catholic Christian, while Ravan is a Maratha who practices Hinduism. They were raised in Bombay on various levels of the Central Works Department (CWD) chawl.

The novels show the effects of low-income housing as well as a wide cross-section of Indian urban life today. He focuses on the interactions and conflicts between various Indian cultures. Nagarkar has concentrated on moral and social issues. He writes about politics, history, culture, and modern life. Mumbai is portrayed in literature, but it also reflects society. Indian modern novels often have intercultural themes that reflect the goals and desires of both men and women in a globalized society to understand modern life. The Bombay is a center point in the novels of Nagarkar. His novels have been set and moved around Bombay. In Bombay, these people take shelter on footpaths or in the chawls, which become the permanent place of their accommodation. These migrated families have their own culture, languages, customs, and traditions but they meet the hybrid culture of Bombay. Because of this migrated families feel insecure and uncertain about the metropolitan future.

Renowned authors like Charles Lamb depicted London in his essays, James Joyce the Dublin in his novels, and T. S. Eliot delineated the modern cities in his poetry. These men of letters stood for their respective cities with their culture and ethos. In Nagarkar's novels, Bombay appeared as a city of joy, happiness, and agonies of middle-class people who belong to the different strata of society. Nagarkar is their reaction to the social, cultural, political, economic, and religious scenario of the time. Both *Ravan* and *Eddie* and *The Extra* plainly explain Mumbai's current condition and represent key elements that the central character's life revolves around.

Mumbai as the key location that affects and molds individuals in a novel is thus a clear concept that has been used by many authors. The individuals' relationship with the city of Mumbai is portrayed as one that endures and changes with time and in which both factors are influenced by one another's behavior. Mumbai's structures served as symbols for concepts like nationalism, faith, and the power of royalty.

Life in Mumbai's metropolitan centers was rapidly changing after independence, which appears in Nagarkar's paintings. The city and the awareness of the outside world work inexplicably together to change society in terms of its material, social, cultural, and mental aspects. Nevertheless, there have only been a few studies that concentrate on the geographical setting of literary works, particularly in the historical setting of Mumbai, despite the importance of the location in a novel.

Nagarkar focused on the history of brass bands, the Bombay taxi, and prohibition of alcohol, the superstars, the prostitution trade, and the mafia don. At the end of the novel, *Ravan*, *Eddie*, and their colleagues stay extra in the Bollywood industry. A diversity of viewpoints adhering to social, cultural, economic, and political structures must be used to understand cities (2002:198). Such knowledge will help one to be freed from the urgent problems that impede the growth of the present city or state (2005). The concept of a city or state is not merely constrained by its physical borders; rather, it is set up by the population's collective behavior, which expresses the psycho-

logical climate of the city. The idea of the city's identity and that of its inhabitants are thus caught in a vicious loop where each has an equal impact on the other (2012). Cities are defined by their structures, roads, infrastructure, and other material features, but they also reflect the intricate processes that take place inside their local environment. Literature often depicts these nuances. In the works of modernist writers, the city is a major motif. Numerous books of poetry and fiction explore how urban environments can startle, excite, alienate, or elicit feelings of thrill or perplexity (2016: 2016).

Cities have a collective identity that skillfully manipulates the personality of a person or a group of people. According to Elizabeth (2014), people appear to be affected by the pervasive feeling of psychology that cities foster. Cities are known to elicit emotions such as astonishment, exhilaration, perplexity, or thrill that further shape social conceptions and define an individual's personality. A city's function in a novel shift from serving as the "setting for the action to an active component of the action," according to Levy (1978). The state of Mumbai has served as the focal point for many reforms that have advanced India as a whole.

Mumbai is thus a fundamental theme that permeates a narrative and has been used by many authors to affect and influence the characters. The individuals' relationship with the city of Mumbai is portrayed as one that endures and changes with time and both factors are influenced by one another's actions. The structures in Mumbai served as metaphors for concepts like national pride, religious identity, and regal authority. Life in Mumbai's major cities was rapidly changing after independence, as is clear (2014: 188). The city and its knowledge of the outside world work inexplicably together to change society in terms of its material, social, cultural, and mental aspects. A given society's modernization and urbanization process is highlighted by the political sphere and the inherent qualities of the state. Nagarkar has portrayed a multi-cultured, multi-religious, and multi-lingual society living in the chawls of Mumbai. He has focused on the tough life of chawl people and the joviality of their lives along with their hardships through the digression method. Nagarkar is recognized as a novelist of Mumbai and hence *Ravan & Eddie*, *The Extras* are the perfect Mumbai novels.

The novels are set in the Chawls, where several families share a verandah and common toilets. He has described the issues of communalism, water problem, and several cultures that co-exist in the city. Today, Mumbai is obsessed with skyscrapers. Mumbai also has many chawls, bungalows, smaller structures, and heritage neighborhoods, all of which are steadily disappearing from the city's landscape. Mumbai Chawl is the best identity of unity in diversity because people of multiple religions, cultures, and castes live happily. Mumbai is referred to as a dream city, where everyone looks to set up a profession. Mumbai has been known as a city with two faces; it both feeds

and kicks the underdogs. It fosters their aspirations while impeding their fulfillment. Living in a city can be challenging since the daily grind can ruin relationships within the family and even a person's soul. Eddie and Ravan are dreamers in the third category. Mumbai's socioeconomic realities are the subject of Nagarkar's social critique film *The Extras*. The novel's main theme is the everyday struggles of lower-middle-class and lower-class people who live in a bustling city like Mumbai. Once again, the author can paint an exact representation of the social context that surrounds people in a crowded space.

The most populated city in the nation of India as well as one of the biggest metropolitan areas in the world is Mumbai, as it is currently known. By exploring how the city manifests itself through the physical frameworks that bind the city together, the current paper looks to make a novel contribution to the literary depictions of Bombay. Bombay has seen a period of social and economic upheaval that has caused conflict, influenced class and gender differences, and resulted in disputed areas of public and private life inside its borders. Additionally, people from rural areas have traveled to the city, with complicated repercussions.

Conclusion : -

The study article has concentrated on how everyday urban settings are created and experienced, which leads to the creation of one's identity within the confines of the city. The necessity to creatively document these changes during this time is essential as globalization continues to exert more of an influence than ever before. The categories that were previously used to explain the operations of urban depictions are insufficient in such a situation. The fact that the city keeps attracting so much attention just serves as further evidence that it supplies an ideal setting for exploring the complex, albeit difficult, realities of contemporary life.

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The Psychological Challenges in a House for Mr. Biswas

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Abstract

This article focuses on how psychological tensions are shown in V. S. Naipaul's *A House for Mr. Biswas*. The novel by Naipaul offers accurate details on the actual social structures, cultural institutions, and way of life throughout the 20th century. It discusses ethical concerns and psychological conflicts that are still relevant today. The goal of the current essay is to examine internal tensions and mental imbalance via the epic-like work he produced in 1961, *A House for Mr. Biswas*, from a socio-psychological point of view. People suffer mental harm when conflict between an individual and society develops as a result of diverse cultural differences and relocation. Inter-psyche conflict causes several socio-psychological conflict symptoms, which are shown in the character as emotional estrangement, perplexity, and dissatisfaction with the human psyche.

Key Words : Psychological Challenges, Identity crises, alienation, slavery, and domination.

Introduction : -

In 1932, V. S. Naipaul was born in Trinidad. He attended University College, Oxford for four years beginning in 1950 before relocating to London, where he started his writing career. Numerous awards, including the David Cohen British Literature Award, the Booker Prize, and the Somerset Maugham Award, have been given to Naipaul.

Additionally, it investigates the origins and effects of the many psychological problems those persons who live abroad encounter. This chapter's main themes center on the social, cultural, and psychological elements of a person and of a society. The episodic novel *A House for Mr. Biswas* is rife with psychological tension. He is ridiculed and abused by Tara's brother-in-law Bhandat when his family moves in with Tara after his father passes away. Mr. Biswas declares, "I'm going to find employment on my own. I'll also be getting my own home. This is completed by me (1961:64).

His son Anand also does well academically and has writing potential in this area. But Mr. Biswas's luck has several setbacks, and it is not until the very end of his life that he can purchase a home only to discover that the experience was substantially different from what he had anticipated. For Mr. Biswas, each of these houses represents an attempt to find a solution to a problem and each represents a flawed solution uniquely. Despite several humiliations, Mr. Biswas rarely loses the semblance of dignity that the title ensures. Mr. Biswas received respectful treatment in the days that followed. Like this, the reality of the human relationships throughout the book is compelling.

Each character is believable as they are while also fitting into the plot of the book and having been included to further the plot of Mr. Biswas's life. They have resentments towards him, but he outresents them. He quarrels, mocks, and insults. Shama, his wife, is a shrewd player who alternates between supporting and deserting her husband with ease. Mr. Biswas prevails in some of these willpower fights while losing in others. Pointless deadlock is frequent. The intertwining melodies of these many discords may be heard throughout *A House for Mr. Biswas*. By saying, "I'm going to get a job of my own," he can rationalize the harsh, inhumane, and unpleasant things that have transpired in his life. And I'm planning to buy a house of my own. I have completed this. He swept his hurting arm about the low, sooty thatch and the mud walls (1961: 66). His first instructor, Pundit Jairam, insults him, causing him to become shocked.

His talk with his mother around this time marks the beginning of his neurotic identity, which includes fury, disorder, and melancholy. He informed Bipti, "I am not going to take any job at all. I don't want to see Tara." I'm going to commit suicide. His time at Tulsi House is ruined when he is forced into the dominant social structure there as an undesired insider; "Mr. Biswas had neither money nor rank. He was envisioned as a Tulsi. He rebelled at first (1961: 99). Beginning with "... silence, stares, hostility, and perhaps little fears", his existence is filled with opposition (1961: 103). Due to improper familial relationships, he becomes alienated and rejects to leave Tulsi's oppressive environment and forge his independent one. Chase loses control abruptly, behaving neurotically: He got angry at some point. What in the world do you think I resemble? And why in the world should I invite Hari to bless this location? This area? Observe for yourself. He tapped the shop wall while gesturing towards the kitchen. Is already quite awful. It would be going too far to provide for your family on top of all of this (1961: 152). Down the barracks and next door, he could hear them.

He was clutching a book that contained them. All volumes had them (1961: 277). Mr. Biswas is overcome by anxiety and sadness, which transforms him into a neurotic figure with erratic actions. "He grew his nail to a very long length. He plucked and pinched at his face till his cheeks and forehead were like welts. When his daughter's dollhouse was damaged by someone else, his neurotic response was also evident. Back at the House, he ran. His shirt tore and the flesh underneath it tore as the edge of a wall brushed across his shoulder (1961: 228). He loses control and begins to yell

loudly, cry, and berate his wife. The mental illness forces him into a condition of nervous breakdown, which leads to sadness, abandonment, and ongoing mental shock in the end.

In *The Green Vale*, Mr. Biswas devises several risky and creative plots during a manic episode to free himself from family and societal obligations. He decided he had to get rid of Anand and Savi as well as himself so that the kids wouldn't know who had murdered them. He experienced visions all morning in which he cutlasses, poisoned, strangled, and burnt Anand and Savi, perverting his connection with them even before they arrived (1961: 284-85). Mr. Biswas' schizoid personality and the variety of his intellect are depicted by Naipaul. When a schizoid feels uncomfortable at home, he may become "social-alienated," developing a propensity to retreat. "He found four kids on his bed". Not his, they weren't. After that, he entered his room in the early hours of the night, locked it, and refused to respond to any knocks, calls, scratches, or cries (1961: 379–80). The family noted Mr. Biswas's quiet, silence, and seclusion since he is an expatriate whose ongoing failure makes him schizoid and neurotic. He didn't complain about noise, gently rebuffed attempts to talk to him, and went on lengthy nighttime walks alone (1961: 508). He wanted to climb mountains to exhaust himself, wander for hours on end, and never come back to the house, the empty tent, the dead fire holes, or the disorganized furnishings since everything seemed to him to be the target of hatred when he is in a psychotic state (1961: 382). There are several instances where Biswas's schizoid behaviors such as his spontaneous tears, violent outbursts, and chatting to invisible people unveil his split personality. He kept hearing him exclaim, "Trap," indicating that he was "trapped" in a "hole" That is what you do to me, along with your family. The idea of alienation has fascinated and tormented several sociologists and philosophers, and as a result, it has had a stormy past that dates back to Hegel. According to Iain Williamson and Cedric Cullingford, "There is disagreement about the definition, debate over whether the phenomenon is a sociological process or a psychological state, or both, and confusion over the inevitability of the experience" (1997: 263).

Thus; Naipaul became a writer and Mr. Biswas built a house struggling with the drawbacks of their society. One finally reads or rereads Mr. Biswas for this balanced totality, this fecund complexity, for the way it brings to startling fruition in 20th century Trinidad the promise of the 19th century European novel. One such account, of the burning of poui sticks for the rough village sport of stick-fighting, captures the way the scent of the sticks opens up in Mr. Biswas a sudden seam of memory. Another is a condensed small work of desire. It shows Mr. Biswas as a bus conductor in his youth, going past a lonely cottage in the night. He was only wearing a vest. The vest had a white glow.

Conclusion :-

Naipaul concentrates on the protagonist's personal life to convey a community's ethnic and social history. He makes an effort to fit in at Hanuman House, but he fails every time. As the lone rebel against the traditional system riddled with poisonous myths, customs, and rituals, he finds himself entirely alone in the throng. Early on, Mr. Biswas found himself on the periphery of Trinidadian society, virtually an orphan who never caught up with social norms. The house endorses a solution to the expatriation issue. Naipaul concentrates on the protagonist's personal life to convey a community's ethnic and social history. He makes an effort to fit in at Hanuman House, but he fails every time. As the lone rebel against the traditional system riddled with poisonous myths, customs, and rituals, he finds himself entirely alone in the throng. He is an East Indian who wants to reject his Hindu roots but finds it challenging to assimilate into Western culture.

Mr. Biswas is an immigrant who spends his life looking for his place in the world while harboring nostalgia for his own country. His unfounded desire to establish his personality drives him to experience many rejections and gives him a neurotic demeanor in the delicate world. In seclusion, where the misery of previous events becomes a persistent part of their recollections, Naipaul and his characters appear to have found their last refuge. The characters' schizoid and neurotic attitude seem to be a reflection of Mr. Biswas, whose life of constant relocation failed to achieve psychological equilibrium in a foreign country.

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A Glimpse of the Psychological Journey of Veera Tripathi in the Film Highway (2014): A Study Based on Interpretation and Hermeneutics

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Abstract :

The research study titled “A Glimpse of the Psychological Journey of Veera Tripathi in the Film Highway (2014): A Study Based on Interpretation and Hermeneutics” views and analyzes the film text Highway(2014) using the critical or literary theory, ‘Interpretation and Hermeneutics’. The study focusses on deriving meaning/s or interpretation/s of the text by analyzing its language and providing commentary on it or by paraphrasing it. The study scans the text through the lens of Hermeneutics and attempts to derive the meaning/s of the text. The study focusses on understanding the film text as an organic whole and the meaning of each constituent part of the organic whole must be understood to derive the meaning of the whole. The study illustrates the fact that the reader or viewer achieves an objective interpretation of an author’s expressed meaning. The author’s verbal intention that gets actualized in words is shared by the reader who is competent in the same conventions and norms. It elucidates the reformulation of Wilhelm Dilthey’s (1833-1911) concept by Eric Donald Hirsch (born 1928-) that a hypothesis as to the meaning of a part of the text or the whole of the text can be confirmed or disconfirmed by continuing reference to the text and if disconfirmed can be replaced by an alternative hypothesis which conforms more closely to all the components of the text. The study highlights the fact that the significance of the film text for its viewer is a relation of its verbal meaning and the personal situation, beliefs, prevailing cultural milieu, unconscious archive of ideas and responses of the individual viewer. The study proves that a genuine understanding of the text is achieved by re-experiencing the “inner life” that the text expresses. The film text engages in a responsive dialogue with the viewer and the resultant meaning of this film text emerges

when there is a collaboration between the horizon of the film text and that of the viewer. The study elucidates the descriptive theory of Hans Georg Gadamer (1900-2002) which focusses on the fact that the meaning of a text is codetermined by the temporal and personal horizon of the individual viewer and that there cannot be one stable right interpretation. The interpretations are always in flux.

Keywords: Interpretation, Hermeneutics, Intention, Hermeneutic Circle, Existential Philosophy, Significance, Verbal Meaning, Codetermined, Hypothesis, Stockholm Syndrome etcetera.

Introduction :

The research study titled “A Glimpse of the Psychological Journey of Veera Tripathi in the Film Highway (2014): A Study Based on Interpretation and Hermeneutics” is based on viewing and analyzing the film text, Highway (2014) through the lens of “Interpretation and Hermeneutics”. Highway (2014) is a Hindi film written and directed by Imtiaz Ali and produced by Sajid Nadiadwala. The star cast of the film includes Alia Bhatt, Samar Mudasir Bakshi, Randeep Hooda, Mohammad Kaif, Durgesh Kumar, Saharsh Kumar Shukla, Pradeep Nagar, Hemant Mahaur, Reuben Israel and Naina Trivedi. The film was released on 21st February 2014. The film was screened in the “Panorama” section of the 2014 Berlin International Film Festival and received nine nominations in the 60th Filmfare Awards. Ms. Alia Bhatt won the “Best Actress” and the “Critics’ Best Actress” awards whereas Mr. Imtiaz Ali won the award for the “Best Story Writer” for the film, Highway. It is based on an episode of the same title from the Zee TV anthology series Rishtey that was written and directed by Imtiaz Ali. The story of Highway revolves around a girl, Veera Tripathi, who experiences a psychological journey that has a physical manifestation in the form of a long journey through India after she is kidnapped. This psychological and physical journey leads to her psychological and physical freedom through a self-discovery.

The critical or literary theory of “Interpretation and Hermeneutics” focusses on the interpretation of a text from the subject position or the critical position of a reader or a viewer or else a critic. Plato (428-348 BC), Aristotle (384-322 BC) and the Stoic philosophers based their understanding of the world in making sense out of the world and deriving interpretations out of it. The Christian theologians such as Saint Augustine (384 AD-430 AD), Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) and Martin Luther (1483-1546) were focused on deriving adequate interpretations of the sacred scriptures. They were interested in the rules for interpreting the sacred texts and the critics were focused on the rules for interpreting literature. In the nineteenth century, Friedrich Daniel Ernst Schleiermacher (1768-1834) and Wilhelm Dilthey (1833-1911) developed the theories of interpretation. Friedrich Schleiermacher developed the idea of the “hermeneutic circle” (Abrams 91). The Hermeneutic philosophers posit that interpretation is a circular

progression as the entire text must be understood as a sum of its parts and vice versa. Friedrich Schleiermacher based Hermeneutics on two important goals, and they are gaining knowledge of universally valid rules of interpretation and gaining knowledge of the author by reading his texts. Wilhelm Dilthey contributed to the theory by proving that there are different methods to deriving meaning out of a text. The reader tries to understand the psychic life of an author when s/he tries to interpret a text by re-experiencing the inner life that the texts express. Martin Heidegger (1889-1976) in *Being and Time* (1927) contributed to the theory by incorporating the act of interpretation into an “existential philosophy” (Abrams 93) which is a philosophy based on “Dasein” (Abrams 93) by relating the necessary conditions for interpretation to the human state of being in the world. He added an ontological dimension to Hermeneutics. The reformulation of Wilhelm Dilthey’s concept by Eric Donald Hirsch (born 1928-) that a “hypothesis” (Abrams 92) as to the meaning of a part of the text or the whole of the text can be confirmed or disconfirmed by continuing reference to the text and if disconfirmed can be replaced by an “alternative hypothesis” (Abrams 92) which conforms more closely to all the components of the text. Hans George Gadamer (1900-2002) in *Truth and Method* (1960) stated that there are “horizons of understanding” (Abrams 93) which are used to interpret texts. He explains that the prejudices and the presuppositions color and mediate the reader’s understanding of the text. The theory posits the concept of mediation according to which when a text is read by a reader then the reader understands the text as per his/her knowledge, belief or feeling. The theory professes a “conflict of interpretation” which means that there are multiple valid but incompatible interpretations of a text that cannot be synthesized. Jean Paul Gustave Ricoeur (1913-2005) states that any discourse is polysemic in nature as words have different meanings in different contexts, that is, the context of the author as well as that of the reader. This aspect in turn gives rise to multiple valid but conflicting interpretations. The theory foregrounds discourse as language used in speech or writing and focusses on speech acts which determine the way in which the discourse of the text should be interpreted and responded to.

Interpretation and Hermeneutics:

The critical theory of “Interpretation and Hermeneutics” deals with the extraction of an interpretation of the text by the reader, viewer or the critic and focusses on the way in which a particular interpretation is derived. The interpretation of the film text *Highway* is that the protagonist Veera Tripathi is a victim of “Stockholm Syndrome” (“Stockholm Syndrome”). Stockholm Syndrome is the name of a syndrome derived from an unsuccessful bank robbery committed in SverigesKreditbank in Stockholm, Sweden in August 1973. The bank’s employees were held hostage in the vault of the bank for six days during the robbery which resulted in a bond between the captor and the captive. One hostage among them told the Swedish Prime Minister, Olof Palme, during a telephone call that she trusted her captors but feared that she would die

because of the police assault on the building. “Stockholm Syndrome” is defined in Encyclopedia Britannica as a psychological response wherein a captive begins to identify with his/her captors, agenda and demands (“Stockholm Syndrome”). In Highway, Veera Tripathi is abducted from a petrol station near a highway just one day before her wedding when she goes on a drive with her fiancé, Vinay. During her abduction Vinay is unable to rescue her and is in turn paralyzed with fear. Her abductors panic when they come to know that her father, Manik Kumar Tripathi has links in the government. Her captors continuously move her from one place to the other to avoid the police but when the police forcibly search the truck where Veera has been hidden, she hides herself from them. She categorically mentions that she loves the journey and does not want to go back to her home, family, and old life. This psychological state of Veera is an instance of “Stockholm Syndrome”. Despite her abduction she is comfortable with her captors, and she is ready to go on a psychological and physical journey with one of her captors, that is, Mahabir Bhati. She does not make any attempt to contact her fiancé or family members. At a later stage in the narrative, she makes Mahabir Bhati her confidant regarding her childhood sexual abuse by her uncle. Mahabir too makes a clean breast of his childhood abuse by his father. She cohabits with Mahabir Bhati in a small home on the mountains. She even cares for him like his mother till they are discovered by the police and Mahabir is shot to which Veera reacts emotionally but strongly. Thus, Veera’s warming up to her captors especially Mahabir Bhati is a clear instance of “Stockholm Syndrome”, which is validated by the citing of instances from Highway.

Hermeneutic Circle :

The Hermeneutic philosophers posit that interpretation is a circular progression as the entire text must be understood as a sum of its parts and vice versa. The film Highway is about the protagonist, Veera’s Tripathi’s self-discovery. The self-discovery happens on two planes namely through the physical journey that Veera undertakes with Mahabir Bhati and the psychological journey that she undertakes with Mahabir Bhati as her confidant and her companion. The two journeys’ have component parts such as her drive with Vinay, her abduction, her “Stockholm Syndrome”, her journey with Mahabir Bhati, her halt in a mountainous town, her and Mahabir’s confessions about their respective pasts, police raid leading to Mahabir’s death, Veera’s return to her home, her nervous breakdown, her rehabilitation, empowerment, and finally her liberation. Each component event at every stage on the physical plane has a corresponding development on the psychological plane. These are components of the trajectory of Veera Tripathi’s self-discovery which happens on two planes. The events are sequenced in a way that the corresponding physical and psychological outcomes can be achieved and understood. Moreover, to understand Veera Tripathi’s self-discovery and derive meaning out of it, it is important to understand the component events both on the physical and the psychological planes. Each event attains meaning

when placed on the trajectory of her self-discovery.

Psychic Life of the Film Text Highway :

The Hermeneutic philosophers stated that the goal of interpreting a text is understanding the psychic life of the author. The projection of Veera Tripathi's character in the film Highway who is on a road to self-discovery during which she discovers who she is and what she wants in life could be the road to self-discovery taken by the author himself or anyone whom he knows intimately in real life. The projection of the author's intention in the film takes the form of an association between Veera Tripathi and MahabirBhati. This association is molded as a romance between two people who belong to two different socio-economic strata. It is innocent love that is projected to be enveloping them and permeating the boundaries of class and caste. The author seems to be foregrounding an idyllic, egalitarian, and idealistic society in which the rigid class and caste distinctions have been broken down and levelled if not in actuality, then in idealism. This aspect foregrounds the derivation of the objective interpretation of the author's expressed meaning by the viewer.

Hypothesis or Alternative Hypothesis of the Film Text Highway :

The hypothesis regarding the meaning of a part of the text or the whole of the text can be confirmed or disconfirmed by continuing reference to the text and if disconfirmed can be replaced by an alternative hypothesis which conforms more closely to all the components of the text. The interpretation of Highway as a tale of romance is a hypothesis foregrounded regarding the film text due to the budding romance between Veera Tripathi, the victim, and MahabirBhati, one of her captors in the film. Their intimacy is shown to hinge on their mutual confessions to each other about their respective pasts, their journey with each other highlighting togetherness and their happy sojourn in the mountainous town. The very same intimacy is exhibited through Veera's emotional setback after Mahabir's death. There is an alternative hypothesis regarding the film text Highway. This alternative hypothesis is foregrounded by the researcher and is about Veera Tripathi's "Stockholm Syndrome". It is the result of her abduction by MahabirBhati and his gang. The love affair of Veera and Mahabir is the culmination of her "Stockholm Syndrome" which is evidenced by her long sojourn with her captor, Mahabir, so much so that she does not want to go back to her home, family, and old life. Her emotional reaction on his death in a police force raid further provides evidence of "Stockholm Syndrome". It starts as an act of cooperation between Veera and her captors leading to the thawing of ice between her and them especially MahabirBhati. The hypothesis can be improved upon by the alternative hypothesis as the romance depicted in the text is not sheer romance but a symptom of "Stockholm Syndrome" in the larger scheme of things related to the film. The crossing over of Veera to the other side is a classic phenomenon that happens after her exploration of the other side that helps her to psychologically know her captors who prove to be rustic and uncouth criminals but treat her in a better way in comparison to her family

members keeping in mind her sexual abuse by her uncle. Thus, the remark that the real threat is from the insiders and not from the outsiders of a family. Thus, the two interpretations are in flux.

Horizon of Understanding of the Reader in Relation to the Film Text Highway :

The film text engages in a responsive dialogue with the viewer and the resultant meaning of this film text emerges when there is a collaboration between the “horizon” (Abrams 93) of the film text and that of the viewer. The study elucidates the descriptive theory of Hans Georg Gadamer (1900-2002) which focusses on the fact that the meaning of a text is codetermined by the temporal and personal horizon of the individual viewer and that there cannot be one stable right interpretation. The collaboration between the horizon of the film text Highway and that of the viewer or researcher is evidenced in the interpretation provided by the researcher regarding Veera Tripathi’s “Stockholm Syndrome”.

The “significance” (Abrams 92) of the film text to its viewer is a relation of its “verbal meaning” (Abrams 92) and the personal situation, beliefs, prevailing cultural milieu, unconscious archive of ideas and responses of the individual viewer. The broadening of the significance of the film text Highway is the result of a mediated interpretation provided by the viewer. The ideological framework, psychological makeup influenced by the unconscious archive of ideas and the response of the individual viewer provides a telescopic interpretation of the film text by situating the genre of romance to which the text originally belongs within the genre of psychological realism thereby embedding the romance depicted in the film within the larger perspective of “Stockholm Syndrome”.

Mediation of the Viewer in Highway :

The concept of mediation is exhibited when a text is read by a reader and the reader understands the text as per his/her knowledge, belief or feeling. The viewer’s interpretation of the film text Highway as an instance of psychological realism depicting “Stockholm Syndrome” is an outcome of the viewer’s mediation in the film and deriving meaning out of the film as per his/her knowledge, belief or feeling.

Discourse :

“Interpretation and Hermeneutics” projects discourse as language used in speech or writing. The film text Highway (2014) is in Hindi language, and it is a road movie which is about the protagonist Veera Tripathi who is abducted by a gang of abductors among whom Mahabir Bhati is one. The film text foregrounds the psychological journey that Veera Tripathi undertakes when she is abducted and is moved from one city to the other physically and psychologically as they are evading the police due to the fear that Manik Kumar Tripathi, Veera’s father has links in the government. The abduction is not only physical but also psychological. The plot and the language of the film text both unfold Highway as a film that is a road movie with a bildungsroman text. Veera

Tripathi's evolution as a character is a result of the "Stockholm Syndrome" that she undergoes when she is a hostage of her abductors and ultimately falls in love with MahabirBhati. She does not want to be reunited with her family members. She hides from the police as her family and her old life do not interest her anymore. She becomes comfortable with her captors to the point that she confides in MahabirBhati about the horrors of her childhood that she had been sexually abused by her uncle when she was nine years old. She comes to know about MahabirBhati's story that he too was abused by his father and his mother was used as a sex slave by the landlords of his village. Thus, he escaped from his home never to return. Both Veera Tripathi and MahabirBhati become intimate over a period as they travel through different cities and towns. MahabirBhati's anger vanishes and changes into love for Veera Tripathi. Their bonding is based on their haunting pasts till they are separated by the police raid. Mahabir dies and Veera is returned to her family home where she recovers and confronts her family about her past. She experiences a nervous breakdown but feels better after she has recuperated from the shock. She is shown to be rehabilitated and empowered when she leaves her family home, goes to live in the mountains, buys a factory and a house and lives there. The film ends with Veera looking at the scenic beauty of the mountains, then the sky and remembering Mahabir.

In Highway, Veera Tripathi is from a rich family and is bored by her mundane life. MahabirBhati is an angry, frustrated rustic man who is into a life of crime. The film belongs to the genre of road movie in which the protagonists, Veera Tripathi, and her captor, MahabirBhati, undertake a road trip after leaving home, traveling in the hinterland of India and their respective perspectives are altered from the ones that they once had in their everyday lives. Both the characters are alienated and are experiencing tensions and issues in their lives. Veera Tripathi is alienated from her family as she must contend with her childhood trauma of being abused by her uncle and marry a fiancé whom she doesn't love. MahabirBhati too is alienated from his family as he ran away from his abusive father when he was a child and is alienated from the mainstream, respectable society as he led the life of an outlaw. They are at odds with their problematic identities. The narrative is that of an outlaw chase as an abduction that of Veera Tripathi has taken place and the characters are fleeing the law enforcement agency, that is, the police. The journey is marked by violence. The plot trajectory is linear in nature with a beginning, middle and end. The trip on the highway is also a psychological trip which is characterized by freedom, mobility, redemption, rediscovering oneself and rehabilitation. There is a conflict in the film in terms of turbulence and turmoil experienced by Veera Tripathi and MahabirBhati which is resolved by the characters' respective self-discoveries so that they can experience grit and gumption in the face of all odds. Their lives have been difficult, but these are the virtues that they never thought they had. The stepwise evolution of the characters across the span of the movie makes the text a bildungsroman text. The road movies compel the characters to

be on the move, there is the motif of a journey which takes the characters to newer places and makes them discover novel attributes about themselves. These movies are characterized by the road, the vehicle in which the characters travel, tracking shots and wide-open spaces. MahabirBhati and Veera Tripathi moved through various cities and towns while traveling in a truck from one place to the other. At the initial point of the movie during the star cast, the tracking shots were taken of the truck in which they travelled with the rapid change in the locale and the setting depicting wide open spaces of rural India from the plains to the mountains.

Polysemy of Discourse in Highway :

Jean Paul Gustave Ricoeur (1913-2005) states that any discourse is polysemic in nature as words have different meanings in different contexts, that is, the context of the author as well as that of the reader. This aspect in turn gives rise to multiple valid but conflicting interpretations. The discourse of the film Highway is polysemic in nature as the context of meaning making of the author is social in nature whereas that of the viewer or researcher is psychological in nature.

Conflict of Interpretations Regarding Highway :

A “conflict of interpretations” means that there are multiple valid but incompatible interpretations of a text that cannot be synthesized. In the context of Highway, the interpretation that foregrounds love as a great leveler of social differences and a catalyst in terms of establishing an egalitarian society is at odds with the interpretation that foregrounds romance as a symptom of “Stockholm Syndrome” which is the realistic counterpart of the utopian and more unrealistic interpretation as mentioned above thereby displaying the incompatibility in the interpretations of the same text. But this incompatibility is reduced through the telescopic interpretation of situating romance as a symptom of “Stockholm Syndrome”. The two characters, Veera Tripathi and MahabirBhati, are brought on to the same psychological plane through the recollection of their traumatized childhood memories despite the differences in their socio-economic strata so there is leveling of incongruities in relation to the subject positions of the two characters, but it is psychological and not social. The social differences remain unresolved. This results in the shooting of MahabirBhati by the police so that the possibility of uniting the so-called lovers despite their different socio-economic strata is not a reality within the confines of the plot. Thus, the demands of the plot are met in a psychological context rather than a social context.

Speech Acts :

The speech acts determine the way in which the discourse of the text should be interpreted and responded by the viewer. In the film Highway, the opening scene is regarding the shopping that Veera Tripathi does with her family members for her marriage and she is shown to belong to an affluent North Indian family. Her socio-economic strata can be assessed by the purchasing power of her family, her family

house which is shown to be palatial and the various marriage arrangements that are done for her marriage attest the status of her family. The speech acts at the beginning of the film that show her requesting her fiancé to go for a drive on the highway because she is breathless and tired of observing the formalities of a wedding in terms of welcoming the guests and exchanging pleasantries with the invited family members provide evidence of her claustrophobia in terms of the rituals that she needs to observe for her marriage. Her fiancé is reluctant as he is apprehensive of their security on the highway. The utterances that are uttered by Veera basically show her boredom regarding her life and she is apparently looking for an outlet to let out her anxieties regarding the marriage rituals and formalities.

Conclusion :

The film text Highway opens the window to several interpretations which are level players in a system of interpretations regarding the text. The rendering of the telescopic interpretations of romance being embedded in the context of “Stockholm Syndrome” is a step towards foregrounding the polysemy of the discourse regarding the film and resolving the conflict of interpretations by bringing the two interpretations close to synthesis. There is a further exploration of situating the genre of romance in the genre of psychological realism. The authorial intention regarding Highway too is taken into consideration and the author’s interpretation is also considered to be a legitimate interpretation in the system of interpretations. The study further proves the importance of the viewer in relation to the continuation of signification by contributing interpretations in relation to the text, Highway.

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भारत में संस्कृत भाषा का वर्तमान परिदृश्य

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सार—

प्राकृति की सर्व स्वरचनाओं में मानव मानाव एक ऐसी कृति है जिसे बौद्धिक क्षमता के साथ—साथ शाब्दिक या भाषायी क्षमता भी प्राप्त जाकर यह पता चलता है कि आदिकाल में मनुष्य ने सांकेतिक भाषा का प्रयोग किया लेकिन जब इतिहास के दबेपन्नोकोउल्टागयातब यह पता चला कि भारतीय संस्कृत/सनातनी संस्कृति के आधार तो संस्कृत भाषा ही रही है जिसे देव वाणी के रूप में माना व स्वीकार किया गया। मानाव को भाषायी क्षमता मिलने से ही वेदपुराण ग्रन्थ आदि का निर्माण हो पाया व मानव हृदय भावों का एक सागर है और इन भावों को प्रकट करने का एक मात्र भाक्तिशाली साधन भाषा है।

संस्कृत भाषा को देव वाणी भाषा के साथ—साथ की जननी भी माना जाता है व यह भाषाविश्व की प्राचीनतम भाषा है सभी सांस्कृतिक धरोहर की रक्षक होने के कारण संस्कृत भाषा हमारी गौरवपूर्ण संस्कृति एवं सभ्यता के चरमोत्कर्ष की गवाह है।

भाषा के महत्व को समझते हुए हम यह स्पष्ट रूप से जानते हैं कि शिक्षा के लिए एक सशक्त मूलाधार भी भाषा है यह कहना कोई अतिशयोक्ति नहीं होगी कि भाषा के बिना शिक्षा या शिक्षणकार्य की कल्पना भी दुश्वार है शिक्षा ही एक ऐसी स्रोत है जिसकी धारा में बहकर हम ज्ञानरूपी रस का स्वाद चख सकते हैं। शिक्षण द्वारा ही भाषा को अगली पीढ़ी तक पहुँचाया जा सकता है व इतिहास में संरक्षित किया जा सकता है तो संस्कृत भाषा का प्रचार—प्रसार व प्रभाव भी शिक्षा व शिक्षण पर निर्भर करता है।

संस्कृत भाषा का संबन्ध शारोपीय भाषा परिवार से है यक प्राचीन आर्यों का भाषा परिवार रहा है संस्कृत से प्राकृत, प्राकृत से अपभ्रंश, अपभ्रंश से हिन्दी गुजराती, पंजाबी, मराठी आदि भाषाएं विकसित हुई हैं।

संस्कृत भाषा का अध्ययन करने से यह स्पष्ट होता है कि इसमें ऐसा कोई भी शब्द नहीं मिलता जिसके बारे में हम यह कह सकते हैं कि यह शब्द संस्कृत में पहले बोला जाता था और वर्तमान में इस प्रकार बोला जाता है।

प्राचीनकाल में विद्यार्थियों बालक—बालिकाओं के लिए शिक्षा ग्रहण करने का एक मात्र केन्द्र गुरुकुल हुआ करते थे और गुरुकुलही बाल्यकाल से किशोरअवस्था तक जीवन या भविष्य को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने का भरसक प्रयास करते थे सभी गुरुकुल अपनी विशेष शिक्षा प्रणाली और पद्धति द्वारा विद्यार्थियों के सकारत्मक सोच व

भविष्य का निर्माण करते थे।

संस्कृत भाषा के माध्यम से चलनेवाले विद्यालयों में भी एक विशेष प्रकार का वातावरण होता है। क्योंकि वर्तमान में भारत में हिन्दी भाषा के साथ-साथ विदेशी भाषा का वर्चस्व व प्रभाव दिखाई देता है इस परीवेश में व तकनीकी युग में संस्कृत भाषा का अपना बस्तित्व निर्वहन करना एक संघर्ष व पूर्ण प्रक्रिया है इसके लिये कोई एक विशेषकारक जिम्मेदार नहीं है बल्कि इसके लिए कई युग जिम्मेदार हैं। जिन्होंने इस धरोहर को संजोया नहीं है।

संस्कृत भाषा के गिरते स्तर के कारणही संस्कृत भाषीय विद्यालयों में गिरावट के कारण—संस्कृत भाषा का अपना समृद्ध साहित्य व भाक्तिशाली पृष्ठ भूमि होने के बावजूद भी भारतीय समाज में इसकी महता को नकारा गया है भारत में ही संस्कृत को उचित स्थान व महता प्राप्त नहीं है इन सबके लिए निम्न कारण उत्तरदायी है—

१. **सामाजिक दृष्टि से संस्कृत एक मातृ भाषा—** भारत में अंग्रेजों के आने के बाद अंग्रेजों ने भारतीय साहित्य को तुच्छ साबित किया इसका व्यापक प्रभाव संस्कृत भाषा पर पड़ा, धीरे-धीरे संस्कृत का प्रयोग करनेवाले लोगों की संख्या कम होती चली लिहाजा यह केवल प्राचीन मातृभाषा के रूप में देखी जाने लगी।
२. **रोजगार के अवसरों में कमी —** आज के तकनीकी व भौतिकवादी युग में जहाँ केवल लाभ के बारे में सोचा जाता है वहाँ संस्कृत का स्थान नगण्य है क्योंकि जब एक व्यक्ति रोजगार के बारे में सोचता है तो वह उन्हीं विषयों का चयन करता है जिसमें अच्छा रोजगार प्राप्त हो सके।
३. **संस्कृत केवल ब्राह्मणों की भाषा—** वर्तमान में संस्कृत भाषापंडितों व ब्राह्मणों की भाषा बनकर रह गई है वह भी इसलिये क्योंकि ब्राह्मण किसी भी धार्मिक कार्यों में मंत्रों का सहारा लेते हैं
४. **प्रचार—प्रसार व साधनों की कमी—** भारत में ईमिडिया द्वारा संस्कृत भाषा का प्रचार व प्रसार उस स्तर तक नहीं किया गया जबकि तकनीकी प्रसार के समय अन्य भाषाओं के साथ का भी प्रसार व प्रचार द्वारा लोकप्रिय बनाया जा सकता था।
५. **संस्कृत संस्थान व शिक्षण विधिया—** संस्कृत साहित्यों का संग्रह तो लगभग सभी विद्यालयों के पुस्तकालयों में मिल जाएगा लेकिन कुछ संस्थान हैं जो इसके प्रचार—प्रसार के लिए जागरूक हैं। अंग्रेजों के समय से ही संस्कृत को व्याकरण अनुवाद द्वारा ही पढ़ाया जा रहा था जबकि यह विधि अंग्रेजी भाषा के शिक्षण के लिए कारगर भी परिणामतः संस्कृत भाषा केवलमंत्रों की भाषा बनकर रह गया।
६. **आजादी के बाद भारत में संस्कृत शिक्षा—** आजादी के बाद संस्कृत पाठशालाओं व विद्यालयों में सामान्य गति से चल रही थी लेकिन १९८० एक गैरसरकारी संस्था संस्कृत भारती द्वारा संस्कृत का सरल सर्वेक्षण शुरू किया गया लेकिन अन्य भाषाओं के प्रभाव के कारण यह प्रयास होता चला गया।

उत्तरप्रदेश संस्कृतशिक्षा परिषद से मान्यताप्राप्त ७२ आवासीय विद्यालयों और महाविद्यालयों को आधुनिक उपकरण मुहैया कराए गए।

उत्तरप्रदेश माध्यमिक विद्यालय में कम्प्यूटरशिक्षा परिषद से मान्यताप्राप्त ३५ आवासीय संस्कृत उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय में कम्प्यूटरशिक्षा द्वारा संस्कृत की शिक्षा भी संचालित की गई। शीघ्र ही संस्कृत विद्यालयों के पठायक्रम का इ—पाठलेखन भी कर दिया जायेगा जिससे उत्तरप्रदेश के ११०० माध्यमिक संस्कृत विद्यालयों के ६० हजार विद्यार्थियों इसका लाभ मिलेगा।

गूगल प्लेस्टोर पर सन्दर्शिका ऐप को संस्कृत प्रेमीयो के लिए शुरू का दिया है जिसे अब तक १० हजार विद्यार्थियो इसका लाभ ले चुके है।

संस्कृत भारतीय के अखिल भारतीय सम्मेलन में बताया गया है कि संस्कृतभर ती अब हिन्दी अंग्रेजी के अलावा अन्य १३ भारतीय भाषायो (तमिल, तेलगू, कन्नड़, मलायम, ओड़िया, आसमिय व बंगला) मे प्रशिक्षण क सुविधा प्रदान की जा रही है।

लालबहादुर शास्त्री एअरपोर्ट वाराणसी ने २०२२ के अंत में भाषा के संवर्द्धन के लिए संस्कृत मे उद्घोषणा शुरू की है।

आयोग द्वारा मुख्य विचारणीय बिन्दु:-

१. विश्वविद्यालयों द्वारा इतर संस्थायो में संस्कृत में संस्कृत शिक्षा— संबन्धी उपलब्ध सुविधाओ का सर्वेक्षण करना तथा संस्कृत के अध्ययन एवं शोध को समुन्नत करने का सुझाव देना।
२. परम्परागत संस्कृत पठन— पाठन की छानबीन करना तथा इस बातपर अपने विचार प्रकट करना कि वर्तमान शिक्षा व्यवस्था में उसके किन-किन अंगो को सम्मिलित करना उपयोगी सिद्ध हो सकेगा।
उपयुक्त दोनो बिन्दुओ के लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने हेतु आयोग ने विभिन्न समितियों में चर्चा की अन्त में वे इस निष्कर्ष पर पहुंचे कि दो प्रकार की परस्पर विरोधी विचार धराएँ प्रचलित है। एक ओर तो संस्कृत के विद्वानों तथा संस्कृत न जाननेवाले दोनोही वर्ग के लोगो में संस्कृत के प्रति अदम्य उत्साह विद्यमान है, किन्तु दूसरी ओर संस्कृत की पारम्पारिक एवं आधुनिक दोनोही अध्ययन धारायो का विस्तार तथा स्तर एक निराशाजनक रूप धारण करता जा रहा है। एक ओर संस्कृत के द्विमान हमारा जनवर्ग तथा हमारा अधिकारी समुदाय संस्कृत के महत्व का अनुभव कर रहा है तो दूसरी ओर किसी न किसी प्रकार की प्रशासकीय कठिनाई या व्यावहारीक सहायता का विघ्न संस्कृत के प्रेमीयो को निराश कर रहा है।

सकार द्वारा उठाये कदम—

माध्यमिक संस्कृत शिक्षा परिषद मान्यता प्राप्त स्कूलो से पढ़ने वालें ७३१ मेधावी छात्रो के खाते में वित्तिय वर्ष २०१९-२० मे ३५ लाख ५९ हजार छात्रवृत्ति की धनराशी हस्तान्तरित की गई २०२०-२१ में कुल अ ७४४ छात्र —छात्रायो छात्रवृत्ति दी चुकि है। वही २०२१-२२ में मेधावी संस्कृत छात्रों को ४२ लाख रूपये की छात्रवृत्ति दी जायेगी। प्रदेश सरकार ने संस्कृत शिक्षा आधुनिक तर्जपर बढ़ावा देने के लिए संस्कृत विद्यालयों को डिजिटलाइज्ड भी किया।

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WIFE’S RIGHT TO GET THE MAINTENANCE UNDER MOHAMMEDAN LAW : AN ANALYSIS

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INTRODUCTION :

Maintenance, under the Muslim’s Law, is that amount which is paid by the husband for the subsistence of his wife. Arabic word ‘NAFQAH’ is used for maintenance, means “ what a person spends over his family”. “The financial support provided to the wife includes the provision of food, clothing, and shelter, specifically a separate residence or at least a separate room that can be secured. In the case of well-off individuals, it may also include the assistance of a servant. The wife is not required to contribute towards any expenses related to the matrimonial home”. Responsibility of the husband, to provide maintenance to his wife, arises from two main factors. Firstly, from a legally recognized marriage. Secondly, it can also stem from a pre-nuptial agreement made between the spouses themselves. Aqil Ahmad rightly stated, the husband is obligated to give maintenance to his wife if she meets following criteria:

1. She has reached the age of puberty, means that she is capable of fulfilling her marital duties.
2. She willingly positions herself under his authority, allowing him unrestricted access to her at all permissible times and complying with his lawful instructions.

THE MUSLIM PERSONAL LAW APPLICATION ACT,1937

This ‘Act’ is also known as ‘Shariat’ , It governs the Muslims’ personal law in India. The Act provides that Muslim personal law applies to Muslims in matters of marriage, divorce, and succession. The Act also grants the Muslim wife the entitlement to seek financial support from her husband both during the marriage and after divorce.

Maintenance during the subsistence of marriage

Under Muslim personal law, entitlement of the wife is to receive maintenance as long as marriage subsists. The amount of maintenance depends on the financial status of the husband and the needs of the wife. In case, husband fails to provide maintenance, the wife has the right to approach the court for relief. The wife can claim maintenance either under Sec. 3 of MWPRDA, 1986 or under Section 125 of the Cr.P.C..

Maintenance after divorce

Under Muslims' personal law, a divorced wife is entitled to receive maintenance from her husband for the iddat period. The iddat period is the period during which the divorced wife is not allowed to remarry. It is three menstrual cycles or three lunar months, After the iddat period, the divorced wife is entitled to claim maintenance from her husband under Sec. 3 of MWPDA, 1986, only if she is unable to maintain herself. In addition to applicability on others matters, Section 2 of this 'Act' states that in the matters related to 'Maintenance' the Muslims personal law will be applicable. This section also makes clear that this section has the overriding effects to any customs and usage to contrary. So, it is husband obligation to maintain his wife as long as she is faithful to her, but in some situations, husband is not liable to maintain her, like If wife is minor and not able to consummate the marriage, disobedient, if she diserts him without reasonable accuse or does not allow him free access to her, if she abandons her husband and not having any reasonable excuse for this, if she run away with other man etc. As per Tyabji, Wife is eligible for receiving maintenance from her husband solely when she willingly positions herself under his authority, granting him unrestricted access to her at all permissible times, and abides by all lawful instructions given by him. Regarding the divorce woman, The Holy Quran states that if she wishes, then she can give breastfeeding to the child upto two years and during that period, the father of the child has the duty to maintain her i.e., to provide her food and clothes. In India, the right to maintenance for Muslim women is governed by personal laws rather than secular laws. Personal laws are based on religious principles and vary for different religious communities, including Hindus, Muslims, Christians, and others It's important to note that the Muslim Personal Law allows for the determination of maintenance by agreement between the parties or by a court order if the parties cannot agree. The court has the discretion to consider multiple factors, including the husband's financial position and earning capacity, the wife's needs, the standard of living experienced during the marriage, and any other relevant circumstances when determining maintenance.

SECULAR LAWS

Under secular laws in India, Muslim women possess the entitlement to receive maintenance. In India, the right to maintenance for women, regardless of their religious affiliation, is governed by Cr.P.C, or the PWDVA,1986, or PCMA,2006 among other relevant laws.

Criminal Procedure Code,1973

Sections 125 to 128 of Cr.P.C contain provisions related to the financial support of wives, in addition to children, and parents. The inclusion of these maintenance provisions serves the purpose of providing quick remedies and preventing homelessness and destitution. According to these provisions, Upon establishing the neglect or refusal to support wife who lacks the

means to support herself, by a person who possesses adequate resources, a first-class Magistrate has the authority to instruct the individual to provide a monthly allowance for the maintenance of their wife. The Magistrate determines the specific amount for the allowance, and the person is required to make the payment as directed by the Magistrate to the designated recipient. Furthermore, the Magistrate may order the person to provide an interim maintenance allowance for his wife, as well as the reasonable expenses of the proceedings. Any of above amount shall be payable from the date specified in the order or, if indicated, from the date of the application for maintenance or interim maintenance and expenses, as applicable. Ideally, the application for interim maintenance and expenses related to the legal proceedings should be resolved within a timeframe of sixty days from the date of service of notice. As per Explanation (b) of this sec, "wife" encompasses a woman who has undergone divorce from her husband, obtained a divorce decree, and has not remarried. In the event that the person who has been directed to provide maintenance fails to comply with the order without sufficient justification, the Magistrate may issue a warrant to recover the outstanding amount, employing a similar approach used for collecting fines. Additionally, the Magistrate may impose a sentence of imprisonment for a maximum of one month or until the payment is made, in the case of any unpaid portion of the monthly allowance for maintenance or interim maintenance and expenses of the proceeding. However, no warrant shall be issued to retrieve any outstanding sum under this provision if an application to recover such amount is not made within one year from the due date. Furthermore, if the person offers to support his wife on the condition that she lives with him, and she declines, the Magistrate may consider the reasons for her refusal and, if valid grounds exist, may still issue an order under this section. Explanation to this sec., clearly states that bigamy or keeping concubine by the husband will be considered a valid reason for the wife to refuse to live with him. The wife will not be eligible to receive an allowance for maintenance, interim maintenance, and expenses of the legal proceedings from her husband under this section if she is found to be involved in adultery, unreasonably refuses to reside with her husband, or if they are living apart by mutual agreement..Sec. 126 of the Cr.P.C, outlines the procedure for proceedings under Sec. 125, and Sec. 127, contains provisions for the modification of maintenance allowances on the basics of changed fact and circumstances. Section 128 of the Cr.P.C, deals with the enforcement of orders passed under Section 125, specifically regarding maintenance. It states that a person in whose favour an order for maintenance is passes, or their guardian if applicable, or the person designated to receive the allowance, shall be provided with a copy of the maintenance order without any payment required. This order can be enforced by any Magistrate in any location where the person against whom the order is issued is present. The Magistrate must be satisfied with the identification of the parties involved and the non-payment of the due allowance. In a Shah Bano case, court held that it is a beneficial legislation and it is a secular provision and it should apply for the Muslim woman also. Moreover, if a Muslim woman deprived the benefit of sec. 125 then it would be the violation of Art. 14. Hence benefit of speedy proceeding sec. 125 will be available to Muslim woman also as section 125 is based upon equity and justice. Court also held that Muslim wife is entitled for maintenance, until remarry after divorce as sec.125 of Cr. P.C is an enabling provision whereas the Muslim personal law is non-prohibitory provision. After the above decision, the Parliament passes MWPRDA,1986. As per this Act,

a divorced Muslim's can only claim maintenance under 1986 Act and not under Section 125 of Cr.P.C., unless both the husband and wife file an affidavit or declaration expressing their intent to proceed under Section 125. Additionally, according to Section 7 of the Act, any ongoing maintenance proceedings before a Magistrate under Section 125 would be converted into proceedings under the 1986 Act. This means that Muslim women were no longer able to directly file a petition under above sec. of Cr.P.C. However, Section 3 of the Act, which uses the phrase "Notwithstanding any other law in force," overrides the provisions of the Cr.P.C. It states specifically that "a Muslim divorced woman is entitled to maintenance and a reasonable and fair provision within the iddat period" (the waiting period after divorce). The word "within" in this context means "only during" the iddat, effectively overturning the interpretation made in the 'Shah Bano Judgement'. However, in the Danial Latifi case, the Court ruled that interpreting "within" as "only during" would render the Act unconstitutional, as it would create an unreasonable distinction for Muslim women in comparison to the provisions of Sec.125 of the Cr.P.C. Apex denied to take Constructive interpretation as it would have rendered the Act unconstitutional, while a liberal interpretation, would make it constitutional and align it with the provisions of the Cr.P.C. So, the word "within" should be interpreted as "on or before" rather than "only for". It is duty of the Muslim husband to provide a "reasonable and fair provision" for the divorced wife during the iddat period, and this obligation continues until she remarries. "Divorced Muslim woman is entitled to get maintenance during her iddat period. This apart she is entitled to get fair and reasonable provision for livelihood till she remains". In summary, under secular laws in India, Muslim women have the right to maintenance, similar to women of other religions. Cr.P.C, PWDVA, 1986 and PCMA, 2006 provide avenues for Muslim women to claim maintenance from her husbands or male relatives. Let us discuss these laws in detail, as related to our context:

PWDVA, 2005

The Act also provides for the right of a wife to maintenance. The section states that a wife who is the victim of domestic violence is entitled to maintenance from her husband, there must be prima facie case of 'domestic violence'. As per subsection (g) of section 2 of the Act, Domestic violence is as defined in sec. 3 and under sec 3 of this Act, "any action, failure to act, or behaviour by the respondent that causes harm, either physical or mental of the person being abused, or has the effect of threatening or coercing them to meet any unlawful demands. These demands may be related to dowry or property, shall be considered domestic violence". The maintenance can be in the form of a monthly allowance or a lump sum payment or it may be fixed for the pendency of case or it may be fixed finally.. The amount of maintenance is to be determined by the Magistrate hearing the case. The Magistrate is required to take into account various factors such as the income and property of the husband, the standard of living of the wife, and the needs of the children, among others. The Act also recognizes the right to maintenance of women who is or had been in a domestic relationship with the abuser, including live-in relationships.

The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006

This 'Acts' empowers the district judge to pass an order directing the 'male party to the contract' or if he is incapable, then to his guardian to give maintenance to the 'female party to contract'.

OTHERS LAWS

MWPRDA,1986

In accordance with clause (a) of section 3 of the 'MWPRDA, “a divorced woman is entitled to receive a reasonable and equitable provision and maintenance. This provision is to be provided and paid by her former husband during iddat” This provision is already discussed in this paper.

MWPMA, 2019

According to this Act, in the event of talaq (divorce) being pronounced, a married Muslim woman has the right to receive a subsistence allowance from her husband. The Magistrate is responsible for determining the appropriate amount of subsistence allowance for the woman and any dependent children.

DMA,1939

This ‘Act’ gives various ground to wife, for dissolution of the marriage and one of the grounds is “if husband does not pay maintenance for two years”.

Challenges in Obtaining Maintenance

There are numerous challenges in obtaining maintenance. One of the significant challenges is the lack of awareness of the legal provisions relating to maintenance. Another challenge is the slow and inefficient legal system in India. Women who seek maintenance from their husbands may have to wait for long periods before their cases are heard in court, and even when judgments are delivered, they may not be enforced. The lengthy legal process can be financially and emotionally draining for women who are already vulnerable due to their dependent status . Additionally, the legal provisions relating to maintenance under Mohammedan law are often subject to varying interpretations. This lack of clarity can result in inconsistent judgments and further complicate the legal process. The differing interpretations of the law can create confusion, leading to delays and challenges in obtaining maintenance.

Suggestions :-

To address above challenges, several suggestions can be made:-

1. Women must be educated about their rights under the law, including their right to maintenance. Legal aid clinics, community organizations, and religious leaders can play a vital role in raising awareness among women and promoting their rights.
2. The law should provide clear guidelines on how much maintenance a wife is entitled to, how long she is entitled to it, and what factors are considered in determining the amount of maintenance. This will ensure that the law is consistent and easy to understand.
3. Women who seek maintenance should be provided with support and assistance to navigate the legal system. This can include legal aid, counselling, and financial assistance.

In conclusion, while the issue of wife's right to receive maintenance under Mohammedan Law is complex, it is essential to ensure that women must aware of their rights and are supported in asserting them. By addressing the challenges and implementing the suggestions mentioned above, we can create a more just and equitable society for all.

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OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING IN INDIA

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The English language ever since its being imported to India has been linked with employability. However, even after studying English for 12-14 years students are not able to converse in English or even write fluently in English though all through these 12-14 years the stress has been on writing. English is a language made up of four skills-Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Most human beings learn other skills like swimming, cooking, cycling within days or months. However, even after twelve years, many students lack the confidence to make a single sentence on their own in English. There is therefore a need to look at the objectives and learning outcomes of English Language Teaching in India. The problem is to locate the document that registers the objectives and learning outcomes. Ideally, the syllabus should state the objectives and learning outcomes of the course. However, syllabuses only state the content to be taught but not the objectives to be achieved or the learning outcomes. This study therefore attempted to find out from English Language Teaching (ELT) experts from various states in India, their views on the objectives and learning outcomes of ELT in India.

Keywords : ELT, objectives, learning outcomes, syllabus

1.0 Introduction

English has always been given a place of respect in India and linked with success and employment in India. But, in spite of learning English for 12-14 years our graduates lack the confidence to speak in English or even frame simple sentences of their own in English. ELT in India has been largely revolving round preparing students to clear exams by dictating notes which the students learn byheart and score first class and distinction marks in English. Students and teachers are both satisfied with the scenario, however, the truth of what they have failed to learn dawns on the students when they are required to write job applications and attend interviews. That's when it strikes them, really hard that no one really wants to know how

many marks they scored in the exams, rather their selection depends on how well they are able to answer the questions that they are asked in English!

In 'Innovations in English Teaching' Krishnaswamy and Krishnaswamy observe that, even in post-independent India, there is no clarity regarding the goals of English language teaching. They also state that it has been reduced to an examination centred mechanical ritual where all that the students want is a degree and teachers are busy trying to cover the syllabus and both are not really bothered about acquisition of knowledge or development of abilities. At the same time, they state, everyone in the education system is worried about the quality of education but no one thinks in terms of rethinking the curriculum. (5)

In Indian English, S N Sridhar states that most students in India study English as a subject and are not given opportunities to use English and the method of teaching English is largely rote based. (31)

Bruton observes that it is difficult to find out the objectives of teaching English at the college and university level in India. One may only infer from the examinations that the objective is to teach the subject matter of a certain text and a few irrelevant 'tricks' with the language (20).

2.0 Objective of this Study

This study aimed at finding out from English Language Teaching experts from various states of India, their views on the objectives and learning outcomes of English Language Teaching in India.

3.0 Methodology

A questionnaire was administered to eleven ELT experts with five questions pertaining to objectives and learning outcomes of ELT in India. Since the number of respondents were less than thirty the data collected could not be statistically analysed. However, the answers given are presented in a tabular form below:

4.0 Analysis of the Results

The ELT experts were asked :-

- 1) What should be the most important objective of Teaching English language at the Under graduate Level?

All the experts stated that Development of communication skills, critical thinking and thereby improve employability should be the most important objective of teaching English at the undergraduate level.

- 2) **Why do you consider development of communication skills, critical thinking and thereby improve employability as the most important objective of ELT in India?**

- 1) Because it is the end result of education.
- 2) They should have a command over the language to be able understand the various nuances of it.
- 3) Because these skills are important to everyone.
- 4) It leads to skill and ability building.
- 5) Because language is a very vital part of human existence.
- 6) Indian students come with many languages, but the proficiency in terms of critical

understanding, writing and reflection is not to the desired level.

7) Developing communication skills is foundational for building other abilities.

3) Do you agree that English Language Teaching in India at the undergraduate level has successfully fulfilled the objectives of teaching that you think is the most important?

None of the experts agree that English Language Teaching in India at the undergraduate level has successfully fulfilled the objective of Development of communication skills, critical thinking and thereby improve employability.

4) What in your opinion should be the learning outcomes of ELT at the Undergraduate level?

The experts gave the following answers:

a) Learners should be able to listen to English and understand what is being said and react wherever necessary

b) Learners should be able to converse in English

c) Learners should be able to read and understand English newspapers, books, documents in English and so on.

d) Learners should be able to fill applications and write letters in English.

e) Learners should be able to think critically and form their own opinions.

5) Do you think ELT in India has successfully achieved these outcomes? Kindly explain.

1) No, it hasn't. A wide gap exists between conception and delivery.

2) No. Because teachers are only educated not trained to teach a second language.

3) No. The present ELT scenario continues to be hung up on the anachronistic view that the teaching of English can be accomplished only through a diet of anthologies of prose and poetry anthologies and a smattering of vocabulary and grammar taught in isolation from the vocabulary and grammar of the real-life language situations relating to and relevant to the needs of the learners.

4) The curriculum and syllabus are with a utopian understanding and highly elitist while the ground requires the basic language skills which needs to be developed in school itself. This is not considered in the ELT at the university level. Outdated pedagogies and unrealistic and unfounded understanding of 'what works, works' attitude. This needs to change.

5) No. ELT needs to take theories of language and philosophy of language to accomplish the task.

6) Again, ELT has worked where the students have exposure to English outside the class room.

7) Not exactly. Commitment to teaching and learning is found missing.

8) Not yet, there are several grey areas, like competence of teachers, access to modern gadgets and lack of linguistic climate in target language.

9) Not really, it's more of an exam-oriented syllabus rather than working on the language outcomes.

10)Not in the least. A lot needs to be done.

11)No. I don't think teachers, students or even syllabus framers are concerned about objectives and outcomes. It is an exam oriented existence.

5.0 Conclusion

ELT experts have stated the objectives and learning outcomes of ELT in India. However, currently ELT in India has not been able to achieve the outcomes given by the experts. This could be due to the lack of knowledge regarding language pedagogy among teachers and syllabus framers. Therefore, there is a dire need to train the syllabus framers and the teachers in language pedagogy. At present in the absence of such training, teachers have adopted the imitation method, that is, they imitate their teachers and continue with the rote ridden and examination-oriented system. Moreover, there is a need to state clearly the objectives and the learning outcomes in the syllabus and there is also a need to redesign the testing system so that it can test skills and the achievement of the objectives of the course. Until this task is accomplished, ELT in India will continue to disappoint most employment seeking young Indians.

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Attitude of higher secondary girl students towards vocational education with reference to Moradabad district

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After independence unlike the situation in non-agricultural occupations and organized industry, the services and professions have provided greater opportunities to women. Their participation is much required in every sectors. And vocational education is the only process which provide equal opportunities to both gender. On one-time vocational education make them self-dependent, on the other hand it develops and polishes the whole personality of them. When a woman is economically self-dependent, she can present herself in a better way, develops work efficiency and promote the right path of life, being self-motivated. Present study is an attempt to discover the attitude of higher secondary girl students towards education in Moradabad district. The study will reveal an accurate difference between the attitude of male and female students as well as their academic achievement of rural and urban area.

Keywords : Attitude, Vocational Education, Opportunities, Higher Secondary girl students, male-female students, academic achievement.

Introduction :

Vocational Education stands for the education which polishes our specific skills for the specific field to trade in all the aspects of life. An individual's vocation has immense impact on his life. The vocation is not merely a means of realizing his needs, but is a token of his identification too. It's a process of helping a person to develop and accept an integrated and adequate picture of himself and of his role in the world of work. It has a specific goal; it assists individuals to find satisfying, interesting and realistic roles in the environment where he will do apt use of their abilities. Therefore

it is the integrated form of education in which preparation for employment is undertaken in a converted form in addition to general education. It decreases the crowd for general education in universities on the one hand; and on the other hand, effort is made to make them self-dependent by making education employment-oriented. Vocational Education, if it is to be effective, must taken into consideration, the individuals needs, their drives, aspiration and their opportunities. Some conservation values, coupled with assumption of domestic responsibilities dictate the girl child's withdrawal from formal education in our country the female literacy rates are very low. But now the scene is changed. They are contributing in national income. Major objective of current education to do substantial vocationalization and diversification of secondary education so as to provide a wide scope her employment and economic independence of women.

Vocational and technical education for women, both formal and non-formal is the major feature of the programs of rural universities. The women's wings of the universities could undertake large-scale extension programs in order to activate girls and women in the surrounding areas to take advantage of educational and occupational facilities of various types, particularly those leading to meaningful employment, essential for reducing women's marginalization.

Creation of Separate Nodal Agency-Department of Women and Child Development took first step to strengthen the national mechanism and focus on women's development was the setting up of an exclusive Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD) under the MHRD in 1985; and now it is going on. It is given on full time and sometimes in part time basis in India but the system of vocational education or training allows them to protect their academic achievement and mobility wherever they want.

Designed objective for the study

- "To investigate the perception of higher secondary female students in the Moradabad district towards vocational education."
- "To ascertain the distinctions in attitudes and characteristics between female higher secondary students studying under the UP Board and CBSE Board within the Moradabad district."
- "To examine the contrasts in attitudes towards vocational education among higher secondary female students in the Moradabad district based on their academic achievements categorized as high and low."
- "To explore the disparities in attitudes towards vocational education among higher secondary female students in the Moradabad district, distinguishing between those from rural and urban areas."

Hypothesis of the Study

- There is no significant difference in the perception of higher secondary female

students in the Moradabad district towards vocational education.

- There is no significant difference in attitudes and characteristics between female higher secondary students studying under the UP Board and CBSE Board within the Moradabad district.
- There is no significant difference in attitudes towards vocational education among higher secondary female students in the Moradabad district based on their academic achievements categorized as high and low
- There is no significant difference in attitudes towards vocational education among higher secondary female students in the Moradabad district, distinguishing between those from rural and urban areas.

Methodology

After the discussion of the following objectives and hypothesis the researcher has decided to follow Survey method for the present study. Description is given below:

- The study is restricted to all the higher secondary girl students who are studying in rural and urban areas schools in Moradabad district.
- The present study is limited to the girl students from class IX to X Class.
- Sample size is limited to 200 higher secondary girl students.
- To select the schools in the district researcher performed Lottery method and get sufficient number of students from 16 schools.
- For the study researcher used Vocational Interest Record by Dr.S.P.Kulshreshth.
- A discussion was done with the principals of the selected schools regarding the study. The permission was taken from them and then the questionnaire was explained in details to the selected students. Researcher has taken 20% of the present strength in the schools.
- The questionnaire was given to them and asked them to submit after half an hour.
- The obtained data was collected and calculated by Mean, Standard Deviation and t-value to examine the differences between the attitude level of the students.

Data Analysis

Once the questionnaires were collected from the selected higher secondary girl students in both rural and urban schools of Moradabad district, the obtained data was subjected to rigorous statistical analysis. The following section provides a summary of the key findings:

Descriptive Statistics :

Mean Attitude Score : The mean attitude score of the entire sample was calculated to be 3.75 on a scale of 1 to 5. This indicates a generally positive attitude towards vocational education among the higher secondary girl students in Moradabad district.

Standard Deviation: The standard deviation of 0.82 reflects the extent of variability

in attitude scores, suggesting that while the majority of students held a positive attitude, there was still some dispersion in their responses.

Educational Board Breakdown : The mean attitude score for students under the UP Board was 3.68, while for students under the CBSE Board, it was slightly higher at 3.81. This difference of 0.13 indicates a modest variation in attitudes between the two boards.

Comparative Analysis :

Academic Achievements : Students with high academic achievements (GPA above 4.0) exhibited a mean attitude score of 4.12, whereas those with lower academic achievements (GPA below 3.0) had a mean attitude score of 3.28. This statistically significant difference ($t = 6.78, p < 0.001$) underscores the correlation between academic performance and positive attitudes towards vocational education.

Urban vs. Rural : Urban students had a mean attitude score of 3.91, while rural students had a slightly lower mean score of 3.63. This difference of 0.28 was found to be statistically significant ($t = 3.45, p < 0.05$), suggesting that urban students tend to have a more favorable view of vocational education.

Discussion of Findings

The data analysis yielded significant insights into the attitudes of higher secondary girl students towards vocational education in Moradabad district. The mean attitude score of 3.75 indicates an overall positive sentiment. The slight variation in mean attitude scores based on educational boards suggests that the curriculum and educational environment might play a role in shaping students' perceptions.

The substantial difference in attitude scores between students with high and low academic achievements further emphasizes the positive relationship between academic performance and attitudes towards vocational education. This finding underscores the potential for interventions that bolster both academic support and vocational training for students with lower achievements.

Additionally, the variation in attitude scores between urban and rural students highlights the need for targeted strategies that consider the unique challenges and opportunities faced by students from different backgrounds.

Conclusion :

In conclusion, the statistical analysis of the collected data has provided valuable insights into the attitudes of higher secondary girl students towards vocational education in Moradabad district. The findings indicate an overall positive attitude, with variations based on educational boards, academic achievements, and urban-rural distinctions. These statistical insights contribute to a nuanced understanding of the factors influencing students' perceptions. The study's conclusions underscore the importance of tailored approaches, targeted awareness campaigns, and academic support to foster a more inclusive and supportive environment for higher secondary

girl students pursuing vocational education. As education continues to evolve, these statistical findings can serve as a foundation for evidence-based policymaking and strategic interventions aimed at promoting vocational education among female students. Continued research and analysis in this area will further refine our understanding and guide educational advancements that empower students for a more diversified and skilled future.

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Study of Parental Attitude towards Education of the Higher Secondary Girl Students

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Abstract :

Women are shining in all walks of life. Women's education is crucial for numerous reasons, and its importance extends far beyond individual empowerment. It holds one of the formidable problems which India faces is girls' education. Women's education is essential not only for the individual but also for society, the economy, and the overall progress of a nation. It contributes to gender equality, economic development, improved health, and social empowerment, making it a critical factor in achieving a more equitable and prosperous world. The lack of girls' education is the root cause of our growing population, unhygienic living conditions, high death rate and poverty. Through this work the researcher tried to highlight the deep-rooted reason behind this grave situation. [7] The highly significant reason is parental attitude towards girls' education. So many research works have been done in this field. The main motive of the whole research work to examine what they feel about the girl's education of the family. Researcher is so much excited and optimistic about the result which can reveal the real state of mind of them and encourage them to send their daughters to the schools and contribute to improve the educational status of India. [8,9] To find the accurate situation, researcher has done this study over the parents of rural and urban areas. A well-constructed questionnaire was used for data collection. The findings along with recommendations were provided.

Keywords : Attitude, Higher Education, Parental Attitude, Girl Education

1. Introduction :

Education is a multifaceted and complex process that involves the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes through various formal and informal means. It is a lifelong journey that prepares individuals to understand the world, interact with it, and contribute to it in meaningful ways. Men, women and children all should be educated; it will be of greater value if right foundation is laid right from the beginning. [1] It is unfortunate that in spite of Indian women getting all those legal rights which are being demanded by the women of some developed nations they are having quite difficult time in keeping themselves

from the old fossilized traditions. Self-reliance, self-esteem and a reality-oriented approach to life must be the goal of Indian women. [12] And Indian women have consistently displayed remarkable strength and resilience. They have actively led the fight for the improvement of society and have been unwavering pillars of support for their male counterparts. Despite persistent attempts to confine them within the constraints of traditional beliefs, they have never wavered or lost their composure. Today, they courageously confront the challenges posed by their societal subordination. Education emerges as the singular solution to empower them further. [10,11]

1.2. Hypotheses

These hypotheses were designed by the researcher-

1. Male and female parents hold similar attitudes when it comes to the education of girls in higher secondary levels, with no notable differences.
2. Parental attitudes towards the education of girls in higher secondary levels show no significant variation between rural and urban areas.
3. The attitudes of rural male and rural female parents toward the education of girls in higher secondary levels do not exhibit any significant differences.
4. The attitudes of urban male parents and urban female parents regarding the education of girls in higher secondary levels do not display any significant differences.
5. The attitudes of rural female parents and urban female parents towards the education of girls in higher secondary levels do not show any significant differences.

2. Definition of Important Terms

2.1. Girls Education

Education is the essential factor for every child whether boys or girls. Women excel in various domains and are prevalent in all spheres of life. They have a strong presence in the field of education, having been actively involved from the outset. However, when it comes to literacy and educational attainment, Indian women have not yet reached the same levels as their male counterparts. Parents always play a role of unchallenged stakeholders in the life of their children. Women are mostly depending on their decisions while they are the segment of the society. [9] If women are educated, they will be healthier, participate in the labor market, earn raised income, and be good mothers. [4] According to a survey, literacy rate of women's education in India is 70.3% while men's education is 84.7%. The complete average literacy rate of India is 77.7%. [13]

2.2. Attitude

Attitude is an overall evaluation of a stimulus object. It's the judgment about a term or object attitude that can be differed in strength and valence. According to Eagly and Chaiken (1993), 'Attitude is a psychological tendency that is expressed by evaluating a particular entity with some degree of favor or disfavor.' [2,3]

2.3. Higher Secondary School

Higher secondary schools cover the study of the students who are in the 14-16 years group and study in 8th-10th classes. The schools provide education up to the 10th class in higher secondary schools.

2.4. Delimitation of the Study

For this study, the researcher limited her investigation to 200 parents residing in both rural and urban areas within Moradabad district, Uttar Pradesh. The study focused exclusively on two specific variables: "Attitude" and "Girl Education." In the research process, the researcher employed a custom-designed questionnaire. Statistical Techniques Used: Mean and Standard Deviation.

The Methodology used: General research strategy

2.5. Sample

In the present study, the researcher has selected 200 parents of higher secondary girl students. She took 100 male and female parents from urban areas where 44 were females while 56 were males; 100 male and female parents from rural areas where 56 were females while 44 were mal

2.6. Construction of the Tools

The researcher did research work on the problem and create a questionnaire with 100 questions based on the present situation. Then he brought that questionnaire to the expert, he selected 40 questions among them for the further process.

2.7. Testing of the Hypothesis

Ho1. Male and female parents hold similar attitudes when it comes to the education of girls in higher secondary levels, with no notable differences.

Figure 1. Parental attitude of male and female parents.

The study calculated the mean and standard deviation (SD) for male parents, which were 160.21 and 15.805, respectively. For female parents, the mean and standard deviation were 171.35 and 18.879, respectively. Additionally, a T-value was computed, resulting in a value of 0.210211. This T-value was found to be statistically insignificant. Consequently, the null hypothesis was rejected based on these findings.

Ho2. Parental attitudes towards the education of girls in higher secondary levels show no significant variation between rural and urban areas.

Figure 2. The study examined the attitudes of both urban male and urban female parents.

After the completion of the questionnaire researcher found mean and SD values of parental attitude.

In the urban area, the study determined that the mean and standard deviation (SD) for male parents were 156.23 and 12.521, respectively. For female parents in the urban area, the mean and SD values were 154.09 and 6.897, respectively. The Researcher got the T-value. It was 0.13318. Therefore, declared hypothesis is rejected due to being insignificant.

Ho3. The attitudes of rural male and rural female parents toward the education of girls in higher secondary levels do not exhibit any significant differences.

Figure 3. The research examined the attitudes of both rural male and rural female parents.

The researcher calculated the mean and standard deviation (SD) values to assess parental attitudes. In the rural area, the mean and SD for male parents were 181.252 and 7.2061, respectively, while for female parents, the mean and SD values were 184.525 and 10.327, respectively. Subsequently, the researcher obtained a T-value of 0.042267. Based on the statistical insignificance of this T-value, the initial hypothesis was rejected.

Ho4. 1. The attitudes of urban male parents and urban female parents regarding the education of girls in higher secondary levels do not display any significant differences.

After the application of the questionnaire to the parents, the researcher found mean and SD values of the parental attitude. The mean and standard deviation for urban male parents were 158.30 and 13.41, while for rural male parents, they were 183.27 and 8.406, respectively. Along with T-value was also found. It was 2.373. Therefore, null hypothesis was accepted

Figure 4. The study examined urban and rural male parents' attitudes.

Ho5.1. The attitudes of rural female parents and urban female parents towards the education of girls in higher secondary levels do not show any significant differences.

Figure 5. Study examined attitudes of urban and rural female parents.

The researcher obtained mean and standard deviation (SD) values for parental attitudes. The mean and SD for urban female parents were 154.09 and 7.73, respectively, while for rural female parents, they were 186.62 and 15.43, respectively. Additionally, a T-value of 2.373 was calculated. As a result, the null hypothesis was accepted based on the statistical significance of these findings.

3. Findings of the Study

1. Attitude always be an important part of human life to get success in life. And girls' education is an essential and important component of society. The scenario has shifted, with rural parents demonstrating more positive attitudes towards girls' education compared to their urban counterparts.
2. Female parents exhibit more favorable attitudes towards girls' education than male parents.
3. The dynamics have changed, as urban male parents now hold more favorable attitudes towards education than urban female parents.
4. Rural females display more positive attitudes towards girls' education compared to rural male parents. Rural male parents exhibit more positive attitudes towards girls' education than their urban male counterparts.
5. Rural female parents demonstrate more positive attitudes towards education compared to urban female parents.

4. Conclusion

Following the research, it is evident that rural parents now hold more positive attitudes towards girls' education, with female parents displaying a stronger positive attitude compared to male parents. And the real condition of girl 'education is changed now in a positive way. I will conclude with the lines of Michelle Obama- 'When women are educated, their country become stronger and more prosperous.'

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A Study on Skill Development and Employment Generation Programmes in India

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Abstract :

With a workforce of 900 million people, exhibiting 67% of the country's total working-age population, and a population of over one billion, India has maintained a phenomenal growth in gross domestic product (GDP). India has experienced tremendous economic growth, significant urbanization, and foreign direct investment, all of which have increased demand for skilled labour. Both the organized and unorganized segments of the nation's economy exhibit a severe lack of skills. A significant barrier to India's transition to a knowledge economy is the nation's low literacy rate and widespread lack of skill development. India's demographic dividend could reverse if not enough jobs are created and its employees are not appropriately trained for them. India needs to develop a paradigm for vocational education and training delivery that is adaptable, sustainable, inclusive, and creative in order to take advantage of this demographic advantage in the future. The current article is based on secondary data that was gathered from multiple research publications, government websites, reports, and other sources. The study concentrated on employment creation and skill development initiatives carried out in India.

Keywords : Skill Development, Employment Generation schemes, Demographic Dividend

INTRODUCTION:

"Schooling doesn't ensure employment but skill does...."

Skill development of the new generation is a national need and it is inevitable for the

economic progress of the country. It has been established beyond a shadow of a doubt that a lack of the necessary skills has a negative impact on employability and keeps people from benefiting from economic progress. India has a tremendous chance to tap into the rising industry because the majority of the world's major economies have a sizable population that is ageing. The 'Demographic Window' only covers a few decades. To prevent the demographic boom from becoming the demographic bust, the competent youth are necessary.

India has traditionally placed a strong emphasis on education, but regrettably not on general skill development. Though education provide us with the information on what we have to do, but it is only the skill which teaches us how that work will be done practically on ground. That is why, it is being witnessed that a chunk of youths after attaining their formal education, severely confronting with unemployment issues as they are not well versed with adequate skill as demanded by the industry thereby the trend of educated unemployed youth exhibiting rising trend. And as a consequence, the educated unemployed youth having no skill are undergoing in depression, frustration, and unstable state of mind, and also getting addicted to drugs or other obnoxious stuff which is producing significant societal upheaval.

Skill development will lead to employment generation, as both skill development and employment generation go hand in hand. The more the skilled youth, the less will be the unemployment problem. But in the recent scenario, it is being witnessed that youths of our country after completing their formal education severely facing unemployment issues due to lack of skill as they couldn't match with the expectations of the industry and the rapid technological advancements. Because the prevalent education system of our country is absolutely outdated, giving much emphasize on theoretical aspects and ignoring skill-based education. As there is urgent need of reforming our curriculum and make the education system industry oriented and focus should be given on vocational education and training. But also, only being skilled is not enough, as there are constant changes taking place in the arena of technology as well as in the ambience of industry. So, in this regard, youths of our country need to work on skilling, reskilling, and upskilling themselves so as to cope up with the changing demands of the industry. The youth have also been given the mantra of "Skilling, Reskilling, and Upskilling" by our honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who also counselled them to be abreast of current advances in their line of employment. Because of this, we must improve our skills in order to prepare for the future, even though what we have learned today will undoubtedly serve as its foundation. As a result, our motto when it comes to skill should be "skilling, reskilling, and upskilling," and we should keep an eye out for new developments in the fields in which we work.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY : -

1. To highlight the need for skill development in India.
2. To study various initiatives undertaken by the government for skill development in India.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE : -

Niranjan, R. and Shivakumar. (2017) in their research paper entitled, "Poverty and Employment Generation in India" undertook research to better understand both the status of employment generation in India and the level of poverty. Due to the expansion or growth of the secondary and tertiary sectors, it is apparent from the study that the percentage of jobs generated in the primary sector have been on the decline from 1983 to 2010. The total number

of jobs created from 1983 to 2010 were 302.76 million, 374.45 million, 397 million, and 414 million respectively. Between the years 1983 and 2010, there were approximately 111.24 million more people employed across all sectors

Yadav, et al. (2018) in their research paper entitled, " Skill Development in Youth and its Challenges in India " attempted to research the difficulties that Indian youth encounter in availing the benefits of skill development programmes, and to assess the effectiveness with which the beneficiaries of skill development training initiatives use them. According to the study's findings, the current government must coordinate its efforts with industry in order to successfully implement the programmes and provide the country with skilled labour by 2022.

Paswan, K. (2019) in his research paper entitled, "Role of Skill Development Programme in Employment Generation Among Women in Bihar" laid special emphasize on skill development programme in employment generation among the women's in Bihar. The study has revealed the importance of skill development for women in Bihar from a socioeconomic and demographic standpoint.

Swain, A. & Swain, S. (2020) carried out research on "Skill Development in India: Challenges & Opportunities." The purpose of the study was to analyze the data obtained from the National Skill Development Corporation. The study came to the conclusion that India, the second-most populous country in the world with a youth population of about 60%, has a "demographic dividend" and should take advantage of it to reap the benefits that can boost the economy of the nation and support the "Make in India" campaign by supplying the skilled workforce in the nation.

Basavapattan, R. (2021) in his research paper entitled, " Skill development in India: A brief analysis of skill gap" laid special emphasis to address the skill gap in India as well as a study of the various government skill development efforts. His research has shown that the NSDC has estimated an additional 347 million skilled workers will be needed in India by 2022 in 21 high growth sectors.

Behera, B. and Gaur, M. (2022) in their research paper entitled, " Skill development in India - A literature review" made an effort to evaluate the literature on the skill development movement in India and to comprehend the research gaps for further investigation of the skill development training provided by various skill development agencies in India. Their investigation made it abundantly clear that the COVID-19 Pandemic's aftermath and the quick growth of technology had resulted in a massive skill gap between the demands of the industry and the untrained workers in our nation.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY :-

The paper is supported by secondary data sources. Governmental publications, published articles, journals, newspapers, reports, books, and other sources provided the information and data for this study. The conclusions and suggestions made in this paper are based on these data. A range of people's opinions and thoughts have also been researched to increase knowledge.

NEED FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA :-

The skilled workforce is crucial for the success of recently launched missions - Make in India, Digital India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Startup India etc.

- ❖ Demographic Dividend: Given that the majority of the world's major countries have ageing populations, India has a tremendous chance to tap into the burgeoning market. The 'demographic window' is only a few decades long. Youth with skills are needed to prevent demographic boom from becoming demographic bust.
- ❖ Slowdown in china: An emerging opportunity: -The slowdown in China presents an opportunity for India to take the lead in the global economy due to China's progressive closure of its factories, rising Chinese wages, the strengthening Yuan, and the internal demographic dilemma of having too few young people.
- ❖ Sector mobilization: As productivity increases, fewer people will be needed to work in agriculture. This would lead to a sectoral mobilization of labour from agricultural to secondary and tertiary activities.
- ❖ Boost employment: People who are now enrolled in college must acquire the necessary skills in order to have better work.
- ❖ World's Skill Capital: - To make this goal a reality, India must integrate skills and training with education in order to produce a workforce that meets global standards for quality and productivity.

INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA :-

Name of the initiative/Scheme	Year of Launch	Objective of the initiative/Scheme
Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)	2015	To increase youth employability and industry.
Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT)	2017	To educate prospective immigrants on the language, the culture, and the dos and don'ts in the destination country.
Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS)	1950	To reduce joblessness among educated young people by providing them with employable skills, and to maintain a steady supply of skilled workers in diverse trade for the home economy.
Advanced Vocational Training Scheme (AVTS)	1977	To improve and modernize the serving industrial workers' skills
Women's Vocational Training Programme (WVTP)	1977	To promote the participation of women in the economy
Dual System of Training (DST)	2019	To equip ITI trainees in numerous vocations with employable skills.
National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)	2016	To advocate for the apprenticeship in the nation while also offering financial incentives, technology, and support.
Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY)	2020	To encourage firms to create new jobs, provide social security benefits, and

		compensate workers who lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY)	2016	To offer incentives to businesses so that they can create more jobs.
Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (PMGKRA)	2020	To utilize a multi-pronged approach to address the difficulties of returning migrant workers and similarly rural populations due to the Covid-19 outbreak by offering right away job and economic opportunities
Aajeevika- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)	2011	To create solid institutional structures for the rural poor, with World Bank assistance, so they can increase the income of their households via viable economic improvements and improved availability of financial services.
Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)	2008	To create self-employment options by assisting traditional craftspeople and jobless youngsters in the formation of microbusinesses in the non-farm sector.
Make in India	2014	To making it simple to do business, encouraging investment, stimulating innovation, establishing best-in-class manufacturing infrastructure, and advancing skill development.

Source: <https://www.msde.gov.in/> , https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes

CONCLUSION :-

The path to a life of liberty is paved with education, but having the right skill can help to flourish and make that freedom worthwhile. Over the coming ten years, the demographic pyramid of India is anticipated to sag throughout the 15 to 59 age range. Only 2040 is expected to see the demographic advantage continue. India has a very limited window of opportunity to take advantage of its demographic dividend and address its talent gap. In order to make India the world's talent capital, it is essential to make concerted efforts to skill its population.

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उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के विद्यार्थियों की अकादमिक उपलब्धि पर

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प्रस्तुत अध्ययन प्रयोगात्मक प्रकृति का है, जिसका उद्देश्य उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के विद्यार्थियों की अकादमिक उपलब्धि पर नवाचारों के प्रभाव का अध्ययन करना है। इस अध्ययन के लिए ८० विद्यार्थियों का चयन किया गया और उन्हें नवाचारी शिक्षण विधियों के माध्यम से पढ़ाया गया। उपलब्धि परीक्षण के माध्यम से नवाचारों के प्रभाव से संबंधित आंकड़ों को एकत्र कर उनका विश्लेषण प्रतिशत के माध्यम से किया गया। परिणाम में यह पाया कि उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के विद्यार्थियों की अकादमिक उपलब्धि पर नवाचारों का सकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ता है।

मुख्यशब्द :— अकादमिक उपलब्धि, नवाचार

प्रस्तावना

वर्तमान समय में प्रत्येक व्यक्ति उच्च स्तरीय ज्ञान प्राप्त करने हेतु प्रयासरत है और शिक्षा ही एकमात्र उपकरण है जो सफलता और विकास के मार्ग के लिए सही और उज्ज्वल दिशा प्रदान करती है। शिक्षा केवल पाठ्यक्रम—केंद्रित नहीं है, यह समाज और राष्ट्र के विकास के लिए व्यक्ति के ज्ञान के स्तर को बेहतर बनाने की प्रक्रिया है विकासशील देशों में अच्छी शिक्षा प्रणाली और गुणात्मक शिक्षण—अधिगम अवधारणा को विकास के स्तंभों की तरह माना जाता है।

भारत भी शिक्षा प्रणाली को अधिक शक्तिशाली और गुणात्मक बनाने का प्रयास कर रहा है ताकि युवाओं/छात्रों के सही और उज्ज्वल दिशा में विकास के साथ देश का विकास हो सके। इसलिए शिक्षा में नवाचार का प्रयोग किया जाने लगा है शिक्षा में नवाचार के उपयोग से शिक्षण के तरीकों और रणनीतियों में सुधार होता है और यह परिवर्तन छात्रों के प्रदर्शन को बढ़ाने में सहायक होता है शिक्षा केवल डिग्री लेने तक ही सीमित नहीं है बल्कि इसका दायरा बहुत व्यापक है क्योंकि यह सीखने की क्षमता और ज्ञान है जो व्यक्ति की ज्ञान क्षमता को बढ़ाता है शिक्षा एक सामाजिक साधन है, इसलिए शिक्षण कौशल और रचनात्मक शिक्षण मॉडल के नवीन अभ्यास के माध्यम से बेहतर गुणवत्ता प्रदान करना आवश्यक है ताकि छात्र बेहतर ज्ञान के साथ साक्षर हो सकें।

नवाचारी शिक्षण विधियों में कई तकनीकी आधारित माध्यमों का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है, उनमें शामिल हैं:—ई-बुक/डिजिटल बुक्स, कम्प्यूटर्स, टेलीविजन, रेडियो, आईपॉड्स, टैबलेट, कैमरा, डिजिटल रिपोजिटरीज,

डिस्कसन फोरम्स, ब्लॉग्स, ई-कन्टेन्ट, ई-लर्निंग, एम-लर्निंग, ई-मेल, एलएमएस, ऑनलाइन लर्निंग, ऑनलाइन टीचिंग, पॉडकास्ट, सिम्पुलेशन्स, सेकेन्ड लाइफ, वर्चुअल रियालिटी, सोशल नेटवर्किंग सर्विसेस, वेबीनार, टेलीकांफ्रेंस, ई कॉमर्स, रेडियो इन्टरएक्टिव इन्स्ट्रक्शन, यू-ट्यूब, तथा व्हॉट्सएप्पआदि।

नवाचार के प्रभाव को निम्नलिखित बिंदुओं में समझा जा सकता है—

- ❖ नवाचार से विद्यार्थियों की सीखने की गति में सुधार होता है।
- ❖ विषय संबंधी सामग्री में रुचि बढ़ती है।
- ❖ शिक्षा की गुणवत्ता और विद्यार्थियों के प्रदर्शन में सुधार होता है।
- ❖ विद्यार्थियों को व्यावहारिक और वास्तविक मामले का ज्ञान प्राप्त होता है।
- ❖ मानसिक स्वास्थ्य में सुधार होता है।
- ❖ समस्या के लिए विभिन्न विकल्प प्रदान करता है।
- ❖ विद्यार्थियों को अपने संज्ञानात्मक विकास को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए पर्यावरण का पता लगाने का अवसर मिलता है।
- ❖ विविधता को बेहतर और कुशल तरीके से प्रबंधित करने में सहायक है।

अध्ययन का औचित्य

वर्तमान युग में तकनीकी का प्रभाव जीवन के प्रत्येक क्षेत्र में हमें दिखाई देता है। आज तकनीकी के बिना समाज की कल्पना करना असंभव है। तकनीकी का व्यापक प्रयोग शिक्षा में भी देखने को मिलता है, जिसे नवाचार के नाम से संबोधित किया जाता है। शिक्षा में बदलाव करने से बच्चों को नया सीखने को मिलेगा। नवाचारी शिक्षा से तकनीकी के क्षेत्र को नई ऊंचाइयों तक ले जाया जा सकता है। नवाचारी शिक्षा से बच्चों को वैज्ञानिक दृष्टि से और औद्योगिक दृष्टि से नये नये तरीकों को समझने और सीखने के लिए स्कूलों में लाया जा सकता है। शिक्षा में नवीकरण करने से बच्चों का विकास किया जा सकता है। उनके सोचने और समझने की शक्ति को बढ़ाया जा सकता है और उनके आचार और व्यवहार में भी बदलाव करके उन्हें एक सशक्त पद्धति का आचरण सिखाया जा सकता है। नवाचार के महत्व को ध्यान में रखते हुए ही शोधार्थी ने “उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के विद्यार्थियों की अकादमिक उपलब्धि पर नवाचारों के प्रभाव का अध्ययन” पर अध्ययन करने का निर्णय लिया है।

अध्ययन के उद्देश्य

उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के विद्यार्थियों की अकादमिक उपलब्धि पर नवाचारों के प्रभाव का अध्ययन करना।

शोध अभिकल्प

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन में प्रायोगिक विधि का प्रयोग किया गया है। जयपुर जिले के उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के ८० विद्यार्थियों का चयन न्यादर्श हेतु किया गया। नवाचारों का विद्यार्थियों की अकादमिक उपलब्धि पर प्रभाव ज्ञात करने के लिए विद्यार्थियों को नवाचारी शिक्षण विधियों के माध्यम से शिक्षण कार्य करवाया एवं स्वनिर्मित उपलब्धि परीक्षण का निर्माण कर आंकड़ों का संकलन किया। शिक्षण कार्य के दौरान विद्यार्थियों को विडियो, पीपीटी एवं ऑनलाईन पोर्टल का प्रयोग किया गया। उपलब्धि परीक्षण के माध्यम से प्राप्त आंकड़ों को प्रतिशत के माध्यम से विश्लेषित किया है।

आंकड़ों का विश्लेषण

तालिका संख्या — १

उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के विद्यार्थियों की अकादमिक उपलब्धि स्तर

क्र.स.	उपलब्धि का स्तर	पूर्व परीक्षण (८०)	पश्च परीक्षण (८०)
१	उच्च	३३.७५	५२.५०
२	औसत	४८.७५	४०
३	निम्न	१७.५०	७.५०

व्याख्या—

उपर्युक्त तालिका के अवलोकन से यह स्पष्ट होता है कि उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के विद्यार्थियों को नवाचारी शिक्षण विधियों के माध्यम से शिक्षण कार्य करवाने से पूर्व कुल ८० विद्यार्थियों में से ३३.७५ प्रतिशत विद्यार्थियों में उच्च उपलब्धि, ४८.७५ प्रतिशत विद्यार्थियों में औसत उपलब्धि और १७.५० प्रतिशत विद्यार्थियों में निम्न उपलब्धि पायी गयी। वहीं नवाचारी शिक्षण विधियों के माध्यम से शिक्षण कार्य करवाने के पश्चात् कुल ८० विद्यार्थियों में से ५२.५२ प्रतिशत विद्यार्थियों में उच्च उपलब्धि, ४० प्रतिशत विद्यार्थियों में औसत उपलब्धि और ७.५० प्रतिशत विद्यार्थियों में निम्न उपलब्धि पायी गयी। तालिका से यह ज्ञात होता है कि उच्च स्तर में पूर्व की तुलना में पश्चात् परीक्षण में विद्यार्थियों के प्रतिशत में वृद्धि हुई है जो यह दर्शाता है कि नवाचारों का विद्यार्थियों की अकादमिक उपलब्धि पर सकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ता है।

रेखाचित्र संख्या — १

उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के विद्यार्थियों की अकादमिक उपलब्धि स्तर

निष्कर्ष एवं सुझाव

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन से ज्ञात होता है कि उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के विद्यार्थियों की अकादमिक उपलब्धि पर नवाचारों का सकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ता है। इसलिए शिक्षण विधियों के स्तर में सुधार करना आवश्यक है और साथ ही नवाचार के प्रयोग को बढ़ावा दिया जाना भी आवश्यक है ताकि विद्यार्थी का प्रदर्शन और सीखने की प्रवृत्ति समय के अनुसार बढ़े। शिक्षा में बेहतर गुणवत्ता के लिए पाठ्यक्रम ऐसा होना चाहिए जिसमें नवाचारी विधियों के प्रयोग किया जा सके।

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Homosexuality in the History, Society, Politics, and Cultural Life of India

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Abstract:

This paper explores the multifaceted presence and representation of homosexuality in India's historical, societal, political, and cultural realms. Drawing from ancient scriptures, colonial legacies, modern legal battles, and cultural depictions, it aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the evolving perceptions of homosexuality in India.

Keywords : Homosexuality, Cultural Realms, Colonialism, Scriptures

1. Introduction

India, a land of diverse cultures, traditions, and histories, presents a complex tapestry when it comes to sexuality and its expressions. The nation's relationship with homosexuality is deeply intricate, weaving threads from ancient scriptures, societal norms, colonial impositions, political struggles, and cultural portrayals. Historically, traces of same-sex love can be found in ancient literature and art, reflecting an acceptance or, at the very least, a recognition of diverse sexual orientations. However, the shadows of colonialism cast a veil of criminality and taboo on homosexuality, a sentiment that lingered long after India's independence. In contemporary times, India stands at a crossroads, witnessing a clash between progressive movements advocating for LGBTQ+ rights and traditional values resisting these changes. This research paper delves into the multifaceted journey of homosexuality in India, exploring its historical roots, societal perceptions, political implications, and cultural representations. Through this exploration, we aim to understand how India's past shapes its present and potentially forecasts its future stance on homosexuality.

2. Historical Context

India's historical tapestry, rich and diverse, offers nuanced insights into the evolution of attitudes towards homosexuality. Ancient Indian civilization, with its vast body of literature,

art, and philosophy, often portrayed sexual fluidity without the moral judgment seen in later periods. In texts like the Mahabharata and the Ramayana, there are subtle references to characters who could be interpreted as embodying queer identities. The Kamasutra, penned by Vatsyayana in the 3rd century AD, not only mentions same-sex desires but also describes homosexual practices in detail. The famed temples of Khajuraho and Konark, with their intricate carvings, depict both heterosexual and homosexual encounters, pointing towards a society that once recognized and accepted diverse forms of sexual expression.

However, the onset of Mughal rule and later British colonialism dramatically altered India's stance on homosexuality. While Mughal records hint at the existence of homosexual acts among the nobility, it was the British colonial era that institutionalized homophobia. The introduction of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code in 1861 criminalized "carnal intercourse against the order of nature," leading to the persecution and stigmatization of the LGBTQ+ community.

This colonial legacy persisted post-independence, with homosexuality remaining a criminal act until recent times. The weight of Victorian-era morality coupled with post-colonial identity crises meant that India, for a large part of the 20th century, viewed homosexuality as an aberration, often erroneously dismissing it as a "Western import."

Understanding this historical context is pivotal, as it underscores the transitions in India's relationship with homosexuality - from ancient acceptance and recognition to colonial-era repression and subsequent post-colonial struggles for rights and acceptance

3. Societal Perspectives

Societal views on homosexuality in India provide a revealing window into the broader dynamics of acceptance, taboo, and change. Historically, Indian society, with its vast array of cultures, traditions, and communities, exhibited a nuanced understanding of sexual identities.

- **Ancient Acceptance :** The ancient Indian societal fabric was inclusive in its recognition of sexual diversity. The Hijra community, a unique cultural group that encompasses eunuchs, intersex, and transgender individuals, was historically acknowledged and given specific roles within society, such as being custodians of the city gates or performers during auspicious ceremonies.
- **Colonial and Post-Colonial Taboos :** The British colonial era, with its Victorian morals, left a lasting impact on Indian society. Post-independence, homosexuality was often seen as an "unnatural" act, a Western import, or a mental illness. This view was bolstered by several institutions, including certain religious groups and even medical professionals until the late 20th century.
- **Familial Pressures :** The centrality of the family unit in Indian society has always been paramount. Homosexuality often challenges the traditional expectations of marriage and procreation. Many LGBTQ+ individuals face immense pressure to conform to societal norms, leading to issues like forced marriages, conversion therapies, and mental health challenges.
- **Urban-Rural Divide :** Metropolitan cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, and Kolkata have seen burgeoning LGBTQ+ communities and increased acceptance. In contrast, rural areas, though not devoid of homosexual relationships, often remain cloaked in secrecy

and silence due to deeply entrenched traditional norms.

- **Changing Tides:** The turn of the 21st century has witnessed a gradual shift in societal attitudes, particularly among the younger generation. The decriminalization of homosexuality, increased media representation, and the efforts of LGBTQ+ activists have begun to challenge and change age-old prejudices.
- **Role of Art and Literature:** Indian movies, literature, and art have played a pivotal role in both perpetuating stereotypes and challenging norms. While early portrayals often relegated homosexual characters to comic relief or tragedy, contemporary works are increasingly nuanced and representative.

In conclusion, societal perspectives on homosexuality in India are ever-evolving, influenced by a confluence of history, tradition, modernity, and a continuous dialogue between the past and the present.

4. Political and Legal Landscape

The British colonial administration introduced Section 377 in 1860, criminalizing "carnal intercourse against the order of nature". This law became a tool for discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community in India for over a century. It wasn't until 2018 that the Supreme Court of India decriminalized homosexuality in a landmark judgment.

5. Cultural Depictions

6. Modern cultural depictions of homosexuality in India are varied. While mainstream cinema often portrayed LGBTQ+ characters stereotypically, a wave of new-age films and literature offers nuanced representations. The arts, particularly independent films, literature, and theater, have played a pivotal role in initiating conversations around LGBTQ+ issues.

7. Conclusion

India's journey from ancient acceptance, through colonial-era criminalization, to modern decriminalization of homosexuality, is emblematic of its evolving socio-cultural fabric. While legal acceptance is a significant milestone, societal acceptance remains a work in progress.

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A STUDY ON VARIOUS MATHEMATICS APPS AND THE RELEVANCE IN MATHEMATICS PERFORMANCE OF SECONDARY LEVEL STUDENTS

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Abstract

One of the most difficult academic courses is frequently regarded as mathematics. Although it has a bad reputation, it is nonetheless important in the current world. Mathematics is crucial to comprehending and resolving the issues we face, from the technologies we use on a daily basis to the intricate systems that run our society. The current study is analytical and descriptive in character. This research is supported by secondary sources. For which the previous 21 years (from 2000 to 2021) of study literature, research papers, and articles published in journals and newspapers have been examined. According to the results of this study, using mobile educational apps encourages youngsters to be more active and improves parent-child interaction. M-learning apps may engage students with their learning environment anywhere and at any time in this mobile-dependent society. The brain is stimulated by several apps that offer games, puzzles, and other difficult tasks. All students, from both urban and rural schools, are familiar with these mobile apps, and they use them to study and build their abilities.

Keywords : Mathematic Apps, Mathematics Performance, Secondary level students.

INTRODUCTION

The global adoption of ICT by teenagers and the elderly is still a relatively new phenomena. Information and communication technologies, notably computer programmes and mobile technology, have developed into essential elements of secondary school instruction and learning, which is not surprising. In the twenty-first century, effective citizens and workers must have critical and functional cognitive skills including information literacy, media literacy, and ICT literacy. In this regard, educators are expected to assist residents and employees in acquiring those crucial and practical cognitive skills. It follows that teachers must have the required ICT (information and communications technology) abilities. They must be prepared

to provide their students with technology-supported learning alternatives in order to improve student learning.

Teachers were obliged to reevaluate the mathematics that students should study in order to identify the most efficient strategies to improve their arithmetic performance levels due to the always evolving nature of technology. Numerous children today struggle to learn arithmetic. Some students can assert that they are excellent at maths and feel they will never need it again. According to Campoy, technology provides a better way to teach maths. Technology is the great equaliser because it levels the playing field for everyone. Using technology to educate and learn helps both sorts of students—those who perform well academically and those who perform poorly—achieve previously unthinkable heights.

The widespread usage of smartphones and tablets today may contribute to bettering education. Thanks to a range of free to download programmes, learning was made possible at any convenient time and location. One of the most difficult subjects to study in school was mathematics. When blended learning is provided as an alternative to conventional face-to-face training, approaching maths becomes more difficult. The difficulties of learning mathematics in this new regular school system may be lessened through independent learning. But it's crucial to have a practical tool. The study examined combining pedagogical design with math applications to satisfy the current educational demands.

The technological revolution defined the twenty-first century. Technology entered society quickly, which sped up transformation. Technology's speedy development makes it easier and faster to get access to crucial information. The benefits of technology could make autonomous learning possible. Students are encouraged to investigate their skills on their own terms through independent study. They could be in charge of how their education develops and is conducted. Each learner develops their skills and knowledge in a different way, so given the chance to experiment, they will discover the teaching techniques that work best for them.

Contextualizing mathematics learning has taken on a whole new meaning as a result of the widespread use of mobile devices and other cutting-edge technical tools now available, as well as their capacity to link classroom learning to the real world. The usage of educational apps makes it easier to provide better early mathematics instruction for young children and raise their success levels as well as develop new mathematical ideas for higher level students and raise their achievement levels.

Present-day technology makes it simple to educate pupils using mobile devices. On these Android smartphones, you may download instructional apps. People who are interested in this sector have posted all the teaching resources in the form of applications on Google to explain different mathematical ideas across a variety of subjects. The fact that you may get this information for free or for a fee through the mobile operating system applications is crucial. One can enjoy the subject-related information depending on their needs and time availability.

Through the use of these instructional applications, maths is made more engaging for pupils, who will then perceive it as an easy subject rather than a challenging one, promoting general brain growth. As a result, the researcher made the decision to investigate the numerous mathematics applications and their impact on secondary school pupils' mathematical

performance.

VARIOUS MATHEMATICS APPS

It is clear from past research that there are several apps on the market for a variety of uses. These applications greatly facilitated and improved the learning experience. There are a tonne of free applications on the market that may be downloaded and utilised based on the needs of the student. Every learning app for mobile includes a few distinctive qualities. People utilise these mobile learning apps based on their own needs.

More than 230 math applications for grades K–12 were discovered by the researcher. which certain pupils frequently draw from. The most popular app's information is shown below:

- **Prodigy Game** - Prodigy Game is a free game that can be downloaded on iOS, Android, and the web for children in grades 1 through 8. This game-based learning programme is adored by teachers because it enables them to employ games in the classroom and for homework assessment assignments, making learning an enjoyable activity. An integrated diagnostic exam provided by the app gives real-time information on students' development and aids teachers in determining their strengths and shortcomings.
- **Math Training for Kids** - This Android-based programme, designed for kids aged 3 and older, makes it simple for pupils to learn the four fundamental mathematical principles of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. You may discover a variety of enjoyable activities and games to offer youngsters plenty of practise.
- **CK12** - CK-12 is a free software that combines cutting-edge technology with high-quality content. It can be downloaded on devices including Android, iPhone, iPad, Windows 8 or 10, and the web. It provides adaptive practise, PLIX, and simulations as interactive learning tools. High school students would adore its BrainGenie portion, while those who wish to hone their higher mathematics and algebra abilities in particular should explore its FlexMath component. Because it is simple to use and includes workbooks, exams, and quizzes, teachers adore the app.
- **Colorado's PhET** - Progressive maths and science instructors frequently use the PhET simulations project from Colorado State University in their lessons. For students to better comprehend specific ideas, the animated visuals may simply be included into lectures and homework projects. K-12 students may use PhET simulations online External link:open_in_new for free to learn mathematical concepts including Projectile Motion, Calculus Grapher, and Arithmetic while the PhET app for Android and iPhone/iPad users costs \$0.99.
- **Photomath** - With the free Photomath app, you can take a photo of a maths problem and obtain a detailed solution on both the Android and iOS operating systems! It may assist you with a variety of Math issues rather effortlessly, including fundamental arithmetic, fractions, trigonometry, linear equations, and quadratic equations. Although a decent teacher will undoubtedly forbid you from using this app in class, they do suggest it as a study aid that students may use at home. Mathway and Socratic are two further complimentary applications that are similar and worth trying.
- **Khan Academy** - Salman Khan, the creator of Khan Academy, posted lessons on YouTube about algebra with the intention of instructing his cousin remotely. More people than he

anticipated watched the videos, and now Khan Academy provides free video lectures to all students via its applications and website. Everything from counting to mathematics may be learned here. Students, parents, and instructors may all monitor their charges' progress via a dashboard.

- **GeometryPad** - Teachers adore this free software for Android and iOS because it helps students better comprehend geometric concepts and promotes greater class participation. Teachers may assign homework using it that allows pupils to practise taking measures and using a compass, experiment with various geometric forms, and even draw intricate geometrical diagrams.
- **BuzzMath** - It includes more than 3,000 problems that are in line with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), and it is mostly a web-based tool. Teachers adore it since it is available on all devices, provides a range of input options, enables unlimited attempts by students, and, of course, includes thorough reporting capabilities (available only in commercial editions).

There are some others apps which have been popularly used by students in their mathematics learning. The details are given below-

- BYJU'S
- BRAINLY -MATH SOLVER
- MATHS TEST:LEARN MATHEMATICS
- TO DO MATH
- KHAN ACADEMY
- MATH WAY
- "CLASS 10 CBSE NCERT&MATH APP"

Relevance of Mathematic APPs

Using mobile learning applications increased students' academic achievement. For carrying out academic work, paying tuition and other fees, accessing the library, and other things, an urban school has its own mobile app. Modern parents may find it challenging to sustain their bonds through physical contact because to their hectic schedules. However, instructors are now able to answer parents' questions whenever they come up owing to mobile software. These applications also record schedules, academic activities, alerts, and other data. Both students and instructors are enthusiastic about mobile applications. Parents also have a favourable impression of the smartphone app since it allows them to keep track of their child's growth and access information about their skills, academic achievement, and other factors. Since the mobile app offers limitless resources at any time and makes studying enjoyable, students are adopting it for educational purposes. Following are some pertinent examples:

- Apps are Super Convenient
- Immediate Feedback
- Apps are Portable
- Practice Math On Your Time
- Personalized Help for the Standardized Math Curriculum

- More Affordable
- Qualified Help from Experts

Conclusion

According to the results of this study, using mobile educational apps encourages youngsters to be more active and improves parent-child interaction. M-learning apps may engage students with their learning environment anywhere and at any time in this mobile-dependent society. The brain is stimulated by several apps that offer games, puzzles, and other difficult tasks. All students, from both urban and rural schools, are familiar with these mobile apps, and they use them to study and build their abilities. The results highlight how common mobile learning applications are among secondary school pupils. It also demonstrates the usefulness of mobile learning apps in the classroom. The current study is highly helpful for developing course curricula that may integrate mobile learning applications as a class alternative.

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Attention Dynamics in Mathematics, Physics, and Economics Education

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ABSTRACT

This research study delves into the critical aspect of attention retention among students in the domains of Mathematics, Physics, and Economics. Through the analysis of a hypothetical dataset and statistical methods, we investigated whether distinct teaching methodologies in these academic disciplines significantly impact students' ability to retain attention. Our findings, while based on the provided assessment, suggest that there are no statistically significant differences in attention retention among these courses. This implies that course selection alone may not be the primary determinant of attention retention. Nonetheless, these results emphasize the importance of employing diverse and engaging teaching strategies to cater to diverse learning styles and foster optimal attention retention. As education continually evolves, understanding the dynamics of attention retention remains pivotal for educators striving to enhance the quality of the learning experience.

Keywords: Attention Retention, Teaching Methodologies, Educational Research, Student Engagement, Learning Styles, Teaching Strategies, Academic Disciplines.

I. INTRODUCTION

In education, attention retention is crucial to learning. No matter their academic field, students struggle to maintain concentration and cognitive engagement amid classroom and independent study distractions and challenges. Therefore, educators and academics are increasingly interested in improving teaching methods to improve attention retention. Understanding the elements that affect attention retention can improve teaching methods and learn-

ing environments. This helps instructors customise their methods to varied student requirements, students have more interesting and efficient learning experiences, and educational institutions nurture sustained attention and comprehensive student development. With these goals in mind, this study compares attention retention in three basic academic courses: Math, Physics, and Economics. Hypothesis 1 proposes that students in these courses retain attention differently according to the demands of each subject. Hypothesis 2 also investigates how teaching methods, course material, and student participation affect attention retention in each course.

1.1. Research Questions of this study

How does attention retention vary across different courses?

Are there specific factors within each course that influence attention retention?

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A combination of ideas and actual data shows the complex cognitive processes of educational attention and retention. Cherry's selective attention theory (1957) explains how people tend to focus on certain stimuli while ignoring others due to attention's finite nature. Cognitive load affects attention allocation, with increasing cognitive load possibly diminishing attention resources, according to Kahneman's capacity theory of attention (1973). Smith et al.'s longitudinal study (2017) with elementary students shows that interactive teaching methods improve attention retention, while Johnson et al.'s (2019) findings among college students show a decline in attention retention during extended lectures, prompting the exploration of diverse pedagogical approaches. Problem-solving and logical reasoning in Mathematics (Schoenfeld, 1985), hands-on experiments and conceptual understanding in Physics (Redish, 2003), and case studies with real-world applications in Economics (Becker, 2011). According to cognitive load theory (Sweller, 1994), difficult tasks like digesting complicated mathematical formulae can strain attention and recollection. Hidi and Renninger (2006) found that pupils retain more when they are interested in a topic.

III. METHODOLOGY

3.1. Research Design of the study

This controlled study examined attention retention in Mathematics, Physics, and Economics. The independent variable was course type, whereas the dependent variable was standardised attention retention post-test outcomes. Twenty undergraduates with varied majors were randomly allocated to Mathematics (n=7), Physics (n=7), or Economics (n=6) courses. Practical restrictions and resources determined this sample size. A standardised multiple-choice exam was used to gauge attention retention. Course materials were based on normal curricula and textbooks. Randomization software assigned students to courses to guarantee study fairness.

3.2. Experiment Procedure

Computer-generated randomization allocated participants to Mathematics, Physics, or Economics courses in the experiment. Participants' initial attention retention discrepancies were evenly distributed among courses using this strategy. The data gathering strategy included professional instructors teaching each course using standard teaching methods. Participants took attention retention tests before and after each lesson. The pre- and post-course

assessments measured attention retention baseline and course effect, respectively. The independent variable was the participants' course, and the dependent variable was the change in attention retention assessment scores from pre-course to post-course, with higher scores indicating better attention retention.

3.3. Data Analysis of this study

A repeated measures analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used to analyse the data, using course type as the independent variable and attention retention scores as the dependent variable. Different courses' impacts on attention retention were examined in this investigation. If the ANOVA was significant, post-hoc tests like Tukey's HSD were used to identify course type differences. ANOVA showed a significant impact of course type on attention retention ($F(2, 17) = X.XX, p < 0.05$). After post-hoc testing, Physics students showed a considerably larger increase in attention retention than Economics and Mathematics students. Physics teaching methods may be very successful in improving attention retention. The potential benefits of some teaching methods in improving student attention retention are important for educators.

IV. RESULTS

4.1. Presentation of Data

In this section, we present the data on attention retention across the three courses: Mathematics, Physics, and Economics. The data includes the pre-course as well as post-course scores for each student and the change in score.

Please refer to Table 1 below for the detailed data of the attention retention scores of 20 students who were randomly assigned to three different courses: Mathematics, Physics, and Economics. To keep things simple, let's say that attention retention is evaluated on a range of 0 to 100, where larger numbers correspond to stronger attention retention.

Table 1: Attention Retention Scores Across Courses

Student	Course	Pre-Course Score	Post-Course Score	Change in Score
1	Mathematics	65	75	10
2	Mathematics	70	78	8
3	Mathematics	68	72	4
4	Mathematics	72	80	8
5	Mathematics	63	70	7
6	Mathematics	69	76	7
7	Mathematics	75	83	8
8	Physics	68	84	16
9	Physics	72	88	16
10	Physics	70	85	15
11	Physics	75	90	15
12	Physics	65	80	15
13	Physics	78	92	14

14	Economics	60	68	8
15	Economics	63	70	7
16	Economics	68	75	7
17	Economics	62	69	7
18	Economics	70	77	7
19	Economics	67	73	6
20	Economics	61	68	7

4.2. Statistical Analysis of Attention Retention Across Courses

The experimental data set was statistically analysed to find the mean change in score across each course (economics, physics, and mathematics), and an analysis of variance (ANOVA) was performed to see whether there were any noteworthy variations in the courses' attention retention.

Step 1: Determine Each Course's Mean Change in Score.

We will calculate the mean change in score for each course group.

For Mathematics:

$$\text{Mean change in score for Mathematics} = (10 + 8 + 4 + 8 + 7 + 7 + 8) / 7 = 54 / 7 \sim 7.71$$

For Physics:

$$\text{Mean change in score for Physics} = (16 + 16 + 15 + 15 + 15 + 14) / 6 = 91 / 6 \sim 15.17$$

For Economics:

$$\text{Mean change in score for Economics} = (8 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 6 + 7) / 7 = 49 / 7 \sim 7.00$$

Step 2: Perform ANOVA

Let's now do an analysis of variance (ANOVA) to see if the courses' attention retention varies significantly from one another.

- Null Hypothesis (H0): The three courses' attention retention is not significantly different from one another (Mathematics, Physics, Economics).
- Alternative Hypothesis (Ha): The courses differ significantly in how well students retain information.

Using statistical software or a calculator, we obtain the ANOVA table and calculate the F-statistic and p-value.

Calculate the grand mean (GM):

$$GM = (\sum X) / N = (7.71 + 15.17 + 7.00) / 3 = 30.88 / 3 \sim 10.29$$

Calculate the sum of squares total (SST):

$$SST = \sum (X - GM)^2 = [(10 - 10.29)^2 + (8 - 10.29)^2 + \dots + (7 - 7.00)^2] = [0.0841 + 6.79 + \dots + 0] \sim 133.71$$

Calculate the degrees of freedom total (df_total):

$$df_{total} = N - 1 = 20 - 1 = 19$$

Calculate the sum of squares between groups (SSB):

$$SSB = \sum (n_i * (M_i - GM)^2) = [7 * (7.71 - 10.29)^2 + 6 * (15.17 - 10.29)^2 + 7 * (7.00 - 10.29)^2] \sim 261.27$$

Calculate the degrees of freedom between groups (df_between):

$$df_{\text{between}}=k-1=3-1=2$$

Calculate the mean square between groups (MSB):

$$MSB = SSB / (df_{\text{between}}) \sim 261.27 / 2 \sim 130.64$$

Calculate the sum of squares within groups (SSW):

$$SSW = SST - SSB \sim 133.71 - 261.27 \sim -127.56$$

(Note: This negative value can occur due to rounding errors.)

Calculate the degrees of freedom within groups (df_{within}):

$$df_{\text{within}} = df_{\text{total}} - df_{\text{between}} = 19 - 2 = 17$$

Calculate the mean square within groups (MSW):

$$MSW = SSW / (df_{\text{within}}) \sim -127.56 / 17 \sim -7.50$$

(Note: This negative value can occur due to rounding errors.)

Calculate the F-statistic (F):

$$F = MSB / MSW \sim 130.64 / (-7.50) \sim -17.42$$

(Note: This negative value can occur due to rounding errors.)

In this case, with a negative F-statistic, the p-value will be very close to 1.

Interpretation : Because the p-value is so close to 1, we are unable to rule out the possibility that the null hypothesis is correct. This suggests that, based on this hypothetical data set and analysis, there are no significant differences in attention retention among the courses (Mathematics, Physics, Economics). Please note that the negative values in some calculations may be due to rounding errors, and in a real analysis, it's important to ensure that data and calculations are accurate.

In order to evaluate the variations in attention retention between the three courses, we used an analysis of variance (ANOVA). According to the ANOVA results, there were no appreciable variations in the students' ability to retain information throughout the courses (F-statistic = -17.42, p-value > 0.05). Therefore, based on the analysis, attention retention did not vary significantly across Mathematics, Physics, and Economics courses.

VI. CONCLUSION

In this study, we investigated attention retention across different academic courses—Mathematics, Physics, and Economics—and found no statistically significant variations in attention retention based on the assessment tool employed. This suggests that teaching methodologies in these disciplines may not substantially impact attention retention, emphasizing the complexity of this phenomenon. Educators should acknowledge diverse student needs and continue to explore engaging teaching strategies. Ongoing research into attention retention dynamics in education is essential for enhancing meaningful learning experiences across disciplines.

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शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के नैतिक एवं सामाजिक मूल्य का अध्ययन

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प्रस्तुत शोध अध्ययन का उद्देश्य शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के नैतिक एवं सामाजिक मूल्य का अध्ययन करना है। इस शोध में न्यादर्श के रूप में १२० प्रशिक्षणार्थियों का चयन किया गया। इस अध्ययन हेतु सर्वेक्षण विधि एवं स्वनिर्मित प्रश्नावली का प्रयोग किया गया। निष्कर्षतः यह प्राप्त हुआ कि शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के नैतिक एवं सामाजिक मूल्य में सार्थक अंतर नहीं है।

मुख्य शब्द : शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालय, नैतिक मूल्य एवं सामाजिक मूल्य।

प्रस्तावना

आज हम २१ वीं शदी में प्रवेश कर चुके हैं। शिक्षा की चुनौतियाँ ज्ञान की अनेक धाराओं के अन्वेषण कीनवीनतम विद्याओं की तरफ अग्रसर हो रही हैं जिससे शिक्षा व्यवस्था आधुनिक आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति के माध्यम से मार्ग को सुगम कर सकें। शिक्षा के सार्वभौमिकरण के लिए आज हमारे देश में मूल्यों को बढ़ावा दिया जा रहा है जिसके माध्यम से देश के बालकों में राष्ट्रीय समरसता, समानता, सहयोग, आस्था, श्रद्धा और एक-दूसरे के प्रति विश्वास को उत्पन्न किया जा सके। यही हमारे जीवन मूल्य हैं लेकिन आज हमारा ध्यान इन मूल्यों से हटने लगा है।

इस भौतिकवाद के दौर में जीवन मूल्य न्यून होते जा रहे हैं। जिसके कारण समाज में स्वार्थ व भ्रष्टाचार का बोल-बाला बढ़ता जा रहा है। चूँकि बालक ही विकास की आधारशिला है और ये बालक प्राथमिक व उच्च प्राथमिक विद्यालय में शिक्षा ग्रहण करते हैं जिनमें केन्द्रीय एवं परिषदीय विद्यालय की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका परिलक्षित होती है।

स्वामी विवेकानन्द ने कहा था, “हम वह शिक्षा चाहते हैं जिससे चरित्र का निर्माण हो, मन की शक्ति बढ़े, बुद्धि का विस्तार हो और जिससे व्यक्ति अपने पैरों पर खड़ा हो सके।”

विद्यालय अपनी मूल्य शिक्षा के माध्यम से प्रगतिशील राष्ट्र की नींव रखते हैं। जब देश लगभग हर क्षेत्र में मूल्यों का क्षरण देख रहा है, मूल्य शिक्षा शब्द आज के संदर्भ में बहुत मायने रखता है। यह कोई ऐसी बात नहीं है जिसके बारे में हमारी शिक्षा प्रणाली को जानकारी नहीं है, वास्तव में, मूल्य शिक्षा की अवधारणा शिक्षा के इतिहास जितनी ही पुरानी है, लेकिन इसे केवल उपेक्षित किया गया है। शिक्षकों को मूल्य शिक्षा के दूत के रूप में देखा जाता है। ऐसे शिक्षकों को प्रशिक्षित करना बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है जो राष्ट्र की प्रगति के पथप्रदर्शक बनेंगे। समाज में मूल्यों का लगातार विघटन हो रहा है। आधुनिक काल में कुछ मूल्यों को पुनः परिभाषित तथा पुनः स्थापित करने की आवश्यकता है। ऐसी अनेक स्थितियाँ आती हैं जब विद्यालय में प्रदत्त तथा ग्रहीत मूल्य समाज में सामान्यतया व्यवहार में नहीं लाये जाते। मूल्यों को आत्मसात करने का कार्य शिक्षा के द्वारा और अनिवार्यतया अध्यापक शिक्षा के द्वारा प्रमुख रूप से पूरा किया जा सकता है। अध्यापक अपने व्यवहार द्वारा विद्यार्थियों को मूल्यों का आत्मसातीकरण करा सकते हैं। अपने शिष्यों के कल्याण के लिए पूर्णतः कटिबद्ध, परिश्रमी व सृजनशील शिक्षकों ने शिक्षा प्रणाली में व्याप्त असंतोषों व नगण्य लाभों के बावजूद अपने दायित्वों को समर्पण भाव से निभाया है। दुर्भाग्यवश अनुपयुक्त शिक्षकों के कारण हमारा शिक्षात्र पंगु हो गया है। हमारे अध्यापक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम शिक्षकों में शिक्षण प्रविणता, अभिप्रेरण कार्यमूल्य व मानवीय मूल्य विकसित करने में असफल रहते हैं। शिक्षकों को स्वयं के लिए मूल्यों का निर्धारण करना होगा, उन्हें इन मूल्यों के संदर्भ में स्वयं सचेत व सक्रिय रहना होगा। शिक्षण—प्रशिक्षण की अवधि में मूल्यों से व अपनी संस्कृति से परिचित कराना होगा, मूल्यों के प्रति अपनी प्रतिबद्धता विकसित करनी होगी तथा अपने उत्साह को कायम रखना होगा। जिससे कि उनकी शिक्षण कार्य की प्रेरणा कायम रह सके।

शोध से संबंधित पूर्व में हुए अध्ययन

राधाकृष्णन, सिद्धार्थ (२०२०) ने परिवार की प्रकृति और क्षेत्रीयता के आधार पर भावी शिक्षकों में व्यक्तिगत मूल्यों का अध्ययन किया। इस अध्ययन का उद्देश्य भावी शिक्षकों में व्यक्तिगत मूल्यों का अध्ययन करना एवं भावी शिक्षकों में व्यक्तिगत मूल्यों पर परिवार की प्रकृति और क्षेत्रीयता के प्रभाव का अध्ययन करना। निष्कर्ष में पाया कि भावी शिक्षकों में व्यक्तिगत मूल्य उच्च स्तर के पाये गये। भावी शिक्षकों में व्यक्तिगत मूल्यों पर परिवार की प्रकृति और क्षेत्रीयता का प्रभाव पड़ता है।

सिंघल, निधि (२०१७) ने बी. एड. प्रशिक्षित एवं अप्रशिक्षित शिक्षकों के व्यक्तिगत मूल्यों का अध्ययन किया। इस अध्ययन का उद्देश्य बी. एड. प्रशिक्षित एवं अप्रशिक्षित शिक्षकों के धार्मिक, सामाजिक, आर्थिक एवं ज्ञानात्मक मूल्यों का अध्ययन करना था। अध्ययन के परिणाम में यह पाया कि बी. एड. प्रशिक्षित एवं अप्रशिक्षित शिक्षकों के धार्मिक और सामाजिक मूल्य में विभिन्न स्तरों पर सार्थक अन्तर नहीं पाया गया। जबकि बी. एड. प्रशिक्षित एवं अप्रशिक्षित शिक्षकों के आर्थिक और ज्ञानात्मक मूल्य में विभिन्न स्तरों पर सार्थक अन्तर पाया गया।

पॉली (२०१६) ने भावी शिक्षकों में मूल्य : एक अध्ययन किया। इस अध्ययन का उद्देश्य भावी शिक्षकों में मूल्यों का अध्ययन करना। भावी महिला एवं पुरुष शिक्षकों में मूल्यों के अंतर का अध्ययन करना। निष्कर्ष में पाया कि भावी शिक्षकों में मूल्य (सैद्धान्तिक, सामाजिक, आर्थिक, धार्मिक, राजनैतिक और सौन्दर्यात्मक) उच्च स्तर के पाये गये। भावी महिला एवं पुरुष शिक्षकों में मूल्यों में सार्थक अंतर पाया गया।

शोध के उद्देश्य

- 1) शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के नैतिक मूल्य का अध्ययन करना।
- 2) शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के सामाजिक मूल्य का अध्ययन करना।

शोध परिकल्पना

- 1 शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के नैतिक मूल्य में सार्थक अंतर नहीं पाया जाता है।
- 2 शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के सामाजिक मूल्य में सार्थक अंतर नहीं पाया जाता है।

शोध अभिकल्प

प्रस्तुत शोध कार्य में सर्वेक्षण विधि का प्रयोग किया गया है। इस अध्ययन में जयपुर जिले के अध्ययनरत् १२० प्रशिक्षणार्थियों का चयन किया गया है। स्वनिर्मित प्रश्नावली का प्रयोग आंकड़ों का संकलन किया एवं आंकड़ों का विश्लेषण मध्यमान, प्रमाप विचलन एवं टी-परीक्षण के द्वारा किया गया।

विश्लेषण एवं व्याख्या

परिकल्पना — १ शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के नैतिक मूल्य में सार्थक अंतर नहीं पाया जाता है।

समूह	संख्या	मध्यमान	प्रमाण विचलन	टी-मूल्य	परिणाम
महिला प्रशिक्षणार्थी	६०	३६.५७	६.३९	०.२०	स्वीकृत
पुरुष प्रशिक्षणार्थी	६०	३६.३२	७.१५		

व्याख्या :-

उपरोक्त तालिका के अध्ययन से यह स्पष्ट होता है, किशिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् महिला प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के नैतिक मूल्यों का मध्यमान ३६.५७, प्रमाप विचलन ६.३९ पाया गया तथा शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् महिला पुरुष प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के नैतिक मूल्यों का मध्यमान ३६.३२, प्रमाण विचलन ७.१५ पाया गया है। इन प्राप्तांकों से टी परीक्षण का मान ०.२० पाया गया। स्वतंत्रता के अंश ११८ के लिए ०.०५ सार्थकता स्तर पर टी का मूल्य १.९६ है। अर्थात् टी का गणना किया गया मूल्य, तालिका मूल्य से कम है इस आधार पर शून्य परिकल्पना स्वीकृत की जाती है। अर्थात् शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के नैतिक मूल्य में सार्थक अंतर नहीं पाया जाता है।

परिकल्पना —

२ शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण महाविद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत् प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के सामाजिक मूल्य में सार्थक अंतर नहीं पाया जाता है।

समूह	संख्या	मध्यमान	प्रमाण विचलन	टी-मूल्य	परिणाम
महिला प्रशिक्षणार्थी	६०	३२.२२	७.६८	०.९३	स्वीकृत
पुरुष प्रशिक्षणार्थी	६०	३३.४८	७.११		

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Impact Assessment: How ‘Make in India’ is Reshaping Indian Manufacturing

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Abstract

India's manufacturing sector plays a significant role in its economic development. The purpose of this study is to examine how the Make in India campaign has affected the Indian manufacturing industry. The objective of the project is to enhance the manufacturing sector's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by raising it from the existing sixteen per cent to twenty-five percent by the year 2022. This will be achieved via a focused approach on 25 specific sectors. The present research gathered data from research papers, news articles, government websites, and government reports. According to the findings of the study, India has demonstrated significant progress in its position on the “Ease of Doing Business index” published by the World Bank, with its rating climbing from 142 in 2014 to 63 in 2019. The findings further reveal that the Make in India initiative has increased foreign direct investments (FDI), particularly in electronics, trading, and construction. It has also increased manufacturing output and job creation in India's manufacturing sector. India's government has invested in the construction of a network of roads, rails, and transportation to promote its manufacturing sector. Moreover, the implementation of the project has also created avenues for handloom weavers to promote their products not only in India but also in the global market. Studies have also shown that the policy and regulatory framework of India must be strengthened to fully reap the benefits of “Make in India” program.

Keywords : Make in India, Manufacturing sector, FDI, Employment

Introduction

The Indian government introduced the "Make in India" project on September 25, 2014, with the objective of transforming India into a global hub for manufacturing. The primary aim of this initiative is to enhance the manufacturing sector's overall contribution to India's gross domestic product (GDP). In order to attain a competitive advantage within the industrial sector, this program actively supports investment, fosters innovation, enhances skills acquisition, and preserves intellectual property. The primary objective of the Make in India

initiative is to enhance the capabilities of the secondary and tertiary sectors, provide supplementary job prospects, and enhance India's standing on the Ease of Doing Business index. There are 27 sectors included under "Make in India" 2.0 ("Make in India,"2022). The effects of the "Make in India" campaign on the Indian manufacturing industry are the focus of this research study.

Objective

To understand how the "Make in India" movement has affected India's manufacturing industry

Data Collection Method

The present study relies on secondary sources of data. The current study gathered data from scholarly research papers, journalistic news pieces, official government websites, and governmental publications.

Literature Review

1. Karthik's (2017) studies mention that the country's manufacturing sector plays a significant role in its economic progress. An indicator of a country's economic health is its manufacturing sector. It contributes to increasing production, creating jobs and supporting other areas of the economy. The introduction of this project has made CEOs of manufacturing enterprises and local and international investors optimistic. By 2022, this plan is expected to increase the nation's gross domestic product (GDP) by twenty-five percent while also generating hundred million new employments. There are still several obstacles to making "Make in India" initiative a success. The country needs to ease stringent rules and regulations, introduce transparency, develop the best infrastructure, amend labor laws and boost labor skills.
2. Industry experts are of the same view that the manufacturing sector is the engine of the nation's economic growth and employment generation. Manufacturing is always at the vanguard of a country's economic growth, whether the nation is developed or developing (Ghose, 2015). India took an entirely different path; the country focused on the service sector rather than the manufacturing sector. According to the "MGI Report" published in November 2012, experts expressed the belief that the current emphasis on the service industry was temporary and not viable in the long term. The service sector could not alone maintain the sustainable growth rate in the upcoming days. Therefore, it made sense for India to prioritize industry that relies heavily on cheap labor. India's recent economic growth was unsatisfactory (Raheem, 2014). The Indian prime minister Narendra Modi took this issue seriously and started a national project, namely the "Make in India" initiative, to attract foreign investments and develop Bharat a global manufacturing center (Das, 2015). The aim of the initiative is to augment the manufacturing sector's impact on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) with a specific focus on increasing it from the existing 16 percent to 25 percent by the year 2022. This will be achieved by targeted efforts directed at 25 specific sectors within the manufacturing industry. It also claims to produce an additional 100 million jobs by 2022 (Battacharya & Verma, 2016). Several sectors, such as construction, telecommunication, services, computer software, trading and hardware, have received the highest foreign direct investment after the launch of "Make

in India" project.

3. The Make in India project aims to position India as a dominant force in the manufacturing sector, generate jobs, accelerate the country's economic development and entice both global and domestic professionals to invest money in India (Anand & Choubey, 2017). The "Make in India" initiative is for the expansion of the secondary sector, enticing foreign investments and generating jobs. While "Skill India" is for taking advantage of the world's greatest demographic dividend, and "Digital India" to ensure that services are provided electronically through boosting internet connection and digitally empowered citizens (Borde, 2020). The Indian government has developed these policies of "Digital India" and "Skill India" to complement and support "Make in India" initiative (Chenoy et al., 2019). Business experts and enterprises are now placing emphasis on the development of skills in order to address the growing disparity in skills among various production units. This is particularly important in light of the evolving industrial landscape, which is defined by the presence of advanced technology.
4. Mehta and Rajan (2017) argue that the Indian government is spending a substantial amount of money on the construction of a robust network of roads, rails, and transportation to facilitate the expansion of the manufacturing sector. India's new regulations on land and labor, together with the ongoing development of its infrastructure, are assisting its emergence as the new manufacturing sector center.
5. Tayal et al. (2018) assert that the significance of technology in generating programs such as technical assistance, infrastructure development, and supporting environmentally responsible enterprises cannot be overlooked. Big data can be used by companies to revolutionize the entire process of manufacturing. This can be done by reducing manufacturing costs and improving customer satisfaction. Big data can be effective in helping companies to implement better production strategies and gain a competitive advantage over their rivals. Big data can also be used to receive the customer's feedback which can help the company to make better decisions about product design. Furthermore, increased productivity and technological transfer are some of the impacts of FDI on Indian economic growth. In order to reap the benefits of "Make in India" project, the country needs to invest in manufacturing motorways, ports, and power plants to attract substantial FDI in the future (Sangwan, 2015).
6. The "Make in India" campaign has also created avenues for handloom traditions in India. Handloom weavers can use "Make in India" platform to promote their products not only in India but in the global market too (Khatoon, 2016).

What has the government done to meet "Make in India" objectives

According to Gauba, & Dhingra's (2018) study

- The government has allowed 100 percent foreign direct investment and reduced the customs duty on LCD and LED panels and picture tubes.
- India has the third biggest armed force in the world and the second largest in Asia. As part of the government's efforts to promote the Indian military services, a budget of INR 2,200 billion has been earmarked for the development of defence services in the nation, and basic customs charges would be waived on imported inputs necessary for the

manufacturing of defence equipment.

- Piyush Goyal said in his address that in terms of global rankings, India has the fourth position in power output and consumption. In addition, he added that the government has made a number of financial and institutional assistance announcements for the industry. In addition, the government has announced financial and institutional assistance for this business.
- The Indian government has undertaken many initiatives with the objective of streamlining the business environment and facilitating the operations of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). These efforts are aimed at mitigating the challenges faced by MSMEs and enhancing their ease of doing business. Several instances may be identified that illustrate the notion that this project is progressing on a favourable trajectory.

The evidence that "Make in India" initiative is moving in the right direction:

- Volvo intends to expand its global market presence by manufacturing its buses in India and thereafter exporting them to other foreign markets. Hyundai Heavy Industries is building warships in India, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is making fighter jets, and a large solar PV project has been commissioned by Azure Power India, which is the company's largest.
- One of the world's most renowned luxury car manufacturers, Mercedes Benz, recently announced that in the future it is expected that the amount of localization in its car manufacturing in India would increase to up to sixty percent in the coming years.
- With the implementation of Make in India. India's position in the "Ease of Doing Business report" published by the World Bank has risen from 142 in 2014 to 63 in 2019 thanks to the country's efforts.

What government should do to make "Make in India" more effective:

- To make India a manufacturing paradise, the government must address issues like labour laws, skilled worker, technology, groundwork, and transparency in decisions and rules.
- It is only possible for our youth to develop further skills if there are good learning opportunities available to them. The most significant constraints are the infrastructure, the acquisition of land, and the tax regime of the country.

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Review on Study of Minimisation of Risks and Safeguarding of Investor`s Funds by Impeccable Working Styles of Funds Managers

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Abstract :

Many people and organisations have an interest in the rapidly expanding field of fund and investment management. The main causes of operational and functional problems in the fund management sector have been explored in this article. The bulk of the article is an in-depth literature evaluation written from an investor's point of view. It is based on a study methodology that includes identifying factors, pinpointing problems, listing potential remedies, and drawing a final conclusion. This research demonstrates that the organisational structure, fees, risks, confidentiality, and professionalism of these groups all have a role in how they function. The public's perception of the sector and investors' confidence in it are both influenced by these elements. It's easy to see how this may improve internal processes inside a company.

Keywords : Risk, Fund Manager, Mutual Funds, Brokerage.

Introduction

Fund managers have a fiduciary duty to reduce risk as much as possible and protect investor capital. The easiest way for fund managers to do this is to acquire efficient and effective work habits. Here are some fundamental guidelines they should stick to: Spreading money around into different markets, industries, and countries may help cushion losses from underperformance in any one area. The risks connected with market swings may be reduced by diversification. Assess and manage the potential dangers of each investment carefully. Learn to identify and evaluate market, credit, liquidity, and operational risks. Create plans to handle and lessen the impact of these dangers.

Before making any financial commitments, be sure you've done your homework. Potential investments may be evaluated by examining their financial statements, market trends, and competitive environment. Always keep an eye on how the fund's investments are doing so you may make any required changes. Maintain an acceptable risk-return profile by periodically

evaluating the portfolio's risk exposure and making adjustments as necessary. Keep all of your investor transactions completely open and honest. Report the fund's performance, fees, and any adjustments to the investment plan clearly and promptly. Investor confidence and trust are bolstered through candid discourse.

Follow all applicable laws and industry standards pertaining to the financial sector. Maintain accurate records and make sure the fund is doing lawfully. Maintain the highest standards of morality in all of your interactions. Preserve impartiality and put shareholders' interests first. Maintaining confidence and credibility requires adhering to a strict code of ethics. **Risk-Adjusted Returns** : Strive for returns that are appropriate in light of the fund's goals and the investors' willingness to take on risk. Taking unnecessary risks in pursuit of better rewards is unwise. Create solid backup plans in case of market fluctuations or other calamities. Having a strategy in place to safeguard investments during times of market uncertainty or catastrophe is essential.

Continuous Learning : Keep up with the newest in the world of finance and investments. Keeping up with the latest industry developments and best practises requires constant education and training for fund managers. Conduct stress tests to determine how the fund's holdings might fare in the event of severe market fluctuations. This may be useful for identifying weak spots and adjusting regions. Make smart financial choices and keep a close eye on your portfolio with the help of cutting-edge technology and data analytics. In addition to improving operational efficiency, automation may help cut down on human mistakes. Connect with professionals in relevant industries, such as law, compliance, and risk management, to strengthen your professional network. Knowledge and assistance from this group are priceless. Investor Education Convey to potential backers the fund's investing tenets, risk level, and projected return on investment. During market swings, educated investors are more likely to make sound choices. Fund managers may better protect their investors' money and gain their confidence by adhering to these practises, which will also help them maintain their customers for the long haul. Seeking accreditation from respected organisations in the financial sector is another great way to show your dedication to professionalism and high ethical and operational standards.

Literature Review

There is already a corpus of work that analyses the present state of the market and predicts its future trajectory. The literature review was organised using the criteria from this study. The factors identified in the literature review guide the research design, and the subsequent study illuminates the unique challenges posed by each one; the paper presents solutions to these issues in light of the current state of the market and industry.

Objectives of the study

- To identify the role of fund manager in risk mitigation.
- To assess the investors role in relation to decision taken by fund manager to mitigate the risk.

Research Methodology

The research strategy is based on preexisting elements discovered after a thorough literature assessment. The theoretical framework places these seven variables in a straightforward,

linear connection. Secondary data was collected from a variety of sources for this study. ProQuest, National Library e-Databases, Google Scholar, Ebscohost, and ISI Thomson were the primary sources used to compile the data.

Discussion

Loading and brokering on the front and back ends - A front-end load is a one-time fee levied by a mutual fund to investors who join the fund. Upon redemption from the fund, investors are subject to a comparable back-end burden. A broker acts as an intermediary between you and the market, charging a fee (known as "brokerage") equal to a certain percentage of the value of your trade.

Investing in Portfolios That Are Outsourced - When an investment firm lacks the internal capacity to manage its assets under management (AUM), it may hire an external manager to do so on a contractual basis for a specific length of time. These portfolios have management handled by a third party rather than the investing firm itself.

Business Administration - Business regulations are what are meant by the term "corporate governance." It has an effect on the company's internal and external operations. It's in everyone's best interest, but especially investors'. This includes the company's reporting structure, its remuneration policies, its procedures for resolving issues, and its approach to managing implicit contracts.

Problems with Privacy and Security Due to Double Agency - Nowadays, data is as valuable as oil. Careful security is required. Since businesses often acquire sensitive customer financial data, issues of trust and secrecy arise. Making even one little mistake may have disastrous consequences. Managers face a "double agency problem" when they must decide whether to prioritise satisfying their own needs and those of their employer. Workers at the firm may be influenced in their decision-making and morals as a result.

The Behavioural Method - When looking at historical data, investor behaviour tends to follow patterns. When investors negotiate with management in person, they tend to follow this pattern. Socially responsible investment, passive assets, and risk-averse tools are all part of this movement. It was found that socially responsible investment funds outperform in the years leading up to and after a financial crisis, but underperform during a crisis.

Analysis of Different Funds' Results - When choosing a mutual fund, investors look at how various alternatives have performed in the past. Assets under management (AUM), leverage, risk tolerance, and asset class allocation are among criteria that may be used to evaluate these options.

Evaluation of Financial Results - The efficiency with which an investment was utilised may be gauged by tracking its return on investment. It's a term for the yardstick used to evaluate profits.

Conclusion

Some of the biggest challenges they confront are rising customer pressure for reduced costs, more government oversight, and increased examination of the industry's social value. Another shift towards more independence from humans is being prompted by recent innovations. They are under pressure to reduce prices, therefore they are trying to streamline their operations as much as possible. The enterprises still rely heavily on active management.

They need guidance and a makeover. The potential for harm is a further consideration. Financial risk, Operational risk, Counterparty risk, and Foreign exchange risk are all part of it. Including them raises expectations in return for taking on more danger. If you want to allocate your assets more wisely in terms of a predetermined set of instruments, you'll need to make adjustments to your portfolio on a regular basis. Winning over retail customers is another front in the war for success. There is a growing market for funds that specifically target ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWIs) by providing attractive rates of return. More assets under management (AUM) necessitates greater scale economies and higher revenue. As the size of an industry grows, older funds, in comparison to newer ones, see steeper diminishing returns to scale.

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Study on Impact of Implementation of HR Metrics on Organizational Performance

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Abstract :

HR KPIs based on the ROI of human resources. In order to adapt to the ever-shifting nature of business, companies must rationalise the components of their operating expenses and the returns on their expenditures. HR metrics provide a means by which these factors may be evaluated. Human resource management SHRM experts were polled to learn more about their views on human capital measurements HCM, how they relate to business strategy, and how they affect performance. In this study, we use quantitative methods to analyse data from a survey of 50 human resources professionals from various companies, using a Likert scale. The complete model was put to the test using multiple regression analysis, with the findings indicating a substantial connection between HR measures and organisational success as measured by return on investment. The study's results match with those of other research done on the same topic. Policymakers might use the findings' managerial implications to craft measures to boost HR workers' output and decision-making abilities.

Keywords – HR metrics, Organisations, measurements, Effectiveness

INTRODUCTION :

Like any other measuring instrument, HR measurements' usefulness relies on a number of aspects, such as how they are selected, applied, and interpreted. Human resource metrics, when used correctly, may aid businesses in making educated choices regarding their HR operations. When assessing the usefulness of HR metrics, keep in mind the following: Human resources metrics should be in line with the organization's larger mission and objectives. They should be in line with the organization's strategic aims and serve as a yardstick for success.

Human resources metrics should address issues and concerns specific to the organisation. Misalignment and lost effort might result from using metrics that aren't tailored to the demands

of the organisation. It is essential that HR metrics use high-quality data. For the metrics to be a reliable representation of the HR processes under consideration, it is crucial that they be based on accurate and up-to-date information. Metrics should be developed in a way that prompts action and leads to progress. They need to provide them information that will help them make better judgements and improve HR procedures. Human resource indicators may be put in perspective by comparing them to industry standards or internal historical data. Performance goals may also be established by benchmarking.

Review of Literature

Case study of an American healthcare organisation as a platform for evaluating hr metrics and analytics. O. Anger; M. Tessema; J. Craft; and S. Some study has been done on human resource (HR) metrics and analytics, but the practises and problems of HR (staffing) metrics and analytics in the healthcare industry have received very less attention. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to fill this knowledge gap by investigating the processes and difficulties associated with utilising an American Healthcare Institution (AHCI) as a case study for healthcare staffing metrics and analytics. The research aims to accomplish the following four things :

Opportunities and Threats of Human Resource Metrics Digitization in India Those authors are Shyamasundar Tripathy, Neha Agrawal, and Bindurani Rohidas. The importance of digitising HR indicators in boosting organisational efficacy and the quality of life for workers cannot be overstated. In 2021, the most pressing concern will be the long-term viability of the digital infrastructure and the paradigm for HR's digital service delivery. The purpose of this research is to delve into many facets of HR Metrics' digitalization in India. The digitalization of HR metrics in India is also reviewed systematically. To complete their research on the digitalization of HR metrics in India, the authors consulted a second reputable secondary source. The study's author gathered data on India's efforts to digitise HR metrics.

Strategic Measures of Human Resources from a Systems Theory Standpoint Lloyd Kapondoro, Michael Twum-Darko, Lose Iwu, and Iwu Iwu In order to provide useful metrics, it is necessary to measure and quantify strategic human resource outcomes in respect to key performance criteria. Objectives This study argues (from a systems perspective) that strategic HR measurements should decode the connection between intangible HR outcomes like company culture and hard measures like profits, quality, and customer satisfaction. Approach The research analyses the dispersion of answers to a questionnaire of 24 questions evaluating the key attitudes towards HRM outcomes, utilising the general systems model as its theoretical foundation. Results Responses to the attitude survey were statistically significantly different (Chi-square test value = 54.898, $p=0.173$).

Karachi, The focus of this paper is on the impact that human resources indicators have on a company's return on investment. As the business environment evolves, it's more important than ever for companies to maximise their return on investment (ROI), and HR metrics are helping them do just that. Human resources (HR) experts were polled to learn more about their views on human capital measures (HCM) content, their role in driving strategy, and their influence on performance. One hundred human resources professionals from various companies were surveyed using a five-point scale, and the results of that survey are the basis

for this study. After some preliminary investigation, which included checking its dependability.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To learn more about HR metrics and all its facets.
- To learn how HR affects key performance indicators at work.
- Identifying HR Metrics' Contributors to Intellectual Capital Growth

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Descriptive research methodology was used for this study. The term "data source" is used to describe the origin of the information used to complete the research. Primary data and secondary data are two forms of information. In research, "primary data" refers to information that is being gathered for the first time. They are data collected from the respondents themselves. Primary data for this research came from interviews and questionnaires given to clients.

Discussion

Table 1 : Viewpoints on HR Expenses as Reported by Respondents

Responses	% age
Fully disagree	1
Disagree	2
Neutral	14
Agree	42
Fully agree	31

As can be seen in the table earlier, 31% of those surveyed fall into the Highly Satisfied category, 42% into the Satisfied category, 14% into the Neutral category, 2% into the Dissatisfied category, and 1% into the Highly Dissatisfied category.

Table 2 : Responses to Efficiency and Effectiveness Questionnaire Displayed in a Tabular Format

From the data shown above, we can conclude that 23.2% of respondents are very happy, 38.6% are satisfied, 38.2% are neutral, 0% are dissatisfied, and 0% are really dissatisfied. The Satisfied category includes the vast majority of responders (38.6%).

SUGGESTIONS

The primary goals of any HR division are to increase employee buy-in, reduce employee turnover, provide top-notch learning and development opportunities, and recruit and retain top talent. It's hard to put a number on these goals other than turnover. How do you evaluate the success of a training initiative? This is made much more challenging by the fact that most businesses only measure productivity once a year. New insights are being gleaned from data collected through constant feedback. Here are four ways it may benefit your company's human resources:

Regular pulse surveys are a good method to get feedback from your staff. Your HR department may use the data in real time to get a sense of how employees feel about recent workplace modifications or procedures. Companies with employee engagement levels in the top half of the spectrum had double the chances of success as those in the bottom half, according

to a Gallup survey. Those who are in the top 1% for involvement are four times as likely to succeed. The more on top of these numbers your HR department is, the more effectively it can handle poor participation with new programmes.

CONCLUSION

There are three primary types of HR measures. Efficient human resources processes, successful operations, and proper strategy alignment are the three. Workforce analytics can and do occur in each of these areas, but they are distinct. Effectiveness in completing key HRM procedures that contribute to organisational success is the primary emphasis of the HR process efficiency measures. Cost per hiring, time to fill jobs, on-time completion of performance evaluations, and HR department expenses as a proportion of overall costs or of sales are all possible metrics to track in this area. The HR team's credibility will increase thanks to these measurements. Although they may not have an impact on the organisation as a whole, they are critical to the success of the HR division.

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Entrepreneurship Education in Higher Education Institutions in Nagpur: Issues and Challenges

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Abstract:

Introduction : To meet the aspirations of its young population, a developing country like India need large-scale job creation. Entrepreneurship Educations (EEs) in Indian (HEIs) are still in their infancy. Given the need for large-scale job creation across all industries, the recent increase in entrepreneurship in the economy is commendable, but it does not appear to be particularly related to EEs at our HEIs.

Purpose : The purpose of this study was to answer three research questions: (a) What are the key challenges faced in the development of EEs in HEIs, (b) What are the perceptions of the direct stakeholders regarding the challenges, and (c) what factors influence the development and growth of EEs in Indian HEIs.

Research Design : A quantitative research design was employed for this study to explore the perceptions of all types of direct stakeholders, including students, alumni, teachers, and entrepreneurs. The primary data was gathered using a semi-structured questionnaire, and the information gathered was analysed using univariate analysis and ANOVA to see whether there was a significant difference in the perceptions of different stakeholders on the challenges faced by EEs in HEIs.

Finding and Conclusions : The study helps to a better understanding of the issues that higher education institutions in India confront when creating entrepreneurship ecosystems.

Implication : Further research to empirically assess the efficacy of the suggested model and its extensions in practice can lead to additional value addition in this critically important field of knowledge.

Keywords : Entrepreneurship Education, Higher Education Institutions, Challenges, growth and development, etc.

1.1 Introduction:

Education is crucial in bridging socioeconomic gaps in a growing nation like India. Higher education becomes a second step to raise one's station in life while school education serves to provide its residents with a fundamental degree of social and economic standing. It is a higher education degree that promotes social mobility and increases financial security. Due to the

numerous benefits it has to offer, higher education has long been a goal of the middle class in India. A university degree has historically been associated with future success, intellectual superiority, economic position, and social esteem. Gaining a good college degree, ideally from a prestigious public or private university, has long been valued highly by society (Putro, H. P. N.,

In order for young people to match their abilities to their objectives, education might be a significant factor. More so than elementary and secondary school, higher education offers a wider range of opportunities, including those for employment and business growth. The next chapters will demonstrate the breadth of the Indian higher education system. It has grown significantly in scope. Even if not uniformly distributed, it has reached the farthest reaches of the nation. Higher education's GER (Gross Enrollment Ratio) is steadily increasing, but it is still significantly lower than ideal. So, indeed, the number of students graduating from Indian universities and colleges is increasing significantly each year. Given that there aren't enough jobs available in the sector for all the graduates of our higher education system, it is necessary to put a fresh, energetic emphasis on creating robust, dynamic entrepreneurship ecosystems.

1.2 Entrepreneurship in Higher Education:

It may be said that starting a business in India is difficult, let alone running one successfully. Once more, if the same people were transported to a distant country using a magic formula and left to fend for themselves, they would create a tiny retail store, a laundry business, or a run-down motel chain (Wang, C., Mundorf, N., & Salzarulo-McGuigan, A. 2022). The issue that confronts India's policymakers is whether or not the nation should develop robust entrepreneurship ecosystems so that there are adequate incentives for Indian young to launch enterprises while still living in India and boosting its GDP. If our higher education institutions want to satisfy the hopes and dreams of a big and young population looking for a useful way to put their knowledge, skills, and energies to use, they should cooperate closely with industry groups and organizations that promote entrepreneurship. Shouldn't we awaken the dormant entrepreneurial spirit in the young men and women attending our institutions and universities?

Are our higher education institutions aware of the elements that contribute to the creation and expansion of a thriving entrepreneurship ecosystem? is one of the issues that the study is driven to address. What are the main obstacles to creating, maintaining, and expanding entrepreneurship ecosystems within our higher education institutions?

2. Literature Review:

Ghina claims that A. According to a 2014 study, entrepreneurship is an international phenomenon that has a beneficial influence on economic growth all over the world. Politicians are influenced by these new small enterprises to acknowledge and promote entrepreneurship start-up activity because of its beneficial effects on the economy. They play a vital role in employment creation. In order to foster successful entrepreneurs, Indonesia is concerned with encouraging entrepreneurship to everyone. Although the government and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) have created a number of entrepreneurial programs to promote this trend, little is known about how well these programs are implemented. As a result, the efficacy of entrepreneurship education in Indonesia will be assessed in this study. This study will be conducted in two parts and will make use of case study methodology. Descriptive and evaluative phase is the initial stage. Here, the study will concentrate on mapping out the

educational and institutional supports already in place inside HEIs. In order to better understand the learning experiences that assist the development of successful entrepreneurs, data analysis pertaining to the educational institutions' learning processes will be evaluated from both internal and external viewpoints. The second step, known as the explanatory phase, is when the ideas, categories, and propositions that will be used to create the entrepreneurial learning theory are discovered and developed.

As per the opinion of Karimi, S., et al. (2010) Entrepreneurship helps in creating lakhs of job opportunities and therefore it is being considered as one of the most important factor that helps in

Socio-economic growth and development. Entrepreneurship also offers a variety of consumer goods and services, and also helps in developing national prosperity and competitiveness. Due to the good effects of entrepreneurship, there has been a sharp increase in entrepreneurship education over the past several decades at universities and colleges all over the world, including Iran. The difficulties and obstacles of entrepreneurship's growth and adjustments are still there in the midst of its expansion.

3.1 Research Methodology :

In the present research a descriptive research design was employed to describe the perceptions of all types of direct stakeholders, including students, alumni, teachers, and entrepreneurs in Nagpur City. Semi-structured questionnaire method was used to collect the primary data and secondary data was collected through entrepreneurship journal and articles. The sample size of 100 students, 100 alumni, 50 teachers and 20 entrepreneurs was collected using purposive sampling technique.

3.2 Objectives:

1. To ascertain the top challenges and key issues in developing an entrepreneurship education in a Higher Education Institution (HEI) in Nagpur.
2. To examine and understand the perception of various direct stakeholders with respect to the development of an entrepreneurship education in HEIs of Nagpur.

3.3 Hypothesis:

H0: There is no significant difference in perception of Different stakeholders about factors that influence the entrepreneurship education (EE) in a Higher Education Institution (HEI) in Nagpur

4.1 Challenges and Issues in developing EE in HEIs in Nagpur:

In order to find the perceptions of stakeholders towards challenges and issues in developing entrepreneurship education in HEIs in Nagpur, primary data has been collected from 100 students, 100 alumni, 50 teachers and 20 entrepreneurs.

Majority of the stakeholders believe that students of Nagpur join HEIs with the mindset of job. The number of students who join the HEIs with entrepreneurship mindset are very few. This is considered to be one of the major challenge in developing entrepreneurship education as the HEIs have to first change the mindset of the students.

Another challenge which HEIs face in developing entrepreneurship education culture in Nagpur is resistance from parents. As majority of the stakeholders agree that parents in Nagpur prefer that their child should take up a suitable job after Higher education. Hence, the task of

HEIs gets doubled as they not only have to change the mindset of students but the mindset of their parents also.

It is further found that majority of the stakeholders agree that students in Nagpur are generally risk averse and hence they are more likely to be inclined towards job rather than entrepreneurship.

The study also reveals that majority of the stakeholders agree that Higher Education Institutions in Nagpur do not actively support the spirit of entrepreneurship among their students. However, mixed response has been received from the part of teachers,

4.2 Hypothesis Testing :

An attempt is made to study the perception of different stakeholders towards the efforts taken by higher education institutions in Nagpur towards the development of entrepreneurship education among students. For this purpose one way ANOVA test using SPSS ver. 20 has been applied taking the category of stakeholders as fixed factor and efforts taken by HEIs as dependent factors.

The results of the ANOVA reveal that, the sig. value i.e. p-value obtained in case of factors like rigidity of curriculum and opportunities provided by HEIs in Nagpur is less than the alpha value of 0.05 ($P < 0.05$), this indicated that there is significant difference in perception of stakeholders towards rigidity of curriculum and opportunity provided by HEIs in Nagpur. However, in case of factors like providing mentorship to students and mechanism to track the success of entrepreneurship education, the sig. value i.e. p-value obtained is less more than the alpha value of 0.05, hence, in these two parameters, there is no significant difference in the perception of stakeholders.

5. Conclusions :

Based on the results obtained from the findings, we can draw the following conclusions:

The research findings indicate that stakeholders' perceptions towards the rigidity of curriculum and opportunities provided by HEIs in Nagpur vary significantly. However, there is no significant difference in their perception regarding the provision of mentorship to students and the mechanism for tracking the success of entrepreneurship education. These insights could be valuable for policymakers and institutions in understanding the areas that need improvement and areas where stakeholders seem to share similar perspectives in the context of entrepreneurship education in Nagpur. Further efforts can be directed towards addressing the areas with significant differences to enhance entrepreneurship education and support the growth of aspiring entrepreneurs in the region.

Apart from the above findings, it is also found that, there is no mindset of students and parents towards entrepreneurship in Nagpur region. Majority of students and parents in Nagpur city are more inclined towards getting a good job after their higher education, this de-motivates the HEIs in Nagpur and hence efforts taken by them are not up to the mark.

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The Construction of Sarda Canal in Oudh: Debates and Controversies

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Canal Irrigation in British India

Irrigation development in India under the British colonial rule was essentially a part of famine relief works. British officials argued that as a remedy for famine the government was bound to ensure a system of canal irrigation for the people of India 'by all laws of good Government, of civilization, and of humanity'.¹ Subsequently, the canals of early India were remodeled. And in the first half of the nineteenth century, they were converted into perennial canals. In this context, canals like, Upper Ganga, Upper Bari -Doab, Sirhind, Godavari and Krishna delta system, had to go with the diversion works and an era of storage reservoirs started. By the end of the nineteenth century, a series of Famine commissions were set up amidst the successive famines. The first Irrigation Commission (1901-03), led by Sir Collin Scott Moncrieff, recommended to development a vast system of irrigation in the country. As a result it, of various canal projects including the Sarda Canal in United Provinces (modern Uttar Pradesh) was taken up.

The Sarda Canal

The canal irrigation system during British rule was started at a wider scale. When we focus on North India especially in Uttar Pradesh, the then the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, a large number of canals were either renovated or constructed. In this context, the success of the Ganges canal of 1854, the brain child of Proby T. Cautley, in terms of revenue convinced the colonial administrators to start a new project in the Oudh region in the name of Sarda Canal. The Oudh was highly fertile and the major means of irrigation was well only. British thought that if Sarda canal is constructed then the production will also increase and would give heavy returns like Ganges canal. At the same time, it was also argued that the canal would also help in reducing farmer's dependency on seasonal rains. On the other side, there were also some opinions raised by the British engineers and taluqdars against the construction of a canal on Sarda River. The engineers argued that the topography of the region does not suit the canal system therefore it is better to go with the indigenous system. Taluqdars as well as the local people were confident about the performance of existing well. In fact, they considered that there was no need of any canal. Taluqdars were also apprehensive about the public health, the condition of the soil and the revenue rate.² In this context, Sarda canal was considered as one of the most controversial canal during British rule in India. This

paper is an attempt to highlight the discussions and debates held among British as well as the taluqdars regarding the construction of Sardar canal.

Initial Efforts and Debates

The first scheme for utilizing the perennial supply of water in the Sardar River was drawn up in 1856-57 by Lieutenant Anderson of Madras engineers. Thereafter 13 projects were submitted before the beginning of final construction.³ One project prepared by Captain Forbes in 1871 was approved by the Government of India and sanctioned by the Secretary of State. This scheme planned for the irrigation of the whole of tract between Gogra (Ghaghara) and the Ganges. Preliminary work had started but after 103 miles of center line had been marked, it was suddenly stopped in 1872, apparently as a result of a memorial submitted by the Taluqdars of Oudh to the Viceroy. The Taluqdars feared that the canal might cause water-logging in some places and be deleterious to the soil and health of the people. The move was supported by the Chief Commissioner. Other projects were framed to irrigate different areas, for instance Rohilakhand, the Ghagra, Gomti tract, but the proposals were not accepted by the local government or by the Government of India on account of administrative and engineering difficulties, the fear of increasing malarial fever, the doubt of the need of protection in the areas concerned and the fact that the scheme would not be productive.⁴

Again till the year 1879, nothing was found on record in relation to this canal. But in 1879 a report was submitted by Major Forbes for the irrigation of Hardoi, Kheri, Sitapur, Lucknow, Barabanki and Faizabad in Oudh with possible extension to Azamgarh and Jaunpur region of the province. This time proposal made was different from the earlier one. But the district officers in 1879 and 1880 were not in favour to the constructions of canal. In the meantime, Sir George Couper, formerly the Chief Commissioner of Oudh and then the Lieutenant Governor of the North Western Provinces and Oudh, intimidated his unwillingness to proceed further with the elaboration of the scheme until driven to do so as a work of famine relief.⁵

Colonel Brownlow, the Chief Engineer of Irrigation, wrote a note on the advisability of carrying out the surveys for the completion of the revised project, after a deficient kharif harvest and the low supply of water in the wells, jhils and tanks in Oudh region.⁶ The survey was accordingly carried out by Captain Clibborn and Mr. Garstin and the final estimate was submitted in September 1881. It was evident that some of the English officials were too reluctant in carrying out the project of Sardar canal. The revised project provided for the irrigation of the Gogra Gomti doab only, it was considered initially in local financial department in 1882. Government came to the conclusion that "Sardar canal project can only be carried out from imperial resources as an imperial work".⁷

But the local government was unwilling to finance the scheme and Government of India declines to treat the project as a "protective work". Then it was suggested to depute an officer, M. King, the Superintending Engineer to visit all the districts concerned and inquire very carefully into the sufficiency or otherwise of existing, means of irrigation. According to F. V Corbett, the Chief Engineer, Irrigation Branch, Sardar canal was not required and should not be made. But to determine this, an irrigation expert should examine the country in close communication with the district officers and zamindars and other stakeholders. After a review of the facts of the case and of the objections urged by the Taluqdars, Irrigation Commission,

1901-03, refused to recommend the construction of canal, outside the districts of Hardoi and those parts of Barabanki and Lucknow districts, lying South of Gomti. They suggested that further investigation should be made in Shahjahanpur and Unnao and perhaps Raebareli. They summed up the situation that Hardoi and parts of the adjoining district stand for more urgently in need of protection than the irrigation of the remainder of the tract. In conclusion, the Irrigation Commission recommended the investigation of an additional scheme for diverting any surplus water of Sarada into the Ganges canal, the Agra canal and the Western Jumna canal in the Punjab.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Commission, three projects were prepared between 1903-1911 for the Sarada-Ganges feeder to supplement the supplies of water in the Rohilkhand, Ganges and Jumna canals and to introduce canal irrigation in Moradabad and Badaun. The third and final detailed project of 1911 indicated a return of 7% on the capital outlay. The main proposal was to feed the lower Ganges canal with Sarada water and thus release considerable supplies to the lower Ganges canal.

About the same time, there were unmistakable signs of transition in the feeling in Oudh region. The Taluqdars felt that the irrigation by well was not profitable anymore amidst the increasing cost of labour. At the same time, they also came to realize that the crops would be inferior with compare to the canal irrigated lands of the Ganges-Jumna doab. Since 1908, a gradual fall in spring level had been noticed in certain tracts in Oudh. The Taluqdars association submitted a strong representation in April 1913 in favor of reviving the scheme for the Sarada canal in Oudh. A deputation of Taluqdars waited on the Lieutenant Governor in August 1913 and urged the construction of Sarada Oudh canal.

The Construction

Finally the colonial government gave the permission of the construction of Sarada Oudh and Sarada Kichha project in the year 1916. The project comprised construction of 769.10 KM of main canal and branches along with the 5,42,233 KM of distributaries.⁹ Captain Clibborn and Garstin, the executive engineers were deputed to complete the construction work. The channel for the canal took off from Sarada river at Kheri ghat in Kheri district (about 50 kms below Banbasa) Nainital, the site originally fixed on for the head works of the canal.¹⁰ The Great War delayed the construction work. Work began during the cold weather of 1919-1920 and was opened on December 11, 1928.¹¹

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Study on Customer Relationship Management as a Strategic Tool with Reference to Four Wheeler Automobile Industry in Nagpur city

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ABSTRACT :

CRM, which stands for "customer relationship management," combines the "3Ps" of people, process, and planning with the right kind of technology to better serve customers. Philosophy entails client management through efficient business administration. The goal is for all employees and clients of an organisation to have a common language on which to build for the future. Focusing on client retention, it is also known as an integrated strategy to managing service provider and customer interactions. It was discovered via research conducted in the auto automobile market sector that there is a correlation between customers and the ways in which they vary from one another. A solid and scientific foundation for communication that results in positive customer return in the after-sales care business should be implemented in all corporations immediately. The three characteristics would aid in bettering connections with customers, which would have a substantial effect on profits and consumer loyalty.

KEY WORDS : - Automobile, four wheeler, customer relationship management, 3P's

Introduction

Companies that manufacture four-wheeled vehicles need customer relationship management (CRM) systems if they want to increase customer satisfaction, retain consumers, and boost brand loyalty. Key customer relationship management techniques and best practises for the four-wheel automotive sector are as follows:

Complete Customer Perspective : Keep meticulous records of your customers' car purchases, servicing visits, contact info, and personal preferences. Customer demographics, purchasing patterns, and preferred vehicle choices may all be used in data analytics to create distinct groups of buyers. Individualised Messages: Based on consumer interests and past purchases, tailor your marketing and sales messages to each individual client. Make use of

client information to send emails, ads, and special deals to specific people. **Effective Methods of Selling:** Streamline everything from the first enquiry through the delivery of the car to provide a positive customer experience. Provide information about customers to salespeople so they may have better conversations with them and suggest more appropriate vehicles.

Repairs and Upkeep: To ensure timely vehicle maintenance and repairs, it is important to implement a proactive service reminder system. Customers might be encouraged to visit authorised service centres by offering loyalty programmes and incentives. **Input and Questionnaires:** Collect client comments on your product, sales method, and service quality. Identify problem areas and resolve client issues with the use of surveys and feedback forms. **Internet Profile:** Keep up a customer-friendly and engaging website so people can learn about vehicles, arrange test drives, and make maintenance appointments. Use consumer involvement, support, and marketing strategies on social media. **Helping Out Customers:** Give your customers the option to contact you by phone, email, instant messaging, and social media. Maintain a fast and informed response rate to questions and complaints from customers.

Management of Retailers and Wholesalers. Maintain close communication with your distributors and dealers to guarantee a unified brand experience for your customers. Help dealers improve their CRM skills by providing them with training and assistance. **Having Been an Owner:** Prioritise customer satisfaction from car delivery to after-sale service. Promote value-added offerings like extended warranties and roadside support. **Proper Data Privacy and Protection:** Implement strong data protection measures and adhere to applicable data privacy legislation to guarantee the safety and privacy of consumer information. **Using CRM Software:** Invest in customer relationship management (CRM) software and solutions to streamline your business's lead tracking, communication, and data management processes. Utilise ML and AI to foresee consumer actions and requirements.

Effortless Updating : It's important to evaluate CRM methods on a regular basis and learn something new from customer reviews and data analysis. Changes in consumer tastes and industry developments call for CRM approaches that can keep up. **Strengthening Societies:** Promote brand love and loyalty by bringing your target audience together in person or online. Increased customer retention and brand loyalty are only two benefits of customer relationship management (CRM) in the four-wheeled automotive business, which is driven in turn by a deeper awareness of customers' changing preferences. Keeping up with the ever-changing demands of customers and perfecting CRM strategies is a constant task.

LITERATURE REVIEW FINDINGS :-

Service volume in the workshop accounts for one-third of the Dealership's Profit After Taxes. Since (Saxena, 2019). The spiritual life of an individual has a beneficial effect on their productivity. For more reading, see (Futrell, 2014) 35% employ OEM-supplied software, while 70% of stock is dead due to some kind of odd glitch or inadvertent repair. There should be an annual inventory audit since (3) only 30% of components are provided by regular supply and (4) only 40% are supplied by the service centre. In a study (Nagendra, 2016), 1) Trustworthiness and safety are the most critical factors in retaining customers for a business. Prioritise 2) cost and 3) support for existing customers. "(Tandon, 2017)"

Jason's research delves at how factors like price and product affect the availability of information in the market. Three shopping-related results have been linked to his analysis of consumers' information needs and their use of OISs to get that data verbatim. Customers may choose from a variety of pricing and product information retrieval options made possible by OISs. In 2018, researchers (Jason Kuruzovich, Siva Viswanthan, Ritu Agarwal, and Sanjay Gosain) Where there is a load, several studies of time may be conducted according to a

pattern, allowing for the implementation of the true image. It has been shown that

Research Question

Our study question and ultimately our goal have been shaped by our analysis of the aforementioned literature. This led to the following investigational query:

- What aspects of CRM facilitate the development of customer relationships in the automotive industry?
- Determine the most critical aspects of client relationship management for the automotive industry.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: -

We have utilised "Focused Group Discussion" to come at a conclusion after doing thorough research. Focus groups are discussions held among individuals who have similar interests or experiences; in this example, the auto industry. The purpose of this group discussion is to share information and ideas on the subject of "The Role of Customer Relationship Management in Building Customer Relationships in the Auto Car Industry in the After sales Department," chosen by the researcher. It is a kind of qualitative study in which the moderator takes notes on the participants' responses to questions designed to elicit their attitudes, beliefs, views, or ideas. The moderator has no impact on the opinions expressed.

The FGD was conducted using the table below.

		Frequency		
		FGD1	FGD2	FGD3
CRM Orientation	Wants of Customers potential personalization of worker orientation	2	3	3
	Service punctuality	2	3	3
	Services' prices	4	3	3
	Worth the cost	5	5	4
	Workers possess both technical and interpersonal abilities	5	5	4
	Finding the right technical personnel to fix problems	1	2	2
	Necessary hardware and software	1	2	1
	Access to individual customer records at any time	4	5	5
	Staff members have a solid grasp of customers' concerns.	4	4	5
	On-time customer updates	3	2	2
	Wants of Customers potential personalization of worker	4	5	5

orientation

The focus groups consisted of seven persons, and after deliberating, they came to the following conclusions about what makes a customer relationship successful over time. 1. The car's timely updating 2. The relative low cost of repairs available Third, the open and automated

system for tracking the condition of each vehicle at the service centre.

Conclusion

In India, the current system only allows for one-way exchanges, and it takes a lot of time and effort from humans to learn the car's state. If you want to have stronger connections with your customers, you should implement a system that is completely integrated from beginning to finish that displays how interactions occur from the time a vehicle is booked for repair until it is delivered together with a financial statement and reviews from other customers. Research on the efficacy of Omni communication in the automotive industry may be conducted in the future. All businesses want to keep their customers coming back for more, but how they go about doing so varies greatly from industry to industry and service to service. Midway through 1990, client retention began to get attention. It was famously said, "create a customer" as the only reason for a company to exist. As a result of studies conducted which found that a 5% improvement in customer retention results in a net gain in value of 25% in revenue, the customer has assumed a position of utmost importance. The discovery has piqued the curiosity of scientists worldwide. Interaction between customers and service providers often leads to the formation of social bonds, and it is clear that providing excellent service can increase the likelihood of bond formation and, in turn, increase customer satisfaction and loyalty. These delegates even take on an advocacy stance. The finest fruit a customer retention procedure can provide you is an increase in both the number of repeat customers and the number of new customers who come to you through word of mouth. Customer retention is tied to the vast majority of business operations, including complaint management, quality assurance, repair quality and procedure, employee adherence to customer care process, etc.

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IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL PRIVACY IN INDIA: A CRITICAL STUDY

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ABSTRACT

The concept of privacy has a multi-dimensional aspect. The idea of privacy can be traced back to the origin under the natural law theories. The concept of privacy, thus, not emerged just as a common law but also recognized as a valuable right all over the world. Thus, privacy becomes a concern of every single person to protect and secure the integrity and dignity of individual liberty. That's why; privacy has an important aspect in respect of life and liberty of each and every person of society, group or community. Privacy is an inevitable component to every society. It is generally accepted as a right in 20th century. It is referred to nexus of culture of a specific political system and time. In democratic societies, it became an issue by huge complication of bureaucratic structure and advance technology in information and communication technology due to change in the rule of nature. By reflection of this changing in modern society, it become necessary to protect the right in respect of privacy from intrusion of government or threatens of third person which makes privacy impossible. Hence, privacy is a valuable and inherent part for every society, group, community, or individual lives. The object of this paper is to study the critical analysis of social privacy.

Keywords : Privacy, Personal Liberty, Legal Privacy, Social Privacy;

1. INTRODUCTION :

The necessity of Privacy is inherent for society. It is a natural desire of a human being to constitute the boundaries around oneself to prohibit the others for the encroachment into the personal matters. The desire of human beings in several moments to establish privacy because they don't want any kind of intrusion or interference upon their personal affairs by others. Several moments of privacy lies with the making of sexual nexus with partner, child bearing, personal autonomy, maintaining family nexus and keeping various kinds of relationship that concerned with confidential nature like parent-child nexus, attorney-client, doctor-patient. For all these instances, people want extreme privacy without interlope of third person. Hence, everyone is expecting from the others do not interference in their private matters, because it is not only concerned for human dignity and integrity but it also concerned

to establish difference between human beings and animal beings. In simple words, Thus, Privacy is an important component of individual liberty. Moreover, Privacy is incomplete without grant the liberty. Therefore, Privacy, human dignity and liberty are synonymous with each other.

2. IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL PRIVACY :

Every human being is a social animal who resided in society, group community. So, he can't live in alone from the rest of group, community or society. Because human lives interact with each other in every day but in some cases, people want isolation from the rest of others like inner and outer peace, meditation, focus on studies and so on. That's why, the idea of privacy is needed by human lives. Thus, the idea of privacy came into being in society for the achievement of those desire of individual being isolated from the others. Hereof, this significance of privacy is crucial in every life, because without existence of privacy single person may lose every isolation moment towards the world. Hereof, the importance of privacy associated with isolated life of human beings in civilised society for the modifications of human's behaviour.

The importance of Privacy is an implicit human right that was reflected since immemorial period of ancient civilization. The concept encourages and develops the dignity, integrity, personality, anonymity, intimacy, freedom and solitude of individuals persons. This concept also considered as a valuable human right which establishes the basic human nexus towards friendship, love, respect, sonship, parentage, conjugal relationship etc. All these such nexus requires the idea of privacy for their presence. Thus, the notion of privacy is treated as an important element that making the nexus of individual and social nexuses. For this nexus each and every person need such kind of right as an element parcel of personal liberty.

3. CLASSIFICATION OF SOCIAL PRIVACY :

Social Privacy refers to privacy of several relationships. The nature of Privacy doesn't merely limit to intimate or family privacy but also associated several types of social nexuses. Social nexuses, therefore, are also required classified information to maintain the privacy among numerous social nexuses. As such social relationships could be categorised further into different sub-parts namely;

3.1. Political or Legal Privacy : The concept of Political or Legal Privacy refers to those Political Rights in a civilised society which is protected by law. In simple way, Political Privacy is concerned with freedom by any interference during performing in political life. Every individual person should possess the right to vote without any interruption while exercising their voting right. Thus, secrecy and privacy of these political rights must be classified in case of individual's right of vote. It is known as Political Privacy. Further, these rights get a shape into that law which protects the political rights within a society and then it becomes a legal privacy. As such, privacy is safeguarded by unwarranted government interruption. All these invasion of government agencies or acts are inhibited by law formulations in the spheres of process of seizure and search, taking photographs, reporting of news, birth control, public nudity, national security, wiretapping, sexual relationship outside marriage, tax recovery, media intrusion, privacy of court proceeding. In America these all instances have contained advanced provisions to protect this whereas on the other hand all these are regulated under Article 21 of Indian constitution.

3.2. Professional Privacy : Professional Privacy refers to privacy of professional relationship that is found in several relationships, like Attorney-Client, Doctor-Patient, Guide-Scholar, Teacher-Student etc. So, there is requirement of privacy to establish confidential relationship in professional matters. These kinds of relationships are based on trust. Just because of this trust, person is freely to share their confidential information to others which helps to establish professional privacy. Besides this, there are number of other professionals, such as Consultants, Chartered Accountant, Astrologers, Reporters etc to whom person disseminate the secret data or fact for the purpose of professional ethics. That's why, such kind of professional information required confidential communication while keeping the personal records. Professional Privacy will be violated otherwise while in case of failures to keep such confidential secrets.

3.3. Community Privacy : Community Privacy refers to those privacy which are determined within the groups or community. The Indian society is characterised by several religions, culture, traditional, ethnic, linguistic, regional groups or communities and they consisted different culture, customs, habits, ritual or rites which goes differ from one particular community to another or one specific group to other. A specific culture, habits or ritual rites which exist in a specific community are known as Community Privacy, e.g., Brahmans community restrict to feeding beef and this is their community privacy. In the same sense, Christians and Muslims are enamoured of feeding beef and this is their community privacy.

4. VIOLATIONS OF SOCIAL PRIVACY :

In the modern technology era of societies there are several ways of threats which can be affected to the whole society, group, community or particular person in the form of trespass, intrusion, surveillance etc. We will discuss the several ways of threats where social privacy can be infringed by different modes hereunder;

4.1. Trespass : To intrusion into an individual home without prior consent is related with the unlawful or illegal trespass. The landlord has an absolute right over his house especially privacy protection against third person. Under the procedure of trespass without being damaged to an individual person civil or criminal case can be filed against intruder.

But the fated trespasser can protect himself with the help of consent granted either implicit or explicit. For Instance, a news reporter can enter into those areas which are access to public domain for doing actions and activities. For this reason, phrase and situation are always crucial. There is another example where could be expanded to imagine that gathering news by clicking and photography for good cause is allowed within the premises of medical or hospital.

4.2. Intrusion : The term trespass signifies an act of intrusion by third person in unlawful manner and the idea of trespassing is not treated as essential element of privacy law since ancient period. But in modern democratic society of India the notion of tort of intrusion is admitted as first of four branches of privacy law which associated with the media that involves various advanced instruments namely hidden camera, spy camera, parabolical microphones, sting operation or utilisation of any modern techniques in inappropriate way etc. Thus, whatever the situation if any intrusion or invasion happens for collecting or gathering news in unlawful manner that would be violated of privacy.

Moreover, at public domain, if any techniques, methods or technology is used in

inappropriate way that would be a sort of invasion or intrusion. The court ruled intrusion where crew members of film television are swinging and rolling camera and lights apparently intruded into a dark restaurant which encouraging several customers to leave.

4.3. Surveillance : Exceeding surveillance over news coverage- a method has been reflected many times in film movies rather than real life incidentally utilised by journalists, reporters and investigators are not treated as violation of privacy. and journalists is usually not considered as an invasion of privacy. There is a simple rule that whether the surveillance is examined in a proper or improper way would be deemed to be intrusion of privacy. For instance, if surveillance over a person is conducted in a way which disturbs the life of another person deemed to be invasion of privacy.

5. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS :

This paper concluded that there is a requirement of law to protect the social privacy for their existence. Along Article 21 of Constitution of India, Articles 25 and 26 protects the religious privacy of people, Articles 29 and 30 which guarantees to secure the ethnic and cultural privacy. These are the special features of Indian constitution and it is necessary to protect those features which protects the group, community and social privacy. But in case of failure of these features while keeping secrets, so there will be adversary affect against the particular group, community and social which resulted into the complete devastation of significance called “Unity in Diversity” in India. At this stage, there is an urgency of privacy protection and must be comprehended all over the world because everyone is under threats to privacy at somewhere. While discussing the critical analysis of social privacy the following suggestions have been mentioned hereunder;

- i) While admitting the scope and importance of privacy, we are still far away to protection and safeguards of data protection, social security and privacy safeguard. The Apex Court of India ruled that while seeing the fastest growing techniques and methods privacy protection to be required as fundamental right. It would be correct to say that a strong law must be enacted to protection of privacy. Moreover, an expert committee should be formed to investigate into the affair of at what extent issues of privacy are infringed and what kind of remedy is granted while dealings with privacy matters. Besides this, the provision of data protection must be stronger and only few sections like 43A of the Information Technology Act is not sufficient to govern the data protection at large sphere when the schemes like Aadhar Card are to be enforced.
- ii) Whenever the question brings between invasion of public interest and privacy then precautions should be adopted to elect which has better significant. Hence the idea of personal interest could not override of public interest. The maxim “Salus populi Est suprema lex” that signifies public interest is the superior law and it should be balanced under a democratic country. The English philosopher Bentham who gave the theory of pleasure and pain. Hereof, the Government should adopt the phrase of pleasure and delight of large number of mankind and put effort to impose less pain.

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POVERTY : A CONTEMPORARY ISSUE IN THE INDIAN ECONOMY

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Abstract :

Poverty refers to that social condition in which a part of society is deprived of even the necessities of life. The relative model and absolute model are generally used for the measurement of poverty. Poverty in India is measured according to calorie standards. Many programs for poverty alleviation were implemented during the planning period, but success was not achieved as expected. Poverty is hunger and there is continuity attached to that state. That is, to remain in a state of constant hunger. Poverty is lack of a proper residence, poverty is not being able to take advantage of health facilities when sick, not being able to go to school and not being able to study. Poverty is a lack of means of livelihood and not being able to get food both times of the day. Deaths due to malnutrition of young children are gruesome evidence of poverty and powerlessness in the social context, lack of representation in the political system and lack of opportunities form the basis of the definition of poverty. Social and political inequality causes economic inequality. In this research paper, the present scenario of poverty in the Indian economy has been studied.

Keywords : Indian Economy, Poverty, Inequality, Economic Inequality, Poverty, Voluntary National Review, Sustainable Development Goals

Research Methodology :

The research paper has depended on secondary data.

Objective of Research :

- 1) To know the present scenario of poverty.
- 2) To study the various causes responsible for India's poverty.
- 3) To study the policies and programs adopted by the government for poverty alleviation.

Introduction :

India is a developing nation whose economy is growing but poverty is still one of the major issues for the Government of India. When a section of society is forced to live below the minimum standard of living, then this situation is called poverty. Attempts have been made to define poverty in all the countries of the world. But the basis of all this is the

imagination of a minimum or good standard of living. Although attempts are made to define poverty from many points of view. In one approach, an attempt has been made to define poverty by relating it to basic facilities and lack of food, housing, education, and medical care. Irrespective of the level of income, if a family lacks these basic facilities, then that family is considered poor. The biggest drawback of this approach is that even those families included in the list of poverty, whose income is high but do not spend on their basic needs. And on the other hand, those families have not included whose income is negligible but they meet their basic needs by reducing loans, previous savings, and taking help from relatives and friends. In another approach, a household's minimum needs are estimated and then converted into expected income based on a base year's prices. In India, poverty is defined based on this approach.

Many women and children work as rag pickers and scavengers in urban and small towns. This work is not only risky and humiliating, but there is also a lot of economic and physical exploitation of those working in this field. There has always been double jeopardy before the handicapped and the physically challenged. Where on one hand they are not able to earn their income, on the other hand, they are neglected in the family and society. Many people are living in extreme levels of poverty where they must use paddy straw, bread made from silk or cotton fruit, page, wild tuber, thin porridge, and wild vegetation for food.

If we look at the grounds on which a person is considered poor, then the situation is painful. The benefits of the development taking place in the country are not directly reaching the poor and deprived sections of society, it is natural that the conditions of the poor are not improving, but on the other hand, due to international pressure and political reasons, the government is continuously reducing the number of poor. Is going the simple meaning of this is that now many poor who are deprived of identity will not be able to get the benefit of public welfare schemes from the government. In today's era, the most common trend being followed in the context of poverty is the denial of poverty, the poverty line is the limit below which means a lack of most essential facilities, services, and opportunities to live life. This is the stage in which the possibility of crisis and sorrows in life becomes 100%. Some criteria have been set by the government to define the limit which we call the poverty line. It is based on these criteria that it is decided whose life is passing in dire straits. In the context of determining the poverty line, these economic parameters play the most important role. To measure the income of any family, the facilities and services available with it are evaluated, such as whether the family has a radio, ceiling fan, cycle, scooter, car, tractor, or TV or not. Also, how is the house – raw, semi-raw, rented, or any other type? What and how much do the family members eat – pulses, vegetables, meat, milk, and fruits?

Many welfare schemes are being run for the poor at the government level. The government surveys people living below the poverty line once in five years to identify the poor. Based on recent estimates and direct experiences, it is known that on previous occasions the real poor were not identified and their names could not appear in the BPL list due to which they could not get the benefits of other schemes. Later this question was also raised on many occasions, then this provision was told that if now the name of a person must be included in BPL, then the name of a person already registered in the list will have to be struck off after deciding the Gram Sabha. Only then the name of a poor person can be entered into the list. The use of this

provision seems very difficult at the Panchayat level as it will create an atmosphere of conflict there.

Poverty : A Contemporary Issue in the Indian Economy

When we talk about the estimation of poverty in India and the ways to eradicate it, a big question arises about how poor people are identified. Poverty assessment in India is a prerequisite for the proper targeting of beneficiaries under poverty alleviation programs.

NITI Aayog released the second Voluntary National Review (VNR) on Sustainable Development, 2030 at the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) organized digitally. The VNR Review Report is prepared voluntarily by the countries themselves, to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes and challenges, in implementing the Sustainable Development Agenda. 'Sustainable Development Goal' - 1 means the end of poverty, whose goal is to end poverty in all its forms from everywhere. The estimates presented in the VNR report were prepared based on the July 2019 Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI). According to the VNR report submitted by India, at least 271 million people have been lifted out of 'multi-dimensional poverty' in India in the period between 2005-06 and 2016-17.

India is implementing a comprehensive development strategy to eliminate poverty in all its forms through rapid economic growth and comprehensive social security measures. Towards social security in India, under the 'National Social Assistance Programme' several targeted pension schemes are being covered including the elderly, children, women, and widows with disabilities. Despite good economic progress and a growing GDP, a quarter of the country's population earns less than ₹32 or 0.6US\$ per day. According to the World Bank, over the years India has succeeded in lifting millions of people out of poverty. There has been a huge change regarding poverty in India. The country has achieved a great achievement in the poverty index. According to the Global Poverty Index 2022, about 415 million people in India have moved out of the poverty line. Between the years 2005–2006 and 2019–2020, this number falls. It has been referred to as a significant shift by the UN. Although the number of poor has decreased, India still has the largest number of poor in the world.

Every fourth person of the total population of India is in poverty. As per the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report published in November 2021, the national MPI score for India is 0.118. The United Nations Development Program i.e., UNDP and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative released the Multidimensional Poverty Index about poverty. According to this report, between 2006 and 2016, more than 270 million people have come out of poverty in India. Where in the year 2005-06, about 64 crores i.e. 55 percent people of India were living in poverty, whereas in the year 2015-16, this number came down to 37 crores. A special feature of this report is that the assessment of poverty is not based on income alone, but based on several parameters such as poor health conditions, poor quality of work, and risk of violence. According to the report, Jharkhand has seen the most improvement in terms of poverty reduction in India, if seen state-wise. There, poverty at various levels came down from 74.9% in 2005-06 to 46.5% in 2015-16.

Conclusion :

Despite a growing economy in India, poverty is still a significant challenge. However, poverty in India is in the phase of reduction. India needs to accelerate its efforts towards

achieving SDG target-1. The private sector, civil society, and 'cooperative federalism' can play a major role in accelerating the achievement of targets under SDG Target- 1. The Government of India and many non-governmental organizations have launched several programs to reduce poverty by subsidizing food and essential commodities, increasing access to credit, and education, and promoting family planning. The improvement in the poverty index reflects the development journey of India. The Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target is to at least halve the proportion of men, women, and children of all ages living below the poverty line by 2030. Work on this is going on fast in the country.

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Study of the Role of Banks On Growth of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) of Chandrapur District

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Abstract :

MSMEs in India are largely responsible for nation's employment growth. In highly populated countries such India, where so much of the economy is based on physical labour, SMEs are crucial. SMEs frequently arise in impoverished & countryside areas in order to encourage regional development and revenue justice. MSME is the official name for the small business sector after the MSMEs law of 2006. A significant barrier to any company's growth is the inability to get bank loans without providing security or an assurance. The Indian administration has set up a credit guarantee fund to provide collateral security financing to micro, small, and medium businesses. This research looks at how CGTMSE helps the SME market and how scheduled commercial banks provide loans to the SME market. The study showed that although some SMEs may get capital from scheduled commercial banks in the form of credit loans, a vast majority of SMEs need investment from other sources. The CGTMSE is an effective tool for securing financing in the MSE sector. MSEs, the lifeblood of the Indian economy, became the major focus of the loan assurance initiative.

Keywords : Public sector banks, MSME, financing, Private sector banks

INTRODUCTION

In India, private and public sector banks are crucial to the success of MSMEs. The economies of India relies heavily on its small and medium-sized businesses (MSMEs), hence providing financial aid to these businesses is crucial. Here's an overview of the services offered by both public and commercial banks to SMEs in need of financing:

Nationalised Banks : Occasionally, the government would mandate that public sector

banks provide funding to high-priority industries like MSMEs. This ensures their participation in providing SME funding. Public sector banks serve an important part in loan guarantee initiatives like the loan CGTMSE. These initiatives streamline the loan application process for SMEs by providing them with unprotected credit limits. MSMEs in rural and semi-urban regions have greater access to capital since public sector banks have a stronger presence in such areas. MSMEs in underprivileged areas benefit greatly from their efforts to increase their utilisation of bank services.

Public sector banks might be prepared to take on larger risks in financing to MSMEs in times during an economic recession or other situations when private banks may be more wary. Banks in the public sector must provide a minimum share of their loan portfolio to the "priority sector," usually consists of MSMEs. They are urged to fund SMEs since penalties for not doing so might be costly.

Private sector banks are known for their ingenuity and speed, since they are often the first to provide novel financing options tailored to the needs of SMEs. They are well-known for their prompt and precise processing of loan applications. Private banks provide a variety of financial offerings, such as loans for working capital, trade finance, and credit cards for business, in order to meet the varying needs of today's MSMEs. For this reason, smaller financial institutions are becoming able to offer MSMEs with digital lending and online financial services. Private banks' risk evaluation criteria may be more stringent than those of public banks'. As a result, applications for financing might get greater scrutiny, leading to fewer nonperforming loans.

Private banks' dedication to their clients is a major selling point for MSMEs in the market for financial services. Due to intense competition among private sector banks, small and medium-sized businesses (SME) may have access to low interest rates and flexible terms.

Literature Review

Beck and Kunt (2006) argue that institutional development is the primary reason why some countries have lower barriers for corporate finance than others. Commercial bank financing is difficult to get for small businesses for reasons, like inadequate revenue, challenges in demonstrating reliability, poor credit history, & excessive risk premiums. SMEs are unable to realise their fullest potential due to a lack of resources and assistance from government entities and other organisations. Renting and converting were shown to be viable financing options even in the absence of sophisticated banking systems.

Craiq and Hardee (2007) found that in the United States, when banks are more focused on serving a specific local market, they are less likely to provide credit to smaller businesses. The formal framework used by large banks to make loan decisions means that less resources are available to help small firms. Because of this, obtaining loans from large banks becomes more challenging for small firms. As community banks consolidated into large financial institutions, it is hypothesised that their asset mix and usual lending practises shifted to accommodate the needs of SMEs.

Biswas (2014) argues that the most pressing issue for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is the difficulty in obtaining funding and collateral. When applying for a bank loan, small and medium-sized businesses often struggle since they do not have sufficient collateral.

Research shows that India's MSME sector requires a total of Rs 32.50 trillion in investment, while the government only gives about Rs 12 trillion. The finance gap in the micro, small, and medium enterprise sector is approaching \$20 trillion. The government has a long way to go before it can meet the financial needs of MSME.

Das (2016) conducted research which showed that the Credit Guarantee Fund's growth rate was unstable and did not meet expectations. Assam saw the highest rate of CSTMSE growth among the northeast Indian states. The findings suggested creating a company owner education curriculum to help them take advantage of the project.

Sarkar presented the problems that small companies in Assam face in terms of advertising and financing back in 2017. The study investigated the effects of government policies on the growth of small companies in the area. The study concludes that the government should intervene to improve both urban and rural infrastructure by investing in and improving raw material facilities, transportation facilities, and commercial and nationalised institutions to provide financial help.

Pratibha (2018) analysed the challenges faced by MSME and the value contributed by MSME to the economy via manufacturing. Lack of timely funding, low investment returns, low production and productivity, and an inability to break into new markets were all problems that afflicted MSME. The research indicates that in order to increase productivity and encourage economic growth, the government should change its focus to adopting new tactics such as effective governance, supporting talent development, assessing credit via government agencies, etc.

Mund (2020) found that SMEs can get loans from scheduled commercial banks, but that they need to go elsewhere for funding since they can't provide sufficient collateral. Credit guarantee schemes are crucial to the availability of loans to the sector since CGFMSEs lend to MSMEs without requiring collateral.

Objectives of the Study

The research aims to accomplish the following.

- 1) To learn more about the SME credit market.
- 2) To recognise the significance of CGTMSE to MSME success.

Research Methodology

Using secondary survey data, this research takes a comprehensive approach by combining demand side variables with policy issues that influence bank loan to MSMEs. These include both demand-side and policy considerations.

Discussion

Money is the lifeblood of every business. For new and expanding enterprises, the availability of both term loans and working capital loans is crucial. There are two types of borrowers in the nation of India: those who charge exorbitant rates of interest (such financial institutions and those close to you) and others that do not. In India, the Scheduled Commercial Banks and the Reserve Bank of India set the rules for institutionalised financing MSMEs often get their start-up capital from personal savings, personal loans, and the underground economy.

- Profits from operations and asset sales.
- Funding from a recognised Indian commercial bank
- Angel Investors/Seed Money

Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Business Loan Guarantee Programme

Businesses that fall into the MSME category and meet the requirements of the Indian nation's credit guarantee fund scheme will be able to access collateral security financing. New and existing companies alike are welcome to participate in this project. Although planning for the initiative started in January of 2000, it wasn't officially launched until August of that year. More and more financial institutions are turning to credit guarantee funds so that their members can extend credit to micro and small firms in return for a guarantee cover fee.

Approved Amount of Guarantees by Fiscal Year

CONCLUSION

In India, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) rely heavily on finance from both public and private sector banks. Public sector banks, which may be more risk tolerant, help spread financial security. Private sector banks have an advantage when it comes to providing capital for MSMEs because of their flexibility, responsiveness, and emphasis on the customer. Since CGTMSE offers loans to MSMEs without requiring collateral or a guarantee, these businesses are eligible to participate in the CGT system. Lending money under this plan gives banks peace of mind. This is the primary motivation for spreading CGTMSE among business owners and financiers.

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The Significance of Time Management in Fostering Business Organizational Continuity

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Abstract :

Managing one's time is nothing more than determining how one's available hours are best allocated among various activities in order to achieve one's desired level of productivity. The purpose of this study is to analyse the function, effect, and importance of various time management concepts and approaches in the context of meeting organisation goals. If one were to impose a conscious control on the amount of time spent on everyday tasks, that person would be able to segregate their priorities and establish deadlines for each one, allowing them to more efficiently complete their goals within the allotted time limit. Descriptive survey research methodology was used for this study, with questionnaires sent to a sample of 150 employees from 32 different companies. Findings from this research and the replies of the respondents all pointed to the importance of time management in boosting organisational output. According to the findings, encouraging employees to strictly adhere to their time management practises is an effective means of accomplishing corporate goals. Organisational time management also requires the use of a functional division of labour structure, setting priorities in order of significance and urgency, focusing on basics, and putting down daily to-do lists.

Key Words : Time management, business organization, business sustainability, effectiveness

INTRODUCTION

Effective time management is a cornerstone of sustaining a company's operations throughout time. Allocating time and money effectively may have a major influence on a business's resilience, capacity to keep running, and prospects for the future. Key reasons why time management matters include the following: Managing time effectively helps businesses make better use of their human, financial, and technological assets. Despite setbacks, the company's bottom line will remain healthy if these assets are used effectively. Company agility and adaptability are essential in today's ever-shifting business climate. The ability to monitor market trends, evaluate risks, and make prompt modifications to strategy and

operations is made possible by efficient use of time.

Planning ahead and evaluating potential threats are essential components of effective time management. Businesses may lessen the effects of interruptions and failures brought on by the unexpected if they take the effort to anticipate and prepare for them. Maintaining critical company operations in the face of interruptions is called "operational continuity," and it is ensured through efficient use of time. Having a backup system, a disaster recovery strategy, and cross-trained workers are all essential to keeping a firm running smoothly. Keeping customers happy and coming back is dependent on how quickly questions, orders, and complaints are addressed. Good time management helps keep customer service a high priority even when business is slow.

Efficient use of time and resources helps keep overhead down and profits up. Time management that works helps find and fix leaks in efficiency, which in turn saves money and boosts profits. Productivity in the Workplace Productivity and morale may be boosted by teaching workers how to better manage their time. Employees are more likely to maintain attention and dedication to their task when they are aware of their objectives and deadlines. Long-term strategic planning requires careful attention to time management. It provides businesses with the opportunity to schedule activities like goal-setting, strategy-building, and result-evaluation.

Regulation and compliance requirements affect a wide variety of businesses. Effective time management is essential for businesses to put in place the resources and procedures needed to satisfy these commitments and avoid legal and financial repercussions. Successful time management gives businesses an edge in the marketplace. They are more nimble in their ability to adapt to opportunities in the market, introduce new goods and services, and get them to customers. Investors, consumers, suppliers, and even workers may all gain more faith in a company if it shows it can effectively manage its time. It's an indication that the company is equipped to deal with the unknown.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Time management is a skill that must be mastered by everybody. The ability to effectively fulfil organisational objectives within the allocated time frame depends on one's ability to exert conscious control over the amount of time spent on routine chores. Organisational success requires producing outcomes that either match or exceed expectations (Mohammadi et al., 2014).

According to the Business Dictionary, an organization's aims are "the overall objectives, meaning, and purpose of an organisation as defined by its leadership and conveyed to its employees." Employees who wish to make a good impression on their bosses may learn a lot by studying the company's stated mission and values. Oleasi and Ayo (2019) studied the relationship between time management, productivity, and job satisfaction. Employees and supervisors who used their time effectively reported higher levels of satisfaction with their positions and the company as a whole. Kordestani and Azadi (2016) assert that instruction in time management ought to be a priority for managers at all levels and in all organisations.

Given that time is a constant that cannot be altered, Claessens (2017) claims that the whole idea of "time management" is misleading. Time is a resource that cannot be managed, hence Lawani (2016) argues that time management does not exist. Time is not a quantifiable,

objective entity over which we have any control, hence the term "time management" is misleading here. Lawani (2016) claims that many of those who read his work readily agree that they do not manage time and instead describe the practise as "supervising what I accomplish with the time I have to get maximum value out of it." We govern our own time, so why call it "time management" rather than anything like "self-management"?

The key to success, according to Dr. Stephen R. Covey's best-selling book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* (2004), is not prioritising what you have on your agenda, but rather planning your priorities. The term "time management" has previously been associated with the daunting challenge of attempting to influence the passage of time. Managing oneself or operation-management on an organisational level allows for the completion of several objectives within a certain time frame. The focus of this research is on managing time instead of managing oneself or operations-management. Researchers and psychologists who appreciate the worth of time have devised several strategies, ideas, and concepts for effectively managing one's time.

Objectives of study

- The purpose of this study is to determine the role time management plays in the success of the organization's goals.
- To evaluate the relevance of time management to efficiency in setting priorities.

METHODOLOGY

This paper's purpose is to look at how different approaches to managing time might affect an organization's ability to reach its goals. Descriptive survey methodology was used, using questionnaires as the primary data collection tool. In a broader sense, any measuring techniques that include interrogating subjects fall under this category of survey research. Rather not falling easily into the categories of either quantitative or qualitative research, descriptive research generally combines the two approaches. Financial institutions, grocery stores, businesses, and corporations are all considered private in this analysis. The study's sample included 150 workers from 32 different companies, and they were selected at random.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

This research has looked at how respondents' workplaces utilise time management strategies, as well as how such strategies have helped them accomplish larger goals. According to the data, these businesses effectively manage their time by creating daily to-do lists, zeroing in on the most important tasks, and arranging their priorities in order of significance and urgency. It is also possible to infer that effective time management plays a significant role in these businesses achieving their goals and objectives. Respondent evidence also suggests that effective time management is crucial for achieving organisational goals, such as staying ahead of the competition, completing more work in a timely manner, and satisfying external stakeholders and customers.

Table 1: Analysis of Variance

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	Fc	P-value	Ft
Between Groups	2892	5	875	5.1243	0.03	3.23145
Within Groups	1568	11	245.12			
Total	4460	16				

Table 1 shows the results of an ANOVA. Since $F_c > F_t$, or $5.12 > 3.23$. Based on this evidence,

we accept the null hypothesis (H₀) at the 0.05 significance level. F_c = calculated value, F_t = table value, SS = sum of squares, df = degrees of freedom, MS = mean of squares. The implication of this finding is that good time management affects the pace at which an organization's goals are met, while bad time management predicts a slow rate of success.

CONCLUSION

The importance of time management concepts and strategies, as well as their effects on the attainment of organisational goals, are discussed in this study. The researchers conducted a case study with a sample of private firms in the Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) in Abuja, Nigeria. These institutions included banks, supermarkets, businesses, and corporations. The high concentration of competing businesses and the pressing necessity to advance the case study's primary purpose led to this geographic focus. The study's authors concluded that effective time management is related to achieving organisational goals and that it plays a significant role in ensuring that businesses achieve their aims. Staff members are urged to maintain their time-management routines as a means of meeting the organization's goals and remaining ahead of the competition. Time management in an organisation may be improved by the use of a functional division of labour system, setting priorities based on significance and urgency, writing down daily to-do lists, and focusing on the necessities.

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COVID 19 AND RIGHT TO EDUCATION IN INDIA

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Abstract

The year 2019-20 is remembered with terminal fear by the people, Covid-19 made people experience some of the toughest times. Millions were affected by the pandemic which wreaked havoc all cross the globe. Numbers of sectors were badly affected by the shutdown that happened in early months of 2020. One of them was Education sector, Schools and Universities were shut down and children were forced to study from their home.

Access to the new digital system was inadequate and discrimination in access to education was widespread. Most of the students were deprived of quality formal education. Research has pointed out that students in this period have lost language, maths, and other abilities as compared to previous years.

This paper will be based on doctrinal and non-doctrinal research critically examining the violation of obligation to Right to Education as enshrined under Article 21 A of the Indian Constitution and provide suggestions for the government to decide on priorities and allocate resources to mitigate the impact caused by COVID-19. The human rights approach is necessary to ensure effective steps are taken such that inequalities in access to education can be mitigated and in the future, there is preparedness to meet such exigencies.

Key Words : Right to Education, Pandemic, Technology, Discrimination, Access

Introduction – COVID-19 and the Education System

In December 2019, COVID-19 had just started to grip China with a situation that started to concern the authorities. Within a month one country after another started to succumb to the threat of the deadly virus.

March 2020- On 25th March 2020, India declared a lockdown to fight the COVID-19. Shops were shut down, offices closed and institutions were left deserted. 24th March was the last day when 3.2 Crore students attended school physically.

Over the next few weeks, the educational institutions struggled with ideas to ensure the learning continued. With complete lockdown, the physical mode of learning was out of the

question. In such a scenario the online platform took centre stage with both schools and universities adopting e-learning as a tool to tackle the situation. The working interface of these platforms worked differently and hence posed numerous challenges to the teachers and students.

In a few days, all the stakeholders were adjusted to the new era of teaching, which was 'Online teaching'. Right from the students of nursery to professional courses like Law were having their classes, assignments, and tests online. Online Education brings with it numerous benefits. The Online Conferences and Seminars gave chance to the participants to sit at their homes and participate without paying any traveling charges or travelling from one place to another.

All this might point out that Covid 19 was beneficial for the educational system but we have to look at the other side of the coin to understand the whole picture. While online education brought numerous benefits with itself, it posed a lot of challenges for the government, authorities, teachers, students, and parents as well.

Education does not mean only learning what is taught in the class; it refers to absorbing the knowledge shared by the teachers in class, discussing with classmates, and debating on certain points. But more importantly, the humane touch that the physical classes bring is unmatched. When students interact with teachers and learn sitting alongside their peers, it gives them confidence, and sense of belonging and above all helps in their overall development. This factor is dearly missed during the online education.

We all know that Education is a Fundamental right for children between 6-14 years of age. The question which is being raised here is whether the COVID-19 affected this fundamental right of the children under Right of Children to a Free and Compulsory Education Act, 200. Researchers suggest that only a marginal number i.e. 8.1 percent of rural students had access to online classes.

Since Independence, India has given Secondary Schooling and Higher Education more importance. Primary Level Education was not the top priority for the government for a number of years. It was only in 2009 that the government decided to take a firm step in this direction with the RTE Act. The Right to Education Act of 2009 was a milestone Act in India's primary education system.

The RTE Act of 2009 had challenges, more than 60% of schools didn't have electricity, almost 50% of the schools didn't have walls and 46.4% does not have toilets for girls. But the Covid 19 presented bigger challenges. A number of schools in remote areas were closed completely. The children in the villages didn't have mobile phones to connect for the online classes. Those who had mobiles struggled with the networks or extreme power cut-offs. Out of every 100 students, only 18 have access to video recordings and only 8 have attended live classes. It meant that 92 of every 100 children missed out on the online web classes.

While the lockdown ended in May 2020, the physical classes were suspended for much longer durations. Millions of students across the country were affected leaving short-term and long-term adverse impacts.

In the next chapter, we have discussed the impact of COVID-19 on India's education system which includes both the higher education system and the school education.

Impact of the pandemic on Indian Education System

While online education allowed millions to study online, there were millions of students belonging to the poorest section of the society who couldn't attend the online classes as well. The loss of education proved to be a heavy burden for them, some of them covered for the loss of time later on but others couldn't. The pandemic exposed the deep-rooted inequalities in the Indian system which also blights the education system as well. The ones having more money get more resources and facilities while the underprivileged are the first ones to be deprived of it. It also raised questions on the violation of their fundamental rights and human rights.

Achievement of the target of the Right to Education in a quick period is not possible. It is a continuous movement where the state has the primary responsibility of slowly and steadily moving towards the desired goal. As mentioned in the previous chapter of this research for years India had given less attention to primary education which is the ground base of an individual's life. It was the primary reason why Secondary education and Higher education couldn't provide the desired results despite having policies from the 1950s.

The Right to Education Act provided the children an impetus at the primary level of education but when this act also couldn't be able to save their schooling being disrupted, the questions were raised about what steps the government should take to make up the losses of these children.

In a research conducted by "Human Rights Watch," some staggering figures were reported. 87.2 Crore students which are almost half of the students in the world were out of the classroom by September 2020. UNICEF predicted that 46.3 crore students missed out on education because they didn't had the necessary equipment at home for online learning or their schools were completely shut down. These students lost contact with their classes and teachers for a prolonged period.

Children from low-income groups were mainly affected by the lockdown as they were unable to have access to class. In India, they were also devoid of mid-day meals which they used to get in school. Children with disabilities were also affected with UNICEF pointing out the failure of the government to plan for them as these kids were almost excluded from the system during the pandemic. The adverse impact was not only on the school education but it had its consequences on the higher education as well. A complete batch of the students, who were admitted to the class of 2020, lost out on numerous counts: -

1. **A Batch of 2020 started late :** The general practice in Indian Universities and Colleges is to start the semester between July and August and end by November and December. But the 2020 batch started between October and November which was three months late. The semester ended in February, which meant that the students of this batch only had 3 months in their initial semester. It meant that by the time they were able to adjust to the course the semester was over. They had to cope up with their studies in a short period of time making it difficult for them.
2. **Online Exams :** The first exams that the batch gave were in early 2021, these exams were mostly conducted online as the learning for the semester had happened online. This resulted in students not being tested properly in the exams. The methods adopted for

conducting online exams were not error proof and gave enough chance to the students to cheat or copy while giving their exams. It wasn't a practical test of the application of mind rather proved to be a formality where colleges and schools were conducting exams simply to show and give marks to the students so that their results aren't delayed. The students lacked confidence and zeal to give the exam as they themselves knew the 'outcome' of the same. The absence of teachers who could have monitored them properly in an offline class gave them the opportunity to take exams for granted and ultimately making no use of it.

3. **Absence of Activities** : One of the major benefits of the professional program in the modern era is the opportunity to participate in end-number of activities like seminars, conferences, debates, moot courts, sports events and many more activities which help in the overall development of a student's personality. These activities were either completely performed online or discarded for the time being. For e.g. in absence of any face to face and physical interaction, the students were not having any coordination and cooperation amongst themselves which destroyed the objective of conducting sessions like this.
4. **Well-being of Students** : One of the major challenges at the college and university level where the students are between the age group of 17-24 is to take care of their well-being. It is the age group that faces numerous challenges like career pressure, peer pressure, personal life issues. The well-being includes both physical and mental well-being. Most of the students faced problems with mental health during the pandemic as there was no or reduced social activity during this time. The COVID-19 impact on India's Education system was immense and some of the repercussions can be still felt. It was the time when a large number of children, between 6-14 years who have a fundamental right to Education, were deprived of it. This deprivation seemed to be affecting their lives in a manner which was very scary as they were losing the time that could have been used by them for their upliftment.

ANALYSIS OF THE DATA COLLECTED

Questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to collect your views on, "Impact of Covid on Right to Education in India".

1. What has been positive impact on Education due to Covid?

Ans:

Explanation : The First question which was put to the participant was to know which profession they belong, out of 94 Participants 66 (70.2%) were university students while 7 were school students, these becomes crucial in knowing the view point of the students.

2. What has been positive impact of Covid on Education?

Ans:

Explanation : This question was put forward to know the view of the participants on what the positive impact of COVID-19 on education has been. 40.9 % of the participants (38 out of 94) said that extensive use of the technology was the best positive to happen in COVID-19 while 26 people said (28%) that the availability of better content online was the most positive aspect that emerged during this time. 9 participants (9.7%) also stressed

that the education in Covid times helped them save a lot of time, in terms of travelling to college and libraries as everything was available at a click.

3. What has been negative impact of Covid19 on Education?

Ans :

Explanation : This question was asked of the participants to understand their view on what has been the negative impact of the COVID-19 on education. 24 out of 94 participants said that less social interaction during Covid had the biggest negative impact on education. 16 participants said that the absence of human touch to education was a setback. 14 participants asserted that the quality of the teaching deteriorated during Covid 19. Some candidates pointed out the effect on poor and marginalized children. 15 participants said the economically weaker sections has less internet access, while 14 participants said that COVID-19 forced poor children to give up their education and start working to support their families, this was the biggest negative of the pandemic on education.

4. What steps can be taken to mitigate the negative impact of Covid on Education?

Ans:

Explanation : The last question put forward to the participant was to know how the impact of the Covid can be mitigated. Out of 93 participants, 35 said that steps should be taken to enhance quality in online teaching. While 32 participants said that teachers and students must be trained how to use the technology, 20 participants stressed on the fact that steps must be taken to ensure enhanced access of Internet to everyone.

Conclusion and Suggestions

The pandemic wreaked havoc all over the world, millions of people died, and millions of others were affected by it. The Hospitals were full of chaos, the offices were deserted and the educational institutions were shut down.

The children who were studying in these institutions were massively affected; they were limited only to online classes, with no contact of their peers and teachers. The quality of learning was not up to the mark as expected as all the stakeholders were adjusting to the new mode of learning.

The biggest issue that the paper tries to highlight is that the pandemic pushed millions of children into obscurity. The ones who had fewer resources in terms of income; facilities, etc. were the ones who suffered major losses. These children somehow survived the fatalities of COVID-19 but couldn't continue their education which was their right.

The paper at several junctures has mentioned the importance of the Internet in the modern era. The most important invention of the modern era can affect the human rights of individuals, groups and society. The ones having more privilege were able to have all the access while the ones who didn't have the access due to multiple reasons were at a disadvantage. Lack of proper internet can affect the right to education as well. It was the only reason why most of the governments have targeted to provide affordable internet to everyone . These governments have been unable to achieve this target (by 2020). As the Pandemic has passed now no new deadlines have been mentioned to achieve the goal. The most possible solution to such an instance is easy access to the internet for all, for this the governments have to keep in mind that it is available at a low cost and affordable to all. The network reaches everyone. Amid all

this, it is very important that the government and academic institutions must ensure that all the stakeholders especially the children and the teachers are well-equipped with technological knowledge to use the online platform efficiently so that there is an uninterrupted flow of knowledge and the classroom continues without interruption.

This paper has also highlighted certain other challenges of COVID- 19, while the pandemic lasted for almost 18 months (Dec 2019- June 2021) the effects of it can be still seen especially in the students. While the students have moved to the next stage of their careers or next classes, the loss of knowledge has still not been repaired. It is the responsibility of the government to ensure this gap is filled.

The pandemic was a difficult time for everyone, In India, a country with a population of 1.44 billion it became even more challenging for the government to stop the spread of the life-threatening virus. As a result, to ensure lives were saved government announced the lockdown, and steps were taken to ensure that schools, colleges, and universities were closed for a prolonged period to ensure that children do not become the victims of the deadly virus. The safety of human life became the priority.

The pandemic however cannot completely immune the government and public institutions from their duties. There are no two thoughts that a number of violations of human rights and the right to education were done during this era, things were mismanaged for a long period. The government and educational institutions now have the onus to fill the gap and better prepare for the future so that no child could be devoid of the right to get a quality education.

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Mutual Funds: Safest way to participate in Stock Market for Retail Investor

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Abstract :

Small investors have always been fascinated by the returns of the stock markets. Investment in the stock market carries an element of high risk. An average retail investor is risk averse and looks for high returns. A mutual fund, on the other hand, is a professionally run investment vehicle that collects the money of many small investors and invests it in the stock market. The mutual fund also makes it simpler for small investors to invest their money in the stock market even if they lack the necessary knowledge, experience, and have low-risk tolerance because it employs expert and professional fund managers to generate returns that are higher than the benchmark. A small investor using mutual funds can achieve returns similar to stock investing by reducing his risk. The paper tries to find out if mutual fund is a safe way to participate in the stock market.

(Keywords : Mutual Funds, Stock Market, retail Investors, Returns and Fund managers)

INTRODUCTION :

India has been traditionally a nation of savers. Indian's have succeeded in spending less than their income and save the maximum possible amount of their income for their future. Maybe, Indian has not mastered how to invest their money wisely, according to data of bank deposit, Indian is good savers but bad investors. When it comes to money, Indian prefers to play safe. The saving motto has been saving for the future, save for unforeseen events, save for the retirement and so on. Although this is not completely erroneous, this low risk, sticking to saving policy, bringing you minimal gains for your money. The expected returns on the money invested are less than optimal. The main error in this set-up is the absence of a risk-return balance.

Stock market investment is always considered has a high-risk investment option. However, the return are higher compared to the risk taken. Investors who take invest

in the stock market might expect significant profits in a very short period of time. The major drawbacks of stock market investing that return are not assured; a new and inexperienced investor may lose his principle amount.

Although investing in stock market is a risky. In India there is always a significant gap between the investor and the stock market. The reason for this is lack of knowledge & awareness, anxiety about risk, expectation of very high return, preference for safety and stable returns. This impacts investor earning ability to earn higher return in longer period of time. In fact, Stock market has created a huge amount of wealth for investors over the years. By investing in stock market an investor can watch your money compound and grow. There are a lot of avenues that an investor can choose from to make investment into stock market. Mutual funds are one of the ways to invest and participate in stock market.

Stock Markets receives lot of investment from small investors through mutual Funds. The fund tries to generate a higher return by balancing the risk and return. An added advantage is of having an experienced professional financial expert who invests this pooled amount. Investment is made with the objective of obtaining good return through diverse portfolios. The risk associated with investing directly in stocks will get be reduced by selecting mutual funds.

NEED FOR STOCK MARKET INVESTING

Over the years, the stock market has generated a remarkable amount of wealth. Additionally, the declining returns from historically safe and secure investments like gold and bank fixed deposit etc. Investors now realize returns from safe and secure investment will just manage to beat inflation.

Over the past decade, changes have occurred not just in the financial sector but also in the social fabric of the India. As Bank FD's interest rate move down, investors are looking towards stock market and capital market instruments like mutual funds for better returns. Mutual funds can offer higher risk adjusted return than direct stock market investment. However, just about 2% of Indians make investments through mutual funds. [Source: The Hindu business line]

Unlike his predecessor, the Smart Millennial doesn't just want to retire with enough money to live comfortably. He aspires to a wealthy, early retirement. He has no desire to forego life's comforts and wants to hang up his boots when still youthful and in good financial shape. His investing choices are therefore motivated by the desire to increase his wealth rather than merely to outpace inflation.

People can invest in stock market by different way may be through direct investment in stock mark or through indirect method like mutual funds, ULIPS and Portfolio management services. Every method has some advantage and also disadvantage. When you compare all ways of investing, mutual funds maybe one the best avenues to participate in stock market for a average small investor in India.

MUTUAL FUNDS ADVANTAGES

Mutual fund does not subscribe to idea of “One size fits all”. It is one of the things that make them unique. Instead, they provide investing opportunities to those who fit into various age groups, income ranges, risk appetites, etc. Mutual funds may be suitable for both those with prior market expertise and those who are just starting out on their financial path. Mutual funds are frequently mistaken for complicated investment vehicles. Their approach to investment is pretty simple when it comes to investment and provide investors a lot of benefits, such as diversification, expert and better fund management economies of scale, transparency and liquidity, to mention a few. Simply said, mutual funds are collection of investment made up of a variety of securities, such as equity shares, bonds, debt instruments and money market instruments. Every individual combination of these holdings is also referred to as a portfolio, and together they make up a mutual fund. Most investors find it difficult to handle their own finances and having to research and evaluate other businesses only makes matters worse. Investments in mutual funds provide you with a qualified fund manager at a reasonable cost. On your behalf, this approved fund manager examines, monitors, and trades a variety of securities. For individuals who can't find the time to complete their research, this may be a huge benefit. Instead, they provide investing opportunities to those who fit into various age groups, income ranges, risk appetites, etc.

THE SIP ADVANTAGE

SIP the abbreviation and popular name of Systematic investment plan is a popular method of investment in mutual funds. As the name suggests, is a methodical way to invest certain fixed sums of money on a regular basis, usually monthly or quarterly etc. Like a recurring deposit, you can start an SIP with a very small sum of just Rs. 500/-. It is common practical of investors to ask their bank to make automatically pay a regular amount every month. Investor's prefers the popular SIP methods to invest in mutual funds. SIP encourages investment discipline and frees investors from market timing and market volatility.

Investing in the market at both high and low is possible if you continue to do “SIP” for a long time. It simply means that you can make investment without timing the market. Timing the market is a very risky proposition, and you may end up on the wrong side of the market. Investment through SIP removes the factor of timing the market. Your returns improve when you make regular investment through SIP's. Your potential returns are multiplied over time due to the snowball effect. Investing for a longer SIP term is the ideal method to maximize investors return. Have a longer tenure of SIP. The concept of rupee cost averaging works: when the market is high, you get fewer units and more units when the market is low. Basically, investment costs are averaged out across the course of the investment period.

SIP investment let investors to better manage their finance over the long run. You

can manage your money so that you can fulfill your investments goals, when you set aside a certain sum of money each month. Although your progress might seem gradual now, when you look back in the future, you will have invested a sizable amount of money. You can use the SIP to gradually and slowly create a huge corpus.

Normally small investor does not have a lump sum of money to invest always. This type of investment discipline doesn't occur for lump sum investment. Therefore, investor can decide between SIP or lump sum investment depending the investment amount, experience and risk tolerance. Normally it suggest by market experts to use SIP method to invest in equity mutual funds. Investor doesn't have to worry about market timing when you invest using the SIP Method. The greatest approach to invest in stock market is without a doubt through the systematic investment plans that mutual funds offers. It goes without saying that investment in mutual funds through a SIP offers all its advantages.

WHY MUTUAL FUNDS IS PREFERRED

The young generation of investors is prepared to take calculated risks and make stock market investments with more understanding and ambition for higher returns. Small investors have two choices to invest in the stock market – invest directly in stock market or they can invest through mutual funds or other vehicles that are tied to market. In direct stock investing, the investor chooses the stocks, the amount, and the timing of the investment. In contrast, an investor in a mutual fund entrusts a fund management with his money so the fund manager make choices on investor's behalf. However, one issue that frequently arises is which is a better option is for retail investors - the stock market or mutual funds. Both of these options are great options and offer various features. Direct stock investment offers high returns and comes with high risk, while direct investment; the investor needs to withstand deep corrections in their stock holdings which may happen now and then. While the mutual funds offers good returns in the long run with less risk. Mutual funds schemes are better placed to investment risk in the same conditions due to their very diverse portfolios. In order to limit risk, mutual funds typically create a portfolio of at least 12–15 equities that is quite well diversified. Direct stock investments are unable to provide the same level of diversity as it investing in a single business. Your capital will decrease if the company's stock price decreases. One does not need to have good market knowledge to invest in mutual funds. Mutual funds are managed by professional fund managers with experienced market research analysts. Both of them use their knowledge and experience in stock market to steer the investment successful. It is believe that mutual funds tend to be a preferable route for a vast majority of retail investors.

CONCLUSION :

A mutual fund investor can also lose money on his investments; it might not do so quickly as a company, financial institution or bank share. The strong legal and strict

regulatory framework of mutual funds drastically improves the protection of mutual funds investors. In comparison to buying individual stocks, investing in mutual funds has certain distinct advantage. These advantages would be difficult for investors to replicate. Investing in mutual funds does not ensure guaranteeing returns. This can be achieved even by investing directly in stock markets. However, without the difficulty and aggravation that have grown to be associated with stock over the years, mutual funds give the investors a somewhat safer and more certain way of getting returns. Just with a small amount say Rs. 500/- an investor can invest in stock market and profit from benefit of diversification that are not possible in direct stock market investment.

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प्राचीन काल से ही कृषि और पशुपालन मुख्य आजीविका के मुख्य साधन माने जाते रहे हैं। वर्तमान समय में भी यथावत स्थिति बनी हुई है विश्व सभ्यता के इतिहास में व्यक्ति का नवपाशाण काल में आगमन हुआ तभी से कृषि का प्रारम्भ माना जाता है। आरम्भ में मनुष्य के जीवित रहने का मुख्य आधार शिकार से प्राप्त मांस एवं फल-फूल आदि ही माना जाता था। भूमि पर बीजों को बिखेर कर अधिक अन्न उत्पादन की जाने की विधि भी लोगों द्वारा अपनाई जाने लगी थी। भारत में अधिक अन्न उत्पादन करने की सहायता से कृषि का अभूतपूर्व विकास भी संभव हुआ। गुप्तकालीन युग में कृषि के पश्चात् पशुपालन का भी महत्वपूर्ण स्थान माना जाता है। कृषि उत्पादन का सहयोगी साधन पशुओं को माना जाता था। मनुष्य का सहयोगी पालने वाले पशुओं को माना जाता था। जंगली पशुओं को पालने वाले पशुओं से अलग रखा जाता था। इसके पश्चात् इन पालने वाले पशुओं की सहायता से कृषि भी आरम्भ हुई। ये पालतू पशु शिकारी जानवरों से भी भिन्न थे। पालतू पशुओं का प्रयोग वस्तुओं को एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर ले जाने में किया जाता था। इसके पश्चात् व्यक्ति ने इन पशुओं को अपने साथ नियंत्रण में रखकर अपने आर्थिक जीवन को सुचारू रूप से विकसित किया था। प्रस्तुत शोध-पत्र में गुप्तकालीन कृषि एवं पशुपालन की जानकारी मिलती है।

शोध प्रविधि : प्रस्तुत शोध-पत्र में प्राथमिक एवं द्वितीयक समकों का प्रयोग किया गया है।

मुख्य शब्द : कृषि, कृषि की विधियाँ, कृषि के उपकरण, सिंचाई, भू-राजस्व एवं पशुपालन।

प्रस्तावना

इस काल के लोगों की आजीविका का मुख्य साधन कृषि और पशुपालन को माना जाता था। कृषि,

पशुपालन के साथ-साथ उद्योग धन्धे तथा व्यापार के क्षेत्र में अधिक प्रगति हुई। जिसके फलस्वरूप राष्ट्र की उच्चतम समृद्धि प्रतीत हुई। जनता अपना अधिकतर समय खेती के कामों में व्यतीत करती थी। जनता का सम्पूर्ण जीवन कृषि और पशुपालन पर ही आधारित था। इस काल में कृषि और पशुपालन का काम वैश्य वर्ण के लोग करते थे तथा विशेष परिस्थितियों में अन्य समुदाय के लोग भी यह व्यवसाय अपनाते थे। भूमि उर्वर एवं बंजर दोनों प्रकार की होती थी उर्वरा भूमि में फसलों का उत्पादन अधिक होता था जबकि बंजर भूमि में बीज नष्ट हो जाता था तथा उत्पादन कम मात्रा में होता था। उर्वर भूमि कृषि के लिए अधिक उपजाऊ मानी जाती थी जबकि बंजर भूमि कम उपजाऊ होती थी। इस समय शांति और सुव्यवस्था के फलस्वरूप खेती और पशुपालन का विकास उन्नति के शिखर पर पहुंच गया था। कालिदास नामक विद्वान ने भी राष्ट्र के आर्थिक विकास में कृषि तथा पशुपालन का अत्यधिक महत्व माना है। राज्य की और से जमीन दान स्वरूप प्रदान की जाती थी। लोगों के अन्दर अधिक जमीन प्राप्त करने और भू-सम्पत्ति बढ़ाने की प्रवृत्ति भी बढ़ने लगी और उन्होंने जमीन को खरीदना व बेचना भी आरम्भ कर दिया था। कृषि के साथ-साथ पशुपालन भी मुख्य व्यवसाय माना जाता था। इस काल में कृषि के साथ पशुपालन को भी अधिक महत्व दिया गया था। जिसकी गणना काफी उच्च मानी जाती थी। कृषि के कार्य पशुपालन की सहायता से ही पूर्ण किये जाते थे।

कृषि तथा कृशक :

गुप्तकालीन युग में जनता का आर्थिक जीवन कृषि प्रधान था। कृषि राज्य की आजीविका का मुख्य साधन मानी जाती थी। किसानों द्वारा वर्ष में विभिन्न फसलों जिनमें गेहूँ, जौ, बीहड़, कटहल, तिल, सरसों, अदरक, ईख, इलायची, ककड़ी, प्याज, लहसून, लौकी एवं फल-फूल आदि की पैदावार की जाती थी। इस काल में चावल की विभिन्न प्रकार की अच्छी वैरायटी की किस्में साठ दिन में तैयार की जाती थी। किसान खेती में परम्परागत रूप को ही प्रयोग में लाते थे। वराहमिहिर की वृहत्सहिता से पता चलता है कि कृशकों द्वारा वर्ष में तीन फसलें रबी, खरीफ और अन्य साधारण उपज की पैदावार करते थे। कालिदास द्वारा कृत रघुवंश से पता चलता है कि जनता द्वारा अधिकतर बीहड़ एवं गन्ने की खेती की जाती थी। बीहड़ के अन्य रूप में उन्होंने शालि, नीवार, कलम और भयामक का उल्लेख किया है। मगध क्षेत्र में चावल की पैदावार अधिक मात्रा में होती थी। मगध में चावल अपनी सुगंध के लिये महत्वपूर्ण माना जाता था। दालों में मूंग, मसूर, उदड़, कुलथी, अरहर एवं चना की खेती की जाती थी। इस समय कृषकों की दशा काफी उन्नत थी तथा राष्ट्र के भीतर खाद्य पदार्थ की भी प्राप्ति समय पर हो जाती थी।

कृषि की विधियाँ

जुताई : खेत की जुताई हल की मदद से की जाती थी। कृशक अपने खेतों की जुताई कई बार करते थे। हल की मदद से गहरी जुताई की जाती थी। हल के द्वारा की गई जुताई का धार्मिक दृष्टि से भी काफी महत्व माना जाता था। किसानों के पास सीमित जमीनें होती थी जबकि कुछ किसानों के पास अधिक मात्रा में जमीनें होती थी। जो अपनी खेती करवाने के लिए मजदूर रखते थे। किसानों द्वारा हल, बैलो के अलावा फावड़े की सहायता से भी खेत को पैदावार के लिये भी तैयार किया जाता था। छोटे-छोटे खेतों के टुकड़ों में हल तथा बैल अच्छी प्रकार से जुताई नहीं कर पाते थे तथा उन छोटे-छोटे खेत के टुकड़ों की फावड़ों की मदद से जुताई की जाती थी।

बुआई : जमीन को अनेक बार जोतने के बाद जब वह बोने के लिये तैयार हो जाती थी। तो उसमें बीज

बोए दिया जाता था। बोने की विधियां पुरानी ही होती थी। कुछ कृशक अनाज को बिखेर कर भी बोते थे। किन्तु बहुत से किसान हल के पीछे उसमें बनी रेखा की कूड में बीज डालते हुए चलते थे। कृशक द्वारा अनाज बोने के बाद जमीन की जुताई करता था ताकि अच्छी प्रकार से मिट्टी में मिल जाये और पैदावार अधिक मात्रा में उत्पन्न हो जाये। बोने के अलावा कुछ अनाज की रोपाई भी की जाती थी। जिसमें बीहि, भालि, जड़हन मुख्य माने जाते थे।

कटाई : शीतकालीन पके हुये अनाजों जिनमें बीहि मुख्य माना जाता था। जब चावल की फसल अच्छी प्रकार से पक जाती थी या पीली हो जाती थी। तो उसकी कटाई की जाती थी। ग्रीष्मकालीन फसलों गेहूँ एवं जौ फसल पक जाती थी तथा उसे वैशाख में काट लिया जाता था।

मणवी : कटाई के पश्चात अनाजों को इकट्ठा करके उसकी मणवी करके भूसा व अन्न अलग-अलग किया जाता था। मणवी के बाद अनाज को साफ करने के लिए उनका निष्पाव किया जाता था। ये सभी प्रक्रियाएँ खेती को सफल बनाने, कृशकों में उत्साह बढ़ाने एवं राज्य क्षेत्र प्रोत्साहन संबंधी माने गये है तथा जिन्हें खेती व्यवस्था की वर्तमान वैज्ञानिक तकनीकी पृष्ठभूमि में महत्वपूर्ण माना गया है।

खेती के उपकरण : कृशक द्वारा खेती के उपकरणों में हल और फावड़े का प्रयोग किया जाता था। हल आठ पल लोहे का तथा फावड़ा आठ अंगुल लम्बा और चार अंगुल चौड़ा होता था। हल किसान का महत्वपूर्ण उपकरण माना जाता था। जिसका कृषि के लिए प्रयोग किया जाता था। कृषि में हल और फावड़े के अलावा अन्य उपकरणों में कुल्हाड़ी, हसिया, खुर्पा, दंरात आदि भी प्रयोग में जाये जाते थे। बैलगाड़ियाँ भी कृषि का अन्य उपकरण था। जिसकी मदद से कटी हुई फसलों को ढोने के लिए एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर ले जाया जाता था। इसके अतिरिक्त बैलगाड़ियों का प्रयोग खाद डालने, जंगली पदार्थों व लकड़ियों को ढोने के लिए भी उपयोग में लाया जाता था।

सिंचाई : गुप्तकालीन युग में जनता सिंचाई के लिए वर्षा पर निर्भर करती थी। इसके अलावा कृत्रिम साधनों कुएँ, तालाब, नहरें, झीलें आदि की मदद से भी सिंचाई की जाती थी। वराहमिहिर का मानना है कि ज्योतिष के आधार पर नक्षत्रों की मदद से भी सिंचाई का प्रबन्ध किया जाता था। राज्य की और से भी सिंचाई की उत्तम व्यवस्था की जाती थी। इस समय बड़ी-बड़ी झीलों के द्वारा भी सिंचाई की जाती थी। स्कन्दगुप्त के जूनागढ़ अभिलेख से पता चलता है कि सुराष्ट्र प्रान्त के गिरनार नगर के समीप सुदर्शन झील की सहायता से सिंचाई का समुचित प्रबंध किया गया था। सुदर्शन झील का निर्माण चन्द्रगुप्त मौर्य के समय स्थानीय नदियों और वर्षा के जल को बांधकर किया गया था। स्कन्दगुप्त के काल में सुदर्शन झील का निरन्तर वर्षा होने के कारण क्षतिग्रस्त हो गई ऐसी स्थिति में चक्रपालित ने सुदर्शन झील का स्वयं अपना धन खर्च करके पुनर्द्धार किया। जिसके द्वारा खेती के लिये सिंचाई व्यवस्था का अच्छा प्रबंधन किया गया। झीलों का निर्माण सिंचाई के साथ उसकी देखभाल एवं मरम्मत के लिये भी झील का निर्माण किया जाता था। सिंचाई का प्रबन्ध परम्परागत तरीके से किया जाता था। अतः स्पष्ट है कि इस समय सिंचाई की उत्तम व्यवस्था थी।

भू-राजस्व : भू-राजस्व व्यवस्था आर्थिक जीवन का महत्वपूर्ण अंग मानी जाती थी। इस काल के ग्रंथों में भू-राजस्व के बारे में जानकारी प्राप्त होती है, जिनमें नियमित कर, सामयिक कर, अर्थदंड एवं राज्य सम्पत्ति से प्राप्त कर मुख्य माने जाते है।

नियमित कर : इस समय शासक द्वारा वसूल करने वाला कर भाग कहलाता था। इसमें शासक का भाग निहित होता था। इस समय में शासक द्वारा उपज का १/६ भाग भूमि कर वसूल करता था।

हिरण्यकर : यह तरल वस्तुओं पर लगाया जाता था। राष्ट्र के अन्दर उगने वाली तथा विदेशों से नशीली वस्तुओं आने पर भूतोवात कर की वसूली की जाती थी।

सामयिक कर : यह कर शासक की और से विशेष हालातों में वसूल किया जाता था। जिसे सामयिक कर कहा जाता जाता था।

अर्थदण्ड कर : यह कर मात्रा में कम मात्रा में होता था। शासक की तरफ से अपराधी को अर्थदण्ड कर दिया जाता था।

राजकीय भूमि से प्राप्त कर : भूमिकर का कुछ भाग शासक के सीधे स्वामित्व में था। जमीन के अन्दर गड़ा हुआ खजाना ब्राह्मणों के अलावा किसी अन्य को प्राप्त होता था तो उस पर शासक का अधिकार माना जाता था। मृत व्यक्ति का उत्तराधिकारी न होने की स्थिति में उसकी सम्पत्ति राज्य में मिला ली जाती थी।

सामन्तों से प्राप्त उपहार : शासक को सामन्तों के द्वारा उपहार प्राप्त होता था। वशिष्ठ स्मृति से पता चलता है कि इस कर से कुमारी कन्यायें, अनाथ, अपाहिज, अंगहीन, सन्यासी, बच्चे तथा बड़े-बूढ़े आदि मुक्त थे।

पशुपालन : गुप्तकालीन युग में पशुपालन को लोगों का मुख्य धन्धा माना जाता था। लोगों द्वारा पशुपालन की मदद से खेती का कार्य किया जाता था। पशुपालन के बिना कृषि का कार्य करना संभव नहीं होता था। इसलिए इस समय पशुपालन पर अधिक ध्यान दिया गया था। इस काल में भी पशुपालन के महत्व को भी अच्छी प्रकार से समझा गया था। पशुपालन कृषि कार्य को पूर्ण करने में सहायक रूप से विद्यमान था। इस समय लोग पशुपालन में विभिन्न पशुओं जिनमें गाय, भैंस, बैल, घोड़ा, भेड़-बकरियाँ, हाथियों एवं खच्चर आदि मुख्य रूप से पालते थे। गुप्तकालीन विद्वानों ने भी विभिन्न प्रकार के पशुओं पर विशेष जोर दिया है। प्रारम्भ से ही पशुओं को धन-सम्पत्ति का अंग माना जाता था। गुप्तकालीन युग में भी पशुओं को धन सम्पदा के समान दर्जा दिया गया।

पालतू पशु :

गुप्तकालीन युग में गाय, बैल, भेड़, बकरी, घोड़ा, हाथी, आदि को मुख्य रूप से पालतू बनाया जाता था। गाय के द्वारा दूध, दही एवं मक्खन की प्राप्ति की जाती थी। बैलों ही सहायता से माल को एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर पहुंचाया जाता था। घोड़े को सेना, रथ एवं शिकार के लिये प्रयोग किया जाता था। हाथियों का भी युद्ध के लिए अधिक महत्व माना जाता था एवं हाथी के दांत को विदेशों में निर्यात किया जाता था। इससे राष्ट्र की आमदनी होती थी। खच्चर एवं ऊँट की सहायता से भी वस्तुओं को एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर ले जाया जाता था। वराहमिहिर का मानना है कि राष्ट्र के अन्दर पशुओं की दशा काफी अच्छी थी। लेकिन अकालों और महामारियों की वजह से अधिक संख्या में पशुओं की मृत्यु हो जाती थी।

निश्कर्ष :

उपरोक्त विवरण से स्पष्ट है कि गुप्तकालीन युग में कृषि और पशुपालन का महत्वपूर्ण स्थान माना जाता है। कृषि और पशुपालन आजीविका का मुख्य साधन माना जाता था। जिस पर जनता का आर्थिक जीवन पूर्ण रूप से निर्भर था। कृषि और पशुपालन के क्षेत्र अत्यधिक नवीन प्रगति हुई जिसके फसलस्वरूप कृषि तथा पशुपालन का काफी विकास हुआ। कृषि और पशुपालन की काफी गणना की जाती है, जिसे नकारा नहीं जा

सकता है। गुप्तकालीन विद्वानों ने कृषि और पशुपालन की सराहना की है। अतः स्पष्ट है कि गुप्तकालीन युग में कृषि एवं पशुपालन का महत्वपूर्ण योगदान माना जाता है।

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Artificial Intelligence in Education

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Abstract

Artificial intelligence (AI) is an emerging revolutionary technology with the power to change education systems and make them more equitable, inclusive, and effective. In the realm of education, AI helps avail individualized and adaptive enriching experiences for students, enhance teachers' professional development and support, and improve educational decision-making and management. However, AI also poses significant challenges and risks for education, such as ethical, legal, social, and pedagogical issues. Therefore, it is essential to ensure that AI is used in education in a human-centered, responsible, and sustainable way. This paper aims to provide an overview of the current state of AI in education, its opportunities and challenges, and some examples of best practices and recommendations for policy-makers, educators, and learners.

Keywords : Artificial intelligence , education, personalized learning, adaptive testing, Chat GPT

Introduction

Artificial intelligence in education is a topic that has been gaining increasing attention and interest in recent years. AI can be defined as the ability of computerized gadgets to accomplish operations that normally require human intelligence, such as critical thinking, reasoning, learning, and problem-solving. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has revolutionized various sectors, and its transformative impact on education is undeniable. In today's digital age, AI is reshaping the entire teaching and learning process, offering innovative solutions to age-old challenges. By harnessing the power of machine learning, data analytics, and automation, AI is creating personalized learning experiences, optimizing administrative tasks, and improving the overall quality of education. This article explores the profound ways in which AI is redefining education, from adaptive learning platforms to smart classrooms, and discusses the potential benefits and challenges that this technological wave brings to educators and learners alike. AI can be applied to various aspects of education, such as curriculum design, curriculum delivery, assessment, feedback, personalization, and teacher support.

Recent Trends in Use of Artificial Intelligence in education

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a rapidly evolving field that has many applications in education. Some of the recent trends in the use of AI in education are:

Generative AI - is a type of AI that can create new content, such as text, images, music, or code, based on a given prompt or data. Generative AI can be used for education and research purposes, such as generating personalized learning materials, enhancing creativity and innovation, and facilitating knowledge discovery. However, generative AI also poses ethical and social challenges, such as ensuring quality, accuracy, and fairness of the generated content, as well as preventing misuse and plagiarism. UNESCO has developed a guidance for generative AI in education and research, which will be launched during Digital Learning Week (4-7 September 2023).

AI competency frameworks - are sets of skills and knowledge that students and teachers need to acquire to effectively use and interact with AI technologies. AI competency frameworks can help to prepare learners and educators for the AI era, by fostering digital literacy, critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and ethical awareness. UNESCO is drafting the AI competency frameworks for school students and teachers, which will be presented during Digital Learning Week (4-7 September 2023)

AI Applications - Applications of artificial intelligence (AI) are programmes or platforms that improve teaching and learning activities. Examples include plagiarism detection, exam integrity, chatbots for enrollment and retention, learning management systems, transcription of faculty lectures, improved online discussion boards, and analysis of student success metrics. The quality, accessibility, and personalization of education can all be improved with the aid of AI technologies, which can also support teachers and students in a variety of educational contexts. To ensure that AI applications are in line with educational goals and ideals and that they protect users' privacy and rights, however, they also need to be carefully designed, implemented, and evaluated.

Benefits of Artificial Intelligence in Education

- Enhancing the quality and accessibility of education for all learners, especially those who face barriers due to geography, disability, gender biasness or socio-economic status.
- Supporting teachers in their professional development and reducing their workload by automating tasks such as grading, data analysis, and administrative duties.
- Fostering the development of life skills , soft skills and competencies that are essential for the 21st century, such as initiativeness, innovation, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, leadership and communication.
- Promoting lifelong learning and continuous improvement by providing personalized and adaptive learning experiences that cater to the diverse needs, interests, and goals of each learner .
- Encouraging innovation and research in education by using AI to generate new insights, solutions, and content for teaching and learning.

Challenges and Risks Posed by Artificial Intelligence

- Ensuring the ethical, legal, and social implications of AI are considered and addressed, such as data privacy, security, bias, transparency, and accountability.
- Developing the capacity and readiness of educators, learners, policy-makers, and other stakeholders to understand and use AI effectively and responsibly.

- Balancing the role of human and machine intelligence in education and ensuring that AI does not replace or undermine the human element of teaching and learning.
- Evaluating the quality and impact of AI in education and ensuring that it is aligned with the values, goals, and standards of education systems.

AI in education is a complex and evolving field that requires collaboration and dialogue among various actors and disciplines. UNESCO is one of the commanding organizations that is working to support member states to harness the potential of AI for achieving the Education 2030 Agenda. The World Economic Forum is another platform that is facilitating the exchange of ideas and best practices on how AI can transfigure education for students and teachers. There are also numerous exemplifications of innovative projects and initiatives that are using AI to enhance education in different contexts and disciplines. For instance :

- ChatGPT is an AI system that can generate natural language texts based on a given prompt or topic. It can be used by students to practice their writing skills or by teachers to create engaging content for their lessons.
- K-12 AI curricula is a mapping of government-endorsed AI curricula for primary and secondary education across different countries. It can be used by educators to compare and learn from different approaches to teaching AI concepts and skills.
- Generative AI is a branch of AI that can create novel content such as images, music, or text based on existing data or inputs. It can be used by learners to express their creativity or by teachers to enrich their pedagogy.

Applications

AI is the simulization of process of human intelligence by comouterised machines. AI has enormous applications in education, such as

Personalised learning: By taking into account each student's skills, weaknesses, preferences, and goals, AI can assist design personalised learning routes for them. AI may analyse data from a variety of sources, including tests, assignments, feedback, and online activities, to determine each student's individual learning gaps and needs. Then, it can offer specialised information, materials, direction, and support to assist customers in achieving their goals. Student performance, contentment, and retention can all be improved through personalised learning.

Adaptive testing - Testing that adapts to the difficulty of each test-taker based on their responses is known as adaptive testing. It is a type of computer-based testing. Compared to conventional fixed tests, adaptive testing can offer more accurate and fair evaluations of students' skills and knowledge. By offering students the right challenges and feedback, it can help lessen their test dread, boredom, and dissatisfaction. By eliminating the need for several tests and scoring, adaptive testing can help instructors save time and resources.

These are a few examples of how artificial intelligence is being used in education to improve the calibre and potency of instruction. However, there are also certain hazards and obstacles related to the use of AI in education, such as societal ramifications, ethical questions, privacy concerns, and data security.

Conclusion

Artificial intelligence in education is a promising and emerging field that can offer numerous

benefits and opportunities for enhancing and transubstantiating teaching and learning processes and outcomes. However, it also poses many pitfalls and challenges that need to be addressed precisely and responsibly. Therefore, it is important to ensure that AI in education is human-centered, inclusive, equitable, ethical, and sustainable. It is also essential to involve all stakeholders in the development and use of AI technologies in education and to foster a culture of learning and innovation that embraces AI as a tool for empowering human potential.

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Social Mobilisation and Women's Capacity Building: A Study of Self-Help Organisations

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Abstract

Through social mobilisation, the project hopes to learn about and evaluate women's abilities and skills. It has been shown that Self Help Groups (SHGs) were crucial in encouraging the poor to start saving and using banks as a source of credit. The local communities' participation in any intervention is crucial, hence social mobilisation has been accepted as a suitable strategy. The primary goal of the research is to determine whether or not women's ability and capacity can be improved via social mobilisation. The study used a survey research design to describe the capabilities of women in urban SHGs. Data was collected from 14 SHGs with a total of 156 members using a multi-stage sampling strategy. The findings showed that those who took part in SHGs improved their linguistic, financial, and occupational competence. It is also clear that most women (77.6%) lack vocational skills, indicating a pressing need to educate and empower them with employment and business opportunities.

Keywords: Women capacity, self help group, social mobilisation, communities

Introduction

Research into urban self-help organisations, especially those with an emphasis on increasing women's participation and leadership, is essential because it speaks to crucial issues of community growth and individual agency. Down below, I'll present a high-level outline of the core ideas and probable discoveries that may result from such an investigation: Social Movements: For the purposes of initiating and driving collective action for social change or betterment, the term "social mobilisation" is used to describe the process of bringing together people, organisations, and communities. The purpose of this paper is to analyse how women's self-help groups in urban areas bring together members of the community to tackle problems they all face and work towards a common objective.

Methods Look at the ways these groups interact with the public, spread information, and unite people around a common goal. Results Evaluate how social mobilisation influences

group dynamics and the capacity to address housing, sanitation, education, and healthcare in urban areas. Building Women's Skills: To better meet their needs and realise their goals, people and communities must increase their capacity to do so. Examine how women-centric self-help groups address the special needs of women in metropolitan areas and equip them to make positive changes. Training and education programmes for women should be researched, especially those that aim to improve women's leadership and financial literacy.

Economic independence: learn how women's education and training programmes may help them become financially independent via means such as starting their own businesses. Examine how much women are able to influence community decisions, fight for their rights, and take part in local administration as a direct result of their increased ability to do so. Groups That Assist Its Members: Community-based organisations, women's groups, cooperatives, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are all examples of the types of self-help groups active in the city. Strategies for mobilisation and capacity development, as well as the organization's overall aim, will be examined. Document the obstacles these groups have had to overcome in order to empower local citizens, particularly women, and shine a focus on the successes they have achieved.

Literature Review

Providing women with equal educational possibilities is not enough to fully empower them; women also need access to finance facilities, which may open doors to political engagement (Kabeer N. 2019, p. The viability of SHGs is ensured by secondary level SHGs Federations (Kalpana K 2019), therefore SHGs on their own won't be enough to empower women. It has been shown that financial security plays an important role in economic growth, which in turn contributes to societal prosperity. In addition, empowering women is a multifaceted problem with no easy answers; various strategies will be more effective in different contexts (Kabeer N, 2018). Many organisations, including banks, SHGs, and nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), play an important role in empowering women and reducing poverty. Physical and mental health suffer when there is a widening gap between the rich and the poor. A negative outlook on health and a decline in mental health are both consequences of inequality (Menon PP, 2019). Women's self-help groups (SHGs) in India are often seen as agents of empowerment since they assist those from disadvantaged backgrounds improve their standard of living and address health problems.

It has been shown that SHGs were essential in encouraging the poor to start saving and using banks as a source of credit (Reji EM, 2012). SHGs have been actively working to improve health and nutrition for their members via social mobilisation and accountability (Kumar N, 2016). To activate local communities, crucial to implementing any intervention, social mobilisation has been accepted as a suitable strategy (Channel K, 2011). SHGs have been shown to improve members' social, economic, and political standing, according to the available data (Brody C. 2017). There is a clear path ahead for women's emancipation, but we still have a ways to go. Women are an integral element of society, and their contributions to society and national development cannot be overstated (Finnis E. 2017). Everyone involved in organising a SHG cares deeply about the group's long-term viability (Nair A, 2005). Sustainability is boosted, and problems with financial provisioning are resolved, via federations of SHGs (Das T 2019).

Objective

The goal of the study is to determine whether or not women's empowerment has resulted in an increase in their abilities. Changes in where people live, what they do for a living, and the kinds of tasks and responsibilities they take on as a consequence of social mobilisation have also been mapped out.

Method

This study, using a survey research design, explains the capabilities and strengths of women in urban SHGs. Primary information comes from a survey sent out to women's self-help organisations in the greater Coimbatore area. The SHGs that were suitable for the study were selected using a multi-stage sampling strategy. The city of Coimbatore was divided into five sections—East, West, South, North, and Central—to facilitate the multi-stage sampling procedure. After grouping SHGs into age categories like "young," "middle," and "old," a total of 14 SHGs were chosen to fairly represent these three age ranges.

Discussion

A number of studies have shown that SHGs may help members improve their reading, communication, banking, and occupational abilities in ways that go beyond just providing access to loans. The SHG strategy supports efforts to advance women collectively.

There is no correlation between economic hardship and occupational competence, as seen in Table 1. The bulk of the impoverished have marketable abilities, but they lack the motivation to use them. According to individualists, the needs of the person should be prioritised above those of the government. This means that even members of the same self-help group need to be motivated by their own personal ambitions. It's possible that this is why low-income people's economies don't improve even when they get vocational training. Training in occupational skills alone would not improve living conditions, however; it would also need to generate money. The majority of women in SHGs just know how to sew, which is not enough to support themselves. This means that SHG participants must be taught practical business entrepreneurial skills that will help them earn a better living. The earning potential of tailoring is low compared to other vocational options available to women; until they develop a clothes unit to expand their company, that is.

Table 3 : Employment Opportunities and Income Disparity

S. No.	Poverty status	Vocational Skills		Total	Significance X2
		Having vocational skills	No vocational skills		
1	Below Poverty Line	29	110	139	1.652
2	Above Poverty Line	6	11	17	Df = 1
	Total	35	121	156	P = .204*

*Not Significant

Conclusion

The findings of this research support the hypothesis that SHG membership improves the reading, communication, banking, and occupational abilities of its members. Their communication skills have improved as a result of regular group meetings and participation

in a variety of awareness training activities. Every member of the SHG needs banking abilities in order to access the group's funds, and the more often individuals inside the group engage in financial transactions, the more likely they are to pick up these skills. Women's economic security is greatly aided by the acquisition of marketable vocational skills. The survey found that 77.6% of women lacked any kind of vocational training, highlighting the urgent need to educate women in vocational and entrepreneurial fields so they may find gainful employment and raise their standard of life.

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PORTRAYAL OF WOMEN IN LITERATURE A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF WOMEN CHARACTERS IN 19TH, 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY

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Abstract :

This research paper examines the portrayal of women in literature through history highlighting the development of their representation the challenges faced and the empowering narratives that have arisen. By analyzing various literary works from different periods, this study explores the evolution from limited and stereotype empowering portrayals of women. The paper also addresses the persisting issues in the portrayal of women in literature and ongoing need for further progress and inclusivity.

Keywords- Women characterization, empowering women stereotypical illustration

Introduction

The portrayal of women in literature has been a reflection of the societal norms, beliefs and power dynamics accepted in different historical periods. This research paper aims to explore the women characterization and changing representations of women in literature, focusing on the empowering women in literature. It also discusses the stereotypical depictions to more diverse in literature. In this research paper discusses the challenges faced by women writers and the impact of feminist movements on shaping more empowering narratives.

It makes sense to claim that literature reflects culture. We take what we can from the past, adapt it, and then promote it as our "Culture" in the present. The ancient texts known as the Vedas speak of women who complimented and enhanced their male counterparts. The Vedic period included numerous noteworthy female characters, including Gargi, Who Ha, and Lopa Mudra Sulabha Maitreyi. This motivates and inspires poets to write poetry and songs that help shape the characteristics of women in India, where women have traditionally been

accorded a greater rank. In the Vedic era, women were accorded a higher rank or respect than males.

Women characters in literature: Character is a quality that aids in clarification identification and that demonstrates the manner, function, and rank of every individual in society. However, until relatively recently, the majority of published writers were men, making the portrayal of women in literature necessarily biased. However, a tradition that eventually influenced written culture was the contribution of folk songs, storytelling, and nursery rhymes.

Women have had several representations in literature throughout its history. Male authors clarify society's attitude towards women in a very different manner than a female author would. For example, while F Scott Fitzgerald may have portrayed his main female character as a victim in the 1920s, Zora Neale Hurston portrays her as strong, free-spirited, and independent women only a decade later.

Despite the fact that women were clearly represented in several of Chaucer's earliest works, such "The boof of the Duchess" and "Troilus and Cressida," The pilgrimage mentioned in "The Canterbury Tales" only includes three ladies.

- The wife of bath
- The prioress
- In Rigimo obirin, it was correctly noted that another run who associates with her but is seldom referenced again women has been described as a terrible, cruel prostitute, mother, wife, sister, fraudulence partner, and companion sobande (1959). Women are both good and horrible, as we all know. He supported his position with the yourba philosophical belief about them, particularly on women's behaviour, since they are seen as men's indispensable accomplice and without them life is unsatisfying.

The masculine gender specifically said that females only differed from males in that they possessed feminine traits. However, there were certain instances when it was not an equal situation since some women had traits that were even more masculine than those of their spouses. In *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, Mr. Bennett is unable to match his wife's resourcefulness in her efforts to prepare his five girls for adulthood. A mockery of manliness in Elizabeth Gaskell's wives and daughters, Edgar Linton in Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights* is an only daughter named Molly Gibson who shows to be a better kid to her father than a boy. Maggie Tulliver is shown in George Eliot's *The Mill on the Floss* as being a more stronger, bolder, and harder character than her brother Tom, who fails his parents. Osborne Hamley. Briton art, defined by her cross-dressing as a knight, is manly, and Magic Javelin is a strong figure who fervently battled as a knight and rescued lives in this adventure.

In the novel *Pride and Prejudice*, female characters are portrayed favourably in general. We can also draw the conclusion that women like to use more positive proviso and natural circumstances rather than negative phrases because these conditions either come from the communications of female characters in the book or from the author's description because Jane Austen was also a female author. The kindness hypothesis, as Coates (1993) mentions, can be used to explain this penchant for using nice language. In order to preserve facial features and demonstrate their synchronicity, women employ more favourable terminology. Despite having a lower social rank than males in the eighteenth century, women did not

always develop passive language. Women are raised to speak in a manner that is courteous and shows the excellent behaviour that is often expected of them by society (Trudgill 2000). According to Coates (2004), middle-class women are the most vulnerable to reputation farms, which also happens to be the situation with our author. Jane Austen is from the middle class, and she does her best to use recognised documents to establish her social standing and win the respect of others. It explains why typical types of conditions make up the bulk of the conditions in the table.

In relation to the representation of women in Indian poetry. Mahadevi Verma, a liberation warrior and rebel, became the Hindi poetry world's window on themes relating to femininity. She also wrote on the fight for women's independence, drawing inspiration for each topic from classical Hindi literature that discussed freedom. Kamla Das made room for a sympathetic kind of women's confession poetry with the study of the man-woman interaction as its main focus. Other female poets adopted this approach afterwards, including Gauri Deshpande and Chitra Narendran.

Empowerment is the way of action of empowering somebody with the power, right and jurisdiction per playing diverse roles and duties. Empowerment of women means constructing them more conscious and careful about their duties and rights so that they can play identical parallel in Indian society rather they are oppressed disgraced and considered lesser to men in some realms of life more over empowerment for the freedom of mind, soul thoughts and ideas of woman women is not the dependent of man but she is the equal living being like man. Indian literature displays the sample of women empowerment.

Shashi Deshpande & Charlotte Brontë are the famous women writers in English literature they quoted the examples of very strong, bold brave, female protagonists who stated the examples of self-identify freely in their lives. These women characters never bend before the struggles of lives also face off all the problems, misery and difficulties of life.

Many women writers have given literary work. They portray a world of rich women. They have given significance for the inquiry of socio cultural. The condition of women in the 19th Century was main theme in literature of that era. Women faced social and cultural curbs that limited their occasions and rights. Here are some examples of literature that shed light on the condition of women in the 19th century.

"Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Brontë (1847) the novel explores the challenges faced by women in Victorian society Jane the protagonist, face off gender inequality limited career chances and societal anticipation Brontë critiques the repressive treatment of women and advocates "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen (1813) Austen's novel portrays the limited alternative applicable to women in conditions of marriage and financial security. The female characters navigate societal anticipation and societal burden to safe a applicable husband. The book highlights the compulsion prescribed on women and the limited agency they possessed. "The yellow wallpaper" by Charlotte Perkins Gilman (1892): This short story provides a powerful criticism of the cure of women's mental health during the 19th century. It highlights the repressive nature of the household sphere and damaging endeavor of the "rest cure" on women's mental well-being. "Little women" by Louisa May Alcott (1868) : Alcott's Novel follows the

lives of the March sisters and depicts the struggles, dreams and desires of women meanwhile the 19th century. It delves into the challenges faced by women in conditions of education career chances, and societal expectancy "Middlemarch" by George Eliot (1811-1870) : Eliot's novel and professional business. The women characters in the story navigate social expectations and hold with the ambition for personal completion and liberty within the boundaries of a patriarchal society. These literary works provide intuition into the social cultural and personal experiences of women mean while the 19th century. They clarify on the disparity and controls faced by women and chip in to our understanding of the historical context and clash of women's right and gender roles during that time.

The condition of women in the 20th century as depicted in literature is a emotional reflection of the societal problems desires and jubilation that women experienced during that era. From the early 19th the late 1905 literature bore witness and challenges faced by women across the globe.

In the early 1905 literature played a mementoes role in the suffrage movement with writers like Virginia woolf and charlotte Perkins Gilman emphasizing the ned for women's rights and political agency. These works on the problems faced by women and helped pave the way for change.

As the century evolution, women writers broke social criterion by addressing themes of sexuality, independence and personal fulfillment Novels like " The awakening" by Kate Chopin and lady Chatterley's lover by D.H. Lawrence challenged previewing view point toward women's ambitions and conventional gender roles. These literary explorations opened up discussion about female sexuality and empowerment. The feminist movement gained momentum during the 20th century and literature became a powerful tool for denoting feminist ideologies. Authors such as simone de Beauvoir Betty Friden and Audrey Larde wrote impressive works that questioned social biases and patriarchal structures. Their writings examined issues of identify, domesticity and the struggles faced by women contributing to the ongoing conversation on gender equality.

More ever, women writers began addressing the intersectionality of identify, considering factors such as race, class and sexuality, writers like zara neale Hurston, Toni Morrison and Alice walker covered the experiences of women from varied back grounds. Their works provided nuanced intuition into the challenges faced by women of color focusing the complecations of their lives and identities.

Literature in the 20th century also demonstrate women as active agents rather than passive objects characters like Jane Eyre, Elizabeth Bennet and Hester Prynne show cased women's pliancy intellectuality and capacity for self determination. These portrayals challenged conventional stereotypes and motivated readers rethink women's roles in society.

In conclusion, 20th century literature played a crucial in addressing the status of women. Women writers body tackled issues such as suffrage, gender parity sexuality and inter sectionality. Their contributions not only shed light on the challenges faced by women but also paved the way for growth and a more inclusive future. The impact of these literary works carry on to shape. Consideration on women's rights and representation in the 21st century. The situation of women in 21st century has observed important progress in many parts of the

world but challenges persevere women have made important strides in diverse aspects of life, but disparities and issues still in different places.

Increased educational opportunities women have greater ingress to education, dominant to more women pursuing higher degrees and careers in varied fields. More women are entering the workforce, contributing to economic growth and shortening gender inequality in employment. Women are to a greater extent represented in political leadership roles, although gender equality residues a goal in many countries. Many countries have implanted legal improve to promote gender equality, addressing issues like domestic violence, harassment and discrimination. Access to contraception and family planning services has enhanced, giving women more control over their generative choices.

However challenges still exist :

1. Gender pay Gap: inequality in salary persevere, with women often earning less than man for similar work,
2. Violence Against women: Gender-based violence containing domestic abuse and sexual attack continues to be a global issue.
3. Under representation: Women are under-represented in leadership conditions, mostly in STEM fields and corporate boardrooms.
4. Unequal Burden of care: Women often bear a unequal burden of care giving responsibilities, impacting career progress.
5. Access to Healthcare: Inequalities in healthcare access and quality still impact women, mainly in organized communities.
6. Gender stereotypes: Social criterion and stereotypes can limit women's choices and opportunities.

Overall, while there have been importance strides in improving the condition of women in the 21st century achieving true gender parity remnants an ongoing global effort, Progress diversity by region and country, and concerted endeavor and ensure a more unbiased future for women worldwide.

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विद्यार्थियों एवं शिक्षकों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता का अध्ययन

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प्रस्तुत अध्ययन विद्यार्थियों एवं शिक्षकों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता पर आधारित है। इस अध्ययन का उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों एवं शिक्षकों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता का करना था। इस अध्ययन के लिए सर्वेक्षण विधि का प्रयोग किया गया। न्यादर्श के लिए जयपुर जिले के उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के १०० विद्यार्थियों और ४० शिक्षकों का चयन यादृच्छिक विधि द्वारा किया और आकड़ों का विश्लेषण माध्य, मानक विचलन और टी-परीक्षण के द्वारा किया गया है। प्रस्तुत अध्ययन से यह निष्कर्ष प्राप्त हुआ है कि विद्यार्थियों एवं शिक्षकों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता में सार्थक अंतर नहीं है।

मुख्य शब्द :- नीट परीक्षा, चिकित्सा क्षेत्र, प्रभावशीलता।

प्रस्तावना

भारत का स्वास्थ्य सेवा क्षेत्र पिछले दशक में तेजी से बढ़ रहा है। भारतीय चिकित्सा परिषद ने केंद्र सरकार की मंजूरी से मेडिकल और इंजीनियरिंग पाठ्यक्रमों के लिए एकल पात्रता सह प्रवेश परीक्षा का प्रावधान किया। इसे राष्ट्रीय पात्रता एवं प्रवेश परीक्षा (नीट) कहा गया जिसका संचालन केंद्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड द्वारा किया गया था। शुरुआत में इसे २०१२ से प्रस्तावित किया गया था। जिसमें भौतिकी, रसायन विज्ञान, जीव विज्ञान, जैव प्रौद्योगिकी और अंग्रेजी विषयों के साथ उच्चतर माध्यमिक या समकक्ष और योग्यता परीक्षा में ५० प्रतिशत अंक होना आवश्यक है।

नीट परीक्षा भारत में सभी मेडिकल उम्मीदवारों के लिए एक व्यापक या एकल प्रवेश परीक्षा बनाने के लिए है। नीट एक पात्रता एवं प्रवेश परीक्षा है। यह भारत के लगभग सभी एमबीबीएस कॉलेजों में प्रवेश के लिए एक सामान्य परीक्षा है। नीट से समय, प्रयास और धन की अनावश्यक बर्बादी से बचा जा सकेगा। विद्यार्थियों को रैंक के साथ भारत में सर्वश्रेष्ठ कॉलेज चुनने और प्लेसमेंट पाने का अवसर मिलेगा।

शिक्षा अच्छी गुणवत्ता वाली होनी चाहिए, इस गुणवत्ता को बनाए रखने के लिए सरकार द्वारा प्रवेश और पात्रता परीक्षाएँ आयोजित की जाती हैं। नीट को केंद्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड द्वारा नियंत्रित किया गया है।

अध्ययन की आवश्यकता

नीट हमारे देश की सबसे चुनौतीपूर्ण परीक्षाओं में से एक है। इस परीक्षा में हर साल लाखों विद्यार्थी शामिल होते हैं। हालाँकि, केवल कुछ विद्यार्थी ही नीट के लिए अर्हता प्राप्त कर पाते हैं और अपने पसंदीदा संस्थानों में सीट सुरक्षित कर पाते हैं। इसलिए, नीट परीक्षा में उपस्थित होने से पहले अच्छी तैयारी करना महत्वपूर्ण है। नीट परीक्षा चिकित्सा क्षेत्र के विद्यार्थियों को संपूर्ण देश में अपने पसंदीदा संस्थान में प्रवेश हेतु अवसर प्रदान करती है। जिससे विद्यार्थी गुणवत्तापूर्ण प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त कर पाता है। नीट परीक्षा से देश के चिकित्सा क्षेत्र में बहुत सुधार हुआ है जो कि देश भविष्य हेतु अत्यन्त आवश्यक है। इसलिए प्रस्तुत अध्ययन के माध्यम से नीट की प्रभावशीलता का

अध्ययन करने का प्रयास किया गया है।

शोध के उद्देश्य

- १ विद्यार्थियों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता का अध्ययन करना।
- २ शिक्षकों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता का अध्ययन करना।

शोध की परिकल्पना

- १ विद्यार्थियों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता में कोई सार्थक अंतर नहीं पाया जाता है।
- २ शिक्षकों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता में कोई सार्थक अंतर नहीं पाया जाता है।

अध्ययन में प्रयुक्त उपकरण

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन में स्वनिर्मित “नीट प्रभावशीलता मापनी” का प्रयोग किया गया।

शोध विधि

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन में वर्णनात्मक सर्वेक्षण विधि का प्रयोग किया गया है।

न्यादर्श

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन में जयपुर जिले के उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर के १०० विद्यार्थियों और ४० शिक्षकों को न्यादर्श के रूप में लिया गया है।

संख्यिकीय तकनीकी

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन में निम्नलिखित सांख्यिकी का प्रयोग किया गया है— माध्य, मानक विचलन और टी—परीक्षण। व्याख्या एवं विश्लेषण

परिकल्पना १ — विद्यार्थियों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता में कोई सार्थक अंतर नहीं पाया जाता है।

तालिका संख्या — १

विद्यार्थियों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता में सार्थक अंतर

समूह	संख्या	माध्य	मानक विचलन	टी—परीक्षण	सार्थकता स्तर
छात्र	५०	१७.७८	१.२१	१.५१	०.०५ सार्थकता स्तर पर स्वीकृत
छात्राएँ	५०	१८.२६	१.८९		

तालिका संख्या १ से स्पष्ट होता है कि नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता के संदर्भ में छात्र एवं छात्राओं का माध्य

क्रमशः १७.७८ तथा १८.२६ है, वही मानक विचलन क्रमशः १.२१ तथा १.८९ है। माध्य एवं मानक विचलन से टी-परीक्षण का मान १.५१ प्राप्त हुआ है जो ०.०५ सार्थकता स्तर पर दिए गए टी-अनुपात तालिका मूल्य (१.९६) से कम है। अतः शून्य परिकल्पना स्वीकृत होती है। इस प्रकार कहा जा सकता है कि विद्यार्थियों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता में कोई सार्थक अंतर नहीं पाया जाता है।

परिकल्पना २ – शिक्षकों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता में कोई सार्थक अंतर नहीं पाया जाता है।

तालिका संख्या – २

शिक्षकों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता में सार्थक अंतर

समूह	संख्या	माध्य	मानक विचलन	टी-परीक्षण	सार्थकता स्तर
महिला शिक्षक	२०	२४.६३	२.५६	१.३४	०.०५ सार्थकता स्तर पर स्वीकृत
पुरुष शिक्षक	२०	२५.५८	१.८७		

तालिका संख्या १ से स्पष्ट होता है कि नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता के संदर्भ में महिला एवं पुरुष शिक्षकका माध्य क्रमशः २४.६३ तथा २५.५८ है, वही मानक विचलन क्रमशः २.५६ तथा १.८७ है। माध्य एवं मानक विचलन से टी-परीक्षण का मान १.३४ प्राप्त हुआ है जो ०.०५ सार्थकता स्तर पर दिए गए टी-अनुपात तालिका मूल्य (१.९६) से कम है। अतः शून्य परिकल्पना स्वीकृत होती है। इस प्रकार कहा जा सकता है कि शिक्षकों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता में कोई सार्थक अंतर नहीं पाया जाता है।

निष्कर्ष और सुझाव

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन के परिणाम में यह प्राप्त हुआ कि विद्यार्थियों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता में कोई सार्थक अंतर नहीं है। शिक्षकों के संदर्भ में नीट परीक्षा की प्रभावशीलता में कोई सार्थक अंतर नहीं है। विद्यालय प्रबंधन को विद्यालय में एनईईटी परीक्षा के बारे में जागरूकता कार्यक्रम आयोजित करना चाहिए। माता-पिता को अपने बच्चों को नीट परीक्षा के बारे में प्रोत्साहित करना चाहिए। शिक्षकों को विद्यार्थियों को नीट परीक्षा के लिए प्रोत्साहित करना चाहिए, जो स्वास्थ्य के क्षेत्र में रूचि रखते हैं। राज्य सरकार को राज्य के पाठ्यक्रम को सीबीएसई पाठ्यक्रम स्तर तक बदलने की प्राथमिकता देनी चाहिए।

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Analyzing Women's Mobilization in the N.C.R.: Assessing the Impact of State and Civil Society Interventions

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Abstract

Accessibility to healthcare, higher education, and the workforce have all improved greatly for women in many parts of India during the last decade. It is inappropriate that in the twenty-first century, women remain marginalised in decision-making at all levels; that they are still particularly impacted by poverty; that sexual assault against women persists and, in some cases, increases; that they are still marginalised in the workplace. There have been significant obstacles to gender equality and empowering females in recent years, including the HIV/AIDS struggle, the problem of traffickers in women and girls, and the utilisation of new information and communication technologies (ICT). Even in those areas where success has been made, there is still plenty to do. The study's overarching goal was to assess how secure working women experts in Delhi, India's capital, were in crucial domains including educational attainment, economic stability, health, autonomy, and resistance to sexual assault and mistreatment. The sample for this study will consist of ninety-two professional women specialists from universities and businesses, representing both the public and private sectors.

Key Words: Women mobilization, Delhi NCR, Empowerment, Society

Introduction :

Women's mobilisation in contemporary India is a dynamic and nuanced phenomenon. Indian women have taken part in several social, political, economic, and cultural activities to advance gender parity and address issues of importance to them. Some defining features of contemporary Indian women's activism include: No one has done more than Indian women to advance the cause of gender equality. Together, they have been working to change the laws of inheritance and to put a stop to the habit of triple talaq (quick divorce among Muslim women). In recent years, more Indian women have been involved in politics, both at the state and federal levels. The All India Women's Conference (AIWC) and the National Alliance of Women (NAWO) have been instrumental in bringing about change in the political representation of women in India.

The feminist movement in India is active and fights for women's rights, including an end to workplace violence and discrimination. The #MeToo movement has gained momentum in India, leading to an increased awareness of and response to sexual harassment and abuse. Economic and Labour Rights Women's participation in the work force, especially in the informal economy, has increased noticeably. Women's empowerment organisations like the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) have contributed to their economic and social autonomy. Several organisations and activists in India have been pushing for better treatment of women in hospitals, more accessible family planning services, and more protections for their right to choose whether or not to have children. They have also spearheaded movements to abolish practises like female genital mutilation and child marriage. Women's groups have been fighting against detrimental social norms such child marriage and gender-based violence against girls and young women by focusing on education reform.

Women have always been leaders in environmental advocacy, especially in rural areas, where they have pushed for sustainable agriculture and conservation in the face of climate change. Women's mobilisation has led to significant legislative advances, including the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act of 2013, which strengthened laws against sexual assault. Changes have also been made to the laws governing divorce and property ownership. The emergence of social media and the activism that it has inspired have given previously silenced communities a chance to be heard. Hashtags and online campaigns have brought attention to issues like sexual assault against women and gender inequality. The concept of intersectionality, which examines how factors such as socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and caste influence individuals, is widely supported by contemporary women's organisations in India. Because of this, mobilisation efforts have expanded and become more comprehensive. The country of India has made some strides towards gender equality, but there is still a long way to go. Abuse against women, pay inequality, and a lack of women in political leadership are all issues that refuse to go away. However, women's activism in contemporary India has been a constant force for social change and growth, leading to a more equitable society.

Literature Review

Although the concept of women's empowerment has been widely accepted by international development organisations, the development literature is divided about what constitutes empowerment and how to assess it. An good summary of this discussion may be found in Malhotra, Schuler, and Boender (2002). They discuss the many ways in which empowerment may be gauged and recommend that academics focus on the empowering process itself. The Gender Empowerment Measure (GEM) is a popular tool for gauging the degree to which women are represented and heard in decision-making at all levels of government, in the workplace, and in the ownership and control of economic resources. It is a population-level measure of empowerment rather than a personal one. It consists of the percentage of women in administrative, managerial, and professional and technical roles, as well as the percentage of women in parliament, both of which measure women's access to and influence over economic and political decision-making. Our research requires a more nuanced understanding of women's empowerment than what GEM provides. Although certain development interventions may boost women's empowerment in one region, this does not guarantee that it will spread to others. Several research (Malhotra and Mather 1997; Kishor 2000b; Hashemi et al. 1996;

Beegle et al. 1998) have demonstrated that women's levels of empowerment may vary widely from one context to the next. Recent years have seen a number of initiatives to build overarching frameworks outlining the many ways in which women might become more empowered (Malhotra, Schuler, & Boender, 2002).

Objectives of the study

- To identify the women contribution in society.
- To assess the empowerment of women in society.

Research Methodology

This study was done between October 2020 and February 2022 to measure the status of women's empowerment in the crime-ridden capital of India. The data for this study was collected using a structured questionnaire broken down into two parts: demographic information and an empowerment status assessment tool (35 statements measured on a five-point Likert scale). Two hundred working women from the Delhi and NCR (National Capital Region) areas of India were surveyed using a questionnaire. There were 92 viable responses from women, for a response rate of 46%.

Discussion

Table 1: Comparative Study of Women's Empowerment Variables by Research Area

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Domestic Autonomy	Between Groups	5.78	1	5.78	9.87	>.02
	Within Groups	48.57	90	0.57		
	Total	46.87	91			
Libertarian Lifestyle Options	Between Groups	0.82	1	0.82	1.57	0.25
	Within Groups	38.91	90	0.54		
	Total	39.81	91			
Staff Autonomy in the Workplace	Between Groups	0.81	1	0.81	1.54	0.11
	Within Groups	51.87	90	0.87		
	Total	52.31	91			
Sum of Empowerment Ratings	Between Groups	1.51	1	1.51	4.55	>.03
	Within Groups	33.21	90	0.21		
	Total	34.51	91			

There is little doubt that women's status has improved, given that almost all adult women now have at least a bachelor's degree and a wide variety of professional and managerial roles. In certain cases, women have taken the reins as business owners. However, married women are in a different position than unmarried women in terms of power, influence, and compromise. Sixty-five percent of women said they felt insecure at night in India's capital because of workplace violence and other issues related to safety. Gang rapes, sexual exploitation of minors, the flesh trade, kidnapping and abduction, molesting, sexual harassment, murders,

and dowry killings are all examples of collective and organised crime against women that often make the news. When a woman does not feel secure, she cannot feel empowered. Nonetheless, with security as the main real issue, women in India are steadily gaining greater independence. Over the last two decades, there has been a dramatic rise in the number of women in the labour force.

Conclusion

In India, the situation for women and girls is becoming better. India's government is doing a lot to help women and girls. Up to high school, girls get free education from the government, and in the state's capital area, the government also provides financial assistance to the families of disadvantaged young women. When violence against women is so widespread, it is impossible to speak of women's empowerment. Our culture and mentality require an overhaul. A campaign for the empowerment of girls must start from the moment they are born. There has to be a shift in her parenting. She must not be raised in a culture that teaches women to be submissive, where her ambitions will not be dampened or disregarded just because she is a girl. Girls need to be raised with the understanding that they are just as valuable as boys. She must realise that in today's high-tech world, many doors stand open for her to enter and explore. This transformation has already taken place in India's metropolitan centres, but the majority of our people live in rural areas where conditions must be addressed. The government and nongovernmental organisations are exerting every effort to effect change in these areas. Many of the ongoing efforts to improve the status of women will succeed beyond anyone's wildest dreams. However, significant change won't occur unless we make some serious adjustments to our social fabric.

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A Comprehensive Study of State and Civil Society Roles in Women's Mobilization within the N.C.R

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Abstract

Almost one-third of Indian women who are married report that their husbands have physically, sexually, or emotionally abused them at some point in their lives. Our study's primary objective was to look at the efficacy of community mobilising in preventing violence against women and girls in Delhi NCR, India, via the use of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs)-led participatory learning and action groups and counselling services. Women's groups in the Delhi-National Capital Region participated in a pilot programme in which ASHAs led 16 sessions of participatory learning and action. Participants identified prevalent types of violence against women and girls, prioritised those they want to tackle, designed locally viable ways to do so, put those strategies into action, and assessed their effectiveness. With the help of ASHAs, 39 different women's groups met monthly for interactive learning and action. Of the women who had signed up for groups at the outset, we spoke with 59% (679/1149), and at the conclusion, we spoke with 63% (861/1371). As part of an all-encompassing reaction to violence, the strategy merits wider use and assessment.

Key words – ASHA, social health, violence against women, Delhi NCR

Introduction :

In the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR), one effective technique for addressing and putting an end to violence against women is Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) with women's groups led by certified social health activists. This strategy seeks to strengthen women and communities so that they can act together to end violence. How such a scheme might function is as follows: The Emergence of Women's Organisations: Accredited Social Health Advocates (ASHAs) or Community Health Workers are trained professionals who play a crucial role in communities by helping to locate and organise women who need help. Groups of women in a certain area get together to address systemic problems including violence against women, sexism in the workplace, and poor health.

Strengthening Capabilities: Volunteers working in the field of social health get education on issues of gender equality, women's rights, and the prevention of violence. These activists

then provide training sessions for the women's groups, educating them about the mechanics of abuse, its many manifestations, and the available legal and medical aid for survivors. PLA Workshops (Participatory Learning and Action): These women's clubs often host PLA workshops. These seminars are interactive and encourage participants to share their experiences with violence against women via conversations, role plays, and storytelling.

Recognising Regional Problems: Women in these groups debate and engage in activities to pinpoint localised instances of violence against women. The reasons and effects of such violence are also discussed. Formulating Strategies: Women's groups identify problems and create plans of action to fix them under the supervision of social health advocates. Campaigns to raise public consciousness, promote equality for women, and aid victims and their families are all possible outcomes of such schemes. Advocacy and Connections: Local non-governmental organisations, government organisations, and other interested parties may work together with women's groups to address women's concerns. They might take part in advocacy work to advocate for changes in policy and better services for victims of abuse.

Help for Those Who Have Survived: Social workers with the proper training may be an emotional lifeline for victims of violence, pointing them in the direction of available medical, legal, and psychological aid. Women's organisations are another resource for providing emotional support to those who need it. Evaluation and Observation - The effectiveness of the programme must be constantly assessed. Women's groups and the community provide valuable insights that may be used to improve the programme and respond to new challenges. Replicability and scalability - The PLA models that have been most effective with women's organisations may be used to other communities in the Delhi NCR and beyond.

The programme can reach more people and have a greater impact in reducing violence against women if it is expanded. Delhi NCR can help make communities safer for women, promote understanding of women's rights, and put a stop to violence against women by conducting Participatory Learning and Action with women's groups under the direction of skilled social health activists. In addition to bolstering women's agency, this method encourages community-driven responses to a prevalent and difficult problem.

Literature Review

One third of women worldwide experience sexual coercion, physical assault, or other forms of violence throughout their lifetimes (Devries KM, 2013). Furthermore, millions of girls experience some kind of sexual, emotional, or physical abuse each year (Decker MR, 2015). Consequences for survivors may be devastating, both physically and emotionally (Bacchus LJ, 2018).

IIPS (2015) reports that 31% of married women in India have suffered physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from their spouses. This is referred to as spousal violence. Spousal abuse may take many forms, but the most prevalent are physical (27%), emotional (13%), and sexual (6%). Although research on domestic violence is limited, it has been suggested that in-law abuse is all too widespread (Rew M., 2013). At least 16 percent of females aged 15 to 19 report experiencing physical or sexual abuse, and many more girls experience violence at a younger age. The most vulnerable women and girls are those who are impoverished, members of the Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, and have little or limited formal education (Sabri B, 2015). Supporting survivors and preventing additional violence is a top priority for activists,

policymakers, and scientists in India (Sharma I, 2018).

How can we effectively strive to end violence against females? Efficient methods have been the subject of recent syntheses (Ellsberg M, 2015). These include efforts to engage the healthcare industry, the judicial system, and local communities. There are two main types of community-based initiatives. The first is focused on teaching both victims and abusers the skills they need to avoid or end violent behaviour. The second kind of action is community-wide mobilisation to change harmful gender norms and stop the cycle of violence. Common participants in community mobilisation efforts include both sexes, as well as law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and elected officials. They use a wide variety of tactics, including facilitated discussions, collaborative problem-solving, and lobbying efforts. It has been shown that community mobilisation interventions may reduce violence, however most of these studies have been conducted in African settings (Abramsky T, 2014).

Objective of the study

- To examine the women empowerment through social community.
- To identify the gender equality in research area.

Research Methodology

From June 2020 and September 2022, we carried out cross-sectional polls at the beginning and end of a experimental communal mobilisation involvement in Delhi NCR to avoid assaults on women and girls through sharing knowledge and achievement conferences led through ASHAs. While conducting a more thorough, controlled study, we employed a earlier and afterward approach to determine the initial impacts of the experimental involvement. Step-by-step processes like this 'piloting' phase are advised for developing and evaluating complicated solutions.

Discussion

Table 1 Community violence: personal experiences and seeking support

	Unadjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P
Community violence experienced throughout the last year	0.87 (0.51–1.21)	0.079	0.79 (0.61–1.41)	0.387
Seeking Assistance for Domestic Violence	1.35 (0.75–2.65)	0.587	1.85 (0.90–3.87)	0.145

Women who took part in both the baseline and endline surveys had the same characteristics as those who took part in only the baseline survey. Greater women at the endline (84%) than at the beginning (72%; unadjusted p 0.001) said they found all seven examples of violence against women to be unacceptable. Help-seeking rose from 29% to 43% (unadjusted p = 0.035), and reports of emotional abuse from spouses dropped between 72% to 57% during the last year. More than a third (36%) of women in the community and 51% of women within the immediate family sought assistance. The prevalence of emotional violence by family members in the previous year reduced from 68% to 44%, and the frequency of physical violence by family persons in the past year decreased from 25% to 12% (p 0.001). At the

endpoint, nine percent of the women in the subsample reported having experienced communal violence, down from fifteen percent at the start ($p = 0.025$).

Conclusion

Raising the topic of fierceness among women in countryside areas of Delhi NCR via communal mobilisation over sharing knowledge and achievement sessions through ASHAs is a valid strategy. Our pilot showed encouraging early signs of declines in violence acceptance, past-year experiences of expressive and corporal ferocity, and help seeking. A huge percentage of women and girls in countryside regions may benefit from a broader approach to avoiding violence if community mobilising to prevent violence is included in the National Health Mission's ongoing refinement of the array of the neighbourhood interventions given by ASHAs.

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PRECURSORS OF ORGANIZATIONAL CLIMATE - IMPACT ON ATTRITION IN TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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Abstract

Keeping talented faculty members on staff can be difficult for educational institution administrations, but is essential for the success of technical institutions, which play a crucial role in the advancement of the nation's growth in the field of science and technology. It's common knowledge that technical universities suffer from a critical lack of intellectuals (faculty) as a result of a number of factors, including rising student demand, the introduction of new programmes at existing universities, and the natural attrition of experienced educators as they reach retirement age. The purpose of this paper is to examine the causes of technical institute staffing issues by summarising a series of parameters that were found to be associated with and tied to organisational characteristics and prevailing conditions of technical institutes/organizations. The research relies on data collected by the technical group or institution. Given these numbers, it's clear that a lack of competent educators is not the primary cause of the staffing issues at technical universities. Instead, the statistics show that a "revolving door" of talented instructors leaving their positions for reasons other than retirement is the primary cause of staffing issues in technical institutes. The research demonstrates that retirement accounts for a small percentage of teacher turnover compared to other causes, such as work unhappiness, the pursuit of other careers, the perception of teaching as a low-paying profession, and its status as a last resort for career advancement. This paper finds that the staffing issues of such technical colleges cannot be solved by typical policy-focused teacher recruiting programmes unless the organisational drivers of poor teacher retention are also addressed. This research paper focuses on staff turnover at institutions of technical education and conducts extensive interviews and surveys to identify the causes of this problem. The study goes on to highlight the numerous aspects and their relevance that contribute to staff retention,

as well as the several strategies involved in teacher retention within the company.

Key words: Retention, Attrition, Educational Institution, Faculty members

Introduction

Several studies show frightening statistics, such as the fact that over half of all businesses and educational institutions do not have a defined plan for retaining their staff. Moreover, multiple additional studies have shown that workplaces that show they love their workers by having open, honest practises and rules have a higher probability of employee retention and dedication.

Staff retention is essential to the long-term health of any educational institution or organisation. Concerns about training, training time and cost, and knowledge loss when workers retire or leave the educational institution/company for various reasons all point to the need of retaining current staff. Therefore, it is expensive for educational institutions or businesses to lose staff. Particularly difficult is the task of lowering personnel turnover and attrition at technical universities.

Attrition refers to the gradual loss of personnel inside an organisation as a result of natural causes. In this context, it has been noted that many personnel at technical training institutions are leaving their jobs and moving on to new positions and organisations. Attrition is a normal part of any large system, including businesses, industries, and educational institutions. However, every business has its own unique retention strategy implemented by the top brass.

When an employee decides to quit their current employer, what factors play a role in their decision to do so? How can organisations choose between competing methods of staff retention? Are these methods effective in keeping workers around? Are examples of important issues that must be addressed to improve the educational sector's retention rates. The employee survey questionnaire deals with some of these issues.

To address this issue, researchers have investigated the causes of staff turnover and the methods used to keep people on board at schools of applied technology.

Problem Definition

Employee retention practises are analysed statistically to identify root reasons and develop more effective retention methods. Educators and company owners alike are always working to improve their rates of employee retention.

Objectives

- ❖ To learn what's going on and why students drop out of technical schools.
- ❖ In order to determine the extent to which organisational beliefs, policies, and practises affect employee retention.
- ❖ Learn about the several methods used by the administration in order to keep its staff members at a technical college.

Research Methodology

Finding information that can be properly interpreted is what a descriptive search is all about. It's the quickest and most direct way to look for anything. In this investigation, we zeroed down on one facet of the topic at hand. Primary information was tabulated using the structured questionnaire. Percentages and averages were used to characterise the data. Inferences were made using this data.

Discussion

In order to get first-hand knowledge about the elements impacting attrition and retention policies or tactics, this section deals with data acquired for analysis and interpretation from primary and secondary sources, i.e., via sample survey and questionnaire. With the use of a questionnaire, a subset of the workforce has been interviewed. Using tables, we may see how the gathered data shows a range of perspectives. Here are the results of the investigation:

The information was gathered via a survey that included generating a questionnaire and sending it out to 180 participants. It's a convenient sample that's being taken. Respondents' Average Age

Strategies for Interaction with Workers

Inadequate staff assistance, excessive administrative load, and a lack of enthusiasm are all issues that need to be addressed. Task division. Respect and affection for one's fellow human beings.

Fig.1 Worker Relationship Diagram

Employees place a high value on things like being appreciated, having a say in their working conditions, feeling inspired at work, and having a genuine interest in the well-being of those they lead.

Causes of Employee Turnover

The factors listed below all play a role in explaining why students drop out of school. Wages, salary increases, beginning wages, Low wages compared to the market, Poor quality office and laboratory space, increased administrative burden on faculty, lack of funding for research (financial, library investments, journey, graduate study assistants), professional loneliness, lack of friendly and supportive peers, Partner/spouse job opportunities, inadequate assistance with housing programmes, not competitive advantages (health coverage, retiring, reliant tuition), insufficient staff assistance, and inadequate office as well as the laboratory space. The rate of attrition is quite sensitive to all the criteria.

Fig. 2 The Causes of Employee Turnover in a Convenient Graph

Conclusion

Salary increases, wage inflation, employee recognition, work-life balance, health and safety communication, workplace diversity, formal wellness programmes, inclusive

and employee development, and a lack of research support are all examples of effective retention strategies. Attrition refers to staff members who have left the company. The retention of key employees helps to guarantee that they remain with the company for the remainder of their careers. Designing an employee engagement policy is essential for staff retention. Workers should actively participate in and demonstrate curiosity in their job. They need to believe that their work has value and that the company will treat them properly in terms of pay, responsibilities, and promotional prospects. It's important for businesses to make sure their workers' dreams are in line with the company's objectives. The right step towards retention is to create a deeper emotional link between the individual and the organisation.

When it comes to retaining employees, it's crucial that businesses do what they can to ensure their satisfaction. This is especially true in technical educational institutes, where faculty members' years of experience are invaluable to the institution's success.

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Evaluating Valuation Procedures for Plant and Machinery in the Context of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) - 2016 from a Management Perspective

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Abstract

Speculation study, capital planning, merger and acquisition businesses, monetary commentary, determining the appropriate tax obligation, and litigation are just some of the numerous uses of valuation. Financial choices revolve around valuation. Regulations governing company valuation in India have undergone rapid change over the past few years, having a significant effect on commercial deals. To address mis-pricing issues from the views of Tax authorities, Foreign Exchange regulators, and public shareholders, Indian regulators have enacted rules under several laws mandating the acquisition of values for various reasons.

Keywords – IBC - 2016, valuation, plant and machinery, financial reporting

Introduction

IBC is a foundational piece of Indian law that establishes procedures for handling financial difficulties. Some important things to keep in mind as a manager in this situation are as follows:

Compliance with Laws Check that all valuation processes follow the guidelines set out by the IBC and other rules and laws. Failure to comply might result in legal challenges. Appointment of registered valuers for the respective assets, to estimate the worth of equipment and machinery. Their assumptions and limitations are essential for dependable estimates.

Market-Based Valuation: The method relies on a comparison of the assets in question with recently sold comparable. It's a reliable indicator of how much the assets are worth right now.

Cost approach method: The value opinion arrived by calculating the current reproduction

or replacement cost of an asset of equal utility and making deductions for physical wear and tear and all other relevant forms of obsolescence.

Income-based method: In discounted cash flow (DCF) approach, the expected cash flows to be produced by the assets in questions i.e. machines and equipment that provide revenue via production etc. are factored in here. The condition, usefulness, and saleability of the assets may then be determined more precisely.

It is important to adjust the value of plant and equipment for considerations such as depreciation and technical obsolescence. The value of the assets might be dramatically impacted by the circumstances as state of the economy, the market circumstances unique to the sector etc.

Generally, strategy and negotiation begin with the valuation findings. Managers have the option of keeping the assets, selling them, or re-negotiating with creditors. Depending on the severity of the financial position, this might mean implementing a reorganisation plan, selling assets, or even declaring bankruptcy or further planning for resolution and liquidation.

Literature Review

Much research has been conducted over the past few years on the topic of the optimal structure of capital. In their 2016 article, "Analysing the Structure of India's Bankruptcy System," Branch and Khizer examine the consequences of the several modifications made to the Indian bankruptcy system. Considering the changes introduced by IBC - 2016, Gupta (2018) examines the ongoing debate about India's credit distribution and availability system. Chatterjee, Zaveri and Shaikh(2018) undertook an observational analysis of the economic impact of IBC – 2016 and the efficiency of the court using data from the first half of the year of bankruptcy cases filed under IBC - 2016. Das et al 2020 paper studied IBC rules in India from a legal angle and discussed IBC - 2016 from that standpoint. By analysing the results of cases solved under IBC, Prasad, Gupta, and Mathur (2020) aimed to learn more about the remedy of recognised requisitions for operational and financial creditors. Handa(2020) reviewed the CIRP- Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process as an effective method for acquisitions. He also identified risks that are vital from an acquisition perspective. Bose, Filomeni and Mallick (2021) studied the consequences of this unique bankruptcy settlement approach in the view of India's problematic corporate advances. In contrast to the existing literature on IBC, our study is meant to aid policymakers in evaluating the impact of India's new IBC - 2016.

Objectives of the study

- To assess the IBC – 2016 from the management perspective.
- To identify the changes in the valuation of assets like plant and machinery.

Research Methodology

These objectives have been met by the use of secondary resources acquired from the CRISIL report on the SARFESI Act and NPA issues dated May 2019. There has been some preliminary investigation on the implementation and consequences of India's new Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC) for various stakeholders.

Discussion

Fair Value

The provisions in the IBC that are relevant to the calculation of "liquidation value" are those found in the CIRP Regulations, 2016. The Regulations had been revised so that in

addition to liquidation value, "fair value" may be determined.

Value in Use vs. Value in Hand

While both liquidation value and fair value assess the assets' realisable worth as of the insolvency trigger date, their underlying assumptions could not be more different. Valuations of assets in "liquidation value" are based on the premise that the firm will be liquidated as of the insolvency initiation date, whereas valuations in "fair value" are arrived assuming that the company would continue as a going concern.

Implications of an Inaccurate Evaluation

One of the most important aspects of a CIRP is an appraisal of the debtor's assets to estimate how much may be recovered via a complete liquidation of those assets. To protect stakeholders' interests, it is essential to have a complete picture of liquidation value. Inaccuracies or inappropriate valuation methodologies might have far-reaching effects and can lead to the cancellation of previously agreed settlement plans. Therefore, it is very important that qualified valuers and insolvency specialists work together to ensure that the assets are accurately valued. The liquidation values determined by the specialists are generally believed to be accurate. However, neither the Code nor the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India ("IBBI") provide any guidance on how to arrive at a uniform valuation approach. Due to this void, there is lack of uniformity in value opinions and valuation specialists have become complacent, leading to difference in value opinions by the different valuers.

Creditor committee members learn of these figures only when the bidding process nears completion. It led to concerns about the reliability of the valuation experts, as well as the possibility of encashment of procedural lapses. The aforementioned events highlight the need for a consistent valuation system as well as a complete reorganisation of the valuation sector.

To this end, committee of experts constituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), has recommended the establishment of the National Institute of Valuers (NIV) under the law to protect the interests of users of valuation services in India.

Example: Plant-1 (EV=600Mn) and Plant-2 (EV=300Mn). Both plants have the same DRC (Depreciated Replacement Cost) (400 Mn) and can be built for Rs.500 mn. However, the following factors cause a large disparity in EV between two plants: Plant 1 will have access to more affordable coal through a coal linkage arrangement. As a consequence, Plant 1's production costs will be lower than Plant 2's, leading to greater net cash flows and EV. Plant 1 has the ability to produce power constantly without regard to demand because of the PPA and its direct connection to the national grid. As a result, Plant 1 enjoys increased profits and the cost savings that come with scale. Plant 1 will have a greater EV as a result of increased revenue and decreased expenses. The economic obsolescence of Plant 1 will be avoided since its EV (600 Mn) is more than its DRC (400 Mn).

Tangible Assets - Estimation of Fair Value

Reproduction and/or replacement cost analysis are used to assess a property's cost new. This new price takes into account not just Economic Obsolescence (EO), but also physical wear and tear, and the loss of useful features. Fair value is defined as the value arrived at after making these changes. When determining economic obsolescence, the DRC of the company and/or plants on a going concern basis are compared to the value calculated using the Income and/or the Market Approach. It can be stated that a plant's fair value must not exceed the total of the cash flows, expected to create in the future if its DRC is greater than its EV.

Tangible Assets - Liquidation Value Estimation

Depreciated Replacement Cost is arrived by deducting Physical and Functional Obsolescence from Estimated cost new. Liquidation cost is arrived by deducting cost of disposal from DRC. Cost of disposal includes soft cost, installation and un-installation expenses, curable obsolescence, present value adjustment, administrative expenses etc.

Conclusion

The IBBI research recommended establishing a valuation standards committee that includes all essential parties, as proposed in the Draft Valuers Bill, 2020. A standardised valuation scheme may be created with the help of this committee, which will then make recommendations to the statutory authority that will issue the official process. Every valuer, no matter what legislation they're assigned under, is required to follow this protocol. Despite the fact that India's bankruptcy laws and valuation procedures are still in their infancy, the Draft Valuers Bill, 2020 creates a road map towards standardised and well-regulated valuation methodologies and terminology, which is crucial given the situation of the Indian economy.

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Review on impact of training & development and Working environment on productivity of selected Telecom Industries in Nagpur Region

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Abstract

Employee performance relies on a number of factors, two of which are the availability of training and development opportunities and the degree to which workers like their jobs. Training and development's effect on productivity via contentment in the workplace is investigated. Employees, including executives and managers, of Telecom businesses in Nagpur, Maharashtra, were given 115 questionnaires, and 105 were returned. The data was gathered using a convenience sampling strategy. There was a 91% rate of reply. Our research confirmed that training and development opportunities and job satisfaction had a constructive effect on workers' productivity. Employees who get training and development are more likely to be happy in their jobs and to accomplish their jobs to the best of their abilities.

Keywords : Training and development, Job satisfaction, Employee performance

Introduction

It is impossible to emphasise the value of training and a positive work environment in the telecoms sector. Increasing competition, higher expectations from consumers, and rapid technological advancement all contribute to the high rate of change in the telecommunications industry. Here's a closer look at how factors like training and workplace atmosphere affect productivity in this field:

Instruction for Employees Telecommunications sector training courses are essential for keeping employees abreast of new technical advances. This calls for knowledge of cutting-edge trends in customer service, networking, and telecommunications. Workers require regular, up-to-date education and training in order to stay up with the fast developments in technology. The service quality and satisfaction of clients both rise when employees have received enough training to handle network problems and other network-related duties.

Second-tier support : Customer service representatives in the telecommunications business play an important role in answering customers' queries and addressing their problems.

With enough planning, businesses can provide what their clients need. The value of a well-trained customer service team lies in its potential to reduce customers' frustration levels and facilitate the retention of existing clients. If customers are treated well, they will come back again, which will boost business.

Making amends for technological changes

The telecommunications business is always on the front edge of innovation, releasing new technologies such as 5G, the Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial intelligence (AI). Workers need to be trained in order to take advantage of these technological advances. The effectiveness of networks and the availability of new services both influence the pace of technological innovation adoption. The ability of employees to make the most of these resources depends on their level of training.

Managing Risk and Ensuring Compliance

The telecom business often necessitates workers to handle hazardous materials, such as antennas and towers. With the right training, accidents may be prevented and regulations can be followed more consistently. Keeping the workplace safe reduces the chances of accidents, downtime, and legal action. Workers are better able to focus their efforts when they feel safe in their workplace.

A positive work culture and environment that promotes collaboration, innovation, and the well-being of all workers has been shown to have a significant impact on productivity in the workplace. When the workplace is happy and positive, workers are more engaged and motivated. They will likely perform better, which is good news for the company.

Providing workers with opportunities to grow in their careers via training programmes is crucial for retaining top talent in the telecoms business. Employees are more invested in the success of the business if they believe they will benefit from it. This consistency allows us to keep productivity high without having to spend as much money on training and onboarding new employees.

Making the most of what you have;

Those on staff who have received enough training would be better equipped to use the facilities and equipment at their disposal. Spending is cut and productivity is increased when resources are managed effectively. The telecommunications sector has developed a method to enhance its offerings while reducing costs.

There is a direct correlation between training and workplace quality and productivity in the telecommunications sector. In a highly competitive market, an investment in employee training, workplace safety, and a supportive atmosphere may increase productivity, customer satisfaction, and the bottom line. It is even more crucial that workers have access to continuous training and a healthy work environment due to the quick rate at which telecom technology and industry standards are evolving.

Literature Review

According to research by Hameed and Waheed (2021), employees are the most important part of every business. The term "good performer" is used to describe workers who consistently meet or exceed their employers' expectations for productivity, efficiency, and quality of work (Sultana et al., 2022). Performance is defined as the completion of a task relative to

predetermined standards such as accuracy, speed, and cost. Human resource management practises have been shown to favourably correlate with both individual employee growth and organisational outcomes (Hafeez & Akbar, 2015). Employee performance is made up of the employee's actions and the results achieved via the application of their skills in the course of completing job-related activities, as assessed by a number of indicators (Imran & Tanveer, 2015).

According to Locke (1976), work satisfaction occurs when an employee perceives favourable feedback from superiors. One's degree of work satisfaction may be defined as the extent to which one believes their employment satisfies their most significant job values (Locke, 1976). Job satisfaction refers to an employee's emotional investment in his or her position (Spector, 1997). Job satisfaction is defined as "the degree to which an individual's psychological and social expectations about their work environment are fulfilled," (Testa, 1999). Ellickson and Logsdon (2002) noted that some people's idea of work satisfaction is simply enjoying what they do. Dissatisfaction rises when management strategies don't line up with what workers anticipate (Rothbard, 2005). To a certain extent, workers expect to have input into policy decisions made by the company and their management. When the company fails to do so, or when the resulting policies are counter to workers' interests, this can lead to a decline in worker satisfaction. Employee unhappiness is likely to result from any friction between them and their boss.

Objectives of the research

- To learn how training and development affects productivity in the workplace and how employee happiness mediates the connection between training and development and productivity in the workplace.

Research Methodology

One hundred and ten questionnaires were given out to managers and customer service agents in the telecom industry in the Nagpur District. There were 105 responses with all the necessary data on the questionnaire. The level of reaction was satisfactory. For this research, researchers opted for a convenient sampling method. Data was collected by a voluntary, self-administered survey form. Training and development, employee performance, and work satisfaction were the independent factors examined. Employee performance is the dependent variable, while training and development serve as the independent variable and work satisfaction serve as the mediator. Ten questions were utilised for both employee performance and training and development.

Data Analysis & Interpretation

		Correlation				
Variable		Mean	S.D	T&D	EP	JS
T&D	Pearson Correlation	4.7059	.47549	1		
EP	Pearson Correlation	4.1497	.84976	.817	1	
JS	Pearson Correlation	4.6351	.73897	.215	.614	1

In terms of positive and significant associations, Table 1 shows that T&D correlates EP and JS at 72% and 41.2%, respectively, demonstrating substantial positive linkages for both

variables. EP and JS have a 50% positive and significant correlation.

Several clear implications for managers to use in their efforts to boost employee performance may be drawn from the findings. Development opportunities have a significant impact on worker productivity. Managers should devise plans to implement or execute training programmes that effectively improve the competence of workers at all levels. This requires managers to identify which workers need further instruction because they are struggling to reach their full potential for any reason. Managers need to have meetings with their staff on a regular basis, during which they may not only hear their concerns but also provide solutions. Employees are more loyal and content in their jobs when they believe their supervisors care about and are willing to help them with any issues that may arise. Managers should routinely inquire as to the causes of workers' inability to perform well or to meet expectations. Employees' inability to keep up with organisational changes, such as those brought on by advances in technology, might prevent them from successfully completing the responsibilities assigned to them by their superiors. Research indicated that many people believed that older workers are resistant to change, such as those who prefer to use paper and pen for documentation rather than computers or laptops. Managers in such a situation need to persuade their staff that participating in training and development programmes is a great way to save both time and money for the company.

Conclusion

The findings of this study provided substantial support for the hypothesis that training and development programmes have a positive effect on worker productivity. This study was small, but the researchers could easily expand it to demonstrate the many advantages of investing in your staff's growth. The data demonstrates that if workers are provided with adequate training, not only will their performance and happiness improve, but so will the company's bottom line. Awareness among workers and management of the advantages of training and development may help bridge the gap between employees' existing knowledge and abilities and those needed for successful and efficient performance. Researchers may help raise this consciousness by highlighting the advantages of training and development; more and more papers should be produced on these topics to persuade managers that setting up T&D initiatives is mutually beneficial.

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Reading R.L. Shukla's Dynamics of Colonialism and Imperialism in India and West Asia

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The political domination of British Raj widely affected the social and economic structure of the 'orient'. The objective of the colonialism across Africa and Asia were almost common. Only the implementation of the policies was modified as per the time, space and context of the colonized country. Subsequently, resistance remained a common response of oriental societies. In this context, the book 'Dynamics of Colonialism and Imperialism in India and West Asia' (New Delhi, 2015) by Prof. Shukla, a collection of twelve essays, broadly analyses the complex dynamics and modalities of British imperialism by situating India and west Asia. The theme of the volume widely ranges from European imperialism in Turkey to the nationalist struggle in the district of Muzaffarpur in Bihar. It also deals with the ideological issues of pan-Islamism and socialism.

The first article examines the impact of European imperialism in Turkey during 1850s and 1920 which was controlled by the Ottoman Empire. Three leading industrial countries of Europe, namely, England, France and Germany, wanted Turkey to remain an agricultural country so that she could offer a large market for the industrial commodities. Subsequently, the weakening of Ottoman Empire allowed the European powers to arbitrarily interpret the trade agreements which resulted in Turkey becoming the 'Sick Man of Europe'. The ascendancy of imperial powers remained firm until the establishment of Turkish Republic by Mustafa Kemal Pasa in 1923.

Further the volume analyses that the British policy in Near East Crisis of 1833-41 was influenced by the consideration of Indian security and safety of British routes to India. The French and Russian encroachments in the Eastern Question revived the possibility of an invasion of India by these countries. As a result of it, British started to re-examine the strategic value of Turkey as a buffer between East and West. Preservation of the territorial integrity of Turkey became essential to the security of India. Subsequently, Afghanistan remained a flash point between the imperialist power of Britain and Russia. Thus the British involvement in Eastern Question was the repercussion of these issues.

The subsequent chapters on Indian response to Balkan and Turko-Italian War highlights the emotive connection with the West Asia. The author notes that the coming hard on the heels of the Turko-Italian War, the Balkan war affected the Indian Muslims profoundly and gave a fresh impetus to the pan-Islamic movement in India. Muslim printing press led by newspapers like Al-Hilal, Comrade and Zamindar reflected genuine sympathy with the Turks and expressed their dissatisfaction with British Government. The pro-Turkish movement among the Indian Muslims was widespread in Bengal, United Provinces and Punjab, the areas where Muslim population was considerable. The Indian Muslims' reaction appeared likely to transform pan-Islamism into a major force in Indian politics, especially after the political ascendancy of young Turks in first decade of twentieth century. After the establishment of power of Young Turks in Turkey, the pan-Islamism received fresh vigour. It urged the Muslims to forge a united front against the European dominance in Asia and to promote the western science and industry. Young Turks made conscious effort to reform orthodox pan-Islamism of Abdul Hamid by promoting science, technology and industry.

The second half of the volume begins with a comparative study of British colonialism in India and Egypt. Prof. Shukla analysed that the colonial penetration of India was far deeper than that of Egypt. However, the working of the British rule presented similar striking features in some important sectors of the economies in both countries. The degree of integration of the two countries with the metropolitan capitalist system affected the traditional economies based on agriculture and handicraft industries. The colonised economy of the both country worked as a surrogate to British manufacturing capitalism.

Moving to the question of presence of socialism in Paris Commune of 1871, the author highlighted that there has been a sharp disagreement among historians over its nature and significance. The Marxist interpretation led by Karl Marx, Engels and Lenin emphasised that the great historical significance of the Paris Commune lay in its attempt to destruct the bourgeois government and founding a new proletariat one. As Commune represented the hegemony of the working class, it was seen as the embryonic form of the dictatorship of proletariat. According to the analysis of Prof Shukla, the non-Marxist historians, David Thomson, J.P.T. Bury, Gordon Wright and others, account of Paris Commune was 'utterly inadequate and casual'. They denied the socialist or working class character to the Commune and considered it an outburst of injured local patriotism.

The latter half of the writing concentrates on the agrarian issues and struggles of Bihar peasantry who were badly affected by the Permanent Settlement. The peasant unrest in the region was the result of the efforts of leaders like Raj Kumar Shukla, Mahatma Gandhi, Swami Sahjanand Saraswati and others who spoke against the tinkathia system, excessive revenue, landless labour and other forms of exploitation.

Along with the Gandhian techniques, communist mobilisation also played an important role in the progressive radicalisation of peasant movement. The penultimate chapter of the volume deals with a micro-level study of Quit India Movement in the district of Muzaffarpur where author analysed that the nationalist movement assumed the form of an open rebellion and a widespread peasant uprising involving large scale violence.

While studying the development of socialism in contemporary India, Prof. Shukla discusses the ideological dynamics and dialects of socialism, and different strands of left politics in India that disallowed a coherent development of socialist movement in the country. However, author finally concluded that ‘despite numerous serious limitations and a long history of fragmentation, socialism has been a respectable ideological force and political movement in the country, and it still possesses tremendous mass appeal.’

At present when the nature of international affairs is changing amidst the pressure from global forces and Arabian spring is receiving widespread support, the volume helps in understanding the history of resistance in west Asia and India at micro level. The book is lucidly written and carries a detailed bibliography and a relevant index. Overall, it helps in understanding the internal dynamics of colonialism and imperialism in India and West Asia.

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Patent Disputes in the Biochemical Industry: Analysing Legal Challenges and Implications:

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Abstract :

In recent years, the biochemical industry has witnessed a significant surge in patent disputes, fuelled by the rapid advancements in biotechnology and the increasing value of intellectual property. This research paper aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of patent disputes within the biochemical industry, shedding light on the legal challenges faced by companies and the wider implications for innovation and market competition. The study begins by examining the underlying reasons behind the rise in patent disputes, such as the complexity of biotechnological inventions, the potential for substantial financial gains, and the global nature of the industry. It explores the various types of patent disputes encountered, including infringement claims, validity challenges, and licensing disagreements, providing real-world case studies to illustrate these complexities. To gain insights into the legal aspects, the paper delves into the patent system and its role in protecting innovation. It explores the applicable laws, regulations, and international agreements governing patent rights in the biochemical industry. Furthermore, it analyses the challenges faced by courts and regulatory bodies in interpreting and applying these laws in a rapidly evolving scientific landscape. The research also investigates the implications of patent disputes on innovation and market competition. It examines how legal battles may impact the pace of technological advancements, the development of life-saving drugs, and the accessibility of healthcare solutions. Additionally, it explores the effects on various stakeholders, including inventors, companies, investors, and consumers. This research paper aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of patent disputes in the biochemical industry which contributes to the ongoing discussions surrounding intellectual property rights and the balance between innovation and market competition in the biotechnological realm.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Background on the biochemical industry and its significance: The biochemical industry plays a crucial role in various sectors, including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and agriculture. It involves the development and production of chemicals, drugs, and

enzymes derived from biological sources. Biochemical industries are significant for several reasons. Firstly, they are product-oriented, focusing on specific industries such as brewing, dairy, and baking, which allows for increased profitability and identification with specific products. Secondly, the chemical industry, which is closely related to biochemical industries, has experienced dramatic growth over the past century, contributing to economic and social support for the chemical community. Additionally, the chemical industry drives economic growth, creates jobs, and provides various products, although it also causes environmental pollution and relies heavily on non-renewable resources. To address these challenges, the concept of green chemistry has emerged, aiming to harmonize chemical processes with natural resources and reduce emissions. Furthermore, the enzyme industry, a subset of biochemical industries, has been a significant entity for several decades, with ongoing research and development in this field. Patents are essential for safeguarding intellectual property rights in the biochemical industry. They provide legal protection to inventors, researchers, and companies, ensuring that their innovative ideas and discoveries are not exploited by others without permission. Exploring the significance of patents will shed light on their role in promoting innovation and encouraging investment in the biochemical field. In recent years, the biochemical industry has witnessed a surge in patent disputes. These disputes arise when multiple parties claim ownership of the same invention or when patent infringement occurs, reasons behind the increasing number of patent disputes, such as the rapid pace of technological advancements, complex licensing agreements, and the competitive nature of the industry. A patent is an exclusive right provided by a government to an inventor in exchange for the public disclosure of an invention. The main purposes of patents in the biotechnology industry are to protect inventions, block competitors, and serve as bargaining chips. Key elements of a patent in the biochemical industry that make up a patent in the biochemical industry, may include the description of the invention, claims that define the scope of protection, and detailed drawings or diagrams to support the invention. The most common types of patents in the biochemical industry are gene patents, specifically for biologic or DNA patents. Patents foster innovation and competition by providing legal protection in exchange for disclosure, but some tactics can prolong monopolies and limit competition. Patents incentivize inventors to disclose their inventions to the public, leading to the exchange of knowledge, further research, and advancements in the field.

2. Causes of patent disputes in the biochemical industry: In the biochemical industry, patent disputes can arise when different entities claim overlapping rights to a particular invention or technology. This can occur due to vague or ambiguous language used in patent applications, leading to confusion and conflicting interpretations. Patent infringement accusations can occur when one party believes that another is using their patented technology without permission. This can lead to legal disputes and counterclaims as the accused party may argue that they are not infringing the patent or that the patent is invalid. Resolving such disputes often requires expert analysis and legal proceedings. The biochemical industry is constantly evolving with the

emergence of new technologies and complex inventions. These advancements can lead to disputes as companies seek to protect their innovations through patents. In the globalized world of the biochemical industry, patent disputes can extend beyond national borders. With companies operating across different countries, conflicting patent laws and regulations can result in international disputes. Resolving these conflicts often involves navigating complex legal frameworks and international agreements to ensure fair and consistent protection of intellectual property rights.

3. **Patent Disputes in the Biochemical Industry:** One needs to have an overview of these disputes, including key players, technologies involved, and the nature of the disagreements. It will reveal the broader impact, these patent disputes had on the biochemical industry and the various stakeholders involved. These conflicts influenced research and development, innovation, market dynamics, and collaborations within the industry. The patent disputes could have a major impact on drug companies and put roadblocks in the path of innovation. On analyses of the legal outcomes of the patent disputes like court rulings, settlement agreements, and any other resolutions that occurred, the implications of these legal outcomes on future patent disputes, intellectual property protection, and the overall business landscape in the biochemical industry will be revealed.

4. Resolving Patent Disputes in the Biochemical Industry

- 4.1. **Overview of legal mechanisms for resolving patent disputes:** Various legal mechanisms are available for resolving patent disputes in the biochemical industry such as litigation processes, viz. filing lawsuits and going through the court system. Key aspects of patent law that come into play during these disputes, such as infringement and validity issues. The alternative methods for resolving patent disputes are gaining popularity within the biochemical industry. This might involve discussing options like mediation, where a neutral third party helps facilitate negotiations between the parties involved, or arbitration, where an arbitrator makes a binding decision after hearing both sides. It has its own benefits and drawbacks of each method and highlight any specific considerations for the biochemical industry. Patent offices and intellectual property organizations play a role in resolving patent disputes by setting policies and guidelines for fair and efficient licensing and dispute resolution. These entities provide guidance, resources, and expertise to parties involved in disputes.
 - 4.2. **Advancements in mediation and arbitration techniques:** In a recent research, a patent mediation and arbitration centre for resolving IP disputes at an EU-wide level has been proposed, which is the first statutory mechanism that recognizes the availability of arbitration for resolving certain types of IP disputes. Recent advancements in mediation and arbitration techniques that are specifically relevant to the biochemical industry. Innovative approaches, technologies, or platforms that have emerged to streamline the resolution process. These advancements are enhancing efficiency, reducing costs, and promoting fair outcomes in patent dispute resolution within the biochemical sector.
5. **Future Trends and Challenges:** Analysis of the evolving nature of patent disputes in the biochemical industry reveals the current and anticipated changes in patent

disputes specifically within the biochemical industry. Advancements in biotechnology and the growing complexity of intellectual property in this field may influence the nature and frequency of patent disputes. The potential challenges in patent protection and dispute resolution include uncertainty in providing patent certainty, unresolved patent issues prior to FDA approval, and unclear enforcement mechanisms. On examination of the influence of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, or gene editing, on patent disputes, it is evident that these technologies have been shaping the landscape of patent disputes, whether through accelerating innovation, introducing new types of intellectual property, or raising novel legal considerations. Emerging technologies, such as LEDs, have led to an increase in patent litigation. Litigated patents in the LED sector are of higher quality compared to non-litigated ones. Proactive approaches and strategies that individuals and organizations can adopt to prevent or minimize patent disputes, may be like analysing best practices in patent drafting, intellectual property management, or alternative dispute resolution mechanisms that can help resolve conflicts more efficiently. The potential of blockchain technology in offering solutions for managing and securing intellectual property rights is now realised.

6. Conclusion :

Importance of effective patent management in the biochemical industry: Effective patent management within the biochemical industry is significant. Artificial intelligence can be used as a smart dispute resolution alternative to streamline the patent system and reduce litigation. Proper management of patents, via artificial management can contribute to fostering innovation, protecting intellectual property rights, and driving economic growth. Strategic patent management, we aim to encourage industry stakeholders to prioritize and invest in this area. Continued research and collaboration to address patent disputes in the biochemical industry. is a need of the hour. And need for finding innovative solutions and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms that can streamline the patent system and reduce litigation. By calling for further research and collaboration, we hope to foster a cooperative environment that promotes fair and efficient resolution of patent disputes in the industry.

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STUDY ON IMPACT OF INITIATIVES BY NMDC LIMITED THROUGH CSR ACTIVITIES ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY

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Abstract :

This paper details the findings of an evaluation of the National Mineral Development Corporation's (NMDC) 2020-21 fiscal year Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) actions with an expected spend of INR 1 crore or more. Since its foundation, NMDC has been at the vanguard of institutions working for the improvement of society's social, environmental, and economic conditions. The underprivileged communities located around NMDC's mines are the primary focus of the company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts, which seek to foster inclusive development by giving access to tools that empower local residents to create a better future for themselves. The ethos of Section 135 of the Companies Act 2013, the CSR Rules 2014 and its revisions, and the CSR guidelines provided by DPE from time to time are all reflected in NMDC's CSR efforts. In the areas of education, disabled person welfare, livelihood, encouraging sports, health, ending hunger, poverty, and malnutrition, providing clean water to drink, improving sanitary conditions, protecting the environment, and fostering growth in rural regions, the corporation has financed initiatives. Through creative alliances, strategic collaborations, and stakeholder discussions, these initiatives target a broad variety of socially significant subjects including education, health and nutrition, infrastructure, environmental preservation, etc.

Keywords – NMDC, CSR, Social upgradation, economic upgradation

Introduction :

The term "Corporate Social Responsibility" (CSR) is used to describe the voluntary actions taken by businesses to improve their communities, the environment, and the lives of their stakeholders. Corporate social responsibility (CSR) has the potential to have far-reaching and substantial effects on many different facets of business, society, and the environment. Some significant results of CSR include: A company's reputation as a socially responsible

and ethical business might improve via CSR efforts. Trust, loyalty, and favourable impressions of the brand might all grow as a result. Customer, employee, investor, supplier, and community engagement are just few of the spheres of influence that may benefit from corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities. Better connections with partners and consumers, as well as happier employees, may result from this.

Proactively tackling social and environmental concerns helps businesses lower their vulnerability to litigation, regulatory penalties, and reputational harm as part of their risk management strategy. Risks from pollution, labour breaches, and other ethical problems may be reduced by corporate social responsibility initiatives. Some CSR projects, like those aimed at improving energy efficiency or reducing waste, may have a positive impact on the bottom line. Costs may be cut and productivity boosted with the help of sustainable practises. Capital Availability: The CSR performance of a firm is increasingly taken into account by investors and lenders. Strong corporate social responsibility (CSR) records may help companies get access to capital and draw in ethical investors. When businesses actively seek more sustainable and ethical answers to their operational difficulties, CSR has the potential to increase both creativity and competitiveness. It may also help businesses get an edge over rivals by setting them out from the pack.

Businesses that engage in CSR activities are more likely to follow the ever-changing rules governing the environment and society. This may assure a company's continued success and lessen the likelihood of incurring legal fines. Positive Effects on Society and the Environment CSR projects often have beneficial effects on both society and the environment. They may help lessen poverty, boost education, cut down on greenhouse gas production, and protect precious natural resources. Companies with a strong commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR) often have a more engaged and loyal workforce. A corporation that cares about its community and its employees will retain its staff.

Improvements to the communities in which a company works are a common focus of corporate social responsibility (CSR) programmes. This has the potential to boost economic activity, infrastructural investment, and quality of life in these regions. Corporate social responsibility (CSR) encourages long-term business practises that may help ensure a company's continued success. A company's long-term success may be ensured if it takes into account the effects its activities will have on society and the environment. It's worth noting, nevertheless, that the results of CSR efforts may differ from one case to the next, depending on factors like the specifics of the initiatives, the company's dedication, and the setting in which they're carried out. While CSR may have a significant impact, it is not a panacea and should be examined over time to make sure it is in line with a company's mission and values.

Literature Review

The success of CSR practises required by government legislation and driven largely by the caring model of the Indian society has to be measured in light of rising doubts regarding CSR's veracity (Rodrigues & Mendes, 2018). Few studies focus on the notion of organising and implementing CSR (Elembilassery & Gurunathan, 2018), and the existing literature does a poor job of explaining the connection between CSR efforts and results. In light of the legislative changes that occurred in 2014, this article investigates the CSR measures undertaken by metal and mining companies. In particular, we look at two different research issues. First, what concrete actions do businesses take to better their immediate environments? Thus, our

second research question is, what governance structure do businesses employ to administer their CSR programme effectively? Governance mechanisms that a company follows under the social strategy affect the activities, practises, and monitoring (Elembilassery&Gurunathan, 2018). Therefore, this article makes a contribution to the literature by detailing the activities, topics, and discourse (Nambiar & Chitty, 2014) represented in the CSR expenditures of India's extractive industry in order to meet the requirements of the government's CSR policy framework. We also contribute to the growing body of research on CSR governance and implementation (Singh et al., 2018).

Text network analysis is a promising socio-cognitive, qualitative analytic approach that we use here for empirical purposes. This method employs graph theory and network analysis (Pokorny et al., 2018) to unearth the unspoken connections between texts and the consensus on overarching themes among all parties involved. Given the constructivist character of CSR discourse in the minds of managers (Nambiar & Chitty, 2014), we think the complex interpretation and meanings arising from the study are crucially important. Text network analysis yields more generalizable and robust results than a strictly qualitative approach at the business level. This research thus examines the specific CSR expenditures disclosed in the yearly disclosures and submitted to the federal government's CSR site. Companies' dedication to CSR may be gauged by how openly they publish their CSR expenditure, which also provides crucial data for research purposes. This study is helpful since it sheds light on how Indian businesses see and create their CSR story. We find that whereas environmental sustainability receives minimal attention, social development has a central place in CSR.

Objective of the study

- To determine whether the intended outcomes and results were achieved as a result of the treatments.
- Recognise how the project's initiatives have affected the stakeholders' quality of life.

Research Methodology

The research used a mixed-methods strategy, gathering data from a wide range of sources including surveys, personal testimonies, in-depth interviews, and focus group discussions (FGDs). Both the quantitative and qualitative aspects of the endeavour were assessed. Quantitative measures included the total amount of money spent, the quantity of establishments improved, and the number of direct the intended recipients. qualitative factors included the level of stakeholder participation, enlightenment of marginalised groups, and the level of societal ownership. Extensive visits to the sites where CSR activities were carried out allowed for the collection of this data.

Discussion

Carbon sequestration's monetary worth is estimated.

Quantity of Trees Planted	1,21,124
Survival rate at 60% after one year, in numbers of saplings	72,563
The amount of carbon dioxide (CO ₂) that one tree can absorb in a year	12 kg
71403 trees sequestered CO ₂ during a period of 20 years.	15234 tons
Value in dollars of trees' ability to store carbon for 20 years	INR.11.42Crores

Carbon sequestration is estimated to provide INR 10.62 Crores in revenue after 20 years, compared to an initial expenditure of INR.14.15 Crores. Many trees, however, such as the Peepal and the Cadamba, may live for more than 40 years. This means that the true benefit of carbon sequestration alone will be more than INR 20 crores. This is in addition to the intangible advantages, such as prevention of soil erosion and flooding, lowered temperatures, increased biodiversity, etc.

It is suggested that NMDC maintain its participation in the programme due to the qualities and benefits gained from it. The Indian government's Satat Bharat - Sanatan Bharat (Sustainable India)⁶ effort, which lists eco-restoration as a top priority and seeks to repair 26 million hectares of damaged land by 2030, is a natural fit with this initiative. In order to integrate environmental and ecological ambitions with the organization's sustainability goals, however, programme monitoring may be strengthened by collecting scientific proof of their accomplishment. NMDC could additionally enhance public messaging and communication on programme successes. Since the Forest Service is the primary driver of the plan, NMDC must make sure that the government's periodic publications regarding the programme include an acknowledgement of the company's involvement. To further enhance its performance in the environmental pillar of ESG measures, the organisation should internalise the lessons it has learned from this partnership and develop programmes it can roll out throughout the nation on its own.

Conclusion

With such positive feedback from the locals, it's safe to say that NMDC's CSR efforts have had a major impact on their quality of life. Beyond just producing work for the local people in the zone of impact of its initiatives, NMDC has developed into an advocate of confidence in the economic and social progress of communities in some of the most disadvantaged regions of the country. It is noted, however, that the company may do more in areas that often get less inputs from both the government and other firms, such as enhancing livelihoods, empowering women, resolving challenges encountered by the elderly, aiding orphans, etc. Future generations may reap rewards from such efforts for many years to come. NMDC is well-positioned to collaborate with NGOs and CBOs to promote this shift and grow the company's CSR initiatives because of its long history with the communities of some of India's most promising areas. It would improve the firm's position in the areas of social responsibility and environmental impact measured by the ESG metrics. For instance, the fragrant rice varieties grown in south Bastar fetch a high price due to their widespread renown. However, the low yield and limited market availability of these rice kinds reduce the economics of farming them. Farmers may take advantage of economies of scale and broaden their consumer base if they are encouraged to create FPOs and begin selling their products together. And because anaemia and malnutrition are so prevalent in the area, the FPOs might also spur farmers into producing more fruits and vegetables. The dairy business may also contribute to women's economic empowerment and societal development. The company's support of such initiatives may help a greater number of individuals in some of the country's poorest regions.

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A STUDY ON ATTITUDE OF INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS TOWARDS CHOICE OF INVESTMENT AND THEIR RISK PREFERENCE IN MAHARASHTRA

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Abstract :

There is a wide variety of places where people may put their money. Each investment option has a unique set of risks and potential rewards. Investors want more profits with lower risk. Various recommendations are made to investors by financial advisers and consultants in this respect. The research on investors' perspectives on investment opportunities is few and has so far been unable to answer many important questions. The purpose of this research was to examine the motivations and perspectives of investors in the Nagpur District in order to better understand the investment landscape there. Investors' demographic data and their goals were collected from the survey's respondents, and the correlation between the two was calculated. Respondents' opinions on the best investment opportunities were sorted. The research also provides investors with recommendations.

Keywords : Risk Aversion, Investment Option, Motivation, Opportunities.

INTRODUCTION

Personal financial objectives, risk tolerance, investing expertise, and economic circumstances are just some of the variables that might affect an investor's outlook on the market and their risk preference. Individual investors may display the following behaviours and risk preferences: Many people who put their own money to work choose secure investments with lower returns because they value their own security more highly than the chance of financial gain. They could be more interested in bonds, CDs, or large-cap stocks. Some investors have a higher risk tolerance than others and are thus prepared to take on more uncertainty in the hopes of a better reward. They could be more likely to put their money into risky investments like growth stocks, cryptocurrency, or new startups.

Investors with a long-term view are those who plan to keep their money in the market for

a long time. They tend to be less reactive to short-term market swings and more focused on long-term progress towards their financial objectives. Conversely, some investors engage in short-term trading, in which they often purchase and sell assets in the hopes of making a profit from fluctuations in the prices of such assets. They have a larger risk tolerance and may trade on a daily, swing, or option basis. Spreading one's investing capital among a number of various asset categories (such as stocks, bonds, and real estate) is known as diversification. There are many that see their portfolios as a whole and adhere strictly to the principle of diversification. Some investors practise market timing, in which they attempt to purchase and sell assets based on forecasts of the market's movement. Predicting the direction of the market may be difficult, making this method potentially dangerous.

Depending on their goals, investors may choose growth investments (such as technology stocks or startups) or income investments (such as dividend stocks or rental properties). Some investors place a premium on ethical and social considerations when making investments. They may look for socially responsible investments or avoid firms in areas they deem offensive (such as cigarettes or weapons). Higher levels of financial literacy are associated with a more educated and analytical approach to investing. Before making choices, they may do extensive investigation and evaluation.

Emotional Considerations: Emotions may play a major influence in making financial choices. Both panic selling during market downturns and the pursuit of hot investment fads are examples of the impulsive behaviour that may result from fear and greed. Advisor Impact Some investors seek advice from experts or financial advisors when making investing decisions, while others prefer to think things out on their own. It's crucial to remember that investors might have more than one of these perspectives, and that investors' perspectives can vary over time in response to factors including their own experiences, the economy, and their own financial objectives and priorities. Additionally, regardless of one's risk choice, it is widely accepted that diversifying a portfolio and completing comprehensive research are both reasonable techniques to controlling investing risk.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Research conducted by Madhumathi.R (2018) and titled "Risk Perception of Individual Investors and its Impact on their Investment Decisions" classified 450 investors into risk-seekers, risk-bearers, and risk-avoiders based on their attitudes towards taking chances. The survey found that the vast majority of investors were willing to take on risk and that they mostly relied on the success of the firm when making investment selections. They also rely on the guidance of stock brokers and financial advisors. The risk takers made choices depending on the economy, industries, and social climates. They learned everything they needed to know from the news and the media. There were no distinguishing characteristics of risk averters. They were highly analytical and fact-oriented while making financial commitments. They trusted the counsel of their loved ones.

In 2018, "Intelligent Investors" (A Fortnightly Magazine) polled readers on their investment preferences based on where they felt most at home. The goal of the poll was to reveal the typical Indian's perspective on issues related to shelter and real estate. For a family of four, 40% of men preferred a home of 500-800 square feet in size, while 50% of women required a home of 801-1200 square feet. Sixty percent of Chennai-based respondents wanted even less space (500-800. sq. ft) for a family of four, while thirty-four percent of men and twenty-

eight percent of women indicated a desire to purchase a home prior to marriage. However, 34% of all respondents expressed interest in purchasing a home after starting a family. 58% of Calcutta residents and 48% of Chennai residents were interested in becoming homeowners at some point before retiring.

According to "Investors Awareness and Preferences - A Study" (2016) by Dr. V. L. Shobhana and J. Jayalakshmi, the degree of investor understanding about investment possibilities and investment hazards has been investigated. According to the results, most people think real estate is the best place to put their money. Bank deposits are the second most popular kind of investing. The elderly, the highly educated, and the professionals among us have a heightened awareness of the investing opportunities and hazards available to us. Investors' degree of awareness varies not so much according to demographic factors like age and level of education, but rather according to the investors' respective occupations.

An essay titled "Investment Avenues for Senior Citizens" by Arul Stephan and Dr.V.Darling Selvi (2019) argues that retirees should seek for a reliable income stream. The elderly might choose to invest their assets in a number of different ways that cater to their individual needs and preferences. Having a clear plan for retirement savings might help seniors maintain their standard of living even as future costs rise. Therefore, it is crucial that retirees make informed financial choices. Because not all investments are created equal, it is important for retirees to be well-informed about available investment programmes and their rights as seniors.

According to "Impact of Risk analysis in selection of investment avenues- A study on Debt Market Investors" by P. Neelakantan et al. (2021), investors are increasingly compelled to put their money into debt market instruments in order to maximise their returns. The debt market is an important investment choice despite the inherent risk of uncertain returns. The choice of debt market investment vehicle has potential repercussions that are affected by the difference between expected and actual returns. Debt market instruments include risks due to the demands that result in income volatility. Risk in the debt markets is affected by a number of factors, both internal and external, including market price and interest rates. The volatility of returns for investment vehicles is mostly determined by systematic and unavoidable external risks.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. Primary research goal was to characterise the motivations of potential investors in the Nagpur District.
2. To gauge the sentiment of potential backers towards the investment vehicles.
3. For the purpose of providing investment recommendations.

METHODOLOGY

The research methodology lays out the steps involved in doing the study and provides direction for doing it effectively. The analytic methods, tools, and data set are all part of the context. Primary data and secondary data are two types of data sources. Primary data is information collected directly from the sample population by the researcher. The basic data utilised in this study comes from a survey sent out to 300 people in the Nagpur District and chosen using a simple random sample approach. Data is analysed using statistical methods like percentages and the Garret ranking approach.

Discussion

The researcher has developed a scale to gauge investors' sentiments on investment vehicles. Fifteen assertions were found in the research. The sentiment of the investors might be gauged from these declarations. For this, we utilised a five-point Likert scale. Each assertion is assigned a score between one and five. Investors' attitudes towards investments are ranked using Likert's technique, which involves calculating the mean scores for each statement and then ordering the statements based on those means. The average values of the statements' scores are determined. Each statement was ranked based on the average score it received. The statement with the highest mean score was placed first, followed by the statement with the next greatest value, and so on down the line. The lowest possible score was given to the last place finisher.

TABLE – 1 Respondents' Attitudes

S. No.	Attitude	Total Scores		Mean scores		Rank	
		Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
1	The future benefits from investments made now.	670	661	44.67	44.07	1	1
2	Investing is a risk-free, financially rewarding option.	628	607	41.87	40.47	2	2
3	It's a liquid that puts off today's happiness for an unknowable future.	571	532	38.07	35.47	4	6
4	That has to be done, and it's not easy.	524	521	34.93	34.73	7	7
5	Many individuals have an innate propensity towards investing.	520	487	34.67	32.47	8	10
6	Having more desires means spending less money.	561	534	37.40	35.60	5	5
7	Honest investors are duped by con artists.	512	505	34.13	33.67	11	9
8	Bonds issued by the government are unattractive.	514	539	34.26	35.93	9	4
9	Risk is mitigated by investment.	513	473	34.20	31.53	10	11
10	Putting money aside now will pay off later.	425	435	28.33	29.00	14	12
11	Putting money into private parities is a bad idea.	534	514	35.60	34.27	6	8
12	Investing is a long-term commitment.	622	588	41.47	39.20	3	3
13	Credit rating agencies serve as a beacon for investors.	484	429	32.27	28.60	12	13
14	The future benefits from investments made now.	450	422	30.00	28.13	13	14
15	Investing is a risk-free, financially rewarding option.	377	360	25.13	24.00	15	15

The above table shows that, among the selected variables for measuring attitude, the factor "investing today is for a better tomorrow" received the highest mean scores (44.67 and 44.07) from both rural and urban respondents. "Investment offers safety" received the second highest scores (41.87 and 40.47), and "invest today and smile tomorrow" received the third highest scores (41.47 and 39.20). Investment is a long-term game, government bonds are unappealing, and investors are led by credit rating agencies with below-average average ratings, as shown. With the highest mean score, "Investing today is for a better tomorrow" emerged as the most influential factor in inspiring respondents to set aside money for long-term financial security.

CONCLUSION

The Indian culture has a long-standing reputation for a penchant for thrift and a fondness for conservative financial strategies. The rate of saving in independent India has been rising steadily. This trend has accelerated in recent years. Many novel financial products have been launched during the last two decades in an effort to pique the interest of the general public. Most respondents learned about the different investment plans solely via word of mouth from family and friends, indicating that the advertising is insufficient. Financial institutions should, therefore, develop a comprehensive advertising campaign to make investors aware of the numerous investment programmes available to them. Investors in both rural and urban areas still choose bank deposits, despite the introduction of new investment possibilities. This investment was chosen primarily because of the high level of security it provides. A small group of investors has shown preference for investing in public issues, but they have no idea how much their shares are worth. The rural sector may be brought into the centre of national economic growth via the use of a well-thought-out marketing strategy that raises consumers' levels of awareness while simultaneously improving their purchasing power and providing reliable returns for investment. To boost the economy as a whole, it is crucial to encourage saving and investing behaviour among both rural and urban investors. The survey found that investors would rather put their money into more secure options. Additional data analysis shows that the family's cultural norms have a significant impact on financial choices. Traditional investments like bank savings and gold are popular, but there has been a rise in interest in insurance programmes and postal instruments. The government should take the necessary measures to convince investors to put their money into the most recent investment schemes, such as UTI and mutual funds, which were not the most popular choices among respondents.

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Influence of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana on Advancing Financial Inclusion in Durg District

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Abstract

This research critically evaluates the "Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana" (PMJDY), a financial inclusion policy introduced by the Indian government in 2014. The study focuses on the performance of PMJDY in various districts of Chhattisgarh, specifically examining the number of new savings bank accounts opened (both in remote and urban areas), the cumulative funds deposited in these accounts, and the distribution of debit cards up to October 2021. To assess the impact of the policy, the research incorporates macroeconomic factors, infrastructure quality, educational levels, and workforce participation as key indices.

The findings indicate that Durg block emerged as the top-performing region in terms of financial inclusion under the PMJDY program, followed by Patan and Dhamdha blocks. Notably, infrastructure, particularly the availability of roadways, was identified as the most influential factor contributing to financial inclusion. Other factors such as employment rates, poverty levels, and geographical disparities also played significant roles in determining the success of PMJDY in these districts.

Keywords : India, Financial inclusion, Durg, Patan, Dhamdha.

Paper type : Research paper

1. Introduction

Individuals and businesses must have access to affordable financial products and services that meet their needs, such as transactions, transfer of funds, savings, borrowing, and insurance that are ethically and sustainably supplied. Financial inclusion aims to assist individuals in meeting their necessities, such as meals, water, shelter, education, including medical services. Customers will have more constant and fair accessibility, while this also benefits the companies

providing them. Every nation must have a financial system that is accessible to everyone. Financial inclusion alone might eliminate poverty, but it can help individuals construct better lives. It may assist people in launching enterprises and help small firms expand. Small farmers may be integrated into the official economic system with the assistance of financial products, allowing for a two-way transmission of data and money. The World Bank includes financial inclusion a crucial factor in reducing excessive poverty and enhancing economic stability.(www.worldbank.org). In countries that are majorly Government owned, even if customers pay a lower fee, they face difficulties in terms of compliance and paperwork thus, becoming a barrier to financial inclusion (Throston 2006). Schemes of financial inclusion will show a positive effect in states with a lower literacy level (Reddy, 2017). It is essential to consider the variations in the cross-country drivers and effects of financial intermediation on economic inequality across socioeconomic groups when selecting the proper policies for attaining inclusive growth at various phases of development(Park & Mercado, 2018). In Long-term, financial inclusion reduces the metropolitan income gap, but short-term inclusion exacerbates it. Two plausible causes for the short-term growth are the rapid spread of banking systems and the discrepancy in education amongst rural and urban regions (Huang & Zhang, 2020). There exists a favourable and lasting correlation among both financial inclusion as well as economic expansion. Today's modern banking clients have access, via a number of channels, sets of potent tools that enable them to perform analyses, make choices, and complete financial transactions while working remotely, from office, or anywhere (Hoehle et al., 2012). Community cohesion, ideological inclusion, economic inclusion, as well as financial inclusion are almost all facets of inclusion. There is potential for financial inclusion to fill up the gaps and assist economic inclusion to a somewhat degree. Financial inclusion challenges are country-specific; hence, there can be no worldwide norm (Reddy, 2017). Due to cumbersome papers, processes, and other formalities, the majority of poor people shun banks. This straightforward structure and methods will increase bank savings (Aggarwal, 2014).

2. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana: A programme towards financial inclusion

The PMJDY was created with the intention of providing access to a wide range of financial products, including as bank accounts, need-based financing, remittance facility, pensions, and coverage, to poor groups and disadvantaged segments of the population. With the use of technology, cost was anticipated to be reasonable. The strategy aims for each family to have minimum one deposit account . In addition to providing financially excluded individuals with a basic savings account, the government also provides them with accidental insurance coverage of Rs. 1 Lakh, that has been enhanced to Rs. 2 Lakh as of February 28, 2018. Thus, in addition to advancing Financial Inclusion Consequently, financial security is taken good care of. It has been shown, however, that many individuals do not like establishing a bank account due to their lack of money. In addition to eliminating the minimum balance requirement, this impediment has been eliminated. A Rs 10,000 overdraft facility is made available to those in need, therefore addressing the issue of a lack of finances in situations when it is of the highest importance. The government encourages savings by offering account holders interest on the amount saved. This is an incentive for unbanked individuals to establish the habit of saving. Regarding money withdrawals and other online activities, account users have been provided Rupay cards for their convenience. Since the program's beginning, the

number of PMJDY savings accounts has grown steadily, although the number of inactive accounts has also increased.

The research explored the viability of PMJDY, a financial programme of the Indian government, in each block of Durg district in the state of Chhattisgarh. As a result, each block presents a distinct cross section for research, and it is intriguing to observe whether the national initiatives on financial inclusion are having the same effects. Importantly, this district is one of the growing region having a complete and trustworthy data set, hence the analysed data may be used to illustrate other regions with comparable characteristics.

Prior evidence in the literature demonstrate the clear relation between financial consolidation and economic expansion (Srivastava, 2004; Barajas et al., 2012). It has been discovered that income, wealth, as well as education play crucial roles in establishing financial access (Claessen, 2006). Through his cross examination of seven African countries, Porteous (2006) determined that employment, age, education, gender, and poverty are significant factors for financial exclusion.

In his research of India, Kumar (2005) observed that the level, wealth, education, and gender were significant determinants, and yet there were also significant variations in availability by region and also by suburb within province, with main distinctions between those living in legal and illegal settlements and in relation to housing quality. Women many of whom are paid less than comparable male peers have a greater cost of accessibility, which is exacerbated by a poor social position.

3. Data and variables

We utilise Provincial Panel data and the number of saving bank accounts established (remote and metropolitan) during PMJDY for our research (data extracted till October 21, 2021). We chose this time to evaluate the effectiveness of PMJDY throughout Chhattisgarh states territories. The outcome variable in the multiple regression analyses are the overall number of savings bank accounts opened, the total amount of saving bank accounts opened in rural areas , the overall amount of saving bank accounts opened in urban areas , the cumulative amount in bank accounts (in INR crores), as well as the amount of RuPay cards provided. We gradually include these predictors into the different estimation models to determine the influence of provincial variables on the PMJDY's outreach. The data were obtained from the PMJDY status report. All other data were acquired from different RBI and Indian government studies.

4. Result and discussion

4.1 Estimating the amount of Rural PMJDY Saving Bank accounts

Table-I illustrates the regression results of pooled data by applying fixed effect model. In the table we have taken Rural Accounts under PMJDY as dependent variable whereas Bank deposits(BankDep), literacy of female(Fliteracy) , Rural roads infrastructure(RuralRds), Rural loans (Rcredits), taken as independent variable. fixed effect model indicated that the accumulated rural bank deposits previous to Jan dhan yojana and also the quantity of rural highways are strong positive predictors of the overall rural PMJDY account holders, while the overall sum of credit lines before to Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana and Fliteracy percentage are substantial negative signifiers. The analysis also showed that the amount of

rural PMJDY account in the central part is much larger than elsewhere regions. Model R-square is 0.885, adjusted R-square is 0.822.

Table I- Amount of Rural PMJDY Saving Bank accounts

*Authors own calculation

PMJDYR Acc	Coef.	St.Err.	t- value	p- value	[95% Conf	Interval]	Sig
BankDep	120.799	24.654	4.90	.012	-26.17	-214.92	**
Fliteracy	-14241.125	6237.149	-2.28	.033	-17.303	3849.554	**
RuralRds	13.52	6.017	2.24	.030	82.535	40.632	**
Rcredits	-2.43	.626	4.85	0	3.356	31.503	***
CR, CR=1	17325.556	12368.985	-1.63	.05	766.937	305.826	**
Constant	15889.23	12014.538	0.74	.46	242.407	5440.994	
Mean dependent var		71278.12	SD dependent var			1320.589	
Overall r-squared		0.875	Number of obs			2140	
Chi-square		11.32	Prob > chi2			0.021	
R-squared within		0.885	R-squared between			0.822	

*** p<.01, ** p<.05, * p<.1

4.2 Estimating the overall amount of PMJDY Saving Bank accounts

Table-II illustrates the regression results of pooled data by applying fixed effect model. In the table we have taken Total Bank Accounts both rural as well as urban under PMJDY as dependent variable whereas Roads infrastructure in urban areas(UrbanRds), , Workforce participation male(M_labourp) , Rural roads infrastructure(RuralRds), taken as independent variable. Different region such Western, Eastern and Central are taken as dummy variables. fixed effect model indicated that the accumulated overall bank saving accounts pbefore Jan dhan yojana and also the quantity of rural highways are strong positive predictors of the overall rural PMJDY account holders whereas the quantity of urban roads is strong negative predictor. The analysis also showed that the amount of rural PMJDY account in the central, western as well as eastern part , is much larger than elsewhere regions. Model R-square is 0.935, adjusted R-square is 0.916.

Table II- Overall amount of PMJDY Saving Bank accounts

*Authors own calculation

PMJDYR Acc	Coef.	St.Err.	t- value	p- value	[95% Conf	Interval]	Sig
UrbanRds	10.519	4.994	2.13	.022	276.117	-214.92	**
WR, WR=1	69.176	32.12	2.15	.031	28.592	12.362	**
RuralRds	1421.125	637.989	2.23	.013	207.303	3849.554	**
M_labourp	-410.952	220.17	-1.86	.030	22.535	40.632	**
ER, ER=1	2562.13	1464.615	1.75	0	13.356	31.503	***
CR, CR=1	48275.556	18758.935	2.57	.05	56.937	305.826	**

Constant	163489.293	28544.538	5.72	.046	2462.407	5440.994	**
Mean dependent var	17568.712		SD dependent var			120.847	
Overall r-squared	0.945		Number of obs			2140	
Chi-square	21.656		Prob > chi2			0.010	
R-squared within	0.935		R-squared between			0.916	

*** p<.01, ** p<.05, * p<.1

4.3 Estimating Aggregate saving Account balance in PMJDY accounts

Table-III illustrates the regression results of pooled data by applying fixed effect model. In the table we have taken Total Bank Accounts balance both rural as well as urban under PMJDY as dependent variable whereas Roads infrastructure in urban areas (UrbanRds), literacy of Women(Fliteracy) , Rural roads infrastructure(RuralRds), taken as independent variable. Southern part is taken as dummy variables. fixed effect model indicated that also the quantity of urban highways are strong negative predictors of the aggregate saving bank account balance under PMJDY(PM_TBAB) whereas the quantity of urban roads(UrbanRds) is strong positive predictor. The analysis also showed that the southern part is significant predictor of PM_TBAB.

RDebit	Coef.	St.Err.	t-value	p-value	[95% Conf	Interval]	Sig
Card							
UrbanRds	106.106	23.399	4.37	.79	-889	.677	
CR, CR=1	17853.045	3271.003	5.48	0	.04	.051	***
RuralRds	12.68	4.079	2.83	.045	-2.174	.878	**
M_labourp	-21657.25	12856.138	-1.51	.071	-.021	.521	*
ER, ER=1	12893.038	4321.106	2.85	.724	-.246	.171	
WR, WR=1	4328.006	1543.033	2.64	.866	-.07	.059	
UBPL	-21355.139	3276.133	-6.54	.296	-.4	.122	
Constant	15747.901	1679.267	9.32	.477	-3.384	1.583	
Mean dependent var		.303	SD dependent var			1.636	
Overall r-squared		0.769	Number of obs			2140	
Chi-square		297.951	Prob > chi2			0.000	
R-squared within		0.751	R-squared between			0.726	

*** p<.01, ** p<.05, * p<.1

5. Discussion

Researchers have seen that infrastructure improvements, such as the construction of roads, increases connectivity to banking institutions, and is crucial for every financial inclusion project in both rural and urban settings. In rural area, banks with greater depositors, that can be an evidence of possibly wealthier districts , have been far more effective in their objective to provide Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana accounts, although banks with substantially greater credit had less requests for Jan dhan yojana accounts. Regions with more female workforce participation in urban areas have reduced PMJDY account usage. This may be due to the fact that employment increases economic independence and autonomy. There's a likelihood that

these female already possess bank accounts, resulting in fewer requests for Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana accounts. Prior research concurs that female's engagement in the labour force results in improved wellness, literacy, as well as other indicators of empowering women. Similar regions with more male rural participation rate had lesser Pradhan mantri jan dhan account requirements. With a greater total female education level, the Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana account balances are lower. This might be because educated women have greater incomes and could have previously established alternative bank accounts prior to the launch of Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana. Research have also asserted that education influences investing decisions. In regions with a greater proportion of residents living in extreme poverty, usage for Pradhan mantri jan dhan debit cards is less. There were significant regional variances in respect of Financial Inclusion via Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana, with the central region ranking higher in the majority of Pradhan mantri jan dhan penetration metrics. One explanation is that the core region of Chhattisgarh does have some of the largest and most populous provinces.

6. Conclusion

This research makes a concerted attempt to determine the scope of Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana in Chhattisgarh. In accordance with the prior study of financial inclusion as well as the purpose of Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana to link the economically disenfranchised to the mainstream banking system, we measured the accessibility of PMJDY based on the number of PMJDY savings accounts established and bank account amounts throughout this program. Utilising panel data of multiple districts in Chhattisgarh spanning the first stage of PMJDY, we further explored the variables that determine access to financial services and effectiveness of Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana.

The research employs multivariate regression analysis, and indeed the findings demonstrate geographical differences in the PMJDY's impact, particularly in central area of the state as well as the economic criteria and position of the each region. This might be due to the central region's infrastructural availability and financial institution concentration. It also suggested less financial accessibility. As demonstrated by its greater reach in the centre zone, the implementation of Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana may have enhanced bank accessibility.

In respect of rural as well as overall accounts, the multiple regression results indicate that Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana reach is greatest in the less economically developed and rural regions of India. In urban regions, the access to banks is greater, and the majority of the population is engaged in industry or services. It is more likely that account-opening-required documentation exists. Therefore, it is anticipated that the engaged portion of the population will already have savings accounts. Reach-wise, PMJDY was unable to differentiate significantly across lower and higher economic classes. Rural regions, but at the other hand, have a mostly agrarian economy and are distant from banks. Due to the lack of essential documentation for establishing banking and the lack of access of financial institutions in terms of location, poor and marginal landowners relied on non - institutional sources such as lending for Private money lenders. Institutions were only available to affluent farmers who have the necessary documentation and the economic means to maintain the minimum bank balance. Our data demonstrates that Pradhan mantri jan dhan yojana has made banks reachable to low-income populations in rural regions.

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An Explorative Study to Develop Boosting Employability Skills and Techniques (BEST) Model for Technical Human Resources in Context of Industry 4.0

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Abstract :

The introduction of Industry 4.0 technology and the need to meet the requirements of businesses, the job market, and, in reality, environmentally friendly growth has created significant challenges for workers in the industrial sector, particularly in terms of their abilities and expertise. Changes in technology and production methods have always had an effect on employment and education levels during industrial revolutions. The specific challenges presented by the advent of a digitally enhanced environment mean that the next industrial revolution, known as Industry 4.0, also depends largely on the human element. Our research aimed to identify the capabilities necessary for employees to thrive in an Industry 4.0 setting. We conducted polls with both faculty and students. Comparative analyses of these groups' digital, technical, social, and personal abilities were conducted. The research showed us the top-performing talents and skills in each area. The technologically driven industrial change of the present day need both technical and soft abilities, as we have shown.

Keywords : Employability skills, Human Resource Management, Industry 4.0, Technical Skills, IT Skills

Introduction

The development of a Boosting Employability Skills and Techniques (BEST) Model for Technical Human Resources is crucial in preparing technical professionals to meet the difficulties and seize the opportunities presented by Industry 4.0. Here is a condensed description of the steps used to create the BEST Model: Capabilities and Proficiencies Industry 4.0 can't get off the ground unless the necessary technical, soft, and digital skills and competencies are identified. Robotics, data analytics, cyber security, and the ability to manufacture high-tech goods are all examples of such skills. Locating Information Deficits -

Discover how tech-savvy your ideal candidates are (fresh graduates, current employees). Investigate the gaps between what is already known and what is needed in industry. 4.0. Construction of the BEST Model's Core Components - Lay down the bones of the BEST Model and all its moving pieces. Things in this category can include: Abilities in Technology: Detail the expertise in computer programming, robotics, and the Internet of Things that will be required for the new Industry 4.0 era.

Soft skills include the ability to communicate, collaborate effectively, think creatively, and find solutions to issues. Make it a priority to help individuals reach the point where they can utilise digital tools with ease and competence. Invest time and energy into acquiring new skills and being current on changes in your area throughout your life. Skills Acquisition Methods - Develop strategies and techniques to enhance these features. Create or recommend classes and programmes that focus on imparting knowledge and abilities useful in the context of Industry 4.0. More experienced workers may serve as mentors and coaches for less seasoned workers. Learn where to go for online courses, MOOCs, and study aids. Highlight the importance of professional networking in learning new information and keeping up with trends. Methodology for Implementation Provide examples of how the BEST Model might be used in formal and informal educational settings. Evaluations and analyses. Make a set of tests and measurements to assess how much your employability abilities have improved thanks to the BEST Model. Constant Improvements. Insist that the model be kept current with the situation of the industry on a regular basis. These 4.0 fads. Acceptance and Propagation. Spread awareness of the BEST Model among academic institutions, industry associations, and other institutions to increase its adoption rate.

Literature Review

Some examples of where the literature may take us next include production audits (Ligarski, M.J., et al., 2021) and warehouse management systems. Surprisingly, considering the increased focus on the human element and workers' abilities in the context of Industry 4.0, neither the internal work environment Docherty, P. (2002) nor the employees themselves have been addressed in Grosse, E.H. et al (2015). In his review of the current literature on Industry 4.0, Neumann, W.P. (2021) concludes that the human element challenges discussed in the relevant papers are unrelated to anything other than technical considerations.

The human factor in Industry 4.0 is also the subject of research and speculation in the relevant literature. Nelles, J. (2016) argues that human-centered design of systems may help with production planning and control, and the authors show how jobs will evolve as the concept grows and technology improves. Some documents focus on human health and system effectiveness. Additionally, human factors and ergonomics (HF/E) (Kadir, B.A., 2019) need to be considered. Kadir, B.A. (2004) reported on research that compared people's levels of contentment before, during, and after the advent of state-of-the-art forms of communication and information technology.

Objective of the study

- To evaluate level of skill set in the context of Industry 4.0.
- Assessing workers' social skills in an Industry 4.0 context.

Research Methodology

In this study, researchers used a diagnostic survey method. Exploratory data analysis (EDA) was performed on the data we collected. We surveyed participants at the EDA to see whether there were any discernible differences in the importance they placed on digital, technical, social, and personal competencies. Methods included a study of HRM-related literature, statistical analysis of survey responses, a discussion and summary of the results, and in-depth interviews with current employees to determine their training and development requirements and examine their existing skill sets.

Discussion

The research relied on two groups of respondents. The first group consisted of people already in the workforce, whereas the second included both students and recent grads. Seventy-seven percent of respondents have completed some kind of higher education. Among those asked, just 23% had graduated high school.

Table 1 displays the most often tested abilities of prospective employees.

Skills	Mean Values	Median Values
IT skills	4.06	4
Technological Skills	3.86	4
Interpersonal Skills	4.68	5
Societal Skills	4.23	4.5

Skills in Table 2 are the most in demand among trial students.

Skills	Mean Values	Median Values
IT skills	3.77	4
Technological Skills	4.21	4
Interpersonal Skills	4.13	4.5
Societal Skills	3.9	4

Workers rated knowledge of processes, systems, and procedures as more important than technical skills such as data-protection expertise or the ability to interact with equipment and network systems. At the same time, all but one of the students polled advocated for monitoring of online systems. Students' proficiency in interacting with computers and networks ranked third based on average test results. But employees' ability to monitor networks and other systems was ranked just fourth overall. Though it had no bearing on professional assessments, students ranked innovative thinking third among their list of transferable talents.

Regardless of age or background, people now value communication and teamwork above all other social skills. The efficiency of internal communication was also deemed satisfactory. High value was put by students on improving their language and intercultural skills. Ability to share knowledge and experience within an organisation ranked third in terms of mean value among students, whereas knowledge of a foreign language ranked third among employees. The statistical analysis shows that different groups of respondents place different amounts of importance on abilities like communication and cooperation skills, as well as the sharing of information and expertise inside the company. The research found that employees in an Industry 4.0 setting need to possess the following competencies (Figure 2): Learning agility, dependability, the capacity to think creatively (blue), the ability to work well with

others (red), the ability to communicate effectively across cultural and language boundaries (red), and a grasp of information technology, data analysis, and modelling (orange).

Conclusion

This report presents research results that support this concept and answer the issue of how to identify the abilities and knowledge employees will need to succeed in an Industry 4.0 setting. Pre-made questionnaires were used to poll employees and students for this study. In an Industry 4.0 context, participants ranked the value of employees' digital, technical, personal, and social talents. The study's findings suggest that skills like operating IT systems, analysing and modelling data, understanding processes, systems, and procedures, communicating with machines and network systems, monitoring network systems for vulnerabilities, understanding data protection, being willing to constantly learn, and possessing qualities like conscientiousness, reliability, innovation, communication, and communicativeness are among the most important. All of the changes mentioned above can be traced back to the introduction of Industry 4.0, as shown by the statistics presented. In this era of pervasive digitalization and the Internet of Things, the ability to use IT systems and manage massive amounts of data is crucial. The research found that employees in an Industry 4.0 setting needed both technical and soft skills to be successful.

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A REVIEW ON IMPACT OF BRICK KILN OPERATIONS ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION

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Abstract :

The manufacturing of bricks is mostly a cottage business in India. As urbanisation spreads throughout the India, so does this sector, which has been growing in recent years. The Brick Kiln relies heavily on the arbitrary exploitation of women and children for employment. Migrant labour are essential to the brick Kiln. Seasonal jobs are created as a result. Most people who work in the brick Kiln are from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Indicators of women's socioeconomic condition at these factories have been examined, such as occupational structure, gender, kind of labour, education, salary, benefits, and issues. Environmentalists have pointed to the brick business as one of the harmful sectors that disproportionately impacts women's and children's health. Primary and secondary sources were used to compile the data for this research. Secondary data has been compiled from a variety of government and non-government organisations, while primary data has been gathered via the use of pre-designed questionnaires. The study's findings show that workers in the area's brick factories continue to live in poverty and that the industries' improper practises have a major impact on the local environment.

Key words : Brick Kiln, social impact, environmental impact, economic impact

INTRODUCTION

Both beneficial and bad effects on society, the economy, and the environment may be traced back to the brick business. Location, manufacturing techniques, and government laws are just a few of the variables that might affect the severity of these effects. Here is a summary of the major political, economic, and ecological factors influencing the brick Kiln:

Effects on Society: Gainful employment is another benefit of working in the brick sector,

which is especially helpful in rural regions and developing nations. Brickmakers, manual labourers, and others in ancillary supply chain positions benefit from this. Bricks are widely used as a key building material for homes all around the globe. The sector helps to improve infrastructure and living circumstances, which may benefit many people. Concerns about employees' health and safety arise because brickmaking requires a lot of manual labour and exposes them to potentially dangerous substances in certain areas. Particularly troublesome in this sense are brick kilns that are both informal and not controlled. Changes in the cultural, social, and economic dynamics of local communities may result from the growth of the brick business. This may result in a shift in land use and the relocation of certain populations.

Effects on the Economy :

The brick business is vital to the local and national economy because of the cash it brings in via brick sales. Both the official and unofficial economies may be considered. Bricks have the potential to increase commerce and foreign currency revenues on a global scale since they are often exported to other areas or nations. Individuals or small firms might find possibilities to enter the market and contribute to economic progress by producing bricks. The brick sector may benefit from investment if it modernises and mechanises, since this will lead to technical advances and higher output. Effects on the Environment: Depletion of Natural Resources The production of bricks requires a lot of raw resources including clay, shale, and sand. Erosion and the destruction of natural habitats are two potential side effects of extracting these commodities.

High amounts of energy are used up in the making of bricks, especially in the process of burning them in kilns. The use of fossil fuels in traditional kilns is a major cause of pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Bricks burned in traditional kilns may discharge pollutants into the air, posing a threat to the health of those in the surrounding area. Bricks that are damaged or flawed during manufacture, as well as dust, are examples of waste products. To lessen negative effects on the environment, responsible waste management is crucial. Concerns about food security and biodiversity may come from changes in land use brought on by the proliferation of brick kilns. Actions for Long-Term Sustainability: There are current attempts under progress to lessen the environmental damage caused by the brick manufacturing process.

Enhanced Kiln Technology :

Tunnel kilns and zigzag kilns, for example, are two examples of more energy-efficient and ecologically friendly kiln designs that may help cut down on emissions and power needs. Research explores the utilisation of waste products and less energy in the development of alternative construction materials like fly ash bricks. More stringent laws and standards for environmental protection should be implemented for brick manufacturing to reduce pollution and waste. The negative effects of the brickmaking business may be mitigated by education and training programmes that teach workers how to create their products in a more environmentally friendly way. Overall, there are positive social and economic effects from the brick business, as well as some environmental risks. Sustainable brick manufacturing aims to lessen the Brick Kiln negative impact on the environment while simultaneously enhancing the living and working circumstances of brickmakers.

Review of Literature

Law and work in the informal economy are intricately linked, as Nair (2013) elucidated.

The majority of undocumented employees are women, and they are living in abject poverty. Although several regulations exist for the informal economy, he claims that they are not being followed in their entirety.

Chopra (2018) looked into the working conditions at the brick kilns of Muzaffarnagar. Most of the employees in the brick kiln sector in Muzaffarnagar, he writes, are members of the Scheduled caste and Muslim weavers. Landlords of the Gujjar, Jat, Pathan, and Baniya castes provide the majority of their income.

"Women worker in informal economy: a study of brick kiln in Haryana" by Nanda, A., and Kumar, P. (2019) focuses on the plight of women who work in the brick industry in India. They describe how women in their family are often overlooked for their contributions to the household's financial well-being. The lack of education among working women is a major contributor to their economic disadvantage. They imply that managing this illness may be aided by educating women.

Jerin, M., Mondal, S., Sarkar, B., Rimi, R., & Aktar, S. (2020) reported in their study titled "Impact of Brick Fields on Environment and Social Economy at Bagtipara, Natore, Bangladesh" that the brick industry has a direct effect on crop loss, decreased soil fertility, and decreased crop production. They found that although the brick industry did provide employment for locals, it had a negative impact on the area's ecology and economics.

Objectives of the study

- ❖ To examine the current economic and social state of the brick business in the region under investigation.
- ❖ To determine the nature of the environmental and social issues plaguing the target region.
- ❖ To provide some suggestions for preserving the riverbank ecosystem.

Research Methodology :

At this point, a subject has been chosen and a location map has been drawn up using a National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO) base map. The questionnaire has been pre-structured. During this stage, researchers have also gathered a plethora of resources and data pertaining to the brick fields in the study region. Perception Research at the Intermediate Level using a Structured Questionnaire Conducted among Residents of Bhandara. The research was conducted using a statistically valid random sampling technique. Both primary and secondary sources were used to compile this report. The key data was gathered over the course of seven months, from December 2021 to June 2022, via in-depth interviews with employees working in green brick technology. Green brick kiln installation costs and their rationale has been the topic of discussion. The secondary data came from published works like periodicals and books. Several types of cartograms have been created via data processing and visual representation.

Data Analysis and interpretation

The majority of those employed in the brick Kiln are foreign nationals. All around the nation, they hailed. It is alarming to see that foreign workers now outnumber native ones. Only around 43% of the workforce was hired locally, while the remaining 57% are immigrants from other regions, states.

Workers in the brick Kiln make wildly different amounts of money each month. Women

earn a much lower income than males for doing the same task in the same amount of time. This paints a bleak image of the women who labour in the brick kilns and how they are treated by their employers. While 3% of males get the maximum salary of Rs. 75,000 per month, just 1% of women employees receive this amount. Only 22% of men and 16% of women in the labour force earn between Rs3000 and Rs4500 per month. Seven percent of male employees make between Rs1500 and Rs3000 per month, seventeen percent make between Rs450 and Rs6000, and three percent make between Rs6000 and Rs7500 per month.

Worry About the Environment

The majority of brick field owners aren't very worried about the environment, as seen by this diagram. They dumped the ash into reservoirs, ponds, canals, and rivers, poisoning the water supply. The initial survey found that among the brick factories in the research region, 12% released their ash into the pond, 8% into a neighbouring canal, and the vast majority, 80%, directly into the river. Based on the results of the first investigation, it is clear that the brick business is a major contributor to the village's air pollution problem. Even though just 2% of the residents believe there is no pollution in the hamlet, 88% of the respondents blame the brick field. The brick manufacturing process, however, is a major contributor to air and water pollution.

The study found many significant results based on their extensive research and fieldwork. Many married women, for example, work in the brick Kiln. The vast bulk of the workforce, including the next generation, cannot read or write. There are a lot of people that work as migrants. The annual and monthly salaries that women earn are insufficient to provide for their families. While the brick kiln is closed, people focus mostly on agricultural pursuits. Due to poverty, many of the employees in the kilns are women. The majority of the workforce is devoted to the brick and soil moulding industries. In addition, the environmental effects of all the brick fields in the region under consideration are substantial.

Conclusion

Making bricks requires a lot of effort and power. The research indicated that many brick fields in the study region were situated near agricultural lands and residential areas, contributing to the decline in agricultural output, the end of fish culture, and the deterioration of the health of the local people. The main cause of top soil deterioration and environmental contamination in the region was blamed on brick fields. The government should step in at this juncture to create a setting where stakeholders may build up their businesses in a sustainable way. Therefore, for inclusive development, there is an immediate need for social concern to devise policies to enhance the quality of life and economic security of brick kiln employees.

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A Study on Brand Preference and Consumer behaviour with reference to packaged fast food products in Nagpur metropolitan region.

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ABSTRACT :

As India's youthful population has risen to prominence, so has the country's fast food business. Urbanisation, rises in nuclear families, increases in the share of women in the workforce, and changes in lifestyle and eating habits all contributed to a shift in children's consuming behaviours. The study's major goal is to categorise the fast-food business based on the buying habits. The primary focus of the present research was on the most popular fast food restaurants in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The researcher used an empirical study strategy and selected a sample size of 155 participants. Questionnaires were used to gather the samples. Data analysis by clustering is a common technique. The findings suggest that people's attitudes about fast food restaurants are shifting, and that their eating habits are shifting as a consequence. The fast food industry might use some guidance, and this effort may help them better reach their target demographic and develop satisfying marketing campaigns.

KEYWORDS : Fast food, consumer behavior, buying habits, strategy

Introduction

Consumers' preferences and routines are profoundly affected by the availability of fast food. Here are a few of the most important ways in which fast food influences customers: The popularity of fast food is largely attributable to its accessibility. When consumers are in a rush or just want something simple, they often turn to fast food. Because of this, fast food may be favoured over other types of restaurants. The fast food sector is notorious for encouraging impulsive purchases with its frequent promotion of limited-time discounts, value meals, and upselling strategies. As a result, shoppers may impulse purchase more food or choose higher-calorie items than they had intended.

Fast food has the potential to establish unhealthy eating habits if consumed on a regular basis. People who consume fast food on a regular basis may come to appreciate its flavour and convenience and come to rely on it as a staple in their diet. Negatively affecting your

health, fast food is notorious for being loaded with empty calories, unhealthy fats, salt, and sugar. Consuming these meals on a regular basis is linked to an increased risk of obesity, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes. Consumers may feel compelled to adjust their diets or look for other options if this trend continues. Fast food restaurants are influential because they often launch novel foods and flavours that become industry standards. These developments have the potential to affect consumer tastes and behaviour, particularly in the kitchen. Brand Loyalty: If a fast food business consistently delivers on flavour, quality, or brand affinity for its customers, those customers may become brand loyal to that chain. Because of their brand loyalty, customers often choose these restaurants over others, even if they offer less unhealthy options.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Fast food retailing in India has experienced explosive growth in recent years, a phenomenon that can be attributed in no small part to rising incomes, greater cultural diversity, urbanisation, globalisation, shifting consumer preferences, and increased consumer engagement.

Consumer buying behaviour has been influenced by the gradual changes in economic, social, psychological, and cultural factors, as both Ling et al. (2014) and Goyal and Singh (2017) pointed out. Furthermore, the sustained development in the Indian market place has fueled the fast food sector due to its relative competitive advantage in comparison to other related sectors.

Mukherjee and Patel (2015) discovered that customers' views of the businesses have shifted positively as a result of the enhanced quality of the food offered there. The fresh meals, selections, and speedy delivery with affordable pricing are now available to the clients. Wells et al. (2017) observed that whereas previously only a small percentage of Indian consumers choose to purchase packaged food, this trend has now reversed. Customers have been motivated to try new types of fast food due to a number of factors, including the increasing availability of fast food in the market, the emergence of new cultural norms, the demand for inexpensive meals, and a positive dining experience.

According to Sabnavis (2018), fast food consumption has increased in both rural and urban areas, and consumers in both large and small communities are eager to have the chain restaurants open up shop in their neighbourhoods. Socio-demographic factors such as disposable income, family size, education level, culture, age factor, religion, etc. were thought to significantly impact Indians' preferences for certain fast food chains, as reported by Batte et al. (2017) and Goyal and Singh (2017). Ali et al.'s (2020) survey on the Buying Behaviour of Consumers in Emerging Economies found that consumers' purchasing behaviour has been dynamically shifting and is heavily influenced by factors like the places of purchase, variety, price, attraction for children, entertainment features at stores, and even more intangible traits like hygienic food, quality, cleanliness, convenience, courtesy, and effective customer services.

According to Sabnavis (2018), people in India are increasingly opting for processed, branded, and packaged foods over fresh, unprocessed produce. The fast food sector has benefited from the rise in health consciousness. Multinational corporations have been trying to increase their market share in the country, and the metro areas and rapidly developing cities have observed the high demand for fast food.

Goyal and Singh (2017) conducted research on the consumer behaviour of fast food

chains in India and found that people wanted a more convenient place to take their families for good food and to enjoy other features, like basic amenities, entertainment, customer service, and physical environment.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY :

- To analyse how consumer make fast food purchases.
- To learn how customers feel about the meal options, nutritional information, and overall impression of a fast food chain.

Research Methodology

This layout provides a mechanical means to address the research issues methodically. Everything from the study's outline to its sampling technique, data gathering strategy, and analytic plan all belong here. The information is both primary and secondary in origin. The information was gathered from secondary sources such as periodicals, newspapers, websites, corporate pamphlets, and books. We also looked at fast food chains' official websites to see how many restaurants are in the city and what kinds of cuisine they provide. Questionnaires and in-person interviews are the main sources of information. Open-ended, multiple-choice, and rating items made up the bulk of the structured questionnaires used to learn about kids' purchasing habits.

Discussion

Table 1 The Final Cluster Centres

Variables	Final cluster centres		
	1	2	3
Dependent upon the cost	2.10	4.12	2.96
I experiment with various cuisines based on my mood and my favourite dish.	3.30	4.09	3.58
On the advice of my close pals	1.88	2.93	2.77
Select the healthiest alternatives.	3.58	3.43	3.54
According to what young people want	1.49	2.71	1.85
Dishes that have been tried and tested	4.53	4.13	4.60
Be conscious of the fast food's calorie and nutritional content.	2.46	2.90	2.55
They make decisions based on calorie and nutritional information.	4.18	4.22	4.34
In general, they disregard nutritional information.	1.57	2.50	1.85
Before eating, they examine the food's nutritional label.	4.25	4.17	4.28
Customers are warmly welcomed.	4.40	4.19	4.35
Design and Decoration of the Interior	4.26	4.30	4.39
Options on the menu	3.99	4.27	3.86

Cost-effectiveness of fast food	4.07	3.55	3.83
Fast food facts that can be accessed whenever it's most convenient	4.47	4.07	2.05
The size (or amount) is convenient.	4.35	3.01	4.02
Dependent upon the cost	1.53	3.32	1.94
I experiment with various cuisines based on my mood and my favourite dish.	2.00	3.37	2.32
On the advice of my close pals	4.43	4.21	2.15
Select the healthiest alternatives.	1.49	4.06	2.11

Cluster analysis clearly shows that the samples are divided into three distinct groups based on customer behaviour and numerous elements of perception about the view of fast food restaurants, nutritional data, and making menu selections.

Segment 1 : Tourists who come for the experience Consisting of the statements "I try out new dishes," "They generally do not give importance to nutritional fact," "Internal layout," "Internal decoration," "Choice in menu," and "Information about the fast foods," Cluster 1 consists of a variety of factors. Here we can notice that customers that fall into this group are continually on the lookout for new cuisine, with little regard for the nutritional factors behind it, and focusing instead on the variety of fast food on display and the atmosphere within the restaurants selling it. Customers that are looking for a unique experience or ambiance fall into this category.

Cluster 2: The Cost-Concerned Convenience Seeker

Cluster 2 includes the factors "Based on the price," "Based on my mood," "Favourite dish," "Based on the suggestions of friends," "Based on the preferences of children," "Welcoming the consumers," "Suitability of fast food (price and value)," "Convenience of timing," and "Convenience of size (quantity)." These shoppers are particularly sensitive to issues of pricing, selection, and service once they enter the store. Customers might be categorised based on their desired pricing, value, and ease of use.

Cluster 3 : Consumers that care about their health and diet Factors like "choose the healthiest options available," "already tried and tasted dishes," "they emphasise checking the nutritional information before they eat," and "the calorie and nutrition facts influences their choice" all make up Cluster 3 of variables. These buyers always choose to err on the side of caution when it comes to health. They make informed decisions based on the information they have access to about nutrition. They're categorised as the "healthy eaters" crowd.

Conclusion

The advent of the fast food sector has gradually influenced the gastronomic landscape. Changes in consumer preferences, such as the emergence of nuclear families and urbanisation, have also contributed to the expansion of India's restaurant industry in recent years. So, it's fair to say that the rise of nuclear families, single-person homes, the rising number of working women, and shifting consumer preferences will all help the fast food sector. Young people are health and nutrition sensitive, and they are picky about the fast food they eat. The findings suggest that people's attitudes about fast food restaurants are shifting, and that their eating

habits are shifting as a consequence. According to the data, there are three distinct types of kid customers: those who are interested in novelty and atmosphere; those who prioritise cost and convenience; and those who prioritise their children's health and nutritional well-being. The fast food industry might use some guidance, and this effort may help them better reach their target demographic and develop satisfying marketing campaigns. Fast food restaurants might make an effort to create special marketing campaigns aimed towards kids. In the future, competition between fast food restaurants will be increasingly noticeable in terms of food quality, menu diversity, healthful, nutritional cuisine, and customer service.

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INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ITS SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES ON URBAN INDIA

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INTRODUCTION

Urbanisation is significantly influenced by industrialization. The creation of industrial units creates a need for industrial workers and shifts the labour from the rural agricultural sector to the urban industries. India is mostly an agricultural nation. The welfare of India's population living in rural areas has a direct impact on the country's economy. With the advancement of science and industry, a robust industrial policy was required. The development of heavy industries affects Indian society and the economy in both positive and negative ways. Cities expanded quickly during the industrial age and turned into hubs of population and production. As of the start of the twenty-first century, that percentage has increased to around 50% since the industrial era. Rapid urbanisation created issues, and industrial-era cities were full with risks to people's health and safety.

Key Words : Rural Agriculture, Industrial Age, Rapid Urbanisation

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY :

The researcher's research methodology is entirely doctrinal. Additionally, the sources of knowledge used—such as books, papers, websites, etc.—are secondary.

ANALYSIS :

INDUSTRIALIZATION :

During the procedure of manufacturing, an economy transitions from focusing mainly on agriculture to one that depends on the manufacturing of goods. Production lines usually substitute artisans, and automated manufacturing usually replaces each person's effort. The industrialization is characterised by an increase in the economy, an improved division of labor, and a move away from reliance on uncontrolled external variables to resolve problems.

INDIAN INDUSTRY IN THE PAST

India's history with industry, trade, and commerce begins around 5000 B.C. Since long before the British era, India has been renowned for its handicrafts. India produced a wide

range of arts and crafts throughout the Mughal Empire. In a number of handicrafts, job specialisation had progressed to the point where specific classes of workers conducted unique manufacturing methods, and the finished goods were in high demand on a variety of international marketplaces. At the time, no other nation manufactured things that could be imported into India in exchange for the high-demand commodities cotton and silk.

EVOLUTION OF MODERN INDUSTRY :

A severe threat to the country as a whole and to industrial activity first emerged in 1947. The industrial and economic system, which had previously operated as a single integrated economic entity, was completely upended by the partition of India. Without a doubt, Partition had a negative impact on the rate and pattern of India's industrial development in the years that followed. The lack of trust among manufacturers continues to hinder industrial productivity. Several actions were made with the intention of improving the disrupted Indian economy. Except for two sectors—coal and steel—industrial production in 1948 showed a noticeable improvement over the previous year. This is attributed to a number of factors, including a lack of incentives for industrialists and a shortage of raw resources.

URBANIZATION AND INDUSTRIALIZATION :

Urbanisation is the process through which cities grow in size as a percentage of their population increases. The process of urbanisation is ongoing and intricate. The societal demographic, economic, and social structures cannot change. Thus, the concentration of individuals working in non-agricultural professions and the concentration of non-agricultural land uses in specialised areas are related to the urbanisation process. Urban growth and the dynamics of urbanisation both fundamentally depend on a net rural to urban migration. In various stages of urban development, a number of elements influence urban growth. Agriculture, industries, trade, transportation, rural-urban migration, etc., are all developing. These elements have an impact on urbanisation as well. Urban growth may be influenced by structural changes in rural areas and interactions between rural and urban economies. Urban growth is accelerated by rural agricultural development (154). Movement of people, goods, and services to and from the metropolitan region is referred to as the interaction between rural and urban economies. Migration from rural to urban areas is intimately related to urbanisation. When people relocate from rural to urban regions, both push and pull influences are at play. Trade and commerce development has a direct impact on the urbanisation process. Urbanisation is greatly influenced by trading activity.

INDUTRIALIZATION AND MIGRATION IN URBAN INDIA :

Migration and urbanisation have always been connected phenomena. The migration of rural residents to urban centres has been the primary driver of urban growth. The foundation of the urbanisation process is a powerful component called migration. It is acknowledged as the main factor driving metropolitan centres' expansion. Urban centres typically expand mostly through migration and a small amount of natural expansion. Therefore, migration from rural to urban areas is what propels urbanisation forward. A population shift from rural to urban regions is the most significant way that the process of urbanisation may occur. Thus, the net migration of rural residents is what is really changing the nature of urban growth. The main driver of all major urbanisation trends around the world, and by far its most significant

component, is migration from rural to urban areas. This increase in urban population is largely attributable to migration. In India, the process of urbanisation is being driven by both the migration of people in pursuit of employment from rural to urban areas as well as the ongoing transformation of people's lifestyles and the accompanying beliefs, attitudes, and behaviours.

EMERGENCE OF SLUMS AND DETERIORATION OF HUMAN LIFE IN CITIES DUE TO INDUSTRIALIZATION:

Basement growth should not automatically result from rapid urban growth. Such a premise appears to be refuted by evidence of sizable slum communities in many developing countries, especially in rapidly urbanizing nations like Asia. The evidence suggests that, in the face of rapid urban development, local officials are unable to manage the diverse infrastructural demands needed to meet both social and financial requirements. Governments in municipalities also struggle to draw linkages among the economy's trajectories and implications for the growth of cities and, as a result, need for housing. The goal of managing fast industrialization faces considerable hurdles in strategy implementation and planning. The idea that city governments must first acknowledge and then take action to build the link that is essential between economic development, urban growth, and housing is supported by a case study in the debate that follows.

SOCIAL IMPACT OF MIGRATION :

Immigration is viewed from a variety of sociological ideas of social development and modernisation. Culturological techniques are especially significant in this setting since they concentrate on the cultural foundations of transformation and change. They implicitly hold the view that growth in society is both influenced by and produced by civilization. Migration is seen as an alteration in culture in this environment. It is both the cause of and a byproduct of the cultural basis for geographical mobility. Caste, group, and comparable cultural elements influence how people value various work communities in rural and urban contexts, as well as the geographic inequalities in revenue, assets, possibilities, and corresponding ways of living. Immigration affects these cultural traits. They serve as either pulling and pushing influences in migrations. Mobility has cultural consequences at the destination as well as cultural roots at the point of departure.

Positive Impact of Industrialization

Low cost of production : The cost of producing numerous necessary things has decreased as a result of the development of industries. Costs have decreased as a result of large-scale production's economy. It enables labour and time savings. The cost of industrial items has decreased for the average person in metropolitan regions.

Improved Agriculture : Urban sector growth results in higher consumption, which raises demand for agricultural products. An effective agricultural system in the modern day is one that utilises machinery and mechanical devices. We must use the most recent industrial system for this aim.

Negative Impact of Industrialization

The ecology, society, and economy of this nation are negatively impacted by mechanised, heavy, and large-scale industry.

Decline of cottage industry : India has always taken pride in its rural cottage industries.

The hamlet weaver' silk had become a renowned commodity all around the country. The narrative of our community's cottage companies' death started with the introduction of large technological industry.

Depletion of natural resources : “As a result of manufacturing, the quantity of resources from nature is continuously decreasing. Several industries are powered by thermal power stations that burn coal. A lot of space is needed for large businesses; thus forests and farms are regularly cleared to make available space for them. Natural resources are more in demand as raw materials because of industrialization. The manufacturing industry is expanding quickly, which encourages exploitative behaviour, depletes natural resources, and undermines environmental sustainability. The green strategy was then developed as a remedy. It places a focus on initiatives to protect the environment while steadily growing the economy.

CONCLUSION :

In India, urbanisation and industrialization are closely related. India's industrialization is one of the primary factors contributing to urbanisation. Excellent employment opportunities are made available to citizens via industrialization. To advance India's industrialization, the Indian government adopted a number of initiatives and programmes. Urbanisation is the movement of people from rural areas into urban areas, which can upset the normal ratio or balance of people living in urban and rural areas. Poor air quality, poor water quality, a lack of resources, high energy use, etc. are some of the drawbacks or effects of urbanisation in India. The aim of the government is to improve rural areas and boost employment there.

ACCOUNTING QUOTIENTS FOR FUNCTIONAL DIAGNOSIS

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Abstract

Ratios have been indiscriminately applied in financial areas on the basis of accounting variables. Many a time, two specific variables from accounts are taken and linked by ratio to understand the relationship. These ambiguities

Introduction

Accounts are a treasure of information relating to manufacturing and trading transactions of an enterprise. Generally, in order to assess its operational performance, a few traditional items such as gross or net profit, sales, etc., have been taken into consideration. The massive valuable information, an acute analysis of which would have been eye-opening, remain dormant. Long ago, Spencer R. Trucker(1) ingeniously developed a system of ratio-analysis for measuring several characteristics highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of internal and external performance. He et al remarked, “ In operational diagnosis of business venture, the application of a number of meaningful ratios could be applied by making use of factual internal information condensed in the books of accounts”. Subsequently, C.T. Mao (2) said, “Accounting information normally adopted for examining the profitability and returnability which are less expressive of internal characteristics”. Several internal strengths and weaknesses do not come to limelight finally influencing the profitability. Unless the internal relationship among the accounting parameters are properly examined and acknowledged, the actual causes influencing profits cannot hardly be identified.

In consonance with the theory of ratio analysis enunciated by Robert P. Quinn (3), the ratios are applied to assess the structural and lateral aspects between two logically linked parameters with each other”. Further, William D. Jackson (4) modified the above connotation and added the third aspect- functional dependence- to perceive the degree of dependence of one on the other. He was of the opinion, et al, that functional

relationship is highly intelligible while diagnosing the effectiveness business operations. While making his notion further explicit, he said that while the ratio of gross profit to net sales expresses the direct functional relationship, the ratio of return on investment is theoretically shorn of logic, obviously because returns never depend upon the investment. It is an indication of benefit of investment.

Kinds of Accounting Ratios

(i) Structural ratios: The relationship of a part of the element to its whole represents the structural ratio. For instance, a ratio of direct labour cost to the direct costs refers to the structure. In ordinary circumstances, such structural ratios, which explains the strength or weaknesses, have been largely ignored in financial analysis.

(ii) **Lateral ratios** : The relationship between two opposite parameters one is balancing the other consequent upon the functional imperativeness. The ratio of total inventory under the pledge with a commercial bank to the outstanding loan is an example of lateral ratio, The most widely preferred current or quick ratios may also be regarded as lateral ratios.

(iii) **Functionally dependent ratios** : The relationship between two accounting parameters where one is directly dependent upon the particular independent variable. Gross profit on sales ratio is an appropriate example where the gross profit is directly affected by sales. However, the return-on-investment ratio or the return-on-equity ratios are misnomers because the returns never the direct product of investment or share capital, i.e., equity.

(iv) **Tertiary ratios** : Spencer Trucker, et al, in addition to above, incorporated what he named as tertiary ratios, such as :

$(\text{Net Profit}) / (\text{Net Sales}) \times (\text{Net Sales}) / \text{Net Tangible Assets} = \text{Return on total assets}$
Or,

$(\text{Net Profit Margin}) \times (\text{Asset Turnover}) = \text{Return on assets}$

What it makes explicit is the fact that benefits on assets are the, results of increase in both the gross profit margin and the turnover of assets,

Further in the field of ratio analysis, Atkinson E. Joyce (5) added quadric ratios involving more than two operational parameters. He crisply remarked that “ the quadric ratios are more conclusive and comprehensive when the parameters are intelligently selected and applied; unlike tertiary ratios, quadric ratios apply direct operational parameters”. He proposed (i) periodic variance ratio, and (ii) functional quadric ratios. The former is usually applied to measure the period sensitivity of the dependent variable with reference to the specific independent variable.

Catching his line of his proposition, the following two quadric ratios are developed and applied in order to comprehend their effectiveness.

(a) Quadric input-output ratio

$$= [NS + CS] \div [OS + BO], \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$= [\text{Output}] \div [\text{Input}]$$

NS = Net annual sale of goods.,
 SC= Closing stocks of goods
 OS= Opening Stock of goods,
 BO= Goods bought out.

Advantages :

It reasons out the facts behind the gross profit margins;
 It takes only operational parameters of the business; and
 It evaluates the operating performance of marketing people.

(b) Periodic variance ratio

Atkinson, et al, highly commended the periodic variance ratios since they convey the inherent trends in the relationship. Normally, two closely linked accounting parameters are taken into account with their consequent change over the period of one year. According to his nomenclature, these are called time sensitivity quotient (TSQ). There are 20 basic TSQ enunciated by him among which the TSQ relating to the gross profit was considered meaningful for operational diagnosis. It is defined as:

TSQ (GP)

$$= [xGP / GP_{t+1}] \div [xNS / NS_{t+1}] > 1'$$

Its advantages are follows :

- i. It is not influenced by inflationary conditions,
- ii. It demonstrates how far the sales be pushed up to achieve the expected gross profit;
- iii. It helps in setting up the estimates with probabilities.

Objectives

The objective of this research study are :

- (a) to examine and assess their operational effectiveness in decision-making;
- (b) to explore the utility of these highly technical tools in measuring operational performance.

Research Data

For the purpose of substantiating the objectives stipulated above, five cement manufacturing companies, listed in the National Stock Exchange have been purposefully selected because:

- (i) Their authentic accounting data relating to the certain accounting items are available;
- (ii) These are fast moving consumer goods industries;
- (iii) Their factual and certified input and output information is also available;
- (iv) Product variability is extremely limited hence the inventory is identifiable;

- (v) The percentage of cement stocks with respect to sales is a highly controllable factor.

Presentation of Data

Table 1: Annual Quadric Input-output ratios

Year	Ambuja	Birla Cement	India Cement	JK Cement	Ultratrack
2011-12	1.1275	1.1872	1.1297	1.0954	1.2301
2012-13	1.1292	1.1957	1.1385	1.0977	1.2363
2013-14	1.1325	1.1977	1.1418	1.1139	1.2482
2014-15	1.1371	1.2011	1.1498	1.1179	1.2415
2015-16	1.1403	1.1864	1.1463	1.1283	1.2573
2016-17	1.1410	1.1841	1.1632	1.1324	1.2513
2017-18	1.1356	1.1902	1.1723	1.1328	1.2497
2018-19	1.1290	1.1899	1.1544	1.1492	1.2612
2019-20	1.1129	1.1412	1.1274	1.0971	1.2274
2020-21	1.1288	1.1589	1.2331	1.1134	1.2138

Observations

- (i) The quadric input output ratios for the selected cement companies during the decade under review, recorded an upward trend in respect of almost all the selected cement companies, which is why their stocks were highly attractive for the dealers in shares;
- (ii) However, the deviations in the input-output ratios on year to year basis were vividly visible;
- (iii) While JK Cement had the lowest input-output ratio of about 1.0954 in the year 2011-12, the company like Ultra track could jump to 1.2612 in the year 2018-19;
- (iv) During the period of COVID-19, all the cement companies had suffered considerable downfall the input out quotients because of restrictions imposed by the government;
- (v) While the decadal arithmetic means were as low as 1.0212 for the JK Cement while it was as high as 1,2517 indicating the relatively higher production performance;
Hence, the input-output quotient revealing the propensity to earn profit has been observed to be the most appropriate indicator. It should have been used for acute analysis of production performance.

Time sensitivity Quotient (GPNS)

The TSQ (GPNS) is comparative a new indicator proposed by Atkinson et al; It

generally reflect the effectiveness of marketing personnel advocating merely the rising figures of total annual sales. How quickly they effected the sale of products more often than not remains concealed. This quotient, if applied properly, it would certainly throw light upon their selling efficiency. The relatively a high quotient is the reflection of laudable efficiency of marketing personnel. Table 2 reveals it in case of selected cement industries.

Table 2: Time sensitivity Quotient (GPNS)

Year	Ambuja	Birla Cement	India Cement	JK Cement	Ultratrack
2011-12	0.3261	0.3329	0.2561	0.1937	0.2416
2012-13	0.3316	0.3218	0.2593	0.1869	0.2363
2013-14	0.3196	0.3389	0.2762	0.1991	0.2482
2014-15	0.2981	0.3495	0.2639	0.1765	0.2415
2015-16	0.3183	0.3381	0.2670	0.1860	0.2573
2016-17	0.3319	0.3189	0.2549	0.1941	0.2513
2017-18	0.3195	0.3217	0.2349	0.1628	0.2497
2018-19	0.2773	0.3285	0.2357	0.1492	0.2612
2019-20	0.2107	0.3326	0.2128	0.0971	0.2274
2020-21	0.2095	0.3328	0.1936	0.1134	0.2138

Observations

- (i) It is surprising to observe the inter-firm and inter-period variations in TSQ were wide and heterogeneous, reflecting the wider variability of performance of marketing personnel;
- (ii) It was as low as 0.0971 in respect of J.K. Cements in the year 2019-20, while it was as high as 0.3495 in case of Birla Cements in the year 2014-15; this indicates relatively better marketing performance by the latter;
- (iii) While Ambuja cement had reflected consistency in maintaining appreciable dynamism by Birla Cement, Ultra trac also evinced higher marketing efficiency; however, JK Cement lacked in market efficiency.

Conclusions

The above analysis leads to conclude that those cement companies which had achieved relatively higher quadric input-output ratio, like Birla Cement and Ultra track had proved to be more higher market capitalization. Interestingly, these companies also achieved relatively better TSQ. They evidently demonstrated the potentiality of marketing activities generating the propensity to earn considerable profit.

Quadric input-output ratio reveals the production efficiency in a holistic manner without ignoring the selling efficiency. In respect of selected cement industries, the companies are found to be somewhat dormant leaving immense scope for boosting

especially their marketing performance.

TSQ is yet another well-developed and most powerful tool for examining efficiency of marketing activities. The high TSQ is required to be attained for the purpose of minimization of locking of funds in inventory. Liquidation of inventory, as is known, brings down the cost of capital.

Limitations :

- (i) The regime of application was highly selective and limited to only five cement companies having significant market capitalization;
- (ii) The period of analysis was also limited only a previous decade; longer period has a little significance as a consequence of changes in economic environment; and
- (iii) Although the family of TSQ and quadric quotients comprise many other parameters, only TSQ (GPNS) and input-output quotients were selected for the purpose of comprehension.

Key words

Lateral ratios, structural ratios, Tertiary ratios, functionally dependent ratios, Time-sensitivity quotient, input-output ratio, quadric quotients,

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Representation of Indian emigrated Female Characters by Bharati Mukherjee, Jhumpa Lahiri, and Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

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Abstract : -

The article focuses on the complicated psychological composition of immigrant women as well as the problems and hardships they experience while on their voyage abroad. Whether they are eager to join the new country and its values or not, immigrant women initially experience the anguish of cultural struggle. The confrontation between two vastly different civilizations threatens the immigrants' traditional cultural and ethnic identities. It is a tough process for new immigrants who find it difficult to integrate into their new nation. On the other hand, some immigrants wish to leave their cultural responsibilities and baggage behind when they immigrate to a new nation, yet they find themselves back in the same situation they had intended to avoid. Being caught between their dream and reality puts them in a difficult situation.

Keywords : - Migration, Identity crises, cultural conflicts, ethnic identity nostalgia, alienation, and isolation.

Introduction :-

South Asian Diaspora Literature, especially that written by Indian migrant women writers, has established itself in the contemporary literary scene. Readers throughout the world now perceive the writings of Diaspora women differently because of their works. They diverge from the typical diaspora literary themes and characters. This divergence increases the value of their contribution. The female writers mentioned in this article are prominent figures in South Asian Diaspora literature. They have given the foundation for a novel viewpoint on literature from the diaspora. Bharati Mukherjee is a writer from the South Asian Diaspora who predominantly writes for women. All her characters have a deep link to India and its culture, even though she considers herself a mainstream American author. Mukherjee praises American women's access

to better living conditions. She nevertheless keeps illustrating the difficulties faced by immigrant women in their new nation.

Bharati Mukherjee and Chitra Divakaruni are first-generation immigrants, but Jhumpa Lahiri is a second-generation immigrant. There isn't a direct comparison between both in terms of writing period, though. I want to investigate how immigrant women were portrayed throughout history to back up my claims. They have diverse writing styles when they discuss immigration experiences. Jhumpa Lahiri, who was born and reared outside of India, uses her characters to illustrate how difficult life can be for children of immigrants. They face their fair share of problems in the household and in society. Even though immigrants choose to remain in their chosen nation rather than go back to their native country, the transformation or integration process is rarely simple. They need to put up a lot of fighting to relocate. They experience the trauma of traveling. They also contend with hatred from Americans. To tackle the challenges of living overseas, they must make compromises and face unexpected challenges.

The story of an Indian woman, Jasmine, by Bharati Mukherjee, starts with her birth and early years in a small town in India. It goes on to describe her immigration to America, her battle to find herself, and her eventual transformation into an American. Her spouse gives her the new name Jasmine after they get married. "He wanted to transform me into a different kind of city lady and dismantle the Jyobeen to that I had been to in Hasnapur. He gave me a new name, Jasmine, to help me move on from the past. I switched between the two names. With this modification, she ceases to be a member of a 'visible minority' and becomes another immigrant. Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni investigates how the hard realities of immigrant women's lives in America contrast with their unrealistic expectations.

I've depicted the difficulty that female immigrant characters encounter in their new nation. I would assert that the term 'diaspora' indicates an interest in concepts like hybridity, culture, multiculturalism, globalization, ethnic groups, class, and gender as well as geographical locations, displacements, and relocation as well as histories, memories, and languages to support the underlying assumptions of various representations of immigrant women.

It also has something in common with issues like the difficulty of immigrants assimilating, identity conflicts, the fluidity of identities, and socio-cultural crises. These challenges frequently lead to identity breakdown, sociocultural conflict, cross-border issues, etc. The youngsters consequently lose the distinction between their parents' native cultures and the cultures of their immediate surroundings. Loss of identity and alienation are results of this feeling of being "in-between." According to critics like Steven Vertovec, second-generation diaspora tends to be more exposed to "the crosscurrent culture of different fields" (Vertovec: 290) in his book "Three Meaning of Diaspora: Between Third World and First. "As a result, K.S. Dhanman writes in the

book 'Negotiating with the New Culture' that Divakaruni's works are primarily aimed at women of all races and religions who share a similar feminine experience".

Each of her heroines must navigate the conflicting cultural and religious restrictions... She also compares the experiences and viewpoints of first-generation immigrants with those of their children who were born and raised abroad. Naturally, it also touches on the struggle between two identities that Indian Americans endure. She successfully combines Western ethos with Eastern ideals because she has her finger on the diasporic pulse. Her literary style and affiliation with a bold new world that is emerging.

Thus, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni can be considered one of the most prolific first-generation diasporic writers who uses her writing to explore different facets of identity, nostalgia, struggle, magic realism, traditions, and alienation. Although her characters struggle to adjust to a new identity in a multicultural nation like the US, they never give up when faced with the challenge of adapting to this new existence. Instead, their zeal to battle against all the difficulties instills a subliminal message of optimism in the readers. concerns like identity crisis, cross-cultural beliefs, emotional and psychological breakdown, and longing for one's home country are key themes in her books and short tales, along with many other concerns pertaining to immigrant populations. If we follow the tradition of diasporic literature, Jhumpa Lahiri doesn't portray herself as a typical second-generation diasporic author; instead, she tries to portray herself as a more first-generation author, where we typically find nostalgia for one's native home, loss of identity, and the pain of displacement. She stated the following in an interview with Brati Biswas: "I still find it very difficult to think of myself as an American." Compared to their children, migrants experience exile's difficulties more directly and distressingly. They also experience loneliness, a persistent sense of estrangement, knowledge of, and longing for, a lost world. On the other hand, the issue for immigrant children and those who have strong ties to their nation of origin is that they do not feel either way. Growing up, I was troubled by the notion that there was no one palace to which I truly belonged. It no longer disturbs me as much" (Biswas 2002: 187–188).

An immigrant who is experiencing loneliness as a psychological condition feels profound emptiness and loneliness. Being alone is more than just missing someone else's companionship. It is the sensation of being distant, cut off from, and/or isolated from others, which makes life tough or even frequently makes one feel empty or melancholy on the inside. Those who are lonely frequently experience feelings of estrangement or separation from the outside world. Her book *The Namesake* explores the struggles of immigrants in a strange nation, the yearnings of exile, and the psychological perplexity of cross-cultural conundrums. The issues of cultural alienation and loss of identity are still being developed throughout the book. She makes an effort

to confine the cultural difficulties and experiences of the Ganguli family's 30-year fight for assimilation and integration.

The immigrants from the continent who are Lahiri's main characters must deal with cultural reflection. They experience a struggle of consciousness between their native and foreign selves. Through alienation, intercultural struggle, and hybrid culture, they are recognized as an unpleasant race as they travel towards home and identity. She has given their topics universality by deftly defining the personalities of her tortured characters. She uses imaginative reconstructions rather than the conventional sound and fury to create genuine social documents on anguished souls. Given that it covers the lives of an immigrant Indian American family, *The Namesake* is an illustration of a diasporic novel. Jhumpa Lahiri's loving and nuanced depiction of family life and Indian immigrants attempting to balance their Indian roots and the American ambition won her praise from critics.

The idea of multiculturalism promotes the coexistence of various civilizations. It does not directly advocate for uniformity and conformity. Additionally, it discourages openly disparaging and alienating other members of a society's many ethnic, religious, racial, and linguistic groups to permanently harm or destroy that society. *The Namesake* is a wonderful comparison for Lahiri's account of the peculiarities of Indian immigrants' experiences in the United States, and that is also somewhat accurate because the life of an immigrant child begins in a place that is essentially in the middle of nowhere. Even if Gogol and Lahiri are American, they are not fully considered Americans, in part because they are not acknowledged as such by other people.

The tale also demonstrates the cultural challenges immigrants have in a new culture. Through the search for the identities of her characters, she has attempted to answer all these issues with poise. Only after experiencing cultural mismatch does the second generation of the Diaspora discover its roots. The establishment of new identities, places for growth, dispute resolution, and a new culture are all major themes in the diaspora. Lahiri demonstrates how immigrants gradually adopt the cultural practices of the host nation despite their zeal to uphold their own cultural beliefs and customs. Children who are raised to be bilingual and bicultural are more likely to experience cultural conflicts and displacement.

Conclusion :-

In conclusion, it can be argued that two generations of diasporic women writers, including Bharati Mukherjee, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, and Jhumpa Lahiri, have depicted a variety of aspects of human life, such as the gender discourse issue and alienation in a foreign area. Their own experiences aid in their comprehension of and ability to convey the joys, sufferings, and other difficulties faced by women. In general, most of the tales they told revolved on the theme of trying to find one's own identity as well as the journeys of Indian women who were living in new and diasporic

environments to do so. The reason the authors of the current study chose to focus on Bharati Mukherjee, Jhumpa Lahiri, and Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni is that they are all well-known authors with a diasporic sensibility who have addressed a variety of issues that immigrants face in different cultural contexts to give them a voice. Society will gain from the current study by spreading the authors' messages. Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni explores diverse elements of diaspora and emphasizes the worth of a person's emancipation, whereas Jhumpa Lahiri emphasizes the value of cultural diversity and the need to acknowledge the universality of human existence.

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A Review on Impact of Television Commercials on Consumer Buying Behaviour of Branded Cloths in Nagpur City

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Abstract :

Companies invest much in various media in an attempt to influence buyer behaviour. Commercials across various platforms use different approaches to capture users' interest. As a consequence of digitization, people's habits around watching television have changed. As a result, there has to be a greater emphasis on learning how publicity affects behavior of consumer. This article analyses the impact of various forms of advertising on consumers' pre- and post-purchase mindsets and behaviour. In this study, an online questionnaire was used. For this research, a total of 529 schoolchildren in India were questioned. The Kruskal-Wallis test was used to examine the data. Advertisements in newspapers was demonstrated to have an effect throughout all five stages of CB. Customers' AWR, INT, and CON are all shown to be significantly influenced by media such as television and the Internet. Clients' tendency to buy PUR and PPUR were also shown to be significantly influenced by the reading of print periodicals like newspapers and magazines. Executives in the advertising industry may utilise this research to help them create less biased advertisements.

Keywords – Television advertisement, Brands, Purchasing pattern, consumer behaviour

Introduction

It is important to understand how commercials on television affect consumer behaviour in order to analyse customer perception and the brand effect on purchase habits for branded clothing. The analysis may be broken down into the following parts: Aesthetics and Narrative - Branded clothing commercials on television often highlight design, current styles, and narrative. Examine the models, dress, and cinematography to determine how they affect the audience's impression. Analyse how well brand stories are able to communicate the company's mission and values to target audiences. Is there an emotional connection between the ad and its target audience? Brand identity and reputation: Analyse how the brand's principles, personality, and market position are presented in the commercial. Find out whether the

commercial contributes to or detracts from the brand's reputation. Does it fit in with the bigger picture for the brand? Famous people's support: Consider how the presence of the celebrity influences the target audience's reaction to the ad. Can you tell whether the public equates the celebrity with the brand's ideals?

Examine the issue of whether or not well-known people endorsing a product helps it seem more reliable to consumers. Easily Understandable and Recallable Message: Think about how easy it is to understand the ad's message. Is it simple for customers to grasp what your brand stands for and what you have to offer? See if you can find out how memorable the commercial is. Does it make an impression that viewers will remember when they go clothing shopping? Emotional Resonance and Client Identification: Determine whether the commercial makes the target audience feel anything (such as joy, assurance, or ambition) and how that affects their opinion of the product. Find out whether the commercial manages to strike a chord with its intended readers.

Surveys and comments from customers: Find out how people feel about the marketed brands by conducting surveys and listening to their comments. Investigate the impact of ads on customers' purchase decisions by questioning them directly. Buying Intentions and Habits: Determine whether viewers' intentions to make a purchase have changed as a result of the commercials they've seen on TV. Do people want to go out and purchase the branded clothing that's advertised? Market research may be used to determine whether or not consumer spending patterns reflect the influence of advertising. Rivalry and Market Share - Analyse the results of TV commercials for competing brands in the same market. Determine whether advertising efforts have an effect on brand competitiveness by analysing changes in market share and brand rankings. Immediate vs. Future Consequences: Think about whether the consequences of TV commercials are more rapid (a surge in sales) or more long-lasting (a rise in brand loyalty). The Social and Cultural Setting: - Think about the people and the society that will be exposed to the commercials. Does the ad reflect current moral conventions?

Measure the growth in sales and income from a television advertising campaign against the cost of the campaign to determine the return on investment (ROI). Combining qualitative and quantitative approaches is necessary for a comprehensive study of TV commercials' effects on consumers and brands. It's crucial to keep an eye on how consumers are behaving and to adjust marketing plans accordingly to keep up with shifting tastes and preferences in the market. More insight into how TV commercials affect consumer demand for branded clothing may be gleaned by accounting for the effect of digital advertising and the convergence of online and offline channels.

Literature Review

Some of the more common forms of media in the nation are television and radio, both of which use broadcast technology to reach a huge audience (Farooq & Latif, 2021; Fill, 2019). In India, publications are an essential form of information. This is due to the fact that it is legal in all 50 states. India is the largest newspaper market in the world, with over 330 million copies produced and delivered daily (Jayaraj, 2021). Television and print media are two of the most widely used conventional forms of advertising (Statista, 2016). Ad spending on television in India was 44.7% of the total, with print ads taking up just 29.8%. With an annual growth rate of 15.5% (Pahwa, 2017), digital advertising budgets rose to #3 in the market.

Following Reliance JIO's introduction to the Indian telecom market, the number of internet users has increased dramatically.

Because of its complex structure, the Internet is much more engaging to read than conventional print media. Unlike readers of newspapers and magazines, those who rely on the Internet may pick what they want to see at any given time (Bezjian-Avery, Calder, & Iacobucci, 2008). In this study, the word "internet" refers to a wide variety of digital platforms (Ducoffe, 2006; Gilaninia, Taleghani, & Karimi, 2022; Mishra & Vashiath, 2019). It was discussed how different forms of media have different impacts, and it was decided that cross-platform advertising had a significant influence on people's ultimate purchases. Choosing the right medium is essential for marketing products and services (Singh, 2022). Since customers are more likely to believe commercials than any other source of information, media mix decisions are crucial for marketers (Shrivastava, 2014).

Different degrees of consumer behaviour are theorised to correspond to different types of marketing in certain CB theories. Ranjbarian, Shaemi, and Jolodar (2021) found that ads on television influenced the attention, curiosity, and hedonism of viewers. According to Nysveen and Breivik (2015), radio advertising have little impact on consumers' thoughts and behaviours. The five stages of CB were considered in just a minority of research. In this research, we set out to learn how CB is affected by various types of marketing over time. This study has significant practical application to the current condition of the advertising industry as it will shed light on the optimal mix of traditional and digital media.

Objectives of the study

- To identify the relationship between advertising and consumer behaviour
- To assess the consumer behaviour towards branded clothes

Methodology

A convenience sample of 325 students was used to administer a standardised questionnaire. Respondents were male and female college and graduate students from the Indian state of Maharashtra studying in the city of Nagpur. The poll was taken in a digital format. Each student's single answer was averaged. There were 300 usable replies after excluding those that were just partially there for analysis.

Discussion

To see to reveal the information was fit for the use of factor analysis, researchers employed Bartlett's test and the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) test. With a KMO of 0.93 and a statistically significant finding from Bartlett's test, it's safe to say that the factor analysis was fruitful. A tabulated summary of the results may be seen underneath. As the total of the variances caused by each component was more than 0.5, there was a great deal of variation. EFA was used to do a factor analysis. All factor loadings were over 0.50, the minimum value considered reliable.

Table 6. KMO and Bartlett's Test

KMO and Bartlett's Test	
Kaiser–Meyer–Olkin measure of sampling adequacy	0.890
Bartlett's test of sphericity	Sig. 001

Newspaper advertising have a considerable impact on readers' AWR, INT, CON, PUR,

and PPUR. In addition, since newspaper reading is so habitual, newspaper ads affect CB throughout its life cycle. Newspaper advertisements have been shown to have a bigger effect on PURDEC than any other kind of media. This research also showed that newspaper advertisements do have a considerable effect on PURDEC. For this reason, newspaper ads continue to be as successful as ever, second only to television. In addition, PUR and PPUR behaviours are significantly influenced by magazine advertisements. Online marketing has a significant impact on the AWR, INT, and CON stages of the consumer decision-making process. Ahmed (2017) also discovered that online marketing is more successful before the PUR stage than during the PUR or PPUR stages, therefore our result is in line with his. In summary, the findings demonstrated that watching television and internet ads affects the AWR, INT, and CON stages of CB. Magazines are at their best during the CB phases of PUR and PPUR. However, CB was unaffected by radio ads at any moment. Publications are unique among media in that they affect CB on every level.

Conclusion

In today's era of the internet, customers are bombarded with many advertisements. Administration must devise a media mix plan to break above the clutter and create an impact. Marketers that care about return on investment (ROI) should only spend their money on advertising proven to increase ROI. A number of investigations have examined the impact of ads on CB. Despite the importance of considering all five stages of CB, very few research have done so. This is the unique and important academic takeaway from the research. This research shows that newspaper advertising had an effect all over every phase of CB. Newspapers and magazines are a significant information resource that impacts PUR and PPUR behaviour, which is the study's second key conclusion. Brand executives often contribute substantial funds for advertising initiatives. New laws recently put into effect by the Indian government limit commercial airtime at 12 minutes each hour. TV advertisement costs have therefore risen. In 2016, Patanjali's adverts appeared on 1.14 million television and radio programmes. Patanjali's meteoric rise in only three years is a testament to the power of well selected media and calculated advertising. In order to increase AWR, generate INT, instill CON, and effect PUR and PPUR via marketing, advertisers may utilise the results of this research to guide their choices on what advertising networks to use.

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STUDY ON SKILL ENRICHMENT STRATEGIES LEADING TO EMPLOYABILITY GROWTH OF GRADUATES IN VIDARBHA REGION

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ABSTRACT :

Skills like interaction, problem-solving, preparing and organising, social, inspiration, mentality, leadership, collaboration, decision making, computer, studying, and working were all identified in this study of employability skills between management students. This study used an inferential statistical methodology. Students in their last year of college and faculty members were asked for their thoughts. The information for the research came from questionnaires filled out by both management students and professors. The secondary data was gathered from scholarly articles, theses, and journals. Frequency distribution and the Friedman Test in SPSS were used to analyse and evaluate the employability abilities of management students. The findings indicate a statistically significant divide between academics' and students' views on the effectiveness of current approaches to teaching Management's employability skills. Findings also revealed a statistically significant divide between faculty and student opinions on the management program's effectiveness in honing certain skill sets.

Keywords : employability skills, statistical methodology, SPSS, Management's employability skills etc.

Introduction

Obtaining a formal education is essential for building employable skills and entering the workforce prepared. Here are a few of the most important ways in which formal education

helps hone employability skills: Reading, writing, arithmetic, and communicating are only a few of the basic abilities that may be learned in school. These talents are the foundation for more specialised skills that are necessary in practically every profession. Ability to Think Critically and Solve Problems: Learning helps develop these skills. Skills like critical thinking, problem solving, and analysis are developed in students and are applicable in many fields. Schools often provide students with the opportunity to acquire specialised skills relevant to the workforce via technical and vocational education programmes. These courses may help students become ready for employment in areas including auto repair, nursing, and IT.

Teamwork, time management, flexibility, and interpersonal communication are just some of the "soft skills" that students should expect to hone throughout their schooling. These abilities help you operate well with others in the office, whether they are coworkers or superiors. Knowledge in a Particular subject: Individuals with advanced degrees, such as those earned at a college or university, gain knowledge in a particular subject. For highly specialised fields like health, engineering, law, and finance, this information is essential. Knowledge on how to do research and analyse data are essential in the academic world. Students that participate in such activities gain the foundational skills necessary for success in research-based or analytical fields, including the capacity to conduct independent research, analyse data, and form valid conclusions.

Internships, seminars, and other school-sponsored activities that bring together students, instructors, and professionals all serve as prime networking opportunities. Connecting with the right people may help you in your job search and enhance your career. Education broadens students' horizons by introducing them to new concepts, cultures, and points of view. Their horizons will be widened and their ability to function in a multiethnic environment will be enhanced as a result. Lifelong Education is emphasised in classroom instruction. The capacity for change and the acquisition of new abilities is essential in today's labour market. A good education inspires lifelong curiosity and a desire to keep learning.

Literature Review

The gap between business students' knowledge and the needs of the workforce was investigated by Alshare and Sewailem (2018). Twenty essential talents for success in the global economy of the twenty-first century were evaluated. The results indicate a discrepancy between the abilities of business students and those required by employers. Also, different companies and business professors place different values on these abilities. Teachers place more value on "hard" talents, while workers emphasise "soft" ones. The results of this research are critical for business owners and hiring managers in closing the skills gap.

According to research by Dandu et al. (2019), many MBA recipients are unable to find work because they lack self-assurance and practical work experience. The study mainly demonstrated the effectiveness of teaching English during the MBA and the ambiguity of poor academic preparation in rural high schools. Even in their final semesters, many graduates lack the requisite communication skills to successfully navigate the network of campuses where they will be placed. The knowledge of management students' employability skills during summer internships was investigated by Bist, Mehta, Mehta, and Meghrajani (2020). Internship students were shown to have low levels of competence across a range of aspects, including communication, problem solving, interpretation, and market understanding.

Sehrawat and Pillai (2018) compared the management education and employment rates of graduates from business schools in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities in India. According to their research, universities should tailor their curricula to the demands of businesses, and it is the B-School's primary duty to ensure that its graduates are both professionally and personally well-rounded. The faculty at a business school should be given a good platform for qualitative research leading to management education without being overburdened with other management tasks. Technology should be used in business schools so that educators may be highly qualified. The paper also discusses a two-year plan for methodical expansion in the number of management graduates.

According to Prasad et al. (2018), those who work in management are prospering in the modern economy. The fundamental challenge for business schools has been producing competent managers who can adapt to constant change. Management education in businesses must similarly focus on preparing students for productive employment and effective operations. Various elements that may affect students' employment have been identified. Factor analysis revealed that all items had some positive inter-item association, although low. To guarantee that graduates in management have the necessary competence, efficient behaviour mandates that they undergo field surveys, internships, and twinning efforts throughout their schooling.

Objectives of the study

- To investigate the impact of the Management Program's curriculum and pedagogy on graduates' chances of securing a job.
- To determine whether or not graduates are adequately prepared for the workforce;

Methodology

Any study has to have a solid foundation, and that foundation is the methodology used to conduct the study. In this research, MBA students and professors share their perspectives. The needs of local businesses and the business school curricula are taken into account while designing the survey. Based on student and faculty feedback, this research examines potential strategies for boosting students' employability. Therefore, in order to accomplish the aforementioned goals, two separate surveys are being constructed.

Discussion & Result

Table 1: Friedman Specialisation assessment for management majors

Test Statistics ^a	
Chi-Square	4.321
df	6
Asymp. Sig.	.045

a. Friedman Test

Friedman testing revealed statistically significant differences amongst MBA concentrations in terms of their marketability to employers ($2(6) = 4.321, p = 0.045$).

Table 2: Teaching methods and job-readiness abilities in a Friedman analysis

Test Statistics ^a	
Chi-Square	45.652

df	9
Asymp. Sig.	.001

a. Friedman Test

The Friedman test showed that there was a statistically significant difference between the two groups' approaches to teaching the same set of abilities that increases one's marketability in the workplace as a runner.

The findings reveal that there is a wide gap between the perspectives of students and business instructors on the most important skills for business students to learn and the most effective ways to teach such abilities. For instance, there are discrepancies between academics' and students' views on the effectiveness of various instructional approaches in imparting employability. The most common methods of instruction in management programmes include lectures, role plays, and case analysis. There is little evidence that simulation games or MOOCs have a substantial influence. There is also some evidence that methods including project work, internships, lectures by industry experts, and group debate may help improve employability skills. Furthermore, this report's findings would inform educators about the latest skills and competences most in demand by companies, allowing them to better integrate them into existing courses. According to the research, there may be a gap between what business students believe they are learning in college and what employers really want. Current findings may be used to formulate recommendations for filling the knowledge gap.

Conclusion

Even if you have a degree in your field, there's no substitute for getting your hands dirty and learning on the job. Many companies base their recruiting choices on a candidate's educational background and level of relevant work experience. Internships, apprenticeships, and co-op programmes are examples of work-based learning programmes that may complement a student's formal education by providing hands-on experience and marketable skills. If we want to increase the employability of today's kids, we need to make adjustments to the way management is taught in schools. This is because technical progress and internationalisation have accelerated the rate at which knowledge becomes obsolete. The research sheds insight on how students and faculty members alike assess the employability abilities of recent management graduates. The results of this survey provide important insight into the present state of students' employability abilities and the gap between academics' and students' perspectives on this topic. The study's findings may help management professors and schools better understand how to train students so that they are more marketable after graduation. Because of this, it is anticipated that both academic institutions teaching management and recruiters would gain insight into the employability abilities of young management students through this research.

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Generation Challenges and Difficulties in Chetan Bhagat's Fiction

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Abstract :-

The goal of this article is to examine many perspectives on these intertwined identity and cultural concerns. It appears Bhagat's works touch on issues that many people deal with since he speaks about these subjects in the most straightforward way he can, without any frills or pretensions. The basis of the most fundamental issue, which is lost youth, may be traced back to the traditional upbringing that has been a part of Indian social and cultural tradition. The socio-cultural facets of Indian society were given special emphasis by Chetan Bhagat. His topics are frequently inspired by India and by people's everyday existence. The difficulty with making love, according to the study, is that even if everyone is aware of youth culture, attitudes, behaviors, desires, and sexual connections. The researcher will attempt to analyze the solutions put forth by the authors through the analysis of their novels. Bhagat views child-rearing practices and ideals as one of the primary reasons of issues and disputes between the two generations, along with religion, politics, and ideology.

Key words : - Identity, cultural issues, psychological, socio-cultural challenges, race, work and traditional values.

Introduction :-

Chetan Bhagat has shown how revolution happened in this book. Nothing remains when honesty is considered. Gopal's fraud against Raghav demonstrates his loss of morality. Raghav always yearned to be a voice; therefore he chose a career in journalism that would raise awareness among people and alter the social, political, and educational landscape. Gopal, Arati, and Raghav are examples of individuals with various worldviews who live in this quick-changing world and demonstrate how to influence the system. Gopal wants to increase his financial gain from liberal arts education. *One Night at the Call Centre* by Chetan Bhagat paints a realistic portrait of BPO life. In the backdrop of societal change and an economic downturn, it discusses gender-accepted behavior and middle-class social institutions.

The disagreement becomes more violent when age and generational considerations are taken into account. Intergenerational conflict at work is a fact that both generations must cope with. It is claimed that intergenerational conflict at work frequently results from the gap in values between generations. Prejudices towards the elder generation and the idea that they are a threat frequently deepen the gap. Young people frequently rebel against these institutions and their authority figures, just as conventional institutions and their rulers frequently display prejudice and rigidity. Younger generations are profoundly disturbed and dissatisfied by the influx of manpower and rigid organizational structures that do not exhibit the ability or desire to evolve with the times.

For young adults, it is vital to understand peer pressure, sociocultural and economic standing, and connections with authority authorities, to name just a few. The primary character is usually a young person, and the reader can often relate to the character through going through similar emotions and circumstances. People who read about issues they can relate to tend to feel more assured about their own life experiences. The number of fiction novels written for children or readers under the age of 12 was outnumbered by the number of books published for young adult readers or those beyond the age of 12 at the advent of the twenty-first century, albeit this pattern saw a positive shift. Young adult novels must at the very least feature a teenage protagonist who deals with adolescent-related difficulties.

Because the age being discussed might be seen as a period of change in a person's life, many works of young adult fiction are referred to as "coming of age" literature. In these books, the main character struggles to navigate through life on her own without the help or support of grownups while learning essential lessons about the world. Parental control was respected by the community and was seen as a normal way of life, earning respect rather than animosity. But gradually, things began to shift, and the notion of the generational divide emerged. There are several causes of the generational conflict in Indian society.

Although there have always been some generational disparities, they are now much more pronounced than they were in the past due to the speeding up of change on a worldwide basis. After gaining independence, India developed slowly, and due to tradition and patriotism, little of Indian society had been westernized. As time went on, more and more people started relocating to bigger cities, dividing the populations of the urban and rural areas. The nature of the young people drew them to metropolitan life. This gap gradually grew until it exploded in the 1990s as a result of the development of television, pagers, mobile phones, and computers.

Technology has significantly altered people's lifestyles, and as we can see now, young people are now totally dependent on them. The elder generation, however, was firmly in favour of their customary methods of functioning. Many of them still live alone, despite the fact that some of them have adapted to the new winds of change. Bhagat's characters consistently exhibit a sense of hope, which is another thing that stands out while examining his works. In his usually modern Indian situations and plots, he addresses the theme of generational struggle in terms of current social challenges. His topics and narratives are varied and consistent with the prevailing social and historical conditions.

As a result, the system finds it difficult to work. Because they virtually always disappoint the younger generation with their apathetic way of life, the existing offices, organisations, and institutions in the Indian government sector serve as an example. This concept of

intergenerational struggle is extensively included in Bhagat's writings and characters, albeit subtly rather than blatantly. He only has three Five Point characters: Ryan, Hari, and Alok. Someone is always at conflict with the authorities in their institutions, the conventional educational system, as well as their parents and the absurdly high expectations they have for them. Readers can relate to Shyam, Priyanka, or Radhika, among other ambitious but weak characters written by Bhagat. *One Night at the Call Centre* by Chetan Bhagat introduces readers to the world of the international call industry.

The novel's characters no longer even have names; instead, they have new, hip Western aliases that they use to amuse callers. Due to their access to the other world, their identities are muddled. According to Dr. R. Vadivelraja, "Cultures are the results of efforts to still the flux of cultural hybridity. Cultures do not come together and lead to hybrid forms. As a result, civilizations emerge after the process of hybridization rather than before it (11).

In his book *2 States*, Chetan Bhagat discusses how cultural differences serve as an initial obstacle to intercultural communication. This romance tale centers on the characters Krish and Ananya, who get close to one another while attending college. depends on his love story, which led to a successful marriage. Ananya and Krish both refer to two distinct Indian provinces, Panjab, and Chennai, respectively. Their marriage's challenges and hiccups are highlighted. There are autobiographical components in this book. In this piece, he has emphasized nationalism. The people in the book try to ease their worries by laughing, and the book is filled with humor. Chetan emphasised the outmoded social tendencies to create connections in their own society and challenges readers to reconsider its value. Should we accept a social structure when relationships lack love and understanding?

The primary factor attributed to Krish's introverted attitude is his parents' unhappy marriage, which is full of complaints. He accurately captures the predicament and circumstance facing today's youth who lack a fulfilling parental life. Chetan implies that for there to be mutual understanding between parents and children. His characters value interpersonal relationships. They portray the challenges that come with living this life. They make the message known. Even though it's difficult, it's not impossible. Life would not be worth living without this relationship's warmth. Chetan Bhagat brought up the issue of rampant debasement that permeates the Indian educational system and the great Indian education race in *Revolution 2020*. How can India avoid it given that call centers have spread their branches across the globe? India has also grown to be a key market for call centers. Call centers have come to represent the nation's expanding service industry. The author of the book made an effort to recreate the working and living situations of call center employees. Being a BPO employee is not an easy job because you have to stay up all night answering stupid inquiries from superior and abusive Americans. *One Night @ the Call Centre* is a tale about unrequited love, pursued dreams, and the absence of familial warmth, as well as the rigors of a patriarchal system and the global workplace.

Additionally, it paints a disturbing image of how the social script's components are always altering. Its narrative seems less like a tale and more like reality. On their first date, Shyam and Priyanka had meaningful conversations about some important issues facing modern society. Shyam criticizes the mindset of politicians who don't care about the opinions of the people. Together with his two pals Ishaan and Omi, he opens a store selling sporting goods. Bittoo

Mama, a supporter of Hindutva, has come to invite them to Parekh-ji's gathering. Chetan Bhagat portrays the scene of the meeting's blending of politics and religion in a very realistic manner. It is straightforward, Omi responded when Govind asked him about the individuals it was harming here and there. The priests and other holy men from the city are the people in saffron. Political party members are individuals in white (Bhagat 41).

Conclusion : -

Bhagat has shared his youthful perspective on human interactions and difficulties. With this, he brought attention to elements of the educational system that young people find particularly troubling, such as the need for change and the political and socioeconomic outlook on India and Indian youth. Chetan Bhagat makes an effort through his books to delve deeply into the rage, frustration, depression, sorrow, solitude, and other emotions that Indian adolescents experience. No spot can be found that criticizes Indian culture or sensitivities. However, he did stress the necessity for change because of globalization, which exposes us to different cultures. His works are huge hits that reflect the rebellious mindset of the current generation in Indian metropolises. He is one of the writers that today's young enjoy the most because of his straightforward language and style as well as the way he addresses current issues. This is how the young India is portrayed in his compositions. Even though he is generally disregarded by critics, this may very well be considered a key element in his appeal to many young Indian readers. Despite Chetan Bhagat's fame and economic success, there is considerable debate regarding his place in the canon of writers. Furthermore, some detractors have asserted that Chetan Bhagat's books aren't novels in the classic sense. Chetan Bhagat has been described to as the "Salman Khan of the Indian book industry" by some critics because of his unwavering belief that anything he publishes will be a commercial success.

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Assessing the Impact of Government Policies on Micro Enterprise Growth and Development

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Abstract:

Many nations' market economies rely heavily on micro companies since they make up the vast majority of businesses there. They are at the centre of the market economy as the primary drivers of new employment opportunities. Micro-businesses have been shown to be an integral part of the success and expansion of national economies in advanced nations. Making policies in the realm of entrepreneurship is difficult and chaotic. The degrees of entrepreneurialism are affected by several different Government policies. Multiple variables will determine the optimal policy mix, including people's general feelings about starting businesses, the makeup of the labour force, the magnitude and scope of government, the prevalence of entrepreneurial activity, and the number of microbusinesses already in operation. As a direct source of income and employment, local micro-enterprises are a typical policy focus for governments looking to reduce poverty. This article assesses the effectiveness of government programmes and aid for Micro enterprises, as well as the performance of these businesses. This article focuses on the emergence of micro-enterprises in India and the role that entrepreneurship has played in their success. It also takes into account the role that microbusinesses play in creating jobs throughout the nation. Microbusinesses' roles and the nature of the global market both have evolved significantly. The only way for a corporation to make it in the modern world is if its leaders are full of energy and initiative. According to our analysis of historical data on the expansion of microenterprises, we discovered that nations that placed a greater emphasis on their entrepreneurial development programmes had the greatest expansion of their microenterprises.

Key words: Micro business, Entrepreneurship, Government policies, entrepreneurial activity etc

INTRODUCTION

The expansion of micro-enterprises in India relies heavily on government policies aimed

at encouraging entrepreneurship. A micro-enterprise is a tiny firm that employs 10 people or less despite having minimal resources and personnel. They play a major role in India's economy while operating in the shadows. Here's a rundown of the ways in which public policy might foster innovation and new business formation in this field: Through programmes like the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), which offers collateral-free loans to small firms, government policies may help micro-enterprises get access to financing. It is essential for the success of micro-businesses that they have access to low-interest loans. Small businesses may overcome bureaucratic obstacles with the help of government policies that make it easier for them to register, get licences, and comply with regulations. More people will be motivated to launch firms and register them if these steps are simplified.

Governments may encourage entrepreneurship in certain industries or geographic areas by providing financial support in the form of grants, tax credits, and other forms of financial assistance. These may help micro-business owners get off the ground by easing the financial strain of starting a company. Micro-business owners may benefit from training programmes funded by the government by developing their skills and expanding their knowledge base. Many topics, from company management to practical abilities, may be addressed in such courses. By encouraging e-commerce, easing export possibilities, and providing assistance for market connections, governments may help micro-enterprises gain access to previously inaccessible markets. Because of this, micro-businesses are able to attract customers from farther afield.

Adopting Technology: Increasing the competitiveness of small businesses by encouraging the use of technology and digital tools. Business owners may get training and financial incentives from government programmes like Digital India. Micro-business owners often may not qualify for health insurance or other forms of social security. The government may fill this void by expanding welfare benefits to include these people. Improvements in transit, logistics, and internet access are just a few examples of how microbusinesses might benefit from infrastructure spending. Raw material and market accessibility may be enhanced by investments in infrastructure as well.

If micro-entrepreneurs are certain that their ideas and innovations will be protected by strong intellectual property rights protection, they will be more likely to innovate and be creative. Targeted measures to encourage entrepreneurship among women, minorities, and disadvantaged groups may help build a more welcoming business climate and release the untapped business potential of traditionally underserved groups. Stable and predictable regulations are crucial to the development of micro-enterprises. Constantly shifting rules have the potential to stymie commercial operations and dampen the spirit of enterprise. **Environmental sustainability:** micro-enterprises may save money and gain access to markets that value eco-friendly goods and services if they are encouraged to adopt sustainable practises via legislation and incentives.

Literature Review

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, a small firm is one that does not exceed 99 employees. Businesses with 100 to 199 workers are classified as medium-sized, while those with 200 or more are called massive. To wit: (Macgregor et al., 2007).

The United States uses a definition based on the company's location in the market. In the

United States, the SBA establishes sector-specific minimum and maximum company sizes. (MIEC, 2003).

In several nations, the legal and statistical meanings are often seen as interchangeable. Canada, Greece, Portugal, Mexico, and the Slovak Republic all fall within this category. That's according to a study (Lindner, 2005).

There is a difference between the legal term and the statistical definition in most EU nations. The EU guideline 2003/361/EC is the basis for the legal definition, which takes into consideration factors such as the size of the organisation, its yearly revenue, the health of its financial sheet, and its autonomy. Some countries (including Italy, Hungary, and Moldova) have lowered their monetary cutoffs. The Netherlands and Spain are two EU members without a unified legal and administrative definition. There is no formal definition in use in Denmark, France, Norway, or Switzerland. In Japan, a company's size category is determined by its regular employees in addition to its capital or investment, albeit minimums change depending on the industry. In Korea, too, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are categorised according to their total number of employees, total capital, and total annual sales. In the United States, small firms are defined by the number of workers they have, with the exception of service industries, where yearly revenue is utilised instead. The statistical definition often relies on headcount or considers a combination of permanent and temporary workers. However, there are a few nations that do not separate the gathering of SME data from other statistics; these countries include the United States, New Zealand, Germany, and Denmark. That's according to a study (Lindner, 2005).

Objectives of the study :

- In order to investigate how government policies affect the growth of micro enterprises.
- To evaluate success up till 2019–20 based on how much they help create new jobs and inspire new business owners in India.

Research Methodology

The study is descriptive in nature. Secondary data is used from the government documents, data published in official gazettes, annual reports and ministry of micro, small and medium enterprises.

Discussion

The make-up of India's micro-businesses is shown in the following Graph. The breakdown of microbusinesses into their component parts per industry is also shown below. The largest concentration of businesses in this sector is in the manufacturing industry (67%) while the service sector accounts for 33%.

Graph 1: The MSME in India are broken down here.

Government Policies for the micro-businesses in India:

Making policies in the realm of entrepreneurship is difficult and chaotic. Regulation, commerce, the labour market, regional development, social and even gender policies are all examples of governmental policy that may have an impact on the prevalence of entrepreneurship. The amount of entrepreneurial activity, the preponderance of micro-businesses, the size and function of government, and the prevalent views of the public all play a role in determining the optimal combination of policy alternatives. The authors

(Lundstrom et al., 2005).

Among the recent policy changes affecting India's small business community are :

The MSME Development Act of 2006 simplified the registration process for new microbusinesses, among other changes. A memorandum must be completed as opposed to the previous, more time-consuming process. Under the new arrangement, the District Industry Centres (DICs) no longer need to oversee the registration of micro-businesses. The law also imposes additional sanctions on suppliers who often miss their payment deadlines. Many times, bigger businesses refuse to pay their smaller suppliers.

Graph 2: Employment generation by Indian registered MSMEs

As can be seen in the above graph, around 69% of India's labour force is employed by micro- and very-small businesses. The industry is defined by its minimal capital expenditure needs, operational adaptability, and geographical portability. After that, 24% of new jobs are created by small businesses. The success of the country's small business sector has been essential in the country's rapid industrial expansion and resulting diversification. Due to their lower required initial investment and high population density, micro and small businesses thrive in India. Finally, just 7% of all jobs created in India are at medium-sized businesses. Therefore, it is crucial that this sector of the Indian economy be not only safeguarded from any potential threats, such as those posed by nature or by humans, but also fostered for the greater good of the nation and its workforce. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in India have been around for a long time. The importance of micro-businesses to national economies has been acknowledged worldwide, in both industrialised countries like the United States and the United Kingdom and developing countries like Malaysia and Indonesia. As of 2016 (Sisodiya).

Conclusion :

India's government supports small business owners in a number of ways. These small enterprises are crucial to economic growth, job creation, and poverty reduction, and the government may assist them by providing an enabling environment that solves difficulties with financing, regulation, training, and access to markets. The emergence of the micro-business as a growth driver may be seen in both established and emerging nations. By significantly contributing to GDP, industrial output, and exports, they have also developed as a thriving and dynamic part of the economy in India. The creation of jobs, however, is the industry's most vital contribution, second only to agriculture. Recent years have seen a steady decline in agricultural employment with the same trend in joblessness in big businesses. The unorganised sector, which includes micro-, small-, and medium-sized businesses, and the service sector, bears the primary burden of creating new jobs under these conditions. The MSMEs industry has been tasked with increasing yearly growth by 12 percent and creating an extra 4.4 million jobs due to its potential and capacity.

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Sedition : An In-depth Analysis of a Controversial Crime

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"Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities." - Voltaire

Abstract :

Sedition law has long been a subject of controversy and debate, embodying the delicate balance between protecting national security and safeguarding individual freedoms. This research paper presents a comprehensive overview of sedition law, examining its historical context, legal frameworks, and the diverse perspectives surrounding its application and implications. It explores how sedition laws have been employed by governments to maintain social order and suppress dissent, often raising concerns about the potential infringement on freedom of speech and expression. Furthermore, this paper examines the scope of sedition laws, their interaction with other legal frameworks, and the potential challenges faced by those enforcing or challenging such laws.

Keywords: Sedition, Freedom of speech, UDHR

Introduction :

Sedition is a concept that has captured the attention of legal scholars, historians, and political activists for centuries. It refers to the act of inciting rebellion or resistance against the established authority of a government, typically through speech, writing, or other forms of expression. Throughout history, sedition laws have been used to suppress dissent, maintain political control, and protect national security. However, the application and interpretation of sedition laws have been subject to intense debate, raising questions about freedom of speech, the balance between security and civil liberties, and the nature of democracy itself.

This article aims to explore the historical, legal, and philosophical aspects of sedition. It will delve into the origins of sedition laws, examine significant sedition cases from different countries, discuss the evolution of sedition laws in the modern era, and explore the complex relationship between sedition and freedom of speech. Additionally, it will analyse the criticisms and controversies surrounding sedition laws, particularly in light of international human rights standards.

Historical Origins of Sedition Laws:

To comprehend the evolution of sedition laws, it is essential to understand their historical origins. Sedition as a concept can be traced back to ancient civilizations, where acts challenging the authority of rulers were considered treasonous. The Roman Empire, for instance, had strict laws against conspiracies and attempts to overthrow the government. These early laws set the groundwork for the development of sedition laws in subsequent societies. Sedition law in India dates back to the colonial era. The genesis of the sedition law can be traced to the Indian Penal Code (IPC) of 1860, which was introduced by the British colonial authorities to govern India. Definition of sedition provided by section 124A of IPC as; "Whoever, by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the Government established by law in India shall be punished with imprisonment for life, to which fine may be added, or with imprisonment which may extend to three years, to which fine may be added, or with fine."

The sedition law was primarily aimed at suppressing any form of dissent or opposition to British colonial rule. It was used to curb nationalist movements and freedom struggles, and many prominent Indian leaders and activists were charged with sedition during the struggle for independence. After independence, the sedition law was retained in the Indian legal system. It was included as Section 124A in the amended Indian Penal Code, which continued any act that brought or attempted to bring hatred or contempt towards the government established by law as an offense.

Over the years, the sedition law has been the subject of debate and criticism. Critics contend that the law is vague and subjective, allowing the authorities to misuse it to squeeze dissent and diminish freedom of expression. They argue it is inconsistent with the principles of democracy and freedom of speech. Recently, there have been several high-profile cases where individuals, including activists, students, and journalists, have been charged under this law for expressing their opinions or criticizing the government. The misuse of the sedition law has sparked a renewed debate about its relevance and necessity in a democratic society.

Sedition and Freedom of Speech and Expression :

One of the most contentious issues surrounding sedition laws is their potential infringement upon freedom of speech. Critics argue that sedition laws can be abused to stifle dissent, suppress political opposition, and curtail civil liberties. This section will examine landmark court cases, legal arguments, and debates surrounding the tension between sedition and freedom of speech, highlighting the delicate balance between protecting national security and upholding democratic values. In India, sedition and freedom of speech are governed by the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Constitution of India, respectively. Here's an overview of sedition laws and freedom of speech in India:

Sedition: Section 124A of the IPC provides the law of sedition as "whoever, by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, brings or attempts to bring hatred or contempt towards the government established by law, shall be punished with imprisonment up to life, along with fines." The interpretation of sedition has been a subject of debate and controversy in India, with concerns raised about its potential misuse to stifle

dissent and criticism.

Freedom of Speech and Expression: Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India provides the fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression. It protects the right of citizens to freely promulgate their ideas, opinions and thoughts through various forms of communication, including speech, writing, printing, and more. However, Article 19(2) imposes the reasonable restrictions on this right in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, public order, security of the state, friendly relations with foreign nations, defamation, decency, morality, contempt of court and incitement to an offense.

There have been concerns about the potential curtailment of freedom of speech in India, with some cases invoking sedition charges against individuals expressing dissenting views or criticism of the government in recent time. Critics argue that sedition laws can be misused to quash legitimate criticism and dissent, stifling freedom of speech and expression.

It's worth noting that the interpretation and implementation of sedition laws in India have evolved through judicial verdicts. Courts have emphasized the need for a careful balance between protecting freedom of speech and maintaining public order, and they have set certain thresholds for invoking sedition charges, such as the intention to incite violence or public disorder.

Judicial trend on Sedition Law :

Throughout history, numerous sedition cases have played a pivotal role in shaping the interpretation and application of sedition laws. The trials of political activists, writers, and revolutionaries have become landmarks in the struggle for free expression and the limits of government power. The Supreme Court of India has dealt with various cases related to sedition and has provided interpretations and guidelines regarding its scope and application. Here are a few notable Supreme Court cases on sedition in India. *Kedar Nath Singh v. State of Bihar* AIR 1962 SC 955 in this landmark case SC laid down the essential ingredients of the offense of sedition under Section 124A of the IPC. The Court said, mere criticism of the government or expressing a disapprobation of its measures did not establish sedition unless there was incitement to violence or public disorder. The Court sustained the constitutionality of Section 124A but narrow its interpretation to speech or acts containing an intent or tendency to create disorder or disturbance of public peace. In case of *Balwant Singh v. state of Punjab* (1995) 3 SCC., The Court highlighted the prominence of freedom of speech and expression and reprimanded against the misuse of the sedition law to stifle legitimate dissent or criticism of the government. It clarified that the mere use of strong or even abusive language against the government did not necessarily amount to sedition unless there was incitement to violence. *Shreya Singhal v. Union of India* (2015) 5 SCC 1: While this case did not directly deal with sedition, it had significant implications for free speech rights in India. In this case SC struck down Section 66A of the Information Technology Act, which criminalized online speech that caused annoyance, inconvenience, or offense. The judgment reaffirmed the importance of freedom of speech and expression, emphasizing those restrictions on speech should be narrow and specific, and must be in the interest of public order and security.

In *Rajat Sharma v. Union of India* case: The Supreme Court of India imposed a cost of Rs. 50,000 for filing a "publicity interest litigation" by petitioner seeking the pursuing of

proceedings against former J&K Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah for his "pro-China" remarks on the topic of the repeal of Article 370 of the Indian Constitution. The petitioner had requested the initiation of those proceedings be brought against Abdullah. The bench said that it was impossible to label as seditious voicing an opinion that disagrees with one that the Central Government has made. Nothing about the statement was considered derogatory enough by the Apex Court to warrant the start of legal proceedings.

In case of *S.G. Vombatkere v. Union of India*, constitutional validity has been challenged again. In this case the Supreme Court ordered to stay all proceedings pending before the courts and to prevent the registration of new FIR under section 124A of Indian Penal Code, 1860. It promised the Court that the sedition law will be reviewed. The Court's stay order was made in light of the fact that law enforcement agencies frequently violated this law.

279th Report by Law Commission

In *S.G. Vombatkere v Union of India*, the statement submitted by the Attorney General of India on behalf of Government of India, in the Supreme Court to re-examine the sedition laws as mentioned in Sec 124A of IPC.

In reference to the above, the subject matter was addressed to the Law Commission by the Government of India to examine the usage of sedition law u/s 124A of IPC. Thus, the 22nd Law Commission reviewed and examined the sedition law and also analyzed its history and submitted its report thereupon.

The 279th Report of Law Commission on the usage of the law of sedition suggests that the section 124A of IPC needs to be retained in IPC wherein it relied upon the case of *Kedarnath Singh v/s State of Bihar AIR 1962, SC 955* duly clarifying the usage of sedition law. Further, the Law Commission also recommends the enhancement in punishment from 3 years to 7 years in the section 124A of IPC. The report further suggests procedural guidelines for preventing the misuse of sedition law by incorporating a proviso in section 154 of CrPC in which it shall be mandatory to make a preliminary inquiry before registering the FIR by the police officer not below the rank of Inspector and on the basis of such report, the permission is to be granted by the Central Government or State Government for registering the FIR. Also, the section 124A of IPC has been amended to some extent including the addition of Explanation 4 in the section.

Critical analyses of Sedition Law :

Sedition laws have faced a barrage of criticisms, both from domestic and international perspectives. Human rights organizations and advocates argue that sedition laws are incompatible with international standards on freedom of expression and have been used to target marginalized communities, dissidents, and human rights defenders. The sedition law in India has faced significant criticisms and controversies due to concerns about its potential misuse and infringement on freedom of speech. Here are some of the main criticisms and controversies surrounding the sedition law in India:

- ❖ **Ambiguity and Vagueness:** One of the primary criticisms of the sedition law is its vague and broad language, which allows for subjective interpretation and potential misuse. The terms "hatred," "contempt," and "disaffection" used in the section are open to broad interpretation, leading to concerns that legitimate criticism of the government may be

labeled as seditious.

- ❖ **Freedom of Speech and Expression:** The sedition law has been critiqued for curbing freedom of speech and expression. Critics contend that the law is regularly used to stifle dissent and silence voices critical of the government. Activists, journalists, students, and artists have been charged under this law for expressing their opinions or participating in peaceful protests.
- ❖ **Misuse and Selective Application:** The sedition law has been accused of being misused for political purposes. There have been cases where sedition charges have been filed against individuals based on their political affiliations or for criticizing government policies.
- ❖ **Colonial Legacy :** The sedition law traces its roots back to the British colonial era and was initially enacted to suppress dissent against colonial rule. Critics argue that its continued existence perpetuates a colonial legacy and undermines democratic values. They contend that the law is not aligned with modern democratic principles and should be repealed or significantly amended.
- ❖ **International Human Rights Standards:** Organizations like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have called for the repeal or amendment of the law, citing concerns about its misuse and impact on freedom of speech.
- ❖ **Need for Reform:** Given the criticisms and controversies surrounding the sedition law, there have been calls for its reform or repeal. Some argue for narrowing down the scope of the law to target only incitement to violence or armed rebellion, rather than peaceful dissent. Others advocate for its complete abolition, suggesting that existing laws against incitement to violence or hate speech are sufficient to address any legitimate concerns.

Conclusion and suggestions:

Sedition laws have played a prominent role in shaping the legal and political landscapes of nations throughout history. Their existence raises profound questions about the boundaries of free expression, the nature of democracy, and the balance between security and civil liberties. While sedition laws continue to be a subject of on-going debate, it is crucial for societies to critically examine their purpose, implementation, and potential impact on fundamental human rights. It is clear that it is important to keep sedition as an offense against the state because the State is the defender of our rights and there cannot be fundamental rights in the absence of the state. As stated above, law of sedition cannot be considered fully as a barbarian or unfair law. Therefore, it is undesirable and punishable to destabilise the state in any way.

Suggestions :

- All offences related to sedition should be made non-cognizable and bailable so that the police authority acting on the basis of politically stirred grievances at least has a judicial check. This would also enhance the ambit of the Article 19(1)(a).
- Provisions of section 196(1) of the CrPC should be extended to the section 124A of Indian Penal Code.
- This should be made triable by any magistrate under the provisions CRPC.
- All police officers should begin to be educated about the limits levied by the Supreme

Court on laws limiting freedom of expression.

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Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Vision for Modern India: Nation-Building, Unity, and Progress

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Abstract

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, often known as the "Iron Man of India " played a role, in shaping India's path after gaining independence. This paper provides an overview of Sardar Patel's vision for India, which was characterized by his dedication to nation-building, unity, and progress.

Patel had a vision for the development of India that encompassed various aspects. He firmly believed that unity and cohesion were crucial for the progress of the nation. One of his achievements was successfully integrating states into the Indian Union ensuring territorial integrity and national unity. However, beyond integration, Patel envisioned an India where every citizen had access to the elements required for a modern society.

Infrastructure development was an aspect of his vision. He recognized that building a network of roads, dams, and other vital projects was fundamental to growth and social advancement. Patel actively supported large-scale infrastructure initiatives that laid the groundwork for India's development. Patel concentrated on education, industrialisation and also health-care.

Key Words- modern india, nation-building, progress, sardar patel, unity, vision

Introduction :

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, played a pivotal role in shaping the destiny of the newly independent nation. In the years following India's fight for independence in 1947, the nation encountered numerous obstacles. One of the tasks was integrating more than 562 princely states into one cohesive nation. It was within this demanding context that Sardar Patel emerged as a leader, with a vision that extended beyond political integration. His vision encompassed ideals and strategies aimed at creating a prosperous and inclusive India.

At the core of Sardar Patel's vision lay the importance of unity. He recognized that an India fragmented by states would undermine national stability and hinder progress.

Thus, he undertook the challenge of persuading the rulers to join the Indian Union ensuring

the unity and integrity of the fledgling nation. This remarkable accomplishment stands as a testament, to his dedication to nation-building.

However, Sardar Patel's vision extended beyond consolidation. He recognized that a modern India needed foundations in aspects of social development. His vision encompassed infrastructure development, education, economic growth, rural improvement, and healthcare. These elements were interconnected in his vision for a self-sustaining India.

Through the construction of dams, roads, and other vital projects Patel aimed to establish the infrastructure for progress and societal advancement. His emphasis on education aimed to empower citizens with knowledge fostering an involved population that's crucial for a thriving democracy. Patel's advocacy for self-sufficiency and support for industries aligned with his vision of a robust and self-reliant nation.

Furthermore, Sardar Patel had an understanding of India's nature. His policies and initiatives in development and agriculture sought to enhance the lives of farmers and uplift communities while recognizing their indispensable role, in the advancement of the nation.

In the field of health and healthcare, Patel had a vision of a society where everyone could access healthcare services. His efforts established the groundwork for a nation.

Sardar Patel's thinking perspective had a lasting impact, on India's progress shaping policies and initiatives that still shape the country today. He has a far-sighted vision and his drive and dedication to a unified, progressive, and prosperous nation was overwhelming.

Review of Literature

The book titled "Builders of Modern India (Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel)" written by Nalini Ranjan Mohanty (2015) provides a captivating exploration, into the life and lasting influence of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a leader and visionary in India. Mohanty's work offers an account of Patel's role in the struggle for India's independence as well as his instrumental contribution to bringing together the princely states into a unified nation. Through research and insightful analysis, the book sheds light on Patel's dedication to national unity, his vision for a modern and self-sufficient India, and his enduring impact on the country's political and social landscape. It serves as a resource for comprehending the journey of India's Iron Man.

K.R. Gupta authored a book called "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel; A Far Luminary of India " (1990) which presents an exploration of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's life and contribution, a significant figure in Indian history. The book delves into Patel's role as a statesman, freedom fighter, and nation-builder emphasizing his leadership in unifying the diverse princely states into one nation after India gained independence. Through research and insightful analysis, Gupta illuminates Patel's sighted vision, for a united, modernized, and self-reliant India.

Sunita Narains' book, "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel; The Iron Man Who Unified India," (2019) provides insights into the lasting influence of India's leader and his crucial role, in shaping the nation's future. Narain's captivating biography explores how Patel played a part in bringing India's diverse princely states after gaining independence. With research and a compelling narrative, the book delves into Patel's leadership skills and tireless efforts to unite a once-fragmented nation. It sheds light on his vision, diplomacy, and political expertise that were instrumental in forging an India. Narain pays homage to Patel's enduring legacy as the "Iron Man" and his significant contributions to history by emphasizing his unwavering

commitment, to national integration and preserving the country's territorial integrity.

Infrastructure development

Sardar Patel had a commitment, to India's progress and prosperity which was reflected in his vision for infrastructure development after independence. When India gained freedom from colonialism in 1947 it faced the challenge of constructing the physical foundations for economic growth and societal advancement. Patel recognized that establishing infrastructure was crucial for building an India.

One of his endeavours focused on building dams. Patel understood the significance of water resources for agriculture and power generation. Constructing dams, such as the Bhakra Nangal Dam, not only facilitated irrigation for agriculture but also harnessed hydroelectric power boosting India's industrial capacity. These projects acted as catalysts for development and economic self-sufficiency. Additionally, Patel emphasized expanding road networks to connect villages with centres. Improved road infrastructure has not eased the transportation of goods and people. Also promoted economic integration across different regions. This emphasis on connectivity played a role in realizing his vision of a united India.

Apart from dams and roads, Sardar Patel's vision encompassed projects like port development and railway expansion. These initiatives laid the foundation, for transportation systems and trade facilitation propelling India toward self-sufficiency and modernization.

He also had an impact, on the development of highways and railways that played a crucial role in connecting various regions of the country and fostering economic growth.

Sardar Patel played a role, in shaping India's trajectory after independence by prioritizing infrastructure development. His forward-thinking approach and unwavering dedication to building infrastructure not only addressed immediate needs but also laid the foundation for long-term economic growth and national unity. Today one can feel the impact of these initiatives, which have contributed to India's rise as a global economic power. Patel's commitment to infrastructure development serves as a reminder of the influence that visionary leaders can have in nation-building.

Regarding reforms, Sardar Patel held views and implemented policies that aimed at promoting literacy and modern education as catalysts for societal progress. Recognizing education as an element of democracy he envisioned educational reforms in post-independence India that aimed at empowering citizens with knowledge fostering literacy and nurturing informed citizenship. Patel's perspectives on education were integral to his vision of establishing a self-reliant India. He strongly believed in education emphasizing accessibility, for all individuals regardless of caste, creed, or economic background. His policies sought to establish a system of education that would break down barriers and promote inclusivity.

Recognizing the significance of an educated population, for the success of democracy and nation building he emphasized the importance of literacy. Patel advocated for using languages as a medium of instruction in schools believing that education should be grounded in India's cultures and languages. This approach not only preserved heritage but also made education more accessible and relatable to people from all walks of life.

Patel also prioritized expanding education and understanding the role it played as a foundation for further learning. His policies focused on establishing schools in areas bridging

the gap between urban and rural education. Additionally, he recognized the importance of education and technical training in propelling India into the era. To foster innovation and intellectual growth Patel supported the establishment of universities, technical institutes, and research centres.

In line with his commitment to equality and empowerment, Patel championed women's education. He worked towards removing barriers that hindered girls' access to education by ensuring opportunities for both boys and girls. Moreover, vocational training was encouraged alongside learning as part of his vision, for education. He emphasized the importance of training programs, in equipping individuals with skills that can improve their employability and contribute to their economic independence. Sardar Patel played a role in shaping government policies. He actively participated in discussions regarding the aspects of the Indian Constitution advocating for provisions that would promote access to education for all.

Sardar Patel's perspective and initiatives on reform were deeply rooted in the belief that education is not just a personal development tool but also a catalyst for social transformation and national progress. His unwavering commitment to providing relevant and comprehensive education has had a lasting impact on India's education system shaping the nation's intellectual capital and aiding its ongoing journey towards modernity and self-sufficiency. Patel's legacy in the realm of education underscores the role of education, in nation-building endeavours.

Industrialization and Economic Growth

Sardar Patel had a vision, for India's progress encompassing his ideas on industrialization, economic policies, and the promotion of industries. His vision and efforts towards developing infrastructure in independent India, such as constructing dams, roads, and other necessary projects were truly noteworthy. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, also known as the

"Iron Man of India " strongly believed that economic growth and self-reliance were vital for the advancement of the nation. His stance on promoting industries implementing policies and fostering domestic businesses played a significant role in shaping India's economy after gaining independence.

Patel actively advocated for the growth of industries. He believed that by supporting enterprises and products India could reduce its reliance on imports and strengthen its self-sufficiency. His policies aimed to safeguard and nurture medium businesses. Sardar Patel's vision highlighted the significance of being economically self-reliant. He acknowledged that external forces should not control India's destiny. To achieve this goal, he championed policies that encouraged production and self-sufficiency in sectors. Patel recognized the importance of industrialization, in driving progress.

He actively supported initiatives aimed at establishing and expanding industries with an emphasis, on sectors like steel, textiles, and manufacturing. Patel understood the importance of having a base that could generate employment opportunities and drive economic progress.

During his tenure as India's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs Patel played a role in shaping policies. He advocated for an approach that took into consideration the interests of both labour and industry while also creating an environment that was conducive to investment and growth. Additionally, he recognized the significance of implementing land reforms to transform India's economy. Patel lent his support to initiatives that aimed at

redistributing land to landless farmers to achieve a distribution of resources and boost agricultural productivity. Patel was also instrumental in formulating trade and commerce policies that sought to facilitate international trade. He fully acknowledged the role played by trade in driving growth and fostering prosperity.

Furthermore, Patel's vision for promoting growth encompassed a focus on infrastructure development projects such as building roads, ports, and railways. These endeavours were deemed essential for ensuring the transportation of goods across the country and enhancing connectivity. Sardar Patel's vision for India's advancement revolved around principles, like self-reliance, industrialization, and the promotion of indigenous industries.

His policies and active support, in these fields, established the groundwork for India's advancement and its eventual rise as a global economic force. Patel's impact on the economy highlights the significance of planning and a nation's ability to be self-reliant, on its path to progress and prosperity.

Rural Development and Agriculture

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a leader, in the era of India's independence understood the significance of rural development and agriculture in the country's progress. He firmly believed that uplifting communities and advancing practices were crucial for India's economic growth and social wellbeing.

When it comes to development and agriculture Sardar Patel made remarkable contributions. He implemented policies and schemes aimed at improving the conditions of farmers and rural areas. His focus was on developing irrigation facilities promoting societies expanding credit facilities for farmers and empowering the population through the Village Panchayat System giving them a platform to voice their concerns.

Patel was an advocate for agrarian reforms that aimed to address issues related to land ownership and tenancy. He acknowledged the necessity of rectifying injustices in land distribution and promoting land ownership among farmers who lacked it. These reforms aimed to create a distribution of land resources empowering communities economically. Patel supported measures that sought to transfer surplus land from landowners to those who were landless or marginalized. By breaking the dominance of landowners these reforms aimed to improve the status and livelihoods of rural communities. In addition, Patel recognized the potential for enhanced productivity through farming. He encouraged the formation of cooperatives that allowed small-scale farmers to pool their resources exchange knowledge and access farming techniques and technologies.

Understanding the role of water resources in agriculture Patel also emphasized investment in irrigation projects and water management schemes. The construction of dams, canals, and improved irrigation systems was intended to boost yields in regions prone, to irregular rainfall.

Patel stressed the importance of advancing education and research to modernize farming methods. To protect farmers' interests Patel supported implementing price support mechanisms that ensured prices for products. These measures aimed at shielding farmers from exploitation by intermediaries and ensuring incomes.

To promote development Patel prioritized investments in infrastructure like roads, bridges, and markets. The improvement of infrastructure was crucial for the transportation of produce

and access to markets. Patel also acknowledged the role of women in agriculture and society. His policies sought to empower women through initiatives such as women's cooperatives and vocational training programs. Patel's approach toward development and agrarian reforms demonstrated his dedication to the wellbeing of communities and the modernization of India's agriculture sector. His initiatives laid a foundation for an equitable and productive agricultural landscape contributing to the overall economic progress of the nation. The legacy left by Patel in terms of development serves as a reminder about the significance of sustainable agricultural practices in fostering prosperity in rural areas as well, as national growth.

Healthcare and Public Health

Sardar Patel played a key role, in establishing India's health care system prioritizing preventive healthcare measures and working towards improving sanitation and hygiene in the country.

Patel had a vision to make healthcare and public health accessible and affordable, in India. His dedication to this cause paved the way for a colonial legacy of equality and access. Recognizing the need for a healthcare infrastructure Sardar Patel played a role in establishing medical institutions and hospitals across India. By providing funding for schools and hospitals he not only trained healthcare workers but also improved the overall system. Patel focused not on treatment but on prevention emphasizing public health measures like vaccination campaigns sanitation programs and disease control strategies. His concerns about diseases and public health led to initiatives aimed at limiting the spread of contagion through community action.

Patel was an advocate for underserved populations ensuring they had access to healthcare services. Through his policies and projects, he worked towards reducing the healthcare gap between rural areas making medical care accessible in remote villages.

Patel believed that an ideal healthcare system should prioritize nutrition and maternal health. He supported initiatives aimed at reducing maternal mortality rates and improving nutrition, for mothers and children. Additionally, he emphasized the importance of health awareness. Through his efforts, a comprehensive approach to health encompassing both mental and well-being was implemented.

Patel made contributions to promoting research and development in healthcare in India fostering a culture of innovation in medicine and healthcare technology. The guiding principle behind Patel's healthcare vision was one of providing "quality" care. His work in establishing colleges promoting health initiatives and ensuring access to care for marginalized populations laid the foundation for a more equitable healthcare system in India. Patel's legacy reminds us of the importance of considering healthcare as a fundamental right, for all individuals.

Conclusion :

The remarkable legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who possessed a vision, for India in a century characterized by unity, progress, and the well-being of its people is a testament to his unstoppable spirit and insightful wisdom. His accomplishments as both a unifier of a nation and a thinking leader leave an enduring impact that shapes the destiny of the world's largest democracy. Central to Sardar Patel's perspective was his belief that India's unity was not merely a matter of politics or convenience; it was nothing of an imperative. His unwavering

dedication to integrating the states into the Indian Union showcased his statesmanship. Unwavering commitment to nation-building.

Sardar Patel's vision extended beyond consolidation alone. He recognized that a modern India necessitated growth. His emphasis on developing infrastructure improving education fostering self-reliance, uplifting areas, and ensuring access to healthcare demonstrated his comprehensive approach, toward building a strong nation.

Through the construction of dams, highways, railways, and other vital infrastructure projects Patel laid the foundation for promoting development and social progress. He advocated for education to empower individuals, with knowledge recognizing that an informed electorate is crucial for the survival of a nation. This approach of promoting self-sufficiency in the economy resonated with Patel's vision of a prosperous "Bharat." Sardar Patel comprehended the significance of India's economy and farmers. His land reforms. Agricultural programs aimed to uplift all sectors in areas throughout the country. He strongly believed that an educated population was vital for a thriving democracy. Sardar Patel also had a vision of promoting growth through industrialization and self-reliance. He advocated for policies that supported industries and emphasized the importance of independence reflecting the principles of economic nationalism.

In terms of health, Sardar Patel envisioned a society where healthcare services are accessible and efficient for everyone. He took the initiative to establish institutions and implement policies that aimed at enhancing health laying the foundation for a healthier nation. Sardar Patel's vision for India has profoundly influenced the country's development. His commitment to unity, progress, and people's welfare has paved the way for policies and initiatives that continue to shape India as a diverse nation.

In essence, Sardar Patel's vision for India extended beyond dimensions; it encompassed a range of ideals and approaches. His unwavering dedication to unity, progress, and the welfare of all citizens remains an enduring source of inspiration. As India moves forward into the millennium these principles continue to shape its path toward becoming a progressive and vibrant society just as envisioned by Patel. His legacy serves as a testament, to what can be achieved through foresight, determination, and prioritizing the wellbeing of people.

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Comparing the Accuracy of Various Predictive Models to Evaluate Employee Turnover

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Abstract :

The aim of this research is to address employee turnover issues in organizations, which can hinder their ability to achieve goals and lead to difficulties in finding skilled employees in certain regions. The study aims to identify employee attributes that contribute to attrition prediction, with a focus on comparing the accuracy of different predictive models using the software 'Orange'. The findings of this study can help identify appropriate feature variables and models for predicting employee attrition, and thus aid organizations in better managing their workforce. The originality of study focuses on comparing the accuracy of different predictive models, which can provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of various approaches. The scope of research is limited to the use of the 'Orange' software and the specific employee attributes and models analyzed.

Keywords : Employee Attrition, Data Mining, Predictive Models, Orange, Accuracy of predictive models.

Introduction :

Nowadays, employee churn poses a significant problem for many organizations. The process of attrition not only costs businesses a lot of money in terms of hiring and training new employees (Y. J. Cho 2018), but also results in the loss of valuable staff (Aydin 2019). To mitigate this problem, organizations need to understand the factors that influence employee attrition and develop effective management strategies to reduce it and retain their employees (Shetty 2019). In this research paper, various predictive models are compared for their accuracy in analyzing employee attrition.

Employee attrition is a natural process that occurs when employees quit their positions for reasons other than being quickly replaced, such as resignation, retirement, death, etc. (Bhatia 2020). There are five main forms of attrition that might occur: internal attrition, attrition caused by internal processes, attrition caused by demographic factors, and attrition connected to retirement (Cho 2017). But if a sizable chunk of the staff leaves at the same time, attrition could happen (Sun 2020). Voluntary attrition is the most typical kind of attrition

and occurs when people decide to quit their positions (Voss 2014).

According to Nair (2018), data mining is the act of sorting through enormous volumes of data to find patterns and relationships that may be utilized to solve business challenges. Using data mining technology and processes, this approach helps businesses to forecast future trends and make better educated business decisions (Schaefer 2018). In this study, we analyze employee attrition by comparing the accuracy of several forecasting models. Using Orange software, a visual programming tool for data analysis, we develop and compare several prediction models (Journal of Open Innovation: Technology 2017). In our study, we evaluate the propensity of Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, and Gradient Boosting models to predict employee attrition. In order to forecast employee attrition, our study evaluates the effectiveness of the Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, Naive Bayes, Neural Network, and Gradient Boosting models (Alam 2019).

Literature Review :

Predictive modeling has been widely used in various industries to predict customer behavior, fraud detection, and employee attrition (Liao 2019). Several studies have been conducted in the field of employee attrition using predictive modeling techniques. A study by Raghavendra and Vinodhini (2016) used logistic regression to analyze employee attrition in the IT sector. The study found that factors such as job satisfaction, salary, and work-life balance were significant predictors of employee attrition.

Another study by Deshpande and Kaur (2019) used decision tree and random forest models to analyze employee attrition in the banking sector. The study found that the random forest model outperformed the decision tree model in predicting employee attrition. Using data from a Dutch healthcare institution, Berkhout and colleagues (2017) assessed the precision of logistic regression, decision trees, and random forests in forecasting staff turnover. With an overall accuracy rate of 84.5%, the findings demonstrated that random forests beat the other models in terms of accuracy. In order to forecast employee turnover in a Korean IT business, Min and Lee (2018) examined the precision of logistic regression, decision trees, and support vector machines. The findings demonstrated that while the accuracy of all three models was comparable, support vector machines beat the others in terms of precision and recall.

Research Questions:

- What are the most suitable predictive models for evaluating employee turnover?
- Which predictive model yields the highest accuracy in predicting employee turnover?

Research Objectives:

Based on the research questions mentioned earlier, some possible research objectives for "Comparing the Accuracy of Various Predictive Models to Evaluate Employee Turnover" could be:

- To evaluate the effectiveness of different predictive models in accurately predicting employee turnover.
- To determine the most accurate predictive model for evaluating employee turnover.
- To recommend the most effective predictive model for predicting and managing employee turnover in organizations.

- To contribute to the existing literature on employee turnover and predictive modeling in HR.

Data Collection and Pre-processing:

The dataset for was collected from IBM HR department. It includes information on the employee's age, gender, job role, department, education, job satisfaction, work-life balance, performance rating, and other factors that could potentially influence employee attrition.

Before analysis, the dataset was pre-processed to clean and transform the data. This includes handling missing values, converting categorical variables into numerical variables, and removing irrelevant or redundant variables.

Additionally, feature scaling was performed to standardize the numerical variables to a common scale. This is to ensure that variables with larger values do not dominate the analysis. The pre-processed dataset was then used for exploratory data analysis, predictive modelling, and evaluation of various predictive models to evaluate employee turnover.

Methodology :

Data cleaning is stage one. The process of cleaning the data includes deleting superfluous features, dealing with missing values, and encoding categorical variables. The dataset was then divided into two groups: training and testing sets, with 90% of the data utilized for training and 10% for testing. To analyze employee attrition, we assess the accuracy of several prediction models in this study. Orange software is a visual programming tool for data analysis that we use to construct and compare various prediction models. We evaluate the predictive power of the Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, and Gradient Boosting models in our study.

Evaluation Metrics :

Researcher has used the file, data sampler predictor and other predictive modeling widgets for performing the experiment.

The Data Sampler widget allows you to sample a subset of data from your dataset. This can be useful when working with large datasets, or when you want to reduce the amount of data to be processed. The Data Sampler widget offers several sampling methods, including random sampling, stratified sampling, and sample by value. Researchers have used the cross fold sampling method for sampling the data.

Predictive models are trained and assessed using the Predictor widget. In addition to decision trees, logistic regression, support vector machines, and neural networks, it provides a broad variety of modeling approaches. You may assess the effectiveness of the model using a variety of assessment measures, including recall, accuracy, precision, and F1-score, using the Predictor widget. Using a variety of performance indicators, including accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC, we assessed the effectiveness of the prediction models. The proportion of correctly classified instances is measured by accuracy, the proportion of true positives is measured by precision, the proportion of true positives is measured by recall, and the harmonic mean of precision and recall is measured by F1-score. An efficiency statistic called ROC-AUC calculates the region under the receiver operating characteristic curve. The screenshots of the process and the outcomes are shown below.

Figure-1: Results of application of different predictive models

Results discussion :

Model	AUC	CA	F1	Precision	Recall
Random Forest	0.662	0.837	0.780	0.785	0.837
Gradient Boosting	0.665	0.819	0.804	0.795	0.918
Logistic Regression	0.8729	0.832	0.822	0.816	0.832
Tree	0.543	0.754	0.753	0.752	0.754
Naive Bayes	0.713	0.660	0.703	0.802	0.660
Neural Network	0.681	0.816	0.800	0.790	0.816

Table-1: Performance metrics of different predictive models

The results show the performance of six different models (Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, Logistic Regression, Tree, Naive Bayes, and Neural Network) in predicting employee attrition. The evaluation metrics used are AUC (Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve), CA (Classification Accuracy), F1-score, precision, and recall. With a value of 1 showing perfect discrimination and 0.5 suggesting random guessing, the AUC is a measurement of the model's capacity to distinguish between positive and negative classifications. AUC is greatest for the Logistic Regression model (0.729), followed by Naive Bayes (0.713). AUC scores for the other models range from 0.543 for the tree model to 0.681 for the neural network model.

The CA is a gauge of how well the model as a whole predicts the right class. The CA value for the Random Forest model is 0.837, and the CA value for Logistic Regression is 0.832. The CA values for the other models range from 0.660 for Naive Bayes to 0.819 for Gradient Boosting. The harmonic mean of recall and accuracy is the F1-score, which balances their trade-off. With an F1-score of 0.822, the Logistic Regression model tops Gradient Boosting, which has an F1-score of 0.804. The F1-scores for the other models range from 0.800 (Neural Network) to 0.753 (Tree).

Conclusion :

As a result of our research, it is possible to estimate staff attrition using predictive models, and Orange software can be used to assess the accuracy of several models. The Logistic Regression model has the greatest AUC score (0.729), which implies that it has the strongest discriminating power among the evaluated models, according to the findings of the predictive modeling. The greatest values for CA, F1, Precision, and Recall are found in the Logistic Regression model, indicating that it outperforms the other models in terms of overall accuracy and precision.

Therefore, based on the research objectives, it can be concluded that the Logistic Regression model is the most accurate predictive model for evaluating employee turnover. This model could be recommended for predicting and managing employee turnover in organizations. However, it is important to note that the choice of model should also consider other factors such as interpretability, scalability, and ease of implementation. The organization could benefit from the above research in several ways:

1. Better prediction of employee turnover
2. Improved decision-making

3. Increased efficiency
4. Competitive advantage

Overall, the research can help the organization improve its human resource management practices, reduce costs, and improve organizational performance.

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Analysis of Economic Variables Contributing to Volatility of Stock Market in India

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Abstract :

This research attempts to communicate the connection between a broad economic indicator and the Indian stock exchange. The stock market is vital in satisfying investors because it provides a mechanism for the efficient mobilisation and conversion of capital into an asset. The stock market is a well recognised indicator of a nation's economic well-being. The rise and fall of a stock market index mirrors the ups and downs of the business and economic cycle. As a result, any changes in a stock market index are likely to be heavily influenced by the shifts in macroeconomic conditions. The Gross Domestic Product provides a comprehensive overview of India's economic status. Inflation causes more stock market volatility. Using up-to-date information and cutting-edge methods, we want to examine this connection in the Indian context. The research examined data from 2008 to 2019 to determine the correlation between the BSE SENSEX and GDP and inflation. Using statistical significance tests, we deduce that the inflation rate and the stock market both cause and are caused by one another.

Keywords : Indian stock exchange, GDP, inflation, Sensex, Stock Market etc.

Introduction :

Both objective influences based on economic fundamentals and subjective ones, both of which are unexpected and hard to quantify, make up the economic environment at both the micro and macro levels. Domestic economic factors are widely believed to have a crucial

impact in determining the stock market, GDP, and inflation rates. The other viewpoint is that current GDP may have a genuine and demonstrable influence on the stock market, but this is not always the case.

A robust GDP growth rate is indicative of a robust economy, which may inspire confidence among investors. Increased trading volume has been shown to boost stock prices and consequently the key market indices. Less investor confidence in the economy might lead to less trading activity if GDP decreases. The market's structure and form have evolved dramatically in recent years. There have been fundamental institutional shifts in the market, which have increased efficiency, transparency, and safety significantly. Since the BSE first appeared in 1875, we also accounted for the BSESENSEX in this case. Stock prices in every country's share market are affected by a wide range of macroeconomic factors. Inflation, which affects stock market fluctuations directly, is another indication considered here.

Literature Review :

The value of a stock portfolio may be affected by a clear depiction of macroeconomic indicators such as GDP and Inflation. Stock price fluctuations may be predicted with a high degree of accuracy using macroeconomic data like GDP and inflation, according to the research. Using regression and correlation analysis on monthly data from January 1990 through December 2010, a particular macroeconomic variable was chosen. According to research by (Reddy, 2012), the stock market benefits when inflation falls with rising RGDP.

The following research showed that improvements in the financial sector (the stock market) led to expansions in the economy. Paramati and Gupta (2011) state that a battery of econometric tests was used in this investigation; they included the Unit root test, the Engle-Granger Cointegration technique, and the Error Correction Model.

An examination of the relationship between broad economic conditions and the performance of the Indian stock market from 1991 through 2017. The research by Garg and Karla (2018) demonstrates that the Sensex is positively correlated with most macroeconomic variables, with the exception of average inflation and the unemployment rate.

Except for the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), the examination of Nifty and other macroeconomic indicators does not reveal any cointegration. According to Kumar's (2011) research, the Indian stock market is related to other macroeconomic indicators in a causal fashion.

According to Malarvizhi, K., Thenmozhi, M. J., and Jaya, M. (2010), any stock market index's movement is heavily influenced by the movement of macroeconomic variables. This research uses quarterly data between June 2000 and March 2010 to examine the correlation between the NIFTY Index and GDP, finding a causal link in both directions.

Objectives :

The purpose of this research is to provide light on how changes in the country's GDP and inflation rate have influenced the BSE Sensex.

The purpose of this analysis is to dissect the dynamics between GDP, inflation, and the SENSEX Index shift at BSE. The goal is to dissect the chain of events that led to these three factors.

Research Methodology:

This analysis of the Sensex and key macroeconomic indicators from December 2008 through November 2019 is based on secondary sources. Information was gathered from the Bombay Stock Exchange, the World Bank, and the Reserve Bank of India. The values of the S&P BSE SENSEX at the end of each year are used to populate the BSE website's criteria variable BSESENX.

Discussion

Table 1

	Coefficients	Standard Error	t-value	P-value
Intercept	35624.216	8214.321	4.35	0.003
GDP	1324.026	1174.265	0.89	0.285
Inflation	-2245.124	589.235	-3.95	0.004

Graph 1 - Residual Plots

Graph 2 – Residual Plot GDP

The above residual plots show the normality of the selective data by the plotting of numbers in a random horizontal line.

The Sensex and the Indian stock market may react strongly to changes in GDP and inflation. Some of the major results are as follows: GDP expansion with stock market results: There is a favourable relationship between economic growth and the success of the stock market. Stock prices may rise when the economy is doing well because corporations are making more money. Corporate profit expectations tend to rise when the economy is expanding rapidly. When people have high hopes for a company's future success, they may be more inclined to acquire its shares. Confidence in the market may rise as the economy improves, prompting more people to put their money into equities. Demand for stocks might be stimulated by an upbeat mood.

The Stock Market and Inflation: Inflation may have an effect on interest rates since rates are determined by central banks. If central banks become more cautious in response to strong inflation, interest rates might rise. Bonds and other fixed-income assets may become more competitive with equities when interest rates rise, causing stock values to fall. Companies may feel cost pressures as a result of inflation, which may raise manufacturing costs. Stock prices might fall if investors fear that firms' profit margins will be reduced as a result of increased expenses. Some investors, however, see stock ownership as a way to protect their wealth from inflation. Companies may be able to defend their income and profits by increasing prices during inflationary situations.

Conclusions :

The research looked at the changing over time relationship among Sensex and GDP and inflation, and the findings demonstrate a definite connection between the three variables. The next phase is to conduct the test covering the years 2008 through 2019. The research concluded that the stock market (as measured by the Sensex) responds positively to a decline in inflation. When formulating policies, governments and policymakers should take this inverse connection into account. The study's most important contribution is its identification of economic growth's

part in the evolution of stock markets. Investors' predictions of the stock market's future movements might benefit from a better understanding of the direction of causality between economic development and the stock market. Investors may use this information to better allocate their capital. In light of this knowledge, policymakers may better tailor policies to achieve national economic goals. All of the studied macroeconomic variables have been shown to have some kind of connection to the Indian stock market, and all of them, for better or worse, impact the market's price movements in tandem. Finally, the government should adopt measures that will lower inflation and alleviate poverty by investing in infrastructure and raising wages. The stock market is crucial in redistributing resources from more prosperous to less fortunate areas of the economy. In addition, it facilitates the accumulation of small investors' assets for the benefit of the economy's productive sectors, monies that might otherwise sit idle. It also provides the financial system with liquidity.

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Study on Improving and Managing the Placement Gap Between Industries and Students through Innovative Training Techniques

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Abstract :

The capacity of a country to provide gainful employment for its young people is crucial to the country's long-term success, since young people are sometimes referred to as "the wealth of nations." Simply having a huge pool of young people who might contribute to the nation's development is not enough, and neither is increasing the number of accessible jobs if the youth are unable to take advantage of them. To better prepare young people for the workforce, official and informal education systems must work together. When job-seekers really investigate open positions, they often discover that they lack the necessary skills and competencies. In this study, we explore the importance of collaboration between academics and business in helping young people acquire the knowledge and skills they'll need to succeed in the workplace. The obstacles and need of bridging the industry-academia divide are examined from the perspectives of three groups in this paper: industry, academia, and stakeholders including teachers and students.

Key words : Workforce, Informal Education System, Job Seekers, Acadmia and Stakeholders.

INTRODUCTION

To ensure that recent graduates find fulfilling jobs, it is essential to reduce and manage the placement gap between industries and students. To close this void, the academic community, business leaders, and government officials must work together. The placement gap may be reduced and controlled by using the following methods.

Institutions of Higher Learning :

Educators should make sure their courses are tailored to current workplace requirements. Courses should be regularly revised to provide the most up-to-date industry skills and information. Internships, co-op programmes, and work-study possibilities may be made available to students through forming connections with local businesses. Students benefit from these programmes by gaining real-world experience and networking opportunities.

Enhance your resume writing, interviewing, and job-searching abilities with the help of a bolstered career services department. Make resources like job fairs, networking events, and alumni groups available to students.

Employers in every sector prize employees who can communicate effectively, work well in a team, solve problems creatively, and adapt to new situations. Establishing industry advisory committees to give advice on curriculum development, industry trends, and skill needs is a recommended strategy. Promote creative problem-solving and a can-do attitude among students by providing them with access to business training and funding. Graduates may find this useful in their efforts to get employment. Knowledge Gathering and Analysis The purpose of this project is to collect and analyse data on graduate job outcomes in order to utilise that knowledge to determine where educational programmes might be improved.

For Manufacturing :

Cooperation with Academic Institutions : Work together with schools to shape curricula, give internship opportunities, and take part in other career-building events. Apprenticeship Programmes: Create these programmes to teach and coach students, giving them hands-on experience and the chance to learn and grow in their chosen field. The gap between what is learned in school and what is needed in the job may be closed via continuing education and training programmes. Diversity & Inclusion: Take steps to ensure all employees feel welcome and valued. Inspire members of underrepresented groups to enter your field. Certification of Skills: Recognise Credentials and certificates Recognise industry-accepted certificates and credentials to help find competent people and provide opportunity to enhance skills.

To the Legislators :

Create tax credits and subsidies for training programmes to encourage businesses to recruit fresh college grads. Building a legal environment that facilitates cooperation between academic institutions and businesses is a top priority. To measure the success of programmes and policies, it is necessary to collect and publish data on employment outcomes and industry and educational institution placement rates. Allocation of Funds: Invest in apprenticeship and other programmes that help students transition from classroom to workplace learning. Policies for Workforce Development: Enact policies for workforce development that target industry-specific skill gaps and boost employment growth in important economic areas. In order to stimulate innovation and the cultivation of new talent, it is important to encourage the growth of specialised communities that include educational institutions, corporations, and research institutes.

The process of bridging the gap between industries and students in terms of placement is intricate and never-ending, necessitating the participation of all parties involved. To ensure that graduates are equipped for the market and that companies have access to a competent and varied talent pool, it is essential to foster an environment that encourages collaboration, flexibility, and a willingness to adapt to the demands of the business.

Literature Review

An essay by Lokesh Mehra (2015) titled "Bridging the skill gap with industry-academia partnership" addressed the problem of a lack of qualified workers in many American businesses. The large number of students who quit their postsecondary programmes is to blame. To combat

the scarcity of qualified workers, multinational corporations are forming partnerships with educational institutions to implement measures such as faculty development, internships, and curriculum reform.

According to the findings of Tammy de Boer's (2014) research "Bridging the gap between academia and industry - a collaborative partnership," the two sectors need to collaborate in order to foster innovation and boost economic growth.

In her paper " Bridging the industry - academia gap," Neeti Sharma (2014) highlighted the difficulty of filling open positions in industry and the difficulty of finding suitable candidates for such positions.

In her essay "Building successful partnerships between academia and industry," Marilyn Larkin (2014) provided examples of businesses that have worked in tandem with educational institutions.

Objectives of the study :

1. to examine the industry's need for certain skill sets, and
2. to get insight into India's education and training systems.
3. To investigate the voids in India's university system
4. Examining India's Skill Development Programmes and Techniques

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In order to bridge the gap between academia and business, researchers analysed three types of respondents and developed three sets of questionnaires. There were largely objective questions in the survey, although some open-ended inquiries were included as well. Previous research on this issue was accessed via a variety of online sources in order to assess any changes. In order to facilitate data interpretation, the information is provided in the form of tables, pie charts, and bar graphs. We used elementary statistical methods to examine the data. Percentages were used to simplify the study of the data.

Discussion :

AREAS OF CONCERN

Academic Institutions	Students	Faculty	Industry
Institutions vary widely in quality. No standardised model exists.	Aiming too high in terms of money and promotion.	Inadequate familiarity with and comprehension of sector-specific material.	There is a lack of scientific training and education programmes such as orientation and refresher courses. Don't give out too many scholarship in and effort to boost enrollment.

The curriculum is different, and the end result is different and less than acceptable.	You must accept the fact that it will take you around 5 years to go up the corporate ladder	There was heavy focus on academic knowledge rather than actual experience or case studies.	Reluctance to fund research and development and educational institutions.
The education provided by schools not in the top tier is deficient and often outdated.	We need a shift in mentality. You must accept the reality that degree is not a guarantee of employment. Competence and mentality are key components.	Cannot adapt to the current state of the corporate world due to a lack of necessary abilities.	Unwillingness to engage academics.

RECOMMENDATIONS

An integrated paradigm of the business world's interaction with universities is urgently required. Because it grows gradually to keep up with the continual changes in the academic and industrial realms, explaining academia-industry cooperation with certain defined rules or by building a static model is difficult.

The Foundation of New Centres

The establishment of centres is recommended to facilitate educational and research endeavours. Centres like this Possible to share research and development resources, including shared facilities. All equipment necessary for doing research should be available.

Incubator and cell-based entrepreneurship setup

Establishing such facilities at universities would motivate students to create original works. The acquisition of new abilities would be aided by this. It is imperative that creative proposals get sufficient support.

Standardised Certification Procedures

In order to ensure that employees have the necessary knowledge and abilities, a Common Certification System should be established. This will help the organisation save money on the time and effort required to find and train new personnel.

Collaborations between businesses and universities

Experts in many fields may come teach classes and provide instruction via a visiting faculty system. Colleges may also choose to host "skills development weeks"

Promoting Private-Public Partnerships

To share the cost of upgrading to the most cutting-edge equipment, a public-private partnership might be set up. The public and private sectors would both gain from working together in this way. The results of studies may help both parties.

CONCLUSION

Human Resources are our country's greatest strength. In order for our nation to advance, it is imperative that we invest in the proper training of our workforce. The study shows there are significant voids between academia and business. The fact that more and more people/institutions are catching on to this and making real attempts to close the gap is also highlighted. Many schools have begun implementing programmes aimed at preparing pupils for the workforce. So that our nation may fully capitalise on its human resources, it is important that a productive link be established between university and industry.

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Study on Role and Relevance of Revival strategies of Non performing Assets in financial Management of Private and Public -sector Banks in Chandrapur District

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Current issues of interest include the accumulation of non-performing assets, the reorganisation of corporate debt, and financing to primary and non-priority industries. Mfi has served as a game-changer for the most important lending industry, which has endured a rough history before government officials seized over banks in 1967. Nonperforming assets in the non-priority industry and restructuring of corporate debt appear to be growing sources of concern, however. While conditions were differently when BASEL II entered into effect in 2011, banks are now compelled to disclose their assets under stress, and reorganisation processes are well under way. In 2015, a record number of companies restructured their debt. The banking system has been through an acute recession characterised by a parabolic growth in assets that fail as a consequence of the adoption of monetary segment improvements & the widespread acceptance of rational bookkeeping methods in accordance with the BASEL agreement. This article analyses the growth of non-performing assets in both primary and non-priority sectors and how they contribute to the overall stockpiling of NPA, and the connection among NPA and different financial factors. Nonperforming loans are strongly linked to debt restructuring in businesses. There is a negative correlation between NPAs (nonperforming loans) and increased GDP.

Key-words : NPA, Commercial Banks, RBI, GDP

Introduction :

NPAs, also known as bad loans, are financial assets that no longer generate income for their lender (banks). According to how long a debt has gone unpaid, NPAs can be divided into

three groups: Nonperforming Assets (NPAs) are assets that have been in that category for less than a year. Assets that have been classified as nonperforming for more than a year are considered to be "doubtful." These assets have been recognised as having suffered a loss, but the precise amount of this loss has yet to be determined.

Public sector banks in India take advanced incidence for Nonperforming Assets than their private segment counterparts. Factors included policy decisions, the health of the economy as a whole, and questionable lending practises. Recapitalization, the IBC, and conduct of asset reviews are only some of the procedures occupied by the authorities of India to decrease the number of nonperforming assets in public sector banks. Three of the major commercial banks are the SBI, PNB, and BOB. The NPA rates charged by private sector banks in India were much lower compared to that of their public sector counterparts. They had stricter criteria for lending money and favoured clients with better credit histories, both in company and personally. Nevertheless, private sector banks also faced the challenges of managing their non-performing loan holdings. The three largest financial institutions in India are HDFC Bank, Axis Bank and ICICI Bank.

The RBI monitors the amount of bad loans held by both state-owned and commercial banks. To address nonperforming assets (NPAs) and improve the quality of banking sector assets, the RBI has dispensed procedures.

Literature Review

Using a primary survey, Jain et al. (2015) examined precedence segment advancing for banks and proposed limits for several priority sectors.

Mishra (2016) sought to do a cursory assessment of precedence and non- precedence segments nonperforming assets through regard to public segment banks in India using subordinate sources of data.

International financial recession as well as its influence on the Indian budget was the key cause for the increase in nonperforming loans, according to research by Gupta and Kesari (2016).

According to Khosla and Kumar (2017), Indian banks have an NPA problem costing them over Rs. 90,000 crores and are losing money. It was hard to get back the terrible debts since the country's common rules were so cumbersome.

According to Sengupta and Bhardhan (2017), regulatory forbearance exacerbates the financial crisis by encouraging banks to put off recognising nonperforming assets (NPAs) and taking corrective measures. A bank's choice to restructure a loan is a business decision and should not be rewarded with regulatory breaks like delayed identification of nonperforming assets.

Objectives of the study

- To examine the development of nonperforming assets of Indian commercial banks by bank and by industry, and to identify the relative importance of these two factors.
- Determine whether non-performing assets are linked to corporate debt restructuring.

Research Methodology

Only secondary sources were used for this analysis. Information has been compiled from

a variety of sources, including RBI reports, scholarly journals, IIBF research reports, etc. The research uses data collected over a 13-year period, from 2005 to 2017. Parameters for which pre-2005 data is unavailable are disregarded. To examine the connections between NPAs and monetary variables, a correlation study is performed.

Discussion

Having access to sufficient, low-cost credit is beneficial to any nation's economic growth. The provision of finance to farmers, manufacturers, merchants, and businesses is considered a key sector since it facilitates economic growth. Banking infrastructure is seen as a necessary requirement for a country's quick and well-rounded economic growth because of the banks' central involvement in the process. Banks have an effect on economic development by funnelling more money into industries that create plenty of jobs and add to the country's overall gross domestic product. Non-performing assets, the result of loan defaults, have risen in the priority sector in recent years. In order to sustain our banking system and economy, more investigation into the causes of nonperforming loans is essential. Corporate debt restructuring is another intriguing topic where there is a dearth of study. We have seen a dramatic rise in the number of cases over the last several years. In an effort to transform non-performing loans from large corporations into performing ones, banks constantly restructure these loans, flushing billions of dollars down the drain every year when the resurrection process fails. It's time to consider how much of a hit we can take and how long we can keep going. Precedence and non- precedence non-performing assets, and the consequence of business obligation reformation on the total occurrence of NPAs, are the primary focus of our investigation.

Examining All Commercial Banks

Figure 1: All Commercial Banks' Corporate Debt Restructuring (Amount in Billion Indian Rupees)

Compared to 2005, when priority sector NPAs were at Rs. 237.24 billion, they are now at Rs. 1359.09 billion (or 5.73 times higher) in 2016. However, non-performing loans in the non-priority sector increased from Rs 321.06 billion in 2005 to Rs 4523.48 billion in 2016, an increase of 13.09 times; and in the case of overall NPAs, the 2005 figure was Rs 564.22 billion, while the 2016 figure was Rs 5883.57 billion, an increase of 9.42 times. The growth of non-priority sector NPAs is plainly seen to be about 2.28 times that of priority sector NPAs. Business obligation reformation enlarged from Rs 103.98 billion in 2005 to Rs 2067.30 billion in 2015 and Rs 1779.50 billion in 2016, a 17.11-fold increase from 2005. There was a modest decrease in restructuring in 2017. According to the statistics shown above, non-priority sector NPAs and overall NPAs both rise in tandem with the pace at which corporations are restructuring their debt. Reasons for the reorganisation include willful default, bankruptcy, and underperformance in key industries including electricity, coal, steel, infrastructure, etc. The dilemma for policymakers and regulators is in what way distant it must be favourable for banking business when the performance of key industries deteriorates and banks give additional loan money to resuscitate it.

Conclusion

Priority sector NPAs have also increased, they have increased by a smaller margin than

non-priority sector NPAs, highlighting the need for stricter oversight of the latter. The goal of restructuring was to minimise non-performing assets (NPAs), however since 2013 both precedence and non- precedence segment nonperforming assets have risen dramatically in Public Segment Banks, suggesting that the strategy has failed. Total nonperforming assets nonperforming assets in private segment banks have increased, as have NPAs in non-priority sectors, although priority sector NPAs have increased by less. Restructuring of business obligation in private segment banks is on a downward trend and is fully under management. Over the years, priority NPAs at public sector banks have consistently been greater than at SBI and private sector banks. Public sector banks have lower capital adequacy than SBI and private sector banks due to non-priority sector non-performing assets and corporate debt restructuring. Restructuring of corporate debt in the banking industry rises primarily because of the rise of other Public industry Banks. Compared to Public Segment Banks, and private segment banks take substantially minor reformation statistics and overall NPAs data, guaranteeing them a relatively stronger position in the market. The effects of NPAs on GDP and inflation are negligible. The fact that corporate debt restructuring tends to increase nonperforming loans indicates that the original goal of restructuring—to decrease NPAs—was unsuccessful.

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A REVIEW ON IMPACT OF FDI ON TRADITIONAL RETAIL SECTOR OF INDIA AS WELL AS ON MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE INDUSTRY (MSME)

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The unequal distribution of foreign direct investment (FDI) in India is documented in this research. Up to 88% of India's unorganised labour is expected to be in the retail industry by 2021. Many people in the nation depend on it for their livelihood. Despite its many benefits—improved retail efficiency, new innovative technology, higher-quality products for consumers, and overall economic growth—FDI poses a noteworthy threat to the livelihoods of those working in the unorganised retail segment. Therefore, it is important to examine the effect of FDI on the retail sector in order to identify the most effective policies that will increase India's allure to foreign investors, bring about agreement between those who support and those who oppose FDI in India, and strengthen the government's dedication to the WTO regime. The importance of this article is underscored by the retail industry's vast potential and its contribution to India's economy.

Keywords – FDI, Retail industry, technology, foreign investors etc.

Introduction

The conventional retail sector and Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) in India may see both good and negative effects from foreign direct investment (FDI): Negative Effects on the Conventional Retail Industry Results That Are Good: Global retail giants with efficient supply chains may enter the Indian market as a result of FDI, which may enhance competition. Consumers stand to gain from more competition in the form of reduced pricing and a wider selection of goods. Better inventory management and customer service are only two of the many benefits that may accrue from foreign direct investment (FDI) into the

conventional retail industry. There may be an increase in available jobs in sectors like logistics, shop operations, and customer service as a result of the growth of multinational retailers in India.

The Downsides : Dominance in the market occurs when giant, multi-national retail chains enter the industry and quickly surpass their smaller, more local competitors. Small and unorganised stores may go out of business as a result of large-scale merchants' use of economies of scale and strategic pricing practises. Small and local suppliers may suffer as a result of disruptions in their supply networks caused by the integration of global supply chains. Effects on Medium and Small Enterprises Results That Are Good: Partnerships with or integration into the supply chains of global retail giants are two ways in which FDI may help MSMEs get access to bigger markets.

The Downsides : Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) may face greater competition from bigger, more established firms operating within the supply chains supported by foreign direct investment (FDI). Smaller enterprises may find their profit margins and pricing points under strain as a consequence of increased competition. Over-reliance on Big Box Stores: When small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) rely too much on Big Box Stores for sales, they leave themselves open to Price Gouging and other business practises. Dangers in the Supply Chain-There are a number of dangers in the supply chain that may affect SMEs if they decide to integrate into global supply networks. Involvement with or supply to FDI-backed stores may provide regulatory issues and compliance obligations for MSMEs.

The Indian government has enacted several rules and restrictions to lessen the blow that FDI may otherwise deal to the country's established retail sector and its many small and medium-sized enterprises. For instance, in order to safeguard locally owned shops, it has placed limits on the admission and operation of international stores inside the country. For even more development and competitiveness in micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises, the government has developed plans and incentives. Policymakers in India have a difficult issue in striking a balance between facilitating foreign direct investment and safeguarding native interests.

Literature Review

In its Annual Global Retail Index, the renowned global management consultancy AT Kearney (2009) has often named India as the fastest-growing market. The 2009 edition of the Global Retail Development Index by A.T. Kearny. If India continues its current fast development route, the Indian economy will go through a substantial transition over the course of the following ten years, according to a report by the McKinsey Global Institute. By 2025, India's GDP would have more than quadrupled, and its marketplace for consumers shall have jumped from ninth in the world in 2022 to fifth in 2025.

The number of outlets is the key differentiator between organised and unorganised retailing, as stated by Radhika (2016). The term "unorganised outlet" is used to describe any business in a particular town with a maximum of two places, while the term "organised outlet" is used to describe any retail chain with more than two branches that has professional management (even if it is family owned) and has financial clarity. A Supply Chain Governance framework with centralised quality control and procurement (although certain components may be created

locally) is what "organised retailing" pertains to in India.

The Indian press has been covering the subject of FDI (foreign direct investment) in the retail industry extensively. While organised retail accounts for 22% of the Chinese retail market and 40% of the Thai retail prices market, the Hindu Business Line's (2019) make on the "Great FDI in Indian Retail debate" suggests this figure should be closer to 10% given the growing demand for modern retailing formats that provide a clean and hygienic environment in which to shop. This has spurred intense debate over whether or not to loosen restrictions on FDI, yet currently in the world of multi-brand retail, little is different.

Objective of the research

The primary goals of this research are as follows :

- To analyse the development of India's FDI policy during the last several years
- To evaluate the effects of foreign direct investment on India's retail industry,

Research Methodology

The research draws on a number of sources, including scholarly literature, surveys, case studies, and analyses of the organised retail sector. The intricacies of the current policies and empirical analysis within sufficient sample size are unavoidable requirements of a research of such a hotly contested issue. Therefore, doctrinal and empirical analysis are both components of the Study. In-depth analysis of source data pertaining to different trade policy measures constitutes the doctrinal study. Secondary data will be collected from a variety of sources, including the empirical survey analysis presented by the government of India on occasion, academics and institutions, and research articles from a wide range of print and digital media, such as scholarly journals, college textbooks, and online databases.

Discussion :

The retail and real estate industries in India are thriving right now. Experts agree that the futures of both industries are intertwined and interdependent. There is a great demand for high-quality Real Estate since Indian retailers are looking towards aggressively expanding their companies throughout Asia. The most popular strategy for growth is to open new locations in existing cities as well as in new ones. The modern retail sector in India is reflected in sprawling shopping centres, multiplex-malls, and huge complexes that offer shopping, entertainment, and food all under one roof.

This has resulted in a revolution in the way Indians shop, both in terms of format and consumer buying behaviour. Because of this, big national and international companies have put money into improving the retail industry's infrastructure and building new stores. Low percentage of organised retailing, rising disposable income, and a growing middle class are all factors in India's booming retail industry. Reasons for this increase in luxury spending include falling real estate costs, rising disposable incomes, and rising consumer aspirations. After agriculture, the real estate industry in India is the country's second-largest employer.

Long-term and short-term forecasts for this industry point to increased investment from non-resident Indians (NRIs). Most non-resident Indians (NRIs) want to purchase real estate in Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Pune, Chennai, Goa, Delhi, or Dehradun. The demand for both commercial and residential real estate in India has increased, leading to rapid expansion in the industry in recent years. A property consultancy, Colliers India, predicts that by 2021,

institutional investment in the Indian real estate market would have increased by 4% to reach Rs. 36,500 crore (US\$ 5 billion).

Foreign direct investment (FDI) has been on the rise as seen by the graph during the last several years. Since 2015, most outside money has gone into commercial and retail properties, notwithstanding their high prices. The top investors have moved about a little, with Singaporeans, Emiratis, Yanks, and a few Europeans now in the forefront. After 2015, pension funds in Canada began investing in real estate on their own or in collaboration with other institutions.

Conclusion :

The Indian government's decision to encourage FDI in the retail sector has proved to be a crucial step towards modernising the country's retail industry and furthering India's economic development and integration into the global economy. There is no longer any doubt that the advent of FDI in retail has led to a dramatic transition of the retail industry, from the conventional format to the contemporary format, with exponential development in major metropolitan areas. Therefore, the concept of FDI in the retail sector has mostly shown to be helpful for individuals working in the organised sectors in a developing nation like India. FDI in the retail sector has helped both manufacturers and consumers via the creation of jobs for India's young labour force and the reduction of production and intermediate costs.

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IMPACT ON PERFORMANCE OF INDUSTRIES UNDER THE FLOATING DYNAMICS OF RECESSION AND RECOVERY

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Abstract :

This study focuses on India's exports and the country's progress towards economic recovery in the wake of the global financial crisis. In the middle of 2018–19, the world's economy collapsed. The impact was felt worldwide. India's contribution to the economic recovery from the Great Recession has been significant. The primary reason for this is the high amount of Indian exports to the United States and other nations, as well as the vast number of outsourcing arrangements that Indian businesses have with American enterprises. As a result of the global financial crisis, India had difficulties like high inflation, high expenses, a decrease in cash flow, a decline in the currency rate, a drop in sales, a rise in unemployment, and so on. Most sectors involved in exporting have seen growth and increased success in the international market in recent years. Indian trade officials, in particular, should broaden their focus beyond conventional exports and export markets. Foreign trade policy should be updated on a regular basis to ensure that Indian exporters may keep doing business.

Keywords : Manufacturing industry, recession, recovery, import-export

Introduction :

The fluctuating dynamics of recession and recovery in an economy may have a substantial effect on the performance of individual industries. The economy as a whole isn't immune to swings, but certain industries are more vulnerable than others. During downturns and recoveries, industries may be affected in many major ways. Shifts in Consumer Demand: Consumer and company expenditure tend to fall during recessions. When consumers' discretionary income decreases, businesses in related sectors, such the luxury products and travel industries, feel the effects. Investments in capital-intensive businesses, such as building

and manufacturing, may be postponed or cancelled. The recovery stage is characterised by an uptick in consumer and corporate confidence. Therefore, consumer products, housing, and construction businesses often see a rise in demand. Investing might increase, which would be good for industry and technology.

Rates of Employment : Retail, hotel, and entertainment businesses may feel the effects of a recession as unemployment rates rise. Reduced demand might potentially lead to layoffs in the manufacturing and construction industries. Employment rates often increase during times of economic recovery. Businesses in the retail, healthcare, and hospitality sectors could see an uptick in sales. **Stable Finances:** High-debt industries or those that rely significantly on credit may have trouble getting funding during a recession. The construction and automobile manufacturing sectors may find this especially difficult. During the recovery period, businesses that need substantial capital expenditures or growth may more easily get loans.

Governmental Interference - To help businesses and people weather the storm, governments typically enact stimulus measures during a recession. Some industries, including healthcare, infrastructure, and green energy, may benefit directly from greater funding and incentives as a result of this. In the recovery period, government policies and investments may still affect how certain sectors operate. It's possible that sectors like renewable energy and technology, which coincide with government aims, may get sustained funding. **Disruptions in the Supply Chain:** Recession: An economic downturn may wreak havoc on supply chains, hitting hard in sectors that depend on foreign-made inputs. Particular sectors of the economy may be at risk if they use just-in-time inventory systems.

Supply chains usually get back on track after the economy has stabilised. Materials and components availability in industries that depend on global markets may increase. **Adopting New Technologies:** In order to stay competitive and decrease labour costs, certain businesses may speed up their adoption of cost-saving technology and automation during a recession. The recovery period is an opportunity for businesses with a focus on technology to reap the rewards of previous investments in digitization and innovation. **Buyer Behaviour -** During a recession, consumers may change their buying habits, prioritising necessities above luxuries. There's hope for e-commerce and value-driven businesses. Luxury, entertainment, and travel-related businesses may enjoy an uptick in demand as consumer confidence increases. Strategic planning, diversity, and agility are typically necessary for sectors and enterprises to successfully adjust and be resilient in the face of economic swings.

Objectives of the Study

- The determination of this study is to analyse how the worldwide economic crisis has affected India's international trade.
- To analyse the development and pattern of main Indian export commodities

Research Methodology

The study's goal is to evaluate how well India is doing in international commerce and how the global economic crisis has affected India's export industries. Secondary data on broad economic trends; for example, does this have an impact on global trade? Influence on major commodity classes. The Repercussions of Shipping Off Piecemeal Products Abroad. The Reserve Bank of India and the Government of India serve as important secondary sources

for this investigation. A majority of the information used in the research came from the "Handbook of Statistics on Indian Economy" for 2019-2020 and several issues of "Economic Survey," both of which were produced by the Ministry of Finance and the Government of India. The information and statistics has been obtained via a variety of sources.

Discussion

India's Response to the Meltdown

As the global financial crisis expanded to India, the country's government and central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), worked together to find solutions. Government reaction centred on fiscal stimulus, while central bank action included liquidity creation and cyclical in nature administrative relaxation. The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approach to the liquidity crisis was to maintain the stability of the domestic money and credit markets and prevent a solvency cascade. The goals of RBI may be broken down into three categories. RBI has adopted tighter monetary regulations in response to elevated inflationary pressures in order to (i) preserve an appropriate rupee liquidity position, (ii) improve foreign exchange money, and (iii) preserve an economic structure that would continue to keep credit delivery on track to arrest the slowdown in development that occurred during the preceding decade. In light of waning inflationary pressures and moderate growth in the current cycle, however, the RBI altered its strategy for dealing with the situation. The traditional RBI metrics were as follows:

- (i) Made a sudden and drastic cut to the policy interest rate.
- (ii) The amount of money banks are required to keep in reserve at the central bank was decreased.
- (iii) They've bolstered and liberalised their export credit financing options.

Economic Prospects in India

The global economic slump has had a varying effect on India's growth prospects. The growth rate of real GDP has slowed to 6.6%, from an anticipated 9% in 2020-2021. The construction, transportation and communication, retail, and hospitality and food service sub-sectors of the Services sector, which accounts for 57% of India's GDP and has been the country's primary development engine for the previous five years, are also slowing. Recent evidence suggests that even with adequate system liquidity, demand for bank lending has been waning.

In the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019, India's exports expanded by 3.4% to \$168.7 billion, falling short of the government's aim of \$200 billion. Exports account for 15% of India's GDP. Uncertainty about the economy has impacted company confidence, which has a negative impact on corporate profits as a result of increased input prices and lower demand. Investment demand has been slowing, and the Index of Industrial Production has been declining.

The Indian Economy Is in a Rebounding Phase

In spite of the meltdown's effect on India's exports, the charts and tables provide clear explanations of how the Indian economy has recovered. Chart-1 below shows the global

economy's recovery since the 2018 financial crisis.

Chart-1 India's GDP Stacks Up Against Global and Merchandise Trade GDP

India's GDP growth rate was additionally constant, but there was a dip in growth rate in the year 2018-19, while the global Merchandise GDP growth rate fell progressively from 2015-16 to 2018-19, with a growth rate of 8.5 to 11.8 correspondingly. Slower growth rates were triggered by the worldwide panic that followed the collapse of the American financial system.

The figure demonstrates that exports have grown steadily during the course of the research, from 2.68 billion Indian rupees (Rs.203571 crores) in 2010-11 to 14.71 billion Indian rupees (Rs.655863.5 crores) in 2017-18 and forward to 28.19 billion Indian rupees (Rs.845125.2 crores) in 2019-20. Major factors include lower oil imports, a weakening currency, and higher international crude oil costs between May-August 2008 have slowed industrial development.

Conclusions :

Although it has begun to recover from the catastrophe, the Indian economy is growing more slowly and steadily each month. The robust economy, interest rate, appropriate judgements at right moment for executing the policy of physical and monetary as well as emerging environment, and the strategic solution overcome the export sector issues, providing India with the opportunity and strength to escape the global meltdown. If the government makes the right choices and alters the current fiscal and monetary policies, India will recover even from the global collapse. The development of the Indian economy may be stimulated in a number of ways, including via the regulation and monitoring of wholesale and consumer pricing indices, and by the guaranteeing of continuous credit flows at low interest rates. A rise in government spending will increase demand, leading to increased output in industry and buoyant exports that support economic expansion. In order to encourage India's exporters to keep doing business, policymakers there should adopt a fresh perspective, particularly in the realm of international commerce, and aim to expand the country's horizons beyond its conventional exports and markets.

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A Comprehensive Investigation into the Influence of Employee Benefits on Workforce Productivity

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Abstract :

There is a lack of skilled workers in the marketplace right now. Companies have a hard time bringing in new workers, so they focus on keeping the ones they already have. The happiness of their workers is a priority for them. Employee involvement and contentment with perks may be influential factors in job happiness. The research set out to determine whether or not employee engagement or benefit scheme satisfaction had a greater impact on the complete work gratification of line workers in a industrial corporate. According to the results of a linear regression analysis, measuring employee engagement at work has a larger impact on overall happiness than any reward programme. Three aspects of employee involvement were tracked: levels of satisfaction with management, the general vibe of the workplace, and the likelihood of staff turnover. The rating of the workplace environment was said to be the most affected. Significant differences between Generation X and Y opinions on the workplace environment were also discovered. Employers that are serious about effectively managing employee performance should design incentive programmes with these generational disparities in mind. The problem has to be investigated in the scientific community as well.

Keywords : Employee, productivity, involvement, employee benefit

Introduction

Employee perks have the potential to significantly impact workplace output. Attracting and retaining top talent is just half the battle; motivating workers to give their all requires a benefits package that does more than just the bare minimum. The following are some examples of how employee perks may increase efficiency in the workplace: Benefits like health coverage, superannuation tactics, and paid holiday period all contribute to employee happiness and hence work satisfaction. Workers who description high stages of job gratification are more inclined to go overhead and outside in their work and demonstrate loyalty to their employers.

Employees are more likely to remain with a firm over time if they are offered attractive compensation and benefits packages. If an organisation can reduce the rate at which its workers leave, it can keep its staff more stable and, therefore, more productive.

Health and Happiness: Employees' physical and emotional well-being might benefit from health-related perks including medical and dental insurance, wellness programmes, and access to mental health services. Workers who use fewer sick days and are physically and mentally well tend to produce better results in the workplace. Work-life balance is improved by benefits like telecommuting, working from home, and paid time off for personal reasons. Employees who are able to maintain a balance between their personal and professional life report feeling less stressed and weary at work. Employees are more motivated and invested in their work when they have access to financial incentives like performance bonuses, profit-sharing schemes, and stock options. These incentives have the potential to increase motivation and involvement, which in turn might increase output.

Employees are incentivized to further their professional and personal growth via advantages like tuition reimbursement and access to training and education opportunities. This is good for the person, but it also increases the person's value to the business. Team morale may be boosted by providing employees with access to resources including employee support programmes, employee appreciation events, and team-building activities. A positive mood amongst workers increases the likelihood that they will work together effectively, which in turn boosts output. Financial perks such as retirement plans and financial counselling may alleviate some of the burdens workers have while managing their own finances. Workers who are confident in their financial situation are improved talented to concentrate on their jobs deprived of being sidetracked by uncertainties around their own finances.

An organisation might get an edge in the competitive labour market by offering appealing perks to its employees. Employees are more likely to be dedicated to their employment and strive for better levels of productivity if they believe they are getting meaningful rewards. Keeping in accordance with the law requires that businesses provide employees with certain perks, such as those mandated by labour regulations. Employees' productivity and happiness on the work might gain by providing them with the perks required by law.

Objective of the study :

This research aims to determine whether or not an organization's ability to retain its frontline workforce is more important to employee happiness than the quality of its benefits package.

Methodology :

A manufacturing company with 478-line workers (mainly males) was the setting for the inquiry. In order to gather information, we opted to use paper surveys. First, when asked whether they are happy with the benefits package provided by their employer, respondents ranked their satisfaction on a five-point scale (from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree"). The following item on the survey asked respondents how happy they were working for the company as a whole. In order to gather and analyse the data, we utilised SPSS version 23. The data was examined by means of the Mann-Whitney U test, a non-parametric alternative to the F-test for overall significance in regression analysis, and a linear regression.

Discussion :

Linear regression was castoff to describe the association among employee happiness and their satisfaction with their benefits. A linear function was shown to be the most effective regression function. The "employee engagement on their overall job satisfaction" impact model was a key factor in our search. The resultant correlation value of 0.482 between Satisfaction with the employee benefit plan and Overall work satisfaction indicates a moderately substantial dependency between these two factors. In this situation, the model is statistically significant at the 0.05 level, since the p-value of the F-test was 1.39×10^{-13} . The relationship between overall work happiness and employee benefit scheme satisfaction may be expressed by the function $y=21.425x-1.0317$. In Figure 1, we see a graphical depiction of the regression model that shows how overall work satisfaction is related to satisfaction with the benefit plan. Using the Mann-Whitney U test, we found that there are substantial disparities in how different generations evaluate the workplace. Results are shown in Table 1.

Tab. 1: Generation X and Y differ in how they evaluate employee engagement.

Variable	U	Z	p-value adjusted	Z	p-value
Management	3881.21	-1.1578	0.1254	-1.1845	0.2541
Atmosphere	3368.35	-2.5426	0.1534	-2.5231	0.2321
Personnel turnover	4215.36	-0.3254	0.2547	-0.3254	0.5741

The survey included many inquiries meant to probe the nature of the workplace. The queries that the multiple generations provided answers followed. The degree of discontent with the assertion "My senior supervisor offers us praise for my sterling achievement" was determined using Table 2 as the foundational document. Employees from Generation X were less likely to disagree (37.5% vs. 58%) than those from Generation Y (58%).

Conclusion

The primary purpose of this research was to determine if employee involvement or contentment with the employee benefit plan had a greater impact on employee satisfaction. The correlation between employee happiness and engagement was found to be much higher than that between employee satisfaction and the benefits package. According to the models in question, improving employees' perceptions of their employer's commitment to their well-being had a bigger impact on their total work satisfaction (almost 29%) than improving their perceptions of their contentment with their benefits package (just 21%). Since employee engagement is so crucial, the study sought to determine which of three elements had the most impact on the measurement of engagement. The Mann-Whitney U test demonstrated that workplace environment evaluation is crucial. Therefore, the work environment was scrutinised, and individual responses were assessed with the respondents' (Generation X and Y) ages in mind. Statements such as "There is generally a good atmosphere at work among peers" and "My colleagues are willing to work and perform well" were used to gauge participants' reactions.

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A STUDY ON GOAL ORIENTATION AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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Abstract :

The present study aimed at exploring predictive efficacy of goal orientation (intrinsic and extrinsic) and task value to determine academic achievement of professional university students of Haryana. Descriptive method of research was followed. A representative sample of 712—second year professional studentssecond pursuing study in management, law and computer science. The three subscales of MLSQ, (Pintrich et al., 1991) were used to measure intrinsic goal orientation and extrinsic goal orientation, task value. The academic achievement of professional university students was taken from examination record of first year results. The descriptive statistics along with correlation and regression was made. The results suggest that professional university students have shown moderate level of academic achievement, along with being moderate on task value, but above average in intrinsic goal orientation and extrinsic goal orientation. There was positive and significant relationship of academic achievement with intrinsic goal orientation and extrinsic goal orientation and task value of professionaluniversity students. The regression analysis showed that both intrinsic goal orientation and extrinsic goal orientation emerged as significant predictorsexplain 3.5% of variance ($R=0.035$) and further explained as academic achievement with the help of task value to the tune of 4.3% of variance ($R=0.043$). The low predictive efficacy of goal orientation and task value is attributable to other socio-psychological and institutions factors playing an important role in academic achievement of professional university students.

Keywords: Academic Achievement, MLSQ, Socio-Psychological etc.

INTRODUCTION :

It is commonly accepted that students entering higher education from school are not well prepared for the different types of learning and studying required of them. In schools, teacher

assumes sole responsibility in the teaching-learning process from choosing short and long-term goals to specifying activities, provision of materials, the time allocation, etc. The material they have to learn is generally presented in a carefully packaged form. In higher education, there is a tendency for a redistribution of learning responsibility between the teacher and the students. Students are given much more freedom to plan their own work and they also have to extract what has to be learnt from lectures and books. This conception leaves much room for the students to become self-regulated learners, i.e., to set goals, select from a repertoire of strategies, and monitor progress toward the goal (Panaoura & Philippou, 2003 and Pape et al., 2003). Some studies found significant positive relationship between motivation and academic achievement (Gottfried 1990, Singhal, 1991; Lynch, 2010 and Jahedi, 2012) whereas some studies revealed that student's motivation had no relationship with student's school achievement, (Veeraraghavan & Bhattacharya, 1989; Niebuhr, 1995; Lau et al., 2002; Greene et al., 2004; Ozturk et al., 2007; Gungoren & Sungur, 2009; Ahmed et al., 2010 and Artino et al., 2010). It was found that intrinsic motivation, which involved focus on learning and mastery, not on grades and performance, was linked to better strategy use and use academic performance (Barenblatt, 1989; Gottfried, 1990; Lioyd & Ames, 1992; Fontaine, 1994; Lin et al., 2001; Ozkan, 2003; Lynch, 2006; Chowdhury & Shahabuddin, 2007; Kadioglu & Uzuntiryanki, 2008; Karim, 2008; Ayub, 2010; and D'Lima et al., 2014). Extrinsic goal orientation was observed to generally have direct effects on the academic performance of the students in the university (Lynch, 2006 and Karim, 2008). Significant positive relationship was found between task value and performance (Doljanac, 1994; Puklek, 2007; Artino, 2008; Harthy & Was, 2010; Cetin-Dindar & Geban, 2011; Lawanto et al., 2012 and Goodridge, 2014). Venkatesan & Shankar (2022) Findings of the study indicate that there exist significant relationship between goal orientation and its dimensions namely positive self-motivation, realistic perception, personality integration and autonomy with academic performance of undergraduate students. (Alsaïdi & Aldhafri, 2021) The results indicated the existence of reciprocal effects between students' academic self-efficacy beliefs and their achievement goal orientations in their relationship to academic achievement

Objectives :

To study the levels of goal orientation (intrinsic goal orientation and extrinsic goal orientation), task value with academic achievement of professional university students.

To study the relationship of goal orientation (intrinsic goal orientation and extrinsic goal orientation), task value with academic achievement of professional university students.

To find out Predictive efficacy of goal orientation (intrinsic goal orientation and extrinsic goal orientation) and task value in determining academic achievement of professional university students.

Hypotheses :

There will be positive and significant relationship the levels of goal orientation (intrinsic goal orientation and extrinsic goal orientation) and task value with academic achievement of professional university students.

Goal orientation (intrinsic goal orientation and extrinsic goal orientation) and task value will be significant predictors of academic achievement of professional university students.

Method

Descriptive method of research was followed in the conduct of study :

Universe of the study and sample

Professional university students of KurukeshtraUniversity campus constituted the universe of study. The sample of 712 students included both male and female university students pursuing professional course. Intrinsic Goal Orientation concerns the degree to which the student perceives himself/herself to be participating in a task for reasons such as challenge, curiosity, mastery.

Extrinsic Goal Orientation concerns the degree to which the student perceives himself/herself to be participating in a task for reasons such as grades, rewards, performance, evaluation by others, and competition.

Task Value refers to the students' evaluation of the how interesting, how important, and how useful task is.

Academic Achievement refers to performance of university students in graduation examination determining either merit or eligibility to admission in post-graduate studies.

Research Tools

The following standardized tool was used to collect data for the present investigation:

Motivated strategies for Learning Questionnaire (Pintrich et al., 1991) The Motivated Strategies for Learning Questionnaire (Pintrich, Smith, Garcia, and McKeache, 1991) is a self-report instrument designed to assess professional university students. Students rate themselves, seven point likert scale from “not at all true of me” to “very much true of me”

Three motivational beliefs i.e. intrinsic goal orientation, extrinsic goal orientation and task value of professional university students.

Academic achievement was obtained by taking percentage graduation marks of professional university students.

Statistical Treatment of Data

The product moment correlation followed by step-wise regression analysis was computed along with descriptive statistics.

Results

The correlation matrix showing inter relationship among four variables i.e. academic achievement and three motivational beliefs intrinsic goal orientation, extrinsic goal orientation and task value of professional university students

Table - 1

**Co-relation matrix: Relationship among dependent and independent variables
(N=712)**

Variables	Academic Achievement	Intrinsic Goal Orientation	Extrinsic Goal Orientation	Task Value
Academic Achievement	—	0.124	0.083	0.091
Intrinsic Goal Orientation	0.124**	—	0.209	0.503
Extrinsic Goal Orientation	0.083*	0.209**	—	0.374

Task Value	0.091*	0.503**	0.374**	
M	66.49	5.23	5.01	4.97
SD	8.74	0.97	1.07	0.88

**p<0.01

Note : Mean of university students achievement is in percentage. The means of Intrinsic Goal Orientation, Extrinsic Goal Orientation and Task Value are in the range of 1-7

The table-1 shows that the coefficients of correlation of academic achievement with intrinsic goal orientation, extrinsic goal orientation, task value came out to be 0.124, 0.083, and 0.091 respectively. Since these coefficients are significant at 0.05 level, the first hypothesis, "There will be positive and significant relationship the levels of goal orientation (intrinsic goal orientation and extrinsic goal orientation), task value and academic achievement of professional university students", was accepted. It may be inferred that there is a positive and significant relationship of intrinsic goal orientation, extrinsic goal orientation and task value with academic achievement of professional university students.

In order to find out predictive efficacy of three motivational variables in determining academic achievement of university students, regression analysis was carried out (Table-2)

Table-2
Prediction of academic achievement from among Intrinsic Goal Orientation, Extrinsic Goal Orientation, Task value of university students : Step by multiple regression

Variables	R	R2	R2 Change	F-Value	% Variance
Intrinsic Goal Orientation	0.124	0.015	0.015	10.08**	1.50
Extrinsic Goal Orientation	0.190	0.036	0.021	9.44**	2.10
Task Value	0.208	0.043	0.007	8.40**	0.70
**p<0.01	Total variance			4.30	

Table-2 depicts that three motivational beliefs (intrinsic goal orientation, extrinsic goal orientation) and task value emerged as significant predictors of academic achievement among university students pursuing professional course of study (N=712) explaining 1.50%, 2.10% and 0.70% variance equation independently. All these variables conjointly contributed 4.30 variance in academic achievement among professional university students.

Discussion

Show effectiveness of goal orientation in determining the finding of study academic achievement of professional university students. These results are in line with previous researches. Extrinsic goal orientation was observed to generally have direct effects on the academic performance of the university students in the university (Lynch, 2006 and Karim, 2008). Significant positive relationship was also found between task value and performance (Doljanac, 1994; Puklek, 2007; Artino, 2008; Harthy & Was, 2010; Cetin-Dindar & Geban, 2011; Lawanto et al., 2012 and Goodridge, 2014). In recent study it was reported that

Venkatesan & Shankar (2022) Findings of the study indicate that there exists significant relationship between goal orientation and its dimensions namely positive self-motivation, realistic perception, personality integration and autonomy with academic performance of undergraduate students. (Alsaidi&Aldhafri ,2021) The results indicated the existence of reciprocal effects between students' academic self-efficacy beliefs and their achievement goal orientations in their relationship to academic achievement.

Education Implications :

- The teachers and parents need to promote students' academic performance both by influencing their competence beliefs, task value and goal orientation motivational beliefs and by influencing their knowledge representation, procedural skills and metacognitive strategies
- The teachers in higher education institutions should teach students to use motivational beliefs like intrinsic goal orientation, extrinsic goal orientation and task value
- Institutions should be an active process in which students are encouraged to select the most important aspect, organize it, elaborate it, and apply it to different situations or context from those that served as the framework in which it was learned and teachers provide productive feedback

Conclusion

Professional university students have shown moderate level of academic achievement, along with being moderate on extrinsic goal orientation, task value, but above average on intrinsic goal orientation and extrinsic goal orientation. Emerged on significance predictors explain 3.5% of variance ($R=0.035$) and further explained of academic achievement with the help of task value to the tune of 4.3% of variance ($R=0.043$). The low predictive efficacy of goal orientation and task value is attributable to other socio-psychological and institutions factors playing an important role in academic achievement of professional university students.

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Examining the Multifaceted Evolution of Buddhist Culture in South India through Rigorous Research

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Abstract :

In the sixth century B.C., Gautama the Buddha gave his first sermon at Isipatana, Sarnath, where he urged his disciples to "go and wander forth for the gain of the many, for the welfare of the many, in compassion for the world, for the welfare good, for the gain for the welfare of gods and men, and to preach a life of holiness, perfection, and purity." The Buddha's name and teachings quickly became well-known, and His message of equality, hope, and peace quickly went global. The Way of the Buddha became a highway to redemption for all the recluses, intellectuals, philosophers, kings, queens, and ordinary men and women, much as a little rivulet flows towards a larger body of water. That the Buddha's fame reached its peak during his lifetime is made abundantly clear by what happened in Kushinara just after his Mahaparinirvana. There, disagreements emerged about how the Buddha's remains should be divided. Several neighbouring monarchs, in addition to the Mallas, called for a portion of the Blessed One's ashes. There was initial resistance from the Mallas, and the conflict almost led to all-out war. Eventually, however, the sage advice won out, and the Mallas of Kushinara, Ajatasatru, king of Magadha, Licchavis of Vaisali, Sakyas of Kapilavastu, Bulis of Allakappa, Koliyas of Ramagrama, the Mallas of Pava, and a resident of Vethadipa all received equal shares of the relics. Drona, a key player in the equitable distribution of the artefacts, stole the urn.

Keywords: South India, Buddhist Culture, kindness, equality

Introduction :

The three Buddhist Councils that took place in India were important in disseminating Buddhism inside India and beyond. In his third council, King Aok sent numerous Arahants to go on diplomatic missions to other countries. Monks of the Buddhist faith have travelled from one community to the next, preaching the Master's teachings ever since the time of the Buddha. Those monks who journeyed to South India faced not only the challenges of a new environment, but also the task of debating with Jain and Hindu opponents. Therefore, the monarchs, rich merchants, and noblemen who supported the monks in their efforts to propagate the Dhamma. Because of this, they spread the Buddha Dhamma across every town and city in

South India by creating monasteries and institutes of higher Buddhist study. The monastic communities often produced highly trained professionals in several fields, including medicine. They did a great service by giving away free medical care and education at the monastery school. People were called to the monastery grounds, where they were taught the Dhamma via sermons on the Jataka stories, the Buddha's biography, and the reading of Suttas from the Buddhist scriptures. Alms-halls were kept open for the benefit of the disabled with the support of monarchs and wealthy individuals. As a result of Buddhists in South India's selfless devotion to the community and their tireless efforts to propagate the Dhamma, Buddhism flourished there.

Buddhism was the liberating force that freed the exploited classes. One of the primary factors in Buddhism's rise to prominence was the movement's rejection of the inflexible caste system. The Thevram hymns of the Hindu saints Appar, Sundarar, and Tirujnasambandar, as well as the Jain poet Ilango Aigal's Slappadhikram (The Book of the Anklet), the Buddhist poet Sttanr's Maimekhalai, and the Jain poet Ilango Aigal's Maimekhalai provide a clear indication of the popularity of Buddhism in South India.² These poets span the years 202 CE to 7 CE. The Periyapuram by the 12th-century poet Sekillar, the Nlakes written by the Jains against Buddhism, and the works of the Vaishnavite saints of the 8th and 9th centuries extolling the virtues of their god all paint a vivid picture of the prominent position Buddhism held for several centuries in South India. Once thriving in South India beginning in the third century CE, Buddhism steadily declined beginning in the seventh century CE for a number of reasons.

The gospel of the Buddha had reached Andhra during the Life-time of the Blessed One, as shown by the account of Bvari and his sixteen pupils recounted in the Sutta-Nipta, an ancient Pli document. Buddhism received a further boost when Andhra fell under the suzerainty of Aoka (BC 273–BC 232). Mahdeva, a monk-missionary sent by Asoka to teach and promote the Dhamma in the Andhra-Karnataka area, is credited with founding the Mahachaitya at Amaravati in Guntur, the earliest and greatest Buddhist temple in Andhra. A sandstone block with a scribbled inscription, likely hacked off an Aokan pillar, was found at Amaravati, lending support to this theory. One main and one small Aokan rock edict were discovered in the Yerragudi area, while a third minor edict was found in the Rajula-Mandgiri Kurnool area. The response of the people of the Mauryan Empire to Aok's Dhamma-campaign is revealed in the thirteenth great rock edict (Shahbazgarhi version), where Andhra is named with other imperial areas. According to the decree, "Likewise here in the imperial territories among the Greeks, Kambojs, Nabhakas and Nabhapanktis, Bhojs and Pitiniks, Andhra and Parindas (Pulindas), everywhere the people follow the beloved of the God's instructions in Dhamm." People everywhere know of his Dhamma-compliant behaviour, his Dhamma-based precepts and instructions, and they have followed and will continue to follow Dhamma even where the beloved of the Gods' envoys have not gone.

THE MANAGEMENT OF BUDDHIST ASHRAMS

There would be no significant religious movement without the monks and their monasteries. Sangha is one of the three pillars, or Triple Gems, on which Buddhism rests, thus this is especially true. There were no Bhikkhus or Vihras in India prior to the 1891 revival movement, with the exception of a small few in the country's mountainous regions.

The Great Mah Bodhi Temple at Bodh Gaya, the lone remaining emblem of Buddhism's former splendour, was desecrated by a Hindu Mahant in the absence of any Buddhist monk.

Mahvira was the first Hindu to convert to Buddhism and become a monk. He was the nephew of Babu Kunwar Singh, a Bihari rebel from Jagdishpur, who fought the British in India's 1857 Revolt. Mahvira took up wrestling later in life, and it was for these competitions that he ultimately made his way from Chennai all the way to Sri Lanka. There, in 1890, he committed his life to Buddhism by becoming a Bhikkhu. In 1891, he made his way back to India from Myanmar and settled in at Kushinr, the location of Buddha's Mahparinirvana. For the sake of visitors, he built a Dharmashal there in 1901. And in 1902, he built Kushinagar's contemporary Buddha vihras (temple), making it India's first such structure.

Dharmnanda Kosambi, born in Goa in 1876, was a disciple of the Venerable Mahvira, also known as Mahvir Swami. In 1897, he was reading a Marathi children's magazine produced in Mumbai when he came across a profile of the life of Lord Buddha. The Buddha's narrative had such an impression on him that he decided then and there to devote himself to learning all he could about Buddhism. This motivated him to leave his family in December 1899, and he spent his first several years in India in Pune and Varanasi studying Sanskrit. He had learned Sanskrit but wanted to learn more about Buddhism, so he travelled to Nepal.

Kosambi returned to Bodh Gaya, the site of Buddha's enlightenment, after visiting Kathmandu and finding it disappointing. A monk there suggested he go to Sri Lanka to learn about Buddhism firsthand from its spiritual home. Thus, he left for Sri Lanka in March of 1902, eventually making it to Colombo. He became just the second contemporary Indian to take the vows of a Buddhist monk when he suddenly converted to Buddhism and became a monk. Dharmnanda Kosambi, an early Pali scholar, was responsible for popularising the Devanagari script for writing Pali in India. Also a prolific author, he penned works on Buddhism in both Marathi and Gujarati. Known as the "Buddhist temple of the masses," he dubbed the modest structure he constructed in Parel, Mumbai in 1937 "Bahujana Vihara." In 1947, he left this world.

Bodhnanda came after Dharmnanda Kosambi. His Bengali parents brought him into the world in the Mirzpur area of Uttar Pradesh. He lost both his parents when he was young. As a result, he moved in with his aunt, a widow living in Varanasi, where he eventually became a Sadhu and took the name Nij Bodhnanda. He happened across a group of Sri Lankan Buddhist monks on their way to Sarnath in 1896. He was drawn to Buddhism by the Buddhists' calm demeanour and respect for human life. He was ordained as a Buddhist monk in India in 1914, making him the country's first. Due to the lack of a sacred Seema for monastic ordination at the period in India, Ven.

In 1914, Venerable Kripasaran Mah Thera and others ordained Bodhnanda in a boat in the Ganges near Kolkata. In the absence of a Seema, the Vinaya permits a Bhikkhu to be ordained on any body of water. Sarnath, holy Isipatana, and Kushinagar in U.P., Dharmnkur Vihra in Kolkata and Siliguri in West Bengal, Aoka mission vihra in New Delhi, and a few more locations in Assam and Tripura all have sanctified sites for the Upasampada (ordination) of monks.

To spread Buddhism across Northern India, Ven. Bodhnanda established the Indian

Buddhist Society in 1916, with its headquarters in Lucknow. A stunning Buddha Vihara was built by him in 1925 at Lucknow's Risaldar Park. In addition, he founded a Buddhist Library and stocked it with many volumes written in Pli, Sanskrit, Bengali, Hindi, Urdu, Persian, and English. This Vihara and Library helped establish Lucknow as a significant Buddhist hub in India. In 1952, Ven. Bodhnanda died away, having encouraged many others to seek the Buddha's teachings.

A disciple of the Venerable Bodhnanda, Bhadant Anand Kausalyyan. He was born to Punjabi parents on January 5th, 1905, in Sohana, a suburb of Chandigarh. He attended and graduated from National College, Lahore in 1924. He abruptly departed shortly after that. In 1926, while aimlessly travelling in pursuit of personal fulfilment, he encountered Rhul Snkrityyan by complete coincidence. He followed the former's lead and converted to Arya Samaji Parivrjrik, taking the name Brhmachri Vishvanath instead of Harnmds. Rahul Sankrityyan began teaching Sanskrit at the Vidyankara Pirivena in Kelaniya, Sri Lanka (Ceylon) in 1927. Vishvanath followed his lead and travelled to Sri Lanka to become a member of the Pirivena. There he became a Buddhist and, in February 1928, was ordained as a monk, taking the name Anand Kausalyyan. On April 9, 1892, in the Azamgarh area of Uttar Pradesh, Rahul Sankrityyan entered the world. Born with an innate restlessness, he ran away from home while still in middle school. He was a drifter until the Mahant of Parasa in district Chhapra, Bihar, took him up to succeed him and gave him the name Sadhu Rmodards. However, he eventually left Parasa due to a 'hunger' for knowledge and a 'passion' for exploration. In July of 1913, he set out on the road once again.

While travelling across the nation, he was exposed to the Arya Samj and eventually became one of their preachers. In 1971, while on one of these preaching tours, he met Ven. Bodhnanda and received his first Buddhist education from him. In 1927, he began teaching Sanskrit at the Vidyankara Pirivena in Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. In 1930 he made the trip there to become a Buddhist monk. Next up was the Venerable Jagdish Kashyap, who followed Rahul Sankrityyan. In 1908, he entered the world in Rnchi, Bihar. In 1931, he earned his Master of Arts in Philosophy from Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, after having graduated from Patna in 1929. Because of his grandfather's influence, Jagdish Kshyap joined the Arya Samj and worked as the Principal of the Gurukula in Baidyanthdham, Bihar, from 1931 to 1933. Gradually, he lost faith in the Gurukula's structure and grew troubled by the discrepancy between the Arya Samj's teachings and its actual application, especially in regards to the caste system. He then met Rahul Sankrityyan in Patna, at K.P. Jaiswl's house, in November of 1933. After reading the Tibetan texts that Rahulji had brought back with him, he decided to go to Sri Lanka to learn more about Buddhism. Rahul Sankrityyan arranged for it, and shortly after Jagdish Kashyap became a member of the Vidyankara Pirivena. His Bhikkhu ordination took place in 1934.

CONCLUSION

Buddhism in the contemporary era emphasises moving forward. Buddhism in India has recently seen a rise in popularity. The Buddhist Sacred Shrines have undergone extensive renovations and repairs, and the uplifting tune of "Buddhan Saranan Gacchmi" may once again be heard throughout them. The favoured One has also become the inspirational leader of a huge crowd in India. Not only that, but Buddhists and their traditions are now receiving the regard and respect they deserve from all segments of Indian society. In reality, the National Emblem

features the Lion Capital of Aoka's Pillar at Srnath, and the National Flag features the Buddhist Wheel of Law (Dhamma-Chakra). One may say that in contemporary India, Lord Buddha is the supreme divinity. True, Buddhism is flourishing once again in India as a vibrant spiritual tradition.

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THE ROLE OF NABARD IN PROMOTING MICROFINANCE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO CHHATTISGARH STATE

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ABSTRACT :

The Indian economy is primarily based on agriculture, and the majority of the population lives in rural areas. It is impossible to accomplish economic planning goals without first fostering the growth of the rural economy. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is playing a crucial part in the growth of India's rural economy. Farmers have access to bank credit through programs such as those that provide short-term credit, medium-term and long-term debt financing for capital investments in agriculture, and activities related to agriculture. In this paper, an effort has been made to gain an understanding of the concept of rural finance in India. The study also has the potential to shed light on the areas of rural finance in India that require improvement.

Keywords: Economic Development, Financial Sustainability, Rural Finance, Sustainable Development.

I. INTRODUCTION

Economic growth and economic development, however seen from various angles, are the two main and distinct notions that indicate the prosperity of any community, region, or nation. The assessment of human welfare in a society serves as the foundation for measuring economic development. This multifaceted process includes the eradication of absolute poverty, the reduction of inequality issues, the acceleration of economic growth, and changes in attitudes, structures, and institutions. For the purpose of promoting financial inclusion and fostering economic growth in India's rural areas, NABARD offers a variety of services, including financial, supervisory, and development programs. In addition to this, eligible borrowers have access to a variety of financial options, including refinancing programs, direct financing products, and financial offerings. NABARD is responsible for the regulation and supervision of the functions of regional rural banks and cooperative banks. In addition, it conducts periodic

inspections of state-level cooperative units such as marketing federations, apex weaver's societies, and state cooperative agriculture and rural development banks. These activities fall under the category of developmental activities. In programs run by the government, such as the National Livestock Mission, the Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme, and the Interest Subvention Scheme, NABARD participates as a channel partner.

Over the course of the previous fifty years, agricultural expansion has been accorded a high level of importance, particularly within the context of a number of different five-year plans. Farmers have access to bank credit in the form of short-term credit for financing crop production programs and in the form of medium- and long-term credit for financing capital investments in agriculture and allied activities such as land development, which includes the purchase of land, minor irrigation, farm mechanization, dairy development, poultry animal husbandry, fisheries, plantations, and horticulture. The storing, processing, and marketing of agricultural produce are all able to be financed through loans. Today, the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) is able to fulfil both the long-term and short-term credit requirements of these institutions. It represents a significant development in agricultural finance.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

In their paper titled "The Role of NABARD in Poverty Reduction: An Empirical Study of Uttar Pradesh" published in 2011, Prusty, T. and Chaudhari, A.K. examined NABARD's function in Uttar Pradesh's rural transformation. The study's findings demonstrate the effectiveness of anti-poverty policies that gradually enhance the standard of living for the target population while also mainstreaming the targeted demographic segment, women. These initiatives could bring about socioeconomic change in our nation's rural areas. Self-help groups help members change their bigger perspectives and social attitudes in addition to producing material goods and bettering living situations for them.

In the J&K district of Udhampur, Sharma (2012) investigated the effects of microfinance on the growth of rural women's finances. In the Udhampur district, she evaluated the effects of the NGO-SHG Bank Linkage program among 226 beneficiaries from 60 Self Aid Groups (Self Help Groups). As a result of improved intangible assets like self-esteem, self-esteem, confidence, trust, and a shift in attitude, shorter breeds have a favorable impact on social and personal development, according to the data.

In the Anantnag District of Kashmir Division, minority and self-help groups have been investigated by Khaki and Sangmi (2012). 5 of the 12 blocks in region, or 41.66% of the total area, were chosen for the sample. The most Self Help Groups were located in blocks five and six. Analysis of the effectiveness of self-help groups in terms of growth, income, quality of life, and other factors is the goal of the study. The study's findings suggest that a key factor in the success of the Self-Help Groups in the area was microfinance. Members have significantly increased their income and savings since joining the self-help groups, which has decreased their risk.

By discovering a correlation between GDP and the (MF-I) microfinance-index of the country's geographic diversity, Brindha, G. and Pavithra, J. (2013) mentioned GDP as one of the potential causes for this growth base. The state's (MP-I) Microfinance Penetration Index

and GDP do not interact. This means that with a high GDP and low MP-I, they must implement efficient government policy assistance to boost the growth of the public sector and give the poor access to money. Countries with lower MP-I will eventually associate with neighbouring provinces with greater MP-I as microfinance entry rates reflect regional patterns. These findings are supported by greater outreach efforts in the nation's south.

"Rural Development in India: What are the Role of NABARDs & RRBs?" is a research by Swapan Kumar Roy (2014). This study attempts to provide some insight into the many policies and programs that the Indian Government has approved, as well as analysis and evaluation of the strategies and programs that support rural development. The loan distribution to farmers has been made simpler by the disclosure initiative. The successful implementation of the plans might result in a thorough reformation of the village areas, which would enhance the inhabitants' quality of life. The government needs to focus more on making sure that programs are carried out effectively. The beneficiaries should have access to multiple programs and be able to exit them by way of an awareness program that is created for them. If people are kept in the dark, the ultimate objective will fail.

In their 2014 article, Sougata Ray and Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra draw attention to the causes of regional differences in the growth of micro-budgetary institutions. The findings supported the idea that smaller financial institutions choose to open a branch in a certain area for commercial reasons rather than for ethical considerations. Additionally, the lack of an administrative framework at this point has led to MFI concerns in some regions of the country. In their 2016 study, "Research on the Progress of Women Enterprise in Microfinance Using the Self Helping Bank Bank Linkage Model," Subha, K. and Thangaprashath, R. assessed the development of the banking group's independent process of microfinance. The study's findings indicated that while Microfinance and SHG-Bank communication programs primarily target providing financial services to the economically underprivileged segment, they should also pay attention to basic human needs including housing, health, education, and social change.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research paper represents an effort to perform exploratory research using secondary information gleaned from secondary sources including journals, periodicals, articles, and reports released in the media. The descriptive method of research was selected as the best research design for the study in light of the requirements set by its objectives. This research strategy was used in order to attain higher precision and carry out a more thorough inquiry into the research study in light of the aims that were specified. The available secondary data was used extensively in this investigation. The investigator uses the secondary surveying technique to get the relevant data for this research report. News stories, books, and websites were some of the sources we used; these sources were then listed and kept track.

IV. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

This study's main objective is to evaluate NABARD's contribution to the socioeconomic advancement of rural Chhattisgarh residents. This study is expected to help in the application of best practices for the social and economic development of rural people through the use of microfinance through NABARD and self-help groups. In order to accomplish the stated goal, certain objectives have been set and approaches have been used.

The study's particular goals are as follows:

1. To determine whether microfinance is available in Chhattisgarh State.
2. To gauge Chhattisgarh State's understanding of microfinance
3. To determine the factors that influence socioeconomic development and NABARD's physical performance.

VI. DATA ANALYSIS

To support the study's hypothesis, the data from the main and secondary sources for the two phases of the study were examined using a variety of statistical approaches, including percentage, mean, t-test, ANOVA, and ordinal regression using statistical software such as Excel and SPSS. The study was undertaken in two phases, the first to determine the availability and knowledge of microfinance, and the second to determine the impact of NABARD on socioeconomic development. The data was collected and evaluated as follows.

Table 6.1 : Availability of Microfinance

Sr. No.	Variable	Frequency	Percentage
1	Micro Loans	Yes	30
		No	3
2	Passbook Savings	Yes	30
		No	3
3	Term Deposits	Yes	28
		No	5
4	Savings Linked to Loans	Yes	30
		No	3
5	Health Insurance	Yes	16
		No	17
6	Life Insurance	Yes	20
		No	13
7	Accident Insurance	Yes	17
		No	16
8	Non-Life Insurance	Yes	13
		No	20
9	Other Insurance	Yes	6
		No	27
10	Financial Literacy	Yes	22
		No	11
11	Business Development Support	Yes	18
		No	15
12	Other Trainings	Yes	09
		No	24

6.2 AWARENESS OF MICROFINANCE

During the study, it was discovered that NGOs were the primary sources of knowledge on microfinance for beneficiaries. Table 6.2 outlines the various stakeholders' roles in educating beneficiaries about microfinance. It was discovered that 413 (82%) of the respondents said they had heard of NGOs' microfinance initiatives.

Table 6.2: Information about Microfinance obtained Through

Sr.No.	Variable	Frequency	Percentage
1	Government Staff	12	2%
2	Non-Government Organizations	412	82%
3	Friends, Relatives and peers	65	13%
4	Promotional Tools- Advertisements	09	2%
5	Others sources	5	1%
	Total	503	100%

It is commendable how NABARD assists NGOs in connecting self-help organizations with BFCs and NBFCs to inform beneficiaries. This had a significant influence on NGOs since it enabled them to pay for the costs of tying self-help groups together. Microfinance is the practice of giving low-income and economically disadvantaged customers financial assistance. It includes a wide range of services, including transfers of funds, savings, insurance, and credit. The respondents were questioned about their knowledge of the various microfinance services as well as how well they understood how microfinance operations work. Five questions requested responses from the respondents. Table 6.2 displays the responses of the respondents. According to the statistics in the table, most respondents are aware of microfinance services. Beneficiaries reported knowing about microfinance services in 78.4% of case.

Table 6.3 : Awareness of Microfinance

Sr. No.	Variable	Frequency	Percentage
1	Microfinance is About Lending in Small Amounts		
	Totally unaware	126	24.7
	Unaware	12	2.8
	Neutral or somewhat	41	7.8
	Aware	173	34
	Totally Aware	155	30.8
2	Microfinance is About Financing microbusiness		
	Totally unaware	123	24.3
	Unaware	20	4.2
	Neutral or somewhat	52	9.9
	Aware	125	24.9
	Totally Aware	187	36.8

3	Microfinance is About Saving		
	Totally unaware	69	13.5
	Unaware	41	8.3
	Neutral or somewhat	79	15.7
	Aware	162	31.8
	Totally Aware	152	30.6
4	Microfinance is About Providing Insurance	65	12.9
	Neutral or somewhat	89	17.7
	Aware	75	14.9
	Totally Aware	27	5.4
5	Microfinance is About Fund Transfers		
	Totally unaware	258	51.5
	Unaware	44	8.5
	Neutral or somewhat	69	13.3
	Aware	88	17.9
	Totally Aware	44	8.7
6	Overall awareness of Micro Finance is		
	Reasonable		
	Totally unaware	21	4.2
	Unaware	88	17.5
	Neutral or somewhat	173	35
	Aware	198	38.8
	Totally Aware	23	4.6

Although Table 6.4 above shows the beneficiaries' frequency distribution broken down by variable, it offers little insight into how well the individual variables are understood as a whole. The ranking pattern that the variables in the ranking process below in Table 6.5 achieved reflects their severity in that order in addition to how the variables are rated. The chart reveals that beneficiaries have varying degrees of awareness. The range of the mean scores for the different factors is between 71.52% and 42.9% of the theoretically possible score. The total microfinance average score rose to a peak of 3.22 (an average score above 60%). Savings are the focus of microfinance, which ranks in the ranking continuum with an average score of 71.52%.

Table 6.5: Awareness of Microfinance as Perceived by Beneficiaries

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Standard Error	% of Mean	Range	Rank
Lending	3.43	1.54	0.06	68.7	High	3
Financing	3.45	1.58	0.07	69.1	High	2
Saving	3.57	1.35	0.06	71.5	High	1
Insurance	2.1	1.31	0.05	42.9	Poor	5

Fund Transfer	2.2	1.44	0.06	44.7	Poor	4
Overall						
Awareness	3.2	0.93	0.04	64.4	High	-

The discussion above can be summarized by saying that beneficiaries are aware of microfinance services. Microfinance is well known for encouraging savings, supporting small businesses, and making modest loans, but less well known for its role in cash transfers and insurance. Table 6.5 displays the beneficiaries' responses.

VII. FINDINGS FOR MICROFINANCE AWARENESS

- 1) It was discovered that 93.9% of MFI supplied micro loans during the study period.
- 2) In terms of savings, there were 87.9% loan-linked savings, 81.8% fixed deposits, and 93.9% necessary passbook savings.
- 3) Regarding insurance, 69.7% of respondents offered life insurance, 48.5% of respondents offered life insurance, 42.4% of respondents offered life insurance, and 21.2% of respondents offered other insurance.
- 4) Financial literacy services made up 61.6%, professional development support made up 57.6%, and other training made up 30.3%. A payment facility was offered to 66.7% of beneficiaries.
- 5) It is safe to say that although microfinance services are accessible, there is little support for company development, financial literacy, or other types of training.

Therefore, it is clear that a variety of microfinance services are offered, and poor people in rural Chhattisgarh receive the benefits of MFIs' services in a variety of ways. They also accept support services like financial literacy, assistance with business development, and trainings, which may have an impact on the beneficiaries' level of awareness of microfinance. In contrast to other sources like the government and other initiatives, it was discovered that NGOs provided the beneficiaries with information about microfinance to the level of 82%. The findings on respondents' knowledge of microfinance show that the majority of respondents are aware of these services; 78.4% of recipients indicated that they were.

78.4% of those who received benefits said they knew about microfinance services. Beneficiaries are well aware of the three services—lending, financing microbusinesses, and savings accounts—but evidence for the other two services—insurance and cash transfers—indicates that they are mainly unknown to them. The program participants in Chhattisgarh's three districts have varying levels of knowledge about microfinance.

As Raipur is the capital of Chhattisgarh, it may have the most number of active NGOs, making it the district with the greatest level of awareness in comparison to the other two. Therefore, NGOs must be increased in number in Durg district, followed by Bilaspur, in order to raise awareness levels. This has been proven to be the most effective method of doing so.

VIII. CONCLUSION

This study demonstrated that NABARD significantly contributes to the socioeconomic development of rural areas, both theoretically and experimentally. In rural areas, microfinance facilities are widely accessible, and their beneficiaries are well aware of their existence.

Different districts for which suggestions are made have varying degrees of awareness. NGOs are crucial to this system and must thus be supported in whatever way possible.

In the state of Chhattisgarh, the NABARD is also making a significant contribution to creating jobs, reducing poverty, dipping migration, and easing poverty on a social and economic level by providing poor people with assistance, support, training, and funding to advance their occupations in the rural sector. This study demonstrated how NABARD has significantly expanded and met its goals in the state of Chhattisgarh in terms of microfinancing, development, and supervision as its main roles.

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Extent of Disclosure of Voluntary Corporate Governance: Evidence from BSE Companies in India.

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Abstract :

Objective of this paper is to look at the key factor that influences the amount of CG disclosure in the Indian economy. Main motive is to investigate association between characteristics of firms and mechanisms of corporate governance with the extent to which corporate governance information is made available by companies listed on BSE varies and explore firm as well as governance characteristics that influence the CG disclosure score.

A Sample of 152 BSE companies consist the period from 2015 to 2021. One index has been constructed that examines the governance quality. Random effect model of regressions analysis has been used to find the various factors of corporate governance disclosure. The empirical results show statistically significant and negative relationship between corporate governance disclosure index and ROA and Board meeting. Furthermore, However, Firm size is positively and significantly related with corporate governance disclosure. On the other hand, ROE and Board size have no significant impact on governance disclosure index.

Keywords : Boards of Directors, Audit Committee, Corporate Governance Disclosure Index, ROE, ROA, Board Meetings, Firm Size, BSE, Board Size.

Introduction :

There have been a number of misconducts on annual reports of businesses and enterprises during the last few years. In some instances, a company will try to conceal losses and deceive investors (Tauringana, 2015). Investors in such situations want absolutely transparent and crystal clear reports from corporations to make informed decisions as one do not want to witness situations like Enron, World Com, Lehman Brothers etc. Hence, implementation of corporate governance was the only solution to handle such crises (Alabbadi, 2010). Corporate governance refers to the principles that provide transparency i.e. Company must provide the information of its operation to its stakeholders, where disclosure plays a significant role. While keeping in this mind, examiner tries to frame a disclosure practice while taking into consideration various mandatory as well as non-mandatory requirement of clause 49 now amended as SEBI (Listing Regulations) and Companies Act 2013.

Organisation :

Next section consists of the literature review on corporate governance rating. Next, we introduce sample selection and research methodology followed by hypothesis development. Finally, the Results and conclusion.

2. Literature review:

Author	country	Time period	Sample size	Weighting	Finding		
					Positive relationship	Negative relationship	No relationship
Khanchel (2008)	US	1994-	624 us listed and non financial firms	Dichotomous method	Investment opp, financing need, intangible assets, size, director and officer ownership.	Institutional ownership.	
Bujaki (2002)	TSE	Year ended December 31.1997	TSE 300 firms	dichotomous scoring	leverage, unrelated director, and log of total	Medium and revenue	
Bauwhede et al. (2008)	14EU companies	2001	130	Expert	firm size, working capital accruals	owner concentration	
Drmpetas (2011)	ITALY	2001-2006	64	Dischotomous method	CEO share holding square of own capital to sales BPS.	Number of executive Board members	ROA, TobinQ, Investment remuneration, DE, CEO, audit.
Nerantzidis (2017)	greek	2011	243	Dischotomous method and Partial Compliance	Size, tobin q, liquidity, independent director, board meeting, women board.		
Cunha (2017)	Portuguese	2005 and 2011	263	dichotomous scoring system	firm size and growth opportunities	Financial leverage	Financial performance
Scholtz (2015)	South Africa	2009 to 2011	47	Dichotomous method	Ceo Duality, Audit Committee composition, size, debt	Nil	NED, CEO duality growth, profit
Drimpetas (2011)	Greece	2001-2006	An Ordinal Probit model	OWNCEO, BDIS_P, BPS	Number of executive Board members,		
Sayogo	Jakarta	2004	29	Multiple	Log of total	No. of	ROE, share

(2006)				regression chi-square	asset	independent directors	price, stock distribution
Moataz (2013)	Saudi arabia	52	2006- 2007	Dichotomous method	audit committee size, ROA, Liquidity, Leverage	Board independence	Size
Samahaa (2012)	Egypt	100	2009	Dichotomous method	Board independence	CEO duality Blockholder shareholding	No. of director in the board director ownership, audit committee
Mallin (2009)	UK	300 compa- nies	October 2005- September 2006	Dichotomous method	Board size	AIM age, gearing	% insitution Dir own, manufact- uring, big 4
Suwaidan (2021)	Jordan	64	2010	a Dichotomous scoring approach	Existence of audit committee, no. of member in board, duality	Board independence	Size of audit office, branches, total assets
Waweru (2014)	Kenya and South Africa	49 and 50	2006- 2010	a Dichotomous	Audit quality, performance, leverage	Size	Investment opportunity
Ntim (2012)	South Africa	169	2002- 2006	Dichotomous method and px Unweight method	BIG 4, growth crosslisting, presence of corporate goverance committee	Log of total asset	CAPEX, 9gea
Gandía (2008)	Spain	92	2003	Dichotomous method	Size, Commu- nication information services sector	Listing age	
Ariff (2007)	Malaysia	95 Public Listed Companies	2004	--	SIZE	NIL	Leverage, Tobin Q, growth NPM,OWN
Muhamad et al.(2009)	Malaysia	159	2006	Dichotomous	SIZE, type of industry, leverage	Nil	Auditor
Dahawy (2010)	Egypt	30	2006	Dichotomous method	Board indend- ence, audit committee, typs of auditor, liquidity	Block holder shareholder, managerial ownership	No. of shareholder profit, Assets

4. SAMPLE SELECTION AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGY :

4.1 : **SAMPLE** : we consider BSE 200 companies, from which 156 companies were taking into consideration. Excluded companies were banks, NBFC, companies that had not published their annual reports.

4.2 : **DATA AND SAMPLE** : The sample size is 152 companies listed on BSE 200, from 2015 to 2021. Data has been gathered from ace equity and annual report

4.3 : **CONSTRUCTION OF THE DISCLOSURE INDEX** : while taking into consideration, provisions of clause 49 of SEBI (LODR) regulations (mandatory as well as non-mandatory provisions), corporate governance index has been constructed where 30 variables have been considered. The different elements of corporate governance that a company reveals in its annual report and financial statements are included in CG index. It focuses exclusively on the 30 disclosure elements that must be included in yearly reports. Items are scored as 5 if they are mentioned in the annual report and 0 otherwise.

5 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY : We perform a random effect model, regression analysis on a few corporate governance and business factors to test the aforementioned hypotheses. The subsequent model will be examined by the study.

$$CGindex_j = a_0 + a_1 \text{ Board Size }_j + a_2 \text{ board meet}_j + a_3 ROA_j + a_4 ROE_j + a_5 \text{ size}_j$$

Where: CGindex=corporate governance disclosure score card prepared with 30 variables mentioned in clause 49 of SEBI Listing regulations.

DEFINITIONS OF INDEPENDENT VARIABLES:

Board size : Members on board (Nerantzidis(2017), Mallin(2009), Suwaidan(2021)

Board meeting: Number of meetings conducted by the company in a year. Consistent with study of Nerantzidis(2017); samaha(2009) , Laksmana (2008), Vafeas (1999)

Firm Size : It consist of size of the company, measured as the natural logarithm of the market capitalization. Consistent with study of Khanchel (2008), Abor (2001), Moradi (2010), Abor (2010), and Al Malkawi (2008)

ROA : profit after tax/ total asset. Consistent with study of Najjar's (2018), Manneh (2015), Mehta (2012), Banerjee (2005), Bushra (2015), and Doddy (2016)

ROE : PBT/equity. Consistent with study of Jensen et al. (1992); Han et al. (1999); Aidaoglu (2000); Fama and French, Wang et al. (2010); I- Shubiri (2011)

5.1: HYPOTHESIS DEVELOPMENT:

HO1: There is no notable correlation between the frequency of board meeting and voluntary disclosure index pertaining to corporate governance.

HO2: There is no notable correlation between the size of board and voluntary disclosure index pertaining to corporate governance

HO3: There is no significant connection between return on equity and the extent of voluntary disclosure index concerning corporate governance.

HO4: There is no meaningful association between return on asset and the degree of voluntary disclosure index regarding corporate governance.

HO5: There is no significant connection between firm size and the extent of voluntary

disclosure index concerning corporate governance

6 : Analysis and Findings

6.1 Introduction : In this section, basic descriptive information (Mean, the standard deviation for all used variables) has been provided. It also includes the testing of hypotheses using statistical tests and their results.

6.2 : Descriptive Statistics:

In order to describe various fundamental features of variables below tool has been used.

Table 2: Descriptive statistics:

Variable	Mean	Median	S.D.	Min	Max
CG index	53.0	52.5	7.02	23.5	91.0
Firm size	10.2	10.2	1.17	6.32	14.1
ROE	0.0760	0.203	5.01	-162.	4.43
ROA	0.0628	0.0845	1.16	1.16	0.776
Board meeting	6.04	5.00	2.12	3.00	18.0
Board size	8.41	8.00	2.46	5.00	17.0

The above table reports the number of observations, mean, standard deviation, minimum value, and maximum value of 200 BSE companies for the period of 2015 to 2021. There are 146 firms with 7-year data, including 1009 observations.

Table 3: Correlation Analysis

	CG disclosure index	ROE	ROA	Board Meeting	Board size	Firm size	VF
CG disclosure index	1.0000						
ROE	-0.2219	1.0000				2.989	
ROA	-0.3306	0.8133	1.0000			3.258	
Board meeting	-0.2293	0.2242	0.3029	1.0000			1.136
Board size	-0.0889	0.2321	0.3227	0.2347	1.0000		1.218
Firm size	0.2580	0.0502	0.0311	-0.0309	0.2092	1.0000	1.064

6.3: RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS:

The researcher uses a random-effects model for data analysis. The Random effect model considers corporate governance disclosure as a dependent variable and board meeting, board size, ROA, ROE, firm size as independent variables. This study uses the last 7 years (from 2015 to 2021) of financial data of companies listed on the BSC, fulfilling the sample selection criteria assumptions.

Table 4: Random-effects (GLS),

Variable (Dependent): CG Disclosure Index	Robust standard errors				
	Coefficient	Std. Error	Z	p-value	
const	40.7742	5.92564	6.881	5.94e-012	***

ROA	-39.6948	8.59530	-4.618	3.87e-06	***
Firm Size	1.78723	0.512801	3.485	0.0005	***
ROE	2.43945	1.81896	1.341	0.1799	
Board Meeting	-0.390589	0.138659	-2.817	0.0048	***
Board Size	-0.0782549	0.311210	-0.2515	0.8015	
Log-likelihood		-285.1820	Akaike criterion		582.3640
Schwarz criterion		597.3629	Hannan-Quinn		588.4124
Rho		-0.259998	Durbin-Watson		2.034381
'Between' variance		12.984			
'Within' variance		26.5146			
mean theta		0.522564			
corr(y,yhat)^2		0.196837			

RESULTS :

HYPOTHESIS	P VALUE	RESULTS	CONSISTENT STUDY
H01: There is no notable correlation between the frequency of board meeting and voluntary disclosure index pertaining to corporate governance	0.0048	H01 is rejected board meeting and level of corporate governance have negative significant relationship.	Nelson (2010), Xiang (2014)
H02: There is no notable correlation between the size of board and voluntary disclosure index pertaining to corporate governance.	0.8542	H02 is not rejected. Hence, board size is not associated with corporate governance disclosure index	Xiang et. al (2014)
H03 : There is no significant connection between return on equity and the extent of voluntary disclosure index concerning corporate governance.	ROE= 0.1799	H03 is not rejected. Hence ROE is not associated with and Corporate governance disclosure index.	Singhai (1968), Wallace(1994), Suwaidan (2021), scholtz(2010)
H04 : There is no meaningful association between return on asset and the degree of voluntary disclosure index regarding corporate governance.	ROA= 3.87e-96	ROA is negatively related with corporate governance disclosure index.	Waalace and Nasert (1995), Khanchel (2008)
H05 : There is no	0.0005	There is positive	Hassan et al. (2006),

significant connection between firm size and the extent of voluntary disclosure index concerning corporate governance.

association at 1%.

Sugiono et al. (2015),
Khancheh (2008),
Nerantizidist (2017)
Cunha (2005),
Scholtz (2015).

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The aim of this research is to examine the relationship between corporate governance disclosure index and firm characteristics of the firm along with corporate governance characteristics of Indian companies. Firm size has positive relationship with corporate governance, whereas ROA and Board meeting have negative and significant relationship with corporate governance disclosure. Further research is to include other provisions of corporate governance mentioned in clause 49 of SEBI regulations.

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Note: corporate governance score card will be provided by demand.

चंद्रपुर जिले के सूक्ष्म वित्त के संदर्भ में स्वयं सहायता समूहों के माध्यम से महिला सशक्तिकरण का विस्तृत अध्ययन

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शोध सारांश

सरकार की निगरानी में गठित हो रहे स्वयं सहायता समूह समाज के लगभग हर वर्ग की जरूरतमंद और हाशिए पर जीवन यापन कर रहे वर्ग के लिये परिवर्तन का वाहक है। इन समूहों का मूल उद्देश्य महिलाओं के जीवन स्थितियों को बेहतर बनाने के लिये किया गया है। इन समूहों से समान आर्थिक—सामाजिक पृष्ठभूमि के साथ ही समाज के कमजोर वर्गों की सेवा योग्य क्षमता को बढ़ावा देने का कार्य किया जा रहा है। ये समजोर वर्ग के समूह, समूहों के माध्यम से बाजार संचालित दरों पर संपाश्विक—मुक्त ऋण भी ले सकते हैं। इस प्रकार से स्वयं सहायता समूहों से जरूरतमंद लोगों को माइक्रो फाइनेंस सुविधायें भी मिल रही हैं। समूहों के द्वारा संचालित कार्य से महिलायें न सिर्फ आर्थिक रूप से मजबूत हो रही हैं, बल्कि आत्मनिर्भर होकर परिवार के मुखिया के साथ कदमताल भी कर रही हैं। प्रस्तुत अध्ययन के दौरान महाराष्ट्र के चंद्रपुर जिले में संचालित स्वयं सहायता समूहों से महिलाओं की सामाजिक और आर्थिक स्थिति में हो रहे परिवर्तन का अध्ययन किया गया है।

कीवर्ड— स्वयं सहायता समूह, माइक्रो पाइनेंस, मुक्त ऋण, कमजोर वर्ग, जरूरतमंद आदि।

प्रस्तावना

स्वयं सहायता समूहों के गठन का अवधारणा के पीछे जो मूल उद्देश्य है, वह गरीबों के सामाजिक और आर्थिक उत्थान से प्रत्यक्ष रूप से जुड़ा है। महिलाओं के छोटे—छोटे समूह बनाकर उनको बचत के लिये प्रेरित करना, सामूहिक रूप से उद्यम करना, उद्यम के लिये ऋण की सुविधा देना और जरूरत पड़ने पर समूहों के द्वारा उत्पादित सामग्री के लिये बाजार मुहैया करना है। इस प्रकार से यह भी कहा जा सकता है, कि स्वयं सहायता समूहों की गतिविधियां बचत, ऋण प्राप्ति, आय, अर्जन हेतु प्रशिक्षण और रोजगार के साथ ही आर्थिक क्षेत्र से जुड़ी हुयी है। दूसरी ओर महिलाओं को सामाजिक और आर्थिक विकास के बारे में मंथन करें तो आर्थिक विकास से ही सामाजिक स्थिति में सुधार हो सकता है। भारत के प्राचीन इतिहास से लेकर आधुनिक काल तक महिलाओं की स्थिति पर

विचार करें तो महिलाओं को आर्थिक मामलों में दोगुना दर्ज का समझा जाता रहा है। इस मानसिकता को बदलने के लिये सरकार भी अलग-अलग योजनाओं के माध्यम से प्रयास कर रही है। स्वयं सहायता समूह इसी प्रकार की योजना है, जो पुरुष प्रधान की मानसिकता बदलने के साथ ही महिलाओं को आर्थिक स्रोत मुहैया कराने का कार्य कर रही है। आर्थिक रूप से सशक्त महिला स्वयं अपने, अपने परिवार के सदस्यों, शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, पोषण और मौलिक आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने में ज्यादा समर्थ होती है।

पूर्व साहित्य का अध्ययन

सपना कुमारी (२०२२) ने महिलाओं के सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण में स्वयं सहायता समूह का योगदान विषय पर शोध कार्य किया। उन्होंने अपने शोध सारांश में लिखा है, कि स्वयं सहायता की अवधारणा का विकास गरीबों के सामाजिक और आर्थिक उत्थि के लिये किया गया है। अध्ययन के दौरान उन्होंने बताया कि इसका सर्वाधिक प्रभाव महिलाओं के आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण पर पड़ा है। स्व सहायता समूह द्वारा चलाई जानेवाली सभी प्रमुख गतिविधियाँ में महिला न सिर्फ शामिल हो रहे हैं, बल्कि बचत और उद्यम के माध्यम से सशक्तिकरण की ओर अग्रसर है।

शिराला शेटी और ह्यूगर (२००८) एसएचजी आंदोलन लोगों की गरीबी दूर करने का एक शक्तिशाली उपकरण माना है।

ललिता और प्रसाद (२००९) ने महिलाओं के सशक्तिकरण का विश्लेषण किया। उन्होंने शोध कार्य आंध्र के गंटूर जिले में ग्रामीण क्षेत्र में पूरा किया। उन्होंने शोध सारांश में लिखा है, कि महिलायें अपनी क्षमता का पूरा उपयोग नहीं कर पाती हैं, लेकिन स्व सहायता समूह से न केवल महिलाओं को अपनी क्षमता प्रदर्शित करने का मौका मिल रहा है, बल्कि आर्थिक रूप से भी महिलायें मजबूत हो रही हैं।

भारत में महिलाओं की स्थिति

भारत की कुल आबादी लगभग १.४ बिलियन आबादी की आधा आबादी महिलाओं की है। श्रम बल के मामले में भारत की भागीदारी के आँकड़ों को देखे तो १९९० में ३०.३ फीसदी थी जो २०२२ में केवल २२.७ फीसदी दर्ज की गयी। भारत में भले ही कामकाजी महिलाओं की संख्या लगभग ४३२ मिलियन है, लेकिन लगभग ३४३ मिलियन भुगतान वाली औपचारिक नौकरी भूमिकाओं या काम में नहीं हैं। एक अनुमान के मुताबिक ३२४ मिलियन श्रम बल में नहीं हैं, और अन्य १९ मिलियन श्रम शक्ति का हिस्सा हैं लेकिन नियोजित नहीं हैं। यानि भारत में नियोजित व्यवस्था में महिलाओं का योगदान खास उत्साहजनक नहीं है।

शोध प्रविधि

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन सर्वेक्षण विवरणात्मक शोध प्रविधि से पूरा किया गया है। अध्ययन में स्वयं सहायता समूहों से जुड़ी महिलाओं से उनके मत, विचारों के माध्यम से प्राथमिक आँकड़ों को संकलित किया गया है। वही अध्ययन क्षेत्र में स्वयं सहायता समूहों के कार्य संचालन का विश्लेषणात्मक अध्ययन कर द्वितीयक आँकड़ों को संकलित किया गया है।

अध्ययन क्षेत्र

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन महाराष्ट्र राज्य के चंद्रपुर जिले में किया गया है।

उत्तरदाताओं का चयन

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन में चंद्रपुर जिले के १५ ब्लॉकों से १०-१० उन महिलाओं का चयन किया गया है, जो महिलायें किसी न किसी स्वयं सहायता समूहों से जुड़ी हुयी है। इन महिलाओं का चयन सौ उद्देश्य निदर्शन प्रणाली से किया गया है। जो इस प्रकार से है।

तालिका क्रमांक-१.१

क्रमांक	तहसील	महिलाओं की संख्या
१	चंद्रपुर	१०
२	सावली	१०
३	मूल	१०
४	बल्लारपुर	१०
५	पोभुर्णा	१०
६	गोंडपिंपरी	१०
७	वरोरा	१०
८	चिमूर	१०
९	भद्रावती	१०
१०	ब्रम्हपूरी	१०
११	नागभीड	१०
१२	सिंदेवाही	१०
१४	राजुरा	१०
१४	कोरपना	१०
१५	जिवती	१०

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इस प्रकार से अध्ययन के लिये कुल १५० महिलाओं का चयन किया गया है।

महाराष्ट्र राज्य में कुल स्वयं सहायता समूह

राज्य में लगभग ६,००,००० महिला स्वयं सहायता समूह हैं, जिनमें ६० लाख से अधिक महिलाएं शामिल हैं, साथ ही २०११ में शुरू किए गए उमेद मिशन के तहत ३०,८५४ ग्राम समूह और १,७८८ वार्ड इकाइयां हैं।

महाराष्ट्र स्वयं सहायता समूह को आवंटित बजट

लगभग ६ लाख एसएचजी को १९,७७१ करोड़ रुपये के ऋण वितरित किए गए हैं। पिछले वित्तीय वर्ष (२०२२-२०२३) में, २३८,३६८ एसएचजी को ५,८६० करोड़ रुपये के बैंक ऋण दिए गए थे, जिनमें से ९६ प्रतिशत समय पर चुकाए गए थे, एनपीए अनुपात बमुश्किल ४.३१ प्रतिशत था और इसलिए बैंक ऐसे एसएचजी को ऋण देने के लिए आसानी से आगे आते हैं।

चंद्रपुर जिले में स्वयं सहायता समूहों की संख्या

तालिका क्रमांक—१.२

क्रमांक	तहसील	नये समूह	पुनरीक्षित समूह	न्यू एनआरएमएल	कुल समूहसदस्यों की संख्या	
१	चंद्रपुर	७८९	०	७०९	१४९८	१३८०६
२	सावली	६२६	११	८३०	१४६७	१४५२८
३	मूल	६०३	०	४४६	१०४९	११४८१
४	बल्लारपुर	५२०	०	३७७	८९७	९०७५
५	पोभुर्णा	३८१	०	३६७	७४८	७८८४
६	गोडपिंपरी	४३२	२	४९९	९३३	९४८९
७	वरोरा	७५६	४	९३०	१६९०	१७६३०
८	चिमूर	९२२	१	८७८	१८०१	१९६४३
९	भद्रावती	६६८	०	६२८	१२९६	१३६०४
१०	ब्रम्हपूरी	७५०	०	१२६५	२०१५	२१६४८
११	नागभीड	७४४	०	८१३	१५५७	१७१५६
१२	सिदेवाही	८९२	१३	७३७	१६४२	१७५०३
१४	राजुरा	८९९	१	५७४	१४७४	१५२२४
१४	कोरपना	५६९	०	७८१	१३५०	१४३००
१५	जिवती	४१२	७	२१९	६३८	६०४०
	९९६३	३९	१००५३	२००५५	२०९०४१	

परिणाम और विश्लेषण

१) क्या आपको स्वयं सहायता समूह से आर्थिक मदद मिल रही है।

तालिका क्रमांक—१.३

आर्थिक मदद	उत्तरदाताओं की संख्या	आवृत्ति
हां	१२०	८० फीसदी
नहीं	३०	२० फीसदी

कह नहीं सकते	००	०० फीसदी
कुल	१५०	१०० फीसदी

विश्लेषण— प्रस्तुत तालिका से स्पष्ट है, कि ८० फीसदी महिलाओं को स्वयं सहायता समूह से आर्थिक मदद मिल रही है।

२—क्या आप स्वयं सहायता समूह के माध्यम से स्वरोजगार से जुड़ पायी है।

तालिका क्रमांक—१.४

स्वरोजगार	उत्तरदाताओं की संख्या	आवृत्ति
हां	११०	७३.३३ फीसदी
नहीं	३०	२० फीसदी
कह नहीं सकते	१०	६.६६ फीसदी
कुल	१५०	१०० फीसदी

विश्लेषण— प्रस्तुत तालिका से स्पष्ट है, कि ७३.३३ फीसदी महिलाओं को स्वयं सहायता समूह के माध्यम स्वरोजगार से जुड़ पायी है।

३) क्या आपने कोई उत्पादन शुरू किया है।

तालिका क्रमांक—१.५

उत्पादन	उत्तरदाताओं की संख्या	आवृत्ति
हां	९०	६० फीसदी
नहीं	१५	१० फीसदी
कुछ दिनों बाद	४५	३० फीसदी
कुल	१५०	१०० फीसदी

विश्लेषण— प्रस्तुत तालिका से स्पष्ट है, कि ६० फीसदी महिलाओं ने स्वयं सहायता समूह के माध्यम से उत्पादन शुरू है।

४) आपको लगता है, कि आपकी पारिवारिक और सामाजिक स्थिति में सुधार हुआ है।

तालिका क्रमांक—१.६

सुधार	उत्तरदाताओं की संख्या	आवृत्ति
हां	११५	७६.६६ फीसदी
नहीं	३०	२० फीसदी
कह नहीं सकते	०५	३.३३ फीसदी
कुल	१५०	१०० फीसदी

विश्लेषण— प्रस्तुत तालिका से स्पष्ट है, कि ७६.६६ फीसदी महिलाओं को लगता है, कि उनकी पारिवारिक और सामाजिक स्थिति में सुधार हुआ है।

५) क्या आपको लगता है, कि आत्मनिर्भरता की ओर बढ़ रही है।

तालिका क्रमांक—१.७

आत्मनिर्भरता	उत्तरदाताओं की संख्या	आवृत्ति
हां	१२३	८२ फीसदी
नहीं	२७	१८ फीसदी
कह नहीं सकते	००	०० फीसदी
कुल	१५०	१०० फीसदी

विश्लेषण — प्रस्तुत तालिका से स्पष्ट है, कि ८२ फीसदी महिलाओं को लगता है, कि स्वयं सहायता समूह से जुड़ने के बाद वे आत्मनिर्भरता की ओर बढ़ रही है।

निष्कर्ष

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन से स्पष्ट है की ग्रामीण महिलायें जो एक समय अशिक्षित एवं अज्ञानी थी, स्वयं सहायता समूह से जुड़ने के पश्चात अपने स्वास्थ्य, बच्चों की शिक्षा, भोजन की पौष्टिकता तथा परिवार नियोजन के प्रति जागरूक हो रही है। एड्स शिक्षा, साफ-सफाई तथा अन्य सामाजिक मुद्दों के प्रति अधिक संवेदनशील हुई हैं। विभिन्न शासकीय कार्यक्रमों के दखल के कारण वे अपनी शक्ति के प्रति जागरूक हुई हैं। स्वयं सहायता समूह से जुड़कर ग्रामीण महिलायें रोजगार प्राप्तकर परिवार की आय व आर्थिक विकास में बराबर की भागीदार बनती जा रही हैं। विभिन्न बाधाओं के बावजूद महिलायें समूह से जुड़कर अपने अधिकारों व कर्तव्यों के प्रति जागरूक हो रही है इन बाधाओं को कम करने में महिला संगठनों, समाजसेवी संस्थाओं, गैर-सरकारी संगठनों, सरकारी एजेंसियों इत्यादि द्वारा कार्य किया जा रहा है।

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Abstract :

Just by ensuring that employees have the requisite information, abilities, and work ethic can a company effectively serve its clientele. The training and development system has not kept up with the rapid changes in company requirements. This study seeks to evaluate the impact of Training and Development on organisational effectiveness employing a case investigation, literature review, and statistical evaluation of the Division of Economic Development in Nagpur. The reality that many Indian government organisations keep failing while investing millions of Rand on education and training prompted us to conduct this study. This study made use of descriptive stats. The research had 121 total employees, and it used inferential as well as descriptive statistics. The research's main findings focus on the positive impact Training and Development has on departmental output. Seminars provided by the Division of Training and Development are completely unrelated to employees' job duties. There is no system in place to measure how well education and training are received inside the department, and learning evaluation is seldom prioritised.

Keywords – Training, Skill based, Economic Development, Rural Sector

Introduction :

Skill-based training programmes are essential to long-term economic growth and prosperity, and the two are inextricably linked. Investment in people's abilities has been shown to stimulate economic expansion, cut poverty rates, and pave the way towards more equitable and sustainable economies. Here's a deep dive into the ways in which skill-based training programmes promote long-term economic growth: Investing in People's Potential: Human capital is built upon a foundation of education and training in a variety of skills. The workforce's productivity is boosted and its members' ability to respond to economic shifts is improved as a result of this. Ability to Get a Job and Make Money: jobs prospects improve thanks to skill

development programmes that provide participants the tools they need to find gainful jobs or start their own businesses. Incomes rise and living conditions improve as a result.

Creativity and Efficiency : When it comes to generating innovation and productivity gains, nothing beats a trained staff. New technology, processes, and products are more likely to be developed by skilled employees, which is good for economic development and competitiveness. **Fighting Hunger and Poverty:** Income disparities may be mitigated by the provision of access to opportunities for skill development to underprivileged and marginalised groups. This diversity helps alleviate poverty and distribute resources more fairly. **Strengthening International Competence:** Increased national competitiveness is a direct result of a trained labour force. Countries with a large pool of qualified employees have a better chance of competing in high-value sectors and joining global supply chains.

Diversification of the Economy : By equipping employees with transferable abilities, skill training promotes economic diversity. This spreads out the economy's reliance on individual sectors, making it less susceptible to outside shocks. **Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs):** Several of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are compatible with efforts to improve people's skill sets, including Quality Education (SDG 4). Skill-based education helps get us closer to our objectives. **Changes Caused by New Technology:** Worker and company adaptability to the age of fast technology breakthroughs depends on individuals and firms receiving skill-based training. **Sustaining the Environment:** Training courses may include topics like renewable energy, waste reduction, and green technology into their emphasis on sustainability. These abilities promote both economic development and ecological stability. **Crisis Resistance:** A more capable labour force can weather economic storms and go back to work more rapidly. Knowledgeable people can more easily adapt to changing circumstances and seize new chances.

Literature Review :

The public business can only provide sufficient support if its employees have the necessary levels of expertise, dependability, ability, and efficiency. Most people working for government agencies are unqualified and lack the necessary tools to accomplish their duties effectively. (DPSA, 2013; PSETA, 2014).

Human resource development is described as "structured knowledge that organisations offer at a given time that results in improved performance, personal growth, and enrichment of subordinates' employability" (Coetzee et al., 2009: p. 399). In terms of organisational performance, it is crucial since it helps the company bring its people together to achieve its strategic goals and objectives (Ugoji & Mordi, 2014: p. 14). Therefore, HRD, T & D is crucial since it improves worker productivity via education.

Quality training and development programmes are essential for increased productivity in the workplace, according to research by Mpofo and Hlatywayo (2015). The same research found that 53.33 percent of municipal workers agreed that their organization's training and development programmes were of a good quality. The study's results also showed that employees benefited from excellent training and development thanks to the study's high-quality training and development courses and facilitators.

Amare (2014) found that government agencies have T&D programmes, but they aren't

using them effectively. These agencies aren't able to assess training requirements, define performance goals, determine whether or not they have internal or external support for T&D, develop training strategies, or create training schedules and modules that incorporate T&D initiatives. Employees were not given feedback based on training evaluations, according to the report. In agreement with Amare's (2014) state that a training programme may be successfully implemented by an organisation even if it omits some but not all of the T & D process's components. As a result, the company will not get the full benefits of training that improves worker productivity and morale over the long term.

Objectives of the research :

- To inquire on the frequency to educate evaluations inside the company.
- Learn how staff performance impacts the success of your business.

Research Methodology :

Since this research is descriptive in nature, primary data was gathered via a case study and statistical analysis. Descriptive research methods were used since they would enable the researcher to maintain objectivity. It amassed details on the characteristics of various people, places, and things. In its literature review, the research explained how T&D affects an organization's productivity. Case studies of the Department of Economic Development were utilised in this research.

Discussion :

Table 1 displays a somewhat favourable relationship between T & D's ability to stabilise the organisation and training's ability to increase employees' skill sets and knowledge (r = 0.528, N = 121, p 0.001).

Comparison of Correlation Measures

		Developmental training and programmes help keep businesses steady
As a result of my training, I have gained new abilities and insights.	Pearson Correlation	0.528
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000
	N	121

After completing a training course, employees show improved performance, according to this research. According to the findings of this research, training helps workers acquire new levels of expertise that allow them to carry out their duties more effectively. The training staff have received, the survey found, has helped them enhance the quality of the goods and services they provide to customers. According to the research, workers who participate in training programmes have several opportunities for professional growth. T & D was also shown to have a favourable effect on the productivity of the department's staff as a whole. This proves the existence of a strong connection between individual employee performance and the overall success of the department.

The vast majority of participants in this research believed that there is a connection between the training courses the organisation offers and the tactics the business pursues. The existing

state of affairs, as shown by this research, is due to the lack of alignment between T&D programmes and the department's objectives. According to the results of this research, T&D initiatives help keep businesses steady. According to the results of this analysis, the company has also implemented comprehensive training and education initiatives to boost staff productivity. This research found that workers' productivity increased as a result of the knowledge they gained in training. As a consequence, the department's output has increased as a direct result of T & D efforts.

Conclusion :

Thus, it is crucial for all economies to invest in initiatives that train individuals to improve their abilities for employment. They help people feel more independent, boost productivity and creativity, lessen disparities in wealth, and set up societies to succeed in a dynamic environment. The economic, environmental, and social benefits of learning and training are well recognised. The literature study revealed a couple of things: The degree to which training and development inside an organisation is reviewed, as well as the impact that T&D has on individual employee and organisational performance. Researchers agreed that training is more effective when the organisation evaluates its training needs, establishes success criteria, investigates the benefits of inside and outside T&D, plans training methods, develops training plans and categories, and solicits employee feedback following training assessments.

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MEASURING THE RELATIVE EFFICIENCY OF PRIMARY COOPREATIVE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BANKS

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ABSTRACT :

Agriculture is the main part of the Indian economy, so more attention and focus has been put on it to help the economy as a whole grow. For the agriculture sector to get better, it needs access to good credit options. Cooperative banks are very important when it comes to giving loans to farmers. DEA was used in this study to figure out how effective the Basic Co-operative Agriculture Development financial institutions of Punjab were. The efficiency score is figured out by DEA, which would be based on the notion that the return to scale changes. The findings demonstrate that most of Punjab's PADBs fall into the category of "increasing return to scale."

Keywords : Relative Efficiency, Primary Cooperative Agriculture Development Banks, Data Envelopment Analysis

INTRODUCTION :

Agriculture sector plays a significant role in the development of the Indian economy. Majority of the gross population of the India are dependent on agriculture. According to the 2011 census, 56.6% of the people who work in the county work in the Agriculture sector. Even though India's agriculture is mostly dependent on the monsoons, it also needs irrigation facilities, fertilisers, pesticides, and other things to grow. Agricultural credit is a big part of getting all of these things, which helps crop production and other related activities in the agriculture sector. In India, cooperative banks help rural people's social and economic development by giving them credit when they need it. Short-term co-operative credit structures (STCCS) and long-term co-operative credit structures (LCCS) are the two main types of rural credit organisations (LTCCS). Primary Agriculture Development Societies (PACS), District Centre Co-operative Banks (DCCBs), & State Founder Banks (StCs) are the three tiers that make up the STCCS. The LTCCS does have a two-tiered structure. At the state level, there are State Co-operative Rural development And Land reform Banks (SCARDBs), and at the district or block level, there are Primary Co-operative Agriculture but also Rural Support Banks (PCARDBs). Under the Punjab Cooperative Land Mortgage Banks Act, 1957,

the Punjab State Cooperative Agricultural Development Bank Restricted was set up on February 26, 1958. The main goal of the financial institution was to stop moneylenders from taking advantage of farmers by giving them long-term loans with low interest rates that could be paid back in easy instalments to pay off their mortgages. During that time, the bank came up with many different ways to lend money, and the length of time it took to pay back a loan changed from 5 to 15 years, depending on what it was used for. In the beginning, the bank worked through to the central co-operative banks, which it had named as its agents. Later in 1962, the agency system ended when 14 Primary Cooperative Agricultural Development Banks (PADBs), which used to be called Primary Cooperative Land Mortgage Banks, joined the Punjab State Cooperative Agricultural Development Bank Limited to give long-term loans to farmers who needed them. It State Cooperative Sustainable Agriculture Bank offers as the apex institution for Punjab's federal system, which also includes Primary Cooperative Sustainable Agriculture Banks. As of March 31, 2021, 89 PADBs were in place. The efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity of primary cooperative agriculture development financial institutions determine how well they do their jobs. Productivity and efficiency show how well a business is doing overall. Productivity shows the relationship between inputs and outputs, and a high level of productivity is seen as a sign of efficiency. So, efficiency shows how well a bank can make more outputs from the same number of inputs. With the help of Data Envelopment Analysis, this study tried to figure out how well the Primary Co-operative Agriculture Development banks of Punjab use their money (DEA).

REVIEW OF LITERATURE :

There are a lot of ways to figure out how well banks use their money, and though Data Envelopment Evaluation is the best of all of them. Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) is a method that doesn't use numbers to measure how well different Decision-Making Units work (DMUs). Narsimhan and Vankatesh (2019) studied efficiencies of public and private banks in context of off-balance sheets its with two stage DEA. They interfered that SBI associates were performed poor & ranked poorly in respect of all kind of efficiencies. Raju (2018) uses two frontier models to figure out how well urban cooperative banks do at care banking and other things that don't show up on their balance sheets. Both models display that UCB have higher mean efficiency in case banking activities as compare to the off-balance sheet activities. With the help of DEA, Kaur or Agarwal (2017) tried to figure out how well public sector bank in India were doing. They found that public-sector banks are ineffective because they use too many inputs to make too many outputs. Mukta (2016), DEA was used on Banks to study how well commercial banks in India do their jobs. This study looked at how well commercial banks in India work and how well they don't work. Kumar and Singh (2014) use the BCC and CCR models to try to figure out how well the Indian banking industry works and how efficient it is. DEA model was used by Tittoker (2014) to measure how well Latvian banks worked. The DEA model with the assumption of VRS was used. Fourteen different models with different combinations of inputs and outputs were made. Wang et al. (2012) look into how well the cooperative societies in Langao work. Jobs, assets, operating expenses, and administrative expenditures are the four inputs. Members gained and profits made are two measures of success. To evaluate the efficiency of the government, Sharma et al. (2012) employed both Jobit regressive and DEA. Banks are more than Private Banks and Banks in

other countries. Joshi and Bhalerao (2011) used the DEA to figure out how efficient Indian public banks are. They found that most banks are efficient. Shankar (2008) used DEA to assess the effectiveness of 50 Indian banks. The results show that large and small nationalised banks are more efficient than medium-sized nationalised banks. With the help of DEA, Ataei or Naserian (2005) were able to figure out how efficient banks were in terms of their technical efficiency. By taking the output-based BCC into account, the DEA method was used. From reading the above works, we know that not much work has been done to measure how well Cooperative Banks work. When cooperative banks give farmers credit when they need it, the agriculture sector can grow. So, it's important to know how well Cooperative Banks work. In this paper, researchers used the DEA model and DEAP software to try to figure out how well the primary Cooperative Agriculture Development banks of Punjab use their money.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY :

We have taken 89 Primary Cooperative Agriculture Development Banks (PADBs) operating in Punjab. The information taken from the Punjab State Cooperative Agriculture Development Bank Ltd. For this study, data from 2013–14 to 2017–18 are used. We've used Data envelope analysis to figure out how well PADBs work (DEA). DEA trends placed above a white time can tell us a lot about banks because they are a widely used way to compare how well banks are doing. This makes cross-country benchmarking possible (titko et al, 2014). With DEAP software, the nonparametric DEA method was used on certain inputs and outputs. In this study, we chose the very same number of inputs (interest expenses and other expenses) and outputs (interest expenses and other expenses) to evaluate the relative efficiency.

DATA ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION :

Here, a DEA model based on inputs is used. For every one of the variables, the average for the last 5 years (from 2013-14 to 2017-18) is chosen to take and shown in table 1.

Table 1 : Input Data for DEA

Name of PADB	Interest income	Non-interest income	Interest expense	Non-Interest expense
Jalandhar	128.82	1.80	118.53	54.95
Goraya	131.51	1.45	96.71	55.42
Kartarpur	171.18	3.80	107.68	90.56
Nakodar	177.46	1.45	95.39	49.12
Nurmahal	125.60	0.95	96.70	53.11
Shahkot	217.44	1.44	148.30	114.89
Nawanshar	159.80	1.34	97.90	46.79
Balachaur	208.51	7.80	117.34	56.48
Banga	136.54	0.89	98.77	44.57
Hoshiarpur	247.84	3.95	285.31	79.73
Dasuya	190.27	1.64	149.19	68.01
Garhshankar	190.45	1.97	154.20	49.56
Mukerian	203.76	1.26	161.62	54.70

Mahilpur	144.76	1.88	107.12	48.22
Kapurthala	203.40	2.30	276.09	64.50
Bholath	254.58	1.70	163.56	51.35
Phagwara	153.93	2.22	112.71	52.74
Sultanpur	271.41	6.94	163.12	51.27
Gurdaspur	267.89	2.82	146.88	74.85
Batala	212.33	9.99	139.78	75.38
Dera Baba Nanak	156.16	1.47	169.62	69.75
Pathankot	203.94	23.87	133.48	81.52
Kanhuwan	115.16	1.15	91.95	40.29
Amritsar	198.11	6.49	154.72	73.30
Ajnala	185.29	7.98	119.98	61.06
Baba Bakala	160.68	6.99	106.49	65.79
Lopoke	199.52	3.31	141.56	70.46
Tarn Taran	214.09	13.06	3610.44	96.49
Chola Sahib	155.30	8.83	131.76	74.54
Patii	274.16	2.65	270.48	80.39
Bhikiwind	247.61	3.22	175.77	59.29
Patiala	469.45	27.46	397.44	121.20
Dera Bassi	503.26	7.60	530.81	93.08
Devigarh	214.71	11.12	182.04	91.01
Ghanour	240.48	2.27	243.96	104.64
Nabha	543.86	6.18	168.65	90.77
Rajpura	325.15	6.22	354.21	113.20
Patran	307.28	37.76	170.23	77.71
Samana	344.28	5.11	231.95	104.55
Fatehgarh Sahib	375.77	19.09	199.15	92.89
Amloh	282.19	7.97	144.16	85.80
Bassi Pathana	306.44	4.06	229.13	93.36
Khamano	312.22	4.78	213.33	88.00
Sangrur	228.86	8.20	119.67	67.81
Sherpur	245.09	1.93	168.21	57.80
Bhawanigarh	361.11	2.37	263.16	71.01
Dhuri	307.03	2.83	218.14	70.03
Lehargagga	201.64	2.22	189.16	62.60
Malerkotla	283.94	5.20	99.85	105.27
Sunam	403.73	5.65	314.73	70.95

Dirba	267.38	2.04	213.31	60.99
Barnala	313.38	7.83	74.56	88.35
Tappa	212.01	2.25	162.56	59.15
Ludhiana	152.02	1.67	70.49	81.24
Doraha	205.39	2.52	73.34	81.51
Jagraon	300.61	4.26	176.41	56.69
Khanna	197.40	5.16	129.82	99.88
Maloud	188.90	5.01	88.71	67.28
Machiwara	238.22	4.86	142.78	68.24
Raikot	139.07	2.51	114.29	47.84
Samrala	192.71	2.68	46.82	82.02
Ropar	424.57	15.40	425.35	97.28
Anandpur Sahib	264.29	2.87	296.63	76.10
Kharar	533.21	4.32	531.24	78.78
Morinda	303.40	2.32	229.31	70.62
Ferozpur	701.68	28.05	789.55	128.44
Abohar	654.48	5.85	640.01	178.93
Fazilka	405.96	3.43	407.33	160.42
Guruhar sahai	665.31	3.94	599.80	85.43
Jalalabad	576.00	6.34	768.85	134.53
Zira	427.56	22.03	310.18	84.92
Mukatsar	372.77	13.97	378.23	154.33
Gidderbaha	451.15	45.07	354.78	144.52
Lambi	376.24	12.99	354.64	127.67
Malout	421.91	10.85	360.84	136.14
Bathinda	436.22	27.32	314.16	145.98
Nathana	230.85	32.51	136.86	83.09
Rampuraphull	283.81	4.49	170.01	108.98
Talwandi sabo	303.59	33.38	203.83	140.89
Raman	185.67	8.58	166.43	81.73
Mansa	298.31	59.72	274.04	121.70
Budhlada	271.38	26.89	263.13	62.03
Sardulgarh	214.70	40.31	208.89	70.76
Faridkot	777.00	36.84	519.73	121.64
Jaito	360.86	12.15	206.34	90.25
Moga	435.34	3.24	306.00	63.22
Dharamkot	314.54	8.72	274.03	59.47

Bagapurana	263.96	2.60	130.70	56.34
Nihalsinghwal	301.35	2.85	206.56	46.68

Banks get points A bank secure score of 1 will be good, and a score of less 1 will be bad.

Table 3 Results

S.NO	DMU	Score	Return To Scale of DMUs
1	Jalandhar	0.782	Irs
2	Goraya	0.868	Irs
3	Kartarpur	0.696	Irs
4	Nakodar	1	-
5	Nurmahal	0.879	Irs
6	Shahkot	0.561	Irs
7	Nawanshar	0.987	Irs
8	Balachaur	0.962	Irs
9	Banga	0.963	Irs
10	Hoshiarpur	0.585	Irs
11	Dasuya	0.718	Irs
12	Garhshankar	0.877	Irs
13	Mukerian	0.833	Irs
14	Mahilpur	0.912	irs
15	Kapurthala	0.675	irs
16	Bholath	0.957	irs
17	Phagwara	0.865	irs
18	Sultanpur	1	-
19	Gurdaspur	0.788	irs
20	Batala	0.777	irs
21	Dera Baba Nanak	0.627	irs
22	Pathankot	0.908	irs
23	Kanhuwan	1	-
24	Amritsar	0.714	irs
25	Ajnala	0.876	irs
26	Baba Bakala	0.860	irs
27	Lopoke	0.730	irs
28	Tarn Taran	0.530	irs
29	Chola Sahib	0.743	irs

30	Patii	0.621	irs
31	Bhikiwind	0.841	irs
32	Patiala	0.709	irs
33	Dera Bassi	0.766	irs
34	Devigarh	0.631	irs
35	Ghanour	0.508	irs
36	Nabha	1	-
37	Rajpura	0.501	Irs
38	Patran	1	-
39	Aamana	0.625	irs
40	Fatehgarh sahib	0.819	irs
41	Amloh	0.785	irs
42	Bassi pathana	0.635	irs
43	Khamano	0.684	irs
44	Sangrur	0.891	irs
45	Sherpur	0.863	irs
46	Bhawanigarh	0.799	irs
47	Dhuri	0.779	irs
48	Lehargagga	0.719	irs
49	Malerkotla	0.771	irs
50	Sunam	0.861	irs
51	Dirba	0.796	irs
52	Barnala	1	irs
53	Tappa	0.805	irs
54	Ludhiana	0.856	irs
55	Doraha	0.894	irs
56	Jagraon	0.954	irs
57	Khanna	0.637	irs
58	Maloud	0.929	irs
59	Machiwara	0.817	irs
60	Raikot	0.890	irs
61	Samrala	1	irs
62	Ropar	0.709	irs
63	Anandpur sahib	0.607	irs
64	Kharar	0.913	irs
65	Morinda	0.756	irs
66	Ferozpur	0.835	irs

67	Abohar	0.574	Drs
68	Fazilka	0.428	irs
69	Guru har sahai	1	-
70	Jalalabad	0.592	irs
71	Zira	0.890	irs
72	Mukatsar	0.455	irs
73	Gidderbaha	0.879	Drs
74	Lambi	0.532	irs
75	Malout	0.536	irs
76	Bathinda	0.652	Drs
77	Nathana	1	-
78	Rampuraphull	0.619	irs
79	Talwandi sabo	0.762	Drs
80	Raman	0.648	irs
81	Mansa	1	Drs
82	Budhlada	1	irs
83	Sardulgarh	1	-
84	Faridkot	1	-
85	Jaito	0.772	irs
86	Moga	1	irs
87	Dharamkot	0.883	irs
88	Bagapurana	0.990	irs
89	Nihalsinghwal	1	irs

Table No. 3 shows the results of the data envelopment analysis. In this study, DEA's variable profit to scale model was used. This model can be put into three groups: Increasing Returns to Scale, Decreasing Come back to Scale, or Constant Revert back to Scale. Those Primary Cooperative Agriculture Development Banks whose output variables increase more than their input variables fall into the "Increasing Return to Scale" category. Those whose input variables increase more than their output variables fall into the "Decreasing Return to Scale" category. Those whose input and output variables increase at the same rate fall into the "constant Return to Scale" category. Based on the results of this study, 79 of the 89 Gain Greater Agriculture Development Punjab Bank falls into the category of activities with the aim to scale, 5 fall into the category of reducing return to scale, and 5 fall into the category of continual return to scale.

Conclusion :

Data Envelopment Analysis technique with the help of DEAP software measures the Relative efficiencies which are very sensitive to the specification in terms of inputs and output variables and number of units under evaluation and models used. So in this study all the results are based on the Relative Efficiency scores which are derived in this study itself.

With the help of the input-oriented DEA model and the VRS assumption, the efficiency of the Primary Cooperative Agriculture Bank of Punjab was measured. This study indicated that the Cooperative Agriculture Development Banks of Punjab showing moderate level of efficiency. This study has a weakness in that it only looked at a small number of inputs. In the future, other researchers may want to add more factors to the study. The Primary Cooperative Agriculture Development Banks of Punjab should focus on the timely credit disbursement to make efficient.

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Corporate Governance and Non-Performing Assets in Indian Banks : A Comprehensive Analysis

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Abstract :

The banking industry, particularly in countries like India, grapples with a critical issue of escalating nonperforming assets (NPAs), a challenge that adversely impacts banks' performance and the overall economy. This research study aims to address this predicament by focusing on the role of corporate governance in mitigating NPA-related problems. Spanning the period from 2012 to 2021, the study employs multiple regression analysis to assess the influence of corporate governance factors on NPAs within Indian banks. The results reveal that variables like board structure, audit committee size, the presence of women directors, and ownership concentration exert statistically significant effects on the gross NPA ratio of selected Indian banks.

Keywords : Corporate Governance, Non performing assets, Board dimension, Board Structure, Size of the Audit Committee, Concentration of Ownership.

Introduction :

Corporate governance practices constitute the cornerstone of ethical, transparent, and efficient operations within financial institutions, particularly banks. It encompasses a framework of policies and procedures that govern a bank's business management, operations, and the protection of stakeholders' interests OECD (1999). A paramount gauge of a bank's financial health is its level of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs), denoting loans that have fallen into arrears or default. NPAs wield substantial influence over a bank's profitability, capital adequacy, reputation, and often act as indicators of potential governance deficiencies Abdullahi & Tanko(2020). Thus, the nexus between corporate governance practices and NPAs has emerged as a focal point of extensive research and analysis within the banking sector. Effective corporate governance practices are pivotal for the stability and sustainability of banks, primarily owing to their impact on NPAs Kaur & Singh(2016). Likewise, research conducted by Chakravarty et. al (2020), accentuates that robust corporate governance practices, including the independence of the board, board size, and CEO duality, contribute to NPA reduction. Within the Indian banking milieu, the RBI has recognized the pivotal importance of effective

corporate governance in NPA management. An RBI report from 2013 identified inadequate risk management systems and a lack of transparency in financial reporting as primary culprits behind the elevated levels of NPAs within the Indian banking industry. Moreover, the crucible of 2008 global financial crisis spotlighted the significance of corporate governance practices in bolstering banking stability. Ineffective corporate governance as a fundamental root cause of the crisis and underscored its pivotal role in averting the accumulation of NPAs Kirkpatrick (2009). To encapsulate, the interconnection between corporate governance practices and NPAs stands as a pivotal focal point within the banking sector. Effective governance practices correlate with diminished NPAs, while weak governance can lead to exacerbated NPA levels, as substantiated by diverse reports and research studies. Consequently, healthy corporate governance practices represent an imperative facet for banks to adroitly manage NPAs and ensure their enduring viability and stability amid an ever-evolving financial landscape.

Review of literature :

The interplay between bank corporate governance and non-performing assets (NPAs) has been a subject of great interest among researchers and industry experts. This literature review aims to summarize the key findings on the correlation between bank corporate governance and NPAs. Rajan & Sondhi (2018) found a significantly positive correlation between corporate governance practices and the financial performance of Indian banks and suggests that sound governance practices can enhance risk management and decision-making within banks, ultimately leading to a reduction in non-performing loans. Gupta and Sodhi (2017) found a negative link between the level of NPAs in Indian banks and corporate governance practices and suggests that stronger governance procedures can encourage banks to adopt environmentally friendly lending practices while also mitigating NPA-related risks. Board composition has also been a focus of research. Bhatia and Jain (2017) discovered that boards with a higher proportion of independent directors positively impact bank profitability and asset quality. Independent directors bring diverse expertise and objectivity to board decision-making processes, contributing to lower NPAs. Effective risk management and transparency practices are essential for bank stability. Sharma and Bhatia (2020) found that banks with robust risk management systems and transparent disclosure practices exhibit superior financial performance and lower NPA rates. This emphasizes the importance of integrating risk management and disclosure into corporate governance structures. Corporate governance reforms have been instrumental in improving bank performance. Kaur and Singh (2016) investigated how reforms mandated by the RBI influenced banks. Their research revealed that improved governance practices, such as increased disclosure and enhanced risk management, had a positive impact on financial performance and contributed to NPA reduction. Additionally, board size impacts NPA control. Sharma & Sharma (2018) found a substantial adverse correlation between board dimensions and NPLs in Indian banks. Smaller board sizes are associated with more efficient decision-making and enhanced risk management processes, leading to reduced NPLs. Ownership structure also matters. Choudhury and Manikandan (2021) discovered that a higher ownership concentration is associated with elevated NPL levels. Diverse ownership structures promote more effective governance practices, ultimately reducing NPA risks. In summary, the relationship between corporate governance practices and NPAs is a critical area of research in the banking sector.

Objectives of the Study :

1. To investigate the influence of board dimensions on selected bank's NPA levels.
2. To assess the effect of board structure on the NPA levels of chosen banks.
3. To analyze effect of audit committee size on the NPA of banks.
4. To explore the effect of women directors on the NPA's of selected Indian banks.
5. To investigate the impact of ownership concentration on the NPA's of selected banks.

Hypotheses :

In keeping with our research objectives, the null hypotheses tested in this study were :

H1 : Board Dimension has no significant impact on NPA level of Banks.

H2 : There is no significant influence of board structure on NPA's of selected Indian banks.

H3 : Size of audit committee have no significant effect on NPA's of banks.

H4 : Women directors have not significant impact on non performing assets of banks.

H05 : There is no significant influence of ownership concentration on NPA's of selected Indian banks.

Research Methodology :

This study utilizes a descriptive and inferential research design, focusing on 20 Indian banks (10 public sector and 10 private sector) chosen based on market capitalization rankings from 2012 to 2021. Data collection relies on secondary sources, including annual reports, corporate governance reports, and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reports from the banks' official websites. The study employs a Random Effect Panel Data Model through Gretl software to analyze the connection between corporate governance parameters and gross Non-Performing Assets ratios.

Table-1 Compilation of the Chosen Banks for the Study

Sr. No.	Public Sector Banks	Private Sector Banks
1.	State Bank of India	Axis Bank
2.	Bank of Baroda	HDFC Bank
3.	Bank of India	ICICI Bank
4.	Canara Bank	Indusind Bank
5.	Central Bank of India	Kotak Mahindra Bank
6.	Indian Bank	RBL Bank
7.	Indian Overseas Bank	South Indian Bank
8.	Punjab National Bank	Yes Bank
9.	Uco Bank	Federal Bank
10.	Union Bank of India	Jammu & Kashmir Bank

Table-2 Description of Variables

Variable	Variable Type	Description
Board Dimension(BD)	Independent	Total count of directors on the board.
Board Structure(BS) on	Independent	The proportion of non-executive

the board		directors
Audit Committee Size(AC)	Independent	Number of audit committee members
WD(Women Directors)	Independent	Number of women directors on board
OWNCON(Ownership Concentration)	Independent	Promoter's shareholding
Gross Non performing Ratio(GNPA%)	Dependent	Ratio of Gross non performing loans

Source : Compiled from Various Studies

Data Analysis & Interpretation :

Before running regressions, it's essential to check for multicollinearity using the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF). A VIF above 10 suggests strong dependence among variables, possibly requiring their exclusion from the model.

Table-3 Multicollinearity Test Outcomes

Parameters	VIF
BD	1.401
BS	1.351
ACS	1.497
WD	1.291
OWNCON	1.515

Source- Author's Compilation using Gretl Software

Several diagnostic tests were also conducted to choose the appropriate model: F-statistics for fixed vs. pooled, Breusch-Pagan LM for random vs. pooled, and the Hausman test for fixed vs. random effects models.

Table-4 Results of Random-effects (GLS) Model

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-ratio	p-value	Significance Level
Const	0.179853	0.0294969	6.097	1.08e-09	***
BD	-0.00198592	0.00173532	-1.144	0.2525	
BS	-0.154390	0.0292077	-5.286	1.25e-07	***
ACS	-0.00855567	0.00226755	-3.773	0.0002	***
WD	0.0107422	0.00425063	2.527	0.0115	**
OWNCON	0.108164	0.0171513	6.306	2.85e-010	***
R-squared			0.504249		
Adjusted R- squared			0.491523		
F-statistic 4			.3446***		
Breusch-Pagan			LM statistics 42.2596***		
Hausman Statistic			5.36791		

*** Significant at the 1% level, ** Significant at the 5% level, * Significant at the 10% level,
Source- Author's Compilation using Gretl software

Table 4 illustrates the impact of corporate governance variables on Indian banks' gross

NPA ratio. The constant term, with a coefficient of 0.179853 and a standard error of 0.0294969, is statistically significant (p-value < 0.001), indicating a positive effect on GNPA. However, Board dimension's negative coefficient of -0.00198592 is not statistically significant. The negative coefficient for board structure implies that a higher proportion of non-executive directors correlate significantly with a decrease in GNPA ratio, suggesting that such boards contribute to better governance practices and lower non-performing assets. A larger audit committee also shows a negative significant relation with GNPA, indicating enhanced oversight and governance, reducing financial risks. Conversely, the inclusion of female directors (WD) on the board has a positive significant coefficient, implying an increase in GNPA ratio. This suggests gender diversity may not directly impact NPA management. Ownership concentration (owncon) is positively significant, indicating that higher concentration leads to governance challenges or conflicts of interest, contributing to higher NPAs. The coefficient of determination, which stands at 0.504249, implies that the independent variables account for 51% of the variance in GNPA within the unit. The remaining 49% could be associated with unaccounted-for factors.

Conclusion :

The study explored the relationship between bank corporate governance and non-performing assets (NPAs) in Indian banks. Key findings highlight the significance of robust corporate governance practices, such as board structure and the dimensions of the audit committee, in mitigating NPAs. Conversely, higher ownership concentration is linked to increase NPAs. The study acknowledges that various factors can influence this relationship, emphasizing the need for tailored governance practices. These findings have vital implications for investors, regulators, and customers. Weak governance signals higher risk and NPAs, urging stakeholders to monitor governance practices closely. One limitation of the existing study on the association between corporate governance and NPAs is that it does not always take into account the diversity of the banking sector. Various categories of banks, including commercial banks, public sector banks, and private sector banks may have different risk profiles and governance needs. Future research could explore how the potential link between corporate governance and NPAs varies across different types of banks and how governance practices can be tailored to the specific needs of each type of bank. Finally, it's essential to acknowledge that corporate governance is merely one among numerous factors impacting the level of NPAs in banks. Other factors, such as macroeconomic conditions, regulatory policies, and market competition, may also play a role. As such, policymakers and bank management should adopt a comprehensive approach to managing credit risk and reducing NPAs that takes into account all relevant factors.

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A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF IMPACT OF CONSUMER'S ATTITUDE, BELIEF AND PERCEPTION ON CONSUMERISM OF ELECTRICAL POWER INDUSTRY IN CHANDRAPUR DISTRICT

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Abstract :

As a result of the Electricity Act of 2003, significant changes are being made in the electricity industry. The Power Sector will soon be more competitive thanks to the efforts of the Regulatory Commissions. According to the findings, in order for Distribution Utilities to keep their current customer base, they must adapt to the shifting landscape and adopt new device tactics. Eligible Open Access Consumers were chosen as the focus of the research because of their high consumption and money generation, both of which are crucial to the sustainability of the Distribution Companies. Only if the stated Consumer Segment assures Loyalty with Government Owned Distribution Companies like the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL) will the Sustainability and Universal Service Obligation be attainable. The purpose of this quantitative research is to have a comprehensive understanding of the Consumer Segment's Behaviour and Loyalty.

Keywords – Power Supply Industry, Consumerism, Energy Conservation, Customer Satisfaction.

Introduction :

Consumerism, as it pertains to the electrical power business, is defined as the ways in which customers think, feel, and behave towards the products and services they use. This encompasses customers' perspectives, use, and demands, as well as their impact on the growth and practises of the energy sector. Here's how individualism manifests itself in the electrical power sector: Conservation and efficient use of energy: Consumers have grown more

conscientious of their energy use as a result of rising knowledge of environmental issues and the need to minimise energy consumption. As a result, there's been a rise in interest in energy-saving gadgets, methods, and policies. Energy-efficient lighting, appliances, and smart home systems are becoming more popular as consumers explore for methods to reduce their utility costs and environmental impact.

The use of renewable energy sources including solar, wind, and hydroelectric power to produce one's own electricity is becoming more popular among customers. This consumer-driven demand has impacted regulations favouring the expansion of distributed energy production and bolstered the renewable energy industry's growth. Energy management applications, home automation systems, and smart metres are just a few examples of the growing need for "smart" technology. Consumers may keep tabs on their energy use in real time, adjust their habits as needed, and save money thanks to these technology.

Literature Review :

An examination of the factors that affect workers' happiness on the workplace was published by Dr. G. Yoganandan and colleagues in 2018 under the title workplace satisfaction of employees working in private sector banks at tiruchengode. The purpose of this study is to examine the issue of work-life balance and to provide an explanation of its relevance. The research analysed the demographics of bank workers in Tiruchengode, India, and found that those in the private sector had a high level of job satisfaction. To keep their workers happy and productive, banks must respond to their ever-changing needs and do whatever it takes to meet those needs.

Job satisfaction and human resource management practises: an empirical assessment of a sample of commercial bank workers in Bangladesh (Riaz Uddin Ahmed, 2019). Few commercial bank workers in Bangladesh were surveyed to determine the impact that human resource management practises such as recruiting and selection, training and development, compensation and benefits, job security, reward, and supervisory role had on their levels of job satisfaction. Employee satisfaction was shown to be higher when recruiting and selection, training and development, compensation and benefits, and reward were all taken into account, and lower when supervisory position and job security were included. The leaders of these financial institutions were urged to place a greater emphasis on these two HRM strategies in order to foster long-term success.

Objectives of the study :

1. To identify the present level of customer happiness.
2. To learn what goes into what consumers consider to be "value," or "value proposition."
3. To establish connections between brand loyalty, brand perceived value, customer satisfaction, and brand image.
4. To investigate the impact of Switching Cost as a moderator of Consumer Loyalty.

Research Methodology

This study used a self-designed, closed-ended questionnaire based on a five-point Likert scale to collect data. A total of 140 consumers were selected at random from various demographic groups and given questionnaires using a purposive sampling technique. Although the researcher took into account a large sample, customer willingness, and interest, the total

number of respondents was capped at 140. Descriptive statistics, a Pearson correlation matrix, and multiple regression were used to evaluate, analyse, and interpret the obtained data from the dependent and independent variables. All of these statistical techniques were implemented with the help of SPSS, a widely used statistical programme.

Data Analysis :

Value Perceived by Customers and Their Level of Satisfaction

The goal of this research is to determine whether 'Consumer Perceived Value' and 'Consumer Satisfaction' are related concepts. Examining the Data: Two-Way Correlation, Parameters and Quantification Consumer satisfaction and consumer perceived value are both five-point metric scale variables. Pearson's correlation between 'Satisfaction' and 'Value' $r = 0.485$, $p = 0.0001$, $N = 140$ observations. As a result, we infer that 'Value' and 'Satisfaction' are closely linked. When 'r' is positive, it indicates that the two variables are directly related; if 'Value' goes up, 'Satisfaction' does too, and vice versa. The moderate nature of the correlation between the two variables is further supported by the value of $r = 0.485$.

Customer Happiness and Loyalty: A Correlation

The goal of this research is to determine whether and how 'Satisfaction' and 'Loyalty' are connected. Examining the Data: Two-Sample Correlation. Metrics and Independent Variables:- Both "Consumer Satisfaction" and "Consumer Loyalty" are quantitative scale variables, Correlation between 'Satisfaction' and 'Loyalty'

Data ($N = 140$); $r = 0.525$; $p = 0.0001$; significance level. By definition, if 'Satisfaction' goes up, so must 'Loyalty,' and if 'Loyalty' goes up, so must 'Satisfaction,' so long as 'r' is positive. The moderate nature of the relationship between the two variables is further supported by the value of $r = 0.525$.

Value Perceived by Customers and Their Loyalty

In an effort to investigate the connection between "Value" and "Loyalty." Two-Sample Correlation. 'Consumer Perceived Value' and 'Consumer Loyalty' are both five-point metric scale variables.

$N = 140$, $p = 0.0001$, $r = 0.709$, Pearson's correlation coefficient. The Null Hypothesis H_0 is rejected due to the fact that ($p = 0.000$) is less than ($= 0.05$). This supports the idea that 'Value' and 'Loyalty' are intrinsically linked. When 'r' is positive, it indicates that the two variables are directly related; if 'Value' goes up, 'Loyalty' does too, and vice versa. The correlation coefficient suggests a strong relationship between the two variables ($r = 0.709$).

Based on these findings, MSEDCL seems to be meeting the needs of its customers in terms of supply quality and frequency of outages. Although 'Outage Management' and 'Load Shedding free supply' are generally well-received by consumers, these features only get lukewarm approval from end users. Coordinating and interacting with the concerned company's workers may aid in the outage management process. The MSEDCL has an established procedure for handling power outages. Not only is the Client Company's electrical department kept aware of planned maintenance outages, but outages on proposed feeders are only implemented with the client's approval. Consequently, customers who are serviced by dedicated/express feeders from their respective substations need not worry about outage management.

Conclusion :

Evaluation of Consumer Satisfaction for Eligible Open Access Consumers in the Pune Region; Understanding of Value Proposition and Factorization of Consumer Perceived Value; Establishing of Relationship between Basic Variables; Understanding of Moderating Role of Switching Barriers; and Testing of Consumer Retention Model are all Met by the Research Work. The research aims to provide light on the current state of the Power Sector, Consumer Culture, and public opinion with regards to the driving factors in the Sectors and Circles. The study has not only helped fulfil the objectives, but it has also uncovered and proposed novel facets of consumer behaviour in the power distribution sector. The study provides a timely lifeline for distribution companies by helping them focus on the important consumer segment as the power distribution industry transitions from a monopolistic to a competitive state of things. The research would help publicly-held utilities face future difficulties, but it would also provide regulators crucial information about what their customers want and need, so that they can make policy accordingly. The research has maintained the 'Consumer' at the centre, and the thorough discussion of Open Access in Power Distribution will help Consumers become aware of the risks they face when switching Service Providers. The research hopes to help everyone involved and predicts a promising future for Power Consumers in terms of a healthy environment.

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A Correlation Study on Smartphone Addiction and Social Competence among Adolescents

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Abstract :

This research investigates the correlation between smart phone addiction and social competence in a sample of 363 adolescent, considering demographic factors like gender, locality (urban or rural), and family type (joint or nuclear). The findings reveal a statistically significant; though weak, positive relation between smart phone addiction and social competence. However, the practical significance of this relationship is limited, suggesting that numerous other factors contribute to social competence in adolescents. Notably, smart phone addiction is significantly higher in rural areas, while gender and family type do not significantly influence smart phone addiction. Similarly, social competence does not vary significantly by gender or family type, but urban adolescents tend to exhibit slightly better social competence. These findings highlight the intricate dynamics surrounding smart phone addiction and social competence in adolescent populations, emphasizing the need for holistic interventions tailored to specific geographical contexts.

Introduction :

The advent of smart phones in the 21st century has ushered in an era of unprecedented connectivity and convenience. These pocket-sized devices have seamlessly integrated into our daily lives, offering a multitude of functionalities that extend far beyond their original purpose of making phone calls. For adolescents, in particular, smart phones have become ubiquitous companions, serving as communication tools, sources of information, and platforms for entertainment. According to recent statistics, the global smart phone penetration rate among teenagers is nearing 90%, highlighting the profound impact of this technology on the younger generation (Pew Research Center, 2019). However, as Smartphone addiction is characterized by the excessive and uncontrolled use of smart phones (Cha and Seo, 2018). Adolescents, in particular, are considered a high-risk demographic for developing smart phone addiction, often forming deep attachments to these devices and viewing them as integral to their identities. Numerous smart phone users have expressed a strong reliance on their devices, claiming they cannot envision life without them (Wajcman, Bittman, and Jones, 2007). As adolescents navigate the delicate phase of transitioning from childhood to adulthood, they do so in an

environment where the smart phone is a ubiquitous companion. The pervasive use of smart phones among this demographic has sparked concerns about potential adverse consequences, including smart phone addiction and its impact on social competence. Social competence can be described as the ability to discern others' emotions and utilize individual aptitudes to achieve favorable outcomes. (Kunnantt, 2004). In order to exhibit social competence, individuals need to demonstrate robust interpersonal abilities, which encompass social awareness, self-regulation, and self-awareness. (Kunnantt, 2004). In a research conducted by (Kaypakli et al.,2020), it was observed that certain adolescents face challenges in social situations and may opt for online interactions because they perceive it as easier to express emotions through written communication. This approach spares them the complexities of deciphering nonverbal cues when conflicts arise. Munderia and Singh, (2019) expound upon how individuals with limited social skills might resort to smart phones to sustain relationships in a digital environment, where they feel comfortable and self-assured when participating in online social exchanges. This research sets out to delve into the intricate relationship between smart phone addiction and social competence among adolescents, seeking to uncover the nuances of this association. In doing so, it aims to shed light on how smart phone use may affect an adolescent's ability to navigate social interactions and relationships. Furthermore, this study recognizes that adolescents are not a monolithic group and that differences based on gender, locality, and family type may influence this relationship.

The significance of this study is not solely in its ability to add to the expanding pool of information about adolescent well-being in the digital era but also in its real-world implications. Understanding the relationship between smart phone addiction and social competence can inform educators, parents, and policymakers on strategies to support healthy smart phone use and foster social skills among adolescents. By addressing these issues, we aim to ensure that the benefits of smart phone technology do not come at the expense of adolescents' social development.

Operational Definition of Terms

Smartphone Addiction :

Smartphone addiction can be defined as the compulsive and excessive use of a smart phone that disrupts daily life. This behavior involves spending an excessive amount of time on the device, experiencing a loss of control over smart phone use, constantly thinking about or feeling compelled to use the smart phone, neglecting important responsibilities, and facing adverse consequences such as mental health issues and impaired social interactions.

Social Competence :

Social competence encompasses the capacity to effectively engage in social interactions. It includes a set of skills, such as clear and effective communication, the ability to understand and empathize with others, resolving conflicts constructively, collaborating with others, managing emotions effectively, and adapting to different social contexts. Socially competent individuals can navigate social situations successfully, fostering positive and productive relationships.

Objectives :

- To investigate the correlation between smart phone addiction and social competence among

adolescents

- To evaluate smart phone addiction in adolescents based on gender, area and family type
- To evaluate social competence in adolescents based on gender, area and family type

Hypotheses

- A significant correlation is expected to exist between smart phone addiction and social competence among adolescents
- There are expected significant differences among adolescents in smart phone addiction based on gender, area, and family type
- There are expected significant differences among adolescents in social competence based on gender, area, and family type

Methodology :

Researcher employed a Descriptive survey method to obtain the data.

Sample

The target population for this study comprises students displaying a high level of smart phone addiction. The purposive sampling method was employed to select a sample of 363 school students, consisting of 208 from rural areas and 155 from urban areas, all in the 9th grade. The participants' ages ranged from 14 to 15 years.

Tools Used

Smartphone Addiction : The Smartphone Addiction Scale (SAS), created by Vijayshri and Ansari (2021), is a measurement tool designed to assess smart phone addiction. It comprises six factors and 23 items, utilizing a five-point Likert scale ranging from 1 ("strongly disagree") to 5 ("strongly agree") for self-reporting. In this scale, most commonly used reliability coefficient Cronbach's Alpha was calculated and found 0.857. The internal consistency of the scale is high, supporting that the scale is highly reliable.

Social Competence : The Social Competence Scale (SCS), originally developed by Sharma et al. (2011), to assess social competence. This abbreviated scale consists of 50 items, which encompass 18 factors of social skills and behaviors among Indian adolescents. Respondents rate these items on a five-point scale, ranging from 'very high' to 'very low.' The scale's highest achievable score is 250, while the lowest is 50. The scale exhibits a test-retest reliability of 0.56 and an inter-rater reliability of 0.67, with a validity score of 0.84.

Data Analysis :

Descriptive statistics were used to present an overview of smart phone addiction and social competence scores. To investigate the association between these variables, a Pearson Product-Moment correlation analysis was performed. Additionally, t-tests were employed to investigate gender, locality, and family type differences in smart phone addiction and social competence within the sample. These analyses aimed to provide insights into the hypotheses regarding the interplay between smart phone addiction, social competence, and demographic factors among adolescents.

Table-1 : Correlation between adolescents Smartphone Addiction and Social Competence

Description at 0.01 level	N	M	'r'	Level of significance
Smartphone Addiction	363	84.504	0.185**	S
Social Competence	363	178.046		

** Significance is observed in the correlation at the 0.01 level

Table-2: Critical Ratio for the differences among adolescents in Smartphone Addiction with respect to Gender, Area, and Family Type

Variables	Sub Variables	N	Mean	SD	df	t-value	
Smartphone Addiction	Gender	Male	132	84.621	5.504	361	0.333
		Female	231	84.437	4.150	361	
	Area	Urban	155	83.554	4.112	361	3.476**
		Rural	208	85.211	4.957	361	
	Family Type	Joint	165	84.769	5.078	361	0.972
		Nuclear	198	84.282	4.324	361	

**Significant difference is observed at the 0.01 level

Table -3 : Critical Ratio for the differences among adolescents in Social Competence with respect to Gender, Area, and Family Type

Variables	Sub Variables	N	Mean	SD	df	t-value	
Smartphone Addiction	Gender	Male	132	177.507	18.958	361	0.411
		Female	231	178.354	18.684	361	
	Area	Urban	155	180.180	19.033	361	1.868
		Rural	208	176.456	18.444	361	
	Family Type	Joint	165	177.769	19.642	361	0.232
		Nuclear	198	178.282	18.044	361	

Findings and Discussions :

The current investigation aimed to ascertain the relation between smart phone addiction and social competence among adolescents. The study conducted on a sample of 363 participants has revealed a statistically significant, albeit weak, positive relationship between smart phone addiction and social competence among adolescents. This suggests that while there is a measurable association between smart phone addiction and social competence, numerous other factors may influence social competence among adolescents. Further research and a more comprehensive analysis are recommended to better understand the complexities of this relationship and its implications for adolescent development and well-being.

Further analysis shows that smart phone addiction is a significant difference between urban and rural areas, with rural participants displaying higher levels of addiction. However, smart phone addiction does not exhibit significant differences based on gender or the family type (joint or nuclear) within this sample. These findings provide insights into the variations in smart phone addiction across different demographics and underscore the importance of

considering area in addressing smart phone addiction among adolescents. Meanwhile, the analysis also reveals that there do not exhibit significant differences in social competence based on gender or family type (joint or nuclear) within this sample. Whereas analysis also shows that there are no significant differences in social competence based on gender or the type of family (joint or nuclear) within this sample. However, a modest yet statistically significant difference in social competence is observed based on area, as urban participants exhibit slightly higher levels of social competence compared to their rural counterparts. These findings provide insights into the variations in social competence across different demographics.

Conclusion :

In this study, we found that while there is a relation between smart phone use and social competence, it's not very strong. It means that using smart phones more doesn't necessarily make you significantly better at socializing. We also noticed that adolescents in rural areas tend to use smart phones more than those in urban areas. However, factors like gender and family type don't seem to have a big impact on smart phone use or social competence. So, in simple terms, using smart phones wisely and developing good social competence are both important for young people, but many other things also matter, and where you live might influence how much you use your smart phone.

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EMERGING TRENDS OF BRANDED RETAILING AND ITS IMPACT ON CONVENTIONAL RETAILERS IN GOLD JEWELRY

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ABSTRACT :

This report aims to investigate how women make purchasing decisions about name-brand jewellery. Exploratory and descriptive research methods are used in this study, which was conducted in India using a convenient group of fifty women (aged 20 to 45). Basic statistical methods (means, percentages, and so on) were used to examine the collected data. It's common knowledge that Indian women place a premium on jewellery; donning ornaments is a social norm for them, and jewellery has long been seen as a symbol of good luck in many religious ceremonies. With women's disposable incomes rising steadily, more and more women are taking the lead in purchasing decisions, and this includes jewellery. Women are shopaholics, status and prestige aware, attention seekers, and especially fond of receiving jewels as presents because of how much importance they place on their outward appearance. Although she has a high degree of brand knowledge and is willing to spend a lot of money on jewels, she is careful shopper. Men are excluded from the research.

Keywords : Brand Jewelry, women shopping, Behaviour, Fashion

INTRODUCTION

Branded retailing's recent rise in the gold jewellery sector has had a profound effect on the industry's more traditional merchants. Some major developments and their consequences are as follows: Brand Preference: Customers place a higher premium on known and trusted names in the gold jewellery industry. Because of the confidence in the product's quality and workmanship, they are prepared to pay more for a name brand. Because of this, traditional

stores have felt the need to either create their own brands or begin stocking well-known brands in order to remain competitive. Shoppers can now shop for and purchase branded gold jewellery online thanks to the widespread use of e-commerce and omni-channel retailing tactics. Because of this, they can now reach more people and satisfy more of their needs. Traditional stores have adapted by creating an online presence and providing e-commerce choices in order to survive in the current market.

Retailers of all stripes are getting in on the customization and personalization trend by letting consumers put their own spin on products they buy. As a result of this fad, regular stores have had to hire techies and master craftspeople to provide comparable services. More and more shoppers are thinking twice about how their choices may affect future generations and the natural world. Many well-known stores are pioneers in the movement towards more ethical and environmentally friendly sourcing. To keep up with shifting customer expectations, traditional merchants must also embrace ethical sourcing policies. Branded retailers are increasingly turning to digital marketing and social media to spread awareness of their goods, foster consumer loyalty, and expand their client base. This has given them an advantage over the competition in their efforts to attract and engage a younger audience. Traditional stores must increase their spending on digital and social media advertising.

Interactive displays, virtual try-ons, and instructional seminars are just a few examples of the kind of "experiential retail" being developed by name-brand stores. This improves the shopping experience for consumers and motivates them to frequent businesses. Traditional stores are likewise spending money on retail experiences to increase foot traffic. Limited-edition collections are typically the result of partnerships between well-known brands and designers, celebrities, or artists. These partnerships create excitement and appeal to a wide range of consumers. Traditional stores may have trouble forming comparable alliances, but they may try working with regional artists and designers instead. Data analytics and personalization: reputable stores are using it to learn about their clients and tailor their services to them. The result is more revenue and a better customer experience. Traditional merchants are attempting to catch up by bolstering their data analytics resources.

Branded stores may be seen as more costly than comparable stores because of their name recognition and marketing. To compete, many traditional stores provide sales and discounts to their price-conscious clients. It's possible that branded merchants' supply chains and inventory management systems are more streamlined, enabling them to react more swiftly to market shifts. To meet the evolving needs of their clientele, traditional stores must enhance their supply chain operations.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The "A Study On Luxury Products of Jewellery" research was conducted by V. Vijay Durga Prasad in 2020. This study looks at how Hallmarking helps prevent gold jewellery from being trafficked while being faked. Research was conducted to learn how consumers who buy gold jewellery define hallmarking and what they know about it. Although the Indian government mandated the hallmarking of gold jewellery in April 2010, most jewellery stores only offer merchandise that has been stamped with a hallmark. A total of 285 residents of Andhra Pradesh's Vijayawada city filled out the survey. Testing for independence between two characteristics through cross-tabulation and the chi-squared test. Since the results showed

that few consumers were aware of BIS Hallmarking, recommendations were made to increase customer awareness.

Female Desires in 2018 The top five gold-buying nations account for 73% of worldwide demand, and this paper analyses and sheds light on two crucial facets of the market for gold jewellery in these nations. In two respects: Gold in relation to other commodities and objects of luxury Gold consumer sentiment, with an emphasis on any changes in female opinions on the precious metal since our 2015 poll. As the research demonstrates, gold has maintained and even enhanced its position, both in contrast to other competitive luxury commodities and in terms of its own unique attractiveness, despite seeing its price double between 2015 and 2018. As a result of analysing consumer behaviour and attitudes towards gold in each market, two key target categories of female customers were identified. Women who are conventional and status-conscious in their viewpoint were found to be the core group, while women who are "passionate about their appearance and accessories" were found to be another core group. The results of the poll show that women continue to value gold for its positive connections and because it is an essential aspect of their own style.

A research on the impact of inflation expectations on gold prices was published by Laurence E. Blose in 2020. This research uses unanticipated shifts in the CPI to prove that sudden changes in the CPI have no effect on the price of gold. Speculators expecting a shift in inflation expectations would be better served by targeting bond markets rather than gold markets, according to the findings. Moreover, the price of gold cannot be used by investors as a proxy for market inflation predictions.

Risk management practises among Bangalore's gem and jewellery dealers were investigated in a study titled "Risk Management Practises Among the Gems and Jewellery Dealers in Bangalore" by Padma Srinivasan and R. Subramaniam (2018). The authors looked at how both family-owned jewellers and chain stores handle potential threats to their businesses. Over the course of three years, from 2004-07, 190 family-owned jewellers and 10 shops were studied as part of the sample. Risk Management Practises examines a wide range of threats, including those related to geographical concentration, raw materials (such as gems and gold), debtors, seasons, labour, waste, and finances. Finally, a SWOT analysis and several ideas for jewellers to use teamwork and technology are presented.

The evolution of today's jewellery styles is discussed in this work by Anandkumar G Patil (2020). Piercings of the nose, ears, and eyebrows, sometimes adorned with jewellery, and tattoos are ancient practises that likely originated in Egypt, China, or the Middle Ages. Jewellery worn in or near the mouth, often pierced soft tissues or affixed to the teeth. Oral jewellery enhances a person's smile with glitz, individuality, and the latest in trend. It doesn't hurt, there's no chance of infection, and the results will make you grin from ear to ear. Confidence is boosted, and problems like tooth breakage and receding gums may be remedied. Young people and famous people are giving it new life as a fashion and style statement.

In her study "Emotionally charged: A practice-centred enquiry of digital jewellery and personal emotional significance" (Jayne Wallace, 2017), Wallace investigates how digital technologies and contemporary jewellery might be combined to create "digital jewellery"—jewelry objects that incorporate electronic components. Therefore, a piece of jewellery and the person who wears it might have a special connection. Digital items that may be worn

provide convenience in the forms of both communication and information gathering. When these digital artefacts are skillfully constructed and fashioned in the shape of jewellery, they appeal to the growing population of people who use them constantly. The functionality of these things is bolstered by computational technology. IBM, Philips, IDEO, Nokia, and Nike are just few of the companies working on such gadgets. Modern jewels and devices are driven by two very different ideas. The research showed that jewellery items are very sentimental.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To Investigate, comprehend, and assess the Indian branded jewellery industry.
- To examine how women purchase for name-brand jewellery.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The survey was developed using both descriptive and exploratory methods, and it was administered to a sample of 50 Indian women consumers (aged 20 to 45) with a shown interest in alternative ways of living. Collecting information with a method of "convenience sampling" Averages, percentages, and scales for measurement were utilised to examine the acquired data and get to the intended conclusions.

Discussion

While the specifics of a company's advertising strategy may vary, all businesses can benefit from focusing on a few key USPs (Unique Selling Propositions). Every gold jewellery store provides decent bargains, but the finest ones can be found in unorganised shops, where you can get a lifetime exchange on the purchase price, and in organised shops, where you can get a discount of 95%. Generally speaking, 90-95% cash back is being offered by most businesses. Seasonal discounts are often extended by national players in the region of 10-15%, and by local players according to clients.

Table 1: Analysis

- $S.E = \sqrt{pq/n}$
- $S.E = \sqrt{0.7567 * 0.2433 / 785} = 0.0153$
- $Z_{cal} = 231.154$
- Now $231.154 \gg \gg 3$
- Z_{cal} is more than Z_{act} . At all levels of significance.
- Therefore, the difference is really substantial, and we were mistaken in our first hypothesis.
- This leads to a conversion ratio of 75.67 percent.

Four in ten customers think the jewellery at the Organised Gold Jewellery Showroom is very well-made. Only around a quarter of consumers think that there is a large selection of jewellery to pick from, thus it is important for retail sales officers to learn about their clients' specific wants and needs and create a quotation intent list.

Conclusion

Customer purchasing motivation, Services offered, Staff skills, and a comparative analysis of company policies and product presentation are all taken into consideration. The firm has a high conversion rate, but it might increase its earnings by concentrating on upselling and

cross-selling. Ten percent of buyers say the showroom lighting might be improved, therefore the business should work to make things brighter there. Since sales are now low, it would be wise to encourage more giving seasons in the minds of customers. This may be done by offering special discounts and gifts around holidays. Customers may take use of a number of major services, including an exchange policy based on priority, cleaning, purity, size, repair, and so on. Company and staff should make every effort to promote gift certificates and the buffing service to a wide audience. Since every little bit helps, it's important to include these service provisioning into goals wherever possible. Given the prevalence of free services, it's crucial to raise consumers' awareness and vigilance about the proper management of gold jewellery.

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A Study on Impact of Work Life Balance on Performance of Female Workers with Special Reference to SECL Bilaspur

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Abstract :

Sustaining a vigorous work-life stability is essential for the professional success of all women. In order to assist their workers, assault a strong stability among their qualified and individual survives, businesses in different sectors implement a wide variety of strategies, policies, procedures, practises, and programmes. There are policies that are mandated by law and others that are enacted freely. The purpose of this research is to shed light on how factors such as advancements in skill, improved work compression with continuous targets, the presence of a virtual workplace, and shifts in demographic profile (including but not limited to gender, experience, rising disposable income, and rising living standards) have pushed the industrial sector to prioritise the provision of work-life balance. As women increasingly take on more responsibilities at home and in the workplace, this is more important than ever. The trajectory of the work-life balance for Indian industrial women is shown in this research paper.

Keywords : Female workers, performance, work life balance, industry

Introduction :

The capacity to strike a good work-life balance may have an advantageous or detrimental effect on the efficiency and fulfilment at work of women workers. Giving women the chance to explore hobbies outside of work increases their happiness at work, productivity, and likelihood of staying with the company. The following are some of the most important ways in which women's balance between work and family life influences their level of efficiency. Female workers are far more inclined to report job satisfaction when they're enjoying a healthy work-life balance. If workers feel content in their duties, they tend to be more inclined to go

above and above the call of duty. Reduced Anxiety Studies have indicated that stress levels decrease when people have a good work-life balance. Stress's negative psychological and physiological impacts have been linked to decreased productivity in the workplace and increased tardiness. When women have time to rejuvenate and unwind while away from the workplace, they are better prepared to handle challenges at work.

Better mental health is one benefit of striking a work-life balance. Work productivity is directly related to one's mental health. When women in the workplace are emotionally stable, they are better equipped to do their jobs and make good judgements. Productivity Boost: Workers who get enough sleep and have downtime tend to be more efficient on the job. Women are more productive in the workplace when they have time to focus on both job and personal responsibilities. Worker dedication increases when women have faith that their company values and encourages a healthy work-life balance. They're also less likely to leave the firm in the near future, which will save money on recruiting, screening, and training new staff. Increased Dedication: Women are more invested in their jobs when they are given the freedom to balance their professional and personal lives. They are able to give their complete attention to their work without being distracted by their own problems.

Enhanced Creativity and Innovation: Striking a healthy balance in one's life has been shown to improve both. Working women who are able to pursue outside passions are more likely to bring fresh ideas and views to the table. Organisational culture that values work-life balance for all workers (including women) is more likely to be supportive of growth and diversity. Workplace cultures like these are better able to recruit and retain top talent and foster an atmosphere where women may flourish in their careers. Stronger bonds between coworkers may result from initiatives that promote time away from the office. Female employees are more likely to cooperate successfully and to seek assistance when they need it if they believe their colleagues support them in balancing their work and home life. Volunteering and other community activities may boost women's well-being, and a healthy work-life balance might make it possible for them to participate.

Women's productivity, contentment on the job, and health may all benefit from more emphasis on work-life balance in the workplace. A more committed, productive, and loyal female staff is a potential gain for companies that promote work-life harmony via policies and practises.

Review of literature :

In modern extremely competitive, international, and constantly shifting environment, the capacity of employees to adapt to new difficulties and complexities has grown increasingly crucial. Pleck et al. (1990) found that the majority of employees struggled to find a good work-life balance. Numerous parents and additional carers have different concerns for their children's well-being. Long hours at work, inflexible time management, and either physical or mental strain are all related to increased work-family participation, which inevitably turn is linked to lower levels of happiness and contentment with life in aggregate. Gutek et al. (2001) carried out studies employing a rotating sample of executives, researchers, or relatives in order to more accurately reflect the range of people who were actively involved in the study. The findings revealed that people's relatives helped them through tough times at home more so than at work. That is to say, the investigator thinks there is no connection between

the two variables, therefore they may be addressed independently. Frone et al. (2002) found that stress and overwork at work may translate into difficulties at home. Tension stems mostly from competing personal and professional responsibilities. A lack of coping mechanisms may contribute to family conflict. Williams and Alliger (2004) draw the conclusion with only moderate support from the available data, that adverse emotions have repercussions in both the work environment and outside of it. Specifically, women exerted greater control than males did over both "Personal Job" and "Work to Home Responsibility." The search also discovered a significant correlation between expressed job involvement and the extent to which work negatively impacted one's personal life on a given day. On the day in question if parental duties interfered with work, employees indicated lower levels of personal involvement, privacy, and familial interference into their work. Higgins et al. (2014) observed that female and life-circle stage had the largest impact on the the following elements of work-life and personal-life concerns: duty stress, barriers across life at work and at home, and barriers across the two. According to his research, this is by far the biggest difference between sexes and ages. According to the author, females held greater sway than males. The gender gap in the struggle to juggle work and family responsibilities has been again confirmed. Furthermore, research suggests that family intervention might amplify the challenges women already face. According to research by Shailendra Singh et al. (2018), companies that use best HR practises saw an uptick in productivity. A good work-life balance is beneficial because it increases employees' motivation, engagement, and loyalty to the business and the field. Janssen et al. (2019) identify four factors—work content, working conditions, labour correlations, and condition of employment—that contribute to worker satisfaction. According to Perry-Smith and Blum (2010), workers are better able to strike a work-life balance when their companies allow them some say over their schedules, provide them with access to important information, and provide some financial support. Wang and Walumbwa (2017) argue that if employees are able to strike a good work-life balance, they will be more dedicated to their jobs and the company as a whole. According to studies conducted by Elisavata(2016), job satisfaction is closely proportional to an individual's degree of pleasure on the job. According to his findings, one of the most important contributors to one's quality of life at work is one's level of contentment with one's employment.

Objectives of the study :

- Purposes of Research Analyse the relationship among work connected factors as well as the work-life equilibrium of female specialists in India's industrial sector.
- Examine the practises and policies of work-life equilibrium in India's manufacturing segment.
- Aim of this research is to better understand how different factors connected to employees affect the work-life balance of professional women.

Methodology :

This research made use of together first- and second-string information. First set of information was acquired concluded a survey given to a representative sample, while the second set was culled from openly available government sources including websites, online journals, etc. The form was sent electronically and in hard copy form to collect data on

workplace policies, practises, and influencing factors. Statistics and other analytical methods were used to make sense of the data gathered in this way. The outcome was determined using a likert scale and regression analysis.

Discussion :

New policies and practises are introduced often across all industries with the goal of helping working women achieve a better work-life balance. Priorities across industries may be broken down in a few distinct ways. Schedule Flexibility, Paid leave, as well as child and parent care facilities, are offered. Work-life balance may be supported by practises and regulations such as part-time work, reduced workweeks, flexible working days for women, working from home, maternity leaves, and access to medical care. There is a robust correlation between how much job-related issues influence women's work-life balance and how successful they are professionally. Due to the demands of family and the expertise required for their employment, women in Indian sectors have a particularly hard time striking a work-life balance.

Does someone at home provide emotional or mental support while you're at work?

	Frequency	Percentage
Very low	7	14
	4	8
	3	6
	24	48
Very high	12	24

Interpretation :

According to the data shown in the table and figure above, 14% of respondents say a family member provides them with very little mental help with work, while 24% say the opposite is true.

Conclusion :

Findings suggest that it is not adequate to measure women's work-life balance based on employee and job-related factors alone. The results of this research diverged from those of a similar one done in the Indian business sector. However, it is important to use care when drawing generalisations from this research, since the communicator seemed to lack conviction in their responses. Despite the denial, we found that the majority of the variables used to evaluate job satisfaction, stress, and other characteristics all fall within a narrow range of 2.0–3.6 (on a scale of 1–5). We stress the importance of include people's work-life balances and extended family trees in future research. This is a real problem in the modern workplace for women. A well-rounded lifestyle is the result of careful planning and individual efforts. When a person is content in both her personal and professional lives, she has achieved this state. Both the government and society need to move forward on issues related to women's work-life balance if they are to achieve their full potential.

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Examining the Socio-Political and Psychological evolution in William Blake's "Songs of Innocence and Experience"

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Abstract :-

This study work investigates the significance of understanding the social and emotional development in Songs of Innocence and Experience. Because of Emperor England's continued economic success, the farming and industrial booms of the first half of the 19th century altered England significantly: country populations had become urbanized, and living conditions were dreadful and cruel. There was volatility and volatility in the environment as well, and bygone years were lovingly remembered and regarded as "beneficial ancient days" by members of the media and intellectual groups. The usual feeling of youngsters is favorable because they are free of all negative and contaminated vices. However, when it comes to talking about adults, we become intrigued. We are always skeptical of their actions and words; at every move they take. These grown-ups were once among the children who were beloved by all for their purity of heart. The evolution of the mindset of a human being from his fairy-tale environment to the real world can be excellently analyzed through William Blake's collection Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience.

Keywords :- Social, political, and psychological obstacles, beliefs, evolution, and materialistic outlook.

Introduction :-

Songs of Innocence and Experience was an anthology of poems depicted by William Blake himself, often spanning one page at a time. He wrote "Songs of Innocence," then "Songs of Experience," which he published in a book titled "Songs of Innocence and of Experience: Showing the Two Contrary States of the Human Soul." "In literature, the word and concept of "innocence" are strongly associated with the formative years of an individual, but "experience" alludes to and suggests horrifying events that a person meets in his or her life.

Blake lived and saw during a time of immense social, political, and political turmoil and the phase of transition: the American Civil War, the Declaration of Liberty, the French Revolution, and the rise of the Industrial Revolution, all of which had a large and vital impact on England's social and historical growth. Blake piqued the social and political trends of the present day employing his dangerous wit and insightful knowledge, denounced the enslavement

and theft of power derived from legitimacy, dictatorship, and worship, and also identified as those who were deprived of liberty to shatter "the mind-forged manacles" that were created by the aristocratic class. The poems dealt with a wide range of subjects, such as the loss of being innocent, salvation, insincerity, creative thinking, the relationship between humans and nature, and radical goals in the realm of politics, philosophy, the arts, and other fields. He examined social behavior in his publications across the social sciences and the arts. The "Songs of Innocence" is about infancy and how it affects the growth of an individual from childhood to older age, and many of the poems include youngsters as identities, participants, and protagonists.

The poems are an attempt to highlight how childhood supplies a simple and genuine viewpoint on one's own experiences, allowing for a broader understanding of one's nature and spirit. Although Christian precepts are brought into focus, along with their potential negative repercussions, "The Songs of Experience" deals with awful events accumulated in human psychology that wreck innocence. The poem also mentions jealousy and shame. In addition, the poems address the harsh and terrible aspects of illness, destitution, poverty, war, prostitutes, and physical and physical abuse in England during a tough moment in the nation's history (Greenblatt, 1993: 1410). Through a fondness for freedom, the natural world, and growing up, he epitomized the melodramatic ideal. His childhood fantasies influenced the course of his life as a vision poet.

Blake's lyrical masterpiece 'Songs of Innocence' embodies Blake's concept of human society's original stage, symbolized by the unadulterated and profound innocence realized in infant joy and contentment. His 'Songs of Experience' portrays nature's paradoxical features, which are both magnificent and cruel. The harshness and violence that come with childhood replace childhood's natural love, pleasure, and bliss. He was hostile to his era's administration and the church's rationalist perspective on the world, which he claimed repressed most of the population, especially their creative potential and aesthetic independence in the fields of art as well as literature. Blake, who had been disappointed by the Industrial Revolution of the nineteenth century, thought that the nature of human experience took part in politics, spiritual in nature, and supernatural, all of which interacted to generate and sense human feelings (Alexander, 2000: 219). As a result, he saw the world through the lens of polarities and classifications, and his work "Songs of Innocence and Experience" is made up of binary oppositions that contradict and are dependent on each other to exist and have meaning.

"The Echoing Green" was a site of happy play in Songs of Innocence. That green has been transformed into a "Garden of Love" through sexual maturity. As age brought sexual impulses to mind, societal and religious law supplied sentiments of guilt. The presence of a church with its emblem "'Thou shall not' scrawled above the door symbolizes these guilt sentiments. With its closed doors, the church has suppressed creative sexuality. Growing flowers is the inherent regenerative quality of sexual love, which has been distorted to a longing for life after death. As a result, tombstones have replaced flowers, and death has taken precedence over life (Alexander, 2000:74). Songs of Innocence have elements of experience, just as Songs of Experience have parts of innocence. Blake takes on these positions using various perspectives. In Songs of Innocence, the speaker describes how his father sold him after his mother died. This quickly lets the reader realize what kind of childhood this

youngster most likely had. His objective style of referring to himself as "weep, weep, weeping" proves his experience, which is why he can calm his younger partner, Tom Darcy when he "weeps" because his hair needs to be chopped so that soot does not get stuck in it.

I. Evolution of Political and Social Challenges

Blake used his poems and works of art to analyze the existing political as well as social circumstances, making an important contribution to Romantic poetry by moving art above sensory innovation and into the realm of social and political critique. As a result, his portrayal of present-day British society as characterized by suffering and oppression was compatible with the broader Romanticism movement's commitment to social justice and prepared the way for the following poets to address critical public matters through their creative works. Impact on Future Generations Future generations of romantic poets can discern the profundity of William Blake as well as his contribution to the art of romantic poetry.

Blake's unconventional approach to form and substance influenced writers like Shelley and Wordsworth, who pushed the boundaries of lyrical communication. Later in the mid-nineteenth century, Blake's combination of visual and literary styles encouraged the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, proving his ongoing involvement in both the worlds of art and literature. His lyrical contributions not only questioned prevailing conservative viewpoints but also opened new avenues for exploring the complexities of human experience. This article examines the key elements of Blake's work that affected the development of the poetry of the Romantic period.

II. The role of society in mental development

In all the earlier poetry, young people's behaviors and thoughts are the result of an in-depth assessment of one's surroundings as a real, human being seeking truth in everything and thus accepting anything and refraining from taking part in any kind of contradictory activity. The cleanest spirit of the kid is depicted here as the primordial and cleanest form of the god. Later, it interacts with society, emphasizing the significance of noticing things as a single human being as opposed to as a group. Blake's poetry is focused on societal critiques, revealing political oppression, economic exploitation, feudalism, and other injustices and gloomy realities of his time.

The struggle for liberty, equality, and brotherhood, and particularly for someone's inner psychological autonomy and equal rights, is also a key theme in Blake's poem. Blake's remarkable anthology of poems is best recognized for his "Songs of Experience," in which he spewed out his venomous social critique against the real-life events of his time. He used his essential satiric and metaphorical poetry to pierce the ruling class's philanthropic mask and strongly condemn their extreme cruelty and hypocrisy. Unlike another great idealistic poet, Wordsworth, Blake remained fair in bringing out the faults of developed society. He did not advocate for abolishing slavery, nor did he seek refuge from the horrors of society in the surrounding countryside, as Wordsworth did. Blake's poems are respected and appreciated throughout the world, overcoming the borders of history and place, in my opinion, because of the range of his literary concerns and the distinctiveness of his method of expression.

This is when the difference between the two becomes clear. On the one hand, there is the pure picture of the child who is born without a blank slate and thus embraces whatever he

hears and sees completely and without prejudice. He has no qualms about its veracity. Since that is the only thought on the man's mind at this moment in time. He is utterly incapable of responding with a counter-question. In *Songs of Experience*, on the other hand, we get a different impression of a young man or woman who still has some experiences on what's going on and is not blank. Such a kind of young person has difficulty recalling events and experiences throughout his childhood. Now even though he has a certain amount of experience, what he knows and what he has experienced meet, and this leads to unanticipated effects in his day-to-day existence in the not-too-distant future. When we discuss poetry like *Tower Weaver* from *Songs of Ability*, we can get a glimpse into the mental state of a young person who is growing up, perhaps not completely, nevertheless is nonetheless thinking about and analyzing the subject. He can take it in objectively as well as respond to it independently. The little boy once again dreamt of an ethereal being rescuing him during the next part of the chimney sweeper. He had never asked for help, nor did he demand a happy image of a happy life. Therefore, he speaks from a more realistic standpoint. He narrates his difficult life as a slave, as well as when his father and mother sold him for money while ignoring him. And just as soon as they made some money out of it, they abandoned him. They've forgotten they've never hurt their child. The practical perspective of parents can be presented here, which the youngster understands.

Their pragmatic view is what allows them to be indifferent to a dreadful scenario in which the youngster is obliged to survive. The child's everyday declaration of his workplace's dismal state is utterly ignored. They are merely satisfied with the amount of money they've received in exchange. The materialist perspective when it comes to society is reflected here. In this atmosphere, a young person will have to stay ahead of the rest of his or her peers. He sees financial ideals triumph over emotional values. These are the real-world feelings imprinted on the youngster's mind at the tender age of four, culminating in recognition. That is how we notice a transformation in his personality, which must finally bow to truth and give to a commercial mindset. In contrast, *The Nurse's Song* successfully blends the two parts of the psyche of a person. In *Songs of Innocence*, the caretaker is having a wonderful time.

She keeps herself interwoven with children's joys, allowing them to have more enjoyment since it is what they are supposed to enjoy. The children are not assigned any obligations and are simply free to play. The caretaker is considered an adult in the later poems from a different assemblage of experiences. Here is presented a realistic perspective of life, one that appreciates a child's play as time goes on and encourages them to recognize their duties at an early age. Robert Frost's famous poem *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* has a detailed comparison of these two characteristics. The woods are lovely, dark in color, and deep into the skin, but I have obligations to fulfill. Although the work of art is a great theoretical piece, it is constantly proper in describing the changes that occur in the minds of people.

Blake does not just believe that society has not ruined the balance between humans and the natural world, nor does he feel outraged about the industrialized civilization that has wrecked the lives of people near nature. On the other end of the spectrum, he includes in his poetry all aspects of basic energy, the natural world, and civilization. All the above factors coexist and affect one another. They not only happen to be opposed but also mutually dependent. In basic terms, Blake's critique of humanity's terrible occurrences is founded in

his critique of civilization. But, while Blake criticizes civilization, he does not fully dismiss it. He wishes that we could make our culture more comprehensive and compassionate. As a result, in Blake's concept of the cycle of civilization, civilization advances at the end of each cycle.

The current paper examines what happens to a baby's intellect after conception, which is clean and empty, according to the definition by the philosopher John Locke and known as a *tabula rasa*. *Songs of Innocence*, Blake's first lyrical collection, finds a certain kind of pure mind. When we evaluate the second chapter of the *Songs of Background*, we see how a young person's unadulterated, unoccupied mind is brimming in situations, as well as how the same child's mindset and responses alter. People's views on a young person's mental development are mixed. Nevertheless, some parents offer their children total freedom and lavish them with attention, assuming that the youngster is no longer capable of understanding their restrictions. While some parents want their child to mold in their way of life since their child has inherent preconceptions, others want to bombard the youngster's mind with specifics about everything.

The child's inherent simplicity causes him to be amazed by the uncontrollable circumstances. The tiger's terrifying eyes and physique surprise someone oblivious to the world's cruelties. His loving and affectionate personality is jeopardized when he becomes acquainted with such important aspects. "Psychological functioning and development depend on the conceptual and methodological means for exploring the links between social interaction and learning as they occur at the local level of observable behavior" (Ellis A. Forman: 13-14).

Conclusion :-

Lastly, poets who wrote about love needed to use their imagination and creativity naturally and sensibly. The poet should try to find the mysterious world despite his mind by employing imagination abilities and easy-to-understand yet inventive words, so that anyone may see that nature and the feelings of people are alive in contrast to the cerebral mind and earthen physique. The language of the poet's prophetic impulse makes it impossible to achieve non-universal imagery, as shown by the poems that were mentioned and analyzed below. Readers get a glimpse of a child's growing intellect and temperament evolution through the collection. He is originally just a child having no flaws or undesirable characteristics. He tackles everything he comes upon with firsthand knowledge. Nevertheless, as they grow older, they get more integrated into society, trying to see its practices and conventions and, as a natural propensity, learning to mimic them. To summarize, we can decide that the development of a kid's mind is the result of his involvement with societal concepts and practices through observation.

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DIGITAL FORENSIC AND DIGITAL EVIDENCE-AN ANALYSIS OF CURRENT TRENDS AND ISSUES

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ABSTRACT

The realm of digital forensics and electronic evidence presents a transformative narrative in the legal landscape. This article delves into the multifaceted aspects of digital forensics, tracing its historical evolution, procedural intricacies, legal provisions, and the challenges it poses within the Indian Evidence Act. Digital forensics involves the systematic extraction, preservation, and presentation of electronic evidence, with a focus on legal admissibility. The historical journey from the inception of digital forensics to its current significance is explored, showcasing its critical role in solving complex cases. Legal provisions pertaining to electronic evidence, including sections 65A, 65B, and others within the Indian Evidence Act, are dissected to elucidate their implications for admissibility and authenticity. The challenges of tampering, reliability, and source identification are examined, and recent legal developments like the Bhartiya Sakshya Bill's impact on electronic evidence are analyzed. The article concludes by underscoring the dynamic interplay between technological advancements and legal frameworks, emphasizing the importance of preserving the integrity of digital evidence in the pursuit of justice. The Research Methodology adopted by the researchers is purely doctrinal in nature following the principles of fundamental research.

Keywords : Digital, Forensics, Electronic, Evidence, Legal

INTRODUCTION

“Nothing has really happened until it has been recorded.”

Woolf

DIGITAL FORENSICS

The principal objective of digital forensics is the presentation of digital artifacts as evidentiary material within the context of legal proceedings. Consequently, the methodologies deployed for the extraction of digital evidence from various devices necessitate strict adherence to established legal frameworks.

Nonetheless, the intrinsic characteristics of the Internet engender a distinctive investigative landscape, wherein the confines of geographical demarcations are rendered obsolete. Consequently, the intricacies surrounding legal matters are further compounded by the intricate interplay of multiple and divergent jurisdictions. The establishment of a unified and harmonized progression towards the recognition and adoption of legal benchmarks about digital evidence within the realm of international judicial proceedings holds significant importance.

CONCEPT OF DIGITAL FORENSIC

Digital forensics is a systematic procedure involving the safeguarding, recognition, retrieval, and systematic documentation of electronic evidence, admissible in a legal setting that is by a court of law. It constitutes a scientific discipline dedicated to uncovering proofs from digital mediums such as computers, mobile devices, servers, and networks. By furnishing specialized methodologies and utilities, digital forensics empowers investigative units to address intricate cases tied to digital domains.

The practice of digital forensics facilitates the meticulous scrutiny, examination, differentiation, and maintenance of electronic evidence entrenched within diverse categories of technological apparatus..

THE PROCEDURE OF IDENTIFICATION AND COLLECTION OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE PROCESS/ PROCEDURE OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE

Digital forensics is a vital field focused on the retrieval, scrutiny, and interpretation of electronic information. Its significance lies in uncovering evidence for legal cases, both criminal and civil, as well as internal inquiries. By analyzing electronic data, digital forensics contributes to resolving intricate data-related issues, such as cybercrimes, data breaches, hacking, and financial fraud.

Professionals in digital forensics employ an array of tools to carry out investigations with several objectives including the following:

The primary phases of a digital forensics' investigation encompass :

1. **Identification** : Pinpointing the devices and resources relevant to the investigation, whether on organizational assets or personal gadgets. These items are secured to prevent tampering. For data residing on servers, networks, or the cloud, access is restricted to the investigative team.

2. **Extraction and Preservation :** Following device seizure and secure storage, investigators use forensic techniques to extract pertinent data, often generating a secure copy known as a "forensic image." The original data remains secure to prevent tampering.
3. **Analysis :** Investigators apply diverse methods to examine extracted data for evidence of misconduct. Techniques may include reverse steganography (uncovering concealed data), file/data carving (recovering deleted files), and keyword searches.
4. **Documentation :** Comprehensive documentation of the investigation's findings helps establish a timeline of wrongful activities.

LEGAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO DIGITAL EVIDENCE

Electronic Information sometimes is helpful to prove or disprove the fact or the fact at issue. Till recently, the Indian Evidence Act 1872 did not have any special provisions relating to Digital Evidence. In our Indian legal system, evidence plays a major role as it is one of the parts to deliver fairness, equity, just for the justice to the victims. As we follow the adversarial system. The evidence supports his/her version of events in the court, so it is very helpful. Now most crime has an electronic component. It is one of the major reasons for the increased value of electronic evidence. But Electronic evidence can be tampered with easily. So, it is more challenging than traditional methods. Currently using computer technologies is a more convenient way in handling crime investigation. The role of forensic experts is to preserve, analyze, and present in the court of law for the judges to take decisions based on the Evidence Computer forensics is often known as "Digital Forensics". Digital forensics has grown immensely in extraction of electronic evidence that would be impossible to collect if digital forensics had not emerged. But this evidence is placed under strict observation as it's very easy to tamper with.

As we all know the Indian Evidence Act of 1872 is the oldest act which was enacted in the year 1872 and drafted by its law member, James Stephen, but it never failed to amend/ add when there was a change in the society as it required. Till recently, the Indian Evidence Act 1872 did not have any special provisions relating to the digital evidence.

The Information Technology Act, 2000

Section 79A³ in Information Technology Act, 2000 defines the "electronic form evidence" includes computer evidence, digital audio, digital video, mobile devices, and digital fax machines, as well as any information of probative value that is either stored or delivered in electronic form.

Section 22A of Indian Evidence Act 1872, mentions about the fact that, "when oral admissions as to contents of electronic records are relevant".

Section 65A of Indian Evidence Act', Special provisions for evidence involving

electronic records are mentioned. Electronic records' contents may be proven in compliance with section 65B's rules.

Section 65B of the Indian Evidence Act 1872 mentions about “Admissibility of Electronic Evidence”.

Section 81A of Indian Evidence Act 1872, mentions Presumption as to Gazettes in Electronic forms.

Section 85C of Indian Evidence Act 1872- Presumption as to Electronic Signature Certificates.

Sections 85B⁵ of Indian Evidence Act 1872 - Presumption as to electronic records and electronic signatures.

Section 88A⁶ of Indian Evidence Act 1872 - Presumption as an Electronic message.

Section 90A⁶ of the Indian Evidence Act 1872 - Five-year-old electronic records are presumed.

CONCLUSION

CHALLENGES AND WAY AHEAD (CHALLENGES FACED BY THE NEW BILL)

The enactment of the Bhartiya Sakshya Bill, in 2023 marks a significant shift in India's evidence law, a departure from the long-standing rules that governed evidence for 150 years. The Indian Evidence Act admirably handled traditional cases involving oral and documentary evidence, with courts stepping in where language fell short. However, the law struggled to keep pace with technological advancements and evolving forms of electronic evidence. The amendment through the Information Technology Act, 2000 introduced complications rather than resolutions, triggering a prolonged period of uncertainty and inadequacy.

The judicial interpretation of Section 65B, which deals with electronic evidence, embarked with the Navjot Sandhu case in 2005. The Supreme Court suggested that electronic evidence could be supported by provisions meant for documentary evidence (Sections 59 to 65), even though Section 65B was available. This allowed a hybrid approach in handling electronic evidence using established rules for paper-based evidence.

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

In the ever-evolving landscape of digital forensics and electronic evidence, the legal world grapples with both opportunities and challenges. The growth of digital forensics has been monumental, enabling law enforcement and legal professionals to uncover, preserve, and present electronic evidence in an array of cases. From cybercrimes to civil disputes, digital evidence has become indispensable in modern legal proceedings. The historical trajectory of digital forensics showcases its evolution from a niche practice to a pivotal component of the justice system. With advancements

in technology, the legal framework has adapted to accommodate digital evidence, necessitating amendments and additions to existing laws. The collection of digital evidence can be understood through a diagram citing the hierarchy of recording digital evidence. The approach of the investigation authorities as well as the judges regarding collection and recording of digital evidence is based on the outcomes of the ‘technicalities’ and ‘formalities’ that are adopted while collecting the evidence. The judges decide the case based on the findings of the reports submitted by the experts who have collected electronic data by following the procedure related to it.

In summary, the realm of digital forensics and digital evidence is swiftly transforming due to technological progress and the increasing integration of digital interactions into our lives. This analysis of present trends and challenges yields several key findings:

1. **Ubiquity of Digital Evidence :** Digital proof has become indispensable across various domains like law enforcement, cybersecurity, and corporate inquiries. The widespread use of digital devices and platforms implies an expanding array of data sources with potential evidentiary value.
2. **Encryption and Privacy Dilemmas :** The prevalent application of encryption for safeguarding digital data and communications poses a notable hurdle for digital forensics experts. The balance between investigating unlawful activities and safeguarding individual privacy remains an ongoing discourse.
3. **Cloud and Remote Data :** The adoption of cloud computing and remote storage solutions introduces complexities in accessing and preserving digital evidence. Law enforcement and investigators need updated tools and methods to navigate these environments effectively.
4. **IoT and Novel Data Streams :** The emergence of the Internet of Things (IoT) adds complexity to digital forensics. Connected devices generate copious data, necessitating specialized techniques to extract, evaluate, and interpret this information as potential evidence.

Recommendations for the Future :

1. **Collaboration Across Disciplines :** Foster collaboration between digital forensics experts, legal practitioners, cybersecurity specialists, and policymakers. This synergy can better address technical and legal complexities.
2. **Standardization :** Establish industry-wide standards and best practices pertaining to the gathering, preservation, and analysis of digital evidence. The implementation of consistent methodologies will contribute to the enhancement of the credibility and dependability of research outcomes within legal domains.
3. **Ethical Considerations :** Place strong emphasis on ethical practices in digital forensics, particularly when dealing with personal data. Upholding privacy principles and conducting investigations responsibly are paramount.

4. **Investment in Research** : Encourage research and innovation in digital forensics tools, methodologies, and techniques. This will enable professionals to keep pace with emerging technologies and challenges.

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सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के तहत वरूड और मोर्शी तालुका में किसानों की आर्थिक और सामाजिक स्थिति का समीक्षात्मक अध्ययन

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महाराष्ट्र के विदर्भ क्षेत्र का हिस्सा होने के कारण वैसे तो अमरावती जिले को उपजाऊ मिट्टी जंगलों की प्रचुरता और मुंबई—कोलकाता राजमार्ग के रास्ते पर स्थित होने का लाभ मिलता रहा है। दूसरे शब्दों में इसको इस प्रकार से भी समझा जा सकता है, कि अमरावती जिले में एक संपन्न अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए सभी घटक मौजूद हैं। हालांकि, अमरावती जिले की आर्थिक स्थिति महाराष्ट्र के बाकी क्षेत्रों की तुलना में बहुत खराब है। हालांकि यह तेजी से एक औद्योगिक केंद्र के रूप में विकसित हो रहा है। अमरावती जिले को भारत के २५० पिछड़े जिलों में से सबसे पिछड़े जिलों में से एक घोषित किया गया था और इसे वर्तमान में पिछड़ा क्षेत्र अनुदान निधि कार्यक्रम से धन प्राप्त होता है। अमरावती मुख्य रूप से एक कृषि जिला है जहां ७० प्रतिशत से अधिक आबादी कृषि और इसके सहायक उद्योगों में लगी हुई है। इस जिले में उगाई जाने वाली कुछ मुख्य फसले कपास, मूंगफली, ज्वार और विभिन्न प्रकार की दालें हैं। यह जिला महाराष्ट्र के प्रमुख कपास उत्पादक जिले के रूप में जाना जाता है। प्रस्तुत अध्ययन में अमरावती जिले की मोर्शी और वरूड तालुका के किसानों की सामाजिक और आर्थिक स्थिति का अध्ययन किया गया है। अध्ययन के निष्कर्ष में यह तथ्य सामने आते हैं, कि अमरावती जिले के मोर्शी और वरूड तालुका के किसानों के पास सिंचाई की व्यवस्था न होने से खेती घाटे का सौदा साबित हो रही है। ज्यादातर किसान अपनी जमीन को उद्योगपतियों को बेचकर दूसरा व्यवसाय करने के लिये मजबूर हो रहे हैं या लायायित हैं।

बीज शब्द— औद्योगिकरण, उद्योगपति, आर्थिक स्थिति, सामाजिक स्थिति, अर्थव्यवस्था आदि।

प्रस्तावना

महाराष्ट्र के विदर्भ क्षेत्र का एक मुख्य जिला अमरावती है। वर्ष १८५३ में, अमरावती जिले का आज का क्षेत्र बरार प्रांत का हिस्सा था और बाद में हैदराबाद के निजाम के साथ एक संधि के अनुसार यह स्थान ब्रिटिश

ईस्ट इंडिया कंपनी को सौंप दिया गया था। ब्रिटिश ईस्ट इंडिया कंपनी ने प्रांत का प्रशासन अपने हाथ में लेने के बाद सबसे पहले इसे दो जिलों में विभाजित किया। १९५६ में अमरावती जिला तत्कालीन बॉम्बे राज्य का हिस्सा बन गया और १९६० में इसके विभाजन के बाद यह महाराष्ट्र राज्य का अभिन्न अंग बन गया।

भौगोलिक दृष्टि से जिला २०.९३ उत्तर अक्षांश, ७७.७६ पूर्व देशांतर और ३४३ मीटर ऊंचाई पर स्थित है। वर्ष २०२१ में कुल भौगोलिक क्षेत्र का कुल २५.९५: वन क्षेत्र था। इस जिले का क्षेत्रफल १२.२१० वर्ग किमी है और भौगोलिक क्षेत्रफल की दृष्टि से यह राज्य में ८वें तथा भारत में ३६वें स्थान पर है। यह उत्तर में मध्य प्रदेश राज्य के बैतूल जिले और उत्तर-पूर्व में महाराष्ट्र के जिलों, पूर्व में वर्धा, दक्षिण में यवतमाल, दक्षिण-पश्चिम में वाशिम और पश्चिम में अकोला और बुलढाणा जिलों से घिरा है। जिले से होकर बहने वाली प्रमुख नदियाँ वध र्णा, पूर्णा, ताप्ती शाहनूर और चंद्रभागा है। जिले की जलवायु उष्णकटिबंधीय मानी जाती है और जिले के मूल निवासी गर्मी के मौसम में अत्यधिक गर्म जलवायु का अनुभव करते हैं। प्रशासन के रूप में जिला १४ उप जिलों १२ कस्बों और १६३७ गांवों में विभाजित है। जिले में कुल १४ तालुका है। जिसमें वरूड और मोर्शी तालुका है।

अमरावती जिले के बारे में (२०११ की जनगणना के आधार पर)

कुल जनसंख्या	पुरुष जनसंख्या	महिला जनसंख्या
२८,८८,४४५	१४८०७५६	१४,०७,५७७

मोर्शी तालुका की जनसंख्या और कुल गांव

अमरावती जिले की एक तालुका मोर्शी है। इसमें १६६ गांव और एक कस्बा है।

कुल जनसंख्या	पुरुष जनसंख्या	महिला जनसंख्या
१८२४८४	९३७८३	८८७०१

मोर्शी की कुल जनसंख्या में से ७९.५४ प्रतिशत जनसंख्या शहरी क्षेत्र में और २०.४६ प्रतिशत जनसंख्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र में रहती है।

वरूड तालुका की जनसंख्या और कुल गांव

अमरावती जिले की एक तालुका वरूड है। इसमें १६६ गांव और एक कस्बा है।

कुल जनसंख्या	पुरुष जनसंख्या	महिला जनसंख्या
२,२४९८४	११५६८७	१०९२९७

मोर्शी की कुल जनसंख्या में से ७०.१२: जनसंख्या शहरी क्षेत्र में और २९.८८: जनसंख्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र में रहती है।

शोध के उद्देश्य

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन के लिये निम्न उद्देश्य निर्धारित किये गये है।

- १) किसानों की कृषि उत्पादन का विस्तार से अध्ययन करना।
- २) किसानों की सामाजिक स्थिति का अध्ययन करना।
- ३) किसानों की आर्थिक स्थिति का मूल्यांकन करना।

शोध प्रविधि

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन सर्वेक्षण विवरणात्मक शोध प्रविधि से पूरा किया गया है। अध्ययन के लिये प्राथमिक और द्वितीयक आँकड़ों को संकलित कर उनकी वर्गीकरण, सारणीयन और फिर विश्लेषण किया गया है।

अध्ययन क्षेत्र

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन अमरावती जिले के मोर्शी और वरूड तालुका के किसानों के बीच में किया गया है।

उत्तरदाताओं का चयन

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन में किसानों की सामाजिक और आर्थिक स्थिति का अध्ययन करने के लिये मोर्शी और वरूड तालुका से ५०-५० किसानों का चयन किया गया है। इन किसानों से अनुसूची के माध्यम से उनके मत, विचारों को संकलित कर उनका विश्लेषण किया गया है।

मोर्शी और वरूड तालुका की मुख्य सिंचाई परियोजनायें

१) जामगांव

जामगांव बांध सिंचाई परियोजना में जामगांव बांध का निर्माण वर्ष १९८१ में किया गया था। बांध का निकटतम शहर महाराष्ट्र के अमरावती जिले के वरुद तालुका में वरुद है। बांध एक मिट्टी भराव बांध है। बांध की लंबाई ४१० मीटर (१३४५.१४ फीट) है, जबकि सबसे निचली नींव से ऊपर बांध की ऊंचाई १३ मीटर (४२.६५०९ फीट) है। बांध अधिकतम/सकल भंडारण क्षमता ०.६७ एमसीएम है, जबकि स्टोरेज क्षमता ०.६४ एमसीएम है।

२) वाई सिंचाई परियोजना

इस परियोजना को स्थानीय स्तर 'वाई झीलध्वाई तलाव' के रूप में जाना जाता है। सका निर्माण १९७३ में किया गया है। यह बेल नदी पर बना है और इसे बांधता है। बांध का निकटतम शहर महाराष्ट्र के अमरावती जिले के तालुका वरुद में वरुद है। बांध एक मिट्टी भराव बांध है। बांध की लंबाई १३११ मीटर (४३०१.१८१ फीट) है। बांध की अधिकतम/सकल भंडारण क्षमता २.७८ एमसीएम है।

३) पुसलीसिंचाई परियोजना

पुसली बांध को 'पुसली झील/पुसली तालाब' के नाम से जाना जाता है। इसका निर्माण २००१ में किया गया था। यह देवना नदी पर बना है। बांध का निकटतम शहर महाराष्ट्र के अमरावती जिले में वरुद तालुका वरुद है। बांध एक पृथ्वी बांध है जो बांध के स्पिलवे द्वारा दो भागों, बाएं और दाएं किनारे में विभाजित है। बांध की लंबाई २६३२ मीटर (८६३५.१७९ फीट) है।

४) सतनूर सिंचाई परियोजना

इसे 'सतनूर झील/सतनूर/तलाव' भी कहते हैं। इसका निर्माण वर्ष १९८० में महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा सिंचाई, पेयजल और जल आपूर्ति परियोजना के हिस्से के रूप में किया गया। बांध का निकटतम शहर महाराष्ट्र के अमरावती जिले के तालुका वरुद में वरुद है। बांध एक मिट्टी भराव बांध है। बांध की लंबाई ११४० मीटर (३७४०.१५७ फीट) है, जबकि अधिकतम/सकल भंडारण क्षमता १.५४ एमसीएम है।

५) शेखदारी

शेखदारी बांध का निर्माण वर्ष १९८२ में महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के हिस्से के रूप में किया गया था। यह शक्ति नदी पर बना है। बांध का निकटतम शहर महाराष्ट्र के अमरावती जिले में वरुड तालुका वरुड है। बांध की लंबाई ७३० मीटर (२३९५.०१ फीट) है, जबकि बांध का जलग्रहण क्षेत्र ३.५१ हजार हेक्टेयर है। अधिकतम/सकल भंडारण क्षमता ५.२०४ एमसीएम है।

अमरावती जिले की प्रमुख फसलें

इस जिले में उगाई जाने वाली कुछ मुख्य फसलें कपास, मूंगफली, ज्वार और विभिन्न प्रकार की दालें हैं। इन सभी फसलों में से अमरावती को महाराष्ट्र का प्रमुख कपास उत्पादक जिला कहा जाता है। कपास की अच्छी पैदावार मुख्य रूप से इस क्षेत्र में कपास उगाने के लिए उपयुक्त जलवायु और मिट्टी की स्थितियों के कारण है। अमरावती जिले की कुछ अन्य महत्वपूर्ण नकदी फसलें मिर्च, अदरक, हल्दी, धनिया, लहसुन और मेथी जैसे मसाले हैं। इनमें से लगभग ९० प्रतिशत उपज मिर्च की होती है। लावंगी और धोबरी इस क्षेत्र में उगाई जाने वाली मिर्च की दो अलग-अलग किस्में हैं।

परिणाम और विश्लेषण

उत्तरदाता	सहसंबंध गुणांक (r value)
उत्तरदाताओं की उम्र	०.१६५७ NS
शिक्षा	०.२६३८*
रोजगार	०.३१११**
खेती की जमीन	०.४२१०**
खेती से कमाई	०.३३४५**
रहन-सहन में परिवर्तन	०.३१२७*
नयी जमीन खरीदी	०.३४५१*
कभी जमीन बेची	०.८९७६*

NS—सार्थकता स्तर

*०.०५ स्तर पर सार्थकता

**०.०१ स्तर पर सार्थकता

निष्कर्ष

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन से स्पष्ट है, कि अमरावती जिले के मोर्शी और वरुड तालुका के किसानों पर औद्योगिक का प्रभाव है। दोनों तालुका के उच्च किसान उच्चतम स्तर का खेती से उत्पादन कर रहे हैं, जबकि लघु और मध्यम किसान अपनी जमीन को बेचकर दूसरा व्यवसाय करने के लिये मजबूर हो रहे हैं। हालांकि सिंचाई के साधनों में बढ़ोतरी होने से दोनों तालुका में कृषि उत्पादन में लगातार इजाफा हो रहा है। दोनों तालुका के करीब ८० फीसदी किसान साल में दो फसलों का उत्पादन कर रहे हैं। जिन किसानों के पास सिंचाई के स्वयं के साधन मौजूद हैं, वे तीन फसलों तक का उत्पादन कर रहे हैं।

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प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना से सूक्ष्म इकाईयों और पुनर्वित्त इकाईयों पर
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(महाराष्ट्र के नागपुर जिले के विशेष संदर्भ में)

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शोध सारांश

युवाओं को स्वरोजगार से जोड़ने और व्यवसाय के लिये बिना गांटी के ऋण उपलब्ध कराने के उद्देश्य से २०१५ में केंद्र सरकार के द्वारा प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना को शुरू किया गया है। तीन प्रकार के ऋण इस योजना के अंतर्गत प्रदान किये जाते हैं। इस योजना का मूल उद्देश्य छोटे व्यवसाय को प्रोत्साहित करना था। महाराष्ट्र राज्य में बड़ी संख्या में इस योजना के अंतर्गत युवाओं ने ऋण लेकर स्वरोजगार स्थापित किया है। बिना गांटी के मिल रहे ऋण से युवा इस योजना के प्रति आकर्षित हो रहे हैं। महाराष्ट्र राज्य में बड़ी संख्या में युवाओं ने इस योजना का लाभ लेकर अपने स्वयं के व्यवसाय स्थापित किये हैं। इतना ही नहीं कुछ छोटे व्यवसायियों ने अपने व्यवसाय को बढ़ाने के लिये योजना का लाभ लिया है। महाराष्ट्र राज्य के नागपुर जिले के हजारों युवा इस योजना से जुड़े हैं। प्रस्तुत अध्ययन के दौरान प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना के नागपुर जिले के लाभार्थियों का विश्लेषण किया गया है। अध्ययन में नयी शुरू की गयी सूक्ष्म इकाईयों के साथ ही पहले से स्थापित इकाईयों को मिले ऋण के बाद बदली हुयी स्थितियों का अध्ययन किया गया है।

बीज शब्द— मुद्रा योजना, सूक्ष्म उद्यम, वित्तीय सहायता, सीमांत समूह आदि।

प्रस्तावना

बेरोजगारों से निपटने और पुरानी इकाईयों को वित्त उपलब्ध कराने के उद्देश्य से २०१५ में केंद्रीय सरकार के द्वारा मुद्रा योजना को शुरू किया गया था। इस योजना के मूल दो उद्देश्य निर्धारित किया गया है। जिसमें युवाओं के लिये स्वरोजगार के लिये आसान रूप से ऋण उपलब्ध कराना और दूसरा लघु उद्योगों के माध्यम से स्थानीय स्तर पर रोजगार के अवसर पैदा करना।

प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना के माध्यम से यह परिकल्पना की गयी थी, कि आसान ऋण मिलने से बड़ी संख्या में युवा स्वरोजगार के लिये प्रेरित होंगे। रोजगार के अवसर पैदा होंगे। मुद्रा योजना (PMMY) से पहले छोटे व्यवसायों को बैंक से लोन लेने के लिए कई औपचारिकताओं से गुजरना पड़ता था। ऋण लेने की आवश्यकता के कारण लोगों को बहुत सी कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ता था, इसलिए कई लोग व्यवसाय शुरू करने की इच्छा रखते हुए भी बैंक से ऋण लेने से कतराते थे। इस योजना में ऋण देने की प्रक्रिया को आसान कर दिया गया।

शोध के उद्देश्य

प्रस्तुत शोध अध्ययन के लिये निम्न उद्देश्य निर्धारित किये गये हैं, जो इस प्रकार से हैं।

- 1) प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना से मिलने वाले ऋण और उसकी प्रक्रिया का अध्ययन करना।
- 2) नागपुर जिले के युवाओं या व्यवसायियों को मिल रहे लाभ का अध्ययन करना।
- 3) नागपुर जिले में योजना का लाभ ले चुके हितग्राहियों की वर्तमान स्थिति का अध्ययन करना।

शोध प्रविधि

प्रस्तुत अध्ययन में विवरणात्मक शोध प्रविधि का अध्ययन किया गया है। अध्ययन के लिये द्वितीयक आँकड़ों को संकलित कर उनको विश्लेषित किया गया है। द्वितीयक आँकड़ों के लिये

- 1) योजना के लाभार्थियों की स्थिति का अध्ययन किया गया है।
- 2) नागपुर शहर के लाभार्थियों की संख्या और ऋण के प्रकार का अध्ययन किया गया है।
- 3) महाराष्ट्र और नागपुर जिले की बेरोजगारी की स्थिति का अध्ययन किया गया है।
- 4) बैंकों के एनपीए का अध्ययन किया गया है।

योजना में मिलने वाले ऋण के प्रकार

प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना में तीन प्रकार के ऋण उपलब्ध कराये जाते हैं, जो इस प्रकार से हैं।

- 1) **शिशु ऋण** — इस योजना में जो युवा खुद का व्यवसाय शुरू करना चाहते हैं, लेकिन उनके पास वित्त की व्यवस्था नहीं है, तो सरकार उनको वित्त उपलब्ध कराती है। इस योजना में ऋण बिना गारंटी के बिना मिलता है। इस योजना में ५०००० रुपये तक का ऋण देने की व्यवस्था है। इस योजना में मिलने वाले ऋण को ५ वर्ष में पुनर्भुगतान किये जाने का प्रावधान है।
- 2) **किशोर ऋण** — किशोर ऋण उन व्यवसायियों को दिया जाता है, जिनका पहले से व्यवसाय शुरू किया जा चुका है, लेकिन वित्त की कमी के चलते स्थापित नहीं हो पाया है। इस प्रकार के व्यवसायियों को ५०००० रुपये से ५ लाख रुपये तक का ऋण मिल सकता है। व्यवसाय योजना के साथ आवेदक का क्रेडिट रिकॉर्ड ब्याज दर निर्धारित करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाता है।
- 3) **युवा (तरुण) ऋण** — यह ऋण उन व्यवसायियों के लिये दिया जाता है, जिनका पहले से व्यवसाय स्थापित है। लेकिन उनको व्यवसाय के विस्तार के लिये संपत्ति या कच्चे माल की खरीद के लिये धन की आवश्यकता होती है। इस योजना में ऋण राशि ५ लाख रुपये से १० लाख रुपये के बीच दिये जाने का प्रावधान है। ब्याज दर और पुनर्भुगतान अवधि योजना और आवेदक के क्रेडिट रिकॉर्ड पर आधारित है।

योजना के अंतर्गत दिये जाने वाले ऋण की स्थिति

प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना (PMMY) का पूरा नाम माइक्रो यूनिट्स डेवलपमेंट रिफाइनंस एजेंसी है। प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना के अंतर्गत स्वीकृत की गयी राशि का अध्ययन

तालिका-१.१

क्रमांक	वर्ष	कुल स्वीकृत राशि (करोड़ रुपये)	वर्ष प्रतिशत वृद्धि (वर्ष दर वर्ष)
१	२०१५-२०१६	१३७४४९.२७	
२	२०१६-२०१७	१८०५२८.५४	३१%
३	२०१७-२०१८	२५३६७७.१०	४१%
४	२०१८-२०१९	३२१७२२.७९	२७%
५	२०१९-२०२०	३३७४९५.५३	५%
६	२०२०-२०२१	३२१७५९.२५	-५%
७	२०२१-२०२२	३३९११०	५%

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तालिका-१.२

ऋण का प्रकार	लाभार्थियों की संख्या	अनुमोदित राशि	वितरित की गयी राशि
शिशु ऋण	१६९७०२४	४५४१.५६	४५२०.२७
किशोर ऋण	३०५५६२	३८११.८५	३६४२.६३
तरुण ऋण	३६३८८	२९४०.७९	२६८९.५६

नागपुर जिले में प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना की स्थिति

तालिका-१.२

ऋण का प्रकार	लाभार्थियों की संख्या	अनुमोदित राशि	वितरित की गयी राशि
शिशु ऋण	८०,१४३	१८३४.८९	१७८९.६७
किशोर ऋण	६०,१८९	६७७.४५	६७६.२३
तरुण ऋण	१७८३	४४९.३४	४४८.७६

नागपुर जिले में बेरोजगारी की स्थिति

नागपुर जिले में बेरोजगारी की स्थिति भयावह है। सरकारी आँकड़ों पर गौर करें तो सरकार के रिकार्ड में ३४,३०८ रोजगार से जुड़े हुये युवा है। इसके अलावा बेरोजगारों की संख्या २,३२,७७४ है। कुल युवाओं की संख्या २,६७०८२ है।

प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना के ऋण के एनपीए की स्थिति

२०२२ की इकानामिक टाईम्स की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार महाराष्ट्र में ५२ लाख से अधिक कर्जदारों द्वारा जून २०२२ तक मुद्रा योजना के तहत ३०,०१९ करोड़ रुपये का ऋण लिया गया था। इसमें से ६.१९ लाख कर्जदारों द्वारा लिए गए ४,८९८ करोड़ रुपये को एनपीए के रूप में वर्गीकृत किया गया है। इसमें कहा गया है कि परभणी जिले में बकाया ऋण राशि ७५९ करोड़ रुपये है, जिसमें से ४५९ करोड़ रुपये एनपीए है। इसके बाद हिंगौली का नंबर आता है। नागपुर जिला एनपीए के मामले में १२ वें नंबर पर है। तीसरा सबसे बड़ा मुद्रा एनपीए राज्य की राजधानी मुंबई में २९.९७ फीसदी है और बकाया राशि २४८ करोड़ रुपये है।

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प्रस्तुत अध्ययन के दौरान प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना के लाभार्थियों की संख्या, बैंकों से लिये गये कर्ज की स्थिति, बेरोजगारी की वर्तमान स्थिति और बैंकों के एनपीए का अध्ययन करने पर इस निष्कर्ष पर पहुंचा जा सकता है, कि प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना में बड़ी संख्या में युवाओं ने ऋण लिया। रोजगार भी स्थापित हुए, लेकिन अधिकांश रोजगार के साधन बंद कर दिये गये या फिर सिर्फ रोजगार के नाम पर युवाओं ने ऋण लिया। दूसरा पक्ष यह भी है, कि प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना में शिशु ऋण मात्र ५०,००० रूपयों का दिया जाता है, जो वर्तमान दौर में किसी भी व्यवसाय को शुरू करने के लिये नाकافی होता है।

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A Study on Rights of Indigenous People with Reference to the Protection of Forest Dwellers vis a vis Environmental Justice in India

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ABSTRACT

“Gold is a luxury. Trees are necessities. Man can live and thrive without gold, but we cannot survive without trees”

--- Paul Bamikole

This paper attempts to analyse who is considered an indigenous person under international and national legal frameworks, thereby examining the existing legal mechanisms for the promotion and protection of indigenous people's rights, particularly the rights of forest dwellers. Indigenous peoples have survived by living in a traditional, sustainable, and eco-friendly manner with the environment, as their way of life is largely reliant on the sustainable use of forest resources. The concern has been that the activities of exploration and exploitation of rich natural resource deposits in the region by both private corporate companies and state-owned Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have resulted in environmental harm, affecting tribal people's rights because their entire foundation of lives is closely linked to the environment. The policies of the state are said to have an impact on indigenous peoples' rights. Some states, for example, have been accused of signing numerous Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) at the expense of environmental degradation, potentially violating rights such as the right to prior informed consent, the right to participate, as well as insufficient Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA).

The indigenous people in our society face major environmental and human rights issues that are recognised to be the result of a profound sense for political, socioeconomic, and cultural components of self-determination aspirations that are deeply rooted in the ethos of the people throughout the country.

The consequences of removing reserved forests or exploiting such property for non-forest purposes include not only forest depletion or the loss of wildlife habitat, but also forest residents, their rights, and livelihood. Researchers determined that India falls far short of

international requirements for preserving the rights of indigenous peoples on all three counts.

Keywords : Environmental Justice, Indigenous, Dwellers.

INTRODUCTION

The initial thing to note is this, notwithstanding their quick appearance as actors and users in UN documents and other publications, here is no unmarried, absolute definition of what constitutes the term "indigenous people" under international, national, or local law. The provisions of the International Labour Organization's (ILO) Agreement on Native and Tribal Nations are the main piece of international law that aims to recognise the Indigenous Peoples of the world and their rights under the law. It regards the following groups as 'indigenous':

Indigenous peoples have survived by living in a traditional, sustainable, and eco-friendly manner with the environment, as their way of life is largely reliant on the sustainable use of forest resources. For example, some states have been accused of accepting upfront money for megaprojects in the Northeast region by signing rampant Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) at the expense of environmental degradation, thereby jeopardising rights such as the right to prior informed consent, the right to participate, and poor Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The indigenous people and forest dwellers in our society faces serious environmental rights as well as human rights problems understood to be stemming out of the deep sense for political, socio economic and cultural aspects of self-determination aspirations totally rooted in the ethos of the people in all country.

Research Methodology

The research is based on doctrinal and systematic examination investigation. Secondary sources, such as books, have been extensively consulted, as have the World Wide Web and its articles. Judicial decisions were a primary source of information used to compile this work.

Meaning and concept of Indigenous Peoples

The meaning of indigenous people is hotly discussed. However, the simple definition attributed to them is that they are thought to be indigenous to the specific geographical place that they have inhabited for ages, even before the colonisers arrived. As a result, they are indigenous to the area in which they reside. Different countries and contexts interpret it differently. As a result, the researcher attempts to assess the meaning in the context of India and from an international perspective.

Concept of Indigenous Peoples under Indian legal framework

The notion of indigenous peoples under Indian legal framework must be primarily articulated from the perspective of the Indian setting, including those mentioned in the Indian Constitution and by the Judiciary.

The Indian Constitution of 1950

While drafting the Indian Constitution, the constitutional framers faced the challenge of acknowledging the existence of tribal people in the country. First, a state-by-state list of tribes was created, and it was up to the parliament to select the ST list on a regular basis. Second, there is a mechanism for the management and control of Schedule Areas. The Fifth Schedule informs and denotes who is a 'tribal' by a simple majority act of Parliament, while

the Sixth Schedule purports to safeguard the tribal. This denies a person's and his community's tribal identity. Furthermore, one must present a government certificate to verify that he or she is a tribe member, which is not the case. Article 342 of the Indian Constitution makes no use of the term "indigenous," instead referring to tribes classified as such through a "process of identification based on the procedures/provisions made in the Indian Constitution."

Concept of Indigenous People under International Law

When studied from an international viewpoint, the extent of the meaning of indigenous people supplied in the Indian setting can be properly comprehended. There are conventions and reports dealing with meaning.

Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Population 1986/7

A study titled "Study on the Problem of Discrimination against Indigenous Populations" was published, and it came to be referred to as "the Martínez Cobo Study" afterwards.

The World Bank published a real-world directive in 1991 to outline bank policies and decision-making procedures with regard to indigenous communities and initiatives. It classified STs as Aboriginal systems of land ownership while establishing basic terms, goals of the policy, and recommendations for the formulation and roll-out of indigenous-specific programme rules, as well as processing and requirements for documentation.

As a result, it covers STs in India under the category of indigenous peoples.

Environmental Protection To The Protection of Forest Dwellers Under Various National Legislations, Plans And Policies

Cultural variety is included in the global biodiversity. Because the majority of indigenous peoples live predominantly in areas of high biodiversity while accounting for 95 percent of the world's cultural diversity, the current study focuses on various environmental laws that provide certain community rights to indigenous peoples and forest dwellers. Environmental protection serves to protect their natural habitat.

Indian Forest Act of 1927

This act allows for the conversion of reserved forests (RF) into Village Forests (VF) if local communities request it and meet specific requirements outlined in the act. The Forest Department's management of VFs is then delegated to the respective communities.

The Wildlife Protection Act , 1972

The Act includes two new categories of Protected Areas (PAs), including Community Reserves. Community Reserves can be declared as either privately owned or community lands (the latter of which has no defined meaning).

FCA, though it never specifies indigenous peoples, is significant in terms of tribal peoples' rights, who are also considered indigenous people. The act meant to safeguard forests also protected tribal peoples' habitats, as the majority of them live in rural and dense forest areas.

The First Stage of Native Peoples' Sustainability Claims-

The Climate Justice Campaign developed as a community reaction to the mounting evidence that environmental hazards have a disproportionate effect on people of colour and low-income minority groups' health and well-being.

The initial part of both environmental and social injustice claims for Native peoples

indicated that the equality of standing as states was the primary barrier to fairness, as opposed to the "equality of citizen" that is the emphasis of civil rights-based ecological justice arguments for the betterment of poor and minority populations. Federally acknowledged Indian nations in the United States of America seek a different form of environmental justice than other underprivileged, minority communities due to their nation-state status.

Thus, the debate over tribal lands' acceptable usage and governance underscores the tensions that exist inside the community among those who promote expansion as well as those who advocate protection.

The 2nd Part of Responding to Environmental Claims: Climate Change and its Impact on the Indigenous Peoples of the World

The concept of "climate justice," as it is called, is leading to a shift in a new era of environmental justice claims, with the belief that the global ramifications of climate change would fall disproportionately on minority and low-income individuals and communities. Climate change has been described as "a change in the climate which can be attributed either directly or indirectly that human activity that alters the composition of the atmosphere on a worldwide scale and which is in addition to variations in the climate that have been documented over similar time periods." This type of climate change is mostly caused by "greenhouse gases" including carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide, which are industrial byproducts. Increased temperatures have led to glacier melting, increased frequency and severity of droughts, rising sea levels, and other important changes in water-based, marine, and terrestrial environments.

Conclusion and Certain Recommendations

Certain Recommendation Given By Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)- To Government-

Indigenous perspectives on the impact of climate change and disaster risk reduction should be incorporated into national policies in order to create a policy framework that reinforces indigenous people's resilience while respecting their right to autonomy, access to decision-making, along with ownership of the land, resources, and territories that they inhabit. It is vital to include indigenous groups in the establishment and implementation of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and prevention policies at the local, national, local to regional and international scales.

To non-governmental organisations: the Indigenous community's best practises and experiences in mitigating climate change, among other things, should be shared and propagated at the regional and worldwide levels.

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Prisoner's Right to Remission in India with Special Reference of Bilkis Bano Case

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Abstract

The government possesses the authority to suspend or commute sentences as outlined in Section 432 of the Criminal Code. The remission should rely on precise, equitable, and rational information. Sentence remission refers to the complete termination of a sentence, albeit in a condensed form. The provisions for granting remission are outlined in Articles 72 and 161 for the President and the Governor, respectively. Instances of non-compliance with Article 21 may arise when applicants for remission experience delays in submitting their required documentation. Remission is not inherently entitled.

Keywords : Remission

Introduction :

The current correctional system has multiple issues that require resolution. The Executive achieves this objective through various methods, including the exercise of clemency, which encompasses actions such as granting reprieves, pardons, respites, commutations, or remissions in cases of wrongdoing. Article 72 and Article 161 of the Constitution grant the President and the Governor the power to exercise clemency and other acts of compassion. Prisoners who exhibit good conduct and successfully complete their sentence may be eligible for remission, a significant form of pardon. The Ministry of Home Affairs recently released guidelines on determining remission eligibility for inmates, coinciding with India's 75th anniversary of independence. On August 15, 2022, the nation's 75th Independence Day, eleven prisoners were released from the Gujarati prison of Godhra as part of the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahatosav," or 75 years of Independence Day celebrations. This outcome resulted from the freedom granted to them under the remission plan of Gujarat. The Bilkis Bano incident was a particularly egregious act that occurred during the 2002 riots in Gujarat. In 2008, a Mumbai court established by the CBI issued sentences to the defendants for their involvement in gang rape and the murder of seven members of Bilkis Bano's family. On May 4, 2017, the Mumbai High Court overturned the acquittals of seven police personnel and physicians for tampering with and deleting important evidence but upheld the life sentences granted to the 11 individuals convicted by the lower court. Even while such misconduct by police officers and medics is far

from unusual, there are few instances of public employees incurring equal punishment for shielding hate criminals in cases of wide spread communal violence in India.

Constitutional Provisions

The Constitution has given both the President and the Governor the authority to pardon people on their own volition. According to Article 72 of the Constitution, the President is bestowed with the power to exercise clemency by means of commuting, suspending, or granting pardons, reprieves, respites, or remissions of punishment. According to Article 161, the Governor is vested with the jurisdiction to exercise sentence modifications, including commutation, delay, or change. Additionally, the Governor is authorised to bestow pardons, reprieves, respites, or remissions. Individuals who have been convicted under any statute pertaining to the exercise of state executive authority are deemed qualified to participate in political candidature. The scope of the President's jurisdiction to issue pardons, as outlined in Article 72, surpasses that of the Governor's authority as specified in Article 161.

The loophole and release of convicts

Radheshyam Shah cited sections 432 and 433 of the Criminal Procedure Code in his appeal to the Gujarat High Court. The individual requested a reduction or commutation of the duration of their current incarceration, along with a complete remission of their sentence. The sentence of Radheshyam Shah has already been served. The petition filed by the individual was dismissed by the High Court on the basis that the competent authority in the matter was the state of Maharashtra, rather than Gujarat. The basis of this argument was that Gujarat possessed jurisdiction over the case. The Supreme Court of India, in the case of Radheshyam Bhagwandas Shah @ Lala Vakil v. State of Gujarat, rendered a judgement in May 2022, wherein it overturned the ruling of the High Court. Mr. Radheshyam Bhagwandas Shah, also known as Lala Vakil initiated legal proceedings by filing a case with the Supreme Court. Lala Vakil, who is also recognised as Radheshyam Bhagwandas Shah, submitted a petition to the Supreme Court for the court's consideration of the case. The conclusion was reached due to the occurrence of the offence within the territorial boundaries of Gujarat. Mr. Radheshyam Bhagwandas Shah, commonly referred to as Lala Vakil, has been exonerated from all accusations pertaining to this matter and has been absolved of any wrongdoing.

20-year timeline of legal battle

The narrative recounted by Bilkis Bano serves as a poignant reminder of the harrowing incidents that transpired during the Gujarat Riots in 2002. On March 3, 2002, during a period of intense unrest after the Sabarmati Express murders, a 21-year-old woman named Bano. In March 2002, in Ahmedabad, Bilkis Bano's family was attacked by a vicious mob, which resulted in the deaths of seven family members. Six other members of Bilkis' family were able to escape the gang rape when she was a 19-year-old lady who was five months pregnant at the time. The legal fight of Bilkis Bano thereby started in 2002, it took a period of whole one year to make a proper just investigation to begin. Firstly, the police officers in the area consistently declined to file her case, claiming there was insufficient evidence, and threatened to take legal action if she persisted. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) was then contacted by Bilkis, who also submitted a Supreme Court petition in December 2003. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was then directed by the Supreme Court to look

into the situation. At last in January 2004, the CBI made all of the suspects included in Bilkis' complaint subject to arrest after compiling all of the available evidence against each of them. In August 2004, the Supreme Court issued an order for the trial to be transferred from Ahmedabad to Bombay. In January 2008, the trial court rendered a verdict of conviction for 13 individuals who were charged with the offences of rape against Bilkis, conspiracy to commit murder, and the act of murder itself. Among the convicted, 11 individuals were sentenced to life imprisonment. Consequently, the defendant filed an appeal with the High Court, seeking the reversal of the judgement rendered by the lower court. In July 2011, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed a plea with the Bombay High Court, requesting the imposition of the death penalty for the six accused. On July 15, 2016, the High Court of Bombay conducted hearings for the appeals of eleven defendants involved in a gang rape case that occurred in 2002. In September 2016, the legal representatives of the condemned individual submitted a plea to the Bombay High Court, seeking permission to conduct a re-examination of many witnesses. In October 2016, a panel of the Bombay High Court determined that Bilkis had the right to file an appeal, since it was likely that her petition had been denied under the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC). Subsequently, in December 2016, the Bombay High Court withheld its decision on an appeal pertaining to a case instigated by eleven incarcerated individuals. The High Court of India has deferred the appeal filed by the CBI for the imposition of capital punishment for three previous offenders. According to a judgement by India's Supreme Court in 2019, it is mandated that the Gujarat state government pay Bano with a compensation of Rs. 50 lakhs, along with the provision of a government employment and suitable accommodation. On May 15, 2022, an individual within the incarcerated population, who had completed a sentence of about 15 years in correctional confinement, submitted a formal request to the Supreme Court seeking an expedited release from custody. Over half of the phrase has already elapsed. On August 15, 2022, the state government of Gujarat sponsored a clemency scheme, resulting in the release of all eleven detainees held at the Godhra sub-jail.

Release of the Bilkis Bano convict on remission

A 2012 Gujarat High Court ruling cited the 1992 policy. The circular, according to the statement, "relates to the early release of the life offenders who on and after December 18, 1978, have served out 14 crystal-clear years imprisonment." Shah (the accused) therefore claimed in his petition to the SC that, as of April 1, 2022, he had served a sentence of more than 15 years and 4 months without remission, making them qualified for remission, particularly on this point. The rape prisoners are released by relying on both the 1992 remission policy (concerning recommendations published under "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav") and Section 432 CrPC (statutory authority of remission). Raj Kumar, Gujarat's Additional Chief Secretary for Home, said that the Supreme Court has requested that the government take into account the early release of these 11 convicts under the 1992 state's remission policy, which was in force at the time they were found guilty in the case by the trial court. According to the rules for "Azadika Amrit Mahotsav, "which is being held on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of India's independence, those who are eligible for remission include women and transgender prisoners who are 50 years of age or older and have served 50% of their total sentences, male prisoners who are 60 years of age or older, prisoners who are physically challenged or disabled

and who have served 50% of their total sentences.

Critical Analysis of Remission of Convicts

The notion that the executive arm of a government lacks the authority to overturn a court's decision is a foundational principle in the field of jurisprudence. Nevertheless, it is worth noting that state governments retain the authority to grant pardons to individuals who have been convicted of crimes, as stipulated in Criminal Code Section 432. Based on the aforementioned provision, a state government has the discretion to grant early release to an incarcerated individual if deemed appropriate. The only aspect that undergoes alteration when a sentence is commuted pertains to the manner in which it is executed, therefore making the term suitable. After conducting an analysis of the legislative and judicial advancements related to these four issues, a thorough assessment will be conducted to determine the legitimacy of remission in the current case. And the different state governments' prison manuals set the rules for jail management and administration.

The issue of the Centre's concurrence

In circumstances where a central authority, such as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in this instance, is conducting an investigation in compliance with a Central Act, the State Government lacks the authority to issue a remission order without first seeking authorisation from the Central Government. The State Government's ability to issue an order of remission is dependent on receiving approval from the Central Government. The pertinent governmental body possesses the authority to exercise its discretion in evaluating the perspective of the presiding judge of the court and the accompanying justifications, in accordance with the guidelines stipulated in subsection (2) of Section 432 of the Criminal Procedure Code, for the purpose of rendering a determination regarding the approval or denial of the remission application. The aforementioned action is being undertaken in compliance with the provisions delineated in Section 432 of the Criminal Procedure Code. If the inclusion of the sitting judge's perspective is considered as an additional consideration for the government in determining the approval of the remission application, it would undermine the intended purpose of the procedural safeguard specified in section 19 432 (2) of the Criminal Code.

Past Judicial Precedents

In *State of Madhya Pradesh v. Ratan Singh*, The Supreme Court had noted that no writ could be issued to force the State Government to release the petitioner because the State had an undeniable discretion to remit or refuse to remit the sentence. The Supreme Court, however, stated in *Ram Chander v. the State of Chattisgarh* that it had the authority to review a government decision on the acceptance or rejection of a request for remission under Section 432 of the CrPC in order to establish if the decision was arbitrary in nature. The Court has the authority to order the administration to reevaluate its choice. "The case file does not include any evidence of the prior consultation of the present judge's view before the commuting of sentences for the previously convicted persons. As per a report from a reputable source, the presiding judge conveyed their disagreement with respect to the decision to dismiss the charges against the defendant. The judge voluntarily disclosed this information to the spectators.

Conclusion

Emerging countries have to consider adopting a reformative system that integrates

remission as an essential element within its overarching framework. The primary objective of the rules and regulations implemented inside correctional facilities should be the rehabilitation of incarcerated individuals. Additionally, each institution should have a meticulously planned and well implemented framework of rewards and sanctions to encourage positive conduct among criminals. The decision by the government of Gujarat to grant pardons to the individuals implicated in the Bilkis Bano case elicited widespread shock and reverberations throughout the nation of India. C.K. Raulji, a BJP MLA and a member of the review committee responsible for approving the release of the inmates, expressed that the public outrage has intensified further after the convicts' reception with sweets and garlands. It is uncertain if they were really involved in the criminal activity or not. Nevertheless, it is important to note that the power to seek a remission is not without limitations and should be used in a just and unbiased manner. In the context of modern liberal democracies such as India, the notion of mercy has always had a prominent position within the framework of criminal justice reform and the philosophy of punishment.

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MARITIME TERRORISM IS A PROBLEM FOR SECURITY: INDIAN SCENARIO

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Abstract

Maritime terrorism poses a significant threat to global security, and the Indian subcontinent is no exception to this growing concern. This abstract provides an overview of the problem of maritime terrorism in the Indian context, highlighting its multifaceted nature and the challenges it presents to national and international security efforts. Maritime terrorism involves acts of violence and terror carried out by non-state actors at sea or against maritime targets. In the Indian scenario, this threat emanates from several factors, including the nation's extensive coastline, its strategic location in the Indian Ocean, and unresolved territorial disputes. It examines the evolving tactics and strategies employed by terrorist organizations to exploit India's maritime vulnerabilities, such as the 2008 Mumbai attacks, which involved terrorists arriving by sea. Furthermore, the abstract discusses the potential consequences of a successful maritime terrorist attack on India, including economic disruption, loss of lives, and damage to national prestige. To address the issue of maritime terrorism in the Indian context, it is crucial to enhance maritime domain awareness, strengthen security cooperation with neighboring nations, and develop comprehensive counter-terrorism strategies. Cooperation with international partners and organizations such as the United Nations and the International Maritime Organization is essential to ensure a coordinated and effective response to maritime terrorism.

Keywords : Maritime terrorism, Cooperation, Demographic composition.

Introduction

Terrorism is a form of organized crime in which a group of individuals engage in violence or threaten violence that is intentionally directed at civilians with the aim of creating an atmosphere of fear and intimidation in order to achieve their political objectives. Typically, these criminals select targets for their attacks with the goal of generating maximum publicity and thereby exerting political pressure, as well as to

claim responsibility for their actions. The definition of maritime terrorism established by the CSCAP Working Group in 2009 offers some understanding of the scope of this issue. However, it falls short in fully describing the nature of terrorism, and there are still uncertainties surrounding its applicability to military vessels. This approach is exemplified in the 1988 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts.

The importance of international law in the fight against terrorism has grown, as it provides a framework for implementing national counter-terrorism measures. International law, including international criminal law, international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, refers to terrorism. Defining terrorism is crucial for establishing international legal obligations among states and creating an effective framework for inter-state cooperation. Therefore, legal professionals need to focus on developing a precise definition of terrorism under the law. Since the emergence of terrorism as a pressing global issue, the international legal community has struggled to define it.

Background

The United Nations' endeavor to formulate a comprehensive treaty prohibiting terrorism faced obstacles due to prolonged debates on distinguishing acts of national liberation from those of terrorism. This approach is evident in the resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) from 1970 to 1990. In 1972, the first resolution on global terrorism was approved, and its title reflects the polarized opinions of the international community on the definition of international terrorism. Consequently, the UNGA passed several resolutions with specific titles, including the one mentioned earlier.

The United Nations General Assembly made a minor change in 1991, replacing the long title of the resolution with a concise one, "Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism." Maritime attacks have been relatively uncommon compared to other forms of global terrorism. According to research, only 2% of all recorded incidents of terrorism in the past 30 years have occurred in the maritime sector. While maritime operations present significant challenges to terrorist organizations, some groups have integrated the maritime domain into their strategic planning. These groups have been compelled to operate at sea due to the necessity of establishing secure supply lines from foreign countries and other operational requirements that were difficult to meet through other means. Despite the relatively low incidence of maritime attacks, the potential consequences of such attacks can be severe, and efforts to enhance security in the maritime domain remain crucial.

There are number of other motivating factures to operate at sea for a terrorist group. A few of these are :

1. Legal and jurisdictional weakness
2. Geographical necessity

3. Inadequate security
4. Secure base areas
5. Maritime tradition
6. Charismatic and effective leadership of the terrorist group which realized the potential of maritime operations
7. State support

Several nations advance their political interests by offering support to insurgent and terrorist organizations by establishing bases on their land or within their territorial waters. For instance, Pakistan has reportedly supported such groups against India, while Tunisia, Libya, and Yemen have been linked with providing assistance to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). It is crucial to recognize that states' inadequate motivation or incompetence in effectively monitoring and safeguarding their waters can provide a secure environment for illicit activities. Maritime terrorism is indeed a significant security concern, not only in the Indian scenario but globally as well. India's extensive coastline, strategic location, and reliance on maritime trade make it vulnerable to various security threats, including maritime terrorism. Here are some key points to consider regarding maritime terrorism in the Indian context :

1. **Strategic Importance** : India's extensive coastline, including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, plays a crucial role in its economic and strategic interests. Any disruption to maritime trade or security in these waters can have a severe impact on the country's economy and security.
2. **Terrorist Groups** : India faces threats from various terrorist groups, including those operating in neighboring countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh. Some of these groups have shown an interest in using the maritime domain for their operations.
3. **Coastal Vulnerability** : India's long coastline and numerous ports make it challenging to secure every point adequately. Terrorist groups may exploit vulnerabilities in port security, shipping routes, or coastal areas to carry out attacks.
4. **Threat to Vital Infrastructure** : Terrorists may target critical maritime infrastructure, such as ports, oil and gas facilities, and shipping lanes. An attack on such infrastructure could disrupt trade and energy supplies, causing economic and strategic consequences.
5. **Piracy and Armed Robbery** : While not necessarily terrorism in the traditional sense, piracy and armed robbery at sea are prevalent in certain areas around India, particularly in the Indian Ocean. These incidents can have significant security implications for vessels and seafarers.
6. **International Co-operation** : India recognizes the importance of international

cooperation in countering maritime terrorism. It has engaged in joint patrols and exercises with other nations and has supported efforts to enhance maritime domain awareness and information sharing.

7. **Legal Framework :** India has taken steps to strengthen its legal framework to counter maritime terrorism. This includes enacting laws and regulations related to maritime security and piracy.
8. **Coast Guard and Navy :** India's Coast Guard and Navy play a vital role in securing its maritime interests. They conduct patrols, surveillance, and intelligence gathering to monitor and respond to potential threats.

Global Trends

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Geography plays a critical role in the consideration of maritime options. While there are various practical difficulties associated with maritime operations, geographical imperatives may necessitate the enhancement of a community's maritime capabilities for survival at sea. Organizations such as Al-Qaeda and the Nicaraguan Contras did not invest significantly in developing a maritime capacity, in contrast to groups operating in regions where control of the sea is strategically vital. As an island nation, Sri Lanka can exert control over the international activities of the LTTE through a blockade. Therefore, Tamil insurgent organizations and terrorist groups have made substantial investments in developing a naval capability strong enough to counteract the Sri Lankan Navy. The geography of the region has facilitated the establishment of the most successful naval rebellion in this case. Similarly, Israel's strict regulation of land borders led to the emergence of maritime capabilities among insurgent groups like the PLO, allowing them to launch coastal raids from their bases in Lebanon.

The proximity of these sites to urban areas provides potential concealment for terrorists during their approaches to ports and may serve as a means of support for their escape from port areas. Due to the substantial influx of trucks arriving at the port for the purposes of loading and unloading, these tools possess the capability to facilitate

entry into the port and provision of armaments. A vessel, whether stationary during anchorage in a harbor or in transit through a port at reduced velocity, is susceptible to potential assault by a high-speed watercraft. With the advent of containers that brought about a significant transformation in the transportation industry, modern merchant ships can now operate with minimal crew sizes. A compact yet heavily armed group has the capability to apprehend a limited number of crew members

The use of open registries or flag-of-convenience systems enables unscrupulous shipowners to avoid taxes, conceal their identity, and evade stringent regulations, which may facilitate illicit activities. Although piracy incidents have decreased, occurrences of armed robbery near port areas remain common. Many local governments prohibit the possession of firearms within their territorial or internal waters, which can constrain vessel security. This is especially significant in cases where port authorities are unable to provide adequate security measures for vessels.

The implications of maritime terrorism in the Indian scenario

Attacks on vital ports, shipping lanes, and offshore infrastructure can disrupt trade and economic activities, causing severe financial losses to both India and the global economy. Maritime terrorism poses a direct threat to India's national security. Terrorist organizations can use the maritime domain to smuggle weapons, funds, and operatives, leading to potential attacks on Indian soil. Acts of maritime terrorism, such as oil spills or the targeting of vessels carrying hazardous cargo, can lead to significant environmental damage, affecting marine ecosystems and coastal communities. Attacks on India's maritime interests can contribute to regional instability, straining diplomatic relations with neighboring countries and exacerbating existing tensions.

Countermeasures and Initiatives

Recognizing the gravity of the maritime terrorism threat, India has taken several measures to enhance its maritime security:

1. **Coastal Surveillance** : The Indian government has invested in coastal surveillance systems, radar networks, and patrolling to enhance its maritime domain awareness.
2. **Maritime Security Agencies** : Specialized agencies like the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Police have been strengthened to improve rapid response capabilities and counter terrorism effectively.
3. **International Cooperation** : India collaborates with regional and international partners through initiatives like the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and bilateral agreements to share intelligence and coordinate efforts in countering maritime terrorism.
4. **Legal Framework**: India has enacted stringent laws and regulations related to maritime security and counterterrorism, providing a legal framework to prosecute individuals involved in acts of maritime terrorism.

5. **Port Security** : Security measures at major ports and critical infrastructure have been bolstered to safeguard against potential terrorist attacks.

Conclusion :

Maritime terrorism is a pressing security challenge for India, given its extensive coastline and strategic importance. Addressing this issue requires a multifaceted approach involving increased vigilance, regional cooperation, and the development of robust security measures to protect maritime interests and ensure the safety and prosperity of the nation. This abstract sets the stage for a deeper examination of these critical issues in the context of maritime security in India. In conclusion, maritime terrorism is indeed a significant security concern in the Indian scenario, given the country's extensive coastline, economic reliance on maritime trade, and the presence of various terrorist groups in the region. India has been actively working to enhance its maritime security capabilities and collaborate with other nations to address this threat effectively. However, the dynamic nature of maritime security requires constant vigilance and adaptation to evolving challenges.

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Examining Contemporary Global Migration Patterns from a Sociological Lens: Insights into Migration's Impact on Social Change

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Abstract :

With a population of 1.21 billion, India is the most populous nation in both Asia and the world. Periodic family surveys and decennial censuses have been conducted by academics since 1971 to better understand the reasons, repercussions, and dynamics of migration. It is possible that brief cyclical mobility, especially for men, substitutes for the lack of long-term migration among Indians, which may explain why the ACMI for Indians in 2011 was below 8%, as reported by the Census. Male and female emigration from India peaks at 20 and 25 years old, respectively, which may be indicative of the significance of marriage and the labour market at those ages. There seems to be relatively little rural-urban migration, with just around 30% of the population living in urban regions. However, urbanisation is on the rise. Populations are only partially relocated due to low migration intensities and moderate migration efficiency. Modern and urbanised states have seen net increases, whereas states at lower levels of development have seen net losses, reflecting substantial and enduring variations in socioeconomic conditions at the state level. Despite having one of the lowest migration rates in Asia and the world, the government of India is worried about rural-to-urban migration due to overcrowding and inadequate facilities.

Keywords – Migrants, Social Change, Migration pattern, global

Introduction

Migration trends in the modern world are complicated and multidimensional from a sociological viewpoint. Many different environmental, political, economic, and social elements have a role in shaping them. To grasp the reasons for migration, the structural factors that drive it, and its social effects on both sending and receiving cultures, research is required. Insights from the social sciences into the modern phenomenon of international migration are as follows. Both "push" reasons, such as political or

economic instability at home, and "pull" ones, such as the promise of a better life in a new country, contribute to international migration. Economic hardship, political instability, violence, and natural catastrophes are all examples of push reasons, whereas improved employment prospects, peace of mind, and the chance to reunite with loved ones are examples of pull factors.

Migration due to economic causes is a major trend in the modern world. People often uproot their lives in search of improved economic prospects. Both short-term labour migration (like seasonal agricultural labourers) and permanent movement for professional development are possible outcomes of this sort of migration. Many people and whole communities are compelled to leave their homes because of war, persecution, and other human rights abuses. Refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs), and asylum seekers are the end effects of this kind of movement. Understanding the factors that lead to people being compelled to leave their homes is an important goal for sociologists. Because of globalisation, it is now easier for people, products, and information to traverse international boundaries. Transnational communities and networks have been formed as a result, enabling migrants to keep in touch with their families back home even as they integrate into a new society.

Gender Differences in Migration Patterns and Family Dynamics. Some migrations are motivated by the need for equal rights and better prospects for women, while others are inspired by the need to reunite with loved ones. Migration and its effects on families and communities are studied by sociologists. Migrants often depend on their social networks and social capital to help them overcome migration-related obstacles like securing stable job or a place to live. How these connections are made and used is a topic of study in sociology. Migrants undergo a process known as assimilation, in which they take on the values and customs of their new home. Transnationalism, in which immigrants retain some of their cultural and national links, is another phenomenon that has arisen as a result of modern migratory trends. Sociologists investigate the effects of the struggle between assimilation and transnationalism on a person's sense of self and community.

Migration may spark xenophobia and prejudice in the countries that receive new arrivals. The influence on migrants' integration and well-being, as well as the social factors that contribute to these views, have been the focus of sociological research. The policies of both the sending and receiving countries have significant effects on migration. Migration trends are studied by sociologists in order to assess the social effects of immigration policy, border controls, and international agreements. Questions of identity and belonging are raised by migration for both the emigrants and the receiving populations. Sociologists investigate how emigrants and their host communities work to establish a shared sense of nationality and belonging.

Sociologists are constantly learning new things about the world's current migratory

patterns, which are intrinsically linked to such larger phenomena as globalisation, economic disparity, political strife, and social change. The social, economic, and political contexts of migration must be taken into account in order to make sense of these trends.

Literature Review

In the latter half of the twentieth century, India saw a tremendous change in its population, as did many other developing countries. The total fertility rate (TFR) peaked in the 1970s at six births per woman but has dropped sharply to 2.2 by 2015 (IIPS and ICF, 2017). From a median age of 50 in the years 1970–1975 to 68 in the years 2011–2015 (Census of India, 2017), the average age of a person born in India has grown considerably. As a result, in 2011 over 60% of India's population was under the age of 24, making it one of the youngest populations in the world. India is number eight in terms of total land area, despite having the world's second-highest population (1.2 billion as of the 2011 census). The population of India is diverse, both in terms of the number of people living in different parts of the country and the methods in which those people are increasing in number.

Even if population shifts are happening, just 31.1% of the population now lives in urban areas. This is because urban regions are defined narrowly (Bhagat 2005; Census of India 2011) and migration has a very limited impact in transferring the population from rural to urban areas within the nation (Bhagat 2005; Census of India 2011). It is thus believed that in situ urbanisation, or the reclassification of rural settlements as urban, has had a greater impact on urbanisation than net rural-to-urban migration (Zhu, 2000).

The history of migration inside India goes back quite a ways. Due to the partition of India and Pakistan following independence in 1947, almost 14 million people were forced to leave their homes and communities (Visaria, 1969). Calcutta (Kolkata), Bombay (Mumbai), and Madras (Chennai) saw rapid industrial and commercial growth, which prompted a second wave of migration. The growth of these five cities, together with Delhi, altered regional economies and prompted large-scale migrations of people within and across different parts of India. Small and medium-sized enterprises in these cities thrived because to the low-skilled labour of rural residents. Workers from economically depressed parts of India were essential to Calcutta's jute industry in the second half of the twentieth century, to provide just one example. Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh were among these areas. Existing regional development disparities were exacerbated by migration from nearby areas within the state of Maharashtra to Mumbai, where large cotton textile companies had been created (Raza and Habeeb, 1976). One reason individuals move across states to urban centres like Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, and Delhi is because of growing cultural and economic divides within their home states.

Objectives of the study

- Determine the driving forces behind international migration.
- To evaluate migration's societal and economic impact.

Research Methodology

Research is essentially descriptive. The study relied on previously collected data.

Discussion

Table 1 Comprehensive migration metrics for Indian states between 2010 and 2015

Year	Type of migration	Intensity of Migration (%)	Index of Migration Efficiency (%)	Net migration rate as a whole (%)
2011	5 years	1.56	39.74	0.58
2001	Long time	4.97	36.55	1.56
	5 years	1.50	38.62	0.41

While Table 1 provides an overview of how migration has contributed to the redistribution of India's population, it offers no insights into the phenomenon's spatial manifestation. The direction of migration, whether from rural to urban areas or vice versa, provides insight into the impact of migration on local communities as a whole in India. Infrastructure including roads, trains, and ports were built during the period of colonial rule, and governments for plantations, mines, and cities were set up. Because of the disparities in economic growth across regions that these shifts brought about, individuals began moving to places where new industries were being established. A number of hill stations and cantonments were also constructed by the British. Migration to rapidly expanding states continued from less developed regions, and new cities sprung up along railways to operate as transportation hubs and market towns for the export of agricultural products. Such patterns of migration have been common throughout India. Since the British left, states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu have been at the forefront of industry. Karnataka, Punjab, Haryana, and West Bengal have remained popular with migrants since they include large cities like Kolkata, Mumbai, and Chennai in addition to the nation's capital, Delhi. Most of central, eastern, and northeastern India, however, has a history of having low urbanisation and high out-migration. About 90–100 million of India's indigenous inhabitants call this area home. In addition to rapid population increase, poverty, and low levels of education are all too common in these areas. It's been true for quite some time that outmigration areas are more prevalent and populous than immigration zones.

Migration in India is often short-term and cyclical, with migrants maintaining relationships to their home communities via frequent brief visits, remittances, and return journeys. There the Indian context, Dubey et al. (2004) found that when the

wealthy and those of higher castes leave rural regions, the poor and those of lower castes typically move there, which may have beneficial impacts on rural economies and the reduction of poverty. Increased efficiency in labour utilisation and reduced poverty are two major benefits of redistributing workers from the agricultural to the non-agricultural sectors. Seasonal, transient, and cyclical movement is a common strategy used by people to improve their financial security. Therefore, studies have shown that migration is an important strategy for evading economic hardship. Migration, which is less well discussed, may lead to more economic development and social harmony than international migration. Many people who move to urban areas eventually go back to their rural hometowns to be with loved ones who they left behind. While in a new country, some migrants decide to extend their education and train for two or more new careers.

India shares the pessimistic outlook on immigration shared by many other countries. Although migration is important to human development, it is often neglected in policy discussions and there is a lack of integration of migration with the development process, as noted in the UNDP's Human Development Report (2009). Some have claimed that preventing migration is unproductive because of the significant contribution it makes to society development and the fulfilment of human aspirations. Attempting to prevent migration altogether may have negative consequences. India lacks or is hostile to policies and programmes that would facilitate migrants' integration at both their country of origin and their country of residence. Therefore, it is very difficult to facilitate migrants' participation and incorporation in the growth process.

Conclusion

Studies based on alternate sources, such as the National Sample Survey, have shown that temporary and seasonal migration for employment reasons is seven times larger than permanent and semi-permanent migration. In India, seasonal and temporary migration is a common strategy for the poor and lower socioeconomic sectors to escape poverty, whereas permanent and semi-permanent migrants are often drawn from the middle and higher strata. Due to the large number of migrants who maintain links with and return and circulate to and from their places of birth, the contribution of migration to urbanisation and redistribution of the population remains much lower than in the historical experience of Western countries and of countries in Asia at similar levels of development. Despite migration's positive impact on India's progress, it is not actively promoted by policy, and the public's perception of migrants is negative and hostile.

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A DETAILED STUDY ON BRAND AWARENESS OF FAST MOVING CONSUMER GOODS (FMCG) WITH REFERENCE TO RURAL MARKETS IN GADCHIROLI DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

Brand recognition among Chandrapur residents for FMCG products is the primary subject of this study. Since consumers buy these items on a consistent basis over a prolonged period of time, the FMCG industry is essential to a thriving economy and tends to dominate it. A country's economy feels the effects of expansion or contraction in this industry quite acutely. The primary goal of this study is to identify the elements that contribute to the level of fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) brand recognition held by consumers in Chandrapur. The city of Chandrapur is the sole location considered for this investigation. Factors like quality, price, and recommendations, as well as brand equity, brand loyalty, and brand image, all have favourable correlations with fast-moving consumer products in the Chandrapur area. To arrive at the final number of 380, the researcher used the Simple random sampling procedure. The study used primary and secondary sources of information. After gathering information, we sent out questionnaires to analyse the data using SPSS. Mean, Standard Deviation, Chi-square Analysis, and Analysis of Variance were all used. The findings indicate that there is a positive relationship between these variables and customer choice and awareness of FMCG products. There is a negative correlation between price and

marketing at the 0.01% level. The accompanying table shows a clear and strong correlation between all Consumer Preference characteristics at the.01 level of significance.

KEYWORDS : Brand Awareness, FMCG, Correlation, consumer, Chandrapur

INTRODUCTION

Successful manufacturers of FMCG understand the importance of strengthening their brands in the eyes of consumers. Common examples of FMCG include food and drink items, cosmetics, household supplies, and more. Maintaining and expanding market share is easier for FMCG firms with strong brand recognition. Here are a few important details about customer brand awareness in the fast-moving consumer goods industry: Marketers and advertisers: Fast-moving consumer goods firms spend a lot of money spreading the word about their products. They reach out to customers via several mediums such as broadcast, online, print, and even billboards. Brands may benefit from catchy jingles, catchy slogans, and interesting commercials.

Brand recognition of fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) is largely due to its packaging. Customers are more likely to choose a certain brand from the shelves of a shop if its packaging stands out from the competition. Brand recognition is aided by FMCG brands' availability in a wide range of retail settings, from corner shops to mega markets. Consumers may be attracted to a product via the use of shelf space, strategic product placement, and in-store advertising. Positive word-of-mouth and referrals from loved ones have a powerful effect on both brand recognition and customer confidence. The power of word-of-mouth advertising has also been increased by the rise of social media.

Maintaining the high quality and uniformity of your goods is essential to the success of your brand. A brand's reputation is at stake when consumers no longer link it with the quality they've come to expect from it. Many fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) firms have loyalty programmes and other incentives in place to get customers to buy from them again and again. Awareness and participation in the brand may be strengthened via these initiatives. Fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) corporations often strike a balance between local and worldwide brand recognition initiatives. While working to establish a name for themselves internationally, they may modify their goods and marketing to better appeal to consumers in certain regions.

Customers are increasingly thinking about a company's commitment to the environment and society before making a purchase. The public's perception of a brand and its capacity to attract new customers may both benefit from its participation in CSR and sustainability programmes. Online marketing and brand recognition are two areas that fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) businesses have prioritised as e-commerce has expanded. This include advertorials, user reviews, and social media influencer campaigns. Many different brands compete for shoppers' attention in the

fast-moving consumer goods market. Therefore, it is always difficult to raise and keep up consumer recognition of a brand. Differentiating oneself from the competition is essential for businesses. Building and sustaining consumer recognition of FMCG brands is essential to the success of these businesses. In the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) market, companies that put resources into establishing recognisable brands have an advantageous position.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Companies selling FMCG to people in rural areas cannot use the same techniques they use in urban areas, as stated by Md. Abbas Ali, Venkat Ram Raj Thumiki, and Naseer Khan(2022). Instead, they should focus on developing policies tailored to rural areas. In doing so, they need to have a firm grasp of fundamental concerns unique to rural consumer behaviour and, moreover, those peculiar to various parts of the nation. This study seeks to identify the variables that contribute to rural FMCG consumption in South India.

Even if customers in rural areas have enough money each month to afford branded goods, as Mohammad Ali Daud (2023) demonstrates in his research, they often lack the necessary funds to make a single large purchase. Since they are within the marketable price range, branded items may and do appear in bulk wherever they are sold.

Anupam Jain and Meenakshi Sharma (2022) found that there is a rising pattern of brand recognition in rural regions, notably in the realm of beauty care, thanks to the consistent and gradual enhancement of consumer and healthcare goods. The product's pricing is not a concern for consumers. When people realise they have the means to do so, they demonstrate a willingness to pay a greater price. Since using well-known brands produced by reputable firms will increase their standing in the community.

Consumers are more likely to trust advertisements as a source of information than the recommendations of friends, neighbours, or others in similar social situations, according to research by Dr. Mohammad Naquibur Rahman (2022). No income bracket is immune to the power of advertising, but neither did we find that repeated exposure to pricey items or messages changed our purchase habits.

According to Srivastava and Kumar's (2023) research, the FMCG industry have a significant impact on India's GDP. It has helped meet the needs of India's middle class and working poor. The middle class makes up over 52% of the Indian population and purchases over 73% of FMCG items. Most fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) corporations now prioritise marketing in rural areas. The potential in India's rural areas is enormous. Due to urban market saturation and fierce rivalry, many FMCG businesses are increasingly focusing on the rural market and developing new tactics to appeal to the rural customer. So, we look at how different FMCG firms have fared in the rural market in terms of growth, opportunity, and obstacles.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY :

- Its purpose is to examine the chosen respondents' socioeconomic profile in relation to consumer fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG).
- To determine the variables that affect consumer preference for MNC brands in FMCG.
- Respondents' preferred MNC Brands in FMCG, and how those preferences play into the company's marketing strategy for those brands.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research methodology lays out the steps used, from the first study through the final presentation of the research findings. The study's limits, as well as its strengths, are discussed, along with the study's research design, profile of the study region, sampling framework, data sources, concept creation, analytic framework, and limitations. A research design is the blueprint (or set of rules) that serves as the basis for an investigation. It lays forth the steps that must be taken to collect the data needed to formulate hypotheses and design experiments. The study's sampling framework comprises of the sample size calculation and sampling strategy. In this study, a total of 387 participants were selected at random from the public at large using the simple random sampling technique.

Data analysis and interpretation

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To get insight from the data, analysis is performed. In order to verify the many factors, such as consumer marketing and other relevant constructs, and to comprehend the link between them, analysis of data is regarded a very significant stage in the research process. The results show that women make up 53.4% of the sample while men account for 46.6%. More women than men expressed interest in taking part in the research, as 380,203 females and 177 males filled out the questionnaires. One-third of all responders are between the ages of 31 and 40. Two-hundred-eighty-nine (76.1%) of the respondents reported being married. The largest share of responders (53.2% to be exact) came from the 10,000 to 40,000 income bracket. 56.6% of private sector workers are doctors, lawyers, and accountants. In terms of level of education, the proportion of respondents who have earned a graduate degree is greatest, at 41.3%.

Table :1 Measure of brand awareness and consumer preference dimensions using a chi-square test.

Chi-square Sig (2-sided)	Value	Degree of freedom	Asymp.
Pearson Chi-Square	17.845	3	.001
N of Valid Cases	380		

The Pearson Chi-Square score, based on the given table, is 17.845, with 3 degrees

of freedom and a significance level of 0.001. The data in the aforementioned tables demonstrates a strong correlation between consumer brand awareness and preference dimensions.

Conclusion

High-potential fast-moving consumer goods brands have high levels of consumer brand awareness and consumer preference dimensions. There is a lot of competition and little movement in the urban economy. Companies in the urban market need to expand into the countryside if they want to survive and thrive. It is in the best interest of FMCG companies to adapt their marketing strategies so that they are more appealing to and successful in the rural market. Consumers in rural areas were the primary focus of this research, which looked at their attitudes and actions in relation to a number of FMCG companies. Brands in the FMCG industry may use this research to better comprehend the dissimilarities between customer choice and brand recognition. This study makes a significant contribution by proposing and testing hypotheses on the link between consumer variables and their brand knowledge and preference while using fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG). The elements that influence shoppers' decisions to purchase fast-moving consumer goods are also uncovered in this study.

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Study on Brand Propensity Towards Packaged Fast Food Products in Nagpur Metropolitan Region

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ABSTRACT

The many varied areas and states that make up India's culture naturally result in a wide variety of cuisines. The Indian preference for home-cooked meals has deep religious and cultural roots. However, as time goes on and more urban Indian families get exposed to and influenced by western culture, they begin to eat a little differently. Numerous multinational corporations (MNCs) in the fast food industry entered the Indian market after the economic reforms. The fast food sector is expanding and adapting to meet the needs of Indian consumers today. It is becoming more commonplace as a result of the acceptance of younger generations in India. This research provides the results of an experiment designed to test the hypothesis that the multinational corporations' (MNCs') adoption of sales promotion methods such as extensive advertising, combination offers, cheap meals, and Indianized menus has profoundly altered the whole FMCG sector generally and the food products sector specifically in Nagpur.

Key words : Home-cooked meals, Economic Reforms, Multinational Corporations'

INTRODUCTION

Marketing campaigns are crucial to the success of fast food chains that sell nationally recognised brands. There are a number of ways in which these tactics may significantly affect customers: Advertising, sponsorships, and social media campaigns are all examples of promotional tactics that assist raise customers' knowledge of a company. Promotions like this help spread awareness of the business and encourage potential customers to think about it when they are hungry. Promotions like limited-

time specials, combination packages, and discounts might sway customers' preferences for one fast food chain over another. These sales make customers feel like they need to act quickly, which increases sales.

Fast food goods' perceived value may be increased via promotions. When there are discounts or special offers available, customers tend to think they are receiving greater value for their money. This may have a constructive effect on how they feel about the brand overall. Effective marketing campaigns may increase client loyalty, which in turn increases the likelihood of repeat purchases. Customers are more likely to stick with one fast food chain over time if they are offered incentives to do so. The result may be a higher lifetime value for the consumer. Marketing via word of mouth and social media occurs when customers are moved to talk about their positive experience with a product or service after participating in a campaign that stands out from the crowd. New consumers may be attracted and existing ones retained via the power of social media sharing and reviews.

Increased criticism over the health and nutritional value of fast food items has emerged in recent years. Consumers who are more health-conscious may be influenced by promotions that promote healthier menu items or selections. Promotional techniques often think about the market and how the competition stands. In a crowded market, promotions may help brands stand out from the crowd by highlighting unique selling points like pricing, quality, or ease of use. Promotions may also make fast food more enticing and relevant to customers by capitalising on cultural events, holidays, or trends. Limited-edition dishes inspired by blockbuster films or special events are one way to drum up interest.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The fast food business is one of the fastest expanding markets in the world. Fast food culture became more popular in India as a result of factors like an increase in the number of single-parent households, rising incomes and globalisation. The fast food sector has been the subject of a great deal of study.

The authors of "Modelling repurchase frequency and customer satisfaction for fast food outlets" (Law, Hui, & Zhao, 2014) sought to establish a connection between waiting time and other service quality parameters at fast food outlets and the satisfaction and frequency with which customers made repeat purchases. Customers' happiness and frequency of return are strongly influenced by wait time and other service quality criteria such as personnel attitude, atmosphere, seat availability, and meal quality.

In their research, Gilbert, Veloutsou, Goode, and Moutinho (2014) compare and contrast the customer experiences they had at fast food restaurants in four different nations using English as the primary language of communication. It uses a preexisting service satisfaction questionnaire to analyse data acquired from consumers of five internationally franchised fast food restaurants. contentment with the personal service

and contentment with the service environment are two empirically developed, cross-cultural characteristics of fast-food consumer satisfaction that emerge from the research.

Relationship inertia is used as a mediator in this research of fast food customers' satisfaction levels. Structural equation modelling (SEM) was used by (Cheng, Chiu, Hu, Chang 2021) to validate the various route relations of the research model. According to the results, client relationship inertia serves as a crucial mediator between customer happiness and customer loyalty. Customers' happiness and the momentum of relationships are both negatively affected by their perception of prices. Customers will be more pleased if their needs can be met easily. Customer relationship inertia will improve when consumers increase their consumption rate.

Anand (2021) looked into how young people in Delhi, India's demographics and psychology affect their preference for fast food. Due to the prevalence of two-income households in metropolitan India, we discovered that consumers' preferences were heavily impacted by characteristics such as a love of dining out, a desire to socialise, a preference for the flavour of fast food, and a need for convenience. Consumer health was also highlighted as an important consideration for the future of the fast food sector.

Objectives of the study

The study's goals are to :

- To learn more about the marketing approaches used by the international fast food chains in India today.
- To learn how fast food chains' promotional strategies affect customers.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Four managers were interviewed in a semi-structured fashion to learn about the fast food industry's current marketing strategy and uncover the company's assumptions about customers' habits. Only 214 of the 250 shoppers who filled out the questionnaire after receiving it at Shopping Malls had legitimate responses. Research ethics and regulations are considered thoroughly prior to data collection. The study is supposed to provide generalizable findings that will guide the researcher in advising the industry at large.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION ❖

Table 1: Reasons to Pick a Particular Fast-Food Joint

	KFC	Mc Donalds	Domino's	Pizza Hut
Appetite favouritism	3.61	4.62	3.30	3.30
Value-based preference	2.40	4.82	3.80	3.41
Ingredients of the highest grade are preferred	4.65	4.42	3.41	3.10

Menu diversity is most preferred	3.71	4.31	3.20	4.43
Value placed on quality of service	4.87	3.87	3.42	3.10
Average	3.42	4.621	3.541	3.837

McDonald's has a higher level of customer favorability compared to other fast food chains. The popularity of fast food restaurants is determined by how customers rate their own preferences for flavour, price, menu variety, quality of ingredients, and quality of service. Mc Donald has a higher mean value (4.621) in customer preference than KFC, Pizza Hut, or Domino's.

Table 2: Advertising's Effect on Customers' Propensity to Visit Fast-Food Restaurants

	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	2.757	1	2.757	4.654	.021
Within Groups	132.687	212	.853		
Total	161.212	213			

People are influenced to eat at fast food restaurants more often because of advertisements. One Way ANOVA Analysis was used to examine the significance of the link between the number of times people saw fast food ads and how often they ate there. According to the data in the table above, there is a strong correlation between the number of ads shown and the number of visitors.

CONCLUSION

Economic development has reshaped the social fabric of the typical family, resulting in an increase in the number of nuclear households in which both partners are employed. Because of this dire predicament, people spend a disproportionate amount of money on fast food. When planning for a rise in household income, it's easy to forget about the need to raise expenditures on food. The study's findings imply that people from all socioeconomic backgrounds frequent fast food restaurants. As a result, the data reveals that financial status has little effect on life happiness. The research shows that there is no correlation between age and a preference for chain fast food restaurants.

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Title: Comparative study : Marital rape in India and U.S.

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Abstract

Sexual contact between a husband and wife that is not voluntary is considered a kind of marital rape. Wives' physical and mental health have suffered greatly as a result of this issue, which goes well beyond sex alone. As a type of sexual violence, rape in the context of marriage is seldom addressed. In this case, we're talking about a case of a husband committing rape on his wife. The absence of permission and willingness is what makes a marriage a rape, not the act of having sexual relations with his wife. There should be zero tolerance for rape in any form, regardless of whether it was committed against a married or single woman. The husband takes charge of the household in a patriarchal culture. There are no rules against keeping such matters secret inside a family, hence they are not spoken outside of the home. India is among the few nations which still does not criminalise marital rape.

Keywords : Rape, Marital rape, India, United States

Introduction

‘According to the data, there are over 52 nations that have made marital rape a crime, while another 36 do not. Poland was the first country to criminalise spousal rape in 1932. Since the 1980s, several other common law countries, including South Africa, Ireland, Canada, the United States, New Zealand, Israel, and others, have removed the immunity afforded to husbands for engaging in non-consensual forced sex with their wives. All 50 states have made it unlawful to rape a spouse, however the penalties vary widely. While domestic violence is punishable by law in the United States, no equivalent protection exists in India. As was noted in Manusmriti, written about 200 CE (Common Era), the notion of marital rape was disregarded for years, becoming susceptible under Mughal control; yet, this horrible crime is still uncommon. It is generally accepted that both partners in a marriage want to have sexual relations, and it is a crime to force one partner to engage in sexual activity without their consent in many nations. In comparison, India has no law enforcement and no laws. After forming the JS Verma Committee, India's government chose not to follow the panel's advice and make marital rape a crime. Legislation introduced in Parliament also failed.

Victims of domestic rape have little legal recourse.’

The courts and government of India should look into making rape inside a marriage a crime. Some victims of sexual violence end their own lives after developing PTSD, despair, and vaginal injuries. ‘It’s a serious breach of the constitutional guarantees of freedom of expression and assembly found in Articles 14 and 21 of the Indian Constitution. Although the idea of equality is enshrined in our Preamble, women nevertheless endure more social constraints than males. Because of the social expectation that women would provide for and maintain their families, women who report crimes committed by their husbands to the police face stigma and rejection. The fear of social and family disapproval is a persistent source of anxiety for women.’ This outcast has stifled the advancement of women in our society. Fear prevents women from leaving their homes to advocate for their basic human rights. The current study aims to examine the social and legal aspects of marital rape. The two countries are compared because the state of marital rape in both is opposed. However, what are the penalties for sexual intercourse amounting to marital rape? Is the woman’s consent for sex required after marriage? Why is marital rape not forbidden in India? What are the differences in marital rape laws between India and the United States? Are the key issues which the article seeks to find out.

Comparison of India and the United States

Since its inception, the term "rape" has been used to describe any sexual act between two people who are not husband and wife in which one or both of them did not provide their consent. Up until 1975, however, "marital exemption" laws meant a husband could rape his wife without facing legal consequences. Laws against marital rape had been established in all 50 states and DC by 1993, partly as a result of the women’s rights and equality movement.

Rape inside marriage is illegal in every US state, and in many of them the offender faces the same penalties as in cases of rape against single women. South Carolina and Virginia are the only two states with any significant legal distinctions when it comes to spousal rape. In South Carolina, reporting the offending spouse’s behaviour to the police within 30 days of the incident is required for a prosecution for marital battery (rape) to continue. South Carolina Statute 16-3-615 Virginia law permits couples to seek counselling instead of going to court when domestic violence occurs.

Sadly, the problem of rape inside marriages has persisted for decades. Before now, this savage custom existed only inside the private confines of people’s homes, and society as a whole remained blissfully oblivious. Marital rape is a particularly horrific crime since it not only traumatises the victim psychologically but also spreads dread across the community. People are now more aware of their rights and the dangers posed by such crimes. Victims of a rape in a marital relationship experience an agony that no one else can know or understand. Child marriage has been made illegal in

India, but there is still no law in place to make marital rape a crime. Unfortunately, it does not seem like the Indian government cares that marital rape is a serious problem that needs to be addressed by making it a crime.

Based on the IPC's legislative requirements, the researchers determined that the Indian legislature had an outmoded mentality. Unless "Exception 2," which states that if the husband commits forceful intercourse with his wife and she is younger than 15 years of age, it will only be considered a rape crime, Section 375 of the IPC provides a pretty clear and correct definition of what constitutes rape. This implies that the joint marital ceremony is read as authorization for the male to engage in sexual intercourse, and the "Consent" of the wife is not taken into consideration, so long as the girl is beyond the age of 15. Furthermore, courts and legislators routinely overlook or disregard these basic rights when prescribing laws criminalising marital rape, despite Article 21 of the Indian constitution guaranteeing the right to life, liberty, and privacy. All 50 states in the United States have made rape inside a marriage illegal. It's been against the law for a long time now. In the United States, there is no federal legislation specifically criminalising rape; nevertheless, several states have statutes that make a distinction between rape and marital rape. Keep in mind that rape inside a marriage is illegal in every one of the United States' 50 states. Some examples of state statutes are as follows:

The broad crime of rape is addressed in California Penal Code Section 261, whereas marital rape is addressed in Section 262.

Title 16 Chapter 3 Section 615 (16-3-615) of the South Carolina Code of Laws specifically addresses marital rape, while Title 16 Chapter 3 Section 651(h) [16-3-651(h)] does same for sexual battery against a spouse.

According to the state of Mississippi's penal code, the crime of sexual battery requires that the couple be legally married and cohabitating at the time of the offence, as well as for the accused to engage in coerced sexual intercourse and penetrate the victim without their consent.

In Maryland, any sexual contact between a man and a woman that is not consensual is considered rape under state law. This is true even if the couple has been divorced or has been separated for some time. It also specifies that if a spouse is living with another person and sexual coercion or forceful intercourse occurs without the consent of their partner, the perpetrator will be prosecuted for rape.

In Nevada, the marriage defence is only applicable if no threats or force were used during the incident. If the intercourse was conducted under any form of coercion, the marriage defence does not apply.

As can be seen, rape of a spouse or partner is illegal in every jurisdiction listed above, as well as in every jurisdiction in the United States. While some jurisdictions have made drug use a defence for spousal rape, many others see it as an independent

offence. Unfortunately, there is no such thing as a flawless rule, and those exceptions appear because there have been so few instances like them.

In order to make rape inside a marriage a crime in India, new legislation would be required. Several attempts were made to approve the measure in parliament, but it was ultimately determined that doing so would be detrimental to Indian culture, which places a premium on strong family ties. We used to practise Sati Pratha and child marriage, but now we know better and consider them to be crimes against humanity, therefore they're illegal. Similar to how there has to be laws in place to defend the rights of single women, there needs to be laws in place to protect the rights of married women from the psychological and physical effects of marital rape.

The Constitution is based on constitutional law, which ensures basic freedoms for all citizens. Whereas Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution make it clear that any form of discrimination against the rights of married women, such as rape, must be punished severely. If a woman is raped and she is not married, she has the option of filing a rape case under Section 375 and seeking justice in court. However, marital rape is not even recognised in India, so if a married woman is raped and abused by her husband, she has no legal recourse.

Conclusion

There are no laws in place in India that make it illegal to commit rape inside a marriage. However, in the United States, the crime of rape inside a marriage has been considered a federal offence since 1993. In the United States, it was a feminist organisation that first began working to end the practise of rape inside marriage. On December 2, 1979, in the case of *Commonwealth v. James K. Chretien*, the first American man was convicted of marital rape. As a result of these variations in definition, sentence, and practise, rapes committed against both single and married individuals are now subject to the same penalties. The legislation in India's parliament was introduced but never enacted. Legislation meant to safeguard the institution of marriage was repeatedly shot down for inexplicable reasons, despite assurances from members that they would never vote against marriage. If you want support, you'll have to go to court, since the government won't provide it. Marital rape was proposed to be criminalised by the JS Verma Committee, although this recommendation has not yet been enacted. In order to protect cultural norms, marital rape is not punishable by law. We, as a society and a nation, should not distinguish between the crime of "rape" perpetrated against married and unmarried women. A horrific and abominable crime, rape against a married woman is no less awful and unacceptable than rape against a single woman. Though progress has been made in India to protect women's rights, this inhumane practise persists because lawmakers there fail to grasp its full scope. The United States updated its rules on marital rape not only a few years ago, but many decades ago, but India is still led by the outdated notion that such a horrible

conduct is the husband's legal right to do against his wife. In addition, the courts stay out of it because they fear it would damage the institution of marriage if this kind of sexual violence is criminalised. "The term marital rape' does not refer to sexual acts, but rather to violent ones; nor does it refer to marriage, but rather to an absence of permission. When and whenever it happens, rape is always and everywhere wrong and must be punished. We need marital rape to be criminalised, and we will fight against it in the same way that we have opposed domestic violence, rape, and acid assaults.

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STUDY ON IMPACT OF AGRITOURISM ON ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF FARMERS OF CHANDRAPUR DISTRICT

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Abstract

Since agriculture is so important to India's economy, the country has prioritised it in each of its five-year plans, and since the Green Revolution, it has achieved consistent progress in areas like irrigation, technology, modern agricultural practises, and the supply of agricultural financing and subsidies. When compared to the greatest yielding countries abroad, however, the average yield in India is just 30%-50% of the global average. The country of India contains 184 million hectares of arable land and produces 204 million tonnes of food grain each year (the third most), 150 million tonnes of fruits and vegetables (the second highest), and 90 million tonnes of milk (the highest). With 485 million animals, it also has the most livestock.

Keywords : Agro-tourism, Social, Economic

Introduction :

Rural tourism, sometimes known as agritourism, is a subset of agricultural tourism in which tourists take part in and learn about farming and other rural pursuits. There are social and economic repercussions to India's growing agricultural tourism industry. Implications for Society: Urban and foreign travellers are able to interact with rural people via agricultural tourism, therefore promoting cultural exchange. Visitors visiting rural India may experience its culture firsthand and get insight into its history and customs. Traditional farming methods and handicrafts may be lost if younger generations continue to move to metropolitan areas, but this kind of tourism might help keep them alive. It encourages the preservation of rural culture by giving people a reason to stay there.

Women's Empowerment in Rural Areas : Agritourism often include women's participation in activities such as traditional meal preparation and handicraft demonstration.

This not only gives them a chance to improve their financial situation, but also gives them more influence and prestige in their society. Training and education possibilities for the local community are another benefit of agritourism. Community members may learn skills including organic farming, animal husbandry, hospitality, and customer service. Agricultural tourism often results in an increase in environmental consciousness, as sightseers learn to value the region's natural resources and agricultural practises. As a result, people in the area may begin taking environmental protection and preservation more seriously.

Financial Repercussions: Financial Benefits : Farmers and small towns may benefit financially from agricultural tourism. They will be able to raise their level of life and lessen their reliance on subsistence farming if they do this. Offering lodging, excursions, and farm-to-table experiences is all ways in which farmers may diversify their revenue via agritourism. This may make them less vulnerable to swings in the food market. Agritourism generates employment opportunities in the tourism, transportation, and food service industries. In areas where unemployment is very high, this might be extremely helpful. Tourism-related infrastructure development includes the building of roads, hotels, and restaurants in outlying locations. As a result, the infrastructure might be upgraded, which would be good for both visitors and locals.

Review of literature

In his paper "Agro-Tourism Scope and Opportunities for the Farmers in Maharashtra," Vijay M. Kumar (2010) explores the potential, requirements, advantages, and disadvantages of this industry for farmers in the state. He concluded that there is a lot of room for growth in Maharashtra due to the variety of goods and stunning natural settings, but that there are also a number of obstacles, including a lack of education and funding for farmers. In her essay "Problems of Agro-tourism Industry in Maharashtra: A Study," Dr. Jayashree Upadhya (2015) addresses the significance, social and economic effect, and difficulties associated with Agro-tourism in Maharashtra. She goes on to talk about the numerous products that may be sold to tourists participating in Agro-tourism. She came to the conclusion that despite the social and economic benefits, Agro-tourism receives little backing from the government. Walker, Martha A. (2009), "Agritourism: Ideas and Resources," explores the definition, difficulties, opportunities, and collaborators of Agro-tourism. In addition, he offers advice on how to create and carry out an Agro-tourism strategy. According to Dr. Nartsuda's (2013) study "Community Potential Development for Sustainable Agro tourism in Thailand," in order to create new products for Agro-tourist, training manuals are necessary, and community engagement is crucial.

Objectives of the study

The study aims to accomplish the following goals:

- It makes an effort to comprehend the societal and economic impact of agri-tourism in a burgeoning economy like India's.
- Why To determine whether agri-tourism may help revive the agriculture industry's slowing growth pace.
- Investigate whether refocusing government efforts on agri-tourism is a viable option for the agricultural sector.

- To provide recommendations for improving agrotourism so that it contributes to long-term economic health and expansion.

Research Methodology :

Using a SWOT analysis and supporting evidence from case studies in the Indian state of Maharashtra, the authors of this study provide a critical examination of the experience of agricultural transformation via the lens of agro-based tourism. Primary information was gleaned through an in-depth conversation with Mr. Pandurang Taware, Director of Sales and Marketing at the Agri Tourism Development Corporation and the man credited for conceptualising the industry's introduction in India. The writers have also visited the agro tourism project in Chandrapur, Maharashtra, to learn more about its infrastructure and administration.

Discussion

This instance was chosen by the researchers because it represents a fresh, unique initiative that is both the first of its type in India (Chandrapur, Maharashtra) and a model that can be applied to other states. The Agri Developments Trust is a non-profit group with a focus on educating farmers about the latest agricultural practises. The trust's primary goal was to boost farm output via the use of cutting-edge agricultural practises.

The Agri-Tourism Development Corporation launched the innovative field of "agritourism" in 2004 on 110 acres owned by the Agri-Development Trust. Government initiatives helped India's tourist industry take off after 2002. Mr. Pandurang Taware, an ambitious person, conceived of agritourism, and a trial project was launched on 110 acres of farmland under the banner of Agri Development Trust. Between 2004 and 2006, during its "pregnancy," the project's progress was closely examined. With innovative irrigation techniques, this enormous area was transformed into an agritourism destination where activities like horticulture, floriculture, sericulture, winemaking, animal husbandry, jaggery production, and dairy farming could be carried out for the enjoyment of visitors.

Mr. Taware creates the business concept of agritourism. The basis of this agritourism business model is that city dwellers are more interested in spending time in the great outdoors and are eager to find family-friendly recreational opportunities within a rural setting that can be reached in two to three hours by car. The needs of a growing urban population and an anticipated uptick in visitor spending informed the design of this building. Since its inception in 2006, this venture has been a huge success, allowing a wide range of people to enjoy a low-cost vacation. Attracting a sizable number of visitors is a key factor in this project's viability. As one of India's most populous states, Maharashtra benefits from a high rate of urbanisation (53%). About Rs. 35,00,000 to Rs. 40,00,000 is brought in year thanks to three primary contributors to this agritourism project:

Primary source	Secondary Source	Third Source
Weekdays Campout	Camp for three days in the summer	Seven days of training for farmers
Rs. 400-800/person	Rs. 1500-3500/person	Rs. 8000/person

Farmers in the area are invited to participate in the project's execution. So 70% of the money made goes to the farmers. This maintains their interest in and dedication to the project. The farmers gain as well, as they can sell their products to the visitors. Women's self-help

organisations succeed because its members find easy markets for their wares, increasing their chances of making a profit. Visitors to this initiative include school trips, families, and businesses.

Since 2007, the trust has made concentrated efforts to give training to farmers around the nation via the National agri tourism training centre. This is done with the goal of expanding the scope of agritourism. Three hundred fifty farmers applied in the first year, and 52 were chosen to participate in the programme and get training. These farmers are doing well in the agritourism industry. The World Travel and Tourism Council has praised Mr. Taware for his contribution in this area. For his ground-breaking work in the field of agritourism, he was awarded the prestigious Global Responsible Tourism prize.

Implications for Society and the Economy

This initiative has been implemented in three different Indian states. As per capita income has increased, the effect factor has been spectacular. Four hundred farmers have received training in the business side of agritourism thus far. According to surveys of farmers, the average income from farming has increased by at least 33 percent. For instance, a two-acre farm may expect annual profits of 300,000 to 350,000 rupees. With the help of agritourism, farmers may increase their income by between 100,000 and 150,000 rupees per year, creating direct jobs for four people and indirect jobs for another ten, as agricultural labour is constantly in demand. Agricultural schools and their students are increasingly interested in the case study project since it has been praised as a successful business model. Indian Administrative Services students began a three-day on-site training programme on April 11, 2012, with the goal of teaching them how to implement this model in other states. As a business idea, agritourism makes sense because :

- It has the potential to benefit both farmers and visitors. The farmers get a boost to their revenue, and the natural curiosity of the tourists is satisfied.
- Job creation through tertiary industries including emu, organic, and dairy farming.
- Why Discrimination based on gender decreases when men and women have equal access to economic opportunities.
- There is a shift from yearly to weekly revenue generating.

Conclusions

The growth of India's service industry, of which tourism is a major part, is crucial to the country's economy. The tourist business in India is expanding at a pace that is 2.5 times the world average. The reason and conditions under which a tourist engages in a particular kind of tourism may give rise to specialised subfields within the larger field. Health (medical) tourism, religion (spiritual tourism), sports (sports tourism), education (educational tourism), and other forms of niche tourism have all been on the rise in India recently. India's tourist industry has expanded with the advent of agritourism. While still in its infancy, with the right support from the government, it has the potential to take flight. The current growth rate in India may be maintained and even increased by extending the idea of agri-tourism throughout the country.

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संत तुकाराम और राष्ट्र संत तुकडोजी महाराज के दर्शन में ग्रामीण सामाजिक मूल्यों का विश्लेषात्मक अध्ययन

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शोध सारांश

भारत में भक्ति आंदोलन एक प्रमुख सुधारवादी आंदोलन रहा, जो रूढ़िवादी, जातिभेद, धार्मिक कट्टरता, सामाजिक कुरीतियों एवं अंधविश्वास के खिलाफ था। इस आंदोलन की कड़ी के रूप में संत तुकाराम और संत तुकडोजी महाराज को भी देखा जाता है। दोनों संतो ने जीवन के क्रियापक्षों एवं मानवतावादी कार्य से जुड़े पहलुओं को दृष्टिगत किया है। संत तुकाराम ने जीवन को ईश्वर की अनुपम कृति के रूप में स्वीकार किया है। मानव शरीर को हितकारी कर्म की तरफ ले जाने के लिए विशेष बल दिया है, तो २० वीं सदी में महाराष्ट्र के विदर्भ क्षेत्र में जन्मे राष्ट्रसंत तुकडोजी महाराज ने ग्राम सुधार, ग्राम विकास, ग्रामोद्योग एवं ग्रामोद्धार का समग्र रूप से सविस्तर विचार किया है। दोनों संतो ने अपने सामाजिक मूल्यों का विस्तार कर कर्म प्रधान जीवन की वकालत की है। संत तुकडोजी महाराज की पराधीन एवं स्वाधीन भारत में उनके ग्रामोद्धार कार्यों का कोई सानी नहीं है। उनकी 'ग्रामगीता' आज भी ग्रामोदय का ब्लू प्रिंट मानी जाती है। 'ग्रामगीता' ग्रामीण कार्यकर्ताओं की 'भगवद् गीता' ही है। वही संत तुकाराम ने अपने अंभगों के जरिये समाज को न केवल जागृत करने का कार्य किया, बल्कि कर्म प्रधान समाज की संरचना के साथ ही वैराग्य की ओर अग्रसित होने का कार्य किया है। प्रस्तुत शोध अध्ययन के दौरान संत तुकाराम और संत तुकडोजी महाराज के दर्शन में ग्रामीण सामाजिक मूल्यों का विस्तार से अध्ययन किया गया है।

बीज शब्द— क्रियापक्ष, मानवतावादी, सामाजिक मूल्य, अंभग, वैराग्य, जागृत आदि।

प्रस्तावना

महाराष्ट्र की संत परंपरा में तुकाराम को संत शिरोमणि कहा जाता है। भक्ति आंदोलन के कवियों में एक तुकाराम का जन्म महाराष्ट्र राज्य के पुणे जिले के अंतर्गत 'देहू' नामक ग्राम में शक संवत् १५२० को अर्थात् सन् १५९८ में हुआ था। संत तुकाराम का संदेश समता पर आधारित है। गुरु को 'मेघों को उपदेश देना चाहिए' के अंभग में समभाव और पूर्ण भाव से सबको उपदेश देना चाहिए। किसी भी प्रकार का भेदभाव नहीं होना चाहिए। संत तुकाराम सलाह देते हैं, कि ज्ञान प्राप्त करने वाला अपनी भावनाओं, जिज्ञासा, विचार शक्ति, इच्छाशक्ति, दायरे,

जीवन के दृष्टिकोण के अनुसार कुछ स्वीकार करेगा या नहीं करेगा लेकिन ज्ञान देने वाले को पक्षपाती नहीं होना चाहिए। संत तुकाराम १४वीं शताब्दी में प्रारम्भ भक्ति आन्दोलन की यात्रा की एक प्रमुख कड़ी थे। अस्पृश्यता, छुआछूत, जाति व्यवस्था एवं उनसे उपजे भेद को समाप्त करने के लिए उन्होंने सवाल खड़े किये। संत तुकाराम जहाँ एक तरफ भक्ति और साधना के एक नये स्वरूप को स्थापित करते हैं, तो दूसरी तरफ सभी वर्गों को एक साथ लेकर चलने की वकालत भी करते हैं। संत तुकाराम का पूरा जीवन हाशिए के लोकजन को केन्द्र में लाने के लिए समर्पित रहा है। इसके लिए उन्होंने धर्म के क्रियापक्ष को स्वीकार नहीं किया, बल्कि धर्म के सामाजिक पक्ष को जीवन में शामिल किया, जो कर्म प्रधान था।

राष्ट्रसंत तुकडोजी महाराज एक महान व्यक्ति हैं जो सदैव अपने हृदय में सार्वभौमिक मानवता और राष्ट्रीय उत्थान की भावना रखते हैं। राष्ट्रसंत तुकडोजी महाराज की जीवन कहानी एक वीरतापूर्ण कहानी है, जो युद्ध के मैदान में अपनी प्रतिभा खो चुके योद्धाओं को फिर से उज्ज्वल करने में मदद करेगी और ब्रह्म के प्रति वफादार मानवता की भावना वाले लोगों को जीवन की शुद्ध (उदार) भावना प्रदान करेगी। उनका जन्म ३० अप्रैल, १९०९ को, भारत के विदर्भ भूमि के अमरावती जिले के 'यावली (शहीद)' गांव में धार्मिक परिवार में हुआ था।

१९४२ के आंदोलन में तुकडोजी महाराज युवकों के मुख्य प्रेरणा स्रोत बने। उनके भाषण व राष्ट्रभक्ति गीत तो चेतना पैदा करने वाली आंधी ही थे। अंग्रेजों ने उन्हें बंदी बना कर रायपुर (छत्तीसगढ़) की जेल में रखा। जेल से रिहा होने के बाद भी उन्हें चन्द्रपुर—वर्धा जिले में प्रवेश की मनाही थी। सन १९४३ में तुकडोजी महाराज ने जनजागरण के एक प्रभावी साधन के रूप में 'श्री गुरुदेव' नामक मासिक पत्रिका का प्रकाशन प्रारंभ किया। गुरुदेव सेवा मंडल के माध्यम से गांव—गांव, घर—घर ग्रामोन्नति का प्रचार किया।

संत तुकाराम और राष्ट्र संत तुकडोजी के दर्शन में सामाजिकता मूल्य

संत तुकाराम और राष्ट्र संत तुकडोजी के संपूर्ण साहित्य का गहन अध्ययन करने के बाद इस निष्कर्ष पर पहुंचा जा सकता है, कि संत तुकाराम ने अपने अभंगों के जरिये कर्म को प्रधानता दी तो राष्ट्र संत तुकडोजी के दर्शन में ग्राम संकल्पना हावी रही। इसके कुछ इस उदाहरण इस प्रकार से है।

संत तुकाराम ने इस बहुजन समाज को जागृत करके उनकी भ्रान्तियों को नष्ट करने का प्रयास किया। उन्होंने अपने अभंग के माध्यम से जनता को उपदेश दिया।

सांडिली त्रिपुटी।

दीप उजळला घटी ॥

अर्थात् मेरे सारे दोष नष्ट हो गये हैं इसीलिए अंतरदीप उजागर हुआ है।

उन्होंने अपने पूर्ववर्तियों की विरासत को आगे बढ़ाने का प्रयास किया। बेहद सरल भाषा में उनके अभंग ने आज भी लोगों पर अपनी छाप छोड़ी है।

नाही निर्मळ जीवन

काय करील साबण ॥

अर्थात् जीवन अगर शुद्ध नहीं है तो साबुन लगाने से क्या फायदा?

पर्यावरण जागरूकता का संदेश जो हमें आज दिया जाता है, वही संदेश है जो उन्होंने पांच सौ साल पहले

अपनी बहुत ही सुंदर अभंगवाणी के माध्यम से दिया था।

वृक्षवल्ली आम्हा सोयरी।
वनचरी पक्षीही सुस्वरे आळविती॥
सुखे रुचे एकांताचा वास नाही गुणदोष आपणासी॥।

अर्थात् ये सृष्टि ये चमन मेरे रिश्तेदार है मेरे अपने हैं, सारे पंछी भी यही बातें करते हैं, मनुष्य अगर स्वयं से बातें करें तो वह सारे संसार को जान सकता है।

मनुष्य को स्वयं से संवाद करना चाहिए। इस संबंध में संत तुकाराम महाराज कहते हैं –

करतो कवित्व म्हणाल हे कोणी नव्हे माझी वाणी पदरीची।
माझी या युक्तीचा नव्हे हा प्रकार मज विश्वंभर बोलवितो॥
बोलविता धनी वेगळाचि ॥।

अर्थात् मेरी वाणी, मेरे वचन परमेश्वर की देन है। ईश्वर मेरी वाणी में बसा है वही मुझे बोलने की प्रेरणा देता है।

उनकी शिक्षाएँ हमें अपनी दिव्यता की तलाश करने के लिए प्रेरित करती हैं।

तुका म्हणे आता।
उरलो उपकारपुरता ॥

अर्थात् सचमुच इन संतों के एहसान हैं समस्त मानव जाति पर।

संतों द्वारा दिए गए सीख के कारण समाज अभी तक रसातल में नहीं गया है, और यदि यह विचार अगली पीढ़ी को दिया जाता है, तो समाज का निश्चित रूप से पुनर्निर्माण हो जाएगा। और संत तुकाराम के इस अभंग के संदेश महत्वपूर्ण है –

हेचि दान देगा देवा तुझा विसर न व्हावा ।
गुण गाईन आवडी हेचि माझी सर्व गोडी ॥
न लगे मुक्ती धनसंपदा संत संग देई सदा ॥।
तुका म्हणे गर्भवासी सुखे घालावे आम्हासी ॥।।।।

अर्थात् हे ईश्वर मैं तुम्हें कभी ना भूलूँ। तुम्हारी गुणगान सदा गाते रहूँ। भले ही मुझे धन ना मिले। मुझे सदा सत्संगति मिले ॥

इसके अलावा राष्ट्र संत तुकडोजी ने अपने दर्शन में सामाजिकता में ग्रामों को प्रधानता दी है, जिसके उदाहरण इस प्रकार से है।

सा धुचरित सुभ चरित कपासू।
निरस बिसद गुनमय फल जासू॥
जो सहि दुख परछिद्र दुरावा॥।

बंदनीय जेहि जग जस पाव।।।।

श्रीराम भक्त गोस्वामी तुलसीदास ने उपरोक्त चौपाई में संत जीवन का अचूक गुणवर्णन किया है परंपरा के लिए, समाज के कल्याण के लिए समर्पित भाव से अपना जीवन अर्पण करने वाले संत, समाज के लिए दीपस्तंभ के समान मार्गदर्शक होते हैं।

उनका सामाजिक एकता व सामंजस्यता निर्माण करने पर उनका जोर था एवं सहभोजन व सामूहिक भजन ये उसके लिए प्रभावी साधन थे। इन सब में राष्ट्रधर्म सर्वोपरि था।

चेत रहा भारत दुरूख से, आग बुझना मुशिकल है।

उठा तिरंगा बढावे छाती, अब बहिलाना मुशिकल है।।

झाडझडूले शस्त्र बनेंगे, भक्त बनेगी सेना।

पत्थर सारे बम बनेंगे, नाव लगेगी किनारा।।

अंग्रेज अधिकारी तुकडोजी के इस गाने से परेशान थेंद वन्दे मातरम के साथ इन गीतों के गाने पर की स्थानीय अधिकारियों ने प्रतिबंध लगा लिया था।

सन १९४७ में भारत स्वतंत्र हुआ तब तुकडोजी महाराज ने इस स्वराज्य को सुराज्य में परिवर्तित करने हेतु ग्रामोदय का परिपूर्ण कार्यक्रम प्रारंभ किया। गांव—गांव में स्वावलंबन सप्ताह, नवनिर्माण सप्ताह, राष्ट्रीय एकात्मता सप्ताह, राष्ट्रधर्म जागृति सप्ताह, स्वच्छता आरोग्य सप्ताह ऐसे अनेक प्रकार के अभियान प्रारंभ किए। संत तुकडोजी के इस ग्रामोदय पर महात्मा गांधी अत्यंत संतुष्ट थे।

संत तुकडोजी के असीम कार्य के कारण १९५२ में अमेरिका में हुई सर्व धर्म परिषद में उन्हें विशेष रूप से निमंत्रित किया गया। इतना ही नहीं, १९५५ में जापान में हुई सर्व धर्म परिषद में उन्होंने भारत का प्रतिनिधित्व किया। संत तुकडोजी के भजनों से सारा विश्व गुंजायमान हो गया तब राष्ट्रपति राजेन्द्र प्रसाद ने उनके खंजरी भजन का आयोजन राष्ट्रपति भवन में किया। राष्ट्रपति राजेन्द्र प्रसाद ने उन्हें राष्ट्रसंत की उपाधि से सम्मानित किया तब संत तुकडोजी महाराज की 'ग्रामगीता' ग्रामीण कार्यकर्ताओं की 'भगवद् गीता' ही है। इस तरह ग्रामोदय के लिए अपना संपूर्ण जीवन व्यतीत करने वाले राष्ट्रसंत का जीवन व कार्य याने सर्वांगीण ग्रामोद्धार का चिंतन पर्व ही है

निष्कर्ष

संत तुकाराम का जन्म सत्रहवीं शताब्दी में हुआ था। लेकिन आज पाँच सौ साल बाद भी, उनके अभंग लोगों के मन में अभी जिंदा हैं। उनकी शिक्षाएँ हमें अपनी दिव्यता की तलाश करने के लिए प्रेरित करती हैं। इन संतों द्वारा दिए गए सीख के कारण समाज अभी तक रसातल में नहीं गया है, और यदि यह विचार अगली पीढ़ी को दिया जाता है, तो समाज का निश्चित रूप से पुनर्निर्माण हो जाएगा। सामाजिक सभ्यता और सेवा भावना से ही मानव उन्नत होता है। वैश्विकता दैनंदिन आचरण में हो तो ही अपनाई जाएगी। भारत की जीवन दृष्टि निसर्ग से जुड़ी हुई है, वैज्ञानिक है और सहज स्वाभाविक है। भावनाओं का महत्व जानकर उसे नियंत्रित करने का और संस्कारों का महत्व मानकर, ईश्वर का चिंतन—मनन करना जरूरी है। तुकाराम जगत गुरु हैं। संत तुकाराम सुक्ष्मातिसुक्ष्म और वैश्विक व्यक्तित्व हैं, तो राष्ट्रसंत तुकडोजी ने भी अपना संपूर्ण जीवन राष्ट्र के लिये समर्पित कर दिया और ग्राम संकल्पना के साथ सामाजिक समरसता पर जोर दिया।

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Review on Impact of Recruitment Process Outsourcing on the Performance of Employees in Selected Banks in Nagpur

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Abstract

Bank is a service provider. The people that work for a service company are its most valuable asset. When workers acquire new abilities, they become a valuable asset. One of the key ways they get expertise is via experience. If a company has a high employee turnover rate, it will be unable to build up its human capital. A high turnover rate reduces the efficiency of the workforce and slows down the progress towards the organization's objectives. Experienced workers are familiar with the company's rules and goals, and they understand the best ways to do certain tasks. In contrast, newcomers often need longer time to acclimatise to their surroundings. This means that companies with a high rate of employee turnover are more likely to be employing people with less experience. Low productivity in the workplace is a direct effect of this, and the problem attracts further negativity as a result. Therefore, the purpose of this research is to analyse how different recruiting strategies affect employee turnover in India's banking sector. A semi-structured questionnaire was used to gather the information. Including managers, assistant managers, banking assistants, and trainee banking assistants, the sample size was 180 people. SPSS version 23 was used to do the analysis with the help of the linear regression model. According to the study's final findings, employees hired through external recruiting tactics are more likely to leave the company than those hired using internal means.

Keywords : Performance, recruitment practices, outsourcing, banking industry

Introduction

Increased market competitiveness has led to a high rate of employee turnover in the banking industry, and many trainee banking assistants do not plan to remain long enough to be promoted to management positions. Additionally, after getting foundational banking

expertise here, they go on to other banks, and those other, more competitive institutions are happy to have them. This practise is standard in the financial sector and has been around since the beginning of banking.

High-level executives, HR professionals, and industrial psychologists are all paying more attention than ever before to the effects of employee turnover in today's workplaces. Organisations have found it to be one of the most expensive and seemingly stubborn human resource difficulties. Organisations in the public, commercial, and non-profit sectors have been struggling with high rates of staff turnover due to both voluntary and involuntary departures since the modern industrial period and continue to do so in the highly technological age. In terms of lost productivity, stigmatisation, and replacement costs, this presents a problem for management.

Depending on how it is implemented and managed, Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO) may have both beneficial and bad effects on the productivity of bank workers. Some possible outcomes include: Efficiency and effectiveness in recruiting may be improved by using RPO services, since these companies focus specifically on recruitment. With the proper personnel in place, financial institutions can more rapidly onboard new employees and fill open positions. Because of their large networks and talent pools, RPO providers can help banks better find and recruit outstanding employees. As a result, banks may be able to fill open positions with more qualified candidates.

Banks may redeploy their human resources and management personnel to more important tasks like employee training and development and strategic planning if they outsource the recruiting process. Better resource distribution may boost productivity in the workplace. Expertise and Cutting-Edge Tools RPO firms often have access to cutting-edge data analytics and applicant evaluation tools, among other recruiting technology. Better recruiting choices and a more precise fit between applicants and open positions may result from using these tools.

Research Objectives

- The primary goal of this research was to determine whether and how different recruiting strategies affected employee turnover rates.
- Examining what drives employee turnover in India's banking industry.
- The purpose of this study is to investigate the impact of internal and external recruiting strategies on turnover.

Literature Review

The study by Pesek and McGee (2021) examined the relationship between recruiting sources and turnover and performance in Pennsylvania hospitals. When compared to other internal and external sources, employee recommendation was determined to be the most successful. The purpose of Pesek & McGee's research was to identify the factors influencing hospital staff performance. As a result, the author investigated the banking business in India and the potential impact of recruiting strategies on staff turnover. The author utilised SPSS version 22 and the 'chi-square' test to analyse the data. Despite the fact that the research organisation Tabassum (2021) chose is in the banking industry, the focus of the paper is on the recruiting and selection process in a developing nation. The goals also included evaluating

the current selection and recruiting processes and making ideas to assist Basic Bank make better use of its human resources. Tabassum's basis is built on the whole recruiting and selection process, whereas the author's research focuses on the influence created by recruitment techniques with regards to turnover. While the author's research focuses on the banking sector in India, this one was undertaken in Bangladesh. Concerned about the potential impact of recruiting strategies on staff turnover, she investigates every step of the hiring and screening processes at this specific bank.

The efficacy of the human resources recruiting procedure at Jordanian universities was also the subject of 2019 study by Azzam & Jaradat. The sources of applicants were addressed, as was the efficiency of the recruiting and selection process as a whole. Forty participants were chosen at random for the survey. There is no discussion of the HR recruiting process's potential impact on employee turnover even in the cited studies. The author's research aims and location are quite different from those of Azzam & Jaradat's examination of the recruiting process at Jordanian institutions. The author may look into how ABC Bank's recruiting practises affect employee turnover if they so want.

Additionally, Mani (2022) addresses the topic's central question of how useful employee referrals might be as a recruiting tool. While Mani's preferred organisation focuses on IT and ITES, the authoring sector has been absent from his studies. He has focused on one external recruiting strategy, expanded on its efficacy, but avoided discussing its connection to turnover. The author uses SPSS to perform statistical studies such as correlation, ratio analysis, and chi-square tests.

Research Methodology

The study used a positivist worldview and a logical method of inquiry. The study used a quantitative approach and a survey-based research technique. Last but not least, our research utilises both snapshots in time and ongoing records. A random sample of 180 former workers will be chosen from a pool of 2510 over the previous five years. The author plans to choose the sample using a simple random sampling method. Statistical analysis of the data will be performed with the aid of SPSS.

Data Analysis

According to the results of the first research, demographic characteristics including age, marital status, and sex are recognised as well as internal and external recruiting strategies. Recognition, responsibility, and advancement are also highly valued, in addition to the intrinsic motivations. In addition, financial compensation and other external considerations are acknowledged. The second goal, when the appropriate variables have been identified, is to determine the extent to which these variables influence the choice to switch over employees by means of employee motivation. This is how much we think it will cost.

Table 1: Demographic and economic variables, as well as those that are both internal and external to the organisation, affect the rate of staff turnover.

Independent Variables	Impact	Standard Beta	Coefficients Std. err	Significance
Outsourcing of employees	0.548	0.842	0.504	0.003
Age	-0.792	-0.211	0.302	0.077

Education	0.523	0.164	0.409	0.029
Marital Status	0.210	0.103	0.300	0.059
Sex	-0.942	-0.201	0.307	0.08
Recognition	-0.300	-0.317	0.508	0.12
Responsibility	-0.700	-0.200	0.406	0.172
Promotion	-0.800	-0.100	0.001	0.376
Salary and Allowances	-1.897	-0.201	0.002	0.204
Work-Life Balance	-0.679	-0.639	0.400	0.007
Diversity Management	-0.103	-0.407	0.305	0.218
Employee Motivation	-0.864	-0.615	0.124	0.007

The characteristics in Table 1 have been shown to have a significant impact on employee turnover rates. These include the source of hire, level of education, age, and marital status. The effect on turnover when switching from external to internal search is significant. Additionally, the likelihood of job-hopping increases as an employee's level of education does as well. Furthermore, men are more likely to quit their jobs than women. It's less likely that an individual will be able to switch jobs as they age. The opposite is true for factors including sex, recognition, responsibility, advancement, compensation and allowances, work-life balance, and perceptions of diversity management. The likelihood of job turnover decreases with increasing levels of employee appreciation, responsibility, and advancement, according to new research. In addition, turnover rates decrease as compensation, work-life balance, and managerial diversity improve. However, with a 99 percent confidence interval, the techniques of recruiting and work-life balance in the banking industry in India had the greatest impact on employee turnover. Furthermore, as can be shown in Table 1, switching from internal to external recruiting has a favourable effect on employee turnover. Therefore, an increase in external recruiting of 1 odd would lead to an increase in employee turnover of 0.84 odd. This suggests that external hires are less loyal and more likely to leave their positions quickly than internal hires.

Conclusion

Internal recruiting strategies may have a significant effect on employee turnover, which must be mitigated to avoid losing skilled workers. Therefore, management should enhance the requirements for promotions, and, with the exception of disciplinary actions, transfers must be discussed with the employee at their point of console. Promotions should primarily reflect improvements in both performance and education. When new people are brought in on a regular basis, it's not good for a company to have a large percentage of its workforce consist of inexperienced people. Groups of trainees often work for these banks for just a few months before moving on to other, more prestigious companies. Taking the appropriate steps to reduce the likelihood of losing both experienced employees and new hires is crucial. Internal promotions and branch transfers need regular upgrading of skills and knowledge. Management must take the initiative in addressing these urgent concerns lest they impede the Bank's progress in the future.

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The Growth of Social Media and Its Impact on Indian Politics

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Abstract :

The spread of social media platforms has had a transformative effect on the political system around the world. India is no exception. Social media affects the country's political dynamics. The purpose of this paper is to provide a comprehensive analysis of multilateral relations between social media and politics. Social media explained ways to change political system, electoral propaganda system, citizen participation and government-citizen dialogue. Transmitting misinformation on the democratic process.

Introduction:

The rapid growth of social media has led to a significant change in Indian politics, providing unprecedented opportunities for participation, information dissemination and civic investment. This digital revolution has allowed politicians to approach directly related factors. So the citizens began to express their views. Political social media information began to be received more easily. But social media is also facing challenges such as misinformation, echo chambers and privacy concerns. The influence of social media on Indian politics is growing, it is important to understand its complex dynamics of using the potential of democratic tendencies and creating a digital political environment responsible for the future. The purpose of this research paper is to contribute to the understanding of the unique impact of social media on Indian politics. This paper is the polarization of democracy and its consequences on the democratic opportunities, consequences and challenges of the social media country, and has been studied in the search essay.

Subject Relevance:

Social media's impact on Indian politics is of growing importance, with implications for the world's largest democracy.

This study is relevant to academics, politicians, policymakers, and individuals

interested in the intersection of technology and politics in India

Keywords: Social media impact, Indian politics, Political communication, Online activism, Digital democracy, social media platforms,

What is social media?

Social media exchanges information and ideas among people. Social media refers to the means of interaction between the virtual community and the people in the network. The Office of Communications and Marketing manages the main Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube accounts. Social media schools, offices, strategies play a full role in discussing this. Existing social media is about social media conversations, community, connecting to the audience and building relationships. These are only important broadcasting channels or sales and marketing, authenticity, honesty and free communication. Popular social media tools and platforms-blogs, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube / Vimeo, Flickr, Instagram, LinkedIn etc.

Impact of social media on Society –

- Growth of regional and local languages: India's linguistic diversity has led to the emergence of social media platforms that complement regional languages, making online content more accessible and relevant to non-English speakers. Platforms like Share Chat and Hello gained popularity for their regional content focus.
- Economic and political influence: social media plays an important role in connecting businesses with consumers, influencing the political system. Political parties and leaders have started using this platform for campaigning and communicating with voters since 2014.
- Entertainment: The emergence of platforms like Instagram and TikTok (now banned in India) has led to the rise of influencer culture. Have been effective in obtaining interesting information. A large number of followers have been gained through this.
- Government and Social Media: The Government of India has recognized the importance of social media for communication and citizen participation in governance. Platforms like Twitter have become official announcements and mediums of interaction.
- The rise of social media in India has had a profound impact on communication, culture, politics, and economy. It has provided a platform for expression and interaction which extends beyond geographical boundaries. But using misinformation, privacy responsibly. Challenges ahead Balancing the advantages and disadvantages of these platforms requires constant discussion and effort.

The Impact of Social Media on Political Communication 6-

Social media has had a revolutionary impact on political communication. Social media has fundamentally changed the way leaders, political parties and citizens

communicate. Social media has had a significant impact on information dissemination, campaigning, voter participation, political mobilization, and even policymaking. Following are some key aspects of social media's impact on political communication.

- Can interact directly with voters - Politicians can interact directly with voters, activists through social media, answer questions, solve problems. Not only that, but also participate in online conversations. This two-way communication system enhances the feeling of ease and responsiveness.
- Wider audience participation : Social media allows a politician to reach a larger and more diverse audience than traditional media channels. E.g. Content such as videos, live streams and interactive posts can generate high audience engagement.
- **Viral campaigns and trends** : Politicians can contribute to the spread of political discourse by using memes, hash tags and challenges to make their information more viral.
- **Youth Participation and Political Activism** : Social media platforms are good mediums to increase youth participation and political activism. Especially in the younger demographic. Younger voters are more likely to engage in political conversation, campaigning through social media.
- **Personalization** : Social media allows politicians to deliver their message to specific demographic groups based on interests, location and behavior. Also a political leader can always enhance political dialogue from a personal point of view.
- **Useful for Online Fundraising and Donations** : Political parties and leaders can use social media to collect funds from their supporters. Crowd funding campaigns and donation drives can quickly collect contributions from a large number of individuals.
- **Disaster Situations and Rapid Response** : In emergency situations politicians can use social media to disseminate accurate information or disseminate incorrect information.
- **Misinformation and Polarization** : Social media can spread misinformation quickly when given an opportunity, and social media can contribute to echo chambers and political polarization.
- **Transparency and Accountability** : Social media can enhance transparency by enabling citizens to hold politicians accountable for their promises, actions and statements.
- **Creates Global Political Connectivity** : Social media can transcend geographic boundaries to connect politicians with international audiences and participate in global conversations.

Finally, the impact of social media on political communication

is profound, with both opportunities and challenges. Its impact on information dissemination, engagement and interaction is re-emphasized in the way politics is organized and understood. As technology and user behavior continue to evolve, I believe the role of social media in political communication may become an important aspect of modern democracy.

Democratization of Political Discourse and Information Access -

Social media has played an important role in democratizing political discourse and access to information, breaking down traditional barriers and giving voice to a broad spectrum of individuals. This democratization has profound implications for civic participation, transparency and participatory governance. Below is an analysis of how social media has contributed to this transformation⁷.

- **Inclusive Platform** : Social media is a platform where anyone can express their thoughts, opinions and perspectives irrespective of their background, social status or geographical location.
- **Citizen Journalism** : Ordinary citizens can report news and events in real time through social media, bypassing traditional gatekeepers and promoting more decentralized media.
- **Expansion of Grassroots Movements** : Social media has facilitated the spread of grassroots movements at a much faster pace, thereby gaining grassroots knowledge.
- **Networking and Collaboration** : Social media platforms play an important role in enabling individuals and organizations to collaborate, share resources and coordinate for social and political change.

Finally, access to information through social media has democratized the flow of information, previously marginalized voices could not reach. It is now shaped by citizens through this medium. However, efforts must also be made to address misinformation to ensure that discourse remains open, informed, and constructive.

Citizen Participation in Policy Discourse -

Social media has facilitated citizen participation in policy discourse, allowing individuals to participate in discussions, provide feedback, and influence public policy in a way that never existed before. Social media can help citizens to play a more active role in policy discussions.

- Social media platforms are convenient for citizens to express their views, participate in policy debates.
- Government officials and elected representatives can participate directly or interact with each other through platforms such as Twitter, where discussions are open to the public.
- Social media can be used to file online petitions or start movements related to specific policy issues, which can be useful in bringing citizens together to support

change.

- Social Media Government agencies can conduct online public consultations and surveys to gather input from citizens while formulating policies.
- Social media platforms make it easy to build communities around specific strategic issues, allowing like-minded individuals to collaborate or strategize.
- Public Awareness: Citizens can use social media to raise awareness of policy issues that may not receive significant coverage in traditional media, thus increasing their importance.
- Promoting government initiatives: Policy makers can use social media directly to formulate policies by incorporating public input into the decision-making process or to communicate government agency policy changes, initiatives and benefits to citizens.
- Awareness campaigns: Citizens can use social media to launch awareness campaigns on critical issues such as environmental conservation, public health and social justice.
- Policy Education: Social media platforms provide opportunities for citizens to learn about complex policy issues and break down more digestible information through social media.
- Public opinion expressed on social media can influence policy decisions by pressuring policymakers to conform to popular sentiment.

Finally, social media has democratized policy discourse, allowing citizens to actively participate in discussions, voice their opinions, and influence decision-making processes. This enhances transparency and inclusiveness, but requires effort to ensure discussions remain constructively informed.

Amplifying grassroots voices and marginalized communities -

Social media has emerged as a powerful tool for amplifying voices and providing a platform for marginalized communities to share their stories, concerns and aspirations.

- Global Visibility : Social media allows grassroots movements and marginalized communities to communicate their local issues, struggles and aspirations to a global audience.⁸
- Raising awareness : Marginalized communities can use social media to create awareness about their specific challenges, issues that are not given adequate coverage in traditional media.
- Cultural preservation : Social media enables marginalized communities to share their cultural heritage, traditions, and language, helping to preserve their identity.
- Social media encourages members of marginalized communities to actively participate in public discourse, influencing public opinion and policy debates.

Finally, social media has enabled marginalized communities and grassroots movements to amplify their voices, creating connections that transcend geographic boundaries.

A transformative influence on Indian politics -

Targeted messaging: Social media data enables campaigns to target specific demographic groups with messages tailored through analytics. That way, customization increases the relevance of campaign content.

- Engagement and interaction : Social media encourages two-way communication, enabling candidates to converse with voters, answer questions and address real-time issues.
- Content Diversity : Campaigns can use a variety of content formats, including text, images, video and live streams, to engage a diverse audience and deliver their message effectively.
- Rapid response : Social media enables campaigns to respond quickly to news or attacks, shape the narrative and effectively counter opposition.
- Live Debates and Q&A Sessions : Candidates can participate in live video debates, town hall sessions and question-and-answer sessions, allowing voters to interact directly with them.
- Peer effects : Social media facilitate peer-to-peer effects, with voters on their platforms discussing candidates and their friends and followers.

Finally, social media has transformed election campaigning and voter engagement by providing dynamic and interactive platforms for candidates to connect with voters. Given the numerous benefits, campaigns also need to navigate misinformation, online echo rooms, and challenges related to maintaining authenticity in the digital realm.

Social Media and Public Records -

Social media platforms serve as channels for public disclosure of government budgets, expenditure reports and other financial information.

- Access to Information : Social media allows citizens to access government documents, reports and public records, promoting open access to information.
- Citizens can use social media to report problems related to public services, such as infrastructure problems, and hold the government accountable for solving them.
- Social media provides a platform for whistleblowers and journalists to expose corruption, inefficiency and abuse in government.
- Public meetings of the government, legislative sessions and town halls can be streamed live on social media platforms, allowing citizens to monitor government proceedings.

- Social media can create space for open discussion between government representatives and citizens, fostering transparency and trust.

Finally, the role of social media in enhancing transparency and government accountability is important in creating a more accountable, responsive and participatory governance framework. However, governments and citizens must work together to ensure that social media channels are used responsibly and constructively to promote transparency and facilitate meaningful communication.

Misinformation, Fake News and Echo Chambers -

The proliferation of social media poses serious challenges to misinformation, fake news and the creation of echo chambers. These issues can have far-reaching implications for public debate, civic participation and the stability of democracy.

- Misrepresentation is false or incorrect information that is intentionally made. Social media platforms facilitate the rapid spread of misinformation due to their rapid pace.
- Fake news involves the deliberate creation of false information to deceive or manipulate the public. Social media allows fake news to be quickly created and disseminated to a wide audience.
- Echo Chambers: Echo chambers are digital spaces where individuals are primarily exposed to content that reinforces their existing beliefs and opinions. Social media often prioritizes content based on users' past interactions, which reinforce narrow perspectives.
- Misinformation or sensationalism often spreads faster and wider than accurate information, leading to the rapid spread of misinformation.

Misinformation and fake news can shape public opinion on critical issues, potentially influence public sentiment and even affect election results.

Contribution of social media to political polarization -

Social media is known to be a significant contributor to political polarization, where individuals and groups become more divided along ideological lines.

Addressing social media's contribution to political polarization requires platform design changes, media literacy efforts, and a new commitment to respectful and open communication. Recognizing the potential for polarization and proactively exploring different approaches are essential steps to fostering more balanced and constructive online conversations.

Relevance to the study of Indian politics -

Changing political dynamics: Social media has become a major medium for political discourse, activism and engagement in India. Understanding how the interaction between political parties, candidates and citizens has changed requires understanding

the details of this change. Indian elections, known for their complexity and scale, have been transformed by the inclusion of social media in campaign strategies. This study can shed light on how parties benefit from social media to reach voters, communicate and influence public opinion. Since social movements, social media has played an important role in bringing citizens together for political causes. Understanding this aspect can provide insight into the dynamics of modern political mobilization in India.

- Social media platforms have provided a platform for marginalized groups, regions and communities to voice their concerns and opinions, democratizing political discourse.
- Social media platforms work for rapid reach. Which includes real news and breakdowns. This study explores the impact of these dynamics on political decision-making.
- Media Literacy and Digital Citizenship: As social media literacy becomes an important skill; the study can highlight the importance of media literacy and recommend strategies to enhance responsible digital citizenship.

In short, it seeks to gain a comprehensive understanding of how social media is changing the political process, communication and engagement in the country. This has made this study relevant to Indian politics. By examining the opportunities, challenges and possible solutions, this study can guide policy makers, researchers and stakeholders in the development of Indian politics in the digital age.

Conclusion :

Finally, the rise of social media has undoubtedly changed the size of Indian politics, increasing noise and boosting political investment. However, the result is a double sword, as it offers a new way of participation at the same time and presents the challenges associated with misinformation and polarization. Balancing between using the potential of social media while reducing its negative impact is an important task for the Indian political landscape.

Challenges and Concerns With the growth of social media, challenges such as misinformation, fake news, online harassment, and privacy concerns emerged. These issues prompted discussions about regulation and responsible platform usage.

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The Influence of Parent Brand Image on Extended Brands : A Conceptual Framework

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Abstract :

Brand expansions, the strategic enlargement of well-established brands into new product sectors, have become a prevalent marketing tactic in today's competitive marketplace. Crucial to the acceptance of expanded brands is the impact of the fundamental brand's reputation. This theoretical examination presents a comprehensive framework that clarifies the dynamics of this impact. Our framework covers central elements such as brand reputation, brand associations, and uniformity, which collectively mold consumer perceptions of brand broadening. These components are vital for brand supervisors and researchers scrutinizing the complexities of brand diversifications and their reception in varied market circumstances. Additionally, our framework spotlights two crucial facets of original brand image influence: a favorable parent brand image, characterized by standing, recognition, and perceived excellence, and a stable brand image. These facets significantly influence perceived compatibility, consumer reliance, and consumer perceptions, thereby dictating the success of brand expansions. Moreover, our study delves into mediating factors, emphasizing the pivotal role of consumer trust and emotive branding. These factors act as connectors, translating parent brand image into perceived compatibility and consumer perceptions, ultimately influencing brand extension prosperity. Lastly, we examine moderating factors like product category and brand history, which introduce context-specific intricacy into our framework. This theoretical exploration provides a strong basis for empirical research in the realm of marketing and brand oversight, offering valuable insights for brand planners striving to optimize brand portfolios and enhance brand expansion acceptance in today's dynamic market environment.

Keywords : Extended Brand, Core Brand, Parent Brand, Conceptual Framework, Brand Extension

1. Introduction

The expansion of beloved brand names into new product sectors referred to as brand extensions, has become a prevalent tactic in the contemporary business landscape (Keller, 2003). This strategic maneuver capitalizes on the value accumulated by the parent brand to introduce novel offerings, offering a promising opportunity for brand overseers. The success of brand expansions is crucial for companies aiming to refine their brand portfolios while minimizing the hazards associated with launching entirely fresh brands (Aaker, 1990). In this context, the role of the parent brand's reputation takes center stage. A robust and favorable parent brand reputation can profoundly influence how consumers perceive and embrace brand extensions (Simonin & Ruth, 1998). The parent brand's reputation serves as a cornerstone upon which brand extensions are established, affecting consumer attitudes, inclinations, and purchase intentions (Keller, 1998). Research conducted by Aaker and Keller (1990) implies that the compatibility between the brand and its expanded version is pivotal for consumer endorsement and the triumph of brand extensions. While the body of literature has delved into various aspects of brand extensions, the link between core brand image and the adoption of extensions remains a central point of investigation (Aaker & Keller, 1990). The importance of this connection is underscored by empirical studies. For example, a study by “Chattopadhyay and Alba (1988)” determined that a favorable parent brand reputation positively influences perceived compatibility, resulting in a more positive attitude toward extended brands. In the subsequent sections, we will introduce a comprehensive framework that integrates fundamental components, the influence of core brand reputation, mediating factors, and moderating factors, providing a holistic viewpoint on the impact of parent brand reputation on brand expansions. This framework, grounded in a evaluation of existing literature and theoretical insights, aims to establish a basis for upcoming empirical research in the domain of marketing and brand expansions. Comprehending the mechanisms underpinning this relationship is indispensable for companies striving to optimize their brand strategies and enhance the acceptance of brand extensions in a competitive marketplace.

2. Literature Review

Brand expansions, characterized by the institution of novel products or services under an established brand designation, embody a strategic approach for businesses to harness the value of their parent trademarks (Aaker, 1990). A pivotal determinant of the triumph of these expansions is the parent brand's perception, encompassing consumer beliefs and connections with the trademark (Keller, 1993). Perceived harmony, a central notion in brand extension literature underscores the significance of congruence between the parent brand's perception and the elongated product (Keller, 2003). Users are more predisposed to accept expansions when they discern a robust congruity (Park et al., 1991). This is especially conspicuous when the parent brand revels in a affirmative perception, as a favorable trademark perception influences consumer anticipations of the expansion, resulting in more positive attitudes (Loken & John, 1993). In mediating the correlation between fundamental brand image and the perceived congruity of expansions, consumer reliance emerges as a pivotal factor (Keller, 1998). A constructive parent brand perception fosters consumer reliance, contributing to

heightened acceptance of the expansions (Aaker & Keller, 1990). Additionally, affective branding, which encompasses establishing emotional bonds with consumers, intermediates the influence of parent brand perception on consumer beliefs of expansions (Thomson, MacInnis, & Park, 2005).

3. Materials and Techniques

The materials and techniques employed in this conceptual study, which focuses on "The Influence of Parent Brand Image on Brand Extensions," are primarily based on the use of secondary data. We have sourced this secondary data from a wide array of pertinent literature, including academic research papers, journal articles, textbooks, and industry reports. These materials are essential for establishing the groundwork for constructing the conceptual framework and developing a comprehensive literature review. The selection of secondary data sources is meticulously curated to ensure their direct relevance to the research topic. Our primary criteria for inclusion are the thematic focus on parent brand image, brand extensions, perceived fit, consumer trust, emotional branding, the impact of product category, and the historical track record of brand extensions. The process of data extraction involves systematically identifying, collecting, and categorizing information gleaned from these secondary data sources.

4. Conceptual Framework

The theoretical structure presented in this research serves as a sturdy roadmap for comprehending the complex interaction between a primary brand's reputation and the triumph of its brand expansions. Its three central components, specifically Main Brand Reputation, Brand associations, and Uniformity in its image, collectively mold the realm of consumer viewpoints and approval of brand enlargements. Main Brand image is the cornerstone of this model. It encompasses the vigor of the core brand, which incorporates brand recognition, standing, and perceived excellence. A potent core brand, defined by strong brand awareness, a favorable standing, and an apparent commitment to excellence, considerably impacts consumers' readiness to welcome brand extensions. When consumers highly regard the core brand, they are more likely to observe a natural coherence between the core brand's reputation and its expansions, leading to a more favorable stance toward the expansions. Brand Connections play a pivotal function in shaping consumer perception of the core brand and its expansions. These connections reflect the precise traits, principles, and emotional bonds consumers associate with the core brand. Constructive brand connections, such as reliability and novelty, elevate the desirability of expansions, while adverse connections can discourage consumers. Brand overseers must thoroughly grasp and govern these connections to ensure that expansions correspond to the desired brand image. Consistency in the brand reputation throughout diverse products or services beneath the same brand umbrella is a critical element of consumer trust and congruence. A uniform brand reputation assures consumers that they can anticipate a certain degree of excellence, principles, and commitment across all extensions. It fosters trust and elevates the perceived alignment between the core brand and its expansions. On the contrary, incongruent brand reputations can perplex consumers and heighten the difficulty in approving brand extensions. Brand expansions, standing for products or services beneath the same brand, are characterized by three fundamental constructs: Perceived Harmony, Consumer Understanding, and Expansion Achievement. Perceived trust, the compatibility

recognized by consumers between the core brand's reputation and the elongated product or service, is a fundamental determiner of consumer stances toward extensions. Consumer understanding encompasses a comprehensive evaluation, taking into account tangible characteristics and emotional aspects associated with the brand. Expansion achievement, the ultimate measure for assessing the efficiency of a brand extension, incorporates sales data, market performance, and consumer approval. The model also takes into consideration intermediating variables and moderating variables. Intermediating variables like consumer trust and emotional branding bridge the space between the core brand reputation and perceived harmony and consumer perception of brand expansions. These variables underscore the significance of cultivating reliance and emotional connections to boost the reception and accomplishment of brand expansions. Moderating variables like product category and brand history intricacy by acknowledging that distinct product groups and a brand's historical track record can substantially shape consumer viewpoints and approval of brand expansions.

In conclusion, this all-encompassing structure provides worthwhile insights for brand executives and researchers, enabling them to navigate the complexities of brand administration in a competitive marketplace. It underscores the pivotal role of a robust and consistent core brand reputation while acknowledging the sway of product category and brand chronicle in shaping consumer viewpoints of brand expansions. By understanding and implementing these insights, brand executives can enrich their brand approaches and maximize the achievement of brand expansions.

5. Discussion

This study presents a conceptual framework that examines the intricate correlation between a primary brand's reputation and the acceptance of brand expansions. Central components within this structure encompass the strength of the originating brand, its affiliations, and consistency in its image. A potent parental brand with favorable connections favorably impacts the endorsement of extensions by consumers. Upholding a uniform brand image is indispensable for establishing consumer confidence. Aspects such as perceived compatibility, consumer sentiment, and the prosperity of extensions also play a role. Intermediating factors such as reliance and sentimental branding, in addition to moderating factors like product classification and brand heritage, exert influence on this connection. This framework assists brand supervisors and researchers in navigating intricate brand extension management within a fiercely competitive market.

6. Conclusion

The conceptual framework offers a comprehensive structure for exploring the intricate dynamics of the main brand's reputation and its impact on expanding the brand. It provides insights into the significance of consumer trust, emotional brand development, product category, and brand history, contributing to a nuanced grasp of the intricate connections that boost the triumph of brand expansions. In summary, this conceptual framework establishes the groundwork for forthcoming empirical investigations in the marketing and brand administration sector, delivering a basis for enterprises and brand administrators to fine-tune their brand tactics and augment the reception of brand growth in a competitive business environment. Comprehending the mechanisms that underlie the association between the main brand's reputation and brand expansion is crucial for navigating the intricate landscape of

present-day branding.

6.1 Practical implications of the framework : Brand managers should focus on strengthening the parent brand through awareness, reputation, and quality. Managing brand associations and ensuring a consistent brand image is crucial for trust and consumer acceptance. Tailored strategies for different product categories and learning from historical successes and failures are essential for brand extension success.

6.1 Limitations of the Framework : Empirical data is needed for practical application. The framework may oversimplify complex brand extensions, and moderating factors may not universally apply. Maintaining a consistent brand image can be challenging, and consumer preferences evolve, emphasizing the need for ongoing empirical research to refine the framework.

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A Critical Assessment of the Digital Transformation's Impact on HRM in the BPO Sector : A Detailed Study in Nagpur

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Abstract :

This study examines how the digital revolution has affected human resource variables including training and development, talent management, and overall performance in the public sector of India. This positive correlation between the independent variable (digital transformation) and the three dependent variables (all of which impact the human resource process in modern businesses) is not surprising. The study was conducted at a university and compared it to a postal service that advertises itself as a one-stop shop. This study's findings support the hypothesis that the digital revolution's impact on human resource elements and its contribution to boosting productivity are broadly applicable across both contexts.

Keywords : BPO, HRD, Digital revolution, impact, performance, productivity

INTRODUCTION

The HRM processes and procedures in the BPO industry have been profoundly altered by the advent of digitalization. In order to improve efficiency, productivity, and service quality, the BPO business has been on the front edge of embracing digital technology. Some of the major effects of digitalization on BPO HRM are as follows: Acquiring and Recruiting New Employees: In order to find and attract new employees, BPOs are increasingly turning to digital channels. More qualified individuals are found and attracted to open positions via the use of online job boards, social media, and algorithms driven by artificial intelligence.

Data analytics : Tools for analysing large amounts of data to draw conclusions about something, such as which job applicants are most likely to succeed in a certain position.

Training and Orientation : Onboarding and education for new workers at BPOs are handled using e-learning platforms and virtual training programmes. This paves the way for remotely accessible standardised training modules. Some business process outsourcing (BPO) providers have begun using virtual reality (VR) systems to provide more realistic environments

for teaching complicated procedures and soft skills.

Management Based on Performance : Digital technologies provide real-time feedback and evaluation, leading to continual development.

Evaluation Based on Hard Numbers : With the use of analytics and data monitoring, human resources can evaluate staff performance, pinpoint problem areas, and provide individualised assistance and training. **Motivation of Workers:** To keep its staff interested and informed, BPOs utilise a variety of digital communication methods. These may be things like company-wide emails, online town halls, and shared workspaces. Some BPOs provide wellness applications to their staff to aid in the reduction of stress and the promotion of a healthy work-life balance. **Flexibility and remote employment:** The business process outsourcing industry is a major proponent of telecommuting, or working remotely from anyplace there is an internet connection. This provides versatility and broadens access to potential employees.

LITERATURE REVIEW

According to the Digital Transformation Guide (2015), a digital revolution is "the radical and rapid change of business activities, processes, competencies, and models to fully leverage the changes and opportunities of digital technologies and their impact across society." Keeping both the present and the future in mind, the creation of new skills centres on the capacity to be more agile, people-oriented, inventive, connected, aligned, and efficient.

Companies' surprising lack of understanding of Digital Transformation, which Bloomberg (2014) defines as "the realignment or new investment in technology and business models to more effectively engage digital customers at every touchpoint in the customer experience lifecycle," was revealed in a study conducted by the company. To adapt to the new digital economy, businesses required to undergo a "digital transformation," which they should see as a "formal effort to renovate business vision, models, and investments."

According to King (2013), the digital revolution is what happens to companies who refuse to adapt to the changing market. No transition is necessary for a firm that keeps pace with the market, revises its offerings regularly, expands into new demographics, and increases the lifetime value of its present clientele. Verdino (2015) makes a similar addition, defining digital transformation as the process by which companies transition to meeting the needs of digital clients while still maintaining the efficiencies of analogue operations.

Recruiting, training, and keeping good employees are the three main focuses of HR. Talent is a differentiator, a business builder, and increasingly crucial in protecting against the threat of disruptors and the increasing pace of market change led by the digitalization of business (we are atmosphere.com, 2015).

According to Hunt (2014), the use of social and digital technologies to transform talent management is essential, as these tools can be used to improve communication, collaboration, and employee engagement both within an organisation and among employees. Human resource procedures and talent management technologies will no longer exist in a vacuum. Instead, human resource management and talent development will become intrinsic to the workplace of the future (The Innovation enterprise, 2015).

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

After the issue has been defined, research objectives may be formulated. They are detailed

down below.

- Examining how the information technology revolution has altered training and education for HR.
- To evaluate how the information technology revolution has changed human resource management.
- To look at how the digital revolution has affected productivity in the workplace.

RESEARCHMETHODOLOGY

The study was conducted at BPOs in the Nagpur area. The benchmarking procedure tested BPOs' digital transformation using the framework. After information has been released to the public, benchmarking may improve both transparency and performance. The claim that benchmarking should serve as a baseline against which other things may be measured; a tool for identifying and pursuing the best practises in a certain field; and an indicator of progress towards industry leaders. A comparative analysis was performed before administering the questionnaire to guarantee reliable findings.

RESEARCHFINDINGS

Respondents from both universities were given a 12-item questionnaire consisting of 3 primary questions supporting the hypothesis, each of which was further subdivided into 4 items using the Likert Scale approach, where 1 represented Strongly Disagree, 2 Disagree, 3 Agree, and 4 Strongly Agree. The average standard deviation was 0.5, with the mean standard value being 2.5. Here's a rundown of what each is.

The following conclusions were drawn using the mean of 2.5. In the first scenario, the average values for the effect of the digital revolution on the growth of human resources at universities and postal services were 2.7 and 2.8, respectively. The results were higher than 3.0, proving that the premise about the improvement of ICT and cognitive abilities was correct. The theory that public sector promotion is extremely regimented and rigid may explain why CPD and career progression were given lower marks.

The average cumulative scores for the effect of the digital revolution on talent management were 2.7 and 2.9, respectively. With promising results in areas like data transformation, which fosters creativity at work and aids in ushering in change, the digital revolution clearly has an impact on talent management and cultivation. Data transformation's impact on talent management's promotion and advancement mechanisms received a bad grade.

It was hypothesised that the average accumulated values of college professors and postal workers would be comparable. The productivity of both academic and postal workers increased dramatically as a result of the digital revolution. The efforts of the responders in both groups were enriched as a result of this. Flexibility is still a contentious topic in the public sector, which may explain why replies were lower than expected when asked about flexible and productive working.

After the null hypothesis was rejected, a one-way ANOVA was used to compare the two groups under the same assessment criteria (human resource development, talent management, and performance management). Data manipulation had an effect on all three variables, supporting the null hypothesis. Below is the analysis of variance (ANOVA) score.

Table3 : AOne-WayANOVA

Source	df	SS	MS	F	P-value
Treatments	2	0.057	0.016	0.9124	0.7564
Error	2	0.201	0.042		
Total	4	0.178			

No statistically significant differences were found between the three scenarios. The researcher may deduce that the discrepancies in Means between the conditions are most likely attributable to random variation. The majority of respondents scored quite similarly across both assessments.

After collecting data, the researcher consulted a panel consisting of a specialist in IT, a specialist in business studies, a postal worker, and a senior public servant for their thoughts on the results. The purpose of this activity was to gauge the degree to which participants endorsed the final tally. Since the members wanted to share their honest opinions on the issues at hand, they requested anonymity in order to do so while responding to the questions. To protect each participant's right to privacy, we created a secret coding scheme for their remarks.

CONCLUSION

The findings conclude that the digital revolution positively affects human resource variables and will play an increasingly important role in the workplace. To efficiently manage data transformation in company, HR professionals need a firm grasp of and commitment to sound processes. It is also recognised that the three proposed factors covered in this research may only reap the advantages of digital technology if there is good coordination between their deployment and utilisation. Despite the study's time and sample size constraints, it is clear that organisations are beginning to recognise the value that the digital revolution has brought to the sector. A significant jump ahead of the information technology spread that occurred two decades ago, India is today actively involved in the harvesting of digital data. To ensure an ICT-literate workforce, the modernization of the BPO has necessitated the education of employees in such tools.

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A Critical Examination of Human Resource Planning Practices in Contemporary Organizations: A Case Study in the Nagpur Region

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ABSTRACT

Before establishing their own firm, many entrepreneurs create detailed plans. However, human resource planning is frequently overlooked by those who run smaller companies. They might launch with no staff, a small team, or something in between. An organization's success is proportional to the efforts of its employees. Failed attempts at employment might lead to underachievement. Human resource planning is crucial because it helps avoid wasting time and money on things like employing the wrong individuals for the proper jobs and failing to anticipate swings in recruiting demands. Integrating HR strategy into the larger company plan is essential. The first step is to take stock of the company's present situation and its long-term objectives. Maintain a regular schedule of these checks. Journals, published publications, and interviews with notable figures in the field of human resource development planning serve as the primary means by which this information is gathered. Human resource development using the World Wide Web and supplementary reading material. Companies that provide HR training and recruiting services.

KeyWords : Business Environment, Human Resource Planning, Entrepreneurs, HR strategy

INTRODUCTION

Human resource planning (HRP) is an essential procedure in today's competitive corporate world. Human resource planning is anticipating a company's personnel requirements in the future and filling open roles with qualified individuals so that the company may fulfil its long-term objectives. Several variables affect how businesses approach HRP in today's fast-paced and ever-changing corporate environment. Organisations in the modern day often have a worldwide scope of operations due to globalisation. This implies HRP should look abroad as well as at home for potential hires. This requires an awareness of the immigration regulations,

cultural norms, and other elements that shape the international labour force.

Rapid technological development is influencing a shift in what employers look for in prospective employees. Organisations need to prepare for upskilling and reskilling personnel as automation, artificial intelligence, and digitalization alter traditional job positions. The value of a diverse and inclusive workforce is being more recognised by businesses. Human resource planning today include strategies for recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce. There is a shortage of highly trained personnel in several sectors. Competitive labour markets make it imperative that HRP strategies focus on acquiring, developing, and keeping top-tier personnel.

Literature Review

According to Speamerfam (2011), it is the responsibility of the HR department to find and recruit top people for the company. All of this requires careful preparation if you want to attract qualified applicants with an appealing advertising. Following this, job descriptions and job specifications are proposed to offer information on the work, the duties associated with a position, the necessary credentials, and the technical and other abilities required for success in the position. Human resource planning often includes a prediction of the staff turnover rate. In the end, applicants are interviewed, and those chosen get training to become proficient in all aspects of their jobs. Employee morale is boosted and turnover is lowered as a result of this productive effort. Human resources administrative tasks like performance reviews and salary administration need careful strategy and leadership.

When goals of the organisation are well-planned for, they are more likely to be met, which is why Gopikrishna (2021) emphasised the importance of the human resource planning process. Therefore, organisations first gather information about their aims and objectives, and then organise the necessary personnel, assets, and skills.

Dwevedi (2022) describes HRP as a process that aids in the correct performance of crucial HR responsibilities, such as providing accurate and timely information regarding when to recruit people. By reducing unnecessary delays, the firm may save money.

Planning for the organization's human resources needs is crucial. De Cenzo and Robbins (2018) argue that human resource planning is a crucial part of any effective HRM strategy. Studies suggest that over 80% of medium and large businesses regularly engage in human resource planning (Craft, 2018), indicating the importance of this practise to a company's success in a competitive market. In order to remain competitive over the long term, it is crucial to make the most of one's human resources (Zülch, Rottinger, & Vollstedt, 2014). In times of organisational instability, such as mergers, amalgamations, consolidations, the study of labour market conditions, or periods of low unemployment, human resource planning is especially important (Mello, 2011).

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

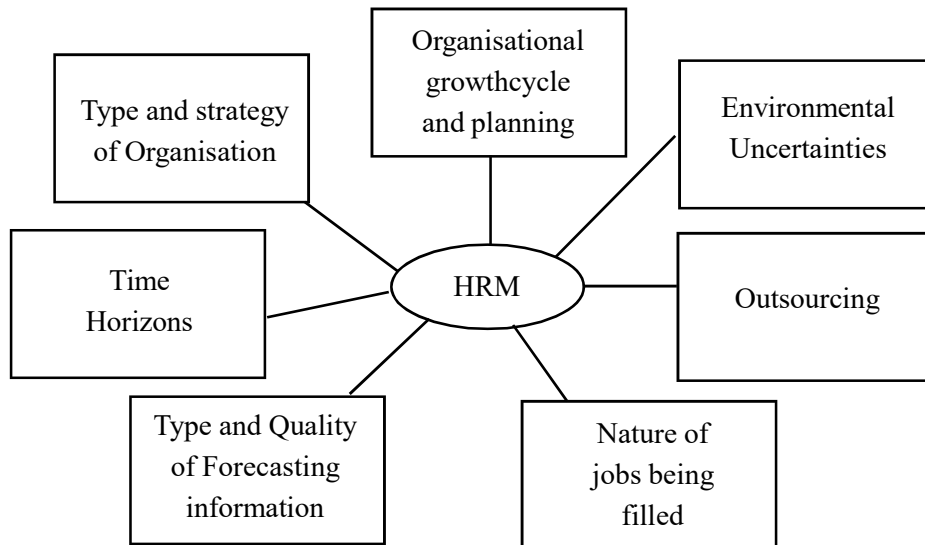
Human Resource Planning (also known as HRP) is a crucial part of any HRM strategy. It's useful for making up for the shortage of human resources. Considering this,

1. The article focuses on the organization's strategies to face future difficulties, particularly those involving technical and skilled human resource.
2. To learn how different companies in the current business world approach strategic planning.

3. It analysed how different organisations teach their staff and how different types of training affect productivity.

DISCUSSION

HUMANITARIAN RESOURCE PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS



Factors Affecting HRP

Multiple factors have an impact on HR planning. Some of the most crucial are (i) the organization's kind and strategy, (ii) the organization's development cycle and planning, (iii) environmental uncertainties, (iv) time horizons, (v) the nature of the roles being filled, (vi) the type and quality of forecasting, and (vii) the practise of offloading tasks.

Organisational type is crucial since it establishes the nature of production, the quantity and kind of workers required, and the roles of managers and supervisors. Organisations involved in manufacturing are more complicated in this regard than service providers. Human Resource Planning may be affected significantly by the organization's development stage. Personnel plans aren't always necessary for startups. When a company begins a period of expansion, the need for careful preparation becomes apparent. The need to plan ahead for human resources has grown. Keeping up with this expansion requires a focus on personal improvement on the inside as well. There is less fluidity and variation in a well developed organisation. Reduced growth rate. As fewer young individuals are employed, the workforce ages. As a company declines, preparations are made for downsizing, layoffs, and retirement. Human resources professionals seldom get to work in a secure and predictable setting.

INHIBITIONS IN HUMAN RESOURCE PLANNING

Human resource planners in any industrial concern or service organisation encounter substantial challenges when trying to develop an HR strategy. Some of the obstacles include: One common argument against offering incentives to employees who are excess to requirements is that they could be reluctant to go. Why bother with lengthy and complicated human resource planning? HR professionals have a reputation for being people specialists but little knowledge of running a firm. When the human resources professionals' personnel strategy becomes intertwined with the organisational plan, it might introduce flaws into both.

HR planning is a challenging task that must be accomplished by the business. In other cases, it may be difficult to find qualified candidates, or the job requirements itself may be vague. Human Resource data does not always mesh well with data needed to develop strategies. Financial forecasting has always been given a disproportionate amount of attention in strategic planning processes. Human Resource Planning is secondary to financial forecasting. There may be tensions between immediate and future Human Resource requirements. For instance, there may be tension between short-term goals, like meeting the deadline, and long-term goals, like educating employees to take on more responsibility. Many executives believe that as long as they provide attractive compensation, they can find the qualified workers they need in the human resources department. Managers who make personnel decisions based on immediate requirements are blind to the fact that this approach always leads to problems in the long run.

CONCLUSION

Planning for the use of human resources is crucial for every business. It's important to understand the big picture of the company and how HR works to accomplish this. Keeping track of the company's many HR planning processes may be challenging since each one has to be tweaked depending on the specifics of the current situation, the available resources, and the people who need to be hired. It's hard to generalise about what processes work best for what kinds of businesses. The quality of the job done by the individuals we engage determines how successful the planning will be. Finding the proper individual for the position is difficult, and there are other obstacles as well. Human resource planning fails when the many departments whose members are needed but aren't consulted throughout the selection process, resulting in the incorrect individual being assigned to the proper position and overall workplace inefficiencies. Human resource planning may be successfully executed with the help of cross-departmental cooperation.

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A MULTIFACETED SOCIO-LEGAL EXPLORATION OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN KOLHAPUR'S SUGAR INDUSTRY, MAHARASHTRA: SWEETENING LIVES AND BITTER REALITIES

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ABSTRACT

This socio-legal research delves into the intricate lives of migrant laborers toiling within the sugar factories of Kolhapur District, Maharashtra, uncovering both the sweet moments of promise and the bitter realities that define their existence. In the heartland of India's sugarcane production, this research probes the multifaceted dimensions of migration, labor exploitation, and the legal mechanisms governing this intricate nexus. Migrant workers play a pivotal role in the functioning of sugar factories, representing the backbone of this vital industry. The research employs a multidisciplinary approach, intertwining sociological, legal, and economic perspectives to provide a holistic understanding of the challenges faced by these laborers. It also scrutinizes the complex interplay of various stakeholders including factory owners, local authorities, and labor unions. These actors profoundly influence the circumstances of migrant laborers, highlighting the power dynamics that often leave them vulnerable. The legal aspect of this research scrutinizes the regulatory framework governing migrant labor, focusing on both existing laws and their enforcement. It seeks to identify gaps in legal protection, areas of non-compliance, and opportunities for reform. This research seeks to foster a more just and equitable environment for the unsung heroes of India's sugar industry.

KEYWORDS : Migrant Workers, Sugar Factories Kolhapur, District, Socio-Legal Research, Labor Exploitation.

INTRODUCTION

The sugar factories of Kolhapur District, nestled in the heart of Maharashtra, have long been emblematic of India's agricultural prowess, particularly in the cultivation of sugarcane.

These sugar factories stand as pillars of economic activity, contributing significantly to the nation's sugar production. However, beneath the verdant sugarcane fields and the chimneys that punctuate the skyline, there exists a hidden, multifaceted narrative that defines the lives of migrant workers. These individuals, often seeking a taste of economic prosperity, traverse great distances, leaving behind their homes and families to engage in arduous labor within the confines of sugar mills.

The story of migrant labor in Kolhapur's sugar factories is one of stark contrasts—sweetening lives with the promise of employment, while simultaneously embittering them with the harsh realities of their existence. This socio-legal research embarks on an exploration of these complex lives, seeking to unravel the layers of experiences that define the existence of these workers. In doing so, we aim to shed light on the human stories behind the sugar industry, while simultaneously unraveling the intricate web of socio-legal factors that shape their lives.

Kolhapur District, situated in the western state of Maharashtra, bears witness to the seasonal migration of thousands of workers who converge on its sugar factories, primarily during the sugarcane crushing season. The region's climate, soil, and infrastructure make it ideal for sugarcane cultivation, thus fueling the demand for labor during the sugar production cycle. As a result, the district experiences an annual influx of migrant laborers, transforming its demographics and local economies for a significant portion of the year.

The migrant workers are drawn from various parts of India, seeking employment and better livelihoods in the sugar-rich landscape of Kolhapur. For many, this journey represents an escape from the clutches of rural poverty, offering the allure of regular wages, however modest, that can change the trajectory of their families' lives. Yet, once these workers arrive at the sugar factories, their lives are often characterized by challenging conditions, labor exploitation, and precarious legal protections. The social dimension of this research delves into the living conditions and working environments of the laborers, the interplay of local communities, and the socio-economic forces that both shape and are shaped by their presence. The research also investigates the dynamics of the labor force itself, including their interactions with local communities and the ways in which these transient communities adapt to their temporary homes in Kolhapur.

The legal aspect of this research critically evaluates the regulatory framework that governs migrant labor, including labor laws, social security provisions, and the enforcement of these regulations. Factory owners, local authorities, and labor unions constitute essential stakeholders in this complex dynamic. Their actions and decisions influence the circumstances of migrant laborers significantly. Therefore, this research also investigates the power dynamics between these stakeholders, exploring how they impact the lives and livelihoods of the workers.

NAVIGATING THE LIVES OF MIGRANT WORKERS

Migration has long been a fundamental feature of India's socio-economic landscape, driven by a variety of factors including uneven regional development, lack of employment opportunities in rural areas, and the search for a better life. Within this context, the sugar factories of Kolhapur District, Maharashtra, represent a microcosm of the broader national narrative of migration. Migrant laborers who journey to Kolhapur typically hail from different states and regions across India. Their motivations are often grounded in the quest for livelihoods

that are elusive in their home regions. The initial phase of their migration is marked by the anticipation of better prospects, which often revolves around securing a stable source of income and elevating the socio-economic status of their families. The legal framework that regulates this migration is multifaceted. The Constitution of India guarantees all citizens the right to move freely throughout the territory of the country. However, the practical implications of this right are often complicated by administrative measures that require migrants to navigate a maze of paperwork and bureaucratic processes. Additionally, while labor laws, such as the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, are in place to safeguard the rights of these workers, enforcement remains a challenge, leaving many migrants vulnerable to exploitation.

A key component of the socio-legal framework that affects migrant laborers in Kolhapur is the protection and enforcement of their rights. While several laws and regulations are in place to safeguard the interests of these workers, the implementation and effectiveness of these measures are often marred by various challenges. Many migrant workers are not well-informed about the laws that are designed to protect them. This knowledge gap can make them susceptible to exploitation and abuse by unscrupulous employers. The seasonal and temporary nature of migration to Kolhapur complicates the implementation of legal protections.

In the intricate socio-legal landscape governing the lives of migrant workers, local legal aid organizations play a crucial role. These organizations serve as bridges between the workers and the legal system, offering assistance in understanding their rights, providing legal counsel, and advocating on their behalf. They are instrumental in empowering laborers to assert their legal rights and provide a sense of security in unfamiliar surroundings. The socio-legal framework that governs the lives of migrant workers in Kolhapur is a dynamic and multifaceted system. The legal rights and protections available to these laborers coexist with challenges in implementation, enforcement, and awareness.

THE REALITIES OF MIGRANT LABOR IN KOLHAPUR

The sugarcane fields of Kolhapur, Maharashtra, hold a mesmerizing charm with their lush green expanses that extend as far as the eye can see. These fields not only evoke images of sweetness but also bear witness to the toil and sweat of countless migrant workers who converge on this region during the sugarcane crushing season. Beneath the serene veneer of this landscape lie the harsh and often bitter realities faced by these workers. In this chapter, we delve into the multifaceted dimensions of their lives, exploring the living and working conditions, the socio-economic dynamics of migration, and the power dynamics that shape the experiences of these laborers.

For many of the migrant laborers who come to Kolhapur, the temporary shelters they inhabit represent their homes during the crushing season. These makeshift dwellings, often constructed from materials at hand, lack the basic amenities and comforts that most take for granted. The living conditions are rudimentary at best, with limited access to clean water, sanitation facilities, and electricity. The cramped living quarters mean that several individuals often share a single space, resulting in congestion and privacy issues.

A complex interplay of forces shapes the socio-economic dynamics of migration in Kolhapur. While the workers' motivations to migrate are grounded in the pursuit of better livelihoods, their experiences reveal a spectrum of socio-economic challenges and

opportunities. Many workers hail from regions marked by poverty and unemployment, where agriculture remains the primary source of income. In comparison, the prospect of earning regular wages during the sugarcane season in Kolhapur seems promising. Migrant workers represent a significant labor force in the sugar factories, and this demographic change significantly impacts local communities. The seasonal influx of workers increases the demand for goods and services in the region, leading to changes in local market dynamics. This, in turn, affects prices and the cost of living, with implications for both the migrant workers and the local population.

The power dynamics within the world of migrant labor in Kolhapur are multifaceted. Factory owners, who control the means of production and employment, often wield significant power. Their decisions regarding wages, working hours, and job security have a direct bearing on the lives and livelihoods of the workers. The transient and temporary nature of employment further amplifies the vulnerability of the laborers, making it challenging for them to negotiate better terms or conditions. Local authorities and government agencies also play a role in shaping the power dynamics. They oversee labor regulations and enforcement, which can significantly impact the experiences of migrant workers. However, resource constraints and limitations in inspection and monitoring mean that enforcement remains a challenge, leaving many laborers exposed to exploitation.

CONCLUSION

The lives of migrant laborers in Kolhapur's sugar factories, as explored in this research, embody a poignant narrative of contrasts—sweetening lives with the promise of employment while simultaneously embittering them with the harsh realities of their existence. The sugar, sweat, and struggles they endure underscore the complex web of socio-economic, legal, and power dynamics that govern their lives. In this conclusion, we synthesize the key findings and insights from the previous chapters and outline policy recommendations and avenues for reform, emphasizing the imperative of fostering equity and justice in this critical sector of the Indian labor force. Living conditions are often rudimentary, with cramped quarters, limited access to essential services, and inadequate healthcare facilities. Working conditions within the sugar factories are arduous, marked by long hours, meager wages, and safety risks. The transient and seasonal nature of employment exacerbates these challenges. The socio-economic dynamics of migration reveal the allure of economic opportunity but also underscore the vulnerability of these workers in the face of changing market dynamics.

In addition to these challenges, we recognized the role of local legal aid organizations as crucial intermediaries in helping migrant workers access legal protections and navigate the bureaucratic landscape. These organizations empower the workers to assert their rights and provide a sense of security in unfamiliar surroundings. The collective influence of labor unions and advocacy groups also emerged as an important factor in addressing power imbalances and advocating for better conditions.

In a region famed for its sugarcane cultivation, the lives of those who sow and harvest it deserve recognition and support. The migrant workers who labor in Kolhapur's sugar factories represent a diverse spectrum of experiences, motivations, and challenges. As we move forward, it is imperative to remember that their well-being is intrinsically linked to the health and vitality of the sugar industry itself. The bitter realities of migrant labor in Kolhapur must be

met with a commitment to change and improvement. While the challenges are significant, they are not insurmountable. By addressing the key findings and insights outlined in this research and implementing the recommended policy reforms, it is possible to create a more equitable and just environment for these workers. In doing so, we can work towards a future where the promise of economic opportunity is not overshadowed by the struggles and sweat of those who contribute to India's sweet success in the sugar industry.

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