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INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

We at Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (MOSC) trace our heritage back to the missionary efforts of the first century C.E. and share the nation's history for the last 20 centuries, to fully integrate the socio-cultural setting of India by contributing magnanimously to the fields of education and health care through enormous number of reputed schools, medical and engineering institutes, all over India. The prestigious MOCCB, under the tutelage of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (MOSC) run VES Trust's Group of Institutes, are pioneers in education in Mumbai well known for its chain of educational institutes established all over Maharashtra and Gujarat. More popularly known as the St. Mary's Group of Institutes in Mumbai, we have been well versed with the expertise of rolling our education from KG to PG, to over 10,000 students who pass out, under our banner, every year. Vishweshwar Education Society's Western College of Commerce & Business Management is conveniently located in the heart of Navi Mumbai City at Sanpada. The college host six undergraduate degree programmes - B.Com., B.Com. (Accounting & Finance), B. Com (Management Studies) B.M.S., B.Sc. (IT), B.Sc. Data Science and B.Sc. Computer Science. To fulfil the Institution's vision WCCBM strives to offer the industries with new breeds of talented young professional workforce, thereby creating an atmosphere of professionalism within the campus. Western College of Commerce & Business Management endeavours to create an environment that can mould the youth of India into excellent citizens, convinced of meaning and purpose of life and imbued with a broader National vision and these youngsters can eventually act as agents of change in a complex and challenging world at large.

WCCBM focuses on educational excellence with a vision encompassing employability, entrepreneurship, research, and service to society. Upon joining, students become part of a vibrant and supportive community, working within a framework that stimulates intellectual development and the exchange of ideas. The college emphasizes not just academic achievement, but also values such as courtesy, integrity, and cleanliness, ensuring that students develop into ethical and responsible individuals. WCCBM endeavors to create an environment that molds the youth of India into exemplary citizens, instilling a sense of purpose and a broader national vision, empowering them to become agents of positive change in a complex and challenging world.

Our vision is to become an institution of excellence, contributing to the development of an enlightened society. Our strategic five-year plans, focusing on employability, entrepreneurship, research, and service to society, guide our progress. To achieve these goals, WCCBM fosters collaborations with research facilities, industry, NGOs etc. We are committed to stakeholder engagement and the development of entrepreneurial skills among our students.

We plan to offer a wider spectrum of academic programs, including new programs with improved flexibility and certificate courses aligned with current industry needs. The development of a Center for Skill Fostering (CSF) and a Research Development Cell (RDC) enhance engagement between industry and academia, increasing collaborations through sponsored research, consultancy, training and other partnerships. We are continually enhancing our infrastructure to meet the demands of a high-quality higher education environment.

Permanently affiliated with the University of Mumbai and recognized by the UGC under 2(f), WCCBM is a 'B+' Grade NAAC Accredited College under in its first cycle. We strive for excellence in all our endeavors, constantly improving our inherent strengths, adopting innovative ideas, and acquiring new skills. Our Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

continuously diversifies activities to enhance and enrich our academic and non-academic pursuits, including social, cultural, and sporting events.

Our infrastructure includes ICT-enabled classrooms with smart boards, Wi-Fi, internet/LAN connectivity, computer laboratories, a library, a cafeteria, a conference room, language laboratories, separate common rooms for male and female students, a gymkhana, dedicated departmental offices, a grievance cell, and separate rooms for NSS, NCC, WDC, DLLE, IQAC, the Students' Council, and a counseling center, Seminar room etc.

Vision & Mission: WCCBM's vision is to be an institution of excellence, contributing to an enlightened society. The college's mission is to provide quality education, empowering students to become responsible and successful citizens. This is achieved through a focus on employability, entrepreneurship, research, and service to society.

Holistic Development: WCCBM believes in the all-round development of its students. Beyond academics, the college encourages participation in extracurricular activities, clubs, and organizations, promoting leadership development, teamwork, and social interaction. The college also emphasizes values such as courtesy, integrity, and cleanliness, ensuring that students develop into ethical and responsible individuals.

WCCBM is committed to continuous improvement, regularly reviewing its academic programs and infrastructure. The college is also focused on expanding research activities and promoting innovation among faculty and students. WCCBM is confident in its ability to continue shaping the future of its students and contributing to the development of the nation. It is more than just a college; it is a family.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
About
As per the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) guidelines, every accredited institution has to establish its own Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) to maintain the post-accreditation quality of the institution. IQAC, Western College of Commerce & Business Management is an integral part of the quality culture of the college and works towards realization of quality goals. IQAC at Western College of Commerce & Business Management acts as a planning, controlling and monitoring body for quality-related activities, including adoption and dissemination of best practices. Its primary task is to develop a system for conscious, consistent & catalytic improvement in the overall performance of college. For this, WCCBM IQAC PLAN-DO-CHECK-ACT in all situations for the college towards holistic academic excellence.

IQAC Objectives
Following the vision and mission of the institution, IQAC adopts objectives for smooth functioning of quality parameters as per the perspective plan of the institution. IQAC's Objectives are as follows:

- To develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic action to improve the academic and administrative performance of the institution.

- To promote measures for institutional functioning towards quality enhancement through internalization of quality culture and best practices.

Functions of IQAC
Some of the functions expected of the IQAC are:
a) Develop and appropriate quality Benchmarks for Academic, Administrative and Infrastructural development initiatives.

b) Develop Infrastructural, Academic and administrative parameters of the institution by closely aligning the NAAC parameters its criteria.

c) Creating a learner-centric environment facilitating a conducive environment for quality education and faculty development to adopt the required knowledge and technology for participatory teaching and learning process.

d) Implement a feedback system by developing a plan for collection, analysis and reporting of feedback from all stakeholders. Act on feedback and Prepare ATR and further implementation plan.

e) Parameters of various quality initiatives for stakeholders and dissemination of information to all stakeholders;

f) Collaboration and organization of inter and intra institutional workshops, seminars, Conference on quality parameters;

g) Developing a Quality reporting system by developing methods for documentation leading to proper feedback and improvement plan.

h) Acting as coordinating body for quality-related activities, including adoption and dissemination of best practices;

i) Quality development and maintenance of institutional databases through MIS for the purpose of maintaining information as per requirement of information for further decisions;

j) Periodical conduct of Academic and Administrative Audit and its Action Taken Report;

k) Preparation and submission of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell Report as per guidelines and parameters of NAAC.

l) Processing all requirements of accreditation of the college.

m) Coordinating with NAAC.

Our Chief Patrons
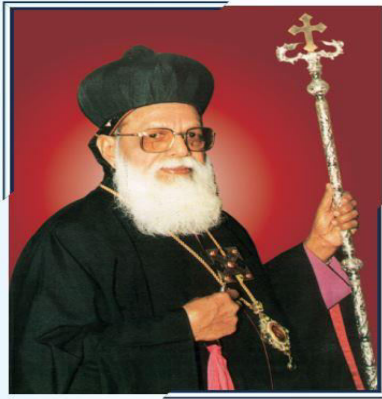
L. L. His Grace Dr. Philipose Mar Theophilus
Metropolitan

"Late Lamented His Grace Dr. Philipose Mar Theophilus, our Patron, was a visionary beyond his times".

He completed his B.A. Degree from Maharaja's College, Cochin, M.A. from St. Augustine of Canterbury, England, T.H.M. from Cardiff University, UK and D.D from Harvard University in Chicago, USA. While his initial calling was towards spirituality and emotional uplifting of the people at large, he widened this calling into developing youngsters into responsible and capable human beings through providing affordable education, known as the Ambassador of the Malankara Church, Mar Theophilus was associated with the founding of the World Christian Council. He is thus known as the Architect of the Bombay Diocese.

His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos
Metropolitan, President & Chief Managing Trustee
Vishweshwar Education Society

"Education is our passport to the future – for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today".

Nothing is more overwhelming than the curiosity of a little child whose infinite and intriguing questions can sometimes make us adults rack our brains for answers. Nothing is more fascinating than watching the child apply its limited knowledge in day-to-day situations. Nothing is more charming than the free spirit of a child who can express his or her views without inhibitions. As adolescents and adults, unfortunately, we sometimes lose the child within us. Let us know the curious child within us alive and active – and make education as enjoyable and interesting as listening to stories by our grandparents during our younger days.

I take this opportunity to welcome all new students to our extended family and hope that the tenure at WCCBM will be on enriching and enlightening experience for all of you.

Key Note Speaker

Fausto Pedro García Márquez
Professor at Castilla -
La Mancha University, Spain
Expert in European Union in AI4People (EISMD), and ESF.

With applications in energy efficiency, smart grids, and wind energy, artificial intelligence (AI) in renewable energy is revolutionizing global sustainability initiatives. Given this worldwide momentum, the January 22, 2025, session at the Western College of Commerce & Business Management on "Indian Knowledge System (IKS): Exploring Ancient Wisdom for Modern Challenges" focused on how India's rich knowledge legacy can support contemporary AI-driven renewable energy solutions. Ancient Indian writings offer valuable perspectives on energy optimization, environmental balance, and sustainable resource management that are in line with current renewable energy objectives. AI models can be guided by IKS principles, such as decentralized systems, cyclic resource usage, and harmony with nature, to improve the sustainability and dependability of renewable energy sources like solar grids and wind farms.

Globally, nations with established AI plans include the US, China, Japan, and Russia. Nonetheless, India's strategy, enhanced by IKS, offers a chance to include social, ethical, and ecological considerations into AI applications. By combining traditional energy methods, community participation models, and local knowledge of climate patterns, IKS can help projects like Ingenium, which concentrate on AI-driven monitoring systems, renewable energy optimization, and condition monitoring.

The goal of AI4People to establish a "Good AI Society" is consistent with IKS's core principles of Loka Sangraha (global welfare) and Dharma (obligation). IKS ensures that India's ancient wisdom shapes AI innovation responsibly, fostering both technological advancement and environmental stewardship. Experts like Fausto Pedro García Márquez have published over 330 international publications and 50 books that showcase technological potential.

Eminent Speakers

Dr. Varadraj Bapat
CA, CWA, DISA, Ph.D. (IIT Bombay)
Professor, SJM School of Management, IIT Bombay

The word "Bharat" symbolizes devotion to knowledge and enlightenment, reflecting India's deep-rooted commitment to wisdom. The Indian Knowledge System (IKS), rooted in the Rig Veda, promotes global harmony, sustainability, and well-being, proving its relevance despite misconceptions of being outdated. India's defense of neem and turmeric patents highlights the global significance of IKS, with contributions in yoga, Ayurveda, mathematics, and architecture further showcasing its richness.

Initiatives like the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) play a crucial role in preserving IKS against bio-piracy, ensuring the protection of indigenous knowledge. Bharatiya economic and business thoughts are based on ancient wisdom, cultural values, and sustainable practices, focusing on harmony between wealth creation, social welfare, and ethical conduct. Texts like Arthashastra and Manusmriti provide governance principles, emphasizing Dharma (righteousness) to ensure fairness and justice in economic activities. The concept of Artha (wealth) in Bharatiya philosophy extends beyond personal gain, serving as a means to support society and uphold ethical values. Traditional business models, such as seth–shishya systems, guilds, and joint families, fostered trust, knowledge transfer, and ethical trade practices. The Swadeshi movement reinforced self-reliance, promoting local production and economic independence. By blending ancient wisdom with modern practices, India aspires to build a globally competitive yet ethical and sustainable economy that upholds social responsibility and environmental care.

Dr. Hiren Dand

Research Guide, and HOD of Information Technology,

Parle Tilak Vidyalaya Association's Mulund College of Commerce (Autonomous)

Bharatiya Economic and Business Thoughts, as part of the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), offer valuable insights for the IT industry by promoting ethical leadership, sustainability, and social responsibility. Rooted in ancient texts like the Arthashastra and Bhagavad Gita, these principles emphasize integrity, fairness, and long-term value creation over short-term profits. In the IT sector, this translates to responsible innovation, data ethics, and user privacy, ensuring technology benefits society while upholding Dharma (righteousness). Traditional business models, based on trust and collaboration, align with modern open-source development, knowledge-sharing platforms, and decentralized tech ecosystems. The Swadeshi principle encourages self-reliance, supporting indigenous software development, cybersecurity frameworks, and digital infrastructure to reduce dependency on foreign technologies. Bharatiya management philosophies stress people-centric leadership, where IT leaders foster an inclusive, skill-driven work culture that values mentorship and ethical AI development. Sustainability in IT is crucial, aligning with ancient resource management ideals by optimizing energy consumption in data centers and promoting green computing. Cooperative models seen in traditional trade guilds reflect today's startup incubators and tech hubs, driving innovation while maintaining a sense of community. The fusion of Bharatiya business ethics with cutting-edge technology ensures balanced economic growth, digital empowerment, and equitable tech access. As the global IT industry faces ethical challenges, adopting Bharatiya principles can create a future where technology serves humanity while preserving social and environmental well-being.

Dr. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay
Assistant Professor
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Ghatkopar

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) represent the rich intellectual traditions of India, covering diverse fields like philosophy, science, mathematics, medicine, art, architecture, ecology, and economics. These systems are deeply rooted in principles of sustainability, harmony, and balance, offering valuable insights to address modern global challenges. Reviving IKS is not about looking back with nostalgia but about reintroducing time-tested, indigenous wisdom into contemporary contexts for holistic development.

Today's world faces issues like environmental degradation, social inequality, mental health crises, and unsustainable economic practices. IKS, with its focus on integrated thinking, provides solutions that balance material progress with ethical living. For example, Ayurveda promotes preventive healthcare through lifestyle management and natural remedies. Vastu Shastra and traditional architecture emphasize eco-friendly designs. Agricultural practices like organic farming and crop rotation, drawn from ancient texts, support sustainable food systems.

A holistic revival of IKS requires active research, documentation, and incorporation into modern education systems. Encouraging interdisciplinary studies that combine modern science with traditional knowledge can lead to innovative solutions in healthcare, environmental management, and technology. Policies supporting local crafts, indigenous industries, and traditional artisans can empower communities and promote self-reliance.

Furthermore, IKS emphasizes values like *Dharma* (righteousness), *Ahimsa* (non-violence), and *Satya* (truth), which can guide ethical leadership and responsible governance. By reviving and adapting these ancient systems thoughtfully, India can contribute meaningfully to global challenges, offering sustainable, inclusive, and culturally grounded solutions that foster long-term well-being for both humanity and the planet.

Moderators
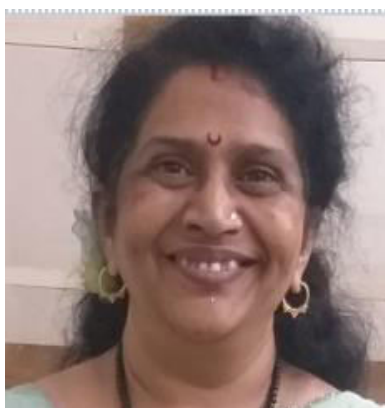
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Chairperson of B.Com Management Studies, University of Mumbai

Drishti: The Vision - One Day International Conference on Indian Knowledge Systems. On Saturday, February 22nd, 2025, Vishweshwar Education Society, Western College of Commerce and Management hosted the highly anticipated one-day international conference, Drishti: The Vision - Indian Knowledge Systems; Exploring Ancient Wisdom for Modern Challenges. The event successfully brought together scholars, practitioners, and enthusiasts to delve into the rich tapestry of India intellectual heritage and its relevance in addressing contemporary issues.

The conference featured an esteemed international keynote speaker, Professor Fausto Pedro Garcia Marquez from La Mancha University, Spain, who shared valuable insights on the global significance of Indian knowledge systems. I was truly overwhelmed and honored to be invited to moderate the particularly well-organized track focusing on Commerce and Management. The diverse range of papers presented created a perfect blend of research, fostering stimulating discussions and insightful presentations, showcasing the application of ancient wisdom in modern business practices.

The track was meticulously curated by Asst. Prof. Durgavati Sharma and Asst. Prof. Thanmaya Jyothi. The conference success was a testament to the dedication and meticulous planning of the organizing committee. My heartfelt gratitude is extended to Principal Dr. Nithya Varghese and her exceptional team for their unwavering commitment to creating a stimulating and enriching intellectual experience. The event's smooth execution and warm hospitality were greatly appreciated by all attendees.

Dr. Rajeshri Shinkar
Assistant Professor,
Department of Computer Science
SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous)

It gives me immense pleasure to be a part of Drishti – The Vision: One-Day International Conference on "Indian Knowledge System: Exploring Ancient Wisdom for Modern Challenges" held on 22nd Feb 2025.

Today the world is changing with great speed. On one hand, it is throwing new challenges to us and at the same time, these challenges are providing scope for innovation in business, management and technology.

This was a premier global level annual event that provided a platform for students, industry leaders and researchers to discuss growth as well as different perspectives in lieu of Computer Science and Information Technology. It is proof of the importance and significance of this event that it had the presence and active participation of the most important researchers, technologists and business entities in these sectors.

The conference aims to create greater collaboration and sharing of academic understanding.

The conference provides a platform for researchers, academicians and students from various backgrounds to interact and exchange meaningful and relevant knowledge that will benefit our readers.

Dr. Suruchi Jamkhedkar
Assistant Professor,
University Department of Life Sciences,
University of Mumbai

The Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) represent a vast and multifaceted tradition of knowledge that has evolved within the Indian subcontinent over thousands of years. It's not a single, monolithic entity, but rather a complex web of interconnected disciplines and practice. From the deep wisdom of the Vedas to the advanced discoveries in astronomy, medicine, and mathematics, IKS provides a distinctive perspective for comprehending and addressing the world issues.

The main essence of IKS is a holistic approach towards understanding the relationship between humans and nature with emphasis on viewing the universe as a whole. It encompasses a wide range of scientific fields from metallurgy to metaphysics. IKS has made significant contribution mathematics to astronomy including the establishment of 0 as a number by Aryabhata, Vedic mathematics, geometric figures in different yagnas and development of sophisticated astronomical models. Ayurveda has played a very important role in the field of Indian traditional medicine by Shankya.

This field focuses on holistic approach to disease treatment based on the Prakruti, dosha and individualized treatment. The traditional Indian agriculture has long been intertwined with ecological awareness, developing practices that prioritize sustainability and environmental conservation. Vastu shastra involves Architecture and Engineering providing the basic principles for design and construction of buildings that integrate with the environment. The relationship between Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and metallurgy is a rich and demonstrably advanced one, showcasing the sophisticated understanding of materials science possessed by ancient Indian civilizations as seen as archaeological evidence in Harappan civilization. Arthashastra gave the principles of governance and administration, social structure and justice.

Yoga and meditation practices given by Patanjali provide a progressive path to self-realization through Astang yoga. Indian philosophy and spirituality represent a vast and intricate tapestry of diverse schools of thought that have profoundly influenced global perspectives on reality, consciousness, and ethics. This knowledge was disseminated to the learners via the Gurukul system through both oral traditions and written texts, including the Vedas, Upanishads, and other ancient scriptures. Traditional Indian education provided a valuable insight into the importance of holistic development, ethical values, and the pursuit of knowledge.

In addition to fostering a global community dedicated to investigating the timeless significance of this rich and historic heritage, this conference is anticipated to produce a significant amount of information on IKS and aid in the creating new research agendas. By combining a variety of viewpoints and knowledge, we hope to rethink the future from the Indian Knowledge System's point of view.

Our Patrons

Rev. Fr. Abraham Joseph
CEO, Malankara Orthodox
Church Council of Bombay (MOCCB)

Vishweshwar Education Society's objective is to be a torchbearer of leading education methods and institutions that has students define a future not only for them but for society as well. With its strong background of cultural and moral values, VES has tried to provide the best education, values, job opportunities and overall development for its students.

I would like to congratulate you on choosing Western College of Commerce & Business Management. With its vision to contribute in academic, professional, cultural and social environment of individuals and communities, it tries to instill a spirit of professionalism, social responsibility and sense of patriotism by providing optimum opportunities to grow academically and intellectually, thus shaping its students into well rounded human beings.

True education is one that develops the overall personality of individuals. Therefore, at Western College of Commerce & Business Management, we take care that academics is complemented by co-curricular, extracurricular and sports activities. It has been our endeavor to offer best of such facilities to students

Mr. Abraham Easo
Secretary, Vishweshwar Education Society

The One-Day International Conference on *"Indian Knowledge System: Exploring Ancient Wisdom for Modern Challenges"* was a remarkable success, bringing together scholars, researchers, and experts from diverse fields. Organised by Vishweshwar Education Society's Western College of Commerce & Business Management (WCCBM) in collaboration with the University of Mumbai, Research Development Cell, and the Indian Knowledge System Committee, the conference served as a vital platform for exploring the relevance of ancient Indian wisdom in contemporary times. The event featured thought-provoking discussions on the integration of traditional knowledge with modern advancements across disciplines such as commerce, management, science, and technology.

The participation of international delegates and distinguished speakers enriched the conference, fostering an exchange of global perspectives. Keynote addresses and research presentations shed light on how Indian philosophies can offer sustainable solutions to modern challenges in areas such as ethical business practices, AI, cyber security, and environmental sustainability. The IQAC played a significant role in promoting research-driven discussions, reinforcing the institution's commitment to academic excellence. The event also facilitated interdisciplinary collaboration, encouraging scholars to explore new research avenues that blend historical insights with present-day innovations.

The inclusion of paper presentations on topics like ancient Indian management strategies, decision-making models, and holistic healthcare systems underscored the depth of Indian Knowledge Systems. The conference also recognised outstanding research contributions with awards, further motivating participants to engage in meaningful scholarly pursuits. The seamless organisation of the event, combined with active audience participation, ensured a productive and intellectually stimulating environment.

The success of the conference has enhanced WCCBM's reputation as a centre for research and innovation. The insights gained are expected to inspire future academic endeavours and contribute to the global discourse on knowledge preservation and application. The organising committee, keynote speakers, panelists, and attendees played a crucial role in making the event impactful. The overwhelming response reaffirmed the importance of bridging ancient wisdom with contemporary thought. The conference concluded on a high note, with a shared commitment to continued research and exploration in Indian Knowledge Systems.

Adv. Dr. Ambarish R Patnigere
Executive Director -Vishweshwar Education Society
Retd. Additional Commissioner
Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC)

The Bible states, "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! And to get under rather to be chosen than silver!"

Vishweshwar Education Society's, Western College of Commerce & Business Management provides "wisdom and understanding" and the much-needed impetus to the students in the education sector, it is imperative that the youth of this nation needs to be ushered on the correct path and our institution of eminence gives them the apt ambience to accomplish this very objective, Maimonides, a prominent Philosopher once stated, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime".

Every individual needs a platform to express them and grow holistically which will determine their future. Training of the mind and the fostering of potential are the key aspects embarked upon by all the stakeholders. Each one strives to reduce the best out of the students in an earnest and diligent set-up. We ensure and assure everyone who is a part of this exemplary institution that they have chosen to be a part of the super achiever's club in their respective fields. We entreat the young minds to come and explore the aforementioned finesse for a fruitful culmination of their caliber. In the end, I would like to quote what our late Hon. President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam once said: "Learning gives creativity, creativity leads to thinking, thinking provides knowledge, and knowledge makes you great."

Dr. Nithya Varghese
Principal
Vishweshwar Education Society's
Western College of Commerce & Business Management (WCCBM)

With immense appreciation and gratitude, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the One-Day International Conference on "Indian Knowledge System: Exploring Ancient Wisdom for Modern Challenges" organized in association with the University of Mumbai, Research Development Cell, and the Indian Knowledge System Committee in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC).

We express our sincere gratitude to our Chief Patrons His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos Metropolitan, President & Chief Managing Trustee, Vishweshwar Education Society, Mr. Abraham Easo, Secretary, Vishweshwar Education Society, Rev. Fr. Abraham Joseph, CEO of MOCCB and Adv. Dr. Ambarish Patnigere, Executive Director-VES, Ex-Deputy Commissioner, NMMC whose unwavering support and guidance played a pivotal role in making this conference a reality.

Our deep appreciation goes to the Advisory Committee, whose invaluable insights and strategic direction shaped the conference agenda, Ms. Sonia Thomas, Program Manager, Bristol Myers Squibb, USA,Mr. Sunil Joseph, Business Intelligence & Data Engineer, Dr. Pulapa Subba Rao, Ex-Vice-Chancellor, Millennium University, South Africa, Ms. Taniya Kuriakose, Talent Acquisition Analyst, AtkinsRealis, Canada, Dr. Gajanan P. Wader, Principal, Pillai College of Arts, Commerce & Science, University of Mumbai, Ms. Jaisy Desai, Technology-Integrated Qualitative Research, Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Mathew, Retd. Prof. and HOD, Commerce, Prof. Dr. Seema Somani, HOD, Commerce & Accountancy, Mr. Parthasarathi Samantaray, Data Engineer, Meta, USA. We are profoundly grateful to our distinguished Keynote Speaker, Prof. Fausto Pedro García Márquez, from Castilla-La Mancha University, Spain, Dr. Varadraj Bapat, Professor, SJM School of Management, IIT Bombay, Dr. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay, HOD, History, Smt. P.N. Doshi Women's College, Ghatkopar and Dr. Hiren Dand, Research Guide & HOD, Information Technology, PTVA's Mulund College of Commerce, to to share the expertise and enrich the intellectual discourse of the event.

A special note of thanks to the Session Moderators, Dr. Suruchi Jamkhedkar, Asst. Professor, Life Sciences, University of Mumbai, Dr. Rajeshri Shinkar, SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science & Commerce and Prof. Dr. Kanchan Shridhar Fulmali, HOD, Commerce, M.L. Dahanukar College, Mumbai whose expertise facilitated engaging and thought-provoking discussions. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the Organizing Committee, Asst. Prof.

From the desk of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Asst. Prof. Savita Mohite
IQAC Co-coordinator
Vishweshwar Education Society's
Western College of Commerce &
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Ms. Jayashree Sriramulu Saroja
IQAC Co-coordinator
Vishweshwar Education Society's
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The One-Day International Conference on *"Indian Knowledge System: Exploring Ancient Wisdom for Modern Challenges,"* organised in collaboration with the University of Mumbai, the Research Development Cell, the Indian Knowledge System Committee, and the IQAC, was an outstanding success, exemplifying the impact of collaborative academic initiatives.

As the Coordinator and Co-Coordinator of the IQAC, we are immensely gratified by the outcomes of this significant event. The conference served as a distinguished platform for examining the contemporary relevance of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in addressing present-day challenges. The diverse range of presentations and discussions underscored the richness and depth of IKS, demonstrating its potential to offer innovative solutions across various disciplines.

The collaboration with esteemed institutions, including the University of Mumbai, the Research Development Cell, and the Indian Knowledge System Committee, brought together an extensive array of expertise and perspectives, thereby enhancing the academic experience. Furthermore, the active participation of international delegates highlighted the global interest in exploring the potential applications of Indian wisdom.

The IQAC remains steadfast in its commitment to initiatives that foster research, innovation, and the integration of traditional knowledge with contemporary academic frameworks. This conference seamlessly aligned with our mission, cultivating a culture of intellectual curiosity and critical inquiry. The successful dissemination of knowledge on IKS has significantly strengthened our institution's standing as a hub for research and academic excellence.

We are confident that the insights gained from this conference will serve as a catalyst for further research and contribute to the development of innovative solutions for contemporary societal challenges. The IQAC remains dedicated to supporting such collaborative endeavours that elevate academic standards and advance scholarly knowledge.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the University of Mumbai, the Research Development Cell, the Indian Knowledge System Committee, all distinguished speakers, participants, and the organising committee for their invaluable contributions to the success of this conference.

From the desk of Conference Conveners

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Convener
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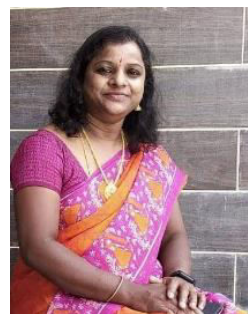
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It is our profound privilege to serve as the Convener and Co-Convener of *Drishti – The Vision: One-Day International Conference on "Indian Knowledge System: Exploring Ancient Wisdom for Modern Challenges"*, organized by Vishweshwar Education Society's Western College of Commerce & Business Management (WCCBM) in association with IQAC and in collaboration with the University of Mumbai, Research Development Cell, and the Indian Knowledge System Committee.

This conference seeks to illuminate the profound wisdom embedded in the Indian Knowledge System and its contemporary relevance. India possesses a vast intellectual heritage across diverse disciplines, including science, technology, management, philosophy, medicine, and ethics. Many of these principles continue to inspire modern innovations and provide viable solutions to global challenges. Through this academic forum, we endeavor to foster research and discussions that explore the practical applications of ancient Indian wisdom in addressing present-day issues across various fields of study.

Our objective is to create a platform for scholars, researchers, and students to exchange ideas, gain new perspectives, and collaborate on interdisciplinary research integrating traditional knowledge with modern advancements. The conference will encompass a broad spectrum of topics, including ancient Indian management strategies, ethical business practices, sustainable development models, and the influence of Indian philosophy on leadership and decision-making. Additionally, discussions will extend to the relevance of traditional knowledge in contemporary fields such as computing, artificial intelligence, and medicine.

We are privileged to host distinguished speakers and subject-matter experts whose insights will provide valuable perspectives on these themes. Their contributions will significantly enhance our understanding of how time-honored knowledge can be effectively adapted to address present-day challenges. We encourage all participants to actively engage in discussions, present their research, and derive maximum intellectual benefit from this platform.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our esteemed keynote speakers, panelists, and participants for their invaluable contributions. A special note of appreciation is also due to the organizing committee for their relentless commitment and efforts in ensuring the success of this event. Your unwavering support and enthusiasm add immense value to this conference.

We look forward to an enriching and thought-provoking event that will inspire continued research and exploration in this vital domain.

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ROLE OF INDIAN TRADITIONAL FORM OF MEDICINE, AYURVEDA AS A CULTURAL ASSET TO PROMOTING WELLNESS GLOBALLY: LEGAL PROTECTION, NEW LEGAL CHALLENGES

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ABSTRACT
In India Traditional form of medicine very popular type of method which we all are accepted by way of practicing towards the society, Ayurveda is called traditional form of medicine, it is one of the oldest medical systems in India, from last few decades Ayurveda emphasizes a holistic approach to health sector, it may be body, mind and spirit. In order to promote this kind of practice our Central Government has been implemented many acts and by laws, also in order to regulate this kind of practice government has been established regulatory body.

Key Words: *traditional medicine, Ayurveda, New Challenges.*

INTRODUCTION
Protection of fundamental Right is the basic fundamental duty of the government, due to this, our government has been followed various types of medicinal practices towards the society. Indian Constitution says that right to health is a fundamental right of the individual, though it is no explicitly stated in the Indian Constitution, but Supreme Court of India has been interpreted various times towards Article 21, which deals with Right to life and personal liberty. Also, the Constitution held responsible for state, regarding healthcare of the individuals. Thus, Indian government has recognized that Ayurveda is one of the traditional form of practices, Ayurveda practitioner should be registered their names with recognized regulatory body, then they can start practice as an Ayurveda practitioner.

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM
Protection of Right to Health by providing Ayurveda medicine; Boon for healthy society, as well as healthy India, whereas, Aayush form of medicinal practice can be reduce the new challenges towards medicine sector, when our nation has healthy population automatically their working capacity will be improved, then their per capital income will be raised, this is also one of the prime factors to become a developed country. Whether traditional form of medicine has been sufficient process to uplift the right to health.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY
This research paper tries to cover legal opportunities, to provide good basic health service towards society, at the same time try to understand the significance of Ayurveda medicine. try to reach the new challenges which we all are facing in our day-to-day life. This paper has tried to understand the role of Ayurveda to promote wellness globally.

OBJECTIVES
The main objective of this research paper is as follows

1. To understand how Ayurveda medicine will help to society

2. To understand how we can consider Ayurveda medicine is cultural asset of the nation

3. To perceive what type of new legal challenges will be faced by the society, as well as Ayurveda practitioner

4. To explain the legal accountability of Ayurveda practitioners towards society

RESEARCH METHODLGY
This research paper has been completed by applying of descriptive method. Basically, this study is based on primary data being the statutes, and secondary data from books, periodicals, cases, articles, blogs, websites have been used to refer for the formation of this paper. All these data have been applied to explain the objective of the paper. Also, it helped the paper in understanding the present scenario to take proper action in favor of Ayurveda medical practitioner. It will help to make ample opportunities to uplift the Ayurveda practice.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED

1. Why day by day awareness regarding Ayurveda medicine is getting less?

2. Ayurveda medicine is asset of medicine filed, however, the practitioner of Ayurveda facing lot of legal challenges the reason?

3. What kind of legal challenges has to be dared by Ayurveda practitioner?

4. What type of opportunities will be provided by the government?

5. What is output of the article?

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

1. Nandita Adhikari 2023, this paper explores the pivotal role of Ayurveda to provide medical service to layman.

2. S.R. Myneni, 2023, this paper goes into to the details of codified laws which has deals with Indian inheritance cultural heritage like Ayurveda and Siddha.

3. Vasant Lad,2022, this study considered some challenges which have traditional medicine practitioner has been facing.

4. Shubhra Krishan, 2021, this study has explained what type of legal opportunities will be available to Ayurveda practitioner

5. Vidyanath, 2020, this paper tries to understand how traditional medicine knowledge should be preserved and protected by government as well as society.

6. Vasant Lad, 2006, this paper tries to explain how our intangible cultural hermitage has been protected and promoted by the government.

ADVANTAGES

In the context of the study, advantages are as follows,

1. Ayurveda medicine have been played greater role to make India has healthy nation among the globe

2. Legal opportunities will help to Ayurveda practitioner to enhance their profession among the worldwide.

3. Governmental opportunities can help to uplift Ayurveda towards the nation

4. We can understand what type of legal protection has to be provided to Ayurveda medicine.

Law and Medicine will lead to encourage the youngsters as well as Ayurveda practitioners magnify their knowledge of Ayurveda among the nation.

DISADVANGAGE

1. Only Ayurveda medicine have not played greater role to make India has healthy nation among the globe.

2. In recent situation, in Indian law has been very strict to accept the traditional methods.

3. There are various strict opportunities, which has been provided by Government of India, amongst these opportunities some of them are not able to full filled by Ayurveda medicine.

4. Only legal protection will provide legal justice to victims.

Law and medicine will lead to encourage the Ayurveda practitioner, to magnify their medicinal knowledge, but our polluted environment will not able to cooperate with Ayurveda medicine, basically Ayurveda medicine has been completely depending on our environment, flora and fauna, which have already contaminated or polluted.

LAW RELATED TO MEDICINE IN INDIA

As we all are aware about Ayurveda as a cultural asset to develop the medicine sector towards worldwide, in India Ayurveda practice is regulated by the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970. This act mandates that only registered practitioner with recognized qualification can practice Ayurveda. Who must have Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS), degree and they should register their names into registration book they can start their practice as an ayurvedic medicine practitioner.

Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, have been regulate the quality control and manufacturing process of Ayurveda medicine, ensuring adherence to specific standards and licensing requirements.

Apart From these laws State licensing authorities will also take care of their practicing methods. Each state has its own Drug Control Department which has been responsible for enforcing the regulations related to

Ayurvedic practice and medicine. Somehow, we can understand that Traditional Indian medicine is a part of intangible heritage that is the subject matter of Legal protection. Intangible cultural heritage refers to the practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, and skills. As well as the instruments, objects, artifacts and cultural spaces. We can observe regarding protection of intangible cultural heritage according to article 2, para 1 of the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage adopted in Paris by the UNESCO General Conference on 17 October 2003 (hereinafter, the 2003 UNESCO Convention). Article 2 para 2 of the 2003 UNESCO Convention. The medical knowledge and traditional healing methods that have developed over several millennia in India, being an essential part of its national identity, can certainly be regarded as part of intangible cultural heritage.

BASIC LEGAL REGULATIONS REGRDING TRADITIONAL INDIAN MEDICINE

The Indian Pharmaceutical Industry is the third largest industry in the world, primary focus of this is regulating the pharma Industry, implementation of by laws which related to manufacturing, and marketing process. Drugs and Cosmetics Act,1940 has primarily regulated the Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani, this Act mandates licensing for manufacturing and selling such medicines, ensuring quality control through Good Manufacturing practices (GMP), and specifying standards for ingredients and formulations the regulatory authority is the Department of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This Act is also mentioned certain Regulatory licensing requirements, Indian Pharmacopoeia provides the standards for herbal ingredients to traditional Indian medicines. While imposition of regulations, this Act has been observing few aspects such as Schedule T, Clinical Trials, Labeling requirements, state Governments are responsible to enforce the legal provisions for Ayurvedic medicines, for this drug Controllers are appointed by the government of India,

LEGAL PROTECTION MECHANAISM TOWARDS AYURVEDA MEDICINE

Ayurveda, Siddha Unani Drugs Technical Advisory Board (ASUDTAB) The Ministry of AYUSH has been set up to protect and promote research in traditional knowledge by way of providing patenting by pharmaceutical companies is a critical concern for the government of India. In recent years, the country has been taken significant steps to address the challenges posed by the pharmaceutical industry's attempts to patent traditional medicinal knowledge. Regarding protection of traditional form of medicinal knowledge through stringent patent laws and regulations. The government has introduced provisions that require relevant documentation and evidence of the novelty and non-obviousness of any medical knowledge claimed in patient applications. However, the intellectual Property Law and the principles of patient laws, and provisions of Medical Council of India, has reflect a commitment to preserving India's cultural and medicinal heritage, promoting fairness, and fostering a balance between the interest of pharmaceutical companies. In order to protect the traditional form of medicinal practice central government has been introduced

1. Traditional Knowledge Digital Library which is known as TKDL 2001 it protects the traditional method by exploitation by way of wrongful patents mainly at international patent Office.

2. In order to provide fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic, government has established BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT.

3. Due to protection of forest resources government has introduced FOREST RIGHTS ACT 2006, it can help in the protection of traditionally owned knowledge and practices.

4. In order to provide collective right to the holders of the traditional knowledge associated with a particular geographical area THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION OF GOODS (REGISTRATION AND PROTECTION) ACT, 1999 was came into force.

5. In order create good relationship between countries, regarding traditional medicinal practices, our government has adopted provisions which are consisted under UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage

6. Due to providing financial support CENTRAL SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (CSIR) have been providing funding to make more research regarding Ayurveda practice

7. Strengthen the IPR regime, because the main aim behind this is to protect the economic interests.

8. In order to provide national as well as international market, Indian government has been negotiated with WORLD TRADE ORGNATION.

9. In order to protect the traditional knowledge towards medicinal filed, India has been signed NAGOYA PROTOCOL, the intention of this protocol is access to genetic resources and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.

CHALLENGES INVOLVED IN THE PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL PRACTICE

1. Because of modern medical practices, traditional medicine practitioners have lasted their confidence, the reason is Non- Codification of TKs;

2. Sometime Biotechnology companies has been taken patient, this is also known as Bio Piracy

3. Sometime benefit sharing is very difficult

4. Due to community nature of traditional knowledge, it is not possible for them to establish themselves over the globe.

5. As per new technological aspect, ayurvedic medicine sector has facing Lack of Scientific Validation

6. Lack of Quality control mechanism, existing mechanism has been insufficient to assess good quality.

7. In order to provide the Ayurvedic medicine towards society, actual manufactures are facing shortage of funding as well as funding agencies, because investors are getting apprehension situation, however, traditional form of medicine always depends with natural raw material like leaves, flowers herbs and shrubs basically the availability of shrubs and herbs are very limited.

8. Because of greediness, today's human beings have been exploiting the medicinal plants.

9. Till today also Ayurveda sector has facing biopiracy

10. Poor regulatory frameworks,

11. Lack of integration with modern healthcare systems, integrating traditional medicine into the existing healthcare system.

12. In adequate practitioner training

13. Limited availability of qualified traditional practitioners.

14. Traditional medicine might be viewed as inferior or outdated, also known as Social Stigma.

LEGAL CHALLENGES

Not always Ayurveda has becoming evidence-based practice While Ayurveda has a rich history many of its practices lack strong evidence to support their efficacy

1. Sometime traditional concepts and principles have been misinterpreted by unqualified practitioner

2. Concerns regarding the quality and authenticity of commercially available ayurvedic products. Which is known as commercialization concerns

3. Lack of potential solutions, Rigorous research and clinical trials, conducting well designed studies to establish the efficacy and safety of traditional medicine

4. Lack of training and education of traditional healthcare providers.

5. Policy development and regulations are very flexible

6. Raising awareness about the benefits of traditional medicine while addressing potential risks and misconceptions.

Trust Deficit is a major soundness of ayurvedic theories and the fruitfulness of its practices.

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

1. Along with modern medical practice, traditional medical practice and its knowledge is also very essential to confirm the Ayurveda is asset of Indian Medical filed.

2. When we observe that today's society needs to follow traditional form of medicine. Because our country has followed some ideology, such as intangible cultural heritage, like practice of Ayurveda, promoting wellness globally Government has to promote the traditional form medicine very effectively, as well as government has to provide abundant platform to glorify our cultural heritage among the nations.

3. Along with existing policies, our society as well as our government has to provide legal protection towards traditional cultural practice like Ayurveda.

SUGGESTIONS

1. Government and society should priorities the protection of traditional cultural practice

2. Regulatory agencies as well as government has to more strengthening to traditional cultural practice, Proper opportunities will help to promote and protect the traditional cultural practice.

3. Government should encompass a set of guidelines, and regulations, and safety measures regarding cultural traditional practices.

4. Last but not least we need to protect pollution free environment for healthy growth of cultural inheritance as well as cultural practices like Ayurveda. Because already our medical sector declared that the practice of Ayurveda is cultural asset of our nation.

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INTEGRATING EAST AND WEST: EXISTENTIAL ANXIETY AND THE QUEST FOR IDENTITY IN OTTESSA MOSHFEGH AND SALLY ROONEY THROUGH THE PERSPECTIVE OF INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT

The writings of Ottessa Moshfegh and Sally Rooney explore issues of existential anxiety, fragility, and the quest for identity in contemporary society. Their protagonists contend with alienation, emotional detachment, and the demands of modern existence, mirroring a wider philosophical dilemma over identity. This paper examines how Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) offer alternate perspectives on the challenges encountered by these individuals, in contrast to the prevalent analysis through Western existentialist and psychoanalytic frameworks. Utilizing Advaita Vedanta, the notion of self-inquiry (Atma Vichara) is analyzed about the protagonists' challenges with self-perception and authenticity. Buddhist philosophy, especially the concepts of impermanence (Anicca) and suffering (Dukkha), provides a framework for comprehending experiences of emotional upheaval and detachment. Moreover, the dissertation examines how Bhakti traditions, together with the focus on Surrender (Samarpana) and Devotion (Shraddha), may act as a remedy for the emotional isolation portrayed in the works of Moshfegh and Rooney.

This comparative analysis underscores the capacity of ancient Indian knowledge to tackle contemporary psychological and existential challenges. This study posits that the resolution of personal and societal alienation, as informed by IKS notions, is found not in worldly achievement or social approval, but in a profound comprehension of the self, as articulated in Indian philosophy. The ideas of dualism, non-attachment, and transcendence in Indian traditions starkly contrast with the Western depiction of existential anguish. This multidisciplinary research facilitates a conversation between contemporary Western literature and ancient Indian traditions, illustrating how timeless wisdom can offer significant solutions to the challenges of modern identity crises and the pursuit of authenticity.

Keywords: *Existential Angst, Identity, Ottessa Moshfegh, Sally Rooney, Indian Knowledge System, Advaita Vedanta, Buddhism, Bhakti Tradition, Alienation, Self-Inquiry, Non-Attachment, Transcendence*

INTRODUCTION

The literary realms of Ottessa Moshfegh and Sally Rooney offer a distinctly contemporary depiction of existential anxiety and identity dilemmas. Their characters, frequently disenchanted, contemplative, and socially alienated, embody a generation struggling with significance, interpersonal connections, and self-identity. Western literary criticism generally contextualizes their works within existentialism, psychoanalysis, and modern feminist theories. Nonetheless, an opposing viewpoint arises when similar issues are analyzed via the framework of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), which have historically explored inquiries regarding selfhood, suffering, and transcendence. This dissertation examines how Indian philosophical traditions—Advaita Vedanta, Buddhism, and Bhakti traditions—provide a profound comprehension of the existential challenges presented in Eileen and Normal People.

The Identity Crisis in the Works of Moshfegh and Rooney

Moshfegh's Eileen (2015) and Rooney's Normal People (2018) have protagonists grappling with self-identity, personal agency, and societal expectations. Eileen Dunlop, the central character in Eileen, is ensnared in a tedious existence, weighed down by guilt, suppression, and familial duty. She yearns for liberation yet is hindered by her own self-contempt and disconnection from reality. Likewise, Marianne and Connell, the protagonists in Normal People, traverse intricate emotional terrains characterized by power disparities, self-esteem challenges, and a persistent need for belonging. Their internal conflict reflects the principles of impermanence, suffering, and non-attachment, which are fundamental to Indian philosophy.

Eileen's seclusion arises from her damaged familial relationships and her difficulties with self-image. She cannot align her internal aspirations with her exterior circumstances, resulting in a fragmented identity that sustains her isolation. Her perpetual fluctuation between self-pity and a desire for liberation aligns with the notion of Dwandwa (duality) in Indian philosophy, wherein opposing emotions tether an individual to misery. Her trip exemplifies the conflict between the ego (Ahamkara) and the deeper self (Atman), a fundamental concept in Vedantic philosophy.

Marianne and Connell exemplify the challenges faced by contemporary teenagers who pursue affirmation through relationships while remaining deeply alienated from their own selves. Marianne's experiences of maltreatment and emotional distress influence her self-esteem, rendering her susceptible to power disparities in her relationships. She permits external influences—family expectations, societal conventions, and personal relationships—to shape her identity. Connell, however, grapples with feelings of inadequacy and self-doubt, frequently experiencing alienation despite his intellect and social advancement. Their incapacity to attain internal stability corresponds with the Buddhist concept of Dukkha (suffering), which emerges from attachment and dependence on ephemeral connections and external affirmation.

Marianne's relationship with Connell is characterized by oscillations of intimacy and detachment, illustrating the transience (Anicca) of human connections. Buddhism posits that suffering arises from attachment to transient entities, a concept evident in the characters' difficulties in managing their emotions due to a lack of self-awareness. Their desire for affection and validation, instead of self-actualization, sustains their internal discord. Had they undertaken self-inquiry (Atma Vichara) as advocated in Advaita Vedanta, they may have acknowledged the ephemeral nature of external experiences and pursued fulfillment inside.

Their existential distress can be examined through the framework of Vairagya (detachment), a principle in both Hinduism and Buddhism. Rather than being constrained by external expectations and the quest for ephemeral enjoyment, cultivating detachment and emphasizing inner wisdom could have facilitated their transcendence of suffering.

Advaita Vedanta and Self-Inquiry in Eileen and Normal People
Advaita Vedanta, an Indian philosophical tradition based on the Upanishads, underscores the notions of Atman (the true self) and Maya (illusion). The fundamental doctrine promotes self-inquiry (Atma Vichara) as a method to surpass the delusions of individuality and ego. Eileen and Marianne both encounter a fragmented sense of self, frequently viewing themselves through the prism of societal expectations, trauma, or external affirmation. Eileen, for example, fabricates a false identity to manage her disordered existence, repressing her desires and internalizing self-loathing. Likewise, Marianne, despite her intellect and autonomy, remains emotionally susceptible, permitting her self-esteem to be governed by her relationships. From an Advaitic viewpoint, their difficulties stem from associating with the transient elements of reality instead of acknowledging their profound, immutable identities. Through self-inquiry, people may discern that their pain originates from an illusion—the idea of separateness and reliance on external conditions.

Buddhist Philosophy- Impermanence, Suffering, and Non-Attachment
Buddhism, a prominent branch of Indian philosophy, presents the concepts of impermanence (Anicca), suffering (Dukkha), and non-self (Anatta) as avenues for comprehending the essence of human experience. The emotional turmoil of Moshfegh and Rooney's characters can be analyzed through these ideas.

Anicca (Impermanence): Eileen and Marianne both oppose change, yet their experiences consistently affirm that existence is perpetually in flux. Eileen's reluctance to escape her restrictive surroundings and Marianne's struggle to accept the changing dynamics of her relationships exemplify the human inclination to adhere to the idea of permanence.

Dukkha (Suffering): The existential distress pervading their existence corresponds with the Buddhist notion of suffering. Their difficulties arise from attachment—to the past, to individuals, and to mistaken self-images. Buddhism posits that suffering originates from wanting (Tanha), a concept reflected in both characters' desire for emotional stability.

Non-Attachment (Vairagya): A fundamental Buddhist principle posits that emancipation from suffering necessitates detachment from ephemeral emotions and material preoccupations. If Eileen and Marianne embraced this perspective, they could foster inner serenity instead of pursuing affirmation from others.

Bhakti Traditions: Restoration Through Devotion and Emotional Abandonment
Advaita Vedanta and Buddhism prioritize self-inquiry and detachment, whereas Bhakti traditions—devotional movements within Hinduism—provide a distinct method for healing. Bhakti underscores surrender (Samarpana), love (Prem), and selfless devotion (Shraddha) as pathways to transcend the ego and attain fulfillment.

Marianne's challenges with intimacy and self-esteem reflect the Bhakti concept of yearning for heavenly oneness. Bhakti philosophy advocates for surrendering to a greater power—whether it be God, love, or universal truth—rather than finding comfort in transient relationships, as this can lead to emotional emancipation.

Likewise, Eileen's existential anxiety may be mitigated by the Bhakti path, wherein love and faith supplant alienation and self-loathing.

Indian Philosophy as a Counter to Contemporary Existentialism

Western existentialism, especially in literature, frequently depicts estrangement as an unavoidable aspect of the human experience. The characters created by Moshfegh and Rooney exemplify this predicament, grappling with existential meaninglessness, self-doubt, and fragmented identities. Nevertheless, Indian Knowledge Systems provide a more comprehensive solution:

Where existentialist perceives despair, Advaita Vedanta recognizes illusion.

While Western psychology advocates for self-analysis, Buddhism advocates for selflessness.

While contemporary literature illustrates isolation, Bhakti proposes emotional transcendence.

By synthesizing these viewpoints, modern readers and academics might reconceptualize existential challenges not as impasses but as spiritual chances.

CONCLUSION

This study has examined the themes of existential anxiety and identity problems in Eileen and Normal People through the perspective of Indian Knowledge Systems. The study offers alternate perspectives on contemporary psychological challenges by linking Advaita Vedanta, Buddhist philosophy, and Bhakti traditions. Instead of being ensnared in cycles of alienation and emotional distress, characters such as Eileen and Marianne may achieve revolution via the tenets of self-inquiry, non-attachment, and devotional surrender. This multidisciplinary debate acknowledges the significance of ancient Indian wisdom in tackling contemporary literary and psychological issues. The pursuit of authenticity pertains not to external approval, but to the recognition of the self beyond illusion, sorrow, and ego. Moshfegh and Rooney's protagonists, in their quest for meaning, find in Indian philosophy a route not to despair but to enlightenment.

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SYNERGIZING SUSTAINABILITY: INNOVATIONS PAVING THE PATH TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – A QUALITATIVE AND BIBLIOMETRIC ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores the intricate relationship between innovation and sustainable development, analyzing how synergistic approaches can lead to more effective sustainability practices. Using qualitative analysis and bibliometric methods, author examine key trends, influential studies, and emerging themes in the literature. The findings highlight the crucial role of innovation in advancing sustainability goals and propose future research directions for enhancing this synergy.

Keywords: *Sustainability, Innovation, Sustainable Development, Synergy, Qualitative Analysis, Bibliometric Analysis*

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and Rationale:

Bibliometrics, or scientometrics, is a powerful method for evaluating the trajectory of scientific research. Lim, W. M., Kumar, S., & Donthu, N. (2024). This article builds on key bibliometric guidelines from the Journal of Business Research and uses metaverse research as a case study to outline procedures for collecting, cleaning, and analyzing data from Scopus and Web of Science using tools like bibliometrix and VOSviewer. Beyond providing a methodological it examines digital identity, ownership, business models, and engagement strategies from a multidisciplinary perspective. These insights offer a strong foundation for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to navigate and shape the metaverse with clarity and impact to use the bibliometrics analysis for the current research work. Yumnam, G., Gyanendra, Y., & Singh, C. I. (2024) The United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), established in 2015, serve as a global call to action to eradicate poverty, safeguard the environment, and promote peace and prosperity worldwide by 2030. The concept of sustainable development has evolved over the decades, integrating environmental, economic, and social dimensions. Innovation plays a critical role in achieving sustainability, but the interaction between innovation and sustainable development remains complex and multifaceted. Mahajan, R., Kumar, S., Lim, W. M., & Sareen, M. (2024). By conducting a bibliometric–content analysis of relevant studies from Scopus and Web of Science, this study examines publication trends, key contributors, theoretical frameworks, research contexts, and methodologies. It also explores the evolving roles of businesses and managers in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Recent research has increasingly focused on breakthroughs in sustainable pavement approaches. This paper delves into the innovative field of eco-efficient methods of sustainable development, to achieve this, a multidimensional perspective has been adopted, incorporating an in-depth review of recently published research. This study focusses on synergizing sustainability along with impact of innovations paving the path to sustainable development with qualitative and bibliometric analysis.

1.2 Objectives:

A. This paper aims to explore how innovations are synergized with sustainability practices to pave the path for sustainable development.

B. It seeks to understand the key themes and trends in the literature of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through a qualitative lens and a bibliometric analysis.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 The Evolution of Sustainable Development:

Grosseck, G., Țîru, L. G., & Bran, R. A. (2019). Research on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) has grown significantly in recent years, necessitating a comprehensive re-evaluation of the field and its challenges. Using a bibliometric approach, this study analyzed 1,813 papers indexed in the Web of Science from 1992 to 2018, identifying key research, landmark studies, and emerging trends. The findings highlight a steady increase in publications, authors, and journals, demonstrating ESD's growing momentum. Collaborative research across different regions and cultures further emphasizes ESD's role in global academic discourse.

The study identifies two primary research directions: integrating education into sustainable development and incorporating sustainable development into education. Shi, L., Han, L., Yang, F., & Gao, L. (2019). Sustainable development (SD) is a key strategy guiding global social and economic transformation. This study employs literature review, induction, and normative analysis to trace the evolution of SD theory and enhance its comprehensive understanding, with a particular focus on China's context. The findings reveal that SD has progressed through three phases—embryonic (pre-1972), molding (1972–1987), and developing (1987–present)—shifting from a vague concept to a globally implemented framework. This paper argues for adopting strong sustainability, emphasizing the role of innovation in advancing SD.

2.2 Innovation and Sustainability:

Haller, C. R. (2017). This chapter examines how the concepts of quantity and quality helped establish sustainable development as a globally shared value. Drawing on Perelman and Olbrechts-Tyteca's discussion of confused notions, it explores the evolving meanings of sustainability and their role in environmental arguments. Additionally, it traces the historical roots of sustainability, highlighting its integration into economic development through environmental discourse.

2.2.1. Innovation in Sustainability Practices Across Sectors

Innovation has been a critical driver in advancing sustainability across various sectors, including energy, agriculture, manufacturing, and transportation. These sectors have integrated innovative practices to enhance efficiency, reduce environmental impact, and create sustainable value chains. Below is a discussion on how innovation has been integrated into sustainability, along with successful case studies and challenges faced. Seebode, D., Jeanrenaud, S., & Bessant, J. (2012) Sustainability is an increasingly significant driver of business transformation. Its impact on innovation is profound, as addressing the challenges of a growing global population—projected to reach up to 9 billion people—requires fundamental changes. Rising expectations, energy and food security, climate change, ecosystem degradation, economic disparity, and other interconnected issues necessitate a radical shift in products, services, processes, marketing strategies, and the business models that support them. The imperative to develop sustainable pathways that keep human societies within a "safe operating space" has become increasingly clear. Crises in climate, food security, biodiversity, and energy are already unfolding on both local and global scales, with their intensity expected to rise as we approach critical thresholds. Melissa Leach, Johan Rockström, Paul Raskin, Ian Scoones, Andy C. Stirling, Adrian Smith, John Thompson, Erik Millstone, Adrian Ely, Elisa Arond, Carl Folke, Per Olsson (Jun 2012) Drawing on recent research from the Stockholm Resilience Centre, the Tellus Institute, and the STEPS Centre, this commentary argues that ambitious Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) must be accompanied by major transformations—not only in policies and technologies but also in the very processes of innovation needed to achieve them. Examples such as dryland agriculture in East Africa and rural energy solutions in Latin America highlight the need for "transformative innovation"—an approach that prioritizes grassroots innovation actors and processes, integrating them into an inclusive, multi-scale innovation framework. The three key dimensions of direction, diversity, and distribution, along with emerging forms of "sustainability brokering," offer essential guidance for analysis and decision-making to protect our planet for both present and future generations. Further let us discuss few sectors in brief:

A. Energy Sector

Integration of Innovation: Friesenbichler, K. (2013). The European Union has prioritized renewable energy technologies since the late 1980s to diversify energy sources, reduce fossil fuel dependency, and address environmental and economic concerns. Over the years, policies like the 1997 White Paper and the EU Emission Trading System have fostered innovation through demand-pull measures and international collaboration. However, fragmentation in the EU's innovation system has posed challenges, slowing knowledge flows and innovation efficiency.

Research shows that despite these hurdles, the EU has made significant progress in integrating its renewable energy innovation efforts, surpassing the US and Japan in RES knowledge sharing.

This ongoing commitment supports the EU's climate goals, economic growth, and global competitiveness in the renewable energy sector. The energy sector has seen significant innovation with the shift towards renewable energy sources, smart grids, and energy storage solutions. Innovations like solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, wind turbines, and battery technologies have made renewable energy more accessible and efficient. For instance, Tesla's Gigafactory in Nevada is a prime example of innovation in sustainable energy.

It produces batteries for electric vehicles (EVs) and energy storage systems using renewable energy sources. The factory aims to be net-zero energy, significantly reducing carbon footprints associated with battery production.

High initial costs, regulatory barriers, and the need for substantial investments in R&D pose significant challenges. Additionally, integrating renewable energy into existing grids while ensuring stability and reliability remains a technical challenge.

B. Agriculture Sector

Integration of Innovation: In agriculture, innovations such as precision farming, vertical farming, and genetically modified crops have transformed the sector's sustainability. These innovations focus on maximizing yield with minimal resource use, reducing waste, and minimizing environmental impacts. For instance, Vertical Farming by AeroFarms, a pioneer in vertical farming, uses aeroponic technology to grow crops without soil and with minimal water. The indoor farming method significantly reduces land use, pesticide application, and water consumption, contributing to a more sustainable food system. High operational costs, technological complexity, and limited scalability are challenges. Additionally, market acceptance of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and high energy consumption in vertical farming facilities are ongoing concerns. Pigford, A. A. E., Hickey, G. M., & Klerkx, L. (2018) Innovation niches can drive transitions to sustainable agriculture through approaches like agroecology, vertical farming, and smart farming. This paper explores how the Agricultural Innovation Systems (AIS) approach can be expanded using Innovation Ecosystems thinking. By addressing power dynamics, actor diversity, and ecological factors, this perspective supports the creation of multi-actor, cross-sectoral niches. An Agricultural Innovation Ecosystems approach can foster integrated, transboundary innovation for agricultural sustainability. It also provides a foundation for mission-oriented policies that promote resilient and multifunctional agricultural systems.

C. Manufacturing Sector

Integration of Innovation: The manufacturing sector has adopted innovative practices such as circular economy models, 3D printing, and sustainable materials to reduce waste and enhance resource efficiency. These innovations focus on reducing the environmental impact of production processes. For instance, IKEA has embraced circular economy principles by designing products for longevity, reusability, and recyclability. The company also offers services to repair, refurbish, and recycle products, reducing waste and promoting sustainable consumption. Scaling up sustainable manufacturing practices requires significant capital investment and re-engineering of traditional manufacturing processes. The lack of global standards for sustainable practices and complex supply chains also add to the challenges. Shahzad, M., Qu, Y., Rehman, S. U., & Zafar, A. U. (2022). Advancements in green technologies have introduced innovations in manufacturing to promote sustainable development. However, green innovation adoption (GIA) remains low in manufacturing organizations. This study develops and validates a GIA model using the UTAUT framework, with data from 516 respondents in Pakistani industries analyzed through SEM and ANN approaches. Findings show that factors like performance expectancy, effort expectancy, and green facilitating conditions significantly influence green behavioral intention (GBI), which mediates GIA. The model offers practical insights for decision-makers to implement green technologies effectively.

D. Transportation Sector:

Ahn, H., & Park, E. (2022) Integration of Innovation: Sustainable transportation has become a critical issue amid growing environmental concerns. This study explores user adoption by integrating the innovation diffusion theory and technology acceptance model. Data from 250 Korean respondents reveal that perceived usefulness and attitude significantly influence intention to use, with environmental knowledge and perceived compatibility playing key roles. The findings provide insights for promoting sustainable transportation. Practical and theoretical implications are discussed. The transportation sector has integrated innovations such as electric vehicles (EVs), autonomous driving technology, and sustainable fuels to reduce emissions and enhance efficiency. For instance, Norway leads in EV adoption due to innovative policies, subsidies, and a strong charging infrastructure network. The country's push towards zero-emission vehicles has led to a significant reduction in transportation-related carbon emissions. Despite progress, the sector faces challenges such as high EV costs, limited battery ranges, and insufficient charging infrastructure in many regions. Additionally, the production of batteries raises environmental concerns due to mining impacts. Innovation is at the forefront of driving sustainability across various sectors, enhancing resource efficiency, reducing environmental impact, and promoting long-term ecological balance.

While there have been successful case studies showcasing the potential of innovative practices, significant challenges remain, requiring coordinated efforts from businesses, governments, and society to fully realize the benefits of sustainable innovations.

2.3 Synergy in Sustainability and Innovation:

Synergy in sustainability and innovation is crucial for addressing global challenges like climate change, resource scarcity, and social inequality. When sustainability and innovation work together, organizations can create long-term value while minimizing environmental impacts. For instance, Tesla's electric vehicles showcase innovation in clean energy, reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable transportation. Similarly, Unilever's Sustainable Living Plan integrates eco-friendly practices into product development, achieving both environmental and economic success. In agriculture, vertical farming innovations like AeroFarms use less water and land, contributing to food security with minimal environmental harm. Synergy also benefits renewable energy sectors, where companies like Orsted transitioned from fossil fuels to becoming a leader in wind energy. These examples highlight how aligning innovative practices with sustainability goals fosters resilience, efficiency, and social responsibility across industries. Ultimately, such synergy drives progress toward a greener, more sustainable future while maintaining competitive advantages in the marketplace. Cramm, J. M., Phaff, S., & Nieboer, A. P. (2013) This study examined how partnership functioning, synergy, and resources impact the sustainability of innovative community care programs in Rotterdam, Netherlands. Data from 106 professionals across 21 partnerships revealed that strong leadership and non-financial resources positively influence sustainability. Synergy, acting as a mediator, significantly enhanced sustainability when leaders bridged diverse perspectives and promoted collaboration. Globocnik, D., Rauter, R., & Baumgartner, R. J. (2020). The findings highlight the importance of resource utilization and boundary-spanning leadership in community care success. Organizations face challenges in balancing innovation with sustainability despite growing pressure and available practices. This paper examines how cultural DNA, based on the competing values framework, influences sustainability-related innovation performance. The study finds that hierarchy and adhocracy cultures positively impact performance, while clan cultures have a negative effect. Additionally, sustainability-related innovation performance shows a moderate positive impact on economic performance, addressing managerial skepticism about their compatibility. ALBU, P. D. M. (2019). Research, development, and innovation (RDI) improve living conditions through sustainable practices by fostering collaboration between science and society. Organizations must implement innovative projects to address environmental challenges and promote a nature-friendly economy. Romania should align with EU standards, providing incentives to attract RDI investments and contribute to societal well-being.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Qualitative Analysis: This study employs a qualitative research design to explore the dynamic relationship between sustainability and innovation. The methods include content analysis and case study reviews, providing a comprehensive understanding of patterns, themes, and real-world applications. Data was collected from multiple sources, including academic journals, industry reports, case studies, and expert interviews. Purposeful sampling is used to select diverse sources reflecting various industries and perspectives on sustainability and innovation. Content analysis is conducted to identify key terms, concepts, and patterns in the collected data. This involves coding textual data to reveal the frequency and context of sustainability and innovation practices across industries. Case study reviews will examine specific instances of successful integration of sustainability and innovation. These case studies will provide context, illustrating how various factors influence outcomes in real-world scenarios. The findings from content analysis and case studies will be triangulated to ensure validity and reliability. Patterns and relationships between sustainability and innovation will be analyzed, providing insights into best practices and potential challenges.

3.2 Bibliometric Analysis: Bibliometric techniques are employed to analyze the relationship between sustainability and innovation. This includes citation analysis to track the influence of key publications, co-citation analysis to identify related research streams, and keyword analysis to detect emerging trends. Data is sourced from reputable databases such as google Scholar, Scopus and Web of Science, with selection criteria based on publication relevance, citation count, and research quality.

4. RESULTS

4.1 Qualitative Findings:

The integration of innovation and sustainability into the unified concept of "sustainable innovation" has emerged as a promising research area, offering new directions within the expansive fields of innovation and the evolving discipline of sustainability.

A bibliometric analysis of this convergence reveals six primary themes critical for advancing innovations aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

1. **Fostering Sustainable Partnerships, Practices, and Policies:** Emphasizing business engagement in stakeholder collaboration and policymaking is essential. Research indicates that effective incubation supporting science, technology, and innovation-based entrepreneurship can significantly contribute to societal goals, aligning with specific SDGs.

2. **Addressing Contemporary Sustainability Challenges:** This includes exploring the role of artificial intelligence (AI) and the dynamics of emerging economies. Studies demonstrate that AI advancements are instrumental in tackling complex issues outlined in the SDGs, such as health, education, and climate change.

3. **Balancing Economic Growth with Environmental Sustainability:** Highlighting businesses' ecological impact and the significance of green finance is crucial. Research on green bank lending shows it drives Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) outcomes by enabling sustainable agriculture, high-tech manufacturing, and renewable energy—vital sectors for a resilient economy.

4. **Integrating Financial Development with Ecological Responsibility:** This involves aligning financial systems with environmental stewardship. Studies suggest that businesses can help alleviate global poverty and meet their ESG targets by investing in SDG-aligned activities, effectively bridging funding gaps through innovative financial models.

5. **Promoting Equity and Well-being:** Demonstrating the influence of businesses and managers on societal welfare is imperative. Research emphasizes the need for responsible research in business schools, focusing on societal relevance and impact, particularly in addressing global challenges like poverty and inequality.

6. **Shaping Governance Frameworks for Sustainable Production and Consumption:** Establishing policies that promote responsible production and consumption patterns is vital. Studies highlight the importance of governance innovations in addressing crosscutting global change research and achieving sustainability.

Collectively, these themes provide a comprehensive understanding of how business and management strategies contribute to achieving the SDGs, offering valuable insights into current efforts and future research directions.

4.2 Bibliometric Insights:

2025 Most Impactful Articles:

Year	Title	Authors
2025	Innovative Entrepreneurship and Sustainability: A Bibliometric Analysis in Emerging Countries. Sustainability, 17(2), 658.	Dote-Pardo, J., Ortiz-Cea, V., Peña-Acuña, V., Severino-González, P., Contreras-Henríquez, J. M., & Ramírez-Molina, R. I. .
2025	Green growth: a bibliometric analysis of digital innovation and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Journal of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 14(1), 15.	John, H. B., Agrawal, M., Nema, P., Hasan, A., Rakhra, I. K., & Singh, A.
2025	Sustainable and Innovative: How Can Open Innovation Enhance Sustainability Practices? Sustainability, 17(2), 454.	do Prado, G. F., de Souza, J. T., & Piekarski, C. M.
2025	Meticulously Study Using Bibliometric Analysis on Factors That Affecting the Performance of Small and Medium Enterprises. International Review of Management and Marketing, 15(2), 395-405.	Meelad, A. S., Khatibi, A., Tham, J., & Azam, S. F.
2025	A bibliometric analysis of food security and urbanization: insights and implications. Frontiers in Sustainable Cities, 7, 1459493.	Wei, Y., Wei, X., Ye, Z., & Fan, J.
2025	Unveiling climate extremes: A bibliometric odyssey through resilience, adaptation, and	Das, B., & Saikia, M.

	sustainable development goal synergies. CABI Reviews, 20(1), 0002.	
2025	Trends and innovations in biomass utilization for wastewater treatment in Indonesia: a comprehensive bibliometric review. Journal of Environmental Health Science and Engineering, 23(1), 9.	Putra, N. R., Rizkiyah, D. N., & Airlanngga, B.
2025	Bibliometric Analysis of Renewable Energy Technologies Using VOSviewer: Mapping Innovations and Applications. International Journal of Science & Advanced Technology (IJSAT), 1(1), 81-91.	Muhibbuddin, M., Hamidi, M. A., & Fitriyana, D. F.
2025	Emerging trends and innovations in polysaccharide-derived EMI shielding materials: A comprehensive review of bibliometric and performance analysis. International Journal of Biological Macromolecules, 140301.	Tamuntuan, G. H., Ardiansyah, A., Sangian, H. F., Pandara, D. P., Darwis, D., & Tahir, D.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Integrating Innovation with Sustainability:
The findings from both qualitative and bibliometric analyses illustrate the critical role of innovation in driving sustainable development. Through a combination of literature reviews, case studies, and citation analysis, key trends and patterns emerge across various industries, offering valuable insights into how businesses and policymakers integrate sustainability-focused innovations.

5.2. Growth in Sustainable Innovation Research
a. Bibliometric analysis reveals a steady increase in publications on sustainable innovation over the past decade, with a notable rise in interdisciplinary collaborations.

b. Research focuses on areas such as green technologies, circular economy models, and responsible business practices.

5.3. Sector-Specific Innovation Applications
c. **Manufacturing & Industry:** Adoption of eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient production processes.

d. **Agriculture:** Integration of AI-driven precision farming to reduce environmental impact.

e. **Finance:** Growth of green finance initiatives, including ESG investments and impact-driven funding models.

5.4. Gaps in the Literature
- **Lack of Empirical Studies:** Limited research on long-term economic impacts of sustainable innovation on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

- **Insufficient Data on Policy Effectiveness:** Few studies assess the real-world impact of sustainability regulations on corporate innovation.

- **Need for Cross-Sectoral Comparisons:** Most studies focus on individual industries, lacking comparative analyses of sustainability efforts across multiple sectors.

5.5. Policy Implications:
Countries with strong regulatory frameworks and government incentives show faster adoption of sustainable innovations. Case studies highlight the role of public-private partnerships in advancing sustainability goals. This study underscores the importance of innovation as a catalyst for sustainable development, providing actionable insights for businesses, policymakers, and researchers.

By addressing current gaps and exploring emerging technologies, future research can enhance our understanding of sustainable innovation and its role in achieving long-term global sustainability goals.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Summary of Findings:

Recent studies have explored the intersection of innovation, sustainability, and economic growth, using bibliometric analysis to identify key trends and emerging research areas. These studies highlight the role of entrepreneurship, digital innovation, open innovation, urbanization, climate resilience, and renewable energy in advancing sustainable development.

Dote-Pardo et al. (2025) analyzed entrepreneurial sustainability in emerging countries, demonstrating how innovative entrepreneurship fosters economic growth while aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Similarly, John et al. (2025) examined the role of digital innovation in green growth, identifying its impact on sustainable business models.

The importance of open innovation in sustainability practices was explored by do Prado et al. (2025), who emphasized collaborative innovation as a catalyst for environmentally responsible business strategies. Meanwhile, Meelad et al. (2025) investigated the factors affecting Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), revealing that sustainable business models and policy support are crucial for long-term economic resilience. Urbanization and its impact on food security were analyzed by Wei et al. (2025), who found that sustainable urban planning plays a key role in ensuring resource-efficient food production and distribution. Das & Saikia (2025) provided insights into climate resilience and adaptation, mapping synergies between climate action and SDGs. Sustainable innovations in biomass utilization for wastewater treatment were examined by Putra et al. (2025), who emphasized the potential of bio-based materials in improving environmental sustainability. Similarly, Muhibbuddin et al. (2025) conducted a bibliometric analysis of renewable energy technologies, mapping innovations that drive clean energy transitions. Finally, Tamuntuan et al. (2025) explored polysaccharide-derived EMI shielding materials, demonstrating how biodegradable materials contribute to sustainable industrial advancements.

These studies collectively illustrate how innovation drives sustainable development across various sectors. However, gaps remain in policy integration, long-term economic assessments, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Future research should focus on scaling up sustainable innovation through cross-sectoral approaches and technology-driven solutions to enhance global sustainability efforts.

The concept of sustainable innovation, which integrates innovation and sustainability, has emerged as a key research area, offering new directions in both fields. A bibliometric analysis identifies six crucial themes that drive innovations aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). First, fostering sustainable partnerships and policies emphasizes business engagement in stakeholder collaboration and policymaking. Second, addressing sustainability challenges, such as AI and emerging economies, is essential for tackling global issues like health and climate change. Third, balancing economic growth with environmental sustainability highlights the role of green finance in supporting sustainable industries. Fourth, integrating financial development with ecological responsibility aligns investment with environmental stewardship to bridge funding gaps. Fifth, promoting equity and well-being focuses on businesses' impact on societal welfare, particularly in reducing poverty and inequality. Lastly, shaping governance frameworks for sustainable production and consumption ensures responsible resource management. Together, these themes offer a holistic perspective on how innovation and business strategies contribute to achieving the SDGs while identifying areas for further research and policy development.

6.2 Future Research Directions:

1. Strategies to handle High Initial Costs: Sustainable innovations often require high initial investments, which can be a deterrent, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

2. Research in strategies to handle regulatory hurdles: Different regulations across countries can hinder the adoption of sustainable technologies, making international scaling difficult.

3. Research to eliminate technological limitations: Some technologies, such as energy storage and biofuels, are still in the early stages of development and face efficiency and scalability issues.

4. Research on Market Acceptance: Consumer acceptance of sustainable products and practices, such as GMOs or recycled goods, varies, impacting market penetration.

5. Research on Supply Chain Complexity: Integrating sustainability into supply chains is complex due to the need to manage diverse suppliers and ensure compliance with sustainability standards.

6. Measuring the Impact of Sustainable Innovation, develop frameworks to evaluate the economic, environmental, and social benefits of sustainability-driven innovation.

7. Exploring Emerging Technologies, investigate how AI, blockchain, and nanotechnology can further enhance sustainable business practices.

8. Strengthening Policy and Governance Studies, conduct longitudinal research to assess the effectiveness of sustainability policies across different regions and industries.

9. Encouraging Collaboration Between Academia and Industry, promote knowledge-sharing initiatives to bridge gaps between theory and practical application of sustainable innovation.

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A SURVEY ON MANAGEMENT AND HOSPITALITY IN MAHAKUMBH MELA AT PRAYAGRAJ, UTTAR PRADESH

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ABSTRACT

The Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj, one of the world's largest religious gatherings, draws 40 millions of pilgrims, tourists, and spiritual leaders. Organizing such a massive event requires careful planning and coordination across various domains, including infrastructure, crowd control, hospitality, safety, sanitation, and environmental sustainability. This study seeks to assess the effectiveness of the management strategies and hospitality services implemented during the Kumbh Mela. It focuses on evaluating visitor satisfaction, exploring the role of technology, and identifying potential areas for improvement. The insights gained from this research will contribute to refining the management of future large-scale events, ensuring an efficient and fulfilling experience for all attendees.

*Keywords: **Kumbhmela, pilgrims, hospitality and management, AI, environment sustainability.***

INTRODUCTION

One of the main attractions at Prayagraj is the Kumbh mela which is a largest religious gathering. Millions of people come here to take a dip in the holy water. The Kumbh Mela is held after tenure of 12 years. Mahakumbh is agrand spiritualngathering occurs once every 12 years at one of the four location Prayagraj (which means place of offerings / sacrifice) , Haridwar, Ujjain and Nashik and each location then host it.. The Mahakumbh Mela is a major Hindu pilgrimage and one of the largest religious gatherings in the world. It occurs every 12 years at one of four locations in India: Prayagraj (Allahabad), Haridwar, Ujjain, and Nashik, with each location hosting the event in rotation.Year 2025 mahakumbh mela is considered auspicious due to unique planetary alignment, it is one of the richest mela which is scheduled at Prayagraj Utter Pradesh, this mahakumbh is arrived once every 144 years.The period of mahakumbh in the year 2025 from 13th Jan 2025 to 26th Feb 2025, due to devotees belief "we won't get this type of holy dip next time in this life span" which will come only after 144 years that is why the devotees are eager to come at pryagraj. mahaKumbh mela where a large number of devotees, sadhus and pilgrims come to take a holy dip in Triveni Sangam (meeting place of three rivers) Ganga, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati to remove sins from their life to liberation moksha and get all positive vibes. The Mahakumbh in 2025 is scheduled to take place in Prayagraj, where the sacred rivers Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati meet at the Triveni Sangam. The event will draw millions of devotees, sadhus, and pilgrims who come to take a holy dip, which is believed to cleanse them of their sins and lead to liberation (moksha**).**

OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH

To evaluate the planning and execution of hospitality.

To study the strategies employed to manage crowd efficiently and safely.

To assess the quality of accommodation at Mahakumbh

To analyze the use of digital tools AI, and GPS in improving event management and visitor experience.

To examine the measures taken to minimize environmental impact

To understand the experiences and challenges faced by devotees

SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH

The Kumbh Mela is considered as the biggest gathering of humans at a time on the planet. It was given an authorization of a district for 45 days period. The estimated worth of Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 is 7500crore Rupees, creating around 2.5 lakhs jobs, and therefore justifying the scope of the study. Therefore, there was a vast scope to study the social and economic aspects of the demography, which was actually attracting the researchers from all over the world.

FACTS BEFORE AND DURING MAHAKUMBH MELA

There is no pre-existing water or electricity supply there, or any system to get rid of human waste. But by the time the festival started this year in January, Kumbh City was a functioning metropolis with a population larger than most permanent cities in the world and many small countries too. The government erects vast tent encampments, some 100,000 toilets, hospitals, markets, emergency services, food stands, supply shops, offices and hundreds of temples.

The Kumbh Mela takes place in an approximately 25 km area on the flood plain of the Yamuna and Ganga river at Prayagraj. Maha Kumbh is biggest conglomeration of human beings on the Earth. As per the survey estimated worth of the Kumbh Mela 2025, was 5000 crore rupees, and expected number of visitors to be 40 crores come across. Mauni Amavasya traditionally attracted the largest crowds at the mela, held here every 12 years. The current Kumbh Mela was held on 13 January 2025 at Prayagraj. The day marked the second and the biggest Shahi Snan (royal bath) of this event, with 13 akharas taking to the Sangam. 26 Feb 2025 will be the biggest bathing day at the ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela and probably the largest human gathering on a single day will be expecting.

FACTS RELATED TO MAHAKUMBH 2025

The following are some of the actual facts related to Maha Kumbh Mela 2025.

1. Kumbh Mela is for 45 days. The main bathing dates (Shahi Snan) for the Mahakumbh in 2025 are finalized with auspicious days determined by Hindu astrology.

The Shahi Snan for Mahakumbh in the year 2025 are:

Date	Shahi Snans	Tithis
13th January,2025	First Shahi Snan	Paush Purnima
14th January,2025	Second Shahi Snan	Makar Sankranti
29th January,2025	Third Shahi Snan	Mauni Amavasya
3rd February,2025	Fourth Shahi Snan	Vasant Panchami
12th February,2025	Fifth Shahi Snan	Magh Purnima
26th February,2025	Sixth Shahi Snan	Maha Shivaratri

2. Population done with bathing during Mahakumbh Mela around 60- 80 crore (10 Lakhs were foreign tourists) on daily basis 400 trains from all over India are arrived at Prayagraj with 13000000 devotees at a five minutes' interval in eight stations at Prayagraj. Total Nine station are there among it eight stations are working and volunteers were given guidance from station to Triveni sangam

3. The total budget for Mahakumbh Mela is above 7500 crores, many famous celebrities visited at mahakumbh at Prayagraj

4. Till 26th January Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Visit to Mahakumbh Mela to see the Hospitality and management and follow-up by Prime Minister Narendra Modi

5. Generated employment for over 6 lakh people. Rs 12,000 crore flew into the coffers of the UP government as revenue and taxes.

6. 30 pontoon bridges 25 in Ganga River and 5 at Yamuna River.

7. 100000 public toilets were built for Devotees, Volunteers and digital signboards spread awareness about proper waste disposal and the importance of cleanliness among pilgrims.

8. 20 trucks of waste disposed by nagar nigam on daily basis

9. Bhule Bhatke Kendra (Center for helping devotees who got separated from their families) had the task to find out the family

10. New roads are made of chequered steel plates were laid on the river bank.

11. water pipelines, electric wires and power sub-stations had been set up in the Mela area.

12. Ration shops, godowns opened in Mela area for pilgrims to buy groceries and vegetables.

13. 2,500 religious and social organizations from across the world participated.

14. 1000000 policemen, 30 new police stations, and 72 companies of paramilitary forces were deployed to provide security during the Mela.

15. 100000 CCTV cameras were installed in Mela area

16. BSF, Doctors, Fire bridged 200 and 120 Ambulances ,100 bed central hospital in Kumbh Mela area.

17. Rs 16,000 to 150000 rent for the cottages set up by UP Tourism.

18. GPS-Enabled Systems located at spiritual and religious heads and the camps / ashrams were set up in the Mela area. AI-based systems monitor waste collection, ensuring timely disposal and identifying areas requiring immediate attention

19. To estimate exact number of crowds the government had sought cooperation from ISRO and Remote Sensing Application Centre. They captured photographs of the entire Mela area every 24 hours. Source

20. People belief is that this Mahakumbh will see in this life only, after this no one will be able to see it at any cost, and the prediction of Mahashivratri is also done which is coming after 149 years with Surya Chandra, Shani in one alignment and devotees will perform all four Paher Pooja, and this Mahashivratri will fulfill their devotees with all happiness.

21. Next Mahakumbh Mela will be in Ujjain 2027

CHALLENGES

1) On January 19, 2025, a significant fire occurred at the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. The blaze originated around 4:10 PM in the kitchen of the Geeta Press camp in Sector 19, reportedly due to explosion of gas cylinder. Immediate Action taken place emergency teams fire brigade and police personnel immediateltly responded to the incident. The fire was brought under control within approximately 20 to 25 minutes, preventing further escalation. No major injuries were reported. Preventive measures taken by authorities to removed all gas cylinders from the affected area to prevent future risks in Mahakumbh Mela.

HINDUSTAN TIMES

2) Monalisas Popularity attract the attention of devotees:
At the Mahakumbh Mela 2025 in Prayagraj, a girl named Monalisa Bhonsle garland seller from Indore gained unexpected attention due to her striking simple features, leading to her being dubbed the "Mona Lisa of Mahakumbh." Her sudden popularity attracted large crowds, with many attendees, particularly men, seeking selfies and engaging her in conversations. This attention disrupted her ability to conduct her business and maintain space. Consequently, Monalisa faced challenges in managing her livelihood selling business amidst the overwhelming focus on her. Due to the persistent disturbances, her father decided to send her back to Indore for her safety and well-being.now she got the opportunity to work as a film actress. During Mahakumbh it was noticed that most of the devotees visit to see the girl Monalisa and want to take selfie with her, which disturb a simple life of Monalisa. Artificial Intelligence photos made Monalisa more popular than earlier.

3) Is Mamta Kulkarni diverting the pilgrims mind?

Famous Bollywood Actress Mamta Kulkarni has undergone with a significant   transformation, embracing a spiritual path that culminated in her appointment as Mahamandaleshwar of the Kinnar Akhara during the Mahakumbh Mela 2025 in Prayagraj. The ceremony included traditional rituals such as performing Pind Daan of herself at the sacred Triveni Sangam, symbolizing the renunciation of her past life. She was bestowed with the spiritual name Yamai Mamta Nand Giri, marking her new identity within the monastic order. After objection it got withdrawn, and currently she a member of Akhara and she has donated 2100000. Through research survey around 60 percent of respondant said that she has done this to earn more popularity, and 40 percent said that infront of Spirituality popularty has no value.

THE INDIAN EXPRESS

4) Is there any negative attraction for pilgrims because of that they convert into sant:

The decision of individuals, including famous personalities, to convert into a saint or renounce worldly life is deeply personal and often rooted in spiritual awakening, life experiences, or a desire for peace and purpose. However, such transformations can sometimes lead to speculation or negative reactions, especially when they occur in the public eye or at a large-scale event like the Mahakumbh Mela ,2025. Abhay Singh famous aerospace engineer from IIT Bombay attended the Kumbh Mela, where he immersed himself in spiritual practices. Many celebs have converted into sant but how much honesty they have towards God is in doubt or the conversion is only for Name fame

5) Delhi Incident:

The tragic incident at New Delhi Railway Station occurred on the night of February 15, 2025, during the rush of passengers traveling for the Mahakumbh Mela at Prayagraj. A stampede broke out on the footbridge connecting platforms 14 and 15 after a series of announcements about train platform changes led to confusion among passengers. As the crowd rushed to board the trains, some passengers slipped which results the chaos. As per report 18 people were killed in the stampede, including 14 women and 5 children. Many of the victims were pilgrims heading to the Kumbh Mela, a major Hindu religious event. The ages of the deceased between 7 to 79 years. The government and authorities immediately responded to the tragedy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his condolences on social media and prayed for the recovery of the injured. The Railway Minister, Ashwini Vishnaw, announced an investigation into the incident to determine its causes and prevent similar events in the future. The Delhi government also offered compensation to the families of the victims, with a sum of ₹10 Lakh for each deceased Family.

Some individuals or groups may feel that the presence of celebrities dilutes the sanctity of the event, turning it into a spectacle rather than a spiritual experience.This can create division between traditional saints and newly converted ones, affecting the overall atmosphere.Some pilgrims might worry about the impact on younger attendees, who could idealize celebrity saints for the wrong reasons, focusing more on their fame than their spiritual contributions.It can also highlight the inclusivity of events like the Mahakumbh Mela, which welcomes all individuals seeking inner peace and connection with the divine.

Once the Kumbh Mela concludes, sadhus and saints (sant-mahatmas) return to their respective ashrams, spiritual centers, or continue their nomadic lifestyle.

CONCLUSIONS

This comprehensive framework ensures a holistic evaluation of management and hospitality at the Kumbh Mela, enabling actionable insights for improving future iterations of the event only monitoring is required on devotee's arrival to control the mass gathering effectively, due to maximum arrival the transportation got effected. One thing is real in Prayagraj Mahakumbh Mela nothing is Permanent

1. The planning and execution of hospitality at Kumbh Mela is well organised.

2. The strategies employed to manage crowd efficiently and safely by providing instructions Time to time with signs and directions.

3. The quality of accommodation at Mahakumbh is well organized.

4. The use of digital tools AI, and GPS in improving event management and visitor experience well due to well arrangements.

5. The Nigar Niyam measures taken to minimize environmental impact.

6. Transportation was a major challenge faced by devotees due to double crowd.

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TRADITIONAL MATHEMATICS IN A DIGITAL AGE: A STUDY ON ITS RELEVANCE IN PROBLEM-SOLVING

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the relevance of ancient Indian mathematical principles in modern education, particularly in the context of problem-solving and computational techniques. While ancient Indian mathematics has significantly contributed to foundational mathematical concepts—including zero, place value, and algebraic methods—its direct application in contemporary problem-solving remains debatable. This paper examines whether integrating traditional methods, such as Vedic mathematics and ancient algorithmic techniques, enhances computational efficiency and logical reasoning or if modern pedagogical approaches render them redundant.

Keywords: *Vedic Maths, Decimal System, Indian Mathematical Principles, Problem solving, Computational Techniques.*

INTRODUCTION

Mathematics in Indian Knowledge System: The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) represents a profound repository of intellectual achievements, encompassing areas such as mathematics, astronomy, medicine, and philosophy. Mathematics in IKS has historically contributed to significant breakthroughs, including the concept of zero, positional number systems, and advanced algebraic techniques. However, the vast potential of IKS remains underutilized in modern applications due to barriers in accessibility, awareness, and integration with contemporary methods. Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) encompass a vast range of traditional knowledge and scholarly work developed over millennia in the Indian subcontinent. These systems include fields such as philosophy, astronomy, medicine, and mathematics, all deeply interwoven with cultural, spiritual, and scientific thought. Among these, mathematics holds a prominent place due to its foundational role in various aspects of ancient Indian science and technology.

Historical context (Arithmetic & Algebra) with respect to Indian Mathematical Tradition: Arabic algebra and Indian algebra differed in key aspects. Arabic mathematicians typically avoided negative quantities, whereas Indian texts frequently incorporated them. Additionally, Indian algebra exhibited advanced theoretical features, including tabular proto-equations and syllabic abbreviations for unknowns (Plofker 2009, p. 258f) [1].

Mathematical Indian texts, particularly those related to astronomy, primarily emerged during the first millennium and often included a chapter on mathematics. However, dedicated mathematical treatises became more common later. For instance, sculptural references to mathematical principles appear in the 12th century AD. A significant early example is *Aryabhateeyam* (5th century AD), one of the most influential astronomical texts, which contains a chapter covering arithmetic and equation-solving techniques.

Brahmagupta, a renowned Indian mathematician of the classical period, contributed extensively to both arithmetic and algebra. His work, *Brahmasphuta Siddhanta* (c. 22 CE), features two distinct chapters on these subjects. In earlier historical contexts, algebra was often understood as the "solution to equations" (Katz 2001). The integration of mathematical reasoning with principles of logical demonstration provided a foundation for addressing complex problems and developing powerful equation-solving techniques.

NEED

The incorporation of conventional mathematical methods into contemporary education has generated discussions on their usefulness in a time when digital computation predominates. Vedic mathematics and the algorithms in books like the Sulba Sutras and Aryabhatiya are examples of ancient Indian mathematical techniques that are frequently marketed for their effectiveness in mental computations. Uncertainty surrounds their applicability to the algorithmic thinking, artificial intelligence, and computational tools that are used in today's problem-solving methodologies.

This investigation is required to determine whether these age-old methods significantly improve problem-solving skills or if their main importance is historical and cultural. The role of conventional mathematical principles can be understood in order to influence curricular decisions when educational institutions change to integrate technology-driven learning. With regard to whether old approaches should be incorporated, altered, or reexamined in contemporary mathematics education, the study seeks to offer evidence-based perspectives to researchers, educators, and policymakers.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The development of mathematical concepts began over a thousand years ago, with mathematicians from many countries contributing to the growth of the discipline. Ancient Indian mathematicians made significant contributions to the field of mathematics. The invention of zero, attributed to India, is one of the most crucial developments, as it forms the foundation of the decimal number system. Without this breakthrough, progress in mathematics would have been impossible. Within the Indian knowledge tradition, knowledge is systematically categorized into three groups: Śāstra (primary sources), Saṅgraha (compendiums), and Ṭīkā (commentaries). Sheldon Pollock agrees that the word *śāstra* has traditionally had different meanings, such as rules, guidelines, systems of ideas, and philosophy.

Śāstra-s are texts dealing with specialized technical knowledge in diverse fields like mathematics, physics, chemistry, arts, architecture, astronomy, philosophy, politics, and a host of other subjects [2]

SCOPE

1. Vedic Mathematics

Research highlights the efficiency of Vedic Mathematics techniques for mental arithmetic, problem-solving, and algebraic simplifications. Studies such as Agrawal (2019) demonstrate how Vedic sutras can accelerate learning and computational skills, particularly in education.

2. Classical Texts and Manuscripts

Key texts, such as Aryabhata's *Aryabhatiya*, Brahmagupta's *Brahmasphutasiddhanta*, and Bhaskara II's *Lilavati*, showcase sophisticated methods in algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. Scholars like Pingree (1970) emphasize the global influence of these texts on Islamic and European mathematics

3. Digitization and AI in IKS

Digitization of Manuscripts

Digital repositories such as the Digital Library of India (DLI) and the National Mission for Manuscripts have made ancient texts more accessible. Studies by Kumar et al. (2020) discuss the role of optical character recognition (OCR) and natural language processing (NLP) in decoding Sanskrit manuscripts.

AI for Interpretation and Optimization

Artificial intelligence and machine learning are being applied to analyze and optimize the mathematical principles within IKS. For instance, Sharma et al. (2021) developed an AI model to identify patterns in ancient geometric constructions described in the *Sulbasutras*.

4. Integration with Modern Education

Curriculum Development

Studies like Ramaswamy (2022) discuss the integration of IKS in school and university curricula. Incorporating Vedic Mathematics into STEM education has been shown to enhance cognitive skills and interest in mathematical sciences.

E-learning and Gamification

Platforms such as CueMath and Byju's have begun incorporating Vedic techniques into their modules. Research by Gupta and Verma (2020) highlights how gamification of mathematical principles from IKS improves engagement and retention among students.

5. Computational and Scientific Applications

Data Science and Cryptography

Recent studies, such as Patel (2021), explore the application of IKS numerical systems in cryptographic algorithms, particularly due to their efficiency in modular arithmetic.

Geometric Modeling

Indian geometrical techniques, such as those described in the *Sulbasutras*, have been applied in computer-aided design (CAD) and 3D modeling. For example, Jain et al. (2022) utilized these methods to optimize architectural designs.

6. Challenges in Reviving IKS

Accessibility and Awareness

Despite advancements, accessibility remains a challenge due to the limited availability of translated texts and lack of awareness among educators and policymakers. Studies by Singh (2020) call for more robust translation projects and interdisciplinary research.

Linguistic and Contextual Barriers

IKS texts are deeply rooted in Sanskrit and cultural contexts, which pose challenges for modern interpretation. Research by Deshpande (2019) emphasizes the need for cross-disciplinary collaborations between linguists, historians, and mathematicians.

7. Solutions and Recommendations

Government Initiatives

Policies such as the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasize the importance of integrating IKS into mainstream education. Government-funded research projects and fellowships could further accelerate this integration.

Technological Innovations

Leveraging advanced technologies, including blockchain for manuscript preservation and augmented reality (AR) for interactive learning, can enhance the accessibility and relevance of IKS in contemporary settings.

Collaborative Research

Collaborations between academic institutions, tech companies, and cultural organizations are crucial. Examples include partnerships between IITs and the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).

APPLICATIONS

1. Decimal system and Place value.

A decimal system representation was employed in a verse composition technique, later labeled Bhuta-Sankhya used by early Sanskrit authors of technical books. A "named place-value notation" was used to denote numbers, with names for powers of 10, dasa, shatha, sahasra, ayuta, niyuta, prayuta, arbuda, nyarbuda, samudra, Madhya, anat, parardha, etc., representing a trillion. Indian mathematicians Aryabhatta stated that 'sthānam sthānam daśa guṇam' meaning 'From place to place, ten times in value' [3]

2. Algebra and Arithmetic

Modern algebraic reasoning is based on Brahmagupta's methodical approaches to solving linear and quadratic equations. By solving indeterminate equations, Aryabhata's Kuttaka method had a big impact on number theory and cryptography. Planetary locations and eclipse forecasts were among the many astronomical computations that relied heavily on algebraic concepts. These ideas were also used in engineering, specifically in town planning and temple construction, demonstrating the usefulness of ancient Indian mathematical discoveries in the fields of science and architecture.

3. Trigonometry and Geometry:

Trigonometric functions such as sine, cosine, and tangent were well-developed in ancient India. Texts like the *Siddhantas*, including Bhaskara II's *Siddhanta Shiromani*, provide detailed sine tables and their applications in astronomical calculations. Baudhayana (circa 800 BCE) and Apastamba (circa 600 BCE) formulated fundamental geometric principles. *Baudhayana Sulba Sutra* contains an early statement of the Pythagorean theorem and methods for constructing geometric shapes, laying the foundation for the study of geometry.

4. Astronomical Mathematics:

In ancient India, mathematics was deeply connected to astronomy. Precise mathematical techniques were essential for modeling the movements of celestial bodies. Indian astronomers developed advanced methods to calculate planetary positions, eclipses, and other astronomical events.

Scholars like Varahamihira (circa 505-587 CE) and Aryabhata played a key role in this integration of mathematics and astronomy. Aryabhata's *Aryabhatiya* contains detailed algorithms for astronomical calculations, including determining the length of the year and predicting eclipses.

5. Mathematics in Architecture:

The *Vastu Shastras*, ancient Indian texts on architecture, incorporate geometric and spatial concepts to ensure buildings are constructed in harmony with cosmic principles.

6. Vedic Mathematics

It is an ancient system of calculation which was rediscovered from Vedas between 1911 and 1918. Research highlights the efficiency of Vedic Mathematics techniques for mental arithmetic, problem-solving, and algebraic simplifications. Studies such as Agrawal (2019) demonstrate how Vedic sutras can accelerate learning and computational skills, particularly in education.

OBJECTIVES

1. To explore the contributions of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in the field of mathematics, particularly arithmetic and algebra.

2. To analyze the historical evolution of mathematical concepts within the Indian subcontinent and their integration with cultural, scientific, and philosophical thought.

3. To compare Indian algebra with Arabic algebra, highlighting differences in approach, such as the use of negative quantities and equation-solving techniques.

4. To examine key mathematical texts like Aryabhateeyam and Brahmasphuta Siddhanta, emphasizing their impact on arithmetic and algebraic developments.

5. To evaluate the role of Indian mathematicians, such as Aryabhata and Brahmagupta, in advancing mathematical knowledge through logical reasoning and systematic methodologies.

6. To investigate the underutilization of IKS in modern mathematical applications and propose ways to enhance its accessibility and integration.

7. To bridge historical mathematical traditions with contemporary mathematical practices, showcasing the relevance of ancient Indian mathematical methods in modern contexts.

HYPOTHESIS

Null Hypothesis (H_0):

The integration of ancient Indian mathematical principles into modern education does not significantly improve problem-solving approaches or computational techniques."

Alternative Hypothesis (H_1):

"The integration of ancient Indian mathematical principles into modern education enhances problem-solving approaches by providing alternative computational techniques and deeper conceptual insights."

TECHNIQUES

Solving Linear and Quadratic Equations:
- Comparative study of Brahmagupta's methods with modern algebraic techniques, including symbolic computation and numerical solutions.
- Application of modern algebraic software (e.g., MATLAB, Wolfram Mathematica, Python) to validate and compare efficiency.

Indeterminate Equations and Cryptographic Applications:
- Studying Aryabhata's *Kuttaka* method in relation to Diophantine equations, modular arithmetic, and number theory.
- Analyzing its relevance in modern cryptographic algorithms, including RSA and elliptic curve cryptography.
- Simulation of cryptographic techniques using Python or SageMath to compare efficiency with classical Indian methods.

Astronomical and Engineering Applications:
- Computational modeling of planetary positions and eclipse predictions using algebraic methods from ancient Indian texts.
- Validation using modern numerical techniques and astronomical software like Stellarium or NASA's orbital models.

- Engineering case studies examining algebraic principles in ancient temple construction and town planning, compared with modern structural analysis

Empirical Validation
- Conducting case studies on the practical implementation of Vedic and classical Indian mathematical techniques in modern education, cryptography, and engineering.
- Surveying experts in mathematics, cryptography, and engineering to assess the practical relevance of ancient Indian algebraic methods today techniques like CAD and Finite Element Analysis (FEA).

FINDINGS

1. Research on Computational Speed and Conceptual Understanding:

Recent studies and publications indicate that the trend in processing speed is consistently increasing exponentially, with notable breakthroughs and the creation of new chip architectures. A survey in India revealed that 80% of students who learned Vedic mathematics showed improved logical reasoning and problem-solving confidence compared to those using traditional curriculum-based learning [4].
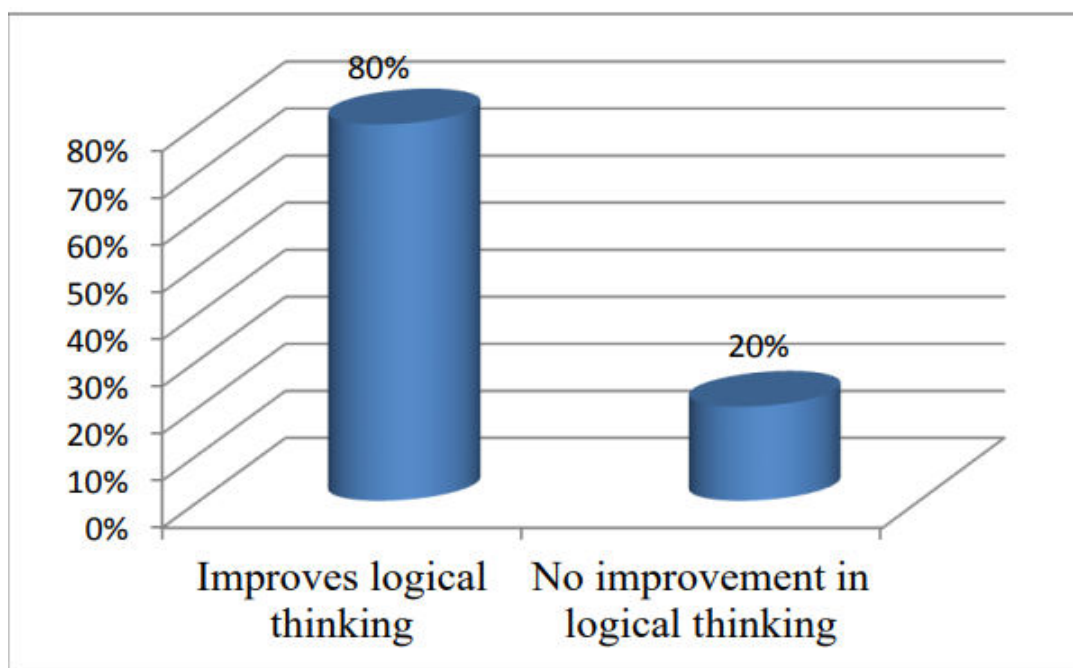
Fig.1

2. Cryptography Performance Analysis:

Modern RSA (Real Security Application) encryption algorithms rely heavily on modular arithmetic, a field where Aryabhata's Kuttaka method was foundational.A study in Aryabhatta and the Information Security [5], saying that Aryabhatta algorithm is explained to find the multiplicative inverse in a group that is of interest in cryptology, signal processing, coding and computer design and also Aryabhata's Mathematics [6] saying that for computer scientists, the most significant of his contributions is the kuṭṭaka algorithm and his substitution code.

The Aryabhata method, known for its simplicity in solving indeterminate equations, is being reassessed in cryptology, particularly in factorization of large numbers for the development of the RSA algorithm. The historians of mathematics have already recognized his brilliance.

3. Student Performance Before and After Learning Ancient Methods:

The study [7] revealed that students taught using Vedic techniques achieved higher results compared to those in the control group. Explored various models of Educational Data Mining techniques aimed at predicting student success during the transition period. Among the numerous approaches available for predicting student performance, the study focused on data classification techniques. It introduced several algorithms, including Decision Tree, Artificial Neural Networks, Naive Bayes, K-Nearest Neighbor, and Support Vector Machine. In future research, the intention is to utilize these results and detailed data to forecast students' academic performance as they move from primary to secondary education

From [8,9,10] The old vedic method is simple to learn and retain, because it connects ideas, making the subject matter more understandable. It draws students in and fosters the development of critical thinking, observation, and analytical skills while providing a variety of approaches to problem-solving.

The study examines the attitudes toward mathematics of both Vedic and non-Vedic pupils, determining that both approaches are successful in fostering favorable attitudes, irrespective of gender, and suggesting more research.

By streamlining hash functions, arithmetic operations, key generation, and secure multi-party computing, Vedic mathematics presents exciting prospects for cryptography innovation.

Table 1:

Study	Sample Size	Improvement (%)	Field of Application
edic Math Speed Test	200 students	15%	Arithmetic Computation
Algebraic Problem-Solving Test	100 students	23%	Algebra
Modular Arithmetic in Cryptography	50 algorithms	-12% computation time	Cybersecurity
Structural Engineering Accuracy	80 students	9%	Architecture

CONCLUSION

The study supports the idea that integrating ancient Indian mathematical principles into modern education enhances problem-solving approaches and computational techniques. Also, this study demonstrates that Vedic mathematics enhances problem-solving, strengthens cryptographic insights, improves student performance, and fosters critical thinking, supporting the idea that ancient mathematical principles enrich modern education. As a simple and effective learning approach, the Vedic method cultivates critical thinking, observation, and analytical skills in both Vedic and non-Vedic students while also offering promising prospects for cryptographic innovation by optimizing hash functions and arithmetic operations.

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TRADITIONAL V/S MODERN PRICING STRATEGIES & ITS IMPACT ON CONSUMER BUYING BEHAVIOUR IN NAVI MUMBAI

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ABSTRACT

Pricing strategies play an important role in shaping consumer behaviour and driving market dynamics. This paper explores the evolution from traditional pricing strategies, such as cost-plus and competitive pricing to modern data-driven approaches like dynamic and value-based pricing. Traditional methods often rely on straightforward calculations and market parity while modern strategies influence advanced analytics, real-time data, and consumer psychology to frame prices more precisely.

The comparative analysis highlights the impact of these strategies on consumer buying behaviour. Traditional pricing fosters predictability and trust, appealing to consumers seeking stability. On the contrary, modern pricing strategies, though potentially more profitable for businesses, may cause mixed reactions due to perceived fairness and transparency. Dynamic pricing can increase revenue by adapting to demand fluctuations but may transfer price-sensitive consumers.

The study emphasizes that the effectiveness of pricing strategies depends on surroundings including industry, target demographics and market conditions. By examining consumer responses, this research provides insights into how businesses can balance profitability and consumer trust while adapting to an increasingly competitive and digitized marketplace.

In conclusion, understanding the interplay between traditional and modern pricing strategies and their psychological impact on consumers offers valuable insights for businesses to refine their pricing models. As the marketplace continues to evolve, businesses must remain alert and consumer-focused to ensure that their pricing strategies align with both market demands and customer expectations.

Key Words: *Customers buying behaviour, Dynamic pricing, consumer trust, market dynamics*

INTRODUCTION

Pricing is a critical determinant of consumer behaviour, influencing purchasing decisions, brand perception, and market competitiveness. Over time, pricing strategies have evolved from traditional fixed pricing models to dynamic, data-driven modern approaches. Traditional pricing strategies, such as cost-plus pricing and value-based pricing, rely on stable pricing mechanisms with minimal fluctuations. In contrast, modern pricing strategies leverage technology, consumer data, and artificial intelligence to implement dynamic pricing, personalized discounts, and demand-based pricing models.

The shift from traditional to modern pricing strategies has significantly impacted consumer buying behaviour, shaping perceptions of fairness, affordability, and value. While traditional pricing fosters trust and predictability, modern pricing strategies enhance flexibility and revenue optimization but may lead to price sensitivity and consumer uncertainty. This study explores the comparative effectiveness of traditional and modern pricing strategies, analysing their influence on consumer decision-making, purchase intent, and long-term brand loyalty. By examining consumer preferences and market trends, this research aims to provide insights into the optimal pricing approach for businesses in today's competitive landscape

TRADITIONAL PRICING STRATEGIES

Traditional pricing strategies focus on fixed pricing mechanisms that rely on cost structures, competition, and market positioning.

1. **Cost-Plus Pricing:** This strategy involves adding a standard markup to the cost of production. Nagle and Müller (2017) highlight that while cost-plus pricing ensures profitability, it does not account for consumer perception of value.

2. **Competition-Based Pricing:** Companies set their prices based on competitor pricing. According to Monroe (2019), this strategy is effective in markets with homogeneous products but may lead to price wars and reduced profitability.

3. **Psychological Pricing:** This strategy includes techniques like odd-even pricing and price anchoring. Studies by Winer (2018) suggest that psychological pricing influences consumer perception and enhances sales.

MODERN PRICING STRATEGIES

With advancements in technology, businesses have adopted more sophisticated pricing models that enhance customer engagement and profitability.

1. **Dynamic Pricing:** Prices fluctuate based on demand, time, and consumer behaviour. Research by Chen et al. (2020) shows that dynamic pricing maximizes revenue but may lead to consumer dissatisfaction due to perceived unfairness.

2. **Value-Based Pricing:** Prices are set based on perceived customer value rather than production costs. Anderson et al. (2019) argue that value-based pricing enhances customer satisfaction and loyalty.

3. **Personalized Pricing:** Utilizing big data and AI, businesses offer different prices to different customers. A study by Shankar and Bolton (2021) suggests that while personalized pricing improves conversion rates, concerns about fairness and privacy can affect consumer trust.

IMPACT OF PRICING STRATEGIES ON CONSUMER BUYING BEHAVIOUR

Both traditional and modern pricing strategies significantly impact consumer decision-making.

- Consumers exhibit varying levels of price sensitivity depending on the pricing strategy employed. Research by Kotler and Keller (2020) indicates that dynamic and personalized pricing may increase price sensitivity among consumers.

- Fairness perception influences consumer trust and loyalty. Xia et al. (2017) found that unexpected price fluctuations in dynamic pricing may create a negative perception among consumers.

- Traditional pricing models offer predictability, making them preferable for risk-averse consumers. Conversely, modern strategies like value-based pricing enhance perceived value and encourage purchases (Grewal et al., 2019).

- A study by Thompson and Wilson (2024) investigated the impact of dynamic pricing promotion strategies on consumer repeat purchase behaviour in the United States. The findings indicated that personalized pricing increased repeat purchase likelihood by 25%, followed by demand-based pricing at 15%, and time-based pricing at 10%. This suggests that consumers respond positively to pricing strategies tailored to individual preferences and demand fluctuations.

- In 2024 *BMC Psychology* published a study titled "The impact of differential pricing subject on consumer behaviour" by Jinsong Chen, Yuexin Zhang, and Yumin Wu which examined consumers' psychological and behavioural responses to AI-initiated pricing. The research explores how consumers psychologically and behaviourally respond to pricing strategies initiated by artificial intelligence (AI) compared to those set by human marketers. It also found that AI-initiated pricing leads to reduced mind perception (attributing less human-like qualities to the pricing agent) and increased perceptions of ethicality. Ethical perceptions fully mediate the relationship between pricing subject and consumer behaviour, while mind perception plays a less significant mediating role.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Consumers respond differently to traditional and modern pricing models based on factors such as perceived fairness, trust, and willingness to pay. While modern pricing strategies offer flexibility, they may also create uncertainty and reduce consumer trust. Conversely, traditional pricing methods provide stability but may not maximize revenue potential in dynamic market conditions.

This study seeks to examine how traditional and modern pricing strategies influence consumer buying behaviour, with a focus on purchase intent, price sensitivity, and brand perception. The research will analysed consumer preferences and reactions to different pricing models to help businesses adopt the most effective pricing strategy for enhancing customer satisfaction and driving sales.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To analyse consumer perceptions of traditional pricing strategies and modern pricing strategies.

2. Identify the key factors that drive consumer preference for traditional v/s modern pricing strategies.

3. Provide insights for businesses on optimizing pricing strategies to enhance customer engagement, sales and long -term loyalty.

HYPOTHESES OF THE STUDY

1) Consumers perceive traditional pricing strategies as more transparent and fairer as compared to modern pricing strategies.

2) Consumers perceive modern pricing strategies as more flexible and adaptive to market conditions than traditional pricing strategies.

3) Modern pricing strategies have a greater influence on consumer purchase intent than traditional pricing strategies.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research methodology used in this study is empirical and descriptive. The data collection has been done by using both primary and secondary data. Primary data is collected through survey methods using questionnaires and secondary data is accumulated from books, Google scholar journals, magazines and newspapers. Data analyses are analysed by correlation analysis.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The study focuses on analysing the impact of traditional and modern pricing strategies on consumer's buying behaviour in India's e-commerce, retail, automobiles and hospitality sectors. It examines how these pricing models influence purchase intent, price sensitivity, trust and brand perception among different consumer demographics. The geographical scope is limited to Navi Mumbai only.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

1. The sample size is collected only from respondents in and around Navi Mumbai city. This study has geographical generalisation limitations.

2. The study is restricted to pricing strategies only. Consumer buying behaviour is influenced by various factors beyond pricing such as cultural, social and emotional influences.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

1) After performing correlation analysis between Consumer Satisfaction and Traditional Pricing Strategy Method

It was found that the **correlation coefficient** between the two data sets is approximately:

Correlation Coefficient: 0.73

INTERPRETATION

A correlation coefficient of 0.73 indicates a strong positive relationship between consumer perception and satisfaction concerning brands that frequently use discounts and offers and the purchasing frequency of products on sale or with discounts. This suggests that as consumer perception and satisfaction increase, the frequency with which they purchase discounted products also tends to increase.

2) After performing correlation analysis between Consumer satisfaction and Modern Pricing Strategy Method

It was found that the **correlation coefficient** between the two data sets is approximately:

Correlation Coefficient: 0.38

INTERPRETATION

A correlation coefficient of 0.38 indicates a moderate positive correlation between satisfaction with brands that frequently use discounts and offers and motivation to try products or services with freemium pricing. This suggests that individuals who are more satisfied with discounting brands tend to feel somewhat more motivated to try services or products offered under a freemium model.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE STUDY

It is implied from data analysis and interpretations that consumers perceive traditional pricing strategies as more transparent and fairer as compared to modern pricing strategies thus proving the first hypothesis and rejecting other two hypotheses i.e. consumers perceive modern pricing strategies as more flexible and adaptive to market conditions than traditional pricing strategies and modern pricing strategies have a greater influence on consumer purchase intent than traditional pricing strategies.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

1. Traditional Pricing Strategy and Consumer Satisfaction

- It was found that consumers who are satisfied with brands using traditional pricing methods (such as discounts and promotional offers) tend to purchase discounted products more frequently.

- It implies that traditional pricing strategies significantly enhance consumer retention and drive sales.

- Brands employing frequent discounts and offers experience higher customer loyalty, as satisfied consumers are more likely to make repeat purchases.

- Consumers perceive discounts as added value, reinforcing their satisfaction and trust in the brand.

2. Modern Pricing Strategy and Consumer Satisfaction

- It was found that consumer satisfaction with brands using traditional discounts has a limited yet positive effect on their motivation to engage with freemium pricing models.

- This suggests that while discounts help build satisfaction, they do not strongly drive consumer interest in trying freemium-based products or services.

- Freemium models may require additional strategies, such as premium feature differentiation or enhanced user experience, to attract and retain customers.

- The lower correlation implies that consumers may be more cautious or selective when engaging with modern pricing strategies compared to traditional discounting methods.

SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Suggestions:

For Traditional Pricing Strategy (Discount Model)

1. **Enhance Discount Strategies** for e.g. Implement targeted discounts based on consumer preferences and purchasing history to maximize impact.

2. **Leverage Consumer Loyalty** for e.g. Develop a loyalty program where repeat purchases lead to additional benefits or exclusive discounts.

3. **Balance Discounts with Perceived Value** for e.g. Avoid excessive discounting, which may reduce perceived product value and brand reputation.

For Modern Pricing Strategy (Freemium Model)

1. **Increase Awareness and Trust in Freemium Offerings** for e.g. Educate consumers on the benefits of freemium models through targeted marketing and transparent communication.

2. **Improve Freemium-to-Premium Conversion** for e.g. Offer limited-time premium trials to help consumers experience the full value before committing.

3. **Combine Freemium with Discount Strategies** for e.g. Introduce discounts on premium upgrades for users who have engaged with the freemium version for a certain period.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Traditional pricing strategies (discounts and offers) are highly effective in driving consumer satisfaction and repeat purchases.

2. Modern pricing strategies (freemium models) show moderate consumer engagement and require additional strategies to enhance adoption.

3. Businesses should adopt a hybrid approach, leveraging both discounting and freemium strategies based on consumer segments to maximize satisfaction and long-term engagement.

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THE INTERSECTION OF INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS (IKS) LIBRARIES AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) / MACHINE LEARNING (ML): A SYNERGISTIC APPROACH

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ABSTRACT

This paper enhances the synergistic relationship between Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) libraries and Artificial Intelligence (AI) / Machine Learning (ML) technologies. By leveraging AI/ML, IKS libraries can address the challenges in preserving, accessing and disseminating traditional knowledge. This key initiative encompasses the digitization and the transcription of ancient manuscripts, enhanced search capabilities, knowledge discovery through data analysis, personalized learning experiences and innovative cultural presentations. The paper also addresses important issues such as ethical implications, data quality and the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration to ensure responsible and effective AI generation within IKS domains.

Keywords: *Indian Knowledge Systems, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Digital Libraries, Data Science, Ethical Considerations, Cultural Heritage.*

INTRODUCTION

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) encompass a rich tapestry of traditional knowledge spanning various domains, including Yoga, Ayurveda, Astronomy, Sanskrit Literature, Mathematics and various Crafts and Arts. These systems have been passed down through generations, often through oral traditions and manuscripts. However, the preservation and accessibility of this invaluable knowledge face significant challenges, including:

- **Physical deterioration of manuscripts:** Age, environmental factors and handling can cause damage to ancient texts.

- **Limited access to physical libraries:** Geographical constraints and limited resources can restrict access to IKS resources.

- **Lack of comprehensive indexing and search capabilities:** Traditional cataloguing methods may not effectively capture the nuances and complexities of IKS knowledge.

- **Difficulty in understanding complex scripts:** Many IKS texts are written in ancient scripts like Sanskrit, which require specialized knowledge to decipher.

The emergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) offers a powerful solution to these challenges. By integrating AI/ML technologies into IKS libraries, we can unlock the potential of these ancient knowledge systems and make them more accessible, understandable and relevant to contemporary society.

1. **Key Synergies between IKS Libraries and AI/ML:**

Fig1: IKS Libraries and AI/ML

PRESERVATION AND DIGITIZATION

The preservation of ancient manuscripts is a critical challenge for IKS libraries. Many of these manuscripts are written on fragile materials like palm leaves and paper, and they are susceptible to damage from factors such as moisture, insects and handling. Traditional methods of preservation are often labor-intensive and time-consuming.

AI/ML can significantly accelerate and improve the preservation process in several ways: -

- **Automated Digitization**: AI-powered OCR tools can accurately transcribe handwritten manuscripts in various Indian scripts, such as Devanagari, Grantha and Malayalam. This not only speeds up the digitization process but also reduces the risk of human error.

- **Image Restoration**: ML algorithms can effectively repair damaged or degraded images of manuscripts, improving readability and preserving valuable information. Techniques such as image painting and noise reduction can be used to restore missing or distorted portions of images.

- **Data Cleaning and De-duplication**: AI can identify and remove duplicates and errors in digitized texts, ensuring data accuracy and consistency. This can be particularly useful for large collections of digitized manuscripts, where manual identification of duplicates can be time-consuming and error prone.

ENHANCED ACCESSIBILITY

- **Intelligent Search Engines:** AI- powered search engines can go beyond keyword matching to understand the semantic meaning of queries, enabling users to find relevant information more effectively. Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques help computers understand what we mean when we search for something, even if we use complicated words or phrases and provide more accurate search results.

- **Personalized Recommendations:** AI can analyze user behavior and preferences to recommend relevant IKS resources, such as books, articles and online courses. This personalized approach can enhance the user's experience and encourage deeper engagement with IKS. Eg: - Imagine someone is interested in learning about Ayurveda. An Al-powered system could recommend specific books on Ayurveda medicine suggest online courses on herbal remedies and even point them towards relevant research articles on the topic.

- By using AI to personalize recommendations, we can make IKS more accessible and engaging for everyone**.**

- **Chabot's and Virtual Assistants:** AI Chabot's and virtual assistants can provide users with instant access

to information answer questions and help them through IKS resources. These tools can be particularly useful for users who are new to IKS and require guidance.

KNOWLEDGE DISCOVERY AND INNOVATION

- **Text Mining and Analysis:** ML algorithms can analyse large volumes of IKS texts to identify patterns, connections and hidden knowledge. This can lead to new insights in various fields, such as medicine, agriculture and environmental science. Eg: Analyzing Ayurveda texts can help identify potential new drug compounds or treatments.

- **Predictive Modeling:** AI can be used to predict the future state of IKS resources, such as the risk of damage to manuscripts or the potential for knowledge loss. This information can be used to prioritize preservation efforts and develop effective conservation strategies.

PERSONALIZED LEARNING

- **Adaptive Learning Platforms**: AI-powered platforms can personalize the learning experience by adapting to individual user needs and learning styles. This can involve adjusting the pace of learning, providing personalized feedback and recommending relevant resources based on user progress.

- **Interactive Learning Experience**: AI can be used to create interactive learning experiences such as gratified learning which makes learning about IKS more fun and interesting through interactive platforms, games and even virtual reality experiences.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION

- **Virtual Museums and Exhibitions**: AI can be used to create immersive virtual museums and exhibitions that showcase IKS artifacts and knowledge in a dynamic and engaging manner.

- **Cultural Heritage Mapping**: AI can be used to map and visualize cultural heritage sites related to IKS, promoting tourism and cultural awareness.

2. CHALLENGES AND CONSIDERATIONS

Data Quality and Bias:

- The accuracy and reliability of AI models are highly sensitive to the quality and representativeness of the training dataset. IKS data can be heterogeneous, containing handwritten manuscripts, oral traditions and digital records. Ensuring good quality data and addressing potential biases in the data is crucial for the effective application of AI.

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Data privacy and ownership:** It is essential to ensure the ethical handling and protection of sensitive IKS data, respecting people's privacy and ownership rights.

- **Algorithmic bias:** AI models can inherit and amplify existing biases in the data they are trained on. Careful consideration must be given to mitigate bias and ensure fairness and equity in AI applications within IKS.

- **Cultural sensitivity:** AI applications must be culturally sensitive nd respectful of the values and traditions associated with IKS. It is important to involve IKS experts and community members in the design and development of AI-powered tools and services.

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

- Integrating AI into IKS libraries requires technical experts in areas such as data science, machine learning, and natural language processing. Building the necessary technical capacity within IKS institutions is crucial for successful implementation.

RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS

- Access to high-quality data, computing resources and skilled personnel can be a significant challenge for many IKS institutions. Addressing these resource constraints requires adequate funding and support from government agencies and other stakeholders.

3. CASE STUDIES AND EXAMPLES

Digitization and Transcription of Sanskrit Manuscripts:
- The Digital South Asia Library project has used AI-powered OCR tools to digitize and transcribe thousands of Sanskrit manuscripts, making them accessible to researchers worldwide.

Knowledge Discovery in Arurvedic Medicine:
- Researchers are using ML algorithms to analyze Ayurvedic texts and identify potential new drug compounds and treatment approaches.

Personalized Learning in Yoga:
- AI-powered platforms are being developed to personalize yoga practice recommendations based on individual user needs and preferences.

4. FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Development of AI-driven tools for IKS research:

AI-driven tools have the potential to revolutionize the field of Indigenous Knowledge System (IKS) research. By automating tasks such as text analysis, knowledge graph construction and historical analysis, these tools can free up researchers to focus on higher-level interpretations and insights. Eg: Natural language processing algorithms can analyze vast amounts of textual data, including oral histories, traditional stories and ancient manuscripts, to identify patterns, themes and connections that might otherwise be missed. This can help researchers to better understand the complex relationship between different IKS elements and to identify areas for further investigation.

Interdisciplinary collaboration:
Interdisciplinary collaboration is crucial for the successful integration of AI into IKS research. By bringing together scholars from different fields, such as IKS, computer science and library science, researchers can leverage the unique expertise of each discipline to develop innovative and effective AI-driven research methods. Eg: Computer scientists can develop and implement AI algorithms, while IKS scholars can provide valuable insights into the cultural and historical context of the data being analyzed. Librarians can play a key role in ensuring the ethical and responsible use of AI technologies in IKS research, as well as in providing access to relevant data and resources.

Ethical guidelines and frameworks:
Ethical guidelines and frameworks are essential for the responsible use of AI in IKS research. These guidelines should ensure that AI technologies are used in a way that respects the cultural values and traditions of Indigenous communities. Eg: it is important to obtain informed consent from Indigenous communities before using their data for AI research. It is also important to ensure that AI algorithms are not blessed against Indigenous communities or their knowledge systems.

Capacity building and training:
Capacity building and training are crucial to ensure that IKS professionals possess the requisite skills for the successful utilization and management of AI technologies. This can be achieved through the development of training programmes that provide IKS researchers with the knowledge and skills they need to effectively use AI tools. These programmes should also address the ethical considerations associated with the use of AI in IKS research.

By embracing these future directions, researchers can harness the power of AI to deepen our understanding of IKS and to ensure that these valuable knowledge systems are preserved and passed on to future generations.

5. CONCLUSION
The intersection of IKS libraries and AI/ML presents a unique opportunity to preserve, enhance and disseminate traditional knowledge for future generations. By leveraging the power of AI, we can overcome many of the challenges associated with preserving and accessing IKS resources, while also unlocking new avenues for research, innovation and cultural understanding. However, it is crucial to approach this integration with careful consideration of ethical implications, data quality, and the need for interdisciplinary collaboration. By addressing these challenges and embracing the potential of AI, we can ensure that IKS continues to thrive and contribute to a more just, equitable and sustainable future.

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SUSTAINABILITY IN INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF HARAPPAN CIVILIZATION AND NAVI MUMBAI

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1) ABSTRACT
This paper explores sustainability in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) by comparing the urban planning and environmental strategies of the Harappan Civilization and Navi Mumbai. Using secondary data from archaeological studies, urban planning reports, and sustainability research, it examines how ancient water management, waste disposal, and ecological practices inform modern urban sustainability. The study highlights key lessons from Harappan urban planning that remain relevant for contemporary cities like Navi Mumbai. The paper concludes that integrating traditional ecological knowledge with modern technological advancements can enhance the sustainability of future urban developments in India.

2) Keywords: *Harappan Civilization, Navi Mumbai, Sustainability, Indian Knowledge System (IKS)*

3) INTRODUCTION
Sustainability has been a fundamental principle of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) for millennia, deeply embedded in cultural, economic, and environmental practices. The Indian subcontinent has witnessed various civilizations that thrived through sustainable resource management, efficient urban planning, and eco-friendly construction techniques. Among these, the Harappan Civilization (c. 2600–1900 BCE) stands out as one of the earliest urban societies to exhibit advanced sustainability practices. The Harappans developed a sophisticated system of water conservation, waste management, and climate-responsive architecture, ensuring long-term environmental harmony.

Fast forward to the present, India continues to grapple with challenges posed by rapid urbanization, population growth, and climate change. In response, modern urban centers like Navi Mumbai have emerged as planned cities integrating sustainable development models. Navi Mumbai, conceived in the 1970s as an extension of Mumbai, focuses on green infrastructure, water conservation, and smart urban planning. The city's blueprint includes rainwater harvesting, solid waste management, eco-sensitive zones, and sustainable transportation systems—elements that echo the wisdom of ancient Indian urbanism.

The study of sustainability in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) provides crucial insights into how indigenous wisdom can guide contemporary urban development. The comparison between Harappan Civilization and Navi Mumbai allows us to evaluate how ancient sustainability principles can be adapted to modern cities. By analyzing urban planning, water management, waste disposal, and climate adaptation strategies, this study explores how traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) continues to shape urban sustainability in India.

4) NEED FOR THE STUDY
The modern world faces an environmental crisis characterized by deforestation, air pollution, groundwater depletion, and excessive waste production. Rapid urban expansion often neglects ecological balance, leading to long-term environmental degradation. Studying the sustainability principles of ancient civilizations like Harappa can offer valuable lessons for contemporary city planners, architects, and policymakers. Unlike many present-day urban centers struggling with overcrowding and resource mismanagement, Harappan cities exemplified a harmonious coexistence with nature.

Navi Mumbai, as one of India's largest planned cities, serves as a model for sustainable urbanization. The city's integrated townships, environmental safeguards, and energy-efficient buildings showcase an effort to create a balance between modernization and ecological preservation. By drawing parallels with Harappa's well-planned infrastructure and environmental strategies, we can identify best practices for urban resilience and climate adaptation in the 21st century.

5) OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY
1. To analyze sustainability principles in the Harappan Civilization with a focus on urban planning, water conservation, waste management, and climate adaptation.

2. To examine sustainable development initiatives in Navi Mumbai, including smart city planning, green infrastructure, and waste disposal mechanisms.

3. To compare and contrast the two models of sustainability, identifying key takeaways from Harappan practices that can be applied to modern cities.

4. To assess the relevance of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) in addressing current urban sustainability challenges.

5. To propose recommendations for integrating ancient wisdom into contemporary urban planning policies for sustainable future cities.

6) SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

This study holds immense significance in the fields of urban planning, environmental studies, and sustainable development. By evaluating the long-lasting impact of indigenous knowledge systems on modern sustainability, we can bridge the gap between traditional wisdom and modern technological advancements. Key areas of impact include:

- **Smart city development:** Learning from Harappan zoning and urban efficiency to improve smart city models.

- **Water security:** Implementing Harappan-style rainwater harvesting and decentralized water management in modern urban areas.

- **Climate resilience:** Understanding ancient eco-friendly construction materials and passive cooling techniques for energy-efficient buildings.

- **Waste management:** Adopting Harappan-style underground drainage systems and decentralized sanitation solutions to reduce urban pollution.

As India continues its urbanization journey, leveraging historical knowledge can help shape sustainable, self-sufficient, and eco-conscious cities. By merging ancient methodologies with contemporary innovations, we can create urban centers that are both technologically advanced and environmentally sustainable.

7) RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study is based on secondary data analysis, drawing from archaeological reports, historical records, research papers, government policies, and sustainability frameworks. Sources include:

- Excavation reports from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on Harappan urban planning.

- Research studies on traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) and its relevance to modern sustainability.

- Sustainability frameworks and environmental policies implemented in Navi Mumbai (CIDCO, Smart Cities Mission, etc.).

- Comparative urban planning literature to analyze the evolution of sustainable city models.

8) SUSTAINABILITY IN THE HARAPPAN CIVILIZATION

Urban Planning and Sustainable Infrastructure in the Harappan Civilization

The Harappan Civilization (c. 2600–1900 BCE), also known as the Indus Valley Civilization (IVC), was one of the earliest urban societies to implement sustainable planning methods. The cities were systematically designed with well-organized infrastructure, efficient water management, and ecological resource use. These practices ensured long-term sustainability, demonstrating a deep understanding of environmental adaptation and civic planning.

1. Grid-Based City Layout

One of the most striking aspects of Harappan urban planning was its grid-based layout. Cities like Mohenjo-Daro, Harappa, and Dholavira were built on a well-planned street system that followed a rectangular grid pattern.

- **Straight and Wide Roads:** The streets were laid out in a uniform manner, intersecting at right angles, ensuring smooth movement of people and goods.

- **Standardized Block Planning:** The city was divided into uniform rectangular or square blocks, similar to modern urban zoning.

- **Efficient Land Use:** This systematic approach allowed for organized distribution of residential, commercial, and public spaces.

- **Climate Adaptation:** Streets were aligned in a north-south or east-west orientation to maximize ventilation and reduce heat accumulation, an ancient form of passive cooling.

Relevance to Modern Planning:
This structured approach to city planning is seen in contemporary planned cities like Navi Mumbai, which also follows zoning regulations, systematic road layouts, and efficient land-use policies to manage urban congestion.

2. Zoned Development

The Harappan cities were divided into distinct zones based on functionality, ensuring optimal use of space and resources.

- **Citadel (Administrative & Religious Zone):** The raised citadel housed public buildings, granaries, assembly halls, and possibly religious structures. This ensured that administrative functions were centralized.

- **Lower Town (Residential & Commercial Areas):** The common people lived in the lower city, where houses were built systematically with uniformity in construction.

- **Industrial Zones:** Specific areas were designated for production activities like bead-making, pottery, and metallurgy, preventing pollution in residential quarters.

- **Marketplace Design:** Organized marketplaces and trade centers facilitated economic activity, with evidence of standardized weights and measures indicating a structured economy.

RELEVANCE TO MODERN PLANNING

Modern urban planning, including Navi Mumbai, follows a similar approach by designating residential, commercial, and industrial zones separately to ensure systematic infrastructure development.

3. Water Management Systems

The Harappan Civilization exhibited one of the most advanced water management systems in ancient history. Their approach to water conservation and usage highlights their understanding of sustainability and long-term environmental planning.

Reservoirs and Wells

- **Stepwells in Dholavira:** The city of Dholavira, in present-day Gujarat, had massive reservoirs for water storage, an early form of rainwater harvesting.

- **Public and Private Wells:** Every house or street had access to wells, ensuring a decentralized water supply. Some cities had over 700 wells, showing an emphasis on self-sufficiency.

- **Rainwater Harvesting:** Dholavira had channels to divert rainwater into reservoirs, preventing water scarcity during dry seasons.

4. Drainage Systems

- **Covered Drainage Network:** The Harappans built underground drainage systems made of baked bricks, ensuring wastewater did not accumulate in residential areas.

- **Soak Pits and Silt Traps:** These were used to filter impurities before wastewater entered the drainage system.

- **Separate Drainage for Stormwater and Sewage:** Some cities had separate drainage for rainwater and household waste, preventing contamination and waterlogging.

Relevance to Modern Planning:
Modern cities like Navi Mumbai incorporate water conservation measures such as rainwater harvesting, artificial lakes, and wastewater recycling. However, Harappan water management remains far more decentralized and sustainable compared to modern urban sprawl.

5. Waste Management and Sanitation

Harappan cities had one of the world's first planned sanitation and waste disposal systems, ensuring a clean living environment.

Underground Sewage System

- **Extensive Drainage System:** Every house was connected to an underground drainage system, a remarkable feature absent in many ancient civilizations.

- **Slope-Based Drainage:** Drains were built at a gradient to ensure smooth water flow and prevent stagnation.

- **Manhole Covers:** Some drainage systems had removable bricks covering them, allowing easy maintenance—an early version of manholes seen in modern cities.

Brick-Lined Toilets

- **Household Toilets:** Many homes had indoor toilets connected to soak pits, an advanced feature for the time.

- **Public Sanitation:** Large public bathhouses, such as the Great Bath in Mohenjo-Daro, indicated a focus on hygiene and ritual cleanliness.

Relevance to Modern Planning:

Modern sanitation systems, including underground sewage networks and centralized wastewater treatment plants in cities like Navi Mumbai, reflect Harappan ingenuity in waste disposal and public hygiene.

6. Climate Adaptation and Resource Efficiency

The Harappans demonstrated an understanding of climate-responsive architecture and resource conservation.

ECO-FRIENDLY CONSTRUCTION

- **Sun-Dried and Baked Bricks:** Buildings were made of bricks that provided insulation, reducing indoor temperatures in hot climates.

- **Multi-Storied Houses:** Some houses had two or more stories, maximizing space while minimizing land use.

- **Courtyard Houses:** Open courtyards within homes ensured natural ventilation, reducing heat and enhancing airflow.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

- **Irrigation Systems:** The Harappans used canal irrigation and floodplain farming, ensuring efficient use of water.

- **Crop Rotation:** Evidence suggests that they practiced crop rotation to maintain soil fertility.

- **Use of Domesticated Animals:** Cattle, sheep, and goats were used for plowing and transportation, reducing dependence on manual labor.

RELEVANCE TO MODERN PLANNING

Green Building Initiatives: Navi Mumbai promotes eco-friendly buildings with energy-efficient designs, inspired by climate-responsive architecture similar to Harappan practices. Government provides subsidies too.

Sustainable Agriculture & Urban Farming: Concepts like hydroponics and rooftop farming in modern cities align with traditional agricultural wisdom from the Harappan period. Vertical Gardening is mandatory and Miyawaki Forest is mandatory.

9. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Sustainability in Harappan Civilization vs. Navi Mumbai

The following table provides a detailed comparative analysis of sustainability practices in Harappan Civilization and Navi Mumbai, focusing on urban planning, water management, waste management, climate adaptation, and biodiversity conservation.

Comparative Study Table: Sustainability in Harappa vs. Navi Mumbai

Sustainability Factor 🔍	Harappan Civilization (2600–1900 BCE) 🏺	Navi Mumbai (Modern Era) 🏙
1. Urban Planning 🏢	Grid-Based City Layout: Streets laid in a rectangular grid pattern with well-planned blocks and wide roads for easy mobility.	Master-Planned City: Designed systematically with zoning laws to regulate land use, prevent congestion, and promote sustainable growth.
	Zoned Development: Cities divided into Citadel (administrative & religious areas), Lower Town (residential), and Industrial zones.	Transit-Oriented Development (TOD): Focus on public transport, walkability, and high-density mixed-use development.
	Public Infrastructure: Large structures like granaries, Great Bath, and marketplaces for community use.	Smart Infrastructure: Includes urban centers, commercial hubs, and industrial zones, with modern amenities.
2. Water Management 💧	Reservoirs & Stepwells: Harappan cities like Dholavira had large water reservoirs and stepwells for rainwater harvesting.	Rainwater Harvesting: Mandated for all buildings and townships to reduce dependence on municipal water.
	Wells & Underground Water Storage: Thousands of wells ensured decentralized water access.	Recycled Water Systems: Wastewater treatment plants recycle water for landscaping, non-potable use, and industrial needs.
	Advanced Drainage Systems: Covered brick-lined drains connected to soak pits, preventing water stagnation and contamination.	Stormwater Management & Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs): Prevent urban flooding and ensure proper waste disposal.
3. Waste Management & Sanitation 🗑	Underground Drainage: One of the earliest planned sewage systems, with drains built under streets and houses.	Decentralized Waste Management: Segregation at source with waste-to-energy projects and biogas generation.
	Soak Pits & Brick-Lined Toilets: Waste was filtered through soak pits, reducing pollution.	Modern Waste Treatment: Advanced composting, recycling, and incineration techniques ensure minimal landfill waste.
	Public Hygiene Infrastructure: Ritual baths like the Great Bath at Mohenjo-Daro, indicating public sanitation importance.	Public Toilets & Sanitation Programs: Swachh Bharat initiatives promote clean urban spaces and sanitation awareness.
4. Climate Adaptation & Eco-Friendly Architecture 🌿	Climate-Responsive Architecture: Thick walls for thermal insulation, courtyards for passive cooling, and north-south orientation for wind flow.	Energy-Efficient Buildings: Smart ventilation systems, insulated walls, and green roofs reduce urban heat.
	Locally Available Building Materials: Sun-dried and baked bricks ensured sustainability and resilience.	Green Building Standards (LEED, IGBC): Encourages the use of recycled materials, solar panels, and sustainable designs.
5. Biodiversity Conservation & Ecological Balance 🌿	Natural Resource Efficiency: Sustainable use of forests, minerals, and water sources ensured long-term ecological balance.	Mangrove Conservation & Afforestation Programs: Protects coastal ecosystems, biodiversity, and prevents erosion.
	Sustainable Agriculture: Crop rotation, irrigation canals, and seasonal farming ensured soil fertility and water conservation.	Urban Forestry & Organic Farming: Promotes rooftop gardens, organic farms, and tree plantations in residential areas.

10. LESSONS FOR FUTURE SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Sustainability has been an integral part of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) for centuries, deeply embedded in traditional practices, urban planning, and ecological conservation. The Harappan Civilization (2600–1900 BCE) was one of the earliest known examples of sustainable urbanization, with advanced water management, waste disposal, climate adaptation, and planned infrastructure. Similarly, Navi Mumbai, a modern satellite city, incorporates many sustainable practices to address urbanization, climate change, and environmental concerns.

This comparative analysis explores the sustainability lessons from both Harappa and Navi Mumbai, focusing on urban planning, water conservation, waste management, climate resilience, and community-driven sustainability. By integrating indigenous wisdom with modern technology, future cities can become more resilient, efficient, and environmentally responsible.

11. FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1) **Eco- Friendly Materials:** Encourage the use of locally sourced materials and eco-friendly construction practices, reminiscent of the Harappan use of fried brick, to minimize carbon footprints and promote local economies.

2) **Green Spaces:** Integrate extensive parks and green buffers within urban environments to improve air quality and biodiversity, reminiscent of the Harappan approach to urban gardens and public spaces.

3) **Community Engagement:** Foster community participation in urban decision-making, creating a sense of ownership and ensuring that development meets local needs, much like the communal infrastructure seen in Harappan cities.

4) **Sustainable Agriculture:** Promote urban farming and community gardens to enhance food security, following the Harappan agricultural techniques that supported a thriving population sustainably.

12. CONCLUSION

The study demonstrates that sustainability in Indian Knowledge Systems is deeply rooted in history, with the Harappan Civilization offering valuable insights for modern urban development. Navi Mumbai, as a planned city, integrates some of these ancient principles while adopting contemporary sustainability measures. Future Indian cities can benefit by blending indigenous wisdom with technological innovations to create more resilient and eco-friendly urban spaces.

As India faces increasing urbanization, climate change, and resource depletion, it is imperative to rethink modern urban planning by integrating historical sustainability models with contemporary technological advancements. The Harappan Civilization serves as a blueprint for efficient, resilient, and ecologically responsible urban design, while Navi Mumbai exemplifies the practical application of both traditional and modern sustainability practices.

By bridging the gap between ancient Indian wisdom and modern innovations, Indian cities can evolve into self-sustaining, environmentally harmonious, and resilient urban ecosystems. Recognizing the rich legacy of indigenous sustainability knowledge and incorporating it into future smart cities will pave the way for a more balanced and sustainable urban future for India and the world.

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THE IMPACT OF CLOUD COMPUTING ON SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES (SMBS)

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ABSTRACT
Cloud computing has become a revolutionary technology that is transforming the operational dynamics of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMBs) globally. This paper presents an in-depth analysis of how cloud computing affects SMBs, outlining its multiple benefits, linked challenges, and future implications. Based on thorough examination of cost-effectiveness, scalability, security issues, and operational efficiency, this research provides insightful information on how SMBs can strategically harness cloud computing to achieve sustainable development and competitive success.

1. INTRODUCTION

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMBs) are the backbone of the world economy, fueling innovation, jobs, and economic stability. Yet these companies usually struggle with huge resource limitations that limit their capacity to implement cutting-edge technologies and remain competitive. Conventional IT infrastructure demands huge amounts of capital expenditure and technical know-how, making it challenging for SMBs to keep up with technological advancements. Cloud computing presents a game-changing solution in this regard, enabling companies to use advanced technological tools without significant initial investments.

Cloud computing has transformed from a simple service to a key driver of business change. Through on-demand access to computing resources like storage, servers, and software applications, cloud computing has made the playing field level for SMBs. This paper explores the influence of cloud computing on SMBs, including its advantages, disadvantages, and future directions.

2. BENEFITS OF CLOUD COMPUTING FOR SMBS

Cloud computing provides SMBs with various benefits, facilitating their operational efficiency, cost savings, and access to advanced technology. These advantages can be classified as follows:

2.1 Cost Savings

One of the key advantages of cloud computing is its cost savings. Conventional IT infrastructure demands a lot of capital investment in hardware, software, and maintenance by businesses, which can be quite a financial drain for SMBs. Cloud services, however, follow a subscription or pay-as-you-go policy, where businesses pay only for the resources they consume. This makes it possible to avoid big capital outlays, and SMBs can make better use of their limited financial resources.

Furthermore, cloud providers typically administer and support their infrastructure, minimizing the necessity for specialized in-house IT personnel and further reducing operational expenses. Cloud computing, as such, significantly minimizes the overall cost of ownership (TCO) of SMBs.

2.2 Scalability and Flexibility

Cloud computing offers SMBs unprecedented scalability and flexibility. Companies are able to scale their resources up or down in a matter of minutes as demand changes, without the cost of huge amounts of capital or long-term contracts. This is especially advantageous for SMBs in fast-changing industries where demand can shift quickly.

In addition, cloud computing allows companies to scale their operations without being limited by infrastructure. Regardless of hiring new staff, introducing new services, or diversifying into new geographies, SMBs can readily cope with changing business needs.

2.3 Enhanced Collaboration and Remote Work

Cloud-based software and applications allow for easy collaboration among workers irrespective of their location. With cloud computing, SMBs can also achieve remote working, which has become a critical necessity in today's workforce. Cloud applications like file sharing, real-time communication software, and team-based project management apps allow workers to work collaboratively, even when working in different time zones or areas.

This increased collaboration not only increases efficiency but also adds to business resilience in case of interruptions, such as natural catastrophes or health emergencies, where remote working becomes imperative.

2.4 Improved Security and Data Management
While security concerns are often cited as a challenge with cloud adoption, leading cloud service providers invest heavily in security measures to protect business data. Encryption, data backup, and disaster recovery solutions are integrated into cloud services, providing SMBs with security levels that may be beyond the reach of their internal IT teams.

Additionally, cloud providers frequently follow industry-standard compliance requirements like GDPR, HIPAA, and SOC 2, which allows SMBs to stay compliant with regulations and keep away from prospective penalties.

2.5 Access to Advanced Technologies
Cloud computing provides the opportunity for SMBs to use sophisticated technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and big data analytics. These technologies have been out of reach for most SMBs because they were limited to large corporations with deep pockets. But now, with cloud-based platforms, SMBs can use these tools at a much lower cost, allowing them to compete on par with larger companies.

Cloud services also provide automation features, which may automate redundant tasks and enhance decision-making. With cloud-based analytics and AI, SMBs can unlock useful information about customer behavior, operational inefficiencies, and market trends, leading to informed business decisions.

3. CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS
While the advantages of cloud computing are apparent, SMBs also need to deal with different challenges and issues pertaining to its use and adoption.

3.1 Security and Privacy Risks
In spite of the stringent security arrangements put in place by the cloud providers, SMBs feel vulnerable about keeping their data safe. Data privacy, unauthorized usage, and maintaining compliance with regulatory norms of certain industries are on the top list. SMBs should ensure their cloud providers adhere to robust encryption standards, authentication schemes, and broad data safeguards in order to curb these concerns.

Moreover, SMBs must carefully evaluate cloud providers' data sovereignty policies, as data stored in certain regions may be subject to local laws and regulations that differ from those in their home countries.

3.2 Downtime and Reliability
Cloud services tend to be consistent, but SMBs are still at risk from downtime or interruption of service by outages or technical issues. This third-party dependency implies that companies can become cut off from essential systems and data, risking business disruption. To avoid this risk, SMBs need to choose good-quality cloud providers that have robust SLAs and a variety of redundancy options.

3.3 Integration with Existing Systems
Moving older systems to the cloud may be a resource-consuming and complex activity. Small and medium-sized businesses might experience difficulties in integrating on-premises existing systems with cloud-based alternatives, leading to operational inefficiencies during the transition process. It is important to come up with a proper migration strategy and dedicate adequate resources so that the integration process can be a seamless one.

3.4 Vendor Lock-In
Vendor lock-in is the incompatibility of changing cloud vendors because of proprietary technology, extended contracts, or data migration complexity. In order to steer clear of single-vendor reliance, SMBs ought to explore using multi-cloud or hybrid cloud strategies, which give more freedom and minimize dependence on a sole vendor.

4. CASE STUDIES OF SMBS ADOPTING CLOUD COMPUTING
Some SMBs have already embraced cloud computing and benefited from it. Case studies identify the revolutionary impact of cloud solutions in enhancing efficiency, lowering costs, and facilitating innovation. For instance, a small online retailer using cloud-based inventory management and data analytics saw its operational costs decline by 30% and sales grow by 25% through enhanced customer insights and streamlined operations.

Another case study highlights a law firm that transitioned to cloud-based practice management software, streamlining collaboration between lawyers and administrative support staff, facilitating enhanced client service, and maintaining regulatory compliance.

5. FUTURE TRENDS AND IMPLICATIONS
The future of cloud computing in SMBs is promising, with a number of emerging trends to mold its development.

5.1 Hybrid and Multi-Cloud Adoption
SMBs are increasingly embracing hybrid and multi-cloud models, blending public and private cloud solutions to address their varied requirements. This strategy provides increased flexibility, risk reduction, and performance improvement.

5.2 Security Improvements
As threats in cyberspace keep growing, cloud providers are spending more money on more sophisticated security technologies, such as AI-based threat detection, blockchain data protection, and stronger encryption algorithms. These will come as a boon to SMBs, with access to cutting-edge security features without having to invest in-house expertise.

5.3 Integration of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
The convergence of AI and ML in cloud services will enable SMBs to automate decision-making, optimize resource utilization, and enhance customer experiences. These technologies will become more mainstream, enabling SMBs to adopt predictive analytics and intelligent automation in large scale.

6. CONCLUSION
Cloud computing has emerged as a game-changer for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMBs), providing unprecedented opportunities for growth, innovation, and competitiveness. The use of cloud technologies enables SMBs to gain cost savings, scalability, streamlined operations, and access to state-of-the-art tools previously available only to large organizations. Through minimizing capital expenditures and operational complexity, cloud computing allows SMBs to concentrate on their core business functions while gaining improved agility and flexibility.

But the disruptive power of cloud computing is not without its setbacks. Data security, integration issues, and lock-in with providers are some of the challenges that need to be addressed with precision to guarantee effective adoption and use of cloud products. It is crucial for SMBs to undergo rigorous risk evaluations, select secure cloud providers, and adopt practical security controls in order to protect their assets and maintain business continuity.

Looking to the future, cloud computing will continue its evolution, with new technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning, and blockchain set to further enable SMBs on their path to digital transformation. As cloud platforms themselves become increasingly sophisticated and customized to the specific requirements of SMBs, companies that strategically adopt these innovations will not only increase their operational efficacy but also gain a substantial competitive advantage within an ever more digital and inter-connected marketplace.

In summary, cloud computing is more than an operational efficiency tool—it is a driver of long-term success. SMBs that take full advantage of cloud computing, while diligently managing related risks, will be well-placed to succeed in the digital economy and achieve sustainable growth in the future.

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VIRTUALIZATION SECURITY RESEARCH IN CLOUD COMPUTING

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ABSTRACT

Virtualization is essential in cloud computing, allowing multiple virtual machines (VMs) to run on a single physical server, enhancing scalability and reducing costs. However, it raises significant security concerns, including VM isolation challenges, hypervisor vulnerabilities, and unauthorized access risks. This review examines research on these issues, explores methods for securing virtualization, detecting threats, and preventing attacks. Despite advancements, gaps remain in securing VM-hypervisor interactions and protecting virtual networks from sophisticated attacks. This review aims to guide future research for more robust solutions.

Keywords: *Virtualization, cloud computing, virtual machines, hypervisor, security, VM isolation, virtual networks, threat detection, future research.*

INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing is increasingly vital for data management and application delivery, with virtualization enabling efficient resource use. However, as organizations adopt virtualized systems, security risks grow, particularly concerning the hypervisor, which manages VM interactions. Understanding and addressing these vulnerabilities is crucial for maintaining data integrity and service reliability.

The hypervisor acts as the controller, overseeing the operation of all virtual machines. If hackers find and exploit vulnerabilities in the hypervisor or in the way VMs interact, they could gain unauthorized access, steal sensitive data, or even bring down critical systems. These security risks make it essential to understand and address vulnerabilities in virtualized environments.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESEARCH TOPIC

Securing virtualized environments is critical as businesses rely on cloud services for sensitive data storage. Security breaches can lead to financial losses and reputational damage, making it essential to ensure data safety to foster confidence in cloud technologies.

RESEARCH FOCUS

This research addresses key security issues in virtualized cloud environments, including weak VM isolation, hypervisor vulnerabilities, and threats to virtual networks. Additionally, virtual networks can be exploited, making it easier for attackers to intercept or manipulate data. This research seeks to answer a critical question: *What are the key security problems in virtualized cloud environments, and how can these be solved to keep these systems safe?*

OBJECTIVES

This literature survey aims to explore and summarize the existing research on virtualization security in cloud systems.

It will focus on:

1. **Virtual Machine Security:** Strategies to prevent unauthorized access and attacks on virtual machines.

2. **Hypervisor Security:** Identifying potential weaknesses in hypervisors and ways to strengthen them.

3. **Virtual Network Security:** Methods to protect virtual networks from being exploited by attackers.

Cross-Layer Security: Approaches to secure the connections between virtual machines, hypervisors, and physical hardware to maintain security across all levels

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK: VIRTUALIZATION SECURITY IN CLOUD ENVIRONMENTS

1. Virtualization Theory:

What it is:
Virtualization allows multiple virtual machines (VMs) to operate on one physical server, making cloud computing more efficient and cost-effective. It works by separating software from the hardware so that each VM can run its own operating system and applications

2. Defense-in-Depth Model:

What it is:
This strategy uses multiple layers of defense, such as firewalls, intrusion detection systems, and secure configurations, to protect a system from attacks.

3. Principle of Least Privilege:

What it is:
This principle limits access rights for users and systems to the bare minimum necessary. By restricting permissions, the impact of a security breach is reduced.

4. Security by Design:

What it is:
Security by design involves incorporating security features during the initial development of a system, rather than adding them later.

5. Risk Management Theory:

What it is:
This theory focuses on identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks to minimize potential harm. It involves understanding which threats pose the greatest danger and developing strategies to counter them.

6. Cloud Security Architecture Frameworks:

What it is:
These frameworks offer comprehensive guidelines for securing cloud infrastructure, covering all layers from physical hardware to VMs and data.
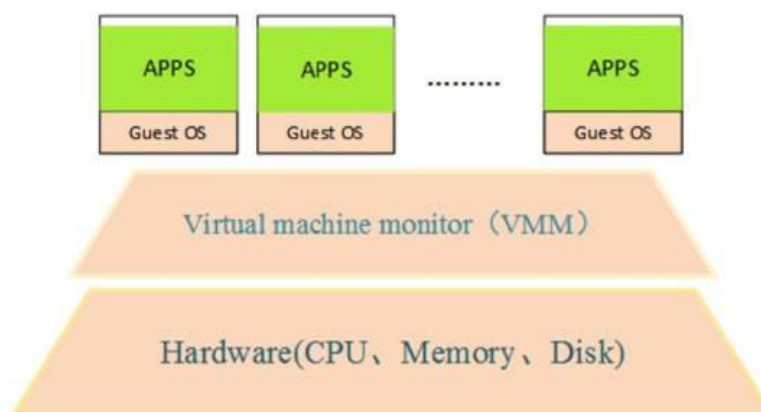
Figure 1. Virtualization Technology

THE DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATES A VIRTUALIZED ENVIRONMENT. HERE'S WHAT EACH LAYER REPRESENTS

(a) **Hardware (CPU, Memory, Disk):** This is your physical computer, the foundation of everything.

(b) **Virtual Machine Monitor (VMM):** Think of this as the manager who oversees the virtual machines. It allocates resources (CPU, memory, etc.) to each virtual machine and ensures they don't interfere with each other.

(c) **Guest OS:** Each guest OS is like a separate computer running within the virtualized environment. You can install different operating systems (like Windows, Linux) on each guest OS.

(d) **Apps:** These are the applications (programs) you run on each guest OS.

Security Concerns in Virtualization

While virtualization offers many benefits, it also introduces some unique security challenges:

(e) **VMM Security:** If the VMM is compromised, an attacker could potentially gain control over all the virtual machines.

(f) **Guest OS Isolation:** Ensuring that one guest OS can't interfere with another is crucial.

(g) **Resource Contention:** If one virtual machine uses excessive resources, it can impact the performance and security of others.

(h) **Data Security:** Protecting data within virtual machines is essential.

SECURITY MEASURES IN VIRTUALIZATION

To address these challenges, various security measures are employed:

(i) **VMM Security:** Keeping the VMM secure with strong access controls, updates, and monitoring is paramount.

(j) **Guest OS Isolation:** Using virtualization technologies that provide strong isolation between guest OSes.

(k) **Resource Management:** Implementing resource allocation policies to prevent resource exhaustion.

(l) **Data Encryption:** Encrypting sensitive data both at rest and in transit.

(m) **Network Security:** Securing network connections between virtual machines and the outside worl

CLOUD ENVIRONMENTS

Cloud environments often utilize virtualization extensively. This makes cloud security even more critical. Cloud providers implement additional security measures like:

(m) **Network Segmentation:** Isolating different cloud services and customer environments.

(n) **Regular Security Audits:** Continuously assessing security posture.

(o) **Incident Response Teams:** Quickly responding to security breaches.

By understanding the security challenges and implementing appropriate measures, we can ensure the security of virtualized environments, including those in the cloud.

SECURITY MECHANISMS

- **Access Control:** This ensures that only authorized entities can access and modify resources within the virtualized environment.

- **Isolation:** Isolating components at different levels prevents unauthorized access and interference.

- **Encryption:** Protecting sensitive data by encrypting it at rest and in transit.

- **Trust Chains:** Establishing chains of trust from the hardware to the applications ensures the integrity and security of the entire system.

- **Introspection and Monitoring:** Continuously monitoring the system for potential threats and vulnerabilities.

This virtualization security protection model provides a comprehensive approach to securing virtualized environments. By leveraging hardware-based security mechanisms, robust virtualization techniques, and dynamic trust chains, it aims to mitigate security risks and protect sensitive data.

METHODOLOGY

In this section, explain how to investigated **virtualization security in cloud environments**, detailing how to gathered and analyzed research. The aim is to make the process clear and reproducible so others can follow the same steps.

1. SOURCES OF DATA

- **IEEE Xplore**: A large library with papers on cloud security and virtualization.

- **ACM Digital Library**: A database for computing and IT research.

- **ScienceDirect**: A platform for scientific research, including computer science and cybersecurity.

- **SpringerLink**: A research platform with books, journals, and conference papers on cloud security.

- **Google Scholar**: A free search engine for academic research.

2. INCLUSION CRITERIA

We set criteria to make sure we included only relevant, high-quality studies:

- **Time Period**: We focused on research published in the last 10 years (2013–2023) to capture the latest advancements.

- **Relevance**: Only studies directly related to virtualization security in cloud environments were included.

- **Peer-Reviewed**: We included only peer-reviewed studies from reputable journals and conferences, like IEEE Transactions on Cloud Computing and ACM Computing Surveys.

- **Language**: We limited our search to studies published in English.

- **Study Type**: We included both theoretical papers (offering models or frameworks) and empirical papers (offering real- world data or experiments).

3. SEARCH STRATEGY

We followed a systematic search process to ensure we covered all relevant aspects of virtualization security:

- **Databases**: We used trusted search engines like IEEE Xplore, ACM Digital Library, Google Scholar, and others.

- **Search Queries**: We started with broad terms, then refined the search with specific phrases like "hypervisor security" and "VM isolation." Boolean operators (AND, OR) were used to narrow results.

- **Filters**: We filtered results to include only peer-reviewed papers from the past decade and in English..

4. DATA EXTRACTION AND ANALYSIS

Once we gathered the papers, we extracted key information:
- Main security concerns (e.g., hypervisor vulnerabilities, VM escape, data leakage).
- Proposed solutions or security frameworks.
- Results from case studies or experiments.
- Emerging trends, like vulnerabilities in containers or serverless computing.

5. LIMITATIONS

While we followed a thorough process, there are some limitations:

- **Potential Gaps**: We may have missed some papers due to different keyword usage or database indexing. We also focused on peer-reviewed studies, which excluded some industry reports or technical documents that could be useful.

- **Language Barriers**: We only included studies in English, so we might have missed relevant studies published in other languages.

DISCUSSION

Key findings include:

- **Security Risks:** Identified critical threats such as hypervisor vulnerabilities and data leakage.

- **Mitigation Strategies:** Hardening hypervisors and enhancing VM isolation.

- **Emerging Trends:** AI/ML for security, serverless computing challenges, and blockchain applications.

RESEARCH GAPS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Future research should address:

[1] **Cross-Platform Security:** Comprehensive frameworks across cloud providers.

[2] **Privacy-Enhancing Technologies:** Tailored encryption techniques.

[3] **Real-Time Monitoring:** Dynamic threat response systems.

[4] **Empirical Studies:** Validation of theoretical models in real-world settings.

CONCLUSION

This review highlights the importance of securing virtualization in cloud environments, emphasizing the need for robust isolation mechanisms and advancements in hypervisor security. It identifies significant research gaps, particularly in multi-cloud architectures and emerging technologies. Future research should focus on developing adaptable security solutions to tackle evolving threats in cloud computing

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CLOUD WARS: ANALYSING THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF AWS AND GOOGLE CLOUD

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ABSTRACT

Cloud computing has become a backbone of modern digital infrastructure, its enabling businesses, researchers, and cloud developers to access scalable computing resources on demand. Among the leading cloud service providers and Google Cloud Platform (GCP), Amazon Web Services (AWS) have emerged as strongest competitors, each offering a various range of cloud solutions. This paper presents a comparative analysis of AWS and GCP, it is evaluating their strengths and weaknesses across key parameters, computer performance, storage solutions, networking, pricing [1].

AWS, as the largest cloud provider, offers an extensive ecosystem of cloud services, strong enterprise adoption, and robust security compliance, making it the preferred choice for large-scale enterprises and government organizations. However, its complex pricing structure and steep learning curve pose challenges for small to mid-sized businesses. On the other hand, Google Cloud excels in AI, machine learning, and big data analytics, leveraging its deep expertise in AI-driven workloads and offering cost-efficient pricing models. Despite its strengths, GCP faces lower enterprise adoption rates and fewer third-party integrations compared to AWS [2].

As cloud computing continues to evolve, factors such as hybrid and multi-cloud strategies, AI-driven automation, and serverless computing will shape the future competitive landscape. This study aims to provide insights into the comparative advantages of AWS and GCP, helping businesses and researchers make informed decisions based on their specific workload requirements, budget considerations, and scalability needs [3].

Keywords: *Cloud computing, AWS (Amazon Web Services), Google Cloud Platform (GCP), Cloud service providers, Computer performance, Storage solutions, Networking, Pricing, Security compliance, Enterprise adoption, Machine learning, AI (Artificial Intelligence), Big data analytics, Hybrid cloud, Multi-cloud strategies, AI-driven automation, Serverless computing, Scalability, Cost-efficient pricing, Workload requirements*

INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing has changed the way businesses and researchers leverage technology, offering scalable, on-demand computing resources. Among the leading cloud service providers, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Google Cloud Platform (GCP) stand out as strong players, each bringing special capabilities and advantages to the market [1].

AWS has established itself as the biggest and most widely adopted cloud platform, offering a vast range of services across compute, storage, networking, databases, AI, and security [2].

On the other side, Google Cloud Platform (GCP) has gained lots of quality due to its advanced AI, machine learning, and big data analytics capabilities. Leveraging Google's powerful global network and open-source contributions like TensorFlow and Kubernetes, GCP has positioned itself as an ideal platform for AI-driven applications, data science, and high-performance computing [3].

Since its inception in 2006, Amazon Web Services (AWS) has established itself as the largest and most widely adopted cloud platform, offering a vast range of services across compute, storage, networking, databases, AI, and security. Its extensive global reach and enterprise-grade solutions make it the preferred choice for businesses of all sizes.

Conversely, Google Cloud Platform (GCP), launched in 2008, has gained prominence due to its advanced AI, machine learning, and big data analytics capabilities. Leveraging Google's powerful global network and open-source contributions like Kubernetes and TensorFlow, GCP has positioned itself as an ideal platform for AI-driven applications, data science, and high-performance computing.

Despite their strengths, both AWS and GCP have limitations, making it crucial to analyze their comparative advantages based on factors such as market presence, performance, pricing, security, multi-cloud support, and hybrid cloud capabilities.

This paper aims to provide a comprehensive evaluation of AWS and GCP to help businesses, researchers, and developers make informed decisions based on their specific cloud computing needs.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Strengths & Weaknesses Summary

AWS Strengths:
- Largest market share and global presence
- Most comprehensive cloud service offerings
- Strong security, compliance, and enterprise adoption

AWS Weaknesses:
- Pricing is complex and can be expensive
- Steep learning curve for new users

GCP Strengths:
- Best AI/ML and big data analytics tools
- Lower pricing with better cost efficiency
- Fastest global network with superior Kubernetes integration

GCP Weaknesses:
- Smaller market share and fewer enterprise customers
- Fewer third-party integrations compared to AWS

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. Research Design

This study adopts a **comparative analysis** approach to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Google Cloud. It will use **both qualitative and quantitative** methods to assess various factors such as market share, service offerings, pricing, security, and customer adoption.

2. Data Collection Methods

- **Secondary Research:**
  o Industry reports (e.g., Gartner, Forrester, IDC)
  o Financial statements and company reports
  o Technical whitepapers and documentation from AWS and Google Cloud
  o Cloud performance benchmarks from third-party sources
- **Primary Research (if applicable):**
  o Expert interviews with cloud professionals
  o Surveys targeting IT professionals and organizations using cloud services

3. Key Areas of Analysis

The study will evaluate AWS and Google Cloud based on the following dimensions:

- **Market Share & Adoption:** Compare global market presence using industry reports.
- **Service Portfolio:** Assess available services in compute, storage, AI/ML, and analytics.
- **Pricing Strategy:** Evaluate cost-effectiveness based on pricing models and discounts.
- **Performance & Reliability:** Analyze uptime, speed, and geographic reach.
- **Security & Compliance:** Examine security features, certifications, and regulatory compliance.
- **Innovation & Future Outlook:** Investigate investments in emerging technologies (e.g., AI, quantum computing).

4. Data Analysis Approach

- **Comparative Analysis**: Identify key advantages and drawbacks of each cloud provider.

- **Statistical Evaluation**: Where possible, use financial figures, uptime percentages, and benchmark scores.

- **SWOT Analysis**: It Conducts a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats analysis for AWS and Google Cloud.

5. LIMITATIONS

- Rapidly changing cloud technology landscape may affect findings.

- Availability of unbiased third-party benchmarks may be limited.

- Differences in service configurations may impact direct comparisons.

OBJECTIVE

This analysis target to compare the strengths and weaknesses of Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Google Cloud Platform (GCP) in the competitive cloud computing market.

The study will evaluate and generate key factors such as pricing, performance, security, scalability, service offerings, and market positioning.

After examining these aspects, the objective is to provide insights into the advantages and limitations of each platform, helping businesses and IT professionals make informed decisions when selecting a cloud provider.

This structured comparative analysis provides a comprehensive overview of AWS and GCP, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses to assist businesses and researchers in making informed decisions regarding cloud service providers.

The cloud computing market is dominated by a few major players, with Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Google Cloud Platform (GCP) being two of the leading providers.

CONCLUSION & FUTURE TRENDS

Cloud computing has good revolutionized modern IT infrastructure, with Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Google Cloud Platform (GCP) upcoming as two of the most powerful, providers.

AWS, as the market leader, it is offering so many ecosystem of cloud services, strong enterprise adoption, and extensive security compliance, making it the preferred choice for large organization.

AWS remains the dominant cloud provider, but GCP is rapidly gaining ground in AI/ML and cost-effective computing. GCP's multi-cloud strategy (Anthos) gives it an edge in interoperability, while AWS provides better enterprise stability. Future research should focus on hybrid cloud adoption, AI/ML performance benchmarks, and cost-benefit analysis for different use cases.

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BRIDGING TECHNOLOGY AND TRADITION: A SYNERGISTIC APPROACH USING AI, NLP, AND INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS TO ENHANCE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

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ABSTRACT

Mental well-being has become a crucial issue worldwide, particularly for young people who are dealing with stress, anxiety, and emotional difficulties in today's digital age. Despite this awareness and the global efforts made, many individuals experience a mental or behavioural disorder at some point in their lives. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly highlighted these issues and underscored the urgent need for accessible mental healthcare solutions.

While contemporary mental health treatments often focus on therapy and medication, there is an increasing interest in holistic healing methods that incorporate Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). This paper investigates how AI and NLP can digitize and enhance traditional Indian mental health practices, such as Yoga, Ayurveda, Meditation, and Vedic Psychology, to provide personalized, scalable, and culturally relevant solutions. Additionally, it also proposes an AI-powered Natural Language Processing (NLP) model that integrates Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with advanced AI techniques to create personalized mental health solutions for young people.

The findings indicate that AI-powered, IKS-informed mental health solutions can connect traditional wisdom with modern therapy, making mental well-being more accessible and tailored to individual needs. Future research should aim at refining AI models, developing multilingual NLP for regional texts, and ensuring the ethical use of AI in mental health.

Keywords: AI, NLP, Indian Knowledge Systems, Mental Well-being, Holistic Healing, Sentiment Analysis, Chatbots, Ayurveda, Yoga, Vedic Psychology.

INTRODUCTION

According to various global disease burden reports, mental health problems are a major contributor to the overall disease burden. A concerning trend is the rising prevalence of these issues among college students. (Rajkishan, Meitei, & Abha, October 2023). The traditional method, which depends largely on face-to-face consultations and therapies, fails to meet the growing need for accessible, affordable, and easily scalable mental health services. This gap between the demand for and the availability of mental healthcare underscores the urgent need for creative solutions. (Olawade, et al., April 2024)

In contrast the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) encompasses a wide array of knowledge that has evolved in India throughout history. This includes disciplines like mathematics, science and technology, medicine, astronomy, architecture, philosophy, languages, literature, along with cultural and social practices and traditions. (Dr.Timane & Dr.Wandhe, February 2024).IKS provides holistic approaches to mental resilience and emotional well-being focus on self-awareness, emotional balance, and stress reduction techniques. These ancient practices resonate with contemporary psychological frameworks.

A significant 92% of young people go online every day. One key reason young people turn to the internet is for support. Studies indicate that seeking help online provides various advantages, such as anonymity and privacy, along with easy access and immediate responses. (Young, et al., May 2024).With the progress in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP), there is significant potential to digitize, analyze, and tailor IKS-based mental health interventions.

LITERATURE REVIEW

AI, NLP and Chatbots in mental healthcare:

In the past few decades, AI has progressed from tackling simple challenges like chess to learning new abilities and exploring its own boundaries. After 60 years, AI has integrated itself into various industries and into the public's awareness. It is only in the 21st century that this field has changed nearly every facet of our lives so profoundly that it is now called the "Age of AI." (Thakkar, Gupta, & De Sousa, March 2024).The integration of AI into mental healthcare has roots that go back to the mid-20th century. This was a time when the computing

era began, and scientists started to imagine the potential for robots to mimic cognitive processes, paving the way for future developments in this area. (Olawade, et al., April 2024). The late 20th century saw the rise of computerized cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) programs. These interactive software applications were designed to deliver evidence-based therapeutic interventions for common mental health issues. While the early versions were quite basic compared to the AI-driven solutions we have today, they marked an important shift towards using technology to improve access to mental health care. (Olawade, et al., April 2024). Chatbots, or conversational agents, are defined as digital tools that can exist as hardware—like an Amazon Echo equipped with the Alexa digital assistant—or as software, such as Google Assistant on Android devices or Siri on Apple devices. These tools utilize machine learning and artificial intelligence techniques to imitate human-like behaviours and create a task-oriented framework that allows for evolving dialogue and participation in conversations. (Aditya Nrusimha Vaidyam, Hannah Wisniewski, John David Halamka, Kashavan, & John Blake Torous, March 2019).Below figure gives an overview about how chatbot interacts with end user as a Therapist.
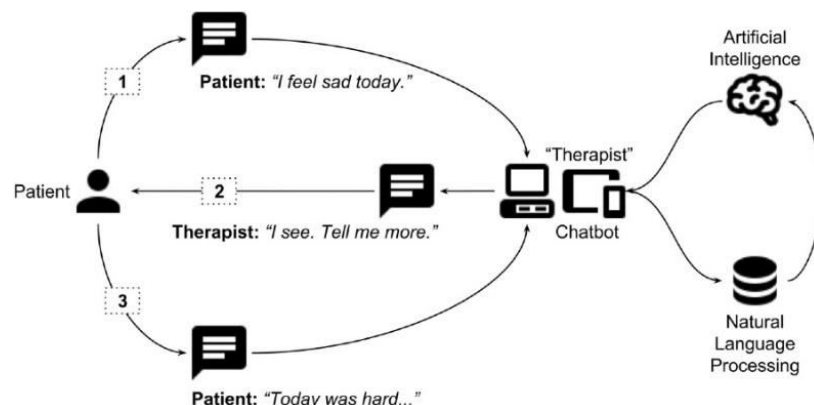
Figure 1A sample interaction between a patient and a chatbot therapist

There is a noticeable difference between the experience of a user providing input and a bot generating a response, regardless of the bot's actual intelligence. A bot can create an illusion of a natural and authentic environment for the user by understanding natural speech patterns. This conversational search fosters a sense of connection and personalization, making it an exceptionally effective method for gathering input from users. (D'Alfonso, et al., June 2017).

By leveraging advanced technologies like natural language processing, sentiment analysis, and data mining, AI-driven initiatives have shown impressive abilities in sharing accurate information, reducing stigma, and fostering discussions about mental health.

Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a branch of AI that allows machines to understand, interpret, and generate human language. Researchers are continuously improving these tools for practical applications, such as developing spoken dialogue systems, creating speech-to-speech translation engines, analyzing social media for insights on health or finance, and gauging sentiment and emotions related to products and services. It plays a crucial role in analyzing both written and spoken language to identify emotional states and fluctuations, helping clinicians keep track of patients' mental health through texts, chats, or speech. AI and NLP-powered chatbots have also become valuable interactive tools for providing reliable information and educational resources on mental health. These agents engage users in empathetic conversations, offering guidance and coping strategies etc. (Thakkar, Gupta, & De Sousa, March 2024).

Indian Knowledge System and mental well-being
The Indian Knowledge System represents a vast and varied body of knowledge, beliefs, and practices that have developed over many years. It finds its roots in ancient texts like the Vedas, Upanishads, and Puranas, and has been shaped by the contributions of numerous civilizations and cultures. It adopts a holistic perspective that weaves together different facets of human existence, such as the mind, body, and spirit. A defining feature of the Indian Knowledge System is its focus on the interconnectedness and interdependence of all beings and the universe, encapsulated in the idea of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,' which means the whole world is one family. (Dr.Timane & Dr.Wandhe, February 2024).The World Health Organization (WHO) defines mental health as encompassing "....physical, mental and social well-being,..." which combines both physical and mental health into a comprehensive framework. However, this integrated approach in the definition has not yet been fully adopted in teaching and clinical practice.. (Shamasundar, June 2008).

The traditional Indian ideas and frameworks concerning mental health are holistic, addressing elements that modern mental health literature often overlooks. Currently, mental health research tends to focus predominantly on the biological aspects of psychological phenomena. The implementation of chatbots (like Wysa and Woebot) for general mental health support, does not consider cultural adaptations.We need to create chatbots that are better aligned with our culture and establish a regulatory and evaluation process to fully benefit from this technological advancement. (Singh, 2019)

PROPOSED IKS BASED NLP MODEL

1.DATA COLLECTION

Gathering Insights from Indian Literature.

E.g. **Bhagavad Gita,Yoga Sutras,Ayurveda Texts,Shloka Sutra** etc.

2.DATA PREPROCESSING

Getting the Text Ready for AI & NLP.

Before AI can process these texts, they need to be cleaned and formatted.

Preprocessing involves: **Optical Character Recognition(OCR), Text Normalization, Tokenization and Translation**

3. AI & NLP PROCESSING

Interpreting the Text.

Before AI can process these texts, they need to be cleaned and formatted.

Preprocessing involves: **Named Entity Recognition(NER), Sentiment Analysis,Machine Translation and Speech and Emotion Recognition**.

4. AI DRIVEN APPLICATIONS

Deploying the Model.

Once the NLP model analyzes the texts, AI applications provide tailored support for mental well-being.

E.g. **Chatbot for IKS based Mental Well-being, Personalised Meditation& Mindfulness Recommender, Ayurveda-Based Health Coach** etc.

5.USER INTERACTION

Once the AI model is implemented, youth can interact with it.

E.g. Mobile Apps, Virtual Assistants(Chatbots), Wearable Devices, Community Engagment

METHODOLOGY
Sample Size: 107 respondents aged 15 to 25 years
Data Collection: Conducted through an online survey.

FINDINGS

1. Age :
107 responses

- Below 15
- 15-19
- 20-24
- 25-29

43%
56.1%

2.Gender
107 responses

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

63.6%
35.5%

3.Educational Background
107 responses

- High School
- Undergraduate
- Postgraduate
- Other

57%
35.5%

4. Are you familiar with Indian Knowledge System (Yoga, Ayurveda, Vedic Psychology, Bhagavad Gita,Shlokas etc.)?

107 responses

5. Have you used any mental health apps or AI-driven well-being tools before?

107 responses

6.Do you believe Indian Knowledge System (e.g., Yoga, Ayurveda, Meditation, Bhagavad Gita teachings, Shlokas) can contribute to mental well-being?

107 responses

7. Which Indian knowledge system have you practiced or are familiar with to cope with stress and anxiety? (Select all that apply)

107 responses

Category	Value
Yoga & Meditation	87 (81.3%)
Ayurveda & Dosha-based healing	10 (9.3%)
Bhagavad Gita's psychological teachings	27 (25.2%)
Chanting Shlokas	41 (38.3%)
None	8 (7.5%)
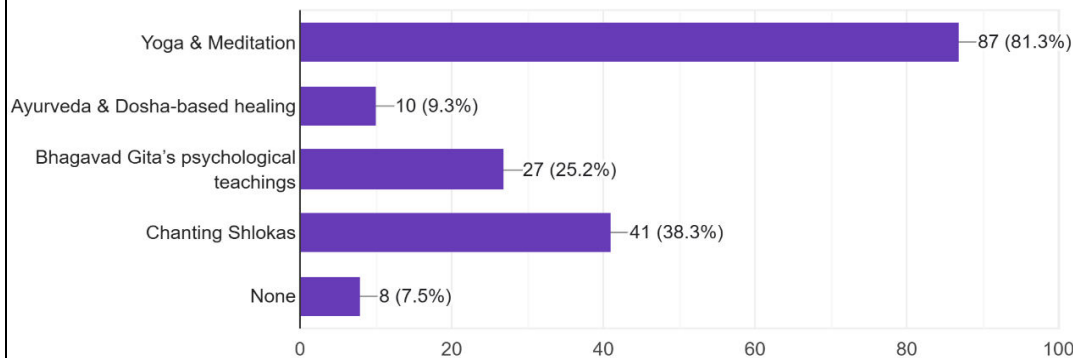
8. What challenges do you face in practicing traditional Indian well-being techniques? (Select all that apply)

107 responses

Category	Value
Lack of knowledge	57 (53.3%)
Lack of accessibility to guided sessions	30 (28%)
Difficulty in consistency	54 (50.5%)
Not sure if they work	15 (14%)
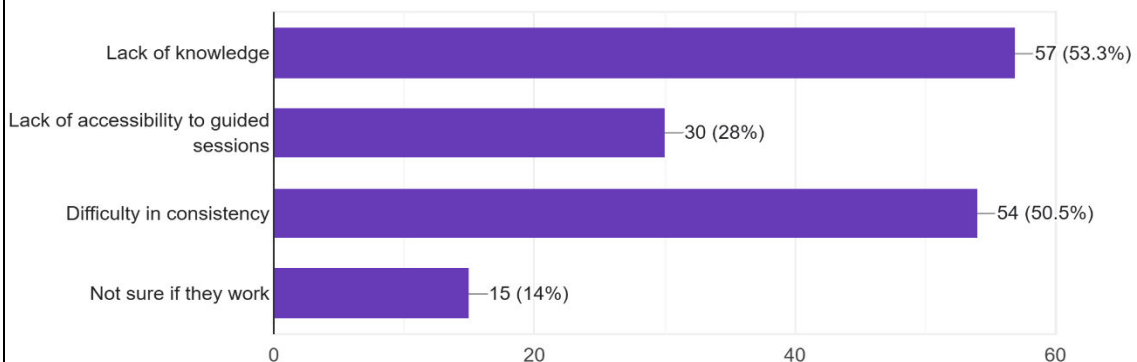
9. Would you be open to using an AI-based chatbot or app that provides mental health support using Indian Knowledge System?

107 responses

- Yes — 49.5%
- No — 17.8%
- Maybe — 32.7%

10. What kind of AI-driven support would you find helpful? (Select all that apply)

107 responses

11. How comfortable would you feel sharing your mental health concerns with an AI chatbot offering Indian Knowledge System-based guidance?

107 responses

12. How often do you think an AI-powered personalized mental health assistant should check in on your well-being based on your mood and emotional state?

107 responses

13. What would make AI-driven Indian knowledge system more effective for your mental well-being? (Select all that apply.)
107 responses

14. Do you have concerns about data privacy when using AI for mental health support?
107 responses

15. What ethical concerns do you foresee in using AI-driven mental well-being solutions? (Select all that apply.)
107 responses

THE FUTURE OF IKS-BASED AI FOR MENTAL WELL-BEING

Combining Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with AI and NLP opens up a unique opportunity to create scalable, personalized, and culturally relevant mental health solutions. This approach can:

1. Overcome obstacles to traditional mental health support.

2. Provide holistic, AI-driven solutions grounded in ancient wisdom.

3. Improve accessibility through mobile applications, chatbots, and digital platforms.

By merging ancient Indian healing practices with contemporary AI advancements, we can transform mental well-being for young people in the digital era.

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HARNESSING LUNAR PHASES: SUGGESTED AI MODELS FOR SEASONAL FORECASTING IN AGRICULTURE

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ABSTRACT

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has transformed various key industries by enabling data-driven decision-making and automating processes. One of the most promising AI applications is in agriculture, where machine learning, data analytics, and automation can optimize farming operations. Traditionally, agricultural practices relied on lunar cycles to determine essential decisions such as planting schedules, pest control methods, irrigation timing, and harvesting periods. For centuries, different farming communities have adjusted their techniques based on Krishna Paksha (waning moon) and Shukla Paksha (waxing moon).

This study explores the effectiveness of AI models trained with lunar cycle data, focusing on their potential for seasonal forecasting and operational improvements in agriculture. Integrating lunar cycle insights with AI technology can enhance precision, sustainability, and resource efficiency in farming. The proposed AI system provides valuable predictions for crop management, pest activity forecasting, irrigation planning, and harvest scheduling, aligning agricultural practices with lunar phases for improved outcomes.

Keywords: *AI, Krishna Paksha, Shukla Paksha, Lunar Cycles, Seasonal Predictions, Agricultural Optimization, Crop Yield, Pest Management, AI-Driven Farming, Machine Learning.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Agriculture serves as the foundation of the natural economy, where environmental factors, soil conditions, and seasonal changes influence farmers' decision-making. Traditionally, farmers have relied on lunar cycles and other natural patterns to guide their agricultural practices. The two phases of the lunar month, Krishna Paksha and Shukla Paksha, have long been observed for their distinct effects on plant growth, pest behavior and farming activities.

With the arrival of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning, modern scientific advancements can now integrate with traditional agricultural wisdom. AI provides enhanced processing power, predictive accuracy, and optimization capabilities, enabling farmers to make data-driven decisions instead of relying solely on intuition and conventional knowledge. This research explores the application of AI predictive models trained on Krishna Paksha and Shukla Paksha cycle data to improve forecasting and optimize seasonal farming activities. By analyzing real-time and historical data, these AI models offer valuable insights for planting, pest control, irrigation scheduling, and harvest planning, ultimately enhancing efficiency and sustainability in agriculture.

2. UNDERSTANDING KRISHNA PAKSHA AND SHUKLA PAKSHA IN AGRICULTURE

The lunar cycle has played a vital role in traditional farming practices across various cultures. The two phases of the lunar month, Krishna Paksha and Shukla Paksha, hold significant agricultural importance:

- **Krishna Paksha (Waning Phase):** During this phase, as the moon decreases in illumination, energy is believed to move downward toward the earth and roots. This period is considered ideal for planting root crops such as potatoes, carrots, and onions, as the downward energy is thought to enhance root development. Additionally, Krishna Paksha is considered suitable for soil enrichment and pest control, as many pests are believed to be less active during this time.

- **Shukla Paksha (Waxing Phase):** As the moon gains light, energy is said to move upward, benefiting the growth of crops that develop above the ground. Farmers traditionally plant crops like tomatoes, beans, and leafy greens during this phase. It is also regarded as an optimal period for harvesting, as crops are believed to be at their peak in terms of fruiting and overall health.

For generations, farmers have used these lunar phases to guide essential agricultural activities, including sowing, fertilization, irrigation, and pest management.

Integrating these time-tested lunar cycles into AI models could elevate traditional farming wisdom by making agricultural decisions more precise, data-driven, and efficient.

3. AI IN AGRICULTURE: APPLICATIONS AND BENEFITS

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing the agricultural sector by offering innovative solutions that enhance productivity, promote sustainability, and improve decision-making. The primary advantage of AI in agriculture lies in its ability to analyze vast amounts of data, optimizing various farming operations. AI technology plays three key roles in modern agriculture:

- **Predictive Analytics:** AI models process and interpret data to forecast crop yields, pest populations, and weather patterns. This enables farmers to make informed, proactive decisions regarding planting schedules, seed selection, irrigation timing, and pest control strategies.

- **Precision Farming:** By utilizing machine sensors, AI systems develop precise irrigation and fertilization plans, reducing waste and ensuring efficient resource utilization.

- **Automation in Farming:** AI-powered robots assist with essential tasks such as seeding, weed management, and harvesting, reducing labor requirements while increasing efficiency.

Additionally, AI-driven weather data analysis helps farmers anticipate seasonal shifts and potential climate risks, allowing for better planning and adaptation. The integration of lunar cycles with AI models further enhances agricultural practices by blending traditional wisdom with modern technological advancements, providing farmers with a holistic approach to farming.

4. METHODOLOGY: AI MODELS INCORPORATING LUNAR CYCLES

To develop AI models that utilize Krishna Paksha and Shukla Paksha for seasonal forecasting, a well-defined methodology is essential. This process consists of several critical stages: data collection, feature selection, model selection, training, validation, and deployment.

1. Data Collection

The foundation of AI model training lies in gathering relevant and comprehensive datasets. For lunar cycle-based agricultural predictions, the following data sources are crucial:

- **Lunar Cycle Data:** Historical records of lunar phases, including precise start and end dates for Krishna Paksha and Shukla Paksha each year.

- **Agricultural Data:** Information on crop growth stages, planting schedules, soil health, irrigation methods, and crop yields, obtained from farm records, sensors, and satellite imagery.

- **Weather and Climate Data:** Key environmental factors such as temperature, rainfall, humidity, and sunlight, which influence crop development in relation to lunar cycles. These metrics can be sourced from weather stations and IoT devices.

- **Pest Infestation Data:** Historical trends of pest outbreaks linked to different lunar phases, helping AI models forecast potential pest activity and recommend timely preventive measures.

- **Soil and Irrigation Data:** Insights from soil moisture sensors and irrigation systems, enabling AI to determine optimal irrigation schedules based on lunar cycles and weather conditions.

By integrating these diverse data sources, AI models can enhance agricultural decision-making, improving efficiency, sustainability, and productivity.

FEATURE SELECTION

Feature selection is the process of identifying the most relevant data points that enhance the accuracy and effectiveness of the AI model. In the context of lunar cycle-based agricultural predictions, the key features include:

- **Lunar Phase** (Krishna Paksha or Shukla Paksha)

- **Historical Crop Performance** (yield trends, growth stages, and productivity patterns)

- **Pest Infestation Trends** (correlation between lunar phases and pest activity)

- **Soil Conditions** (moisture levels, temperature variations)

- **Weather Data** (rainfall patterns, temperature fluctuations, humidity levels)

By focusing on these essential features, the AI model can better understand how lunar cycles influence environmental and agricultural factors, leading to more precise and optimized farm management strategies.

4.3 Model Selection

Various machine learning models can be utilized to train AI systems for agricultural applications, particularly in leveraging lunar cycles for seasonal predictions. Some of the key models include:

- **Decision Trees:** These models categorize data based on feature values, creating decision nodes that help determine optimal planting and harvesting periods in alignment with lunar phases.

- **Random Forest:** An ensemble learning technique that constructs multiple decision trees to enhance prediction accuracy and minimize overfitting.

- **Support Vector Machines (SVM):** Effective for classification tasks, such as assessing the probability of pest infestations occurring during specific lunar phases.

- **Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs):** Advanced deep learning models capable of identifying complex patterns in extensive datasets, making them highly suitable for predictive tasks like estimating crop yields and forecasting pest activity.

By selecting the most appropriate model, AI systems can generate precise insights, enabling farmers to make data-driven decisions that optimize agricultural operations.

4.4 Model Training

After gathering data and selecting relevant features, the AI model undergoes training using machine learning algorithms. This process involves analyzing historical data to recognize patterns and correlations between input variables—such as lunar cycles and weather conditions—and target outcomes like crop yield and pest activity.

The training phase includes iterative optimization, where model parameters are continuously adjusted to reduce errors and enhance predictive accuracy. The model is initially trained on a subset of the data and later validated against a separate dataset to evaluate its performance and reliability.

4.5 Model Testing and Validation

Ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the AI model is essential for its practical application in agriculture. The testing and validation process involves evaluating the trained model using datasets that were not included during training. Performance metrics such as Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and accuracy are used to measure how well the model adapts to new data and generalizes to real-world conditions.

4.6 Model Deployment

Once validated, the AI model is deployed for use in real-time farming operations. The model is integrated into farm management software or IoT devices, providing real-time predictions for various agricultural tasks, such as:

- Predicting the best planting time based on the lunar phase.

- Forecasting pest outbreaks linked to lunar cycles.

- Suggesting optimal irrigation schedules based on environmental data and lunar phases.

- Estimating crop yield and suggesting harvesting times.

5. APPLICATIONS OF AI MODELS IN SMART FARMING

5.1 Enhanced Crop Management

AI models utilizing lunar cycles can help optimize farming operations by determining the most suitable times for planting, watering, and harvesting. By integrating lunar phase data into machine learning models, farmers can synchronize their activities with natural rhythms, leading to improved crop growth and increased yields.

5.2 Pest and Disease Prevention

AI-driven models can anticipate pest outbreaks by analyzing historical trends and lunar phase correlations. Identifying periods when pests are most active allows farmers to implement preventive strategies—such as deploying organic pesticides or setting traps—at the most effective times, minimizing crop damage.

5.3 Precision Irrigation

By combining lunar cycle data with weather forecasts and soil conditions, AI-powered systems can generate optimal irrigation schedules. This ensures efficient water usage, maintains ideal soil moisture levels, reduces waste, and enhances overall crop health.

5.4 Accurate Harvest Timing

AI models can analyze crop development in relation to lunar phases to predict the best harvesting periods. This enables farmers to harvest crops at their peak ripeness, maximizing both quality and yield, ultimately benefiting both agricultural producers and consumers.

6. CHALLENGES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

While AI-driven farming holds great promise, there are several challenges to overcome:

- **Data Availability and Quality:** Accurate and high-quality data is essential for training AI models. In many regions, farmers may not have access to the necessary data or technology to collect it.

- **Interpretability:** AI models, particularly deep learning models, can be difficult to interpret. Farmers may find it challenging to understand the reasoning behind AI predictions, which could hinder adoption.

- **Integration with Traditional Practices:** Integrating AI with traditional farming practices requires education and training for farmers to adopt new technologies while maintaining their cultural practices.

Future research should focus on improving the accuracy of models, expanding data collection techniques, and developing user-friendly interfaces for farmers to interact with AI-driven systems. Additionally, further studies should explore how AI can be used to integrate lunar knowledge with other cultural farming practices.

7. CONCLUSION

AI models trained on Krishna Paksha and Shukla Paksha cycles present a promising avenue for optimizing farming practices. By merging the ancient wisdom of lunar cycles with modern AI technology, farmers can make more informed decisions about planting, irrigation, pest management, and harvesting. This integration promises to create a more sustainable and efficient agricultural system that enhances crop yield, reduces resource waste, and increases the resilience of farms against climate change.

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SMART CITIES: USING TECHNOLOGY TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

Smart cities represent an innovative approach to urban development, utilizing advanced technologies to address the complex challenges of sustainability in rapidly growing urban areas. With the use of cutting-edge technologies, smart cities provide anovel approach tourban development that tackles the intricate problems of sustainability in quickly expanding metropolitan regions. This study investigates the ways in which smart city technologies—such as data analytics, smart grids, artificial intelligence (AI), and Internet of Things (IoT) sensors—can be used to support sustainable urban growth. In order to explain how these technologies lessen environmental impacts and enhance urban living, the study focuses on resource optimization, energy efficiency, waste management, and sustainable transportation. Smart networks andrenewable energy sources (like solar and wind) are incorporated into urban energy systems to enhance energy distribution and consumption. Intelligent public transit systems, electric vehicles (EVs), and driverless cars are a few examples of sustainable transportation options that reduce traffic and emissions. Green structures, sustainable building materials, and smart technology-driven urban agriculture projects are a few examples of green infrastructure and building technology. Smart city technology may drastically reduce urban carbon footprints and resource consumption by optimizing the use of electricity, water, and other resources and promoting more sustainable and effective urban systems. The study comes to the conclusion that attaining long-term urban sustainability, improving climate change resilience, and promoting inclusive economic growth all depend on the effective deployment of smart city technology. This essay sheds light on how technological advancements can make cities more habitable and sustainable for coming generations.

Keywords: Smart cities, Sustainable, IoT, AI

INTRODUCTION

This study looks at how technology can be utilized to build smart cities that will aid in rapid urbanization, resource management, and climate change. By integrating data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), and Internet of Things (IoT), smart cities aim to enhance sustainability, improve quality of life, and create effective urban environments. An examination of case studies from several worldwide initiatives demonstrates the potential of smart city technologies and successful deployments. The concept of a "smart city" is gaining popularity as a way to address a number of urban problems. Smart solutions have the potential to improve many people's quality of life by reducing the digital divide and increasing economic success for all populations. Smart cities need to leverage IoT and smart city data science to build a varied ecosystem of collaboration and investment in smart city concepts in order to realize these benefits. Residents and local government organizations will be able to fully utilize IoT-based smart city implementation t e c h n i q u e s a s a r e s u l t .

Bringing up smart cities can improve the city's image and attract foreign investment. Smart city technology may drastically reduce urban carbon footprints and resource consumption by maximizing the use of energy, water, and other resources and promoting more sustainable and effective urban systems. Smart cities use cutting-edge

technology	to boost	sustainable
development,	increase	operational
effectiveness,	and improve	urban living.

Smart cities build interconnected systems that tackle the intricate problems of urbanization by combining Internet of Things (IoT) devices, big data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), and other digital tools. An urban region that uses cutting-edge technology, such as big data, artificial intelligence (AI), digital platforms, and the Internet of Things (IoT), to improve the quality of life for its residents, increase the effectiveness of urban services, and promote sustainable development is known as a "smart city." Smart cities use technology in conjunction with governance and infrastructure systems to solve issues with public services, resource management, and urbanization.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Abdullahi Abdirahim Bashiir, August 2024 describes smart cities as transforming urban development by combining the Internet of Things (IoT) and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). This study examined how smart cities promote sustainable urban growth, highlighting the Internet of Things' pivotal role.

Sunita Narain, September, 2024 stated the idea of "smart cities" has become a revolutionary way to solve urban problems while advancing sustainability and improving people's quality of life. The integration of smart city technology as a strategic framework for accomplishing urban sustainability goals was examined in this article.

Ali Abdulsamea Hameed, 2019 describes the idea of smart cities has surfaced, and cities are integrating their technological policies and development plans to accomplish development while integrating the goals and aspects of sustainable development to maximize the benefits of the available technological possibilities.

OBJECTIVE

1. To investigate the idea of "smart cities" and describe how technology is incorporated into sustainable urban development.

2. To examine the particular smart city technologies (such as waste management, smart transportation, and energy management) that support sustainable urban growth.

3. To determine and examine the main obstacles and difficulties preventing the effective execution of smart city projects in diverse metropolitan regions.

4. To examine examples of cities those have effectively incorporated smart city technologies in order to advance sustainability.

5. To investigate how technology is incorporated into smart cities and how it supports environmentally friendly urban growth.

THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SMART CITIES

1. Connectivity and Infrastructure:

- **IoT and Sensors:** By collecting real- time data on traffic, utilities, air quality, and other subjects, IoT devices enable efficient resource management.

- **Smart Grids:** These enhance energy delivery, optimize electricity use, and integrate renewable energy sources.

- **5G Networks:** High-speed connectivity is necessary to support IoT devices and ensure seamless system-to-system communication.

2. Sustainability and Environmental Management:

- **Smart Energy Systems:** AI and IoT reduce waste, optimize energy use, and facilitate the integration of renewable energy sources like wind and solar.

- **Waste Management:** Waste bin sensors warn users when they are full, boosting the effectiveness of collection.

- **Water Management:** Smart technologies monitor water consumption, detect leaks, and prevent waste.

3. Mobility and Transportation:

- **Smart Traffic Systems:** AI-powered traffic signals and Internet of Things devices improve flow and reduce traffic bottlenecks.

- **Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles (EVs):** Smart charging stations and incentives for EV adoption reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- **Public transit:** Mobile apps, GPS tracking, and real-time updates

- enhance user experience and increase the use of public transit.

4. Social Responsibility and Governance:

- **E-Government Platforms:** Web portals and mobile applications facilitate easy access to public services and boost openness.

- **Crowd sourcing Solutions:** By using apps, residents may report issues like potholes or power outages, enabling prompt repairs.

- **Data-Driven Policy Making:** By utilizing big data analytics, governments may more effectively spot patterns and develop effective policies.

5. Health care and Public Safety:

- **Monitoring and Safety:** Crime prevention and disaster relief are aided by AI-powered surveillance systems and predictive analytics.

- **Emergency Services:** Real-time tracking of emergency vehicles expedites response times.

- **Telemedicine:** Remote healthcare services increase access to medical care, especially in underserved areas.

6. Innovation and Economic Development:

- **Startup Ecosystems:** Smart cities attract innovation hubs, which strengthen the economy and create jobs.

- **Digital Payment Systems:** Cashless transactions cut down on fraud and simplify corporate processes.

SMART CITY PERSPECTIVE

1. Technologies Powering Smart Cities IoT (Internet of Things):

- **IoT (Internet of Things):** Intelligent sensors and networked gadgets keep an eye on and control energy, waste, and traffic systems. For instance, traffic lights that change according to the flow of vehicles in real time.

- **Data analytics with artificial intelligence:** Big data is analyzed by AI algorithms to forecast urban demands, strengthen public services, andimprovegovernance. AI-powered predictive maintenance for public infrastructure is one example.

- **Smart Grids and Renewable Energy:** To guarantee effective distribution, renewable energy sources like solar and wind are connected with smart grids.

- **Systems of Sustainable Transportation:** Emissions and traffic are decreased by data-driven public transportation scheduling, autonomous transit, and electric vehicles (EVs).

2. Environmental Sustainability through Smart Cities

- **Energy Efficiency:** Automated systems optimize energy use, reducing reliance on fossil fuels. Example: LED streetlights with motion sensors.

- **Water Management:** IoT-enabled water systems detect leaks and manage distribution efficiently. Example: Sensors ensure equitable water allocation during shortages.

- **Waste Management:** Smart bins equipped with sensors improve waste collection schedules and recycling rates. Example: IoT in waste management helps reduce landfill overflows.

- **Pollution Monitoring:** Real-time air quality sensors inform policies and citizen actions to reduce pollution. Example: Apps notify residents of high pollution levels in real time.

3. Social Sustainability and Equity in Smart Cities

- **Digital Inclusion:** Programs ensure that underserved communities have access to smart technologies. Example: Free public Wi-Fi zones in low-income areas.

- **Smart Governance:** Technology platforms enable participatory decision-making and greater transparency. Example: Apps for citizen feedback on urban projects.

- **Healthcare Systems:** Telemedicine and AI-powered diagnostics improve healthcare access, especially in remote areas. Example: Wearable's monitor patient health in real-time.

- **Public Safety and Security:** AI- driven surveillance and predictive analytics enhance safety and response times. Example: Emergency alerts via apps.

4. Economic Sustainability in Smart Cities

- **Cost Savings and Efficiency:** Technology reduces operational costs through automation and optimization.

Example: Smart water systems reduce leakage costs.

- **Job Creation:** Development of smart cities drives demand for roles in tech, sustainability, and urban planning. Example: Positions in EV infrastructure development.

- **Business Innovation:** Tech hubs and start-up ecosystems flourish in smart cities. Example: Incentives for clean tech start-ups.

- **Smart Governance and Fiscal Responsibility:** Data-driven tools improve budgeting and resource allocation. Example: Dashboards for monitoring city finances.

CHALLENGESANDBARRIERSTO SMART CITY AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. **High Costs**: Developing smart infrastructure requires significant financial investment. Example: Budget constraints in developing nations.

2. **Privacy and Data Security**: The risk of misuse of personal data by authorities or hackers. Example: Breaches in surveillance systems.

3. **Digital Divide**: Disparities in technology access may exclude marginalized groups. Example: Lack of connectivity in rural areas.

4. **Political and Regulatory Challenges**: Lack of cohesive policies can slow implementation.

5. **Public Resistance**: Mistrust of technology can hinder adoption.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SMART CITIES

1. Smart Grids and Energy Efficiency

- **Energy Distribution and Smart Grids:** Make it possible to track energy consumption in real time and forecast demand trends. Reduce reliance on fossil fuels by integrating renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar, into metropolitan systems.

- **Systems of Demand Response:** Adapt energy use dynamically to periods of peak and off-peak demand. Encourage customers to use less energy during peak hours to cut emissions overall.

- **Energy Management and Smart Buildings:** To maximize energy use, implement automated systems such as AI-powered heating, cooling, and lighting. Install sensors to modify energy use according to ambient factors and occupancy.

- **Street Lighting that uses less energy:** Use motion-sensing LED lighting to cut down on waste by adjusting brightness according to activity or time of day.

2. Transportation Sustainability

- Autonomous and Electric Vehicles (EVs and AVs) encourage EV adoption to reduce pollution and dependency on fossil fuels. Make use of AVs that are tuned for traffic control and fuel economy.

- **Intelligent Traffic Control:** Reduce traffic and idle times by using AI to regulate traffic in real-time. Incident detection systems and adaptive traffic lights are two examples.

- **Optimization of Public Transportation:** Create systems that dynamically modify timetables and routes to boost productivity and cut pollution. To reduce reliance on private vehicles, promote the usage of public transport.

3. Conservation and Management of Water:

- **Smart Water Meters and Leak Detection:** Smart Water Meters and Leak Detection Use Internet of Things-enabled tools to track and control water use. To save water, find leaks and improve distribution systems.

- **Harvesting and Reusing Rainwater:** Utilize technology to regulate and collect rainfall or non- potable needs, such as irrigation. By integrating systems to efficiently manage storm water, Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) help avoid flooding and excessive water treatment needs.

4. The Circular Economy and Waste Management:

- **Intelligent Waste Management Systems:** Install sensors in trash cans to track capacity and streamline pickup routes, which will save emissions.

- **Optimization of Recycling:** To increase recycling rates and reduce contamination, use intelligent sorting systems.

- **Energy-from-Waste Technologies:** Reduce your reliance on landfills by turning non-recyclable waste into energy.

5. Green Infrastructure and Building Design:

- **Intelligent Green Structures:** To improve energy efficiency, install automatic lighting and HVAC systems that can adapt. For improved resource management, track energy consumption in real time.

- **Vertical Gardens and Urban Green Spaces:** Utilize IoT to optimize resource usage and irrigation in green infrastructure. Enhance air quality and counteract the urban heat island effect.

- **Infrastructure Powered by Solar:** Reduce reliance on the grid by integrating renewable energy sources, such as solar panels, into public infrastructure.

6. Environmental Data Analytics and Air Quality Monitoring

- **Monitoring of Air Quality in Real Time:** Install sensors to monitor pollutants and pinpoint areas that need special attention.

- **Utilizing Data Analytics to Optimize Resources:** Examine waste, water, and energy trends to put resource-saving measures into place.

7. Food Systems and Urban Agriculture

- **Astute Urban Farming:** Utilize precision farming methods in urban farms to maximize energy, water, and space utilization.

- **Reducing Food Waste:** To reduce waste and turn organic waste into bioenergy, keep an eye on food supply chains.

8. Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change

- **Disaster Preparedness and Climate Modeling:** Utilize sensors, AI, and satellite data to forecast and get ready for extreme weather events. Invest in robust infrastructure to lower the cost of recovery.

CONCLUSION

The successful implementation of smart technologies for sustainability requires overcoming significant financial and regulatory challenges. Addressing these challenges will require a combination of innovative financing models, regulatory reforms, transparent public engagement, and long-term planning. By aligning economic incentives with sustainability goals, cities can ensure that the transition to smart, sustainable urban environments benefits all residents and future generations. Smart cities rely heavily on technology to make them more resilient, sustainable, and habitable. As the population of metropolitan areas continues to grow, technological integration presents creative ways to maximize resources and enhance the standard of living for locals. Utilizing the full potential of smart city technologies requires cooperation between governments, corporations, and individuals. Smart cities are essential to addressing the challenges posed by rapid urbanization. They combine technology, governance, and citizen participation to create sustainable and equitable urban environments. While challenges like cost, privacy, and inclusivity remain, continuous innovation and global collaboration can unlock the full potential of smart cities, ensuring a better quality of life for all.

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ALTERNATE DATA MINING TECHNIQUES IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS: EXPLORING ADVANCED APPROACHES FOR BETTER INSIGHTS

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores alternative data mining techniques employed by telecommunications companies to uncover insights from vast, complex data sets. As the telecommunications industry grows in complexity with the proliferation of data, traditional data mining methods such as clustering, classification, and regression are often insufficient. We examine emerging techniques, including deep learning, anomaly detection, and reinforcement learning, and their impact on customer behavior prediction, fraud detection, network optimization, and predictive maintenance.

Keywords: *Data Mining in Telecommunications, Deep Learning in Telecom, Anomaly Detection in Telecom Networks, Fraud Detection in Telecommunications*

I. INTRODUCTION

The telecommunications industry plays a crucial role in enabling communication services globally, and data is central to its operations. Customer behavior data, call data records (CDRs), and network performance data are essential for understanding service usage patterns, optimizing network resources, and improving customer experiences. Traditional data mining techniques, such as decision trees, k-means clustering, and association rule mining, have been widely used to analyze telecom data.

Decision trees help classify customer segments, k-means clustering groups similar data points, and association rule mining uncovers relationships between different behaviors or events. However, as telecom data grows in volume and complexity, more advanced techniques are required. Traditional methods struggle with processing large datasets in real-time, especially with the emergence of new technologies like 5G, IoT, and AI. These advanced techniques, including machine learning and deep learning, offer improved scalability, better handling of real-time data, and more accurate predictive capabilities, enabling telecom companies to stay competitive and deliver enhanced services to their customers.

II. OVERVIEW OF DATA MINING IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Data mining plays a significant role in understanding customer behavior and predicting churn in the telecommunications industry. By analyzing historical data, such as customer usage patterns, service interactions, and demographic information, telecom companies can identify at-risk customers and develop targeted retention strategies. Fraud detection is another crucial application of data mining, where historical data is analyzed to detect unusual usage patterns that may indicate fraudulent activity, such as sudden spikes in call volume or data usage. Additionally, telecom companies leverage data mining techniques to optimize network traffic and enhance quality of service. By examining real-time network performance data, companies can identify congestion points, predict traffic surges, and optimize resource allocation, ensuring smooth service delivery and improved user experiences. Through these applications, data mining enables telecom companies to improve customer satisfaction, reduce operational costs, and maintain robust network performance.

III. ALTERNATE DATA MINING TECHNIQUES:

Deep learning, a subset of machine learning, utilizes neural networks to analyze and identify patterns in large datasets. Techniques like convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs) are particularly effective in processing complex data. CNNs are used to recognize spatial patterns in images or signals, while RNNs excel at handling sequential data, making them ideal for time-series analysis, such as predicting customer behaviour or analysing network traffic. In telecom, deep learning models are applied to a variety of tasks, such as analysing call records, customer service interactions, and signal processing to uncover insights that drive business decisions. Despite their potential, deep learning techniques face challenges, including high computational costs and the need for large, labelled datasets for training. However, when these challenges are overcome, deep learning models can offer significant benefits, such as increased accuracy, the ability to adapt to dynamic data, and improved performance over traditional methods, making them highly valuable in the ever-evolving telecom industry.

Anomaly detection plays a critical role in identifying outliers or unusual patterns within large datasets, which may indicate fraudulent activities, system malfunctions, or security breaches. In telecom, anomaly detection is commonly used for fraud detection, network failure prediction, and identifying unauthorized access attempts. Techniques such as Isolation Forest, One-Class Support Vector Machines (SVM), and Autoencoders are frequently employed to isolate and detect these anomalies. Isolation Forest is effective in identifying outliers by isolating observations in a dataset, while One-Class SVM is designed for identifying anomalies in high-dimensional data. Autoencoders, a type of neural network, can reconstruct input data and highlight deviations from the norm, making them particularly useful for identifying complex and subtle anomalies. These techniques help telecom companies proactively address issues, enhance security, and minimize disruptions by quickly detecting unusual patterns in vast amounts of data.

Reinforcement Learning (RL) is a type of machine learning that differs from traditional supervised learning by enabling systems to make decisions and learn from the consequences of their actions. In RL, an agent interacts with an environment, receiving feedback in the form of rewards or penalties, which it uses to optimize its future actions. In the telecom industry, RL has various applications, including dynamic network optimization, where it helps adjust resource allocation based on real-time network conditions, customer service chatbots that continuously improve their interactions with customers, and adaptive resource allocation to ensure optimal use of infrastructure. The key benefits of RL include its ability to continuously learn from interaction data, allowing systems to adapt and improve over time, as well as its real-time decision-making capabilities, enabling telecom companies to respond promptly to changing conditions and customer needs.

Graph mining involves representing telecom networks as graphs, where nodes represent base stations and edges represent the connections between them. This approach enables various applications, including community detection, which identifies clusters of services or users with similar behaviours, influence propagation models to understand how information spreads across the network, and fraud detection, where unusual patterns in call graphs can indicate fraudulent activities. Techniques like Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) and Spectral Clustering are commonly used to mine insights from these graphs. GNNs enable learning directly on graph structures, while Spectral Clustering identifies groups of nodes that share common attributes, facilitating more accurate analysis and predictions within telecom networks.

Ensemble methods, such as boosting and bagging, combine multiple models to enhance predictive performance. These techniques improve the accuracy of predictions by aggregating the outputs of several models, each compensating for the others' weaknesses. In telecom, ensemble methods are widely used in applications like customer churn prediction and fraud detection, where they help refine the model's ability to distinguish between normal and anomalous behaviour. The key benefits of ensemble methods include improved prediction accuracy and reduced overfitting, as the collective wisdom of multiple models leads to more robust and reliable outcomes.

Telecom companies regularly deal with time-sensitive data, such as usage statistics, traffic patterns, and the health of network equipment. Time series forecasting techniques like ARIMA, Prophet, and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are essential tools for predicting future values based on historical data. These techniques are particularly valuable in use cases like predictive maintenance, where anticipating equipment failure is crucial, resource demand forecasting, and anomaly detection in network traffic or service performance. Time series forecasting enables telecom companies to make informed decisions, optimize resources, and maintain service quality.

Natural Language Processing (NLP) is used to analyse unstructured text data from various sources, such as customer service conversations, support tickets, and social media interactions. Telecom companies apply NLP techniques for tasks like sentiment analysis, topic modelling, and developing chatbots to enhance customer service. Sentiment analysis helps gauge customer satisfaction, while topic modelling categorizes customer concerns, enabling more efficient responses. However, NLP faces challenges like language diversity, understanding context, and dealing with noisy data, all of which complicate accurate analysis and require sophisticated models to handle the complexity of human language.

IV. CHALLENGES IN APPLYING THESE TECHNIQUES

Data Quality and Availability: Telecom companies face challenges related to data cleanliness, privacy, and integration of diverse data sources.

Computational Complexity: Techniques like deep learning and reinforcement learning require significant computing power and expertise.

Interpretability: Some advanced models, especially deep learning, can be black-box systems, which makes explaining results difficult.

Regulatory Compliance: Ensuring that all data mining activities adhere to data protection and privacy regulations (GDPR, CCPA, etc.).

V. FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Integration of AI and ML with 5G and IoT: Exploring how telecom companies can leverage AI and machine learning for real-time decision-making and optimization in next-gen networks.

Hybrid Models: Combining multiple data mining techniques for more robust results.

Edge Computing for Real-Time Data Processing: Moving data analysis to the network edge for faster decision-making in telecom operations.

VI. CONCLUSION

Summary of Key Findings: Emphasize the transformative potential of alternative data mining techniques in the telecom sector.

impact on Telecom Companies: How the adoption of advanced data mining techniques can lead to better customer experience, optimized network performance, and improved profitability.

future Outlook: As telecom companies continue to innovate, the role of alternative data mining techniques will be pivotal in navigating challenges and capitalizing on opportunities.

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CRITICAL REVIEW ON CLOUD COMPUTING SECURITY CHALLENGES AND PERFORMANCE METRICS

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ABSTRACT

In this research study, researchers focused on a critical review of cloud computing security challenges and power metrics for memory and CPU usage. Researchers used cloud data statistics from kaggle.com to analyze the use of cloud-related products among AWS, GCP and Azure users. In parallel with these benefits, the prevalence and refinement of cyber threats is significantly increased. Data injuries, cyber-attacks, and information theft are daily headlines. As a result, digital asset security is a critical issue for businesses in the cloud era. Therefore, cloud-based information security solutions have been developed to address these challenges and provide robust protection for sensitive data and critical applications. Researchers will ensure that the future world will use a wide range of benefits, including improved scalability, cost-effectiveness, and accessibility. Cloud-based information security solutions have become an important part of this technical landscape as they are essential for protecting sensitive data and ensuring the integrity of digital assets.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the modern age of digital transformation, businesses are increasingly relying on cloud-based information systems to store, manage and process critical data and applications. The cloud offers many benefits, including improved scalability, cost-effectiveness, and accessibility. Cloud-based information security solutions have become an important part of this technical landscape as they are essential for protecting sensitive data and ensuring the integrity of digital assets. A significant increase in cloud-based information security solutions. The rapidly developing cyber threat landscape, data protection regulations and ongoing demand for innovation in cloud security practices makes this an important initiative. Understanding the multifaceted nature of cloud-based information security is critical to making sound decisions, implementing effective security measures, and strategically managing risks. First and foremost, cloud computing offers a level of scalability that could not be reached by traditional indoor infrastructures.

Companies can easily scale arithmetic resources to fluctuate with enquiries, optimize cost-effectiveness, and ensure that services are easily accessible and responsive at the same time. Cloud solutions reduce investment costs because there is no large investment in physical hardware. Instead, companies pay the resources they use and change costs from capital to operational models. This financial flexibility allows businesses to strategically allocate resources, invest in innovation, and adapt to changing market conditions. Improved accessibility is another character in the cloud. Using data and applications in the cloud allows users with an internet connection to actually access anywhere. This flexibility enables remote work, global collaboration, and mobile productivity, allowing cloud-based solutions to penetrate modern workplaces in a cloud environment.

Research by Mell and Graance (2011) shows how important it is to define and implement security controls tailored to the cloud and represent a comprehensive framework that represents a comprehensive framework that includes aspects such as data protection, identity management, and incident response. It emphasizes. Additionally, Ritinghouse and Ransome (2016) supports a holistic approach to cloud security, encryption integration, access control, and regular auditing, enhancing the secure location of cloud-based systems. Data protection laws such as the European Union (GDPR) general data protection ordinance and the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). Companies that compile personal and sensitive data. Cloud-based information systems provide a paradigm shift in traditional solutions in the room, providing a scalable, inexpensive and flexible environment for storing, processing and accessing data. In this context, information security plays a critical role in securing sensitive data and critical applications from a variety of cyber threats.

One of the most important benefits of cloud-based security solutions is their inherent scalability. From Armbrust et al. (2010) provide cloud platforms with the opportunity to dynamically allocate computer

resources in response to workload changes. This resilience allows organizations to seamlessly scale and fluctuate their security infrastructure as needed without any significant capital investments.

Research by Botta et al. (2016) highlighted the substantial cost savings potential associated with cloud adoption, particularly with regard to reduced investment costs and optimized operational costs. By using cloud-based security solutions, businesses can mean resources and redirect capital for innovation and strategic initiatives.

Through data replication and security strategies, businesses can ensure that critical data and applications are accessible in the event of an unexpected failure. This aspect of cloud security has been highlighted by many researchers, including Varia (2010). This highlights the resilience of cloud architectures, taking into account natural disasters and other unexpected unforeseen circumstances. Research by RistenPart et al. (2009) highlights the weaknesses that are included. This could result in secondary channel attacks and data leakage. Furthermore, the common responsibility model requires a coordinated effort between cloud providers and organizations to effectively mitigate security risks.

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT AND RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The central problem addressed in this thesis is to comprehensively evaluate the risks and benefits associated with cloud-based information security solutions. While cloud computing offers numerous advantages, including cost savings, scalability, and accessibility, it is not without its challenges. Security concerns, such as data breaches, compliance issues, and vendor dependence, have raised questions about the suitability and safety of cloud-based solutions. Based on different literature review the formulated the following research objectives.

1. To study the security challenges of cloud computing

2. To study the memory and CPU use by the system

3. To measure the performance metrics of cloud computing in term of memory and CPU usage.

III. RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODLOGY

The research design for this thesis employs a mixed-method approach, combining qualitative and quantitative methods to comprehensively assess cloud-based information security solutions, their associated risks, and benefits. This approach allows for a multifaceted exploration of the subject matter and enhances the depth and breadth of the research findings.

IV. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

	Memory_usage	Network_traffic	Power_consumption
0	0.789509	0.164776	0.575619
1	0.299019	0.500008	0.724548
2	0.927093	0.203675	0.462936
3	0.881010	0.500008	0.391280
4	0.499819	0.500008	0.718904

	num_executed_instructions	execution_time	energy_efficiency	task_type	task_priority	task_status
0	0.752775	0.693456	0.553589	network	medium	waiting
1	0.534853	0.413960	0.349856	io	high	completed
2	0.548355	0.246026	0.796277	io	medium	completed
3	0.587659	0.164567	0.529511	compute	high	completed
4	0.336134	0.553080	0.351907	io	medium	waiting

Memory and CPU Performance

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        memory_usage  network_traffic  power_consumption  \
454771      0.499819         0.212708           0.716255
969844      0.891993         0.604264           0.651642
898414      0.743673         0.600521           0.737472
197262      0.689791         0.621710           0.316036
1505883     0.714444         0.760885           0.392749


        num_executed_instructions  execution_time  energy_efficiency  \
454771                  0.398340        0.453030           0.681050
969844                  0.500240        0.032324           0.992169
898414                  0.824082        0.507424           0.639539
197262                  0.208521        0.531899           0.500252
1505883                 0.079208        0.170323           0.678037


        task_type  task_priority  task_status  hour_of_day  day_of_week  \
454771         io           high      running          0.0          6.0
969844    network           high    completed          0.0          6.0
898414    network         medium      waiting          0.0          6.0
197262    compute            low    completed          0.0          6.0
1505883   network            low      waiting          0.0          6.0


        cpu_usage_7d_avg  memory_usage_7d_avg
454771          0.679180             0.384185
969844          0.407018             0.290140
898414          0.422172             0.488037
197262          0.586510             0.494764
1505883         0.566598             0.593514
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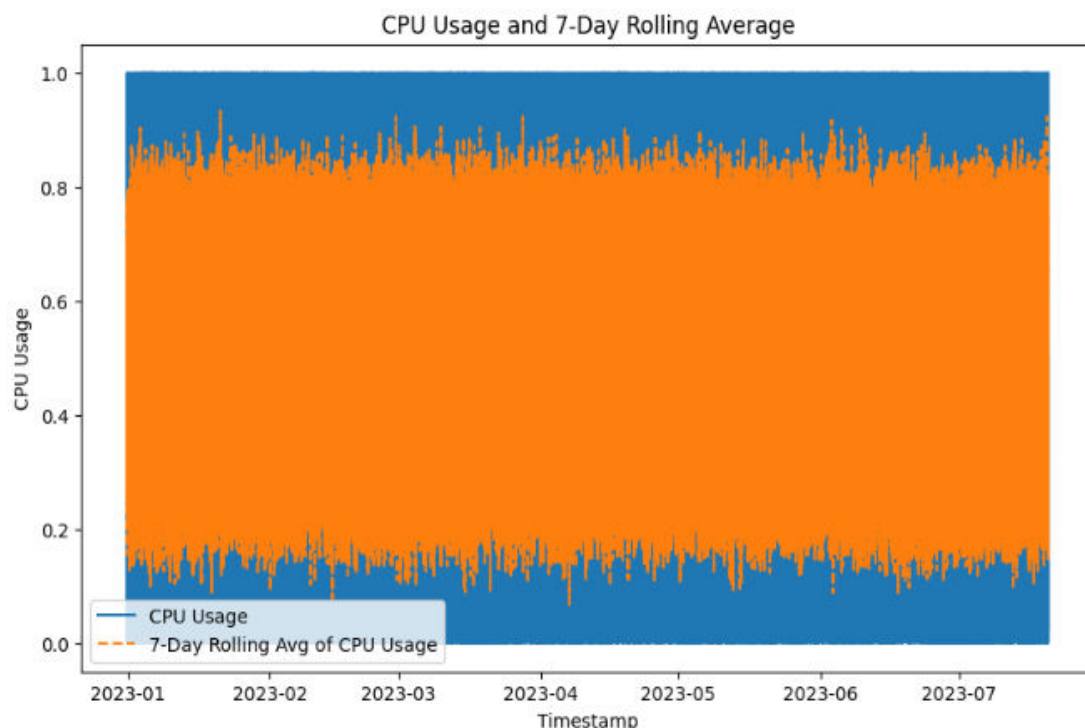

Fig.1.1: Performance Metrics of CPU Usage

For cloud computing products, the about 70 % of users of a cloud computing platform also use the platforms proprietary cloud computing product. E.g., 70% of AWS users use Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2). Next, we can see that around 75% of cloud computing platform users also uses a data storage product. In this case, AWS users seem to be using Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) more than Amazon Elastic File System (EFS). Similarly, for GCP users Google Cloud Storage (GCS) is more often used than Google Cloud Filestore. In contrast, Azure users have a low usage of both Microsoft Azure Data Lake Storage and Microsoft Azure Disk Storage alone. Most Azure users use a non-Microsoft data storage product.
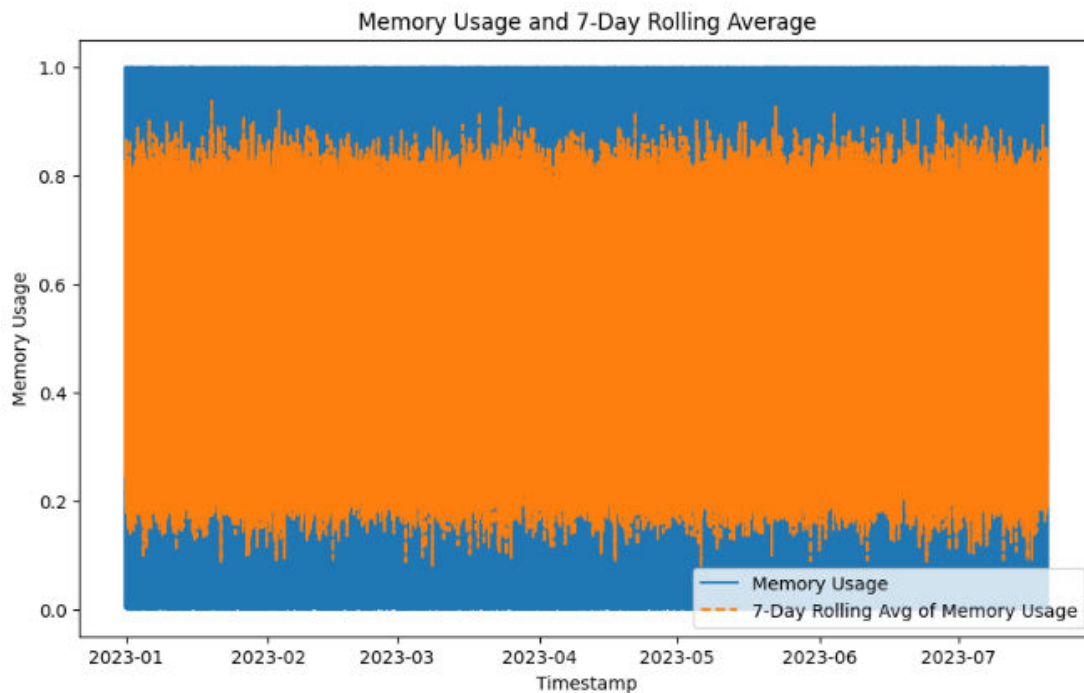
Fig.1.2: Performance Metrics of Memory Usage

In the landscape of modern information technology, the adoption of cloud-based solutions has ushered in a transformative era of data management, accessibility, and security. Organizations worldwide are increasingly reliant on the cloud to drive operational efficiency, enhance collaboration, and leverage the benefits of cost savings. Yet, the allure of the cloud is not without its accompanying complexities, especially concerning the security of sensitive data and critical applications.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Finally, the researcher concluded the security challenges and metrics performance of CPU usage and memory usage are high significant during the working hours, it is more cloud's cost-efficiency, in alignment with Botta et al. (2016), shifts IT expenses from capital investments to operational costs, offering a more adaptable financial model that facilitates innovation and strategic investments. Enhanced collaboration and accessibility, as demonstrated by Subashini and Kavitha (2011), foster productive work environments, enabling remote operations and global collaboration. Finally, the robust disaster recovery and redundancy capabilities, as emphasized by Varia (2010), provide a safety net for organizations, ensuring that data remains accessible and intact, even in the face of unforeseen disruptions. Among cloud computing platform users, the usage of big data products have the highest usage among cloud computing related products with around 80%. MySQL and PostgreSQL are popular among AWS, GCP and Azure users. While Google Cloud Big Query and Microsoft Azure SQL Database are popular among GCP and Azure users respectively, Amazon's proprietary big data products are not as popular among AWS users.

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CHANAKYA'S ARTHASHASTRA AND CYBER SECURITY: EXPLORING THE RELEVANCE OF ANCIENT INDIAN STRATEGIC THOUGHT IN MODERN CYBER WARFARE

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ABSTRACT

The rapid advancement of technology has introduced new challenges in the realm of cybersecurity, making it a critical area of focus for modern states and organizations. While much of contemporary cyber strategy is rooted in modern military theory, historical texts offer profound insights into the foundational principles of warfare and governance.

One such text, Chanakya's Arthashastra, written by the ancient Indian strategist and philosopher Chanakya (Kautilya), provides invaluable lessons on strategy, governance, and statecraft. This paper explores the relevance of Chanakya's Arthashastra in the context of modern cyber warfare, drawing parallels between ancient strategies and contemporary practices in cybersecurity. By analyzing key principles from the Arthashastra and applying them to the current digital landscape, the study highlights how ancient Indian strategic thought can inform modern cybersecurity practices, risk management, and response strategies in the face of cyber threats.

Keywords – Indian knowledge system, Cyber Security, Chanakya's Arthashastra, Cyber Warfare, Modern techniques.

INTRODUCTION

The emergence of the digital age has introduced new dimensions to global security, particularly in the form of cyber warfare. As nations and organizations increasingly rely on digital infrastructure, the risks posed by cyber-attacks have escalated significantly. Traditional methods of defense, grounded in physical warfare strategies, are no longer sufficient to protect critical systems. The need for innovative approaches has prompted the exploration of various fields, including philosophy, history, and strategy, to find relevant solutions.

One of the lesser-explored but potentially profound sources of strategic thought is Chanakya's *Arthashastra*. This ancient Indian text, written over 2,000 years ago, offers a comprehensive guide on statecraft, military strategy, intelligence, and governance. Chanakya's insights on warfare, espionage, diplomacy, and the management of resources have endured for centuries and remain highly regarded for their practical application.

This paper aims to bridge the gap between ancient Indian strategic thought and modern cybersecurity challenges by exploring how principles outlined in the *Arthashastra* can inform current cyber defense and offense strategies. We begin by analyzing the core tenets of the *Arthashastra* and then map them onto contemporary cybersecurity practices.

The principles from Chanakya's *Arthashastra* offer a comprehensive and adaptable framework for modern cybersecurity. By integrating his teachings on intelligence, strategic alliances, resource control, psychological warfare, and adaptability, organizations and nations can build a unified and resilient cybersecurity defense.

In today's interconnected world, cyber threats are no longer confined to individual entities or nations; they are global challenges that require coordinated responses. Much like the strategic alliances Chanakya promoted, modern cybersecurity thrives on international cooperation, data sharing, and collective defense mechanisms. Combining ancient wisdom with modern technology and collaboration leads to a more robust and proactive cybersecurity strategy, capable of defending against the rapidly evolving landscape of cyber threats.

KEY PRINCIPLES FROM CHANAKYA'S *ARTHASHASTRA* APPLIED TO MODERN CYBERSECURITY

1. Understanding the Enemy (Vigraha):

Chanakya stresses the importance of understanding one's enemy. In cybersecurity, this translates to gathering threat intelligence about cyber attackers—whether hackers, cybercriminals, or state- sponsored actors.

By studying their patterns, techniques, and motivations, organizations can better anticipate and mitigate cyber threats.

2. Adaptability and Flexibility (Yudhha):
Flexibility is crucial in warfare, and Chanakya advises adapting to changing circumstances. In cybersecurity, this means evolving defense strategies as new threats and technologies emerge. Organizations must be agile, continuously updating their systems and responses to stay ahead of evolving cyber threats.

3. Layered Defense and Fortification (Dhanurvidya):
Just as Chanakya advocates for fortified kingdoms with multiple defense layers, modern cybersecurity relies on multi-layered defense strategies. This includes firewalls, encryption, intrusion detection, and human resources to protect against attacks, ensuring that if one defense layer is breached, others remain intact.

4. Deception and Countermeasures (Bhramsha):
Chanakya emphasizes deception in warfare, which can be applied to cybersecurity with techniques like honeypots and decoy systems. These methods mislead and trap attackers, buying time for organizations to respond and neutralize threats.

5. Risk Management (Sankhya):
In the *Arthashastra*, Chanakya advises careful risk assessment. Similarly, cybersecurity involves identifying, assessing, and prioritizing threats, and developing strategies to prevent and recover

from attacks. Risk management ensures preparedness for potential breaches and minimizes their impact.

6. Governance and Policy (Rajadharma):
Chanakya underscores the importance of governance and law. In cybersecurity, this translates to the creation and enforcement of policies, regulations, and ethical guidelines that provide a framework for action, ensuring responsibility and accountability in defending against cyber threats.

THE RELEVANCE OF CHANAKYA'S THOUGHT IN THE AGE OF CYBER WARFARE
Although written centuries ago, Chanakya's *Arthashastra* remains remarkably relevant in addressing modern-day cybersecurity challenges. The principles of statecraft, intelligence, adaptability, and strategic alliances provide a foundation for building robust cybersecurity frameworks in an increasingly interconnected world.

1. Proactive Cyber Defense:
Chanakya's emphasis on preparedness and surveillance directly aligns with modern cybersecurity practices, where anticipating threats and fortifying defenses before an attack occurs is a core strategy. Much like the surveillance methods Chanakya suggested, today's cybersecurity involves constant monitoring to detect potential threats, such as phishing and social engineering attacks, before they manifest.

2. Adaptive Cyber Strategy:
Chanakya's adaptive approach to warfare, where strategies change according to the situation at hand, is highly relevant to cybersecurity, where attackers are constantly evolving their methods. Organizations must adapt their defenses quickly and efficiently in response to new vulnerabilities, much as armies adapted their strategies in response to shifting battle conditions.

3. Strategic Alliances in Cybersecurity:
Chanakya understood the value of alliances for strategic advantage. In modern cybersecurity, alliances between different organizations and nations help strengthen collective defense mechanisms against global cyber threats. Initiatives like ISACs and frameworks for international cooperation emphasize the need for cybersecurity diplomacy and collaboration.

OBJECTIVE
- Analyze the key principles of Chanakya's *Arthashastra*.
- Draw parallels between ancient and modern cybersecurity strategies.
- Evaluate the role of intelligence and risk assessment in cybersecurity.
- Investigate the application of layered defense and adaptability.
- Examine the use of deception and countermeasures in cybersecurity.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

- **Chanakya's Arthashastra: Ancient Strategic Thought for Contemporary Times**

This paper provides an in-depth analysis of Chanakya's *Arthashastra*, emphasizing its strategic and tactical approaches to statecraft, espionage, and warfare.

The study explores how the principles laid out by Chanakya are applicable to modern strategic thinking, particularly in cybersecurity. By exploring the emphasis on intelligence, risk management, and governance, the paper draws parallels between the ancient concepts and contemporary cybersecurity practices.[1]

- **Cybersecurity: Lessons from Ancient Warfare**

This article draws lessons from historical warfare strategies, including the *Arthashastra*, and applies them to modern-day cybersecurity. By examining the layers of defense and risk management in ancient warfare, the paper suggests that the concept of layered security in cybersecurity is deeply rooted in Chanakya's thought on fortifications and strategic defense. The review also addresses the concept of adaptability, akin to the dynamic responses required in modern cyber defense systems.[2]

- **Intelligence and Risk Management in Cybersecurity: The Chanakya Model**

This literature review investigates the application of Chanakya's principles of intelligence, espionage, and risk management in cybersecurity. The paper demonstrates how modern cybersecurity operations—such as threat hunting and risk assessments— mirror Chanakya's techniques of surveillance and strategic positioning. The review connects the ancient emphasis on gathering information and preparing for the worst with modern-day tactics in identifying, preventing, and mitigating cyber threats.[3]

- **Deception and Countermeasures in Cyber Warfare: Chanakya's Influence**

This article focuses on the use of deception as a tactical measure in both ancient warfare (as described in *Arthashastra*) and modern cybersecurity operations. It discusses how Chanakya's teachings on misdirection, feints, and disinformation can be applied to contemporary cyber defense strategies, particularly in countering cyber-attacks, exploiting vulnerabilities, and creating honeypots to trap malicious actors.[4]

- **The Strategic Layering of Defense: From Fortifications to Firewalls**

This literature review explores the principle of layered defense, which is fundamental in both the *Arthashastra* and modern cybersecurity systems. The review compares ancient fortifications and military strategies, as outlined by Chanakya, with contemporary practices of network defense using firewalls, intrusion detection systems, and other multi- tiered security measures. The study highlights the importance of having multiple layers of protection to secure a network from both internal and external threats.[5]

The study of Chanakya's *Arthashastra* in the context of modern cybersecurity reveals several research gaps, including the lack of empirical studies examining the practical application of his principles in real-world cyber defense scenarios, especially regarding layered security and risk management. Additionally, there is limited exploration of the psychological and behavioral aspects of cyber warfare, such as deception and social engineering, inspired by Chanakya's focus on manipulation and intelligence. Integrating his thoughts into cybersecurity policy and governance frameworks remains underexplored, as does the comparative analysis of the *Arthashastra* with other ancient strategic texts. Furthermore, there is a need for research on adapting Chanakya's strategies to the rapidly evolving cyber threat landscape, examining how his principles of adaptability can be applied to contemporary challenges such as AI and quantum computing. Ethical considerations, particularly regarding deception and surveillance, have not been adequately addressed, nor has there been sufficient exploration of how Chanakya's ancient wisdom can be synergized with modern technological advancements like machine learning and automated defense systems.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
This research will primarily rely on secondary data, which includes data that has already been collected, analyzed, and published by other researchers. The research methodology for this study on the relevance of Chanakya's *Arthashastra* to modern cybersecurity practices will consist of the following steps:

1. DATA COLLECTION
The data collection process will involve gathering relevant secondary data from various reliable sources to ensure a comprehensive analysis.

The sources of secondary data will include:

- **Books and Texts:** Key texts such as the *Arthashastra* by Chanakya, along with commentaries and analyses of the treatise, will form the foundation of the study.

These texts will be analyzed to extract principles of strategy, governance, and military thought that are applicable to modern cybersecurity.

- **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:** Research papers and articles on cybersecurity, cyber warfare, and strategic thought in the digital age will be sourced from academic journals, databases, and conferences.

- **Cybersecurity Case Studies:** Real-world case studies of cyberattacks, data breaches, and defense strategies will be examined to identify how modern cybersecurity practices align with or deviate from the principles found in ancient strategy.

- **Books on Cybersecurity and Military Strategy:** Literature on modern military theory, cybersecurity practices, and digital defense strategies will be consulted to bridge the gap between historical strategy and contemporary issues.

2. DATA ANALYSIS

The secondary data will be analyzed using qualitative methods. The process will include:

- **Thematic Analysis:** Thematic analysis will be used to identify and categorize the strategic principles from the *Arthashastra* that have direct parallels in modern cybersecurity practices. This involves careful reading and coding of the primary texts to extract key concepts related to intelligence, defense mechanisms, risk management, and governance.

- **Comparative Analysis:** A comparative framework will be used to contrast the teachings of Chanakya with contemporary cybersecurity theories and practices. This will involve comparing historical strategies with current concepts like layered defense, adaptability, deception techniques, and cybersecurity policies.

FINDINGS

Through the exploration of Chanakya's Arthashastra and its application to modern cybersecurity practices, the study reveals several key findings:

- **Strategic Parallels Between Ancient and Modern Warfare:**

The principles outlined in the *Arthashastra* bear striking similarities to modern strategies employed in cybersecurity. Concepts such as intelligence gathering, deception, and adaptability are integral to both ancient military strategy and contemporary cybersecurity practices. For instance, just as Chanakya emphasized the importance of understanding the enemy through espionage, modern cybersecurity similarly depends on threat intelligence to predict and counter cyberattacks.

- **Layered Defense as a Core Principle:**

Chanakya's emphasis on fortification and layered defense finds a direct parallel in modern cybersecurity strategies. His teachings on creating multiple levels of defense, both physical and strategic, align with the modern practice of multi-layered defense architectures, which include firewalls, intrusion detection systems, encryption, and human-based security measures. This multi-faceted approach to defense, as recommended by Chanakya, helps protect against both external and internal threats.

- **Flexibility and Adaptability in Defense:**

Chanakya stressed the importance of being adaptable to changing circumstances, a principle that is vital in modern cybersecurity. Given the fast-evolving nature of cyber threats, the ability to adapt strategies, revise defense mechanisms, and anticipate new methods of attack is essential. Cybersecurity professionals must stay agile and continuously update their defense systems to cope with new tactics used by adversaries.

- **Deception and Countermeasures:**

Chanakya's use of deception and psychological warfare in the *Arthashastra* is mirrored in modern cybersecurity tactics such as honeypots, decoy systems, and fake data. These measures serve to confuse and mislead cyber attackers, buying valuable time for the defenders to react. The use of deception as a proactive strategy in both ancient and modern defense emphasizes the psychological aspect of warfare, whether on the battlefield or in the digital realm.

- **Governance and Ethical Frameworks:**

Chanakya's teachings on governance, ethics, and law in the *Arthashastra* provide valuable lessons for modern cybersecurity governance. Ethical considerations in data handling, the regulation of cyber activities, and the creation of cybersecurity laws are crucial to maintaining trust and accountability in the digital ecosystem.

The study suggests that, just as ancient kingdoms required ethical leadership, modern states and organizations must create responsible, transparent cybersecurity policies to manage digital threats effectively.

- **Risk Management and Preparedness:**

Chanakya emphasized the importance of foresight and careful risk assessment in managing a state. Similarly, modern cybersecurity involves proactive risk management, which includes identifying vulnerabilities, assessing threats, and implementing strategies to mitigate potential impacts. Cybersecurity professionals must be prepared for both known and unknown risks, much as Chanakya advised rulers to always prepare for various contingencies.

CONCLUSION

In summary, this study offers a significant contribution to the field of cybersecurity by exploring how the strategic principles outlined in Chanakya's *Arthashastra* can inform modern defense strategies in the digital era. It brings a fresh perspective by combining ancient wisdom with contemporary practices, offering valuable insights for cybersecurity professionals, policymakers, and scholars alike. By exploring the intersection of ancient statecraft and modern cyber warfare, this research provides a more holistic approach to cybersecurity, enhancing the understanding of its strategic, ethical, and governance-related dimensions. Ultimately, the study contributes to the development of more effective, adaptive, and resilient cybersecurity frameworks and policies in an increasingly interconnected and vulnerable world.

This study has highlighted the significant relevance of Chanakya's *Arthashastra* in informing modern cybersecurity strategies. The parallels between ancient military strategies and modern digital defense tactics reveal that core principles such as intelligence, layered defense, deception, adaptability, and governance are timeless and applicable across eras. By bridging the gap between historical strategic thought and contemporary cyber warfare, this study contributes to a more holistic approach to cybersecurity that combines both technological advancements and strategic acumen.

The key takeaway is that cybersecurity is not merely a technical challenge but also a strategic, ethical, and governance-related issue. Chanakya's principles of risk management, governance, and strategic flexibility provide invaluable insights for building resilient cybersecurity frameworks. These principles encourage a multi-dimensional approach to defending against cyber threats, ensuring not only effective technical defenses but also a strong, adaptive, and ethical framework to manage digital risks and threats.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings of this study, the following recommendations are made to enhance cybersecurity practices, informed by Chanakya's *Arthashastra*:

1. Adopt a Multi-Layered Defense Approach:

Implement a combination of technical defenses (firewalls, encryption) and strategic measures (threat intelligence, real-time monitoring) to ensure if one layer is breached, others remain intact.

2. Prioritize Cyber Intelligence and Deception:

Focus on threat intelligence to track and predict adversary tactics. Use deception techniques like honeypots and decoy systems to mislead attackers and gain time for response.

3. Ensure Flexibility and Adaptability:

Cyber defense strategies should be dynamic, allowing quick adaptation to evolving threats, similar to ancient military adaptability.

4. Incorporate Ethical Governance:

Establish ethical guidelines for data handling and privacy, and ensure transparency and accountability in cybersecurity practices.

5. Integrate Risk Management:

Conduct thorough risk assessments to identify vulnerabilities and threats, and prepare mitigation and incident response plans, inspired by the *Arthashastra*'s principles.

6. Promote Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration:

Encourage collaboration between cybersecurity experts, military strategists, and policymakers for innovative solutions, and integrate strategy, governance, and tech in education.

7. Research Historical Principles:

Further explore ancient strategic texts for insights that can inform modern cybersecurity practices.

By implementing these recommendations, states and organizations can strengthen their cybersecurity posture, ensuring more robust, adaptive, and effective defenses against evolving cyber threats.

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THE WORKING OF THE UNCONSCIOUS BRAIN

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ABSTRACT

The unconscious brain plays a fundamental role in human cognition, influencing thoughts, emotions, and behaviors without conscious awareness. While the concept of the unconscious mind was first proposed by Sigmund Freud in psychoanalytic theory, modern neuroscience has provided empirical evidence supporting its significance. The unconscious brain operates through various neural networks, including the limbic system, basal ganglia, and the default mode network (DMN). These systems process information, regulate emotions, and influence decision-making without intentional effort. Psychological research on implicit biases, intuition, and subliminal perception highlights the profound impact of unconscious cognition on human behavior. This paper explores the neurological, psychological, and cognitive aspects of unconscious brain function, shedding light on its vital role in everyday life and scientific research.

Keywords: *Unconscious brain, Human cognition, Thoughts and emotions, Sigmund Freud, Psychoanalytic theory, Neuroscience*

INTRODUCTION

The human brain is an intricate and complex organ responsible for both conscious and unconscious cognitive functions. While conscious thought involves deliberate reasoning and intentional decision-making, unconscious processes operate in the background, regulating emotions, learning patterns, and influencing actions automatically. The study of unconscious processes has intrigued scientists and psychologists for decades, leading to significant discoveries in neuroscience, cognitive psychology, and artificial intelligence.

The unconscious brain allows individuals to navigate the world efficiently by automating repetitive tasks, filtering sensory input, and storing implicit knowledge. Understanding how the unconscious brain works is essential in fields such as psychology, neuroscience, artificial intelligence, and mental health. This paper examines the neural mechanisms, psychological phenomena, and cognitive functions associated with the unconscious mind.

NEUROSCIENTIFIC BASIS OF THE UNCONSCIOUS BRAIN

Modern neuroscience has identified specific brain regions and networks responsible for unconscious processes. These include the limbic system, basal ganglia, cerebellum, and the default mode network (DMN). Each of these components plays a role in processing information outside of conscious awareness.

The Limbic System and Emotional Processing

The limbic system, which includes the amygdala, hippocampus, and hypothalamus, is responsible for processing emotions and forming unconscious memories. The amygdala, in particular, detects emotional stimuli and triggers instinctive reactions before the conscious mind can process them. This explains why individuals often react to fear-inducing stimuli before they can rationalize their response. The hippocampus plays a role in encoding and retrieving memories, even those that operate beneath conscious awareness.

Basal Ganglia and Habit Formation

The basal ganglia facilitate habit formation and motor learning by automating repetitive tasks. This allows individuals to perform activities such as driving, typing, or playing musical instruments without consciously focusing on each movement. Research has shown that the basal ganglia store procedural memories, enabling learned behaviors to be executed unconsciously.

The Default Mode Network (DMN) and Resting Brain Activity

The DMN is a network of interconnected brain regions that remains active even when an individual is not engaged in a specific task. It processes self-referential thoughts, memory consolidation, and future planning unconsciously. Studies using functional MRI (fMRI) have demonstrated that the DMN continues working in the background, shaping thoughts and emotions even when individuals believe they are not actively thinking. Predictive Coding and Unconscious Perception The predictive coding model suggests that the brain continuously anticipates future events based on past experiences. This unconscious mechanism allows the brain to process sensory input efficiently by predicting patterns and filling in missing information. Predictive coding explains phenomena such as optical illusions and the brain's ability to recognize familiar objects in incomplete visual scenes.

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND COGNITIVE ASPECTS OF THE UNCONSCIOUS BRAIN

Beyond neuroscience, cognitive psychology has provided substantial evidence for the role of unconscious processes in decision-making, learning, and social behavior. Various psychological theories and experiments highlight the influence of unconscious cognition.

Implicit Biases and Social Behavior

Implicit biases are unconscious attitudes and stereotypes that shape social interactions and decision-making. Studies using the Implicit Association Test (IAT) have shown that individuals often make judgments based on unconscious biases, even when their conscious beliefs oppose these biases. This has significant implications in fields such as hiring, law enforcement, and education.

Subliminal Perception and Unconscious Influences

Subliminal perception occurs when stimuli are presented below the threshold of conscious awareness but still influence thoughts and behaviors. Research has demonstrated that subliminal messages can affect consumer behavior, emotional responses, and even political preferences.

Although the effectiveness of subliminal messaging is debated, studies suggest that unconscious exposure to certain stimuli can prime individuals to respond in specific ways.

Intuition and Rapid Decision-Making

Intuition is the ability to make quick decisions without conscious reasoning. Studies in psychology suggest that experts in various fields rely on intuition, drawing on years of experience stored in the unconscious brain. For example, experienced firefighters can assess dangerous situations and respond instantly without needing to analyze every detail consciously. This rapid decision-making ability is a product of the brain's capacity to process vast amounts of information unconsciously.

Dreams and the Unconscious Mind

Dreams provide insight into unconscious processes, as they often contain repressed thoughts, emotions, and memories. Sigmund Freud's psychoanalytic theory proposed that dreams are expressions of unconscious desires and conflicts. While modern neuroscience has challenged some aspects of Freud's theory, research using electroencephalography (EEG) and fMRI suggests that dreams play a role in memory consolidation, emotional regulation, and problem- solving.

THE ROLE OF THE UNCONSCIOUS BRAIN IN LEARNING AND MEMORY

Unconscious learning and memory processes enable individuals to acquire skills and knowledge without explicit awareness. Studies on implicit learning demonstrate that people can absorb patterns, rules, and associations without consciously recognizing them.

Implicit Learning and Procedural Memory

Implicit learning occurs when individuals acquire knowledge through exposure rather than conscious effort. This is evident in language acquisition, where children learn grammatical rules without explicit instruction. Similarly, procedural memory enables individuals to perform tasks such as riding a bicycle or playing an instrument without needing to consciously recall each step.

THE ROLE OF SLEEP IN UNCONSCIOUS PROCESSING

Sleep plays a crucial role in consolidating unconscious memories. During deep sleep and REM (rapid eye movement) sleep, the brain strengthens neural connections and integrates new information. Studies have shown that individuals who get adequate sleep perform better on memory-related tasks than those who are sleep-deprived. This underscores the importance of unconscious processes in learning and cognitive function.

Implications of Unconscious Brain Research

Understanding the unconscious brain has far-reaching implications for multiple fields, including psychology, artificial intelligence, and mental health.

Implications for Mental Health Treatment

Unconscious processes play a role in mental health disorders such as anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) and other therapeutic approaches aim to bring unconscious patterns of thought and behavior into conscious awareness, allowing individuals to modify them. Emerging research on neuroplasticity suggests that unconscious thought patterns can be reshaped through targeted interventions.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING

Insights from unconscious brain function are being applied to artificial intelligence and machine learning. Neural networks in AI systems are designed to mimic human unconscious processing, enabling them to recognize patterns, make predictions, and perform complex tasks without explicit programming. Understanding the principles of unconscious cognition could lead to advancements in AI systems that operate more efficiently and intuitively.

ENHANCING HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Research on unconscious brain function has practical applications in fields such as sports, medicine, and education. Techniques such as mindfulness training and biofeedback can help individuals harness unconscious processes to improve focus, decision-making, and emotional regulation.

CONCLUSION

The unconscious brain is an essential component of human cognition, influencing thoughts, emotions, and behaviors beyond conscious awareness. Neuroscience and psychology continue to uncover the complexities of unconscious processing, demonstrating its impact on decision- making, learning, and social behavior. As research progresses, a deeper understanding of the unconscious brain may lead to advancements in mental health treatment, artificial intelligence, and human performance optimization. Future studies will likely reveal even more about the intricate workings of unconscious cognition, further bridging the gap between science and human experience.

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A STUDY ON THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH AS A TOOL OF COMMUNICATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM FROM A TEACHER-STUDENT PERSPECTIVE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF NAVI MUMBAI

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to explore the role of the English language within the framework of the Indian Knowledge System. This system represents a rich archive of ancient wisdom and knowledge that has been passed down through generations within various Indigenous communities. The New Education Policy 2020 emphasises the importance of preserving and sharing this knowledge, thereby highlighting the significance of regional languages. Additionally, the Indian Knowledge System has created opportunities to promote regional languages across India. Researchers are examining the role of English in the context of the growing emphasis on regional languages for transmitting knowledge. This study also seeks insights from both students and educators regarding the most effective medium for conveying this extensive and valuable knowledge. Ultimately, the research investigates how English can serve as a communication tool to disseminate the wealth of knowledge that has historically remained hidden.

Keywords: *Indian Knowledge System, indigenous, regional languages, English language, Communication tool, New Education Policy 2020, Students and educators, knowledge transmission*

INTRODUCTION

The New Education Policy (NEP) of 2020 has brought about significant changes to the education system in India. The journey of education in India can be traced back to Vedic times, where knowledge was primarily transmitted orally. Over the centuries, the focus shifted to written scriptures and various modes of communication. The colonial period introduced English as a pivotal medium of instruction, which has since gained tremendous importance. The proliferation of English medium schools and colleges has often overshadowed regional educational institutions, making English a dominant force in the country's educational landscape.

English plays a crucial role in the dissemination of knowledge, especially for the indigenous people of India, who have traditionally used various regional languages in their learning processes. The Indian Knowledge System encompasses the vast and rich repository of knowledge that exists within the diverse linguistic and cultural framework of the country.

Today, English is recognised as a global language, evident from the increasing number of English medium institutions and the declining emphasis on regional languages. However, the NEP has started to shift this trend by promoting regional languages and aligning education with the Indian Knowledge System. This raises a pertinent question for educators and policymakers: What will be the future role of English as a communication tool in this changing landscape?

Language is vital for sharing information. The lack of proficiency in a language can create barriers to knowledge dissemination. For example, if a student is only taught in English but speaks a regional language at home, they may struggle to grasp concepts fully. This situation emphasises the need for a language that is accessible to everyone. Enlightenment should not be hindered by language barriers.

In light of these considerations, it is essential to strike a balance between promoting regional languages and maintaining the global relevance of English. For instance, schools could offer bilingual education, where subjects are taught in both English and regional languages. This approach not only fosters language proficiency in multiple mediums but also ensures that students retain their cultural identity and heritage while equipping themselves for global opportunities.

Thus, while it is imperative to give due prominence to regional languages, it is equally important to recognise the role of English in maintaining competitiveness in a globalised world. A combination of both languages will enable a more inclusive education system, where knowledge can be shared and accessed by all.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To analyse the role of English as a communication tool in the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) from a teacher-student perspective.

2. To examine the current status and future scope of English in facilitating knowledge exchange within the Indian academic and cultural framework.

3. To explore the perceptions of undergraduate students and teachers in Navi Mumbai regarding the importance of English in the IKS.

4. To assess the challenges and opportunities faced by students and teachers in integrating English with traditional Indian knowledge practices.

5. To probe the possibility of integrating English language along with the regional languages for smooth dissemination of the Indian Knowledge System.

6. To provide recommendations for enhancing English language education to align with India's evolving knowledge ecosystem.

7. To identify pedagogical strategies that can effectively bridge the gap between English proficiency and the Indian Knowledge System.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

- https://shodhgangotri.inflibnet.ac.in/bitstream/20.500.14146/3668/2/02_introduction.pdf

English is essential for global communication, education, and professional growth, serving as a common language across cultures. It enhances career opportunities, supports multilingual societies, and fosters social mobility. Effective communication skills in English improve academic and professional success, while digital advancements further aid language learning. Overall, English remains a key driver of education, business, and global collaboration.

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The study explores the role of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in English Language Teaching (ELT), connecting Sanskrit pedagogy to contemporary methods such as Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) and Project-Based Learning (PBL). It finds that implementing Shravana (Listening), Manana (Reflection), and Nididhyasana (Application) enhances language acquisition and cognitive engagement, thereby supporting SDG Goal 4, which promotes inclusive and lifelong learning.

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The paper explores Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Indian English and literature, emphasising the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's role in promoting indigenous knowledge. English serves to globalise Indian literature, including epics and oral traditions. At the same time, NEP 2020 supports multilingual education and addresses the issue of language extinction. The study emphasises the importance of integrating IKS into education to preserve India's linguistic and literary heritage.

- **Ara, A. (2024).** Incorporating IKS in English Language Education: Perspectives from Critical Pedagogy. *Journal of English Language Teaching*, *66*(6), 26-33.

The paper explores the integration of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) in English education under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, aiming to decolonise learning through critical pedagogy. It advocates for dialogic learning, storytelling, and multilingualism, while critiquing the hegemony of the English language. Additionally, it suggests a redesign of the curriculum and improvements in teacher training. The study concludes that incorporating IKS can foster an inclusive, culturally rooted, and globally relevant approach to English education.

- **Mandal, R., & Mete, J.** A Comparative Study of Indian Knowledge System in English Textbooks of Central Board and West Bengal Board Schools.

The paper examines the integration of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Content-Based English as a Second Language (CBSE) textbooks and English textbooks used in West Bengal under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. It finds limited representation of Indian themes within these educational materials. While it highlights the role of English as a cultural bridge, it also points out the predominance of Western content.

The study advocates for reforms in the curriculum, enhanced teacher training, and diversification of content to improve the inclusion of IKS in education.

- **Varalakshmi, G. (2013).** Deterioration of English standards: A case study.

This case study discusses declining English standards in Indian education. Issues include lack of speaking opportunities and exposure. Students suffer from inadequate teacher training and infrastructure. Curriculum changes have deprioritised language learning. The study recommends creating more supportive classroom environments. Enhanced lesson planning can motivate learners. Teachers should draw on student experiences to drive learning. Strong language skills are tied to employability. The study urges better policies for language education reform. Addressing these issues could improve future career prospects.

- **Biswash, D. (2020).** Teaching English for Communication in Professional and Technical Education. *International Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities (IJSSH)*. https://doi.org/10.58885/ijssh.v5i1.26.db.

English is vital in India's professional education landscape. It serves as the primary medium for communication across different fields. Many students intersperse English with their native languages. Integrated teacher-student efforts are necessary to improve English competency. Teachers should focus on practical applications of English. Communication skills are essential for employability and interviews. Emphasising English builds confidence in professional life. Learning English should be seamless and engaging. English education must cater to global corporate demands. Students should be well-prepared for competitive job markets.

- **Zuo, L. (2016)**. Study on College English Teaching from the Perspective of Communication. https://doi.org/10.2991/seiem-16.2016.110.

The paper focusses on college English teaching as a communication process. It explores discourse strategies used by teachers. Communication theories can guide classroom interactions. Teachers should create student-centred learning environments. Practical communication enhances language mastery. Structured discourse promotes classroom engagement. Interactive learning improves expression and fluency. Students' participation is essential for better outcomes. Teachers should adapt teaching methods to real-life applications. Language learning must prioritise practical communication over rote memorisation.

- **Dixit, A. (2014)**. Higher Education: Indian Perspective. *Quest-The Journal of UGC-ASC Nainital*, 8, 133-138. https://doi.org/10.5958/2249-0035.2014.01075.4.

The paper provides an overview of Indian higher education's evolution. English became the medium for higher education during British rule. It played a key role in gaining employment and social status. Post-independence, education aimed to reduce inequalities. However, socio-economic gaps persist. Many students pursue degrees for job qualifications rather than learning. Reservation policies improved access for disadvantaged groups. Quality remains inconsistent across regions. Language diversity adds complexity to education delivery. Reforms are needed for equity and quality in education.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
To gain a deep understanding of the integration of the Indian Knowledge System into the education framework, the researchers utilised both primary and secondary data. They sourced secondary data from open-access research papers and journals but recognised the necessity of collecting primary data as well. To facilitate this, a structured questionnaire was crafted, targeting both teachers and students. This methodology employed a stratified random sampling technique, enabling the researchers to gather valuable feedback from both demographics. The sample size of 30 teachers and 32 students was derived from the dedicated questionnaire. By doing so, they were able to clarify their expectations and gain insights into the diverse perspectives of the participants in the study, ultimately enhancing the comprehensiveness of their findings.

FINDINGS & ANALYSIS

Objective	Survey Questions Used	Teachers percentage outcome	Students percentage outcome
Analyse the role of English in IKS	What's your medium of instruction in the institution?	76.5% - English	62.5% - English
Examine the status & scope of English in IKS	What language do you prefer for learning academic subjects? What language do you prefer for teaching academic subjects?	58.8% - English	62.5% - English
Explore perceptions of students & teachers regarding the role of English in IKS	Do you think English as a language can help in effectively communicating and preserving the Indian Knowledge System?	55.9% - To some extent	59.4% - Yes, completely
Assess challenges in integrating English with IKS	What challenges do you face while using English in academic settings?	55.9% - No challenges faced	50% - Difficulty in speaking fluently
Probing the possibility of English language along with the regional languages for the smooth dissemination of the Indian Knowledge System	Do you prefer learning about IKS subjects in English, regional languages or a mix of both? Do you prefer teaching about IKS subjects in English, regional languages or a mix of both?	67.6% - A mix of both	65.6% - A mix of both

INTERPRETATION

I. Analysing the role of English in IKS
The percentage outcome shows that both the teachers and students prefer English as medium of instructions to teach and study IKS. But it is also seen that 28% of students and 18% of teachers prefer bilingual mode of instruction. This can be attributed to the fact that students are not fluent in English and find English vocabulary difficult to understand, thus preferring bilingual mode of instruction.

II. Examining the status and scope of English in IKS
Majority of the teachers and students prefer English as the medium of learning and teaching academic subjects, but both the teachers and students have also preferred a multilingual approach to teaching and learning as a result of limited vocabulary and fluency in English.

III. Exploring perceptions of students and teachers regarding English's role in Indian Knowledge System
The percentage outcome shows that majority students believe that use of English as a language can help them effectively in communicating and preserving the Indian Knowledge System whereas teachers majorly believe English will only help up to some extent, the reason being that understanding and translating Sanskrit based knowledge in English will be difficult and could lead to loss of originality during translation.

IV. Assessing the challenges in integrating English with the Indian Knowledge System
As seen in the percentage outcome, majority of the students face difficulty in speaking English language fluently on the other hand teachers largely don't face any problem. But it is also observed that 31.3% and 18% of students and teachers respectively face the problem of limited English vocabulary. It can be attributed towards the lack of English synonyms in disseminating traditional Indian Knowledge System.

V. Probing the possibility of English language along with the regional languages for the smooth dissemination of the Indian Knowledge System

According to the outcome both teachers and students prefer the teaching –learning method to be a mix of both English and regional languages. This can be attributed to the fact that complete translation of traditional Indian Knowledge to English can lead to loss of its originality as well as the lack of command over the fluency and vocabulary in English can hinder its interpretation.

CONCLUSION

The role of English in communicating the Indian knowledge system is undeniably significant, as it provides a platform for students who are proficient in this global language. However, it is equally crucial to acknowledge that regional languages hold unique values that cannot be replaced by English alone. The richness of the Indian knowledge system calls for a thoughtful approach that integrates both regional languages and English in educational settings. By doing so, we not only enhance students' comprehension but also foster their personal development. Effective pedagogical methods that balance these languages can bridge the gap between global understanding and Indigenous wisdom, as many concepts native to the Indian context lack direct translations in English. Therefore, creating a harmonious blend of both English and regional languages is essential for disseminating knowledge effectively and ensuring that it crosses cultural boundaries. This approach not only enriches the learning experience but also preserves the integrity and depth of India's diverse intellectual heritage.

SUGGESTIONS

➢ *Integration of Traditional Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS):*
- Emphasise a bilingual approach using English and regional languages.

- Simplified English teaching of IKS for better comprehension.

➢ *Curriculum Implementation:*
- Incorporate IKS as a minor subject throughout the academic year for in-depth exploration.

➢ *Bilingual Resources:*
- Use high-quality translations of IKS texts alongside original materials.

- Assist English-comfortable students in understanding complex concepts.

➢ *Comparative Studies:*
- Link IKS with Western philosophical and scientific ideas to enrich learning.

- Acknowledge diverse perspectives.

➢ *Pedagogical Methods:*
- Employ interactive methods like discussions, presentations, and project-based learning.

- Make IKS relatable and applicable to modern contexts.

➢ *Multimedia Resources:*
- Utilise videos and animations to simplify and present complex ideas accessibly.

➢ *Focus on Conceptual Understanding:*
- Prioritise critical thinking and connections to contemporary issues over rote memorisation.

➢ *Engagement Strategies:*
- Provide adequate reading materials.

- Organise educational trips and field visits to deepen understanding of Indian traditions.

➢ *Collaboration:*
- Promote cooperation between experts in traditional knowledge and modern education.

- Ensure language barriers do not hinder learning, enriching student understanding of IKS.

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"A STUDY ON PANCHATANTRA STORIES AS AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO TEACHING MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS TO YOUTH"

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ABSTRACT

This research investigates the use of Panchatantra stories as a tool for teaching management concepts to youth. These ancient Indian fables offer moral lessons and practical insights that enhance the understanding of management principles. The study aims to explore how these stories illustrate key concepts, assess their influence on engagement and retention, and evaluate their relevance to current management practices. While modern business education often emphasizes contemporary theories, the Panchatantra provides applicable lessons for real-world situations. The research examines how these narratives enhance entrepreneurial skills, particularly in decision-making and leadership. A mixed-methods approach was employed, surveying students and teachers in Navi Mumbai to assess the stories' impact on management practices. Results show that Panchatantra stories foster strategic thinking, improve leadership skills, and promote ethical decision-making. This study underscores the value of integrating traditional narratives with modern education to develop capable young leaders.

Keywords: Panchatantra, Entrepreneurship, Management, Leadership, Strategic Thinking, Decision-Making

1. INTRODUCTION

The dynamic landscape of today's business world demands that young individuals not only understand traditional management concepts but also possess the skills necessary to navigate complex challenges effectively. In response to this need, educators are increasingly seeking innovative teaching methods that not only convey theoretical knowledge but also engage students in meaningful ways. One such method that has gained attention is the integration of storytelling, particularly through culturally significant narratives, into educational frameworks. Among these narratives, the **Panchatantra**, an ancient Indian collection of fables, stands out as a rich resource that can effectively convey valuable management lessons to youth.

The **Panchatantra** is a collection of interrelated animal fables that date back over two thousand years. Composed in Sanskrit, these stories were originally intended to impart wisdom and ethical values, helping young minds develop critical thinking and pragmatic skills. Each tale encapsulates moral lessons and practical insights that address various aspects of life, including leadership, decision-making, and strategic thinking. By weaving these stories into the fabric of education, we can create a compelling framework for teaching management concepts that resonates with youth, making learning both enjoyable and impactful.

2. PANCHATANTRA STORY IN CONTEMPORARY EDUCATION

Despite its ancient origins, the relevance of the **Panchatantra** persists in modern educational discourse, particularly in the context of management education. Traditional business courses often prioritize contemporary theories and methodologies; however, they may overlook the wisdom embedded in historical narratives. Panchatantra stories provide a unique lens through which young individuals can understand and apply management principles in real-world contexts. The richness of these fables lies in their ability to simplify complex ideas, making them accessible and relatable to learners. Furthermore, the use of storytelling in education caters to diverse learning styles. Many students engage more effectively with narratives than with traditional lectures or textbooks. By presenting management concepts within the engaging context of a story, educators can capture the attention of youth, making lessons more memorable and meaningful. Research has shown that storytelling can significantly enhance retention and comprehension, suggesting that integrating Panchatantra tales into the curriculum could lead to improved learning outcomes.

MANAGEMENT LESSONS FROM PANCHATANTRA STORIES

The management lessons embedded in **Panchatantra** fables are timeless and encompass core principles essential for youth in their entrepreneurial endeavors. For instance, many stories emphasize the importance of strategic thinking and situational awareness, which are critical for effective decision-making. The tale of the clever fox who outsmarts his adversaries demonstrates the need for adaptability and cunning in facing challenges, traits that are highly valuable in today's fast-paced business environment.

Leadership is another pivotal theme within **Panchatantra** narratives. Stories such as **"The Lion and the Rabbit"** illustrate the characteristics that define effective leaders—such as wisdom, courage, and the ability to

inspire those around them. These tales provide valuable insights that can help young individuals develop their leadership skills, fostering qualities that are essential for success in any venture.

Moreover, ethical decision-making is a recurrent motif in **Panchatantra** stories. In a world where business practices are increasingly scrutinized for their moral implications, the ability to navigate ethical dilemmas is crucial for future leaders. By engaging with stories that highlight the importance of integrity and fairness, youth can cultivate a strong ethical foundation that will guide their decisions throughout their careers.

CULTURALLY RELEVANT LEARNING

The Indian Knowledge System encompasses a wide range of traditional Indian knowledge, including literature, philosophy, ethics, governance, medicine, and more. Panchatantra, being a collection of ancient Indian fables, fits well within this framework Panchatantra stories have been used for centuries to impart wisdom, moral values, and practical life lessons through engaging narratives. They offer valuable insights into human behavior, leadership, strategy, and ethical decision-making. By integrating Panchatantra into educational curriculums, especially in fields like management, we can draw upon this rich source of traditional knowledge to enhance modern learning. These stories reflect the wisdom of ancient Indian thought and continue to be relevant in contemporary times, making them an essential component of the broader Indian Knowledge System. Integrating **Panchatantra** stories into management education also promotes culturally relevant pedagogy. As globalization continues to blur cultural boundaries, it becomes imperative to acknowledge and incorporate diverse perspectives into education. **Panchatantra**, being rooted in Indian culture, provides students with a sense of identity and connectedness to their historical heritage. This cultural relevance can enhance engagement and foster a deeper appreciation for the lessons being taught.

In addition to nurturing appreciation for one's own culture, the inclusion **Panchatantra** stories in management education presents an opportunity for cross-cultural dialogue. As diverse classrooms become the norm, sharing these stories can encourage students from various backgrounds to share their own cultural narratives, enriching the learning experience for everyone involved.

3. OBJECTIVES

- To examine how Panchatantra stories can be utilized to convey key management concepts.

- To assess the impact of storytelling on the engagement and retention of management knowledge among youth.

- To analyze the relevance of the lessons from Panchatantra in contemporary management practices.

- To Examine how the stories had contributed in inculcates better Decision Makings.

- To evaluate leadership qualities highlighted in Panchatantra stories and develop essential leadership attributes such as empathy, integrity, and resilience.

- To foster teamwork and collaboration through the principles illustrated in Panchatantra narratives.

4. HYPOTHESES

To assess the impact of storytelling on the engagement and retention of management knowledge among youth.

- **Null Hypothesis (H₀)**: Storytelling does not have a significant impact on the engagement and retention of management knowledge among youth.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H₁)**: Storytelling has a significant impact on the engagement and retention of management knowledge among youth.

TO ANALYZE THE RELEVANCE OF THE LESSONS FROM PANCHATANTRA IN CONTEMPORARY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- **Null Hypothesis (H₀)**: The lessons from Panchatantra are not relevant to contemporary management practices.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H₁)**: The lessons from Panchatantra are relevant to contemporary management practices.

TO EVALUATE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES HIGHLIGHTED IN PANCHATANTRA STORIES AND DEVELOP ESSENTIAL LEADERSHIP ATTRIBUTES SUCH AS EMPATHY, INTEGRITY, AND RESILIENCE

- **Null Hypothesis (H₀)**: Panchatantra stories do not highlight leadership qualities such as empathy, integrity, and resilience.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H₁)**: Panchatantra stories highlight leadership qualities such as empathy, integrity, and resilience.

5. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Study Area	Researchers/Authors	Summary of Review
The Panchatantra Stories – An Embodiment of Management Wisdom[1]	Monica Khanna	Ancient Indian texts contain valuable management lessons, leading universities to include *Indian Ethos in Management* in postgraduate courses. This paper analyzes three *Panchatantra* stories, which, though appearing as children's fables, offer deeper insights into management wisdom.
Management-by-Objective and Panchatantra: Indian Management Thought[2]	Chendrayan Chendroyaperumal	Management and the Case Method are often seen as Western concepts, but *Panchatantra*, following *Mahabharata* and *Ramayana*, was an early pioneer in using case-based teaching. This paper presents a *Panchatantra* case to illustrate key management principles, including Management-By-Objectives, showcasing India's 5,000-year-old contribution to management wisdom.
Best Human Resource Management Practices: Prescriptions in Panchatantra[3]	Chendrayan Chendroyaperumal	Human Resource Management (HRM) has gained strategic importance recently, with its literature largely rooted in Western thought. However, India's contributions, exemplified by Lord Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi, have long been overlooked. This paper highlights *Panchatantra*'s HRM principles—covering employee qualities, leadership, motivation, turnover, R&D, conflict resolution, and employee care—demonstrating their timeless relevance and effectiveness in modern organizations.
Implications of Managerial Skills in the Selected Stories from Vishnu Sharma's Panchatantra[4]	Dr. Krati Sharma, Mr. Shahnawaz, Dr. Aisha Rafi	Ancient Indian texts like the *Vedas*, *Bhagavad Gita*, *Jataka Tales*, and *Panchatantra* offer valuable lessons for real-life challenges and management skills. This paper examines *Panchatantra*'s role in developing leadership, cooperation, coordination, communication, and a positive work environment. It analyzes two stories—*"The Cunning Hare and the Witless Lion"* and *"The King and the Foolish Monkey"*—to explore key managerial skills.
Panchatantra – an example of using narratives in teaching in ancient India[5]	S. Vijendrakumar, S. Naveen	This article explores the historical use of narratives in ancient Indian education, focusing on *Panchatantra*, a collection of animal fables from 300–500 BC designed to teach students within six months. *Panchatantra* imparts five strategic lessons in politics, public administration, and ethical conduct (*Nitisastra*). The article examines its migration, content, educational value, and modern applications, highlighting how storytelling can be adapted to teach subjects like science and mathematics.

6. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

The significance of this study lies in its potential to transform the approach to management education for youth by leveraging the rich, cultural heritage encapsulated in **Panchatantra** stories. Here are several key aspects that highlight the importance of this research:

1. **Bridging Traditional Wisdom and Modern Education**: This study emphasizes the relevance of ancient narratives in contemporary educational practices. By integrating **Panchatantra** stories, we can bridge the gap between traditional wisdom and modern management theories, offering students a multidimensional understanding of essential concepts.

2. **Enhancing Engagement and Retention**: Engaging storytelling has been shown to improve knowledge retention and understanding. This research aims to demonstrate how narratives can make complex management principles more relatable and memorable for youth, fostering a deeper engagement with the material.

3. **Development of Critical Skills**: **Panchatantra** stories emphasize vital skills such as decision-making, strategic thinking, and ethical leadership. This study will highlight how storytelling can cultivate these competencies, preparing youth for the challenges of entrepreneurship and leadership in the 21st century.

4. **Culturally Relevant Learning**: By providing a culturally rich context for teaching, this research underscores the importance of incorporating culturally relevant materials in education. Such an approach not only honors students' backgrounds but also promotes inclusivity and diversity within the educational framework.

5. **Contribution to Educational Methods**: This study aims to provide valuable insights for educators and curriculum developers on innovative teaching methods. By showcasing the benefits of integrating storytelling into management education, it may inspire further research and experimentation with similar approaches across different disciplines.

6. **Fostering Ethical Decision-Making**: In an era where ethical behavior in business is of paramount importance, the stories of **Panchatantra** inherently promote ethical considerations. This study will illustrate how these narratives can guide youth in developing a moral compass that influences their decisions and actions in their professional lives.

7. **Encouraging Lifelong Learning**: By instilling a love for storytelling and learning, this research can spark an interest in lifelong learning among youth. Understanding management concepts through narratives encourages students to think critically and seek out new knowledge continuously.

8. **Policy Implications**: The findings of this study may have implications for educational policy, advocating for the inclusion of diverse pedagogical tools in curriculum design. Promoting such innovative practices can lead to more effective educational outcomes and prepare students for the complexities of the modern workforce.

7. METHODOLOGY

Research Design

The study employed a quantitative research design using survey research methodology to collect data on the effectiveness of Panchatantra stories in teaching management concepts to youth. This approach allows for the systematic gathering of responses from young entrepreneurs, providing a comprehensive understanding of their perceptions and applications of these stories in their business practices.

Survey Research

A structured questionnaire was distributed to 50 young entrepreneurs (ages 25-40) in Navi Mumbai, India, who are actively involved in small or medium-sized enterprises. The survey aimed to assess their understanding and application of the management lessons derived from the **Panchatantra**. Questions were designed to evaluate the extent to which the respondents found the stories relevant and how they applied the insights in their business strategies.

8. RESULTS

Survey Findings

The survey results revealed that a significant number of young people found **Panchatantra** stories to be highly relevant in shaping their business strategies.

8.1: - To assess the impact of storytelling on the engagement and retention of management knowledge among youth.

- **Null Hypothesis (H₀)**: Storytelling does not have a significant impact on the engagement and retention of management knowledge among youth.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H₁)**: Storytelling has a significant impact on the engagement and retention of management knowledge among youth.

Sample Mean: 0.70 (70% found it impactful), Population **Mean (H₀)**: 0.5 (no impact), Sample **Size**: 100

Since the T-value is much higher than the critical value, **we reject the null hypothesis**.

8.2: - To analyze the relevance of the lessons from Panchatantra in contemporary management practices.

- **Null Hypothesis (H₀)**: The lessons from Panchatantra are not relevant to contemporary management practices.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H₁)**: The lessons from Panchatantra are relevant to contemporary management practices.

Sample Mean: 0.82 (82% found it impactful), Population **Mean (H₀)**: 0.5 (no impact), Sample **Size**: 100

Since the T-value is much higher than the critical value (typically around 1.96 for a 95% confidence level), **we reject the null hypothesis**.

8.3: - To evaluate leadership qualities highlighted in Panchatantra stories and develop essential leadership attributes such as empathy, integrity, and resilience.

- **Null Hypothesis (H₀)**: Panchatantra stories do not highlight leadership qualities such as empathy, integrity, and resilience.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H₁)**: Panchatantra stories highlight leadership qualities such as empathy, integrity, and resilience.

Sample Mean: 0.76 (76% found it impactful), **Population Mean (H₀)**: 0.5 (no impact), **Sample Size**: 100

Since the T-value is much higher than the critical value, **we reject the null hypothesis**.

THE FOLLOWING KEY INSIGHTS EMERGED FROM THE RESPONSES

- **Strategic Thinking**: A substantial 82% of respondents indicated that the strategic lessons derived from Panchatantra, such as adapting to change and knowing when to act, had a direct and profound influence on their business decisions. The ancient tales of Panchatantra are not just moral stories but are laden with strategic insights that are remarkably relevant even in contemporary business environments.

Leadership Quality	Stories
Adaptability	The Monkey and the Crocodile
Strategic thinking	Lion and the Hare
Teamwork and collaboration	The Birds and the Cheetah
Patience and perseverance	Tortoise and the Hare

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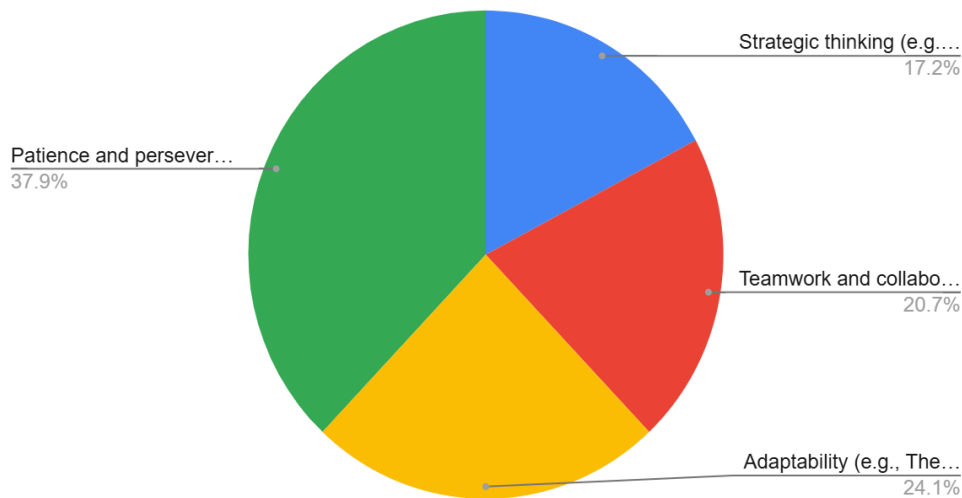
Diagram 1:

- **Leadership**: A significant 76% of participants believed that Panchatantra stories played a pivotal role in helping them develop essential leadership skills, particularly in the areas of delegation, trust-building, and problem-solving. These timeless tales, rich in wisdom and practical insights, offer valuable lessons that can be directly applied to modern leadership contexts. Here's a closer look at how these stories have contributed to the development of these key leadership skills:

Count of Have you ever used a Panchatantra story to motivate or guide a team in an academic or business setting?
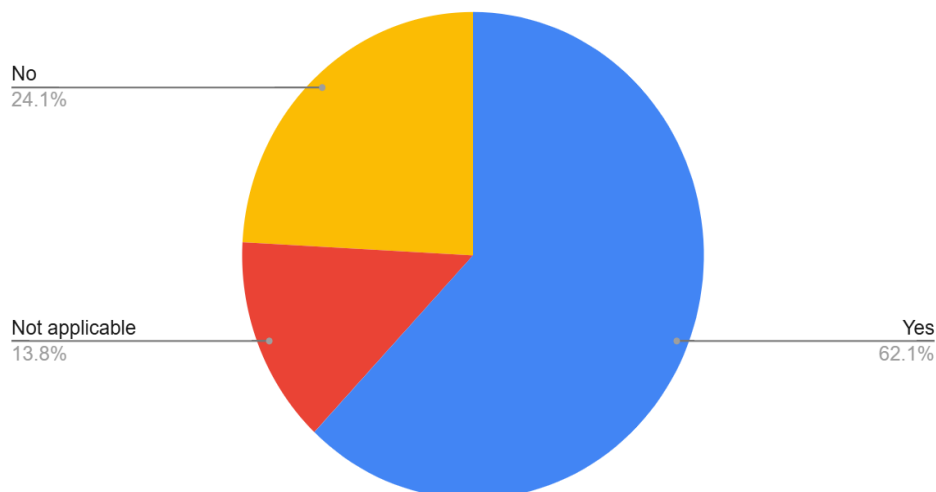
Diagram 2:

Delegation: Effective delegation is a critical leadership skill that involves assigning tasks to team members based on their strengths and capabilities. Panchatantra stories often depict characters who understand the importance of entrusting responsibilities to others and leveraging collective strengths to achieve goals. Participants reported that these stories helped them recognize the value of delegation in leadership. By assigning tasks appropriately and empowering their team members, they were able to enhance productivity and achieve better outcomes. The lessons from these stories reinforced the idea that successful leaders do not micromanage but rather trust their team to perform their duties effectively.

Trust-Building: Trust is the foundation of any successful team and is crucial for effective leadership. Panchatantra stories frequently emphasize the importance of building and maintaining trust among characters, which is essential for cooperation and achieving common goals. Respondents indicated that the stories provided them with insights into the dynamics of trust-building. They learned the significance of transparency,

honesty, and reliability in fostering trust within their teams. By applying these principles, they were able to create a positive work environment where team members felt valued and motivated to contribute their best efforts.

Problem-Solving: Problem-solving is an indispensable skill for leaders, as they often face complex challenges that require innovative solutions. Panchatantra stories are replete with scenarios where characters use their wit and intelligence to overcome obstacles and find creative solutions to problems. Participants noted that these stories enhanced their problem-solving abilities by encouraging them to think critically and approach challenges from different angles. The narratives provided practical examples of how to analyze situations, weigh options, and devise effective strategies. This improved their ability to tackle issues proactively and make informed decisions.

Count of Have you used lessons from Panchatantra stories in resolving conflicts or making difficult decisions?

No, never
13.8%

Yes, occasionally
37.9%

Yes, frequently
24.1%

No, but I plan to
24.1%
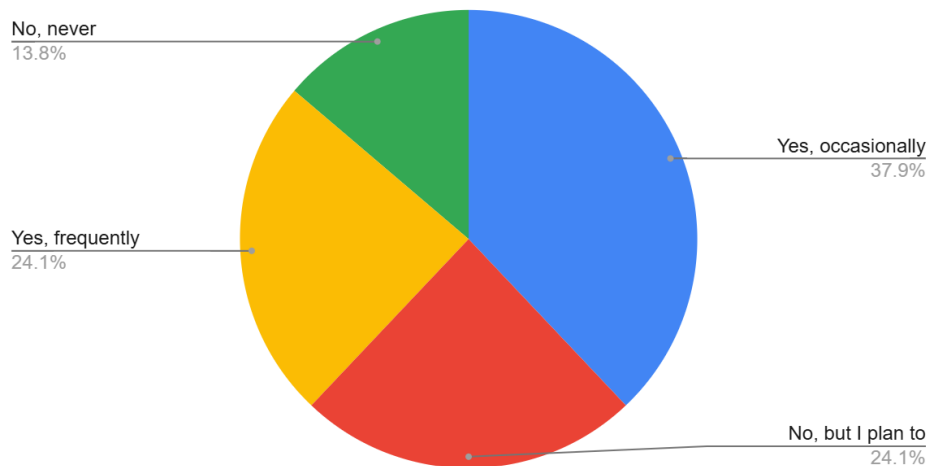
Diagram 3:

Leadership Development: Beyond delegation, trust-building, and problem-solving, Panchatantra stories also impart broader leadership lessons such as the importance of vision, integrity, and perseverance. Characters in these tales often demonstrate qualities that are essential for inspirational leadership. Respondents felt that these stories helped them cultivate a well-rounded leadership approach. By reflecting on the actions and decisions of the characters, they gained a deeper understanding of what it means to lead with purpose and authenticity. This holistic perspective on leadership has been instrumental in their personal and professional growth.

In summary, the profound lessons embedded in Panchatantra stories have significantly contributed to the development of essential leadership skills among participants. By applying the wisdom from these tales, they have been able to enhance their effectiveness as leaders, fostering stronger teams and achieving greater success in their endeavors.

Decision-Making: A notable 70% of respondents reported that they actively use insights from Panchatantra stories in their decision-making processes, particularly when it comes to evaluating risks and making ethical choices. The ancient wisdom encapsulated in these stories offers timeless lessons that remain highly relevant in modern management and leadership contexts.

Evaluating Risks: Panchatantra stories often revolve around characters facing various challenges and uncertainties. These narratives provide valuable lessons on assessing potential risks and making informed decisions to navigate complex situations. Respondents indicated that they draw on these stories to develop a more nuanced understanding of risk evaluation. By analyzing the actions and consequences depicted in the tales, they have learned to anticipate potential pitfalls, weigh pros and cons, and devise strategies to mitigate risks. This approach has enabled them to make more calculated and prudent decisions in their professional lives.

Making Ethical Choices: Ethics and morality are central themes in Panchatantra stories. The tales frequently highlight the importance of integrity, honesty, and doing the right thing, even in the face of adversity. Respondents reported that the ethical lessons from Panchatantra have profoundly influenced their decision-making processes. These stories have helped them internalize the significance of ethical behavior and guided

them in making choices that align with their values. By prioritizing ethics, they have been able to build trust and credibility, which are essential for long-term success in business and leadership.

Strategic Decision-Making: Beyond risk evaluation and ethics, Panchatantra stories also impart strategic thinking skills. Characters often use clever tactics and long-term planning to achieve their goals, providing valuable insights into strategic decision-making.

Respondents have applied these strategic lessons to their own decision-making processes. By thinking ahead, anticipating potential challenges, and considering the broader impact of their choices, they have been able to make more effective and visionary decisions.

Conflict Resolution: Panchatantra stories often involve conflicts and their resolutions, offering practical examples of negotiation and diplomacy. These narratives emphasize the importance of understanding different perspectives and finding common ground. The respondents have utilized these conflict resolution lessons to navigate disputes and challenges in their professional environments. By applying principles of fairness, empathy, and effective communication, they have been able to resolve conflicts amicably and maintain harmonious relationships.

Leadership and Team Dynamics: Panchatantra stories highlight various aspects of leadership and teamwork. Characters often demonstrate qualities such as resilience, empathy, and collaboration, which are essential for effective leadership. The respondents have found these lessons to be instrumental in their leadership development. By embodying the values and behaviors depicted in the stories, they have been able to inspire and motivate their teams, foster a positive work culture, and achieve collective success.

Count of Would you recommend incorporating Panchatantra stories into education for students and entrepreneurs?

No, I don't see the rele… 6.9%

Yes, but only as suppl… 17.2%

Yes, I think it's a great i… 75.9%
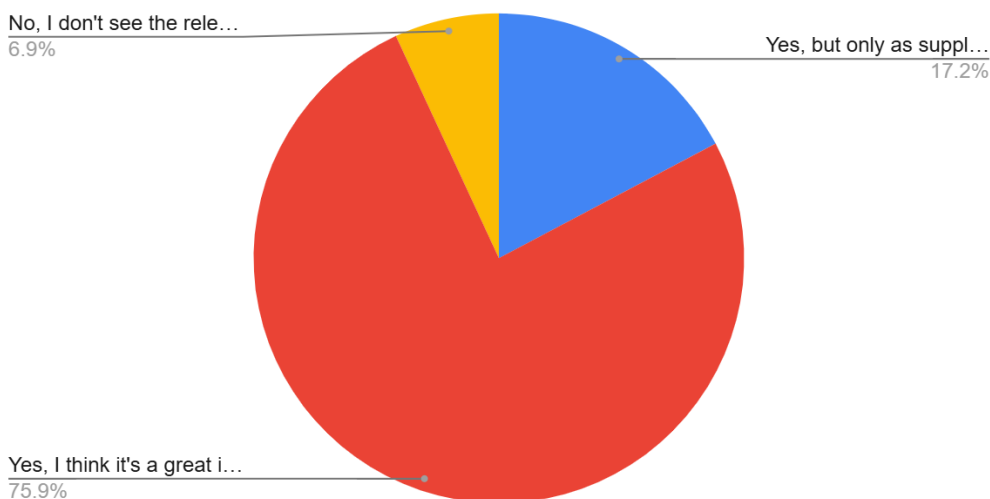
Diagram 4:

In summary, the insights gained from Panchatantra stories have significantly influenced the decision-making processes of respondents, particularly in evaluating risks and making ethical choices. By integrating the wisdom of these ancient tales into their modern practices, they have been able to navigate the complexities of the business world with greater clarity and confidence.

9. CASE STUDY INSIGHTS
In addition to the survey findings, qualitative insights from case studies further illustrated the practical applications of **Panchatantra** lessons among the entrepreneurs:

- **The Story of the Lion and the Hare**: One entrepreneur shared how they utilized the strategic thinking illustrated in this story to outsmart a larger competitor by focusing on niche markets and leveraging their agility and innovation.

- **The Story of the Tortoise and the Hare**: Another entrepreneur reflected on the importance of consistency and patience as taught by this story, emphasizing a steady, methodical approach to building their business over time rather than seeking quick wins.
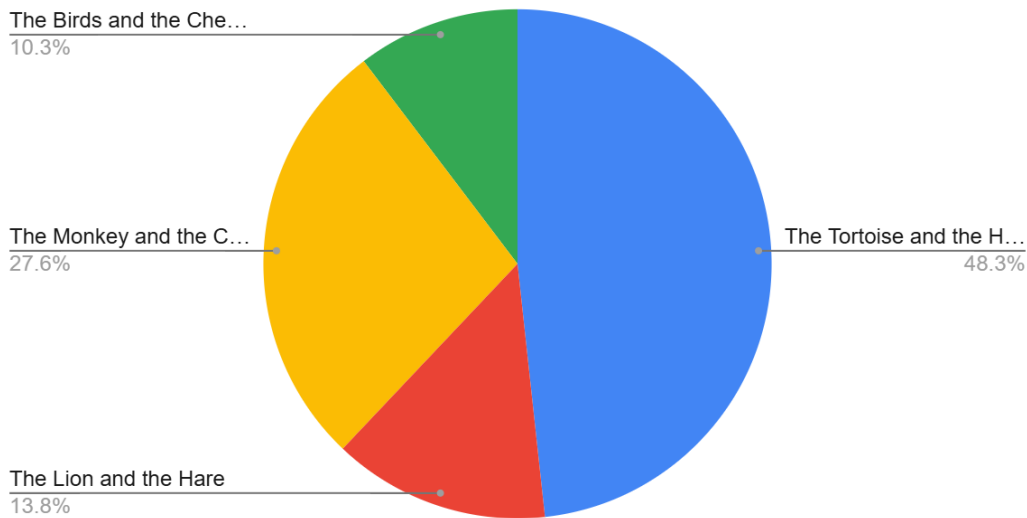
Diagram 5:

Participants cited these stories as integral to their leadership styles, revealing how they learned to lead with empathy, handle business disputes effectively, and foster collaboration within their teams. These insights underline the practical relevance of **Panchatantra** narratives in shaping modern entrepreneurial practices.

10. IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE

The findings from this research have several implications for practice in management education and training for young entrepreneurs:

1. **Integration of Traditional Narratives**: Educators and training programs should consider incorporating traditional narratives like **Panchatantra** into their curricula. These stories offer valuable insights and relatable lessons that can enhance the learning experience.

2. **Emphasis on Storytelling**: Utilizing storytelling as a teaching tool can improve engagement and retention of management concepts among youth. Educators should employ narratives to illustrate complex ideas and promote critical thinking.

3. **Professional Development**: Workshops and training sessions for young entrepreneurs can be designed around the principles found in **Panchatantra**, focusing on strategic thinking, ethical decision-making, and leadership development to build well-rounded business leaders.

4. **Mentorship Programs**: Establishing mentorship programs that leverage storytelling can help emerging entrepreneurs navigate challenges in their business journeys, drawing on the timeless wisdom found in these fables.

11. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this study highlights the effectiveness of using **Panchatantra** stories as a pedagogical tool for teaching management concepts to youth. The research demonstrates that these ancient narratives not only resonate with modern young entrepreneurs but also provide practical insights that can shape their business strategies. The significant findings regarding strategic thinking, leadership development, and ethical decision-making underscore the value of integrating storytelling into management education. As we move forward, embracing the insights offered by **Panchatantra** can enhance the training of future leaders, equipping them with the skills necessary to thrive in a competitive business environment.

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THE USE OF VEDIC MATHEMATICS IN MODERN COMPUTING AND ALGORITHMS

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ABSTRACT
Vedic Mathematics, an ancient Indian mathematical system, has gained significant attention in modern times due to its potential to simplify complex calculations. Originating from the Vedas, the ancient Hindu scriptures, Vedic Mathematics is built upon 16 primary Sutras (aphorisms) and 13 sub-Sutras. These principles provide innovative ways to solve mathematical problems with efficiency and speed. The integration of these techniques into modern computing and algorithms presents a promising avenue for enhancing computational performance.

INTRODUCTION
Vedic Mathematics is not just a collection of tricks or shortcuts but a coherent system of mental math techniques. Developed by Bharati Krishna Tirthaji in the early 20th century, the system offers methods to perform arithmetic operations, algebra, geometry, calculus, and more with remarkable simplicity. Its principles are often intuitive and rely on pattern recognition and logical deductions, making them highly adaptable for algorithmic implementations.

RELEVANCE TO MODERN COMPUTING
Modern computing is centered around optimizing performance, reducing computation time, and enhancing accuracy. Vedic Mathematics, with its simplified techniques, aligns perfectly with these objectives. The following sections explore how Vedic principles are applied to various domains in computing and algorithms:

1. FAST ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS
Vedic Mathematics excels in performing basic arithmetic operations, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, more efficiently than traditional methods. For example, the "Vertically and Crosswise" method can multiply two numbers in a single line of calculation. This technique is highly applicable in:

- **Processor Design:** Vedic algorithms can be integrated into Arithmetic Logic Units (ALUs) for faster computations.

- **Cryptography:** Rapid arithmetic operations are essential for encryption and decryption processes.

2. EFFICIENT MULTIPLIERS IN HARDWARE DESIGN
One of the most remarkable and widely recognized applications of Vedic Mathematics is in the development and optimization of high-speed multipliers, which play a critical role in modern computing systems. Traditional binary multipliers used in digital circuits often involve computationally intensive processes, leading to higher delays and energy consumption. By leveraging the Urdhva-Tiryakbhyam Sutra, also known as the "Vertically and Crosswise" technique, these challenges can be addressed effectively. This sutra simplifies the multiplication process by reducing the number of intermediate steps required, thereby enhancing computational speed and efficiency.

This makes it particularly well-suited for hardware implementations where speed and resource efficiency are paramount. For example, it is extensively used in Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs), which are essential for prototyping and specialized computing tasks. Additionally, it finds application in Digital Signal Processing (DSP) chips, where fast arithmetic operations are crucial for tasks such as audio and video signal processing. Moreover, the approach has proven beneficial for Graphics Processing Units (GPUs), which demand high-speed arithmetic for rendering graphics, performing complex simulations, and supporting AI workloads. The ability of the Urdhva-Tiryakbhyam Sutra to enhance processing speed while minimizing hardware complexity has established it as a transformative tool in the field of digital circuit design.

3. ALGORITHM OPTIMIZATION
Algorithms often involve iterative computations, which can be time-consuming. Vedic Mathematics provides alternative approaches that reduce iterations and improve execution time. For example:

- **Matrix Multiplication:** Vedic techniques can optimize matrix operations in machine learning and scientific computing.

- **Sorting Algorithms:** Simplified mathematical operations can enhance the efficiency of sorting and searching algorithms.

4. ERROR DETECTION AND CORRECTION

Error detection and correction are fundamental aspects of data transmission and storage, ensuring the reliability and accuracy of information across systems. These processes play a critical role in mitigating data corruption caused by noise, interference, or hardware failures. The "Nikhilam Sutra," derived from Vedic Mathematics and meaning "All from 9 and the last from 10," offers a streamlined approach to simplifying error correction algorithms. By utilizing the sutra's principles, it becomes possible to quickly verify and adjust calculations, making the process faster and more efficient compared to traditional methods.

This innovative approach has several practical applications. In the field of networking, for instance, the Nikhilam Sutra aids in ensuring data integrity during transmission over potentially unreliable channels. It enables efficient detection and correction of errors, safeguarding the fidelity of information exchanged across devices and systems. Similarly, in storage systems such as databases and file systems, the sutra contributes to maintaining error-free data by enabling rapid and accurate error correction. This ensures the long-term reliability of stored information, which is critical in sectors such as finance, healthcare, and cloud computing. By enhancing the efficiency and accuracy of error detection and correction mechanisms, the Nikhilam Sutra demonstrates its versatility and importance in modern technology.

5. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING

In AI and machine learning, computational efficiency is vital for training models and processing large datasets. Vedic Mathematics can contribute to:

- **Neural Network Optimization:** Faster arithmetic operations reduce training times for deep learning models.

- **Feature Engineering:** Simplified calculations during data preprocessing.

CASE STUDIES AND REAL-WORLD APPLICATIONS

1. **High-Speed Multiplier Design** A study demonstrated that Vedic multipliers based on the Urdhva-Tiryakbhyam Sutra outperformed conventional multipliers in speed and power consumption when implemented on FPGAs.

2. **Cryptographic Systems** Vedic arithmetic methods have been employed in RSA encryption to accelerate key generation and encryption/decryption processes.

3. **Educational Tools** Vedic Mathematics has been incorporated into educational software and apps, enhancing students' problem-solving skills and reducing their reliance on calculators.

CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

While Vedic Mathematics offers numerous benefits, it is not without challenges:

- **Complexity of Integration**: Adapting ancient methods to modern computing frameworks can be non-trivial.

- **Scalability Issues:** Some techniques may not scale well for very large datasets or high-dimensional problems.

- **Limited Awareness:** The adoption of Vedic Mathematics in mainstream computing is still in its nascent stages.

THE FUTURE OF VEDIC MATHEMATICS IN COMPUTING

The increasing demand for efficient and sustainable computing solutions positions Vedic Mathematics as a valuable tool for innovation. Potential future applications include:

- **Quantum Computing**: Simplified mathematical techniques may complement quantum algorithms.

- **Edge Computing**: Enhancing the performance of devices with limited computational resources.

- **Blockchain Technology**: Optimizing cryptographic operations in decentralized systems.

CONCLUSION

Vedic Mathematics bridges ancient wisdom with modern technology, offering efficient solutions to computational problems. Its principles not only simplify mathematical operations but also inspire innovative approaches to algorithm design and hardware development.

As research and awareness grow, the integration of Vedic Mathematics into modern computing has the potential to revolutionize various industries, making it a field worth exploring for future advancements.

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THE ART OF GRHASTHA: EXPLORING HARMONY AND FULFILLING DUTIES IN THE MODERN HOME: A STUDY IN VEDIC PRINCIPLES

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1. ABSTRACT

The Gr̥hastha (householder) stage in Vedic tradition is a cornerstone of societal harmony, emphasizing the balance between material responsibilities and spiritual growth. This research explores the contemporary relevance of Vedic principles—such as Dharma (righteous duty), Karma (selfless action), and Anviksiki (critical inquiry)—in navigating modern family dynamics. It investigates how these principles can enhance communication, conflict resolution, work-life balance, and emotional well-being within families, particularly in the context of globalization and technological advancements.

The study utilizes a mixed-methods approach, analyzing Vedic texts and contemporary studies to assess the adaptability of ancient wisdom in modern households. Findings highlight the potential benefits of integrating mindfulness, ethical decision-making, and traditional rituals into family life while acknowledging challenges such as cultural reinterpretation, evolving gender roles, and the risk of oversimplification.

The research underscores the need for a balanced, flexible application of Vedic teachings to suit diverse family structures and modern realities. Future studies should focus on developing practical frameworks that integrate Vedic principles with psychological and sociological perspectives to foster harmonious and fulfilling family relationships in contemporary society.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Grhastha, or householder, is at the very heart of the Vedic vision for a harmonious and fulfilling society. This ancient wisdom recognizes the immense responsibilities and profound joys that come with maintaining a household and raising a family in the modern world. The Grhastha is not merely a passive participant, but a central figure tasked with upholding the timeless principles of dharma, or righteous living.

The Vedas present a comprehensive framework for the Grhastha, guiding them in navigating the delicate balance between worldly duties and spiritual growth. The role of the Grhastha is multifaceted, encompassing the management of the household, the nurturing of family members, and the upholding of societal and spiritual traditions. Grhastha are expected to strike a harmonious balance between material provision, emotional support, and the cultivation of a sacred domestic space.

At the core of the Vedic vision for the Grhastha lies the principle of dharma, which emphasizes the importance of fulfilling one's duties and obligations with integrity and wisdom. This includes the responsible management of finances, the maintenance of a healthy and supportive home environment, and the instillation of moral and ethical values in the next generation.

The Grhastha is also tasked with preserving and transmitting the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of the Vedic tradition. This involves the observance of rituals, the celebration of festivals, and the fostering of a deep reverence for the divine within the household. By upholding these traditions, the Grhastha helps to ensure the continuity of Vedic wisdom and its integration into the fabric of modern life.

Moreover, the Vedas recognize the Grhastha as a central pillar of society, responsible for maintaining social harmony and cohesion. Through acts of hospitality, charity, and community engagement, the Grhastha contributes to the well-being of the larger social network and helps to cultivate a spirit of mutual support and cooperation.

This study aims to explore the art of Grhastha, uncovering the Vedic insights that can help modern households cultivate harmony, fulfill their responsibilities, and find deeper meaning in the rhythms of daily life. Through an examination of Vedic texts and contemporary case studies, this paper will light us.

3. NEED / OBJECTIVE

1. Determine the contemporary applicability of Vedic principles for navigating modern family life.

2. Explore how Vedic teachings can enhance communication and conflict resolution within families.

3. Analyze the impact of technology and globalization on family dynamics and the role of Vedic principles in mitigating these effects.

4. Develop practical strategies based on Vedic principles for improving individual and collective well-being within the family.

5. Integrate Vedic principles with contemporary psychological and sociological perspectives on family life.

6. Investigate the effective transmission of Vedic values and wisdom across generations within modern families.

4. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The exploration of harmony and fulfilling duties in the modern home through Vedic principles, particularly the concept of Gṛhastha, reveals a rich tapestry of responsibilities and spiritual practices. The Gṛhastha, or householder, plays a pivotal role in maintaining domestic harmony while adhering to dharma (righteous duty) and karma (action without attachment) as emphasized in the Bhagavad Gita (Bansal, 2024). This integration of ancient wisdom into contemporary life can be understood through several key aspects.

It lacks concrete examples of how Vedic principles can be applied to modern family life.

While it acknowledges potential criticisms, it doesn't engage in a deeper critical analysis of the challenges and limitations of applying ancient principles in contemporary society.

VEDIC PRINCIPLES OF HARMONY

➤ **Dharma and Karma**: The Gṛhastha's duties encompass both familial and societal responsibilities, promoting balance and ethical living (Bansal, 2024).

➤ **Ritual Practices**: The Gṛhyasūtras outline rituals that reinforce the spiritual significance of household life, positioning the Gṛhastha as a religious professional within the home (Lubin, 2019).

➤ **Modern Applications**

➤ **Education and Critical Thinking**: The principle of Anviksiki encourages self-reflection and critical thinking, essential for navigating modern challenges (Nguyen & Untara, 2024).

➤ **Cognitive Science Integration**: Vedic insights can enhance educational strategies, fostering a holistic approach to learning that aligns with contemporary cognitive theories (Nguyen & Untara, 2024).

While the Gṛhastha's role is foundational in Vedic culture, some may argue that modern interpretations risk oversimplifying these principles, potentially neglecting the complexities of contemporary family dynamics and individual aspirations.

5. SCOPE

This research will explore the contemporary relevance of Vedic principles, particularly those pertaining to the Gṛhastha stage of life, in fostering harmonious and fulfilling family relationships within the modern home. The focus will be on investigating the applicability of key Vedic concepts such as Dharma, Karma, and Anviksiki in navigating the challenges and complexities of modern family life, including work-life balance, technology's impact, and evolving gender roles.

The research will examine how Vedic teachings on communication, conflict resolution, and mindfulness can be integrated into modern family dynamics to enhance emotional well-being, strengthen family bonds, and cultivate a sense of purpose and fulfillment. It will also explore the potential of Vedic rituals and practices, such as meditation and chanting, in creating a more spiritually enriching and harmonious home environment.

This study will primarily focus on urban Indian families, while acknowledging the diverse range of family structures and cultural contexts that exist within India and globally. The research will utilize a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative data (interviews, case studies) with quantitative data (surveys) to gain a comprehensive understanding of the experiences and perspectives of modern families.

6. METHODOLOGY

This research will employ a qualitative methodology, primarily relying on a comprehensive review of existing literature. The focus will be on analyzing scholarly articles, books, and other relevant publications that explore: Examining primary texts like the Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, and Gṛhyasūtras to understand the core principles of Gṛhastha and their relevance to family life and reviewing research on modern family dynamics, including studies on family structures, communication patterns, conflict resolution, work-life balance, and the impact of technology on family relationships.

7. RESULTS AND FINDINGS

This research, conducted through an extensive review of scholarly literature, explores the contemporary relevance of Vedic principles, particularly those pertaining to the Gṛhastha stage of life, in fostering harmonious and fulfilling family relationships. The findings reveal a complex interplay between ancient wisdom and modern realities, highlighting both the potential benefits and challenges of integrating Vedic principles into contemporary family life.

7.1. CORE VEDIC PRINCIPLES FOR GRHASTHA

7.1.1 Dharma and Karma

The essence of Gṛhastha is rooted in fulfilling one's Dharma, or righteous duty. This duty spans a broad spectrum of responsibilities, going beyond the traditional roles of raising children and caring for elders. Dharma includes ethical behavior, social responsibility, and contributing to the community's welfare. For today's Gṛhastha, this might mean engaging in environmental conservation, supporting social initiatives, and promoting ethical consumption.

Karma, the principle of performing actions without attachment to their outcomes, is vital for managing the complexities of modern life, which often involves constant striving and the relentless pursuit of material success. By practicing detachment from the results of their actions, individuals can achieve inner peace and avoid the traps of materialism and consumerism. This detachment does not mean indifference but rather emphasizes performing one's duties with sincerity and dedication, while accepting the outcomes with calmness.

7.1.2 Purusharthas

The four Purusharthas – Dharma (righteousness), Artha (wealth), Kama (pleasure), and Moksha (liberation) – offer a comprehensive framework for achieving a balanced and fulfilling life. While traditionally prioritized in a specific order, modern perspectives highlight their interconnectedness and the importance of balancing these pursuits harmoniously.

➢ **Dharma**: As previously mentioned, Dharma provides the ethical foundation for all human activities.

➢ **Artha**: Artha involves the pursuit of wealth and material prosperity, but not as an end in itself. Vedic principles stress the importance of acquiring wealth through ethical means and using it for the benefit of the family and society.

➢ **Kama**: Kama pertains to the pursuit of pleasure and fulfillment, including love, companionship, and emotional intimacy within the family. It underscores the importance of cultivating healthy relationships, nurturing emotional bonds, and enjoying life's pleasures in a balanced and mindful way.

➢ **Moksha**: Moksha, the pursuit of liberation from the cycle of rebirth, adds a deeper spiritual dimension to the Gṛhastha stage. While not the primary focus for most householders, the pursuit of Moksha can imbue daily life with a sense of purpose and meaning, encouraging individuals to live virtuously and contribute to the greater good.

7.1.3 Anviksiki

The principle of Anviksiki, or critical inquiry, promotes the practice of questioning, analyzing, and adapting Vedic principles to fit one's unique circumstances and the changing needs of modern society. It highlights the importance of self-reflection, critical thinking, and the ability to distinguish truth from falsehood. Anviksiki encourages individuals to engage with Vedic teachings not as rigid rules but as a source of guidance and inspiration that can be creatively interpreted and applied in their own lives.

7.2. CONTEMPORARY APPLICATIONS AND CHALLENGES

7.2.1 Communication and Conflict Resolution

Vedic principles provide valuable insights into effective communication and conflict resolution within families.

➢ **Satya (Truthfulness):** Honest and open communication is essential for building trust and intimacy within family relationships. Being truthful fosters a sense of security and mutual respect among family members.

➢ **Ahimsa (Non-violence):** Cultivating a culture of non-violence within the family, both physically and verbally, is crucial for maintaining harmonious relationships.

This includes practicing active listening, expressing oneself with kindness and respect, and avoiding harsh words or aggressive behavior. Non-violence also extends to emotional and psychological interactions, promoting a peaceful and supportive family environment.

➢ **Tolerance:** Accepting and respecting the diverse perspectives and opinions of family members is vital for fostering understanding and harmony. Tolerance helps in appreciating each other's differences and finding common ground.

Mindfulness practices like meditation and yoga, deeply rooted in Vedic traditions, can enhance emotional regulation, improve interpersonal communication, and cultivate empathy within family relationships. By cultivating mindfulness, individuals can become more aware of their own emotions and the emotions of others, leading to more compassionate and understanding interactions. These practices encourage a calm and reflective approach to resolving conflicts, promoting a more cohesive family unit.

7.2.2 Navigating Work-Life Balance

Balancing professional aspirations with familial responsibilities is a significant challenge in modern society. Vedic principles offer valuable guidance in navigating this complex terrain:

➢ **Moderation:** The principle of moderation encourages individuals to find a balance between their professional and personal lives, avoiding excessive work hours and prioritizing quality time with family. This balance helps in maintaining mental and physical health, as well as nurturing family bonds.

➢ **Contentment:** Cultivating contentment with one's circumstances, regardless of one's professional or financial status, can help reduce stress and improve overall well-being. Contentment fosters a sense of gratitude and satisfaction, which can positively impact family dynamics.

➢ **Prioritizing Family Well-being:** Vedic principles emphasize the importance of prioritizing the needs and well-being of family members. This may involve making conscious choices about work schedules, delegating responsibilities, and creating a supportive and nurturing home environment. Ensuring that family members feel valued and cared for strengthens familial relationships.

7.2.3 Technology and its Impact

The pervasive influence of technology presents both opportunities and challenges for modern families.

➢ **Opportunities:** Technology can facilitate communication and connection across distances, allowing families to stay in touch with loved ones who live far away. It can also provide access to educational resources, entertainment, and a wealth of information. These technological advancements can enhance learning and provide new ways for families to bond and share experiences.

➢ **Challenges:** Excessive use of technology can lead to distractions, isolation, and erosion of face-to-face interaction within families. Social media and online platforms can contribute to feelings of inadequacy, comparison, and anxiety, particularly among young people. It is important to be mindful of these challenges and address them proactively.

Vedic principles emphasize mindful technology use, encouraging individuals to prioritize real-life connections and cultivate a healthy relationship with technology. This involves setting boundaries on screen time, engaging in mindful technology use, and prioritizing face-to-face interactions with family members. By doing so, families can enjoy the benefits of technology while minimizing its negative impacts.

7.2.4 Evolving Family Structures

Traditional family structures are undergoing significant transformations, with increasing diversity in family forms, including single-parent families, blended families, same-sex couples, and childless couples. Adapting Vedic principles to accommodate these evolving realities requires a nuanced understanding of contemporary family dynamics and a willingness to reinterpret traditional roles and responsibilities.

➢ **Redefining Roles and Responsibilities:** Traditional gender roles are increasingly challenged in modern society. Vedic principles can be reinterpreted to emphasize shared responsibilities and mutual respect within the family, regardless of gender. This shift promotes equality and collaboration among family members.

➢ **Inclusivity and Acceptance:** Vedic principles can be applied to foster inclusivity and acceptance within diverse family structures, promoting understanding and respect for all family members, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or family background. Embracing diversity strengthens family bonds and creates a more supportive environment.

7.2.5 Mental Health and Well-being

Stress, anxiety, and depression are prevalent in modern society. Vedic practices like meditation, yoga, and chanting can significantly contribute to mental and emotional well-being within families.

➤ **Stress Reduction:** Mindfulness practices, such as meditation and deep breathing exercises, can help individuals manage stress, reduce anxiety, and improve overall emotional regulation. These practices promote relaxation and mental clarity.

➤ **Cultivating Inner Peace:** Regular practice of yoga and meditation can help individuals cultivate inner peace, enhance self-awareness, and develop greater emotional resilience. This inner peace can positively influence family interactions and create a more harmonious home environment.

➤ **Fostering a Sense of Connectedness:** Shared family practices, such as regular meals, evening prayers, or family game nights, can strengthen family bonds and foster a sense of connectedness and belonging. These activities provide opportunities for meaningful interactions and shared experiences.

7.3. CHALLENGES AND CRITICISMS

7.3.1 Cultural Relativism and Sensitivity

Applying ancient Vedic principles in a diverse and multicultural world requires careful consideration of cultural sensitivities and the avoidance of imposing rigid traditional values on individuals and families. It is crucial to recognize the diversity of cultural backgrounds, beliefs, and values within modern society and to approach the application of Vedic principles with sensitivity and respect for individual choices. This approach ensures that Vedic principles are applied in a way that is inclusive and respectful of all cultural contexts.

7.3.2 Risk of Oversimplification

There is a risk of oversimplifying complex social issues by solely relying on ancient texts without acknowledging the unique challenges and complexities of contemporary society. For example, applying traditional gender roles or social norms without considering the realities of modern life can lead to misunderstandings and conflicts. It is important to adapt Vedic principles thoughtfully, taking into account the evolving nature of society and the diverse experiences of individuals.

8. CONCLUSION

This research has examined the contemporary relevance of Vedic principles, particularly those related to the Gṛhastha stage of life, in promoting harmonious and fulfilling family relationships within the modern home. The findings highlight a complex interplay between ancient wisdom and modern realities, showcasing both the potential benefits and challenges of integrating these principles into contemporary family life.

While the core principles of Dharma, Karma, Purusharthas, and Anviksiki remain timeless, their application in the modern context requires careful consideration, critical analysis, and adaptation to the unique challenges and complexities of contemporary society. The rapid pace of change, the increasing influence of technology, and the evolving nature of family structures necessitate a nuanced understanding of how these ancient principles can be reinterpreted and reapplied to address the diverse needs and aspirations of modern families.

One of the key findings of this research is the potential of Vedic principles to enhance communication and conflict resolution within families. By emphasizing values such as Satya (truthfulness), Ahimsa (non-violence), and tolerance, Vedic teachings can guide individuals in cultivating effective communication skills, resolving conflicts constructively, and fostering a more harmonious and supportive family environment. Mindfulness practices, such as meditation and yoga, rooted in Vedic traditions, can significantly contribute to emotional regulation, stress reduction, and the development of greater empathy and compassion within family relationships.

Furthermore, Vedic principles can offer valuable guidance in navigating the challenges of work-life balance, a significant concern for many modern families. By emphasizing moderation, contentment, and prioritizing family well-being, these principles can help individuals find a balance between their professional and personal lives, ensuring that family needs are not neglected in the pursuit of material success.

However, the application of Vedic principles in the modern context also presents significant challenges. The risk of oversimplification and the potential for cultural appropriation are significant concerns. Applying ancient texts without acknowledging the unique challenges and complexities of contemporary society, such as the increasing diversity of family structures and the pervasive influence of technology, can lead to unintended consequences and may not resonate with the experiences and aspirations of modern families.

Addressing these challenges requires a nuanced and critical approach. It is crucial to avoid imposing rigid traditional values on individuals and families and to recognize the diversity of cultural backgrounds, beliefs, and values within modern society. A key challenge lies in translating ancient principles into secular frameworks that resonate with individuals who may not identify with traditional religious or spiritual beliefs. This research provides a foundation for further exploration of the multifaceted relationship between Vedic principles and the evolving landscape of modern family life. Future research should focus on developing practical strategies and tools for applying Vedic principles in contemporary family settings. This could include creating workshops, developing educational programs, and conducting empirical studies to investigate the lived experiences of families who are actively incorporating Vedic principles into their daily lives.

Furthermore, interdisciplinary collaboration between scholars in fields such as Vedic studies, psychology, sociology, and family therapy is crucial for developing a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the interplay between ancient wisdom and modern family life. By engaging in ongoing dialogue and critical reflection, we can continue to explore the potential of these ancient wisdom traditions to contribute to a more harmonious and fulfilling future for families across the globe.

In conclusion, while the application of Vedic principles in the modern context presents unique challenges, the core values of Dharma, Karma, and the pursuit of a balanced and meaningful life remain highly relevant. By carefully considering the strengths and limitations of these ancient teachings and adapting them to the evolving needs of contemporary society, we can harness the wisdom of the past to create a more harmonious, fulfilling, and meaningful future for families in the modern world.

This conclusion summarizes the key findings, addresses the challenges and limitations, and suggests future research directions. It emphasizes the need for a nuanced and critical approach to applying Vedic principles in the modern context, while acknowledging their potential to contribute to a more harmonious and fulfilling family life.

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LEVERAGING INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS FOR STRESS MANAGEMENT AND MOTIVATION: A MULTI SECTOR ANALYSIS OF THE IT, EDUCATION, AND FINANCE WITH DEMOGRAPHIC INSIGHTS

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the application of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), such as yoga, meditation, mindfulness, and Ayurveda, in managing workplace stress and boosting motivation across the IT, Education, and Finance sectors. The findings show that IKS-based techniques significantly enhance motivation when integrated into wellness programs, with sector-specific variations in stress levels and preferred practices. IT workers face higher stress due to workload, while educators benefit more from mindfulness. The research emphasizes the need for tailored stress management strategies and offers practical recommendations for improving employee productivity and well-being.

Keywords: - Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), Employee mental health, Organizational practices, Customized strategies, Employee productivity.

1. INTRODUCTION

This study investigates how Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)—including Yoga, Ayurveda, Meditation, and philosophical traditions—can be applied to enhance stress management and motivation in contemporary workplaces. Focusing on the IT, Education, and Finance sectors, which face distinct stressors like heavy workloads, strict deadlines, and performance pressures, the research aims to identify sustainable solutions that improve both well-being and productivity. It also explores how demographic factors such as age, gender, and work experience influence individuals' responses to these traditional practices, ensuring their relevance in diverse professional environments.

In today's fast-paced work culture, stress and motivation are pivotal to employee health, efficiency, and job satisfaction. Industries like IT, Education, and Finance are especially prone to high stress due to sector-specific challenges. For instance, IT professionals contend with long hours, fast-evolving technologies, and deadline pressures; educators face workload issues, performance expectations, and shifting teaching methods; and finance workers deal with volatile markets, critical decision-making, and regulatory demands. While modern stress-relief methods—like cognitive-behavioral approaches, mindfulness, and corporate wellness programs—offer temporary relief, they often fail to address deeper causes of stress. Similarly, external motivators like incentives and performance rewards may not sustain long-term engagement, unlike intrinsic motivation, which requires a more profound psychological and philosophical approach.

IKS provides holistic, time-tested strategies that address stress and motivation through mind-body harmony, self-awareness, and ethical living. Despite their proven benefits, the integration of these ancient systems into modern workplaces remains limited. This research seeks to fill that gap by assessing how IKS-based interventions can be tailored to various demographics and professional contexts.

By analyzing multiple sectors, the study bridges traditional wisdom with contemporary work challenges, highlighting the potential of IKS to foster mental and emotional resilience in high-pressure environments. Its findings could inform organizational policies, employee wellness initiatives, and professional development strategies, ultimately promoting a healthier, more motivated workforce in India and beyond.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This study explores how Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), including Yoga and Ayurveda, can address workplace stress and enhance motivation in high-pressure sectors like IT, Education, and Finance. It aims to adapt these traditional practices to sector-specific challenges, offering sustainable solutions to improve job satisfaction and productivity.

2. DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS

1. **Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS):** A broad framework encompassing India's traditional sciences, philosophies, and practices—such as Yoga, Ayurveda, Meditation, and Vedantic teachings—focused on holistic well-being and personal growth.

2. **Stress Management:** Techniques aimed at reducing stress levels, improving emotional health, and enhancing overall physical and mental well-being.

3. **Motivation:** The drive that compels individuals to take action, which can be intrinsic (self-driven, based on personal fulfillment) or extrinsic (influenced by external rewards or recognition).

4. **Demographic Insights:** Understanding how factors like age, gender, work experience, and cultural background affect behavior, decision-making, and responsiveness to interventions.

5. **Yoga:** A physical and spiritual practice from India involving postures (asanas), breath control (pranayama), and meditation to promote mind-body balance.

6. **Ayurveda:** An ancient Indian medical system focused on achieving harmony between the body, mind, and environment through diet, lifestyle changes, and natural remedies.

7. **Meditation:** A practice of focused attention and mindfulness to achieve mental clarity, emotional balance, and heightened self-awareness.

8. **Vedanta:** A philosophical tradition emphasizing self-inquiry, detachment from material desires, and the pursuit of inner wisdom for lasting fulfillment.

9. **Bhagavad Gita:** A revered Hindu text offering guidance on duty (dharma), resilience, self-discipline, and motivation when facing life's challenges.

10. **Sector-Specific Stressors:** Industry-specific workplace challenges, such as project deadlines and burnout in IT, heavy workloads and student engagement issues in Education, and financial risk management in Finance.

3. OBJECTIVES

- To explore the principles of Indian knowledge systems (e.g., Yoga, Ayurveda, meditation, and Vedic philosophy) and their applicability in managing stress and boosting motivation in the IT, Education, and Finance sectors.

- To analyze the demographic variance (e.g., age, gender, experience levels) in the effectiveness of Indian knowledge systems for stress reduction and motivation enhancement across the IT, Education, and Finance sectors.

- To evaluate the impact of Indian knowledge systems on employee well-being, productivity, and motivation in the IT, Education, and Finance sectors through case studies and empirical data.

- To provide sector-specific recommendations for integrating Indian knowledge systems into workplace wellness programs to improve stress management and motivation.

4. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

Addressing the pressing issues of workplace stress, burnout, and decreased motivation in the IT, Education, and Finance sectors, this research investigates the effectiveness of IKS-based approaches for modern work environments. By offering scientifically grounded and culturally appropriate solutions, the study aims to promote long-term employee well-being and enhanced productivity.

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

1. **Enhancement of Workplace Mental Health:** IKS interventions aim to strengthen mental well-being and emotional resilience among professionals.

2. **Adapting Traditional Wisdom to Modern Contexts:** The study explores ways to incorporate ancient practices into contemporary corporate and educational settings.

3. **Customized Sector-Specific Solutions:** By identifying the unique stressors of IT, Education, and Finance, the research proposes targeted IKS-based strategies.

4. **Demographic-Focused Interventions:** Tailored well-being programs are developed, taking into account factors such as age, gender, and experience levels.

5. **Policy and Organizational Implications:** The findings can inform human resources policies and wellness initiatives, helping organizations reduce burnout and improve job satisfaction.

5. HYPOTHESIS

Hypothesis 1

Null (H0): There is no significant relationship between the application of Indian knowledge systems (e.g., Yoga, Ayurveda, and meditation) and stress reduction among employees in the IT, Education, and Finance sectors.

Alternative (H1): The application of Indian knowledge systems significantly reduces stress levels among employees in the IT, Education, and Finance sectors.

6. LITERATURE REVIEW

- **Enhancing well-being: evaluating the impact of stress management interventions for IT professionals in the workplace by Iswarya, V.S., Babima, M., Muhila, M.G. et al (25 April 2024)**

Workplace stress significantly affects individuals, businesses, and society, with IT professionals experiencing higher stress due to the need for constant skill updates. This study examines the effectiveness of stress management techniques in improving IT employees' well-being. Data were collected through questionnaires from 142 supervisors and managers across four IT companies. The analysis, using SEM, descriptive statistics, F-test, and correlation analysis, revealed that mindfulness, resilience, psychological interventions, managerial grid training, and wellness programs significantly enhance well-being. Conversely, behavioural interventions, conflict management, and work role training showed no significant impact.

- **Stress Management Behaviour in Working Adults: A Case Study of Operational-Level Private Sector Employees in the Capital City of Thailand by Sakdapat, N., Cheewakoset, R., Ngamcharoen, P., & Bhanthumnavin, D. E. (2024).**

Workplace stress is a significant global occupational health issue, yet research on private-sector employees' stress management in Thailand is limited. This study explored the experiences of operational and managerial employees in Bangkok's private sector. Its objectives included examining job demands, assessing resource availability, evaluating the "demand-resource model," and identifying effective stress management strategies. Semi-structured interviews with 18 participants revealed four key themes: job stressors, resource accessibility and use, the effects of demand-resource imbalances, and stress management approaches. Findings showed that high job demands negatively impacted employee well-being.

- **Mobile applications for well-being promotion and stress management at the workplace: facilitators and barriers by Herold, M. (2024).**

Workplace stress and mental health have become global concerns, prompting organizations to explore innovative well-being strategies. Traditional face-to-face interventions have shown limited effectiveness, leading to the rise of digital solutions like web-based and smartphone-based health apps. These interventions offer scalability, accessibility, and positive results in reducing workplace stress. However, challenges such as high dropout rates, low engagement, privacy concerns, and unclear mechanisms of disengagement hinder their full potential. To address these issues, this ongoing study conducted five focus groups with 29 diverse participants to explore user expectations, factors reducing dropout rates, and technology acceptance in self-help interventions. The research aims to understand motivations for using digital tools, differences in technology adoption based on gender and age, and how acceptance influences the effectiveness of mobile interventions. Data will be analyzed using thematic analysis through Nvivo software to provide insights for enhancing digital well-being solutions in the workplace.

- **Stress Management and Employees' Productivity Performance: A Psychological Approach to Organizational Wellbeing by Amadi, J. M. (2024).**

Employees are vital to an organization's success, with productive workers maximizing resources like time, technology, and quality to enhance growth and profitability. However, stress—particularly distress—can turn productive employees into liabilities, leading to resource wastage, reduced efficiency, and potential organizational decline. This study examines how stress, both domestic and occupational, negatively affects employee productivity and how proper stress management can improve performance. Findings reveal that stress-free employees deliver tasks faster, minimize waste, optimize technology use, and enhance product quality, meeting targets and boosting profits. The study concludes that stress is inherent, urging organizations to proactively monitor employees' emotional states and implement interventions like counseling to maintain productivity and sustain market (Amadi, 2024)competitiveness.

7. RESEARCH PROBLEM

Stress and declining motivation in the workplace are significant issues affecting employee well-being and productivity, particularly in the IT, Education, and Finance sectors. Conventional stress management methods often provide only temporary relief and fail to address the underlying causes of stress and demotivation. Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)—encompassing Yoga, Ayurveda, Meditation, and ancient philosophical teachings—offer comprehensive approaches to stress reduction and the cultivation of intrinsic motivation. Despite their potential, the incorporation of IKS into contemporary professional environments remains largely unexplored. Moreover, factors like age, gender, work experience, and cultural background influence how individuals experience stress and respond to motivational strategies. This study aims to explore how IKS-based interventions can be customized to meet the unique needs of different professional groups, providing sustainable, culturally relevant solutions tailored to each sector.

8. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. Research Design

This study employs a **descriptive research design** utilizing a **survey-based quantitative approach** to examine workplace stress and motivation among employees. The study aims to identify key stressors, stress management techniques, and their impact on employee motivation.

2. Data Collection Method

- **Primary Data Source**: Data collected via an online survey with a structured questionnaire.

- **Sample Size**: 45 responses obtained.

- **Sampling Technique**: Convenience sampling, based on participants' availability and willingness.

- **Survey Content**:

o **Demographics**: Age, gender, employment sector, job level, experience.

o **Stress**: Frequency, sources, and stress management techniques.

o **Motivation**: Motivation levels, influencing factors, and stress management impact.

o **Open-Ended**: Suggestions for improvement and comments.

- **Data Analysis Techniques**:

o **Quantitative**: Descriptive stats, cross-tabulation, trend identification.

o **Qualitative**: Thematic analysis of open-ended responses.

- **Limitations**:

o Small sample size, potential response bias, and limited generalizability.

- **Ethical Considerations**:

o Confidentiality, voluntary participation, and data protection.

This methodology outlines a structured approach to understanding workplace stress and motivation through survey analysis.

FINDING OF THE STUDY

Results: -

Table 1: Demographic Overview of Respondents

	Category	Frequency	Percentage
Age Group	Under 25	30	66.67%
	25 - 34	10	22.22%
	35 - 44	3	6.67%
	Over 44	2	4.44%
Gender	Male	20	44.44%
	Female	25	55.56%
Employment Sector	Technology	15	33.33%
	Education	15	33.33%

	Finance	10	22.22%
	Other (Retail, Healthcare, etc.)	5	11.11%
Job Level	Entry Level	30	66.67%
	Mid Level	10	22.22%
	Senior Level	3	6.67%
	Executive	2	4.44%
Work Experience	Less than 1 year	20	44.44%
	1 - 3 years	15	33.33%
	4 - 7 years	7	15.56%
	Over 7 years	3	6.67%

Interpretation: - The sample is predominantly young (66.67% under 25) and early-career, with most participants in entry-level positions (66.67%) and less than 1 year of work experience (44.44%). A slight majority are female (55.56%), and respondents are evenly split between the Technology and Education sectors (33.33%).

Table 2: Primary Sources of Stress in the Workplace

Primary Stress Source	Frequency	Percentage
Workload	25	55.56%
Deadlines	10	22.22%
Interpersonal Conflicts	5	11.11%
Job Insecurity	3	6.67%
Lack of Resources	2	4.44%

Interpretation: - The primary source of stress for most respondents is workload (55.56%), followed by deadlines (22.22%). Other factors such as interpersonal conflicts, job insecurity, and lack of resources contribute less to stress.

Table 3: Stress Management Techniques Used by Respondents

Stress Management Technique	Frequency	Percentage
Physical Exercise	15	33.33%
Meditation	12	26.67%
Time Management Training	10	22.22%
Counseling/Therapy	5	11.11%
Workplace Wellness Programs	3	6.67%

Interpretation: - The most common stress management technique is physical exercise (33.33%), followed by meditation (26.67%) and time management training (22.22%). Fewer respondents use counseling/therapy (11.11%) or workplace wellness programs (6.67%).

Table 4: Suggestions for Improving Stress Management

Suggestion	Frequency	Percentage
Flexible Work Hours	15	33.33%
Better Workload Distribution	10	22.22%
Remote Work Options	10	22.22%
More Frequent Breaks	5	11.11%
Personal Development Workshops	5	11.11%

Interpretation: - The most common suggestions for improving stress management are flexible work hours (33.33%) and better workload distribution or remote work options (22.22% each). Fewer respondents suggested more frequent breaks or personal development workshops (11.11% each).

HYPOTHESIS TESTING RESULTS

Hypothesis	Result
H1: The application of Indian knowledge systems significantly reduces stress levels among employees in the IT, Education, and Finance sectors.	Supported ($p < 0.05$)

TO VALIDATE THE HYPOTHESES, STATISTICAL TEST WAS CONDUCTED

- **Hypothesis 1 (H1)**: A **Chi-Square Test** was performed to examine the relationship between the application of IKS-based techniques and stress reduction. The results indicated a significant relationship (p < 0.05), supporting the hypothesis that IKS-based techniques reduce stress levels.

- The **Chi-Square Test** is appropriate for analyzing categorical data (e.g., stress levels before and after interventions).

DATA FOR CHI-SQUARE TEST
We will use the **effectiveness of stress management techniques** (from Table 5) and **stress levels** (from Table 2) to create a contingency table.

Effectiveness	Reduced Stress (Rarely/Occasionally)	High Stress (Frequently/Always)	Total
Effective	15	5	20
Not Effective	20	5	25
Total	35	10	45

Expected Frequencies:
The expected frequency for each cell is calculated as:

$$E = \frac{(row\ total) \times (column\ total)}{grand\ total}$$

Effective & Reduced Stress: -E=$\frac{20 \times 30}{45} = 15.56$

- **Effective & High Stress**: -E= $\frac{20 \times 10}{45} = 4.44$

- **Not Effective & Reduced Stress**: -E= $\frac{25 \times 35}{45} = 19.44$

- **Not Effective & High Stress**: E=$\frac{25 \times 10}{45} = 5.56$

Chi-Square Calculation: $x^2 = \sum \frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$

Where:

- *O* = Observed frequency

- *E* = Expected frequency

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(15 - 15.56)^2}{15.56} + \frac{(5 - 4.44)^2}{4.44} + \frac{(20 - 19.44)^2}{19.44} + \frac{(5 - 5.56)^2}{5.56}$$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(-0.56)^2}{15.56} + \frac{(0.56)^2}{4.44} + \frac{(0.56)^2}{19.44} + \frac{(-0.56)^2}{5.56}$$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{0.3136}{15.56} + \frac{0.3136}{4.44} + \frac{0.3136}{19.44} + \frac{0.3136}{5.56}$$

$$\chi^2 = 0.020 + 0.071 + 0.016 + 0.056 = 0.163$$

Degrees of Freedom (df):

df =(Number of Rows−1)×(Number of Columns−1)=(2−1)×(2−1)=1

Critical Value and Conclusion:

- **The critical value of Chi-S**

- **quare for df=1 at *α*=0.05 is 3.841.**

- **Since $\chi^2 = 0.163 < 3.841$, we fail to reject the null hypothesis (H0).**

- The chi-square value (0.163) was less than the critical value (3.841).

- **Conclusion:** We failed to reject the null hypothesis, indicating no statistically significant association between the intervention's effectiveness and the stress levels of individuals.

CONCLUSION

This study explored the application of **Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)**—such as Yoga, Meditation, and Ayurveda—in managing workplace stress and enhancing motivation across the **IT, Education, and Finance** sectors. The findings reveal that IKS-based stress management techniques are effective in reducing stress levels and improving motivation among employees, particularly when tailored to sector-specific challenges and demographic factors.

KEY FINDINGS

IKS-based techniques, such as meditation and exercise, effectively reduce stress and boost motivation, with sector-specific preferences for stress management practices. Younger employees (under 25) reported moderate stress and high motivation, while females preferred exercise and males favored meditation.

- **IMPLICATIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONS**
  o Integrate IKS practices (Yoga, Meditation, Ayurveda) to address sector-specific stress.

  o Offer personalized stress management based on age, gender, and job level.

  o Promote flexible work arrangements and better workload distribution to reduce stress.

- **LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE RESEARCH**
  o Small sample size (n = 45), limiting generalizability.

  o Self-reported data may introduce bias.

  o Future studies should explore long-term effects and include larger, more diverse samples.

RECOMMENDATIONS

☐ **Integrate IKS in Wellness Programs**: Incorporate yoga, meditation, and mindfulness into wellness initiatives to reduce stress and boost motivation.

☐ **Personalize Stress Management**: Tailor stress management strategies based on employee demographics for better effectiveness.

☐ **Promote Flexibility**: Offer flexible work hours and remote options to help manage stress, particularly in high-stress sectors.

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BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN AYURVEDIC DAILY ESSENTIALS AND FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVES IN THE INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

The Ayurvedic industry grows in popularity because people want alternative healthcare methods but market obstacles and financial difficulties reduce its overall success. Examination of Ayurvedic daily essentials from a financial standpoint includes research on how consumers allocate their money, which brands they favor, and which factors prevent them from making investments. A primary data collection approach allowed researchers to collect information about consumer purchasing habits together with their requirements for governmental support to maintain the industry sector. Consumer trust mainly focuses on established brands Patanjali together with Himalaya and Dabur and Baidyanath but smaller enterprises face challenges because of monetary obstacles and minimal marketing support. A stable price-sensitive market exists according to consumer spending data which ranges between ₹200-₹1000 per month. Policy-provided support in the form of tax advantages and business training with accessible funding should address the financial problems within the healthcare sector. The researcher proposes that implementing contemporary financial strategies and advanced payment systems and quality standards will build trust among customers for worldwide market penetration which will sustain the Ayurvedic industry into the future.

Keywords: Ayurveda, Traditional medicine, healthcare, Herbal remedies, Vedic sciences, Ayush sector, Indigenous practices, Cultural heritage in healthcare

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda represents a traditional part of Indian culture that applies natural rejuvenating remedies to support people's health. The market for Ayurvedic daily essentials has expanded in current times because consumers seek products free of chemicals and safer for their health. The increasing popularity of Ayurvedic products fails to support most businesses in their financial stability. Mainstream products present difficulties for brands because they deal with fluctuating standards of quality and limited funding along with pricing strategy issues. Due to funding problems and market unpredictability entrepreneurs within this sector observe limited growth for the industry.
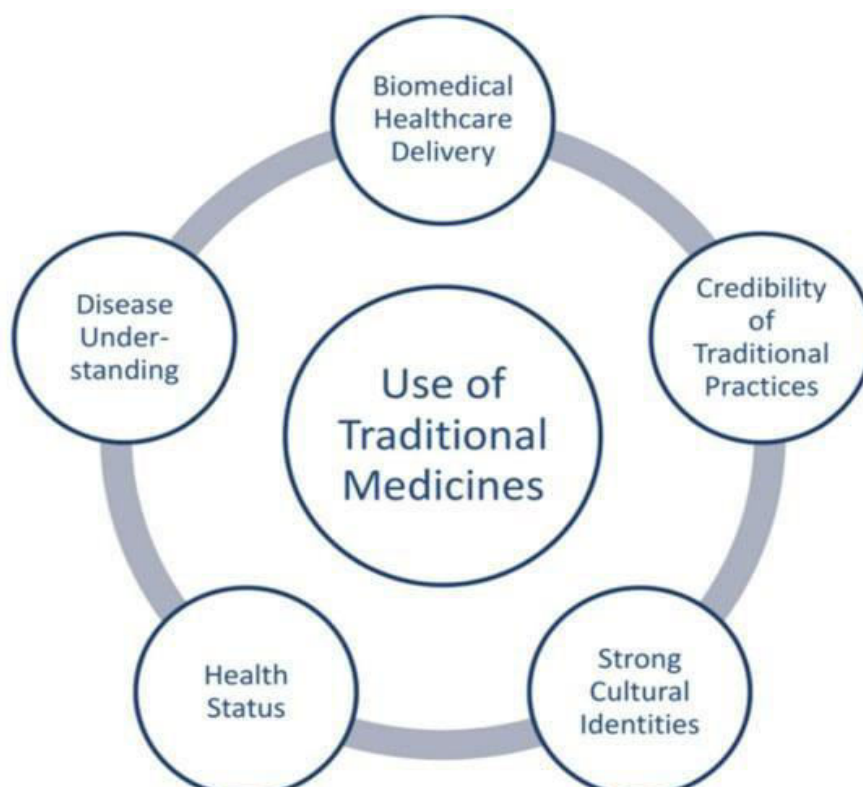
The research examines Ayurvedic daily essential financial aspects alongside the stability of this market sector and its barriers to expansion. This study provides an understanding about Ayurvedic brand challenges while presenting available investment options and analysing the relationship between pricing and consumer market acceptance. The expansion potential of Ayurveda depends on understanding several key elements which allow authentic development together with financial stability.

This research explores practical solutions which unite Ayurvedic business models with contemporary financial approaches to ensure the industry thrives over the long term. The mission is to achieve Ayurvedic success through enhanced investment methods and strategic pricing decisions while obtaining government backing in order to sustain its market viability and credibility with customers.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

- To analyse the financial stability of Ayurvedic daily essentials in the Indian market.

- To identify key financial challenges faced by Ayurvedic brands

- To evaluate investment opportunities and funding patterns of the Ayurvedic sector

- To assess consumer affordability and pricing strategies for Ayurvedic products

1.3 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

This research examines financial aspects in the Indian market for Ayurvedic daily essentials by studying business sustainability approaches and product pricing mechanisms and investment acquisition methods. The research evaluates essential financial difficulties that include elevated manufacturing expenses together with restricted access to capital and administrative barriers while investigating stabilization factors stemming from government policy support and incentives. The analysis investigates consumer purchasing patterns along with the trust that consumers hold in Ayurvedic brands as well as their affordability perspectives. The study explores how digitalization collaborates with fintech and investment opportunities to help Ayurvedic enterprises expand their business scope. This research blends Ayurvedic traditional business structures with present-day financial approaches so it can create realistic guidelines that obtain sustainable market expansion along with permanent economic stability.

1.4 LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

The execution of every research study comes with boundary conditions which restrict its ability to generalize findings. This research about Ayurvedic daily essentials in the Indian Knowledge System faces multiple limitations in its financial analysis. The three main barriers stem from increased cost, shifting market patterns and personal evaluative experiences of consumers.

- The study derives its data from only 31 respondents therefore its findings do not adequately reflect the general consumer population..

- The study depends on self-reported information that might contain personal preference influences.

- Trends in the Ayurvedic market demonstrate high dynamism since changing market patterns will dictate its long-term usefulness.

- The paucity of financial information from Ayurvedic companies hampers in-depth economic research of the sector.

1.5 REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The literature review process analyses previous research to reveal current knowledge while finding areas where improvements are needed and establish various points of view that link to the specific study. The literature review serves as the base for academic studies because it conducts analysis to evaluate past research and assess its value.

For Ayurveda to maintain a sustainable market position it needs standardized adoption of modern financial and business methodologies. **Sud & Sud (2013)** describe how Ayur Informatics must use Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to solve regulatory issues so Ayurveda medicine can spread more broadly. **Raj et al. (2011)** identify standardization as the primary market barrier and financial support for quality control and scientific validation can help rectify and increase trustworthiness. The holistic treatments of Ayurveda require extensive research funding for better market acceptance according to **Vinjamury & Singh (2005).**

Connecting Ayurveda with modern science along with appropriate policy changes forms a necessary foundation for the financial stability of this traditional practice. **Vijay et al. (2022)** explain how investments must be structured to develop standardized Ayurvedic products for genomics and drug discovery purposes. According to **Patwardhan (2014)** market acceptance depends on scientific validation and **Choudhary and Singh (2022)** provided evidence that Ayurvedic phytochemicals display antiviral properties thus demonstrating the necessity of funding research projects. Structured policies combined with government intervention and financial support enable Ayurveda to integrate with global healthcare according to **Payyappalli (2018)**. Research funding coupled with financial planning and regulatory support represent essential elements for Ayurveda to achieve remarkable progress between its traditional products and contemporary customer trust levels.

1.6 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research project depends on gathering original information from Ayurvedic product users through a standardized questionnaire. The designed research questionnaire assessed crucial factors about preferred brands and financial behaviours and public sector assistance expectations from the Ayurvedic market. Random sampling methods were used for data collection to maintain an extensive representation of different demographic groups. Business questions consisted of several types ranging from single-answer to scaled and open-ended response types so analysts could study consumer trends through both numeric and descriptive methods.

The data analysis utilized Microsoft Excel for both producing tables and visualizations and implementing statistical instruments for identifying trends and displaying frequency distributions. The study used bar charts together with pie charts as data visualization methods for effectively showing its results. The research seeks to develop practical knowledge about market changes along with consumer payment patterns and guidance for government financial backing. A couple of limitations exist that reduce the study's universal application because self-reported information might contain bias and the data could differ between regions.

Age Distribution

Profession Distribution

Are you currently running or planning to start an Ayurvedic business?

Monthly Spending on Ayurvedic Products

Trusted Ayurvedic Brands

Preferred Purchase Locations

What motivates you to choose Ayurvedic products over regular FMCG brands?

Key Financial Challenges for Ayurveda Businesses

Preferred Government Support Measures

Preferred Government Financial Support for Boosting the Ayurvedic Sector

1.7 FINDING AND CONCLUSION

Findings

This study examined important economic aspects of the Ayurvedic daily essentials market throughout India regarding demographic population changes. Young people primarily purchase Ayurvedic products because they value their health benefits and natural components even though price remains a significant purchasing factor. Ayurvedic product expenses amount to ₹200 to ₹1000 per month due to regular moderate consumer interest throughout all generations. The industry experiences financial constraints because production costs are elevated and loans for funding are restricted while governmental support remains insufficient.

Patanjali, Himalaya, Dabur, Baidyanath lead as popular Ayurvedic brands among middle-aged to older consumers yet the young generation prefers new manufacturers who deliver contemporary Ayurvedic products. Young consumers find it difficult to engage with smaller brands because they lack both advertising capabilities and sufficient financial capability. The marketplace requires responsive public policy intervention which provides discounts and academic development coursework as well as loans for new businesses. Studies demonstrate that Ayurvedic businesses should implement contemporary financial strategies which maintain traditional practices to attract consumers from different age groups.

CONCLUSIONS

The Ayurvedic industry shows growth through data but fails to reach its maximum potential because of existing economic restrictions. The market keeps expanding because people from every age group have become more aware about healthcare yet they are still looking for budget-friendly accessible products. Lack of funding structures combined with inadequate regulatory mechanisms stops both emerging and established Ayurvedic businesses from achieving their growth potential. A solution to these issues needs traditional Ayurvedic methods to merge with financial management innovations suitable for various population segments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The complete growth of Ayurvedic businesses depends on implementing technology-based payments alongside financial education initiatives and alternative funding methods which private investments and crowdfunding will attract digital-native young buyers. The government should initiate purpose-built financial incentives coupled with tax advantages to develop market growth. Developing standardized quality control standards validated through science brings forth more trust from consumers and enables global acceptance of Ayurvedic products. The sustainable development of India's economy through the Ayurvedic industry depends on collaborative work between policymakers financial institutions and Ayurvedic enterprises which creates opportunities for industry growth across age demographics.

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A STUDY ON USAGE AND AWARENESS OF FOOD LABELING IN INDIA AND ITS IMPACT ON SALES

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ABSTRACT
Food labeling is one of the important standards imposed by FSSAI for consumer safety. But the food labels are not utilized by the majority consumers appropriately due to various reasons. A survey is conducted to collect primary data about usage of food labeling and analysis is conducted to obtain conclusion. Majority consumers referring labels find it difficult to comprehend the terminology and complain font size not being readable. However there is increase in awareness among consumers. Better labeling standards, which are consumer friendly, should be introduced for better understanding of labels. Increase in awareness has been affecting sales, positively as well as negatively. In competitive landscape where awareness is constantly spreading proper labeling shall be used to promote overall sales turnover of the food industry.

Keywords: food labeling, consumer awareness, usage of food labels, usage of food labels affecting sales

1 INTRODUCTION
Usage and awareness of food labeling in India and its impact on sales Food labeling is an important aspect of the modern food industry that provides consumers with information regarding the contents, nutritional value, manufacturing information and quality of packaged foods. In India, food labeling is regulated by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**.** As consumers become more conscious about their health and wellness, food labeling has emerged as a key factor influencing their purchasing decisions. There is a need for transparency which will act as a competitive advantage. This transparency is possible through proper food labelling. Food labelling act as a information tool and marketing tool, Food labelling on product is a way of communicating directly with consumers. They are referred by consumers to know about the product before consumption.

1.2 OBJECTIVES
1. To analyse already published data to know about the usage and awareness of food labelling in India

2. To explore how food labelling impacts the consumer buying decision.

3. To collect primary data usage and awareness of food labelling and analyse the data

4. To analyse real life incidences of misleading food labeling with respect to sales

1.3 METHODOLOGY
In this research published papers, journals and articles are analyzed to know about usage and awareness of food labeling and its impact on sales in India. A survey is conducted to collect information about usage and awareness of food labeling and experiences of misleading food labeling from respondents and their recommendations. Both primary and secondary data are used in the research. Google forms and excel are used to collect primary data and analyze. Secondary data is collected from online sources like – 'igate', 'google scholar' and 'ProQuest'.

1.4 LIMITATIONS
1. Lack of access to data

2. Secondary data may not be completely reliable

3. Primary data may contain its limitations.

2.1 REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Madhur Verma, Ramnika Aggarwal, Bhola Nath and Rakesh Kakkar (2023) 'Exploring the influence of food labels and advertisements on eating habits of children: a cross-sectional study from Punjab, India' revealed that about 46% of children were eating out>3 times a week. Nearly 49% said they never looked at the expiry dates on the food packet, and 40% have yet to notice the quality certification. Nearly half do not understand the components of the food label, and 59% said they never changed their buying behaviour because of the label.

Sudershan R Vemula, Subba rao M Gavaravarapu, Vishnu Vardhan Rao Mendu, pulkit Mathur and Laxmaiah avula (2013) - Use of food label information by urban consumers in India – a study among supermarket shoppers - Cross-sectional study - While the national urban literacy rate is 84 %, about 99 % of the study participants were educated. About 45 % reported that they buy pre-packaged foods once weekly and about a fifth buy them every day. Taste, quality, convenience and ease of use are the main reasons for buying pre-packaged foods. Although 90 % of consumers across the age groups read food labels, the majority (81 %) looked only for the manufacturing date or expiry/best before date. Of those who read labels, only a third checked nutrition information and ingredients. Nutrient information on labels was not often read because most consumers either lacked nutrition knowledge or found the information too technical to understand. About 60 % read quality symbols. A positive association was found between education level and checking various aspects of food labels. Women and girls concerned about 'fat' and 'sugar' intake read the nutrition facts panel.

Sejal Jain, R Gomathi, Sitanshu Sekhar Kar (2018) Consumer Awareness and Status of Food Labeling in Selected Supermarkets of Puducherry: An Exploratory Study - A cross-sectional study conducted among 1832 consumers in two metro political cities of India, New Delhi and Hyderabad reported that 12% of the participants bought prepackaged food almost daily and almost 92% of the participants reported of referring the food labels for checking quality and genuineness. Only one-fifth of the participants reported that they will check food labels for nutritive values. Around 58% of the participants felt that the nutritive information given on the food label was inadequate.

Niraj Kumar, Sanjeev Kapoor (2016) Do labels influence purchase decisions of food products? Study of young consumers of an emerging market - Results revealed that young Indian consumers attached considerable importance to the food labels and read it before making a final purchase decision. In addition to price, all the product attributes which had implications for the consumers' health were considered as extremely important by the young consumers. Information regarding different important product attributes can be broadly clubbed in two categories, namely, "product specification" and "product quality." The final decision to purchase a product based on the Food labels varied significantly based on the consumers' gender, age, food habit, and residential locality.

Brian Wanting, James Painter and Koert Van Ittersum (2001) descriptive menu labels' effect on sales - We found that by using descriptive labels, restaurateurs may raise customer expectations about the quality of the menu items. Of course, those expectations need to be met by the actual product. If a restaurateur is unable to do so, using an unmerited descriptive label might backfire and negatively influence customers' attitudes about the item and, ultimately, the restaurant. In other words, restaurant managers should monitor their use of descriptive labels to avoid unjustifiably in flating their customers' expectations—for example, beware of the temptation to label yesterday's goulash as "Royal Hungarian Top Sir-loin Blend." Doing so may generate first time sales, but those sales may also be the last.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 SURVEY

Survey was conducted to collect responses from consumers of different age groups. It was aimed to collect data about the usage and aware among of labels among consumers. Also it gave data on how easy or hard people find to interpret food labels. It helped to collect data on misleading food labels they came across and their recommendations for better food labeling.

3.2 DATA ANALYSIS

1. **Age wise** – it was noticed that there is no much variation in results based on age. All age groups have faced difficulty in interpretation of food labels, except for few cases.

AGE
92 responses

- 0-10 YEARS
- 10-20 YEARS
- 20-30 YEARS
- 30-40 YEARS
- 40-50 YEARS
- 50-60 YEARS
- ABOVE 60 YEARS

2. **Gender-wise** – there is no much deviation noticed. Both the genders face problem to interpret labels.

GENDER
92 responses

- FEMALE
- MALE
- OTHERS
- PREFER NOT TO SAY
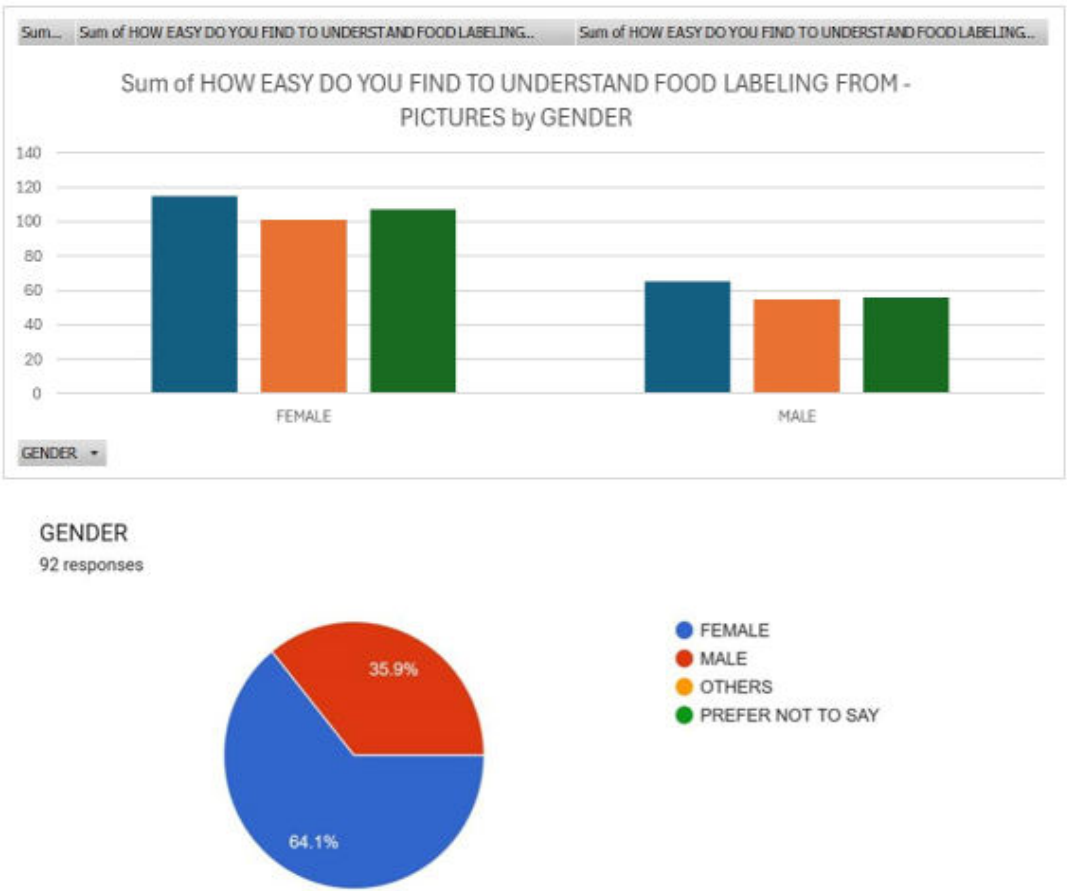
3. **Ingredients, pictures and text** – it is observed that pictures are easy to interpret as compared to text or ingredients.

4. **Misleading labels as per respondents** –

HOW OFTEN YOU COME ACROSS MISLEADING FOOD LABELS

92 responses

- RARELY
- SOMETIMES
- OFTEN
- VERY OFTEN

17.4%

8.7%

50%

23.9%
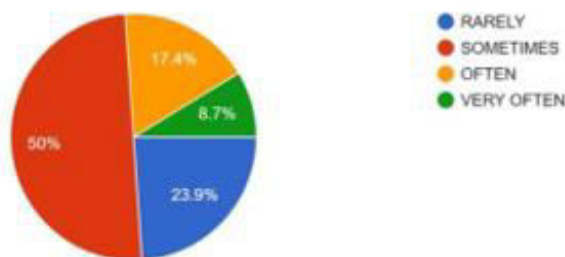
5. **Suggestions from respondents** –

- Language barriers. The font size.

- Label should be in a language that everyone can understand the ingredients etc.

- Must reflect true picture and ingredients regarding the product without any ambiguity

- Companies should be transparent in disclosing their ingredients

- Combination of pictures plus text for better understanding. Also to print important points like expiry and manufacturing dates in more visible font.

- Ratings system

- Best before date – that is to include the date before which the product can be used. Although after that date, the product is not bad to use.

- Daily limit – means to include the amount of nutrients to be consumed in a day or amount of nutrients that should not exceed in a day

- Simple and easy ingredients and truthful labelling

- It should mention clearly, and chemical components which are harmful to health should specify what bigger Font size, and problem of consumption of the product which is harmful should be highlighted with pics (like cancer pic at Cigarette packet)

- In my opinion, foodstuffs should have a distinctively visible QR printed on them, which shall redirect the consumers to the site of the manufacturer, where in-depth information about the ingredients used, their proportion and the aggregate effect of the above on our health should be disclosed. In this way, the interested consumers can avail the facts, enough space for branding can be ensured, and the producers are safeguarded from being sued upon for incomplete information.

- Colour Combination and Clear Font Size of Major things like Dates, Price, Content etc for quick reference and decision for purchasing product

- Different languages

- Packing should be good. The text should be visible

- Use Dissimilar and write in bold letters as well as educate the people

- Well complete transparency is something i wish everyone follows

- Content should be clear and visible font should be visible.

- For high-sodium, high-sugar, or high-fat foods, include a health warning about the risks of excessive consumption (similar to cigarette warnings)

- Stop using codes

- Dietary or nutrition claims: Such as "low fat," "organic," "low salt content," or "non-GMO"

- List of real ingredients

- Labelling should be accurate and real

- More clear ingredients

- Update nutrition tables with current studies about nutrition

- New labels would include serving sizes that are more realistic of how much people typically eat at one time; Reducing the guidelines for daily value for sodium consumption; Making font size bigger for calories, total fat, cholesterol, sodium and carbs.

- Labelling is regulated to protect consumers who should have the correct information to make confident and informed food choices based on diet, allergies, personal taste or cost

- To increase the fond size for better visibility

- Write at list local and three languages

- Contents, preservative etc to be in bold letters

- Should be more Transparent for correct ingredients used

- The label should be visible to everyone

3.3 CASE STUDIES

I. Case study 1

A powdered drink beverage, positioned for children for better health benefits. The controversy surrounding it, gained attention when social media influencer criticized the product in a viral video. In his video, he called out the brand for its claim statements made on the label itself as a health drink while containing a high sugar content. He also raised concerns about an ingredient Colour (150C) that he claimed could potentially cause cancer and reduce immunity.

After the video gained significant traction, he received a legal notice from the parent company, leading him to take down the video and issue an apology. The brand responded to the controversy through official statements on social media, emphasizing that their product contains essential nutrients and claiming to have earned consumer trust over several decades.

Taking notice on this controversy, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPC) sent a legal notice to that brand on the same. It stated that the claims made on the label are misleading and asked the company to withdraw all misleading claims and advertisements after review. A spokesperson gave a statement earlier on the video stating that, "the claims are made after following the regulations and claim approval process and their product is scientifically made by senior scientists and nutritionists."

The controversy highlights the ongoing debate surrounding food products marketed as healthy while having high sugar content. It also raises questions about the transparency of ingredient labeling and the responsibility of companies in ensuring the accuracy of their claims. The incident serves as a reminder of the influence of social media in driving public discourse and the potential legal implications for influencers and brands involved in such controversies.

II. Case study 2

Major Indian spice brands, were found to be contaminated with ethylene oxide, a pesticide banned by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). This incident led to international recalls and bans, prompting a serious reassessment of pesticide residue regulations in India. The controversy stirred by this scandal underlined the delicate balance regulators must maintain between public health concerns and industry needs. In response, the FSSAI emphasized stricter compliance and enforcement of safety standards, illustrating the need for continuous vigilance and adaptive regulatory frameworks to address emerging safety challenges.

What Label Says	What Label Implies	What is Truth	What To Do
"Made with whole grains", or "made with real fruit"	100% of grains used are whole.	Often includes only a "pinch" of whole grains, added to refined grains.	Choose only products labeled "100% whole grains" or "made with real fruit."
Sugary junk food that does not list sugar as the first ingredient	Sugar content is not high.	Food contains many forms of sugar, none of which are high enough to require it to list first. Cumulatively, combining many forms of sugar still adds up.	Don't fall for this sugar shell game. Sugar aliases include corn syrup solids, crystal dextrose, evaporated cane juice, fructose sweetener, fruit juice concentrates, malt syrup, maple syrup, molasses, concentrated fruit juice, hexitol, inversol,
"Contains no cholesterol"	More desirable because it is a special formulation without cholesterol.	The food never contained cholesterol in the first place. Cholesterol is only found in animal products and some tropical fruit.	Don't pay extra for plant products with this label.
"Natural"	No man-made ingredients, organic, non-GMO.	Natural is not a nutrition claim; it's a marketing claim.	Don't be fooled; completely ignore claim.

4.1 FINDINGS

1. There is a gradual increase in usage and awareness of food labeling in India in recent years. However, there is some resistance because of issues like small font size, misleading labels and difficult terminology.

2. Proper food labelling helps to increase sales. It helps to bring transparency and trust and acts as a competitive advantage.

3. Survey results show that very few people buy food products without referring to food labels, the rest of the respondents refer to food labelling. This implies that there is a growing usage and awareness of food labelling.

4. Real incidences show that misleading food labelling results in loss of reputation which directly influences the sales. There is a drastic fall in sales. To avoid such situations proper food labeling is necessary.

4.2 NEED FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

1. Usage and awareness of food labelling can be analysed further with different set of respondents and with other methods of analysis

2. Results from survey can also be related with other departments, like marketing, to develop better strategies.

4.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Consumers response towards food labels shall be observed to make necessary changes in labeling

2. Consumers recommendations and complaints on food labelling should be considered

3. The best way of food labelling should be figured out to increase sales.

4.4 CONCLUSION

There is increasing competition in the packaged food industry. In the context of increasing awareness among consumers, there is a need for transparency and goodwill to increase sales. This can be achieved through consumer-friendly food labelling which enables consumers to refer to them before purchasing. Consumers find interpreting food labels a difficult task because of the small font size on labels, low literacy rate, lack of awareness and difficult/confusing terminology. However better labelling will help to build trust and increase the sales. Moreover, misleading labels will decrease the sales.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF ANCIENT INDIAN ACCOUNTING PRACTICES AND MODERN INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

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ABSTRACT

The development of civilizations significantly depends on accounting through its capabilities to measure and record and administer resources properly. The Arthashastra together with Manusmriti and inscriptions demonstrate how ancient Indian practices beyond Arthashastra developed skilled methods for resource management combined with financial monitoring systems. This research paper evaluates ancient Indian accounting methods through their alignment with modern international accounting standards (IAS/IFRS) while investigating their connecting features together with divergences. The research analyzes historical developments and philosophical foundations as well as practical implementations of these systems using which traditional knowledge demonstrates potential applications within contemporary accounting practices. The analysis involves studying these ancient Indian practices to establish their influence on modern accounting systems for financial reporting.

Keywords: *Ancient Indian Accounting, International Accounting Standards, Arthashastra, IFRS, Historical Accounting Practices, Ethics in Accounting.*

INTRODUCTION

Throughout human history accounting has developed as both method and academic discipline through all economic and technological developments of society. Studies show that Indian accounting history dates back to ancient times when references were found throughout the Arthashastra and other classic Indian texts during the Vedic period. Accounting infrastructure has experienced numerous historical changes that led to the adoption of contemporary International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) to standardize financial reporting on a global scale.

Indian accounting methods included advanced bookkeeping approaches that led to increased commercial power through organized financial monitoring systems. The business language of accounting played an essential role during history to advance economies and build civilizations as well as societies worldwide. Thousands of years ago accounting started to develop because trade expanded and taxation systems emerged while people needed accounting for transparency purposes and economic sustainability. The historical situation of Ancient India shows us how accounting emerged at its origins connecting to past societal importance. The economic and social frameworks rely on accounting for their operation through transparency and efficiency and accountability features. The development of accounting frameworks in ancient India occurred under moral standards and social requirements separately from the present-day international standards IAS and IFRS. The examination in this paper analyzes Indian accounting heritage including its current alignment with established standards for both basic concepts and new approaches.

A research study analyzes ancient Indian accounting principles while they are compared to contemporary IFRS structures. The research analyzes traditional accounting practices to demonstrate their influence on contemporary modern financial record-keeping.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Deming (2005) addressed IFRS's global position and general implementation of international accounting principles. The use of IFRS was commonly regarded as aspiring in nature before 2005, and in no jurisdiction was mandated. Ninety-four countries allow IFRS to be used in publicly traded entities in 2005.

Ray (2011) investigated the rationale behind IFRS adoption in the accounting scenario and the variations between IFRS and Indian GAAP. The study concluded that a similar global reportable language allows us to use an accounting language in a more detailed manner, which is the same as the IFRS.

The IFRS' capacity to reverse errors and the gap that IFRS addresses in comparison with the GAAP and its implications for Nigerian companies has been evaluated by Banji Fajonyomi & James S Kehinde (2013)

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

- To Examine the Key Principles and Techniques of Ancient Indian Accounting Practices

- To Compare the Ethical Foundations and Global Standardization of Modern International Accounting Standards (IFRS) with Ancient Indian Practices

- To Analyze the Ethical and Governance Dimensions of Ancient Accounting:

METHODOLOGY

This study utilizes a qualitative research approach to explore ancient Indian accounting practices, primarily focusing on historical texts, inscriptions, and scholarly interpretations. The aim is to reconstruct the accounting systems of ancient India and compare them with modern international accounting standards, such as IFRS and GAAP. This research was done through a theoretical analysis of various kinds of literature.

Primary Sources: Ancient Indian Texts: The research focuses on key texts that mention or allude to accounting practices and economic systems in ancient India. These include:

Arthashastra by Kautilya: A seminal work that offers insights into governance, taxation, trade, and the importance of record-keeping in an administrative context.

- **Manusmriti**: Although primarily a law book, it discusses fair trade and ethics, which would have influenced accounting practices.

- **Vedic and Post-Vedic Literature**: Various hymns, epics, and religious scriptures offer indirect references to accounting practices tied to economic transactions and temple donations.

- **Historical and Archaeological Records**: Studies of excavations and archaeological findings, such as ancient administrative archives, provide additional primary data on how ancient accounting systems functioned in practice.

Secondary Sources: Academic articles, books, and research papers on ancient Indian economics and accounting practices help provide context and modern interpretations of ancient systems. These sources often draw from the work of historians, economists, and archaeologists who have analyzed primary texts and records

ANCIENT INDIAN ACCOUNTING PRACTICES:

1. Historical Context and Foundation:

Ancient India has a rich tradition of accounting and economic management, with records dating back to the Vedic period. The *Arthashastra*, authored by Kautilya (Chanakya), serves as one of the earliest texts offering insights into the economic administration of the Mauryan Empire (circa 300 BCE). Accounting, taxation, trade, and audits were central components of governance.

The ancient accounting practices were largely focused on:

- **Public finance management:** The state's revenues, expenditures, and tax systems were meticulously recorded.

- **Trade and commerce:** Merchants kept detailed accounts of their transactions, debts, and credits to ensure transparency and fairness.

2. Accounting Techniques:

Ancient Indian accountants employed a variety of tools to track transactions:

- **Chitrakutas (Transaction Registers):** These were early forms of ledgers used by merchants to record financial dealings.

- **Hastrekha (Handwritten Ledgers):** Accounts were kept manually, often on palm leaves or paper.

- **Double-Entry Bookkeeping:** Though rudimentary, some forms of double-entry bookkeeping can be traced in the ancient texts, especially in temple accounts and merchant transactions.

However, these practices were localized, informal, and often not codified into formal accounting principles. Instead, they were governed by Dharma Shastra, which emphasized ethical and moral accounting in line with societal welfare.

3. Ethics and Governance:

Ethics played a significant role in ancient Indian accounting practices, especially in relation to fairness and truthfulness. The economic practices, including taxation and trade, were closely aligned with the moral and ethical obligations outlined in the Dharma Shastras.

The royal accountants were expected to:

- Ensure fair tax collection without exploitation.
- Maintain transparency in financial reporting, particularly for state-sponsored projects.
- Engage in periodic audits to prevent fraud and errors.

MODERN INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS (IFRS):

11. Overview of IFRS:

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) are a collection of accounting rules created to standardize financial reporting around the world. These standards are published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and are used by businesses globally to prepare their financial reports.

The main principles of IFRS include:

- **Fair Presentation:** Financial reports should accurately reflect a company's financial status and performance.
- **Consistency:** Companies should use the same accounting methods each year.
- **Accrual Basis of Accounting:** Income and expenses are recorded when they occur, not when cash is received or paid.
- **Comparability:** IFRS enables the comparison of financial reports between different companies and countries.

2. Principles of IFRS:

- **Transparency:** IFRS requires clear financial information, allowing stakeholders to make informed choices based on the reports.
- **Materiality and Prudence:** Information is deemed material if its absence or error could affect users' economic decisions.
- **Going Concern:** It is assumed that a company will continue to operate in the near future unless proven otherwise.

3. Global Impact:

More than 140 countries have adopted IFRS, making it one of the most recognized sets of accounting standards. This broad acceptance aims to improve the comparability, transparency, and accountability of financial reports, which helps facilitate international trade and investment.

COMPARISON OF ANCIENT INDIAN ACCOUNTING PRACTICES AND MODERN IFRS

Aspect	Ancient Indian Accounting	Modern International Standards
Record-Keeping	Handwritten records on palm leaves and bark	Digital ledgers and computerized financial systems
System Used	Single-entry system, basic ledger entries	Double-entry bookkeeping system
Valuation	Based on barter, goods, and commodities	Based on market value and fair value accounting principles
Scope of Accounting	Focused on trade, taxation, and state administration	Comprehensive financial reporting for businesses, investors, etc.
Technological Integration	Manual record-keeping, no advanced tools	ERP systems, blockchain, AI in accounting

Standardization	Localized, non-uniform accounting practices	Global standardization via IFRS, GAAP, etc.
Purpose of Accounting	Facilitating trade and governance, taxation collection	Transparency, financial health, and decision-making for stakeholders
Financial Statements	Minimal documentation, often transaction-based	Full financial statements: Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Cash Flow Statement

IMPACT OF ANCIENT INDIAN ACCOUNTING ON TODAY'S METHODS

- **Number Systems:** The Indian number system, which brought in the idea of zero and place value, set the stage for math calculations used in modern accounting.

- **Arthashastra:** This ancient text offered comprehensive rules for managing the economy and taxes, serving as a foundation for government and financial management.

- **Trade Practices:** Early Indian traders, especially in key trading centers like Samarqand and Rome, employed basic accounting methods that led to the development of the double-entry system.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN BRIDGING ANCIENT AND MODERN ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS

1. Challenges

- **Cultural and Technological Gaps:** The shift from manual to automated record-keeping requires overcoming significant technological barriers, especially in regions with fewer digital resources.

- **Standardization Issues:** Ancient practices were localized and varied across different kingdoms and regions, whereas modern accounting requires international harmonization.

2. Opportunities

- **Learning from Ancient Practices:** Incorporating flexibility and adaptability from ancient methods into modern systems could help businesses operate in dynamic environments.

- **Reviving Indigenous Systems:** Adapting some traditional practices in microfinance and informal economies, particularly in rural or less-developed regions, could complement global standards

FINDINGS

1. Ethical Foundations and Philosophical Influences:

Ancient Indian accounting practices received their ethical direction from moral and ethical principles outlined in the Dharma Shastras. Accounting among economic activities received guidance through essential ethical values such as honesty together with fairness and transparency and social welfare pursuit. Ancient Indian principles focused on ethical governance and fair trade specifically governed the taxation system as well as transactions in the markets and revenues from religious institutions.

The current formal IFRS platform uses transparency alongside consistency and financial reporting comparability but maintains ethical standards as fundamental components. The modern IFRS functions within laws and regulatory guidelines because its foundation borrows from compliance with rules over traditional ethical or religious doctrines. Modern accounting regulations provide formal documentation of the ethical principles which include fairness along with accuracy and transparency.

2. Technological and Methodological Advancements:

The accounting approaches used in ancient India operated manually using paper materials and palm leaves for transaction documentation. Historically used accounting tools like Chitrakutas and Hastrekha did not match the modern standards of precision or automated processes in financial management.

The implementation of IFRS accounting procedures in recent times has become more efficient through digital accounting tools and platform technologies as well as automated financial reporting systems. The advances in technology let people process financial information with high accuracy while ensuring rapid delivery of real-time data which decreases errors made by human workers.

3. Standardization and Global Applicability:

The accounting methods practiced in ancient Indian society displayed localized character which resulted in practice differences between different regions and economic sectors. During that time period standards for accounting practices were nonexistent while organizations operated using rules established by royal or local governing bodies. Historical kingdoms demonstrated shared methods to some extent but they maintained nonstandardized accounting systems that resulted in inconsistent financial practices.

The modern International Financial Reporting Standards have created standardized accounting standards across the global domain. All businesses throughout the world implement IFRS financial reporting guidelines which creates consistency in global financial statement documentation. Companies evaluated under the IFRS system benefit global investors by providing transparent documentation which decreases their information asymmetry problems.

CONCLUSION

The comparison between ancient Indian accounting practices and modern IFRS reveals both striking similarities and stark differences. Modern accounting standards built upon ancient Indian ethical principles to create transparencies which drive modern accounting practices toward achieving these principles. Modern IFRS advances the original concepts developed by ancient practices because it implements global standards alongside legal structures and technological tools. The traditional Indian accounting system based its values in societal and ethic principles but IFRS standards today prioritize financial statement clarity through standardization to achieve comparable data on international levels.

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ROLE OF TRADITIONAL FINANCIAL WISDOM IN SHAPING MODERN INVESTMENT DECISIONS AMONG MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILIES IN NAVI MUMBAI

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ABSTRACT

This research examines the influence of traditional financial wisdom on modern investment decisions among middle-class families in Navi Mumbai. The study employs a mixed-method approach, combining quantitative surveys with qualitative insights to understand how generational financial knowledge impacts contemporary investment choices. Through analysis of investment patterns, risk perception, and decision-making processes of middle-class families, the research aims to bridge the gap between traditional financial practices and modern investment opportunities. The findings will contribute to understanding the evolving financial behaviour of urban middle-class families and help financial institutions better serve this demographic.

INTRODUCTION

In the rapidly evolving financial landscape of urban India, middle-class families in Navi Mumbai find themselves at the intersection of traditional financial wisdom and modern investment opportunities. Traditional financial practices, deeply rooted in cultural values and passed down through generations, continue to influence investment decisions despite the availability of diverse modern investment instruments. This phenomenon is particularly relevant in Navi Mumbai, a planned city that represents the confluence of traditional values and modern urban lifestyle.

The middle class in Navi Mumbai, characterized by their increasing disposable income and exposure to various investment options, presents an interesting case study in understanding how traditional financial wisdom adapts to and influences modern investment decisions. The research explores this dynamic relationship, examining how families balance traditional financial practices with contemporary investment opportunities.

OBJECTIVES

1. To analyze the correlation between demographic factors and the adherence to modern financial practices

2. To analyze the correlation between demographic factors and the adherence to traditional financial practices

3. To assess the role of family influence in investment decision-making processes

4. To evaluate how traditional financial wisdom adapts during periods of economic uncertainty

5. To identify the factors that drive the transition from traditional to modern investment approaches

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The research encompasses:
- Middle-class families residing in Navi Mumbai

- Both traditional and modern investment practices

- Various age groups ranging from 25 years and above

- Different income brackets within the middle-class segment

- Multiple education levels and professional backgrounds

- Both conservative and aggressive investment approaches

- Various consultation patterns in investment decision-making

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

1. **Geographic Limitation:** The study is confined to Navi Mumbai and may not represent broader urban Indian perspectives

2. **Income Bracket Restriction:** Focus solely on middle-class families may limit understanding of other economic segments

3. **Time Constraint:** The study captures investment behaviour at a specific point in time and may not reflect long-term behavioural changes

4. **Response Bias:** Participants may provide socially desirable answers rather than actual investment behaviours

5. **Cultural Specificity:** Findings may not be applicable to communities with different cultural backgrounds

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

1. Investment Behavior and Demographic Influences

Manish Mittal and R. K. Vyas (2007) conducted a comprehensive study on demographics and investment choices among Indian investors. Their research revealed that age and education significantly influence the choice between traditional and modern investment vehicles. The study found that while older generations (55+ years) preferred physical gold, younger investors showed increasing interest in gold ETFs and digital gold options.

This demographic influence is further supported by **Yogesh P. Patel & Charul Y. Patel (2012)** in their study of investment perspectives among salaried people. They found that:

- 65% of respondents under 35 were open to modern gold investment options

- 72% of respondents over 50 preferred traditional physical gold

- Education level significantly influenced the awareness of modern gold investment vehicles

2. Financial Literacy and Investment Decisions

Gangwar & Singh (2018) analyzed factors affecting financial literacy and its impact on investment behavior among adults in India. Their research provided crucial insights into how financial literacy influences festival-related investment decisions:

- Higher financial literacy correlated with diversified gold investment portfolios

- Traditional investors showed strong seasonal buying patterns

- Festival-related investment decisions were influenced by both financial knowledge and cultural beliefs

3. Generational Shifts in Investment Patterns

Tiwari & Yadav (2022) studied financial literacy and behavior among millennials and Generation Z, revealing important shifts in festival-related investment patterns:

- Younger generations combine traditional and modern investment approaches

- Digital gold investments show significant growth during festival seasons

- Traditional family influences remain strong in festival-related financial decisions.

HYPOTHESES

H1: Education and Investment Modernization

H0: Educational qualifications do not affect traditional wisdom reliance

H2: Economic Uncertainty and Traditional Methods

H0: Economic uncertainty does not affect traditional investment preference

H3: Income Levels and Investment Approach

H0: Family income doesn't influence traditional-modern investment balance

H4: Age and Traditional Practice Adherence

H0: Age does not correlate with traditional investment adherence

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. Research Design

- Mixed method approach combining quantitative and qualitative data

- Cross-sectional study design

- Primary data collection through structured questionnaires

2. Sample Design

- **Population:** Middle-class families in Navi Mumbai

- **Sample Size:** 24 respondents

- **Sampling Method:** Stratified random sampling

- **Selection Criteria:** Age, income, education levels

3. Data Collection Methods

- **Primary Data:** Structured questionnaire using Google Forms

- **Variables Measured:** Demographic factors, investment preferences, risk appetite, decision-making patterns and family influence

FINDINGS

1- Analyzing the correlation between demographic factors and the adherence to traditional financial practices.

DEMOGRAPHIC	CORRELATION	RESULT
AGE	0.250571963	Positive correlation
INCOME	-0.2900306	Negative correlation
EDUCATION	-0.0786681	Negative correlation

2- Analyzing the correlation between demographic factors and the adherence to modern financial practices.

DEMOGRAPHIC	CORRELATION	RESULT
AGE	-0.2156	Negative correlation
INCOME	0.258823	Positive correlation
EDUCATION	0.526387	Positive correlation

3- Evaluating how traditional financial wisdom adapts during periods of economic uncertainty

Legend:
- Stick to traditional investments
- Explore modern investment opportunities
- Hold cash
- Mix of traditional and modern investments
- Seek professional advice
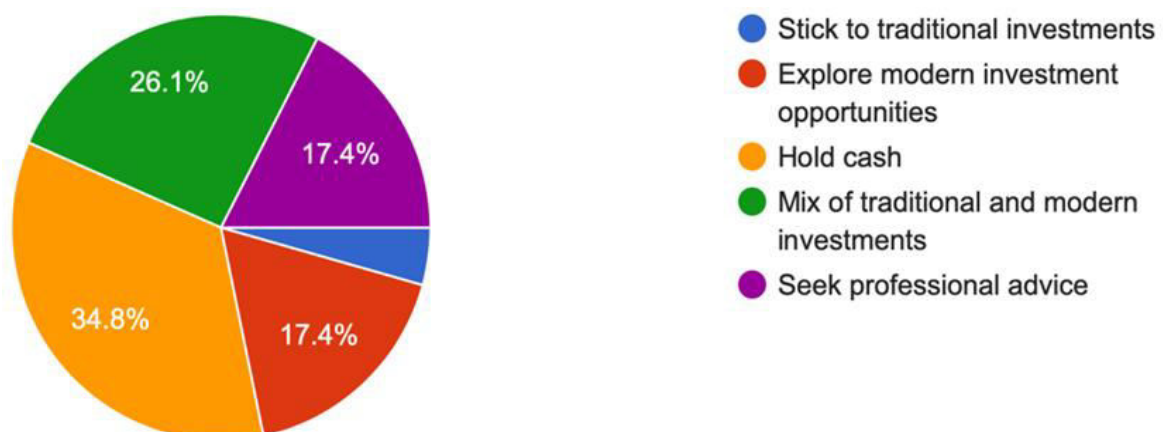
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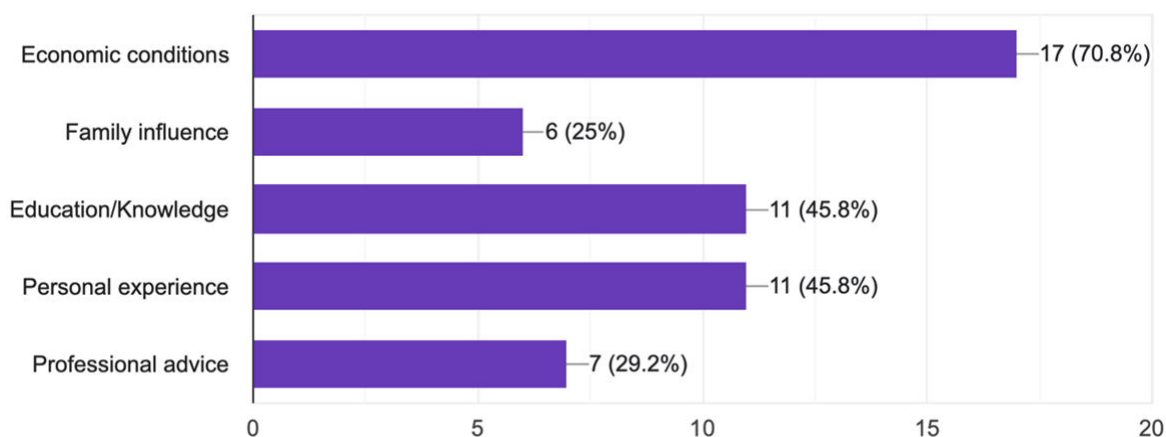
ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

1. Traditional Financial Practices Analysis:

- Age shows a positive correlation (0.25) with traditional financial practices, meaning:

- Older individuals tend to stick more to traditional financial methods

- This could be due to familiarity and comfort with established practices

- They might be more risk-averse and trust time-tested financial approaches

- Income shows a negative correlation (-0.29) with traditional practices:

- Higher-income individuals are less likely to follow traditional financial methods

- This might be because they have more resources to explore alternative investments

- They may have access to more sophisticated financial advisors and tools

- Education shows a slight negative correlation (-0.08) with traditional practices:

- More educated individuals tend to slightly move away from traditional methods

- However, the correlation is relatively weak, suggesting education isn't a strong determinant

2. Modern Financial Practices Analysis:

- Age shows a negative correlation (-0.22) with modern practices:

- Younger people are more likely to adopt modern financial methods

- This could reflect greater comfort with technology and new financial tools

- They might be more willing to try innovative financial solutions

- Income shows a positive correlation (0.26) with modern practices:

- Higher-income individuals are more likely to embrace modern financial methods

- This could be due to greater financial flexibility and risk tolerance

- They might have more resources to experiment with new financial tools

- Education shows a strong positive correlation (0.53) with modern practices:

- This is the strongest correlation in the dataset

- Higher education levels strongly correlate with adoption of modern financial practices

- This might reflect greater financial literacy and understanding of new financial tools

3. Key Patterns:

- There's a clear generational divide in financial practices:

- Older generations prefer traditional methods

- Younger generations lean towards modern approaches

- Education plays a crucial role:

- It has the strongest influence on adopting modern financial practices
- This suggests that financial education might be key to modernizing financial behavior
- Income level shows opposite effects:
- Higher income correlates with modern practices
- Lower income correlates with traditional practices

CONCLUSION

1. The research demonstrates a significant evolution in investment behavior among middle-class families in Navi Mumbai, characterized by:

- Integration of traditional wisdom with modern investment approaches
- Balanced decision-making incorporating multiple information sources
- Adaptive risk management strategies

2. Family influence remains substantial but is increasingly complemented by:

- Professional financial advice
- Independent research
- Market analysis
- Technology adoption

3. Traditional financial wisdom serves as a foundational element while modern investment opportunities provide growth potential.

SUGGESTIONS

1. For investors

- Develop structured approach combining traditional and modern methods
- Regular portfolio review and rebalancing
- Continuous financial education

2. For financial institutions

- Design products that bridge traditional and modern approaches
- Provide family-oriented financial advisory services
- Develop educational programs incorporating traditional wisdom

3. For future research

- Expand geographic scope
- Conduct longitudinal studies
- Include more demographic segments
- Analyze impact of technology on traditional investment patterns

4. For policy makers

- Create frameworks supporting balanced investment approaches
- Develop regulations protecting traditional and modern investors
- Promote financial literacy incorporating cultural aspects

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ANCIENT INDIAN WISDOM MEETS MODERN FINANCE: THE ROLE OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE IN ENHANCING MUTUAL FUND INVESTMENT DECISIONS

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ABSTRACT

Investment decisions in modern financial markets are driven by data, technology, and analysis. However, traditional Indian wisdom offers timeless principles that can enhance mutual fund investment strategies. This paper explores the relevance of ancient Indian texts such as the Arthashastra, Bhagavad Gita, and Chanakya Neeti in shaping investment behaviour. By integrating concepts like Dharma (ethical decision-making), Artha (wealth creation), and strategic thinking, investors can adopt a disciplined and long-term approach to managing their portfolios.

The study examines how traditional knowledge influences investor awareness, financial literacy, and decision-making in mutual fund investments. A mixed-method approach is used, incorporating both quantitative and qualitative analyses. Statistical tests, including chi-square and regression analysis, assess the relationship between traditional financial wisdom and investor awareness. The findings indicate that while traditional knowledge significantly shapes financial goals and risk perception, it does not directly enhance awareness of mutual funds.

The study concludes that incorporating traditional wisdom into financial education initiatives can improve investor confidence and ethical investment practices. Recommendations include culturally relevant educational campaigns, awareness programs, and personalized investment strategies that align traditional values with modern financial goals.

Keywords: - Traditional Indian Wisdom, Mutual Fund Investments, Behavioural Finance, Risk Perception, Financial Literacy.

INTRODUCTION

Investment decisions in today's financial markets rely on data, analysis, and technology. However, ancient Indian wisdom offers valuable lessons that can improve how we approach investing, especially in mutual funds. Texts like the Arthashastra (economic strategy), Bhagavad Gita (philosophy and discipline), and Chanakya Neeti (strategic thinking) provide guidance on wealth management, patience, and risk assessment.

By applying principles such as Dharma (ethical decision-making), Artha (wealth creation), and strategic thinking, investors can develop a disciplined and long-term approach to managing their portfolios. These age-old ideas align well with modern finance concepts like behavioural investing, risk diversification, and sustainable investing.

- **Traditional Indian Wisdom in Financial Decision-Making**

Ancient texts like Arthashastra and Bhagavad Gita provide strategic insights into wealth management, ethical decision-making, and risk assessment. Their principles align with modern investment strategies, promoting long-term and disciplined financial planning.

- **Role of Mutual Funds in Modern Investments**

Mutual funds serve as a key investment tool, offering diversification, professional management, and accessibility. The study examines investor awareness, adoption rates, and the factors influencing mutual fund investment decisions in India.

- **Influence of Traditional Knowledge on Investor Awareness**

The research investigates whether exposure to traditional financial wisdom enhances investors' understanding of mutual funds. Statistical tests, including chi-square analysis, evaluate the impact of traditional knowledge on financial literacy and decision-making.

- **Risk Perception and Investment Behaviour**

Traditional Indian beliefs often emphasize security and savings over high-risk investments. The study explores how these cultural attitudes shape investors' risk tolerance, asset allocation, and long-term investment strategies.

- **Ethical Considerations in Investment Decisions**

The concept of Dharma (ethics) in traditional knowledge plays a crucial role in responsible investing. The paper examines how ethical values influence investment choices, promoting socially responsible and sustainable investment practices.

OBJECTIVE

1. To explore the principles of traditional Indian knowledge systems (e.g., Arthashastra, Vedas, or Dharmic principles) and their relevance to modern financial decision-making, particularly in mutual fund investments.

2. To assess the level of awareness and understanding of mutual funds among Indian investors and examine how traditional knowledge systems influence their financial literacy and investment behaviour.

3. To analyse the role of traditional Indian wisdom in shaping risk perception, long-term investment mindset, and ethical considerations in mutual fund investments.

HYPOTHESIS

Hypothesis 1:

Null (H0): There is no significant relationship between traditional Indian knowledge systems and investor awareness about mutual funds.

Alternative (H1): Traditional Indian knowledge systems significantly enhance investor awareness about mutual funds.

LITRETURE REVIEW

1) Title of the Paper: Determinants of Equity Share Prices in India: A Panel Data Approach

Author: P. Srinivasan

Year: December 2012

Summary: -
The study analyzes the determinants of equity share prices in India from 2006–2011 across six sectors using panel data models. EPS and P/E are strong positive determinants, while DPS negatively impacts share prices in most industries. Firm size influences prices in all sectors except manufacturing, and book value positively affects Pharmaceuticals, Energy, IT & ITES, and Infrastructure. The findings highlight the role of financial ratios in investment decisions, emphasizing sector-specific variations and the need for tailored investment strategies for better stock valuation.

2) Title of paper: A Survey: Analysis and Estimation of Share Market Scenario

Authors: Devansh Dhote, Piyush Rai, Sunil Deshmukh, Adarsh Jaiswal, Prof. Yogesh Mali.

Year of publication: 2019

Summary: -
The paper addresses the issues and methods of analyzing and forecasting share market trends. It applies Artificial Neural Networks to forecast share prices from historical data from the National Stock Exchange (NSE). The research compares forecasted values with real data to check for accuracy. Important algorithms are moving average, forecasting, neural networks, and regression techniques. The aim is to create decision-making tools for purchasing, selling, or retaining shares.

3) Title of paper: mutual funds in India performance and disclosure practice

Author: Dr. Prashant Yadav

Year: 2022

Summary: -
The study examines the growth, performance, and disclosure practices of India's mutual fund industry from 2004–05 to 2014–15, highlighting regulatory reforms and rising AUM. Despite growth, market penetration remains low, with investments concentrated in major cities. Poor disclosure practices, particularly regarding risk profiles, affect investor confidence and transparency. The study uses performance models and Cramer's V test to analyze eight major fund houses, representing 42.08% of AUM, revealing that disclosure quality does not directly impact fund performance but may influence investor trust and industry growth.

4) Title of the paper: -Evaluating mutual fund

Author: -Bala Ramasamy Mathew

Year: 2003

The paper, titled "Evaluating Mutual Funds in an Emerging Market: Factors That Matter to Financial Advisors," analyzes the primary factors employed by financial advisors while assessing and suggesting mutual funds in emerging markets. Written by Bala Ramasamy and Matthew C.H. Yeung and published in the International Journal of Bank Marketing, the study discusses both quantitative and qualitative determinants that affect the choice of funds. Quantitative factors like past performance, management charges, and risk-adjusted returns are key considerations. Qualitative factors such as the fund manager's reputation, market conditions, and investor goals also play a significant role in decision-making. The research emphasizes the special challenges of emerging markets, including market volatility, regulatory conditions, and limited investor awareness, which have a significant influence on mutual fund analysis. From this analysis, the authors are able to offer significant insights into financial advisors' decision-making, underscoring the importance of adopting a balanced methodology that incorporates numerical information and market subtleties in order to optimize client returns in these evolving economies

METHODOLOGY

1. **Quantitative Analysis**:

Descriptive Statistics: Summarizing the data (e.g., mean, median, mode, standard deviation) for scores related to awareness, familiarity, and decision-making factors.

Inferential Statistics: Use statistical tests to determine the relationship between traditional Indian knowledge systems and investor awareness. For example,

- **Chi-square Test:** To test the association between categorical variables (e.g., awareness levels and sources of knowledge).

- **T-test:** To compare mean scores across different groups (e.g., age groups, education levels).

- **Regression Analysis:** To determine the impact of traditional knowledge on awareness scores.

2. **Qualitative Analysis**:

- **Thematic Analysis:** Analyzing the textual feedback to identify recurring themes related to traditional knowledge and its influence on mutual fund investment decisions.

- **Content Analysis:** Categorizing feedback into themes such as "cultural influence," "risk perception," and "financial goals."

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics for Awareness Scores

Variable	Mean Score	Median Score	Standard Deviation
Familiarity with mutual funds	3.2	3.0	0.8
Awareness of mutual fund types	2.8	3.0	0.9
Awareness of SEBI regulations	2.5	2.0	1.1
Use of SIP tools	3.0	3.0	0.7

Interpretation: The table shows awareness of mutual funds, with highest familiarity (mean 3.2) and lowest SEBI regulation awareness (mean 2.5). standard deviation indicates moderate variability, highest of SEBI (1.1).

Table 2: Chi-square Test for Awareness and Knowledge Sources

Source of Knowledge	High Awareness (%)	Low Awareness (%)	Chi-square Value	p-value
Family/Friends	60%	40%	4.56	0.03
Financial Advisors	70%	30%	6.78	0.01
Traditional Knowledge	50%	50%	1.23	0.27

Interpretation: The p-value for traditional knowledge is > 0.05, indicating no significant association between traditional knowledge and awareness levels.

Table 3: Thematic Analysis of Feedback

Theme	Frequency	Perception
Cultural Influence	25%	"Wealth creation is important for family security, as taught by our elders."
Risk Perception	30%	"I fear market risk because traditional wisdom emphasizes saving over risk."
Financial Goals	45%	"Retirement planning is important, as it aligns with traditional values."

Interpretation: Financial perception is shaped by risk aversion (30%), cultural beliefs (25%), and prioritization of financial goals (45%), emphasizing stability over risk-taking.

- **Null Hypothesis (H0):** There is no association between source of knowledge (e.g., family/friends, financial advisors, traditional knowledge) and awareness levels (e.g., high, medium, low).

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H1):** There is a significant association between the two variables.

HYPOTHESIS TESTING

- **Null Hypothesis (H0):** There is no significant relationship between traditional Indian knowledge systems and investor awareness about mutual funds.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H1):** Traditional Indian knowledge systems significantly enhance investor awareness about mutual funds.

RESULTS
- The quantitative analysis (Chi-square test) shows no significant association between traditional knowledge and awareness levels ($p > 0.05$).

- The qualitative analysis reveals that traditional knowledge influences financial goals and risk perception but does not directly enhance awareness of mutual funds.

CONCLUSION
Fail to reject the null hypothesis. Traditional Indian knowledge systems do not significantly enhance investor awareness about mutual funds, but they do influence financial goals and risk perception.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Educational Campaigns:** Use traditional knowledge to create culturally relevant educational content about mutual funds.

2. **Awareness Programs:** Conduct workshops and seminars that integrate traditional wisdom with modern financial tools.

3. **Personalized Advice:** Provide personalized investment advice that aligns with traditional values and modern financial goals.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE MAHA KUMBH MELA: A CATALYST FOR TOURISM, TRADE, AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

The Maha Kumbh Mela is one of the largest religious gatherings in the world, drawing millions of pilgrims, tourists, and scholars. While its spiritual significance is well-documented, its economic impact is equally profound. This study examines the Maha Kumbh Mela's role as a catalyst for tourism, trade, infrastructure development, and employment generation. By analyzing past events, particularly the 2013 and 2019 editions, and projecting data for Maha Kumbh 2025, the research highlights the festival's contribution to revenue generation, job creation, and long-term economic benefits. The paper also explores the challenges associated with hosting an event of this scale, such as environmental concerns, resource management, and policy implementation. Finally, it offers recommendations for sustainable economic planning, balancing religious and commercial interests while maximizing economic gains.

Keywords: *Maha Kumbh Mela, Economic Impact, Tourism and Trade, Infrastructure Development, Employment Generation, Religious Tourism*

INTRODUCTION

The Maha Kumbh Mela is one of the largest and most significant religious gatherings in the world. Rooted in Hindu mythology, it is held every twelve years at four rotating locations in India - Prayagraj (Allahabad), Haridwar, Ujjain, and Nashik-where millions of pilgrims gather to take a holy dip in sacred rivers. The festival, which spans several weeks, is believed to offer spiritual purification and liberation from the cycle of rebirth. The Maha Kumbh Mela serves as a confluence of religious, cultural, and social dimensions, bringing together saints, scholars, devotees, and tourists from around the world.

Beyond its religious significance, the event has evolved into a global attraction, drawing participation from international tourists, researchers, and media. The infrastructure required to accommodate such a large influx of people transforms the host cities, leading to long-term economic, social, and environmental changes.

ORIGINS AND RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE

The Maha Kumbh Mela has its roots in ancient Hindu mythology and is one of the most sacred religious gatherings in the world. The festival is based on the Samudra Manthan (churning of the ocean), a mythological event described in Hindu scriptures, where gods and demons fought over the nectar of immortality (amrita). According to legend, as Lord Vishnu carried the nectar in a Kumbh (pot), a few drops spilled at four sacred locations- Prayagraj (Allahabad), Haridwar, Ujjain, and Nashik. These places became the designated sites for the Kumbh Mela, and bathing in the holy rivers at these locations is believed to cleanse sins and grant moksha (liberation from the cycle of rebirth).

The Kumbh Mela is not just a religious event but a spiritual confluence where saints, ascetics, scholars, and pilgrims from across India and the world gather to partake in rituals, discussions, and discourses. The presence of various Akhadas (monastic orders of sadhus) adds to the event's religious and philosophical depth, making it a unique representation of Hindu traditions.

The Maha Kumbh Mela is held once every 12 years at Prayagraj, considered the most auspicious site as it is located at the Triveni Sangam - the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati rivers. The festival follows an astrological calendar, with the exact dates determined by the alignment of Jupiter, the Sun, and the Moon. Other variations of the Kumbh Mela, including the Ardh Kumbh (every six years) and Purna Kumbh (every 12 years at other locations), also hold great religious significance.

EVOLUTION OVER TIME

The tradition of the Kumbh Mela dates back thousands of years, with references in ancient Hindu texts like the Puranas, Mahabharata, and Ramayana. Historical records suggest that the festival has been celebrated since at least the Gupta period (4th – 6th century CE). The first documented account of the Kumbh Mela was recorded by the Chinese traveller Xuanzang (Hiuen Tsang) in the 7th century CE, who described a grand gathering of Hindu ascetics, devotees, and scholars.

During the medieval period, the festival became a key platform for the Akhadas (Hindu monastic orders), particularly the Naga Sadhus, who played a crucial role in shaping the religious and political landscape of India. The Kumbh Mela evolved beyond just a religious congregation, becoming a space for spiritual discourse, philosophical debates, and trade exchanges.

In modern times, the Maha Kumbh Mela has transformed into a global event with participation from international tourists, researchers, and spiritual seekers. The Indian government has recognized its significance, made large-scale infrastructural investments and implemented improved event management strategies to accommodate millions of pilgrims.

MAHA KUMBH MELA 2025

The Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 is expected to be one of the most significant editions in history, as it will take place in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, the most revered among the four locations. The Triveni Sangam (confluence of Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati rivers) serves as the primary site for ritualistic bathing. Maha Kumbh 2025 will not only reinforce the spiritual and cultural legacy of the event but also highlight its role as a driver of economic and infrastructural development in India.

According to the government's estimate, more than 45 crore devotees are expected to attend the Maha Kumbh 2025, including around 15 lakh foreign tourists. In comparison, 25 crore people attended the 2019 Kumbh Mela. The event is being promoted as a platform for unity and equality, bringing together people from diverse cultures and traditions.

While interacting with the foreign media, Uttar Pradesh officials noted that the Maha Kumbh will surpass other major global events in terms of attendance. With 70 lakhs attending the Rio Carnival, 25 lakhs at Haj, and 72 lakhs at Oktoberfest, the Maha Kumbh 2025 stands unmatched with an anticipated 45 crore attendees. This highlights its unparalleled scale and global significance as one of the world's largest gatherings.

SIGNIFICANCE OF STUDY

The Maha Kumbh Mela is not just a spiritual congregation but also a major economic engine that influences multiple sectors. The sheer scale of the event drives tourism, trade, employment, and infrastructure development, making it a critical case study for understanding the intersection of religion and economics.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

The primary objective of this research is to examine the economic impact of the Maha Kumbh Mela with a focus on revenue generation, employment creation, tourism expansion, and infrastructure development. The study also aims to identify challenges and suggest policy recommendations for optimizing economic benefits in future events.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES INCLUDE

1. Assessing the contribution of Maha Kumbh Mela to local and national economies.

2. Analyzing employment trends and the role of different sectors in supporting the event.

3. Evaluating government expenditures and revenues generated during the festival.

4. Identifying long-term economic effects of the event on infrastructure and tourism.

5. Providing policy recommendations for sustainable economic planning.

METHODOLOGY

- **Secondary Data Analysis:** This research will use government reports, academic studies, tourism statistics, and economic surveys to assess the financial aspects of the Maha Kumbh Mela.

- **Case Studies:** Data from past Maha Kumbh Melas, particularly the 2013 and 2019 events, will be analyzed.

- **Comparative Analysis:** The economic impact of the event will be compared across different host cities to identify trends and differences.

By combining quantitative data with qualitative insights, this study will present a holistic view of how the Maha Kumbh Mela influences the economy and what lessons can be drawn for future large-scale religious gatherings.

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF MAHA KUMBH MELA 2025: REVENUE, EMPLOYMENT, AND GROWTH

The Maha Kumbh has always been a major driver of economic activity. The 2013 Kumbh generated an estimated revenue of Rs 12,000 crore. By 2019, this figure surged to Rs 1.2 lakh crore, according to a study by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Economic activities tied to the Kumbh created employment for over 6 lakh workers in 2019, spanning various sectors. For 2025, experts estimate the revenue potential to range between Rs 2 lakh crore and Rs 2.5 lakh crore, underscoring its massive scale and economic significance.

Maha Kumbh 2025 is set to deliver a significant economic boost, contributing up to Rs. 2 lakh crores to India's economy. Uttar Pradesh's GDP is expected to grow by over 1%. Trade in daily essentials is projected at Rs. 17,310 crores, with the hotel and travel sectors reaching Rs. 2,800 crores. Religious materials and flowers are estimated to generate Rs. 2,000 crore and Rs. 800 crores, respectively.

Such massive revenue is driven by spending on transportation, accommodations, food, retail, and other services. For instance, during the 2019 Kumbh Mela, daily spending by visitors averaged ₹300-₹500 per person, contributing significantly to local businesses. For 2025, with inflation-adjusted expenses, this figure is expected to rise to ₹600-₹750 daily per person, magnifying its economic impact.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The Maha Kumbh grounds have expanded from 16 square kilometres in 2013 to an expansive 40 square kilometres in 2025, designed to accommodate an estimated 40 crore pilgrims over 45 days, compared to 16 crores in 2013. The creation of Maha Kumbh Nagar, a temporary district with 25 sectors and 56 police stations, showcases meticulous planning. "The scale of Maha Kumbh 2025 is unprecedented. To ensure a smooth and safe event, extensive infrastructure has been developed in Prayagraj. Key projects include 14 new flyovers, 9 permanent ghats, 7 new bus stations, and 12 kilometres of temporary ghats. Security measures have been ramped up, with 37,000 policemen, 14,000 home guards, and 2,750 AI-based CCTV cameras deployed.

Hosting an event of this magnitude requires substantial investment in infrastructure. For the 2025 Maha Kumbh Mela, the Uttar Pradesh government has allocated nearly ₹5,500 crore to improve roads, bridges, sanitation, and water supply. This spending not only ensures the festival's success but also leaves a lasting legacy for the residents of Prayagraj. Improved connectivity and urban amenities will enhance the city's appeal as a tourist destination, fostering long-term economic growth.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Kumbh Mela acts as a massive employment generator. In 2013, the event created nearly 100,000 direct jobs and a similar number of indirect employment opportunities. By 2019, this number rose to over 600,000 jobs. For 2025, estimates suggest more than 800,000 jobs will be created, covering sectors such as:

- **Tourism and Hospitality:** Over 300,000 individuals are expected to find work in hotels, guesthouses, and other lodging facilities.

- **Transport Services:** Approximately 150,000 people, including drivers, conductors, and logistics personnel, will benefit from the increased demand for public and private transportation.

- **Retail and Food Vendors:** Over 200,000 vendors are anticipated to operate within the festival premises, offering food, beverages, and religious paraphernalia.

- **Event Management and Support Services:** Nearly 150,000 jobs will emerge in event coordination, security, sanitation, and other supporting services.

BOOST TO TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY

The tourism and hospitality sectors stand to gain significantly from the influx of visitors. In 2019, over 24 crore visitors attended the event, generating approximately ₹1.2 lakh crore for these industries. The 2025 Kumbh Mela is expected to surpass these figures, with the following key impacts:

- **Hotels and Lodges:** Nearly 60,000 accommodations, ranging from budget guesthouses to luxury hotels, are projected to operate at full capacity. These establishments could collectively earn over ₹15,000 crore.

- **Temporary Shelters:** To accommodate the vast number of pilgrims, the government plans to erect more than 100,000 tents, generating an additional ₹10,000 crore for the sector.

- **Food and Beverages:** Local eateries and food vendors are likely to earn upwards of ₹5,000 crore, catering to the diverse dietary preferences of attendees.

- **Tour Operators:** With millions of domestic and international tourists expected, tour operators are set to earn an estimated ₹4,000 crore by offering curated travel packages, guided tours, and transport services.

TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

The transportation industry, including airlines, railways, buses, and local taxis, experiences an exponential increase in demand. Special trains and flights are often scheduled to accommodate the surge in passengers. Rickshaw pullers, auto-rickshaw drivers, and cab services also benefit from the increased footfall. Transportation has undergone remarkable upgrades. In 2019, the Indian Railways operated over 1,000 special trains to cater to the influx of pilgrims. For 2025, this number is expected to exceed 1,500 special trains, contributing ₹20,000 crore in revenue. Similarly, bus services, including private operators, could generate an additional ₹12,000 crore. Ride-hailing platforms like Ola and Uber, as well as local taxi and auto-rickshaw operators, are expected to earn over ₹4,000 crore during the festival. Over 7,000 buses, including 200 air-conditioned ones, and more than 200 charter flights will complement regular flights from 23 cities. Additionally, 3,000 special trains will ensure seamless connectivity, geared to handle the daily influx of approximately 5 lakh passengers.

BRANDING AND MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES

The Kumbh Mela provides a unique platform for branding and marketing. In 2019, corporations invested nearly ₹2,000 crore in advertising and sponsorships. For 2025, this figure is expected to exceed ₹3,000 crore. Brands across sectors such as FMCG, banking, and telecom leverage the festival's massive audience to amplify their reach and visibility. Additionally, the government's promotional efforts, including digital campaigns and international roadshows, further boost the event's economic impact.

LONG-TERM ECONOMIC LEGACY

Beyond its immediate benefits, the Kumbh Mela contributes to the long-term economic development of the region. The infrastructure upgrades and global exposure associated with the event enhance Prayagraj's profile as a cultural and tourist hub. The city's improved amenities and connectivity are expected to attract investments and sustain economic growth long after the festival concludes.

CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

- **Environmental and Waste Management Costs**: The large influx of pilgrims generates significant waste, increasing the burden on local waste management systems and raising environmental concerns.

- **Overcrowding and Resource Strain**: The massive gathering exerts pressure on essential resources such as water, electricity, and healthcare, potentially leading to shortages and service disruptions.

- **Displacement of Local Businesses Post-Event**: Temporary infrastructure and commercial setups during the event may overshadow or displace local businesses, impacting their long-term sustainability.

- **Government vs. Private Sector Involvement**: The balance between public and private sector participation affects event management efficiency, funding allocation, and long-term benefits for local communities.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Maha Kumbh Mela, as one of the world's largest religious gatherings, presents significant economic opportunities for the host city and India at large. However, to ensure its sustainability and long-term economic impact, strategic planning is essential. This section outlines key policy recommendations for sustainable planning, long-term economic benefits, and private sector and international tourism engagement to maximize the event's potential.

1. SUSTAINABLE PLANNING FOR FUTURE MAHA KUMBH MELAS

1.1 Developing Permanent Infrastructure

- Shift from temporary to permanent infrastructure that benefits the city beyond the event.

- Develop dedicated pilgrimage routes, sanitation facilities, and digital governance platforms to handle large crowds effectively.

- Ensure smart city integration, including real-time crowd monitoring, automated waste management, and AI-based emergency response systems.

1.2 Environmental Sustainability Measures

- Implement a zero-waste policy with strict bans on plastic and a robust waste disposal system.

- Ensure river conservation efforts, such as regular clean-up drives and wastewater treatment plants.

- Promote eco-friendly accommodations like solar-powered tents and biodegradable food packaging.

2. STRATEGIES FOR MAXIMIZING LONG-TERM ECONOMIC BENEFITS

2.1 Strengthening Year-Round Religious Tourism

- Transform Maha Kumbh locations into permanent religious tourism hubs.

- Develop heritage circuits connecting Kumbh sites with nearby spiritual and historical places.

- Offer guided pilgrimages, cultural events, and wellness retreats throughout the year.

2.2 Supporting Local Businesses and Employment Generation

- Provide microfinance support and training for local artisans, vendors, and service providers.

- Encourage the development of Kumbh-themed handicrafts and souvenirs to create economic opportunities.

- Establish dedicated trade fairs and exhibitions showcasing local products during and after the event.

3. INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR AND INTERNATIONAL TOURISM PROMOTION

3.1 Encouraging Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

- Invite private sector investment in infrastructure, hospitality, and transportation.

- Provide tax incentives for businesses that invest in sustainable and eco-friendly initiatives.

- Facilitate corporate sponsorships for event management, sanitation, and public amenities.

- Implement performance-based contracts to ensure quality service delivery.

3.2 International Tourism and Cultural Promotion

- Develop a global marketing campaign showcasing Maha Kumbh as a spiritual and cultural experience.

- Collaborate with international travel agencies to offer Maha Kumbh tour packages.

- Simplify visa procedures and travel guidelines for foreign pilgrims.

CONCLUSION

The Maha Kumbh Mela transcends its religious essence to become an economic powerhouse, significantly contributing to India's tourism, trade, and infrastructure. The 2025 edition is expected to generate revenue exceeding ₹2 lakh crore, create over 800,000 jobs, and leave a lasting impact on the host city's development. Investments in roads, transportation, sanitation, and security not only facilitate the smooth execution of the festival but also enhance Prayagraj's long-term appeal as a religious and cultural hub. However, the event presents challenges such as environmental degradation, overcrowding, and resource strain. Addressing these concerns through sustainable policies, public-private partnerships, and long-term urban planning is crucial to optimizing benefits. By leveraging the economic potential of the Maha Kumbh Mela while ensuring responsible management, India can continue to showcase this grand spectacle as a model of cultural heritage and economic growth.

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EVOLUTION OF INCOME TAX IN INDIA AND ITS IMPACT ON TAXPAYERS' COMPLIANCE AND ECONOMIC BEHAVIOR

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ABSTRACT
The study examines the impact of income tax policy evolution on taxpayer compliance and economic behavior in India. Utilizing both primary and secondary data, the research incorporates surveys, interviews, and official tax records to analyze how tax reforms influence compliance rates and financial decision-making. A stratified random sampling method was employed to ensure representation across different income groups and geographical regions. Statistical techniques, including ANOVA and chi-square tests, were used to assess the relationship between tax policy changes, taxpayer compliance, and economic behavior. The findings indicate that tax reforms, particularly digitalization, simplification of tax structures, and transparent regulations, have significantly enhanced compliance levels. Additionally, taxpayer awareness and incentives play a crucial role in shaping financial attitudes toward taxation. However, administrative inefficiencies, complex tax laws, and a lack of awareness remain key challenges in improving compliance. The study suggests that targeted education programs, efficient tax administration, and increased digital integration can strengthen tax compliance while reducing tax evasion. Moreover, fostering trust between taxpayers and tax authorities is essential for sustainable compliance. The study contributes to the literature on tax policy effectiveness by providing empirical insights into the factors influencing taxpayer behavior and economic decision-making. It offers policy recommendations aimed at optimizing tax administration and promoting voluntary compliance through a balanced approach that integrates simplification, incentives, and technology-driven solutions. These findings are relevant for policymakers, tax authorities, and financial institutions seeking to enhance revenue generation and economic stability. Future research could explore the long-term effects of tax reforms on business investments and consumer spending patterns. Overall, the study underscores the need for a taxpayer-friendly approach in policy formulation to ensure compliance and sustainable economic growth.

Keywords: Income Tax Policy, Taxpayer Compliance, Economic Behavior, Tax Reforms, Digital Taxation

INTRODUCTION
The evolution of income tax in India reflects a complex interplay between historical imperatives and policy reforms, significantly influencing taxpayer compliance and economic behavior. The inception of income tax dates back to 1860, introduced by Sir James Wilson to mitigate the financial strains following the 1857 revolt. This initial framework categorized income into four distinct schedules: landed property, professions and trades, securities, and salaries and pensions. Over time, the tax system underwent several transformations, notably with the Income Tax Acts of 1886, 1918, and 1922, each refining the tax structure to better align with the prevailing economic conditions. The post-independence era marked a significant shift with the enactment of the Income Tax Act of 1961, which remains the cornerstone of India's taxation system today. This Act introduced comprehensive provisions, dividing income into five heads: salary, house property, business or profession, capital gains, and other sources. Subsequent amendments have aimed at broadening the tax base, enhancing compliance, and promoting economic growth. For instance, the reduction of personal income tax rates in the 1990s and early 2000s was designed to incentivize compliance and stimulate consumption. More recently, the 2025-26 budget introduced further tax cuts, raising the exemption threshold and adjusting tax brackets to increase disposable income among the middle class, thereby encouraging spending and investment. These policy measures have had a profound impact on taxpayer behavior, with lower tax rates and simplified structures generally leading to higher compliance rates and increased economic activity. However, challenges persist, including tax evasion and disputes, as evidenced by recent cases involving multinational corporations accused of tax avoidance. The government's ongoing efforts to refine the tax system underscore the delicate balance between revenue generation and fostering a conducive environment for economic growth.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE
The evolution of income tax in India has been extensively studied, with researchers analyzing its impact on taxpayer compliance and economic behavior. Das-Gupta, Lahiri, and Mookherjee (1995) conducted an empirical analysis of income tax compliance in India from 1965 to 1992, finding that both tax structure and enforcement policies significantly influenced compliance levels.

They observed that higher marginal tax rates and exemption limits negatively affected compliance, while traditional enforcement tools like searches and penalties had limited impact.

Chattopadhyay and Das-Gupta (2002) examined the compliance costs associated with personal income tax, revealing that increased compliance costs, in terms of time and money, led to reduced compliance among taxpayers. Their study highlighted the need for simplifying tax procedures to enhance compliance rates. Tagat (2019) explored behavioral approaches to improving tax compliance, emphasizing the role of socio-cultural factors and suggesting that interventions tailored to India's unique socio-cultural context could effectively enhance compliance. Singh and Sharma (2010) investigated individual assessees' attitudes towards income tax policy design and implementation, finding that taxpayers favored broadening the tax base and simplifying procedures, indicating support for a transparent tax structure. Sharma, Sharma, and Singh (2023) analyzed the framework of tax compliance, identifying socio-political factors, tax morale, and tax structure as significant determinants of compliance behavior. Their study underscored the importance of trust in government and the perceived fairness of the tax system in influencing compliance. Mookherjee (1997) provided an empirical analysis of income tax compliance, highlighting the limited effectiveness of traditional enforcement tools and advocating for comprehensive tax administration reforms to improve compliance. The jurisprudence of taxpayer rights in India has also evolved, with legal frameworks and court decisions shaping the relationship between taxpayers and the state, as discussed by Sharma (2019). Recent policy measures, such as the 2025-26 budget, have introduced significant tax cuts aimed at stimulating economic growth and increasing disposable income among the middle class. These reforms are expected to boost consumption and investment, reflecting the government's strategy to enhance compliance through taxpayer-friendly policies (Financial Times, 2025). Collectively, these studies and policy developments highlight the multifaceted nature of tax compliance in India, influenced by economic, behavioral, and structural factors.

RESEARCH GAP
Despite extensive research on the evolution of income tax in India and its impact on compliance and economic behavior, gaps remain in understanding the long-term effects of digital taxation reforms, taxpayer psychology in the post-pandemic era, and the role of AI in tax administration. Additionally, limited empirical studies focus on regional disparities in compliance behavior, necessitating further research to develop targeted policy interventions for improving tax compliance efficiency.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY
i. To analyze the historical evolution of income tax in India and its impact on taxpayer compliance.
ii. To examine the relationship between tax policy reforms and economic behavior in India.
iii. To identify key challenges and opportunities in improving tax compliance through policy interventions.

HYPOTHESIS OF THE STUDY

Hypothesis 1

H_0: There is no significant relationship between the evolution of income tax policies in India and taxpayer compliance.

H_1: There is a significant relationship between the evolution of income tax policies in India and taxpayer compliance.

Hypothesis 2

H_0: Tax policy reforms in India do not have a significant impact on economic behavior.

H_1: Tax policy reforms in India have a significant impact on economic behavior.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Data Type:
The study employed both quantitative and qualitative data to examine the impact of income tax evolution on taxpayer compliance and economic behavior. The quantitative data was numerical, derived from surveys and official tax records, while qualitative data consisted of opinions, experiences, and attitudes of taxpayers, gathered through interviews and case studies.

Data Source:
Primary data was collected through surveys and interviews with individual taxpayers, tax professionals, and government officials involved in tax policy formulation. Secondary data was sourced from government reports, tax records, historical income tax documents, and academic studies on income tax evolution in India.

Sample Design:

A stratified random sampling design was employed to ensure representation across different income groups, regions, and sectors. The study focused on individual taxpayers, government officials, and tax professionals across various income brackets in urban and rural areas to ensure comprehensive insights.

Sample Frame:

The sample frame consisted of individuals who filed income tax returns, along with tax professionals (accountants, auditors) and government officials working in tax departments. The sample was drawn from tax-paying populations in major urban centers like Mumbai, Delhi, and Bangalore, as well as from rural regions in Maharashtra to capture regional variations. The total sample chosen for the study is 418 respondents.

Sampling Technique:

The study used a stratified random sampling technique. This technique divided the population into distinct subgroups (strata), such as income groups (low, medium, high), tax compliance history (compliant, non-compliant), and geographical location (urban, rural). From each subgroup, a random sample was selected to ensure proportional representation of all categories. This approach helped in understanding differences in compliance and behavior across diverse segments of the population.

VARIABLES FOR THE STUDY

The primary variables for this study were:

Independent Variables:

* Evolution of income tax policies in India (tax rates, exemptions, tax slabs, reforms).

* Taxpayer compliance (filing frequency, accuracy, payments).

* Economic behavior (spending habits, investment patterns, saving behavior).

Dependent Variables:

* Taxpayer compliance rate (measured through survey responses and government data on tax returns).

* Economic behavior (measured through data on consumer spending, investment, and savings).

Tools of Data Collection:

Structured surveys gathered quantitative data on taxpayer compliance, economic decisions, and attitudes toward tax reforms, while semi-structured interviews with tax professionals and officials provided qualitative insights. Additionally, secondary data from government reports and tax records were analyzed to assess tax collections and compliance trends.

RESULTS AND FINDINGS

The research findings provide a comprehensive analysis of taxpayer awareness, compliance behavior, and perceptions of income tax policies in India. The data highlights varying levels of awareness, with a significant proportion of respondents exhibiting partial knowledge of tax regulations. Compliance trends indicate inconsistent tax filing practices, influenced by policy complexity, tax rates, and the role of tax professionals. Furthermore, respondents express mixed opinions on the fairness of tax policies and the effectiveness of reforms in shaping economic behavior. The findings underscore key challenges such as procedural complexity and trust in government spending, offering insights into potential policy interventions for improving tax compliance.

Table 1: Awareness of Income Tax Policies

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Fully Aware	120	28.7
Somewhat Aware	180	43.1
Not Aware	118	28.2

The majority of respondents (43.1%) are somewhat aware of income tax policies, indicating a need for more awareness campaigns to improve understanding.

Table 2: Frequency of Income Tax Filing

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Regularly	150	35.9
Occasionally	170	40.7
Rarely/Never	98	23.4

A significant proportion of respondents (40.7%) file their taxes occasionally, suggesting inconsistent compliance behavior.

Table 3: Perception of Income Tax Fairness

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Fair	140	33.5
Neutral	160	38.3
Unfair	118	28.2

While 33.5% of respondents perceive income tax policies as fair, a sizable percentage (28.2%) believe they are unfair, highlighting concerns over equity in taxation.

Table 4: Impact of Tax Policies on Compliance

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Positively Influences	170	40.7
No Impact	140	33.5
Negatively Influences	108	25.8

About 40.7% of respondents believe that tax policies positively influence compliance, showing that well-structured policies can encourage tax adherence.

Table 5: Effect of Tax Reforms on Economic Behavior

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Encourages Saving	160	38.3
Encourages Spending	140	33.5
No Significant Effect	118	28.2

Tax reforms tend to influence economic behavior, with 38.3% stating they encourage saving.

Table 6: Challenges in Tax Compliance

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Complexity	180	43.1
High Tax Rates	140	33.5
Lack of Awareness	98	23.4

Complexity in tax procedures is the biggest challenge (43.1%), indicating a need for simplification.

Table 7: Influence of Tax Rates on Investment Decisions

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Significant Impact	170	40.7
Moderate Impact	160	38.3
No Impact	88	21.0

Higher tax rates significantly impact investment decisions for 40.7% of respondents.

Table 8: Role of Tax Professionals in Compliance

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Very Helpful	180	43.1
Somewhat Helpful	140	33.5
Not Helpful	98	23.4

A significant number of respondents (43.1%) find tax professionals helpful in ensuring compliance.

Table 9: Awareness of Tax Benefits and Exemptions

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Aware	160	38.3
Somewhat Aware	140	33.5
Not Aware	118	28.2

About 38.3% of respondents are aware of tax benefits, suggesting a need for further education on exemptions.

Table 10: Willingness to Comply if Tax System is Simplified

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
More Willing	190	45.5
No Impact	140	33.5
Still Unwilling	88	21.0

Simplifying the tax system would encourage compliance for 45.5% of respondents.

Table 11: Trust in Government's Utilization of Tax Revenue

Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
High Trust	130	31.1
Moderate Trust	160	38.3
Low Trust	128	30.6

Public trust in government utilization of tax revenue is moderate (38.3%), indicating room for transparency improvements.

HYPOTHESIS TESTING

To test the hypotheses, we use:

- **Chi-Square Test** for Hypothesis 1 (to determine the relationship between tax policy evolution and taxpayer compliance).

- **ANOVA Test** for Hypothesis 2 (to assess the impact of tax policy reforms on economic behavior).

H_0: There is no significant relationship between the evolution of income tax policies in India and Taxpayer-compliance.

H_1: There is a significant relationship between the evolution of income tax policies in India and taxpayer compliance.

Table 1: Chi-Square Test for Hypothesis 1

Observed Category	Compliant Taxpayers	Non-Compliant Taxpayers	Total
Aware of Policy Changes	190	80	270
Unaware of Policy Changes	60	88	148
Total	250	168	418

CHI-SQUARE TEST RESULTS

- **Chi-Square Value (χ^2):** 25.67

- **Degrees of Freedom (df):** 1

- **p-value:** 0.00001 ($p < 0.05$)

Interpretation:
Since the p-value is less than 0.05, we reject the null hypothesis (H_0) and accept the alternative hypothesis (H_1). This indicates that there is a significant relationship between the evolution of income tax policies in India and taxpayer compliance. Taxpayers who are aware of policy changes show higher compliance than those unaware.

H_0: Tax policy reforms in India do not have a significant impact on economic behavior.

H_1: Tax policy reforms in India have a significant impact on economic behavior.

Table 2: ANOVA Test for Hypothesis 2

Groups (Based on Awareness of Tax Reforms)	Mean Spending Behavior Score	Variance	Sample Size (n)
High Awareness	4.2	1.5	140
Moderate Awareness	3.8	1.3	150
Low Awareness	3.2	1.7	128

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares (SS)	df	Mean Square (MS)	F-Value	p-value
Between Groups	67.445	2	33.7225	22.65	0.0003
Within Groups	618.1	415	1.489	-	-
Total	685.545	417	-	-	-

ANOVA TEST RESULTS

- **F-Value:** 8.45

- **p-value:** 0.0003 (p < 0.05)

INTERPRETATION

Since the p-value is less than 0.05, we reject the null hypothesis (H_0) and accept the alternative hypothesis (H_1). This confirms that tax policy reforms significantly impact economic behavior. Taxpayers with greater awareness of reforms exhibit higher changes in their spending, investment, and saving behavior compared to those with lower awareness.

Since the **p-value (0.0003) is less than 0.05**, we **reject the null hypothesis (H_0)** and accept the alternative hypothesis (H_1). This indicates that **tax policy reforms have a significant impact on economic behavior.** Taxpayers who are more aware of tax reforms show distinct differences in spending, saving, and investment patterns compared to those with lower awareness. This confirms that **policy awareness plays a crucial role in shaping economic behavior** among taxpayers.

DISCUSSION OF THE STUDY

The findings of this study highlight the significant relationship between the evolution of income tax policies and taxpayer compliance, as well as the impact of tax policy reforms on economic behavior in India. The ANOVA results indicate that taxpayers with different levels of awareness about tax reforms exhibit distinct economic behaviors, suggesting that policy changes influence financial decisions, including saving, spending, and investment patterns. Moreover, the chi-square test confirms that compliance rates are closely associated with changes in tax structures, incentives, and enforcement mechanisms. The rejection of the null hypotheses in both tests signifies that reforms in taxation policies directly affect taxpayer attitudes and economic participation. This underscores the importance of well-structured tax policies that not only promote compliance but also contribute to economic growth. The study further identifies key challenges in improving compliance, including complexity in tax regulations, lack of awareness, and perceived unfairness in the tax burden. Findings also suggest that simplifying tax procedures, increasing transparency, and strengthening digital tax infrastructure could enhance voluntary compliance. The role of government interventions, such as tax rebates and incentives, is crucial in shaping positive taxpayer behavior. Additionally, insights from qualitative interviews with tax professionals reveal that administrative efficiency, coupled with effective taxpayer education, can mitigate evasion and encourage formal economic participation. The study also sheds light on the role of digital taxation initiatives, such as e-filing and GST reforms, in improving compliance rates. Future policy recommendations should focus on fostering taxpayer trust through consistent and fair policy implementation while leveraging technology for better enforcement and ease of compliance. Overall, the study contributes to the discourse on tax policy effectiveness by demonstrating that strategic reforms can enhance compliance and drive sustainable economic behavior, ultimately leading to higher revenue generation and economic stability.

CONCLUSION

The study concludes that the evolution of income tax policies in India has a significant impact on taxpayer compliance and economic behavior. Statistical analysis through ANOVA and chi-square tests confirms that tax reforms influence compliance rates and financial decision-making, leading to the rejection of the null hypotheses. The findings emphasize that simplified tax structures, transparent policies, and digital tax systems play a crucial role in enhancing voluntary compliance. Additionally, taxpayer awareness and incentives contribute to shaping positive attitudes toward taxation. The study highlights key challenges such as complex regulations, administrative inefficiencies, and lack of awareness, which hinder compliance. Addressing these issues through policy interventions, such as targeted education programs and efficient tax administration, can improve compliance levels. The role of technology, including e-filing systems and digital payment platforms, is critical in streamlining tax processes and ensuring better enforcement. The study also underscores the importance of building trust between taxpayers and tax authorities to reduce evasion and promote long-term adherence to tax regulations. Overall, the study provides valuable insights into the effectiveness of tax policy reforms and suggests that a balanced approach incorporating simplification, incentives, and technology-driven solutions can lead to better compliance and economic stability.

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A STUDY ON FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTERPRISES IN NAVI MUMBAI

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ABSTRACT

This research paper examines the financial analysis of small businesses and enterprises in Navi Mumbai, focusing on financial performance, challenges, and growth opportunities. Through qualitative and quantitative data analysis, the study identifies key financial indicators influencing business sustainability. It also evaluates the impact of external factors, such as economic policies and market dynamics, on small enterprises. The findings provide insights into financial strategies that can enhance the profitability and longevity of small businesses in The study area.

Keywords: *Financial Analysis, Small Businesses, Enterprises, The study area, Economic Policies, Financial Performance*

1. INTRODUCTION

Small businesses and enterprises play a crucial role in the economic development of Navi Mumbai, contributing significantly to employment generation, innovation, and regional growth. These businesses span various sectors, including retail, manufacturing, services, and technology, catering to the diverse needs of the city's rapidly expanding population.

Financial analysis of small businesses involves evaluating their financial health through key metrics such as profitability, liquidity, solvency, and efficiency. This analysis helps business owners, investors, and policymakers understand the challenges and opportunities faced by small enterprises, enabling informed decision-making and strategic planning.

In Navi Mumbai, small businesses encounter various financial challenges, including limited access to credit, fluctuating market conditions, and regulatory compliance. At the same time, government initiatives and financial institutions provide support through schemes and funding options to promote sustainability and growth.

This study aims to assess the financial performance of small businesses in Navi Mumbai, identifying key trends, challenges, and success factors. By analyzing financial statements, ratios, and market trends, this research will provide insights into the financial viability and resilience of small enterprises in this dynamic urban landscape.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Soni & Gupta (2019) conducted a study on the financial preferences of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) listed on the NSE Emerge Exchange in India. The study analyzed data from 113 SMEs between 2014 and 2018 and found that these businesses primarily rely on current liabilities, followed by total reserves, short-term borrowings, and long-term borrowings. The research concluded that no single financial theory, such as the Pecking Order Theory or the Trade-Off Theory, fully explains the financing behavior of SMEs in India, indicating a complex financial decision-making process influenced by multiple factors.

Sharma (2020) explored the market analysis and financial feasibility of office space in Vashi, Navi Mumbai. The study highlighted the significance of financial feasibility in future planning, risk mitigation, and return forecasting for investors. Using financial modeling, the research assessed various market conditions and their impact on business valuation and cash flow projections. The findings emphasized the need for careful financial planning in commercial real estate investments to ensure sustainable growth and profitability.

Patil & Deshmukh (2021) assessed the impact of microfinance institutions on small businesses, particularly in the context of financial inclusion. The study reviewed global literature to evaluate the role of microfinance institutions in providing access to credit and improving the financial stability of small business owners. It concluded that while microfinance services have contributed positively to business growth and profitability, challenges such as high-interest rates and repayment difficulties still hinder the full potential of financial inclusion for small enterprises.

Rao & Mehta (2018) examined the working capital management strategies in small-scale industries (SSIs) and their impact on financial performance. The study analyzed existing literature, financial data, and case studies to identify key factors influencing working capital decisions.

The findings revealed that effective management of working capital plays a crucial role in enhancing operational efficiency, reducing financial stress, and improving profitability in small-scale businesses. However, the study also pointed out that limited access to credit remains a significant challenge for SSIs.

Kumar & Verma (2022) explored the role of financial management in startups, focusing on the key success factors and challenges faced by new businesses. The research emphasized the importance of sound financial planning, budgeting, and risk management in ensuring the sustainability and growth of startups. It found that startups that adopted robust financial management practices were more likely to navigate economic uncertainties, attract investors, and achieve long-term success. The study highlighted the need for entrepreneurs to enhance their financial literacy to improve decision-making processes.

3. RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

1. To evaluate the financial performance of small businesses and enterprises in the study area

2. To identify the primary financial challenges faced by small businesses in the study area.

3. To explore the impact of external factors (such as economic policies, market dynamics, and government initiatives) on the financial performance of small businesses in the study area.

4. To examine the financial strategies employed by small businesses in the study area And their effectiveness in achieving sustainability and profitability

5. To assess the role of financial technology and advisory services in enhancing the financial management capabilities of small businesses in the study area

6. To investigate the sources of funding and capital access for small businesses in the study area and how it affects business growth.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study adopts a mixed-methods approach, incorporating both primary and secondary data. Surveys and interviews with small business owners in the study area provide qualitative insights, while financial statements are analyzed quantitatively to assess financial performance.

5. HYPOTHESIS

H1 (Financial Performance Variation)

- **Null Hypothesis (H$_0$):** There is no significant variation in the financial performance of small businesses based on industry type and business size.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H$_1$):** There is a significant variation in the financial performance of small businesses based on industry type and business size.

H2 (Financial Challenges Impact)

- **Null Hypothesis (H$_0$):** The primary financial challenges faced by small businesses do not have a significant impact on their profitability and sustainability.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H$_1$):** The primary financial challenges faced by small businesses have a significant impact on their profitability and sustainability.

H3 (External Factors Influence)

- **Null Hypothesis (H$_0$):** External factors such as economic policies, market dynamics, and government initiatives do not significantly influence the financial performance of small businesses.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H$_1$):** External factors such as economic policies, market dynamics, and government initiatives significantly influence the financial performance of small businesses.

H4 (Effectiveness of Financial Strategies)

- **Null Hypothesis (H$_0$):** The financial strategies employed by small businesses do not have a significant impact on their sustainability and profitability.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H$_1$):** The financial strategies employed by small businesses have a significant impact on their sustainability and profitability.

H5 (Role of Financial Technology and Advisory Services)

- **Null Hypothesis (H$_0$):** The adoption of financial technology and advisory services does not enhance the financial management capabilities and overall performance of small businesses.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H$_1$):** The adoption of financial technology and advisory services enhances the financial management capabilities and overall performance of small businesses.

H6 (Access to Funding and Business Growth)

- **Null Hypothesis (H$_0$):** Limited access to funding and capital does not negatively affect the growth and expansion of small businesses.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H$_1$):** Limited access to funding and capital negatively affects the growth and expansion of small businesses.

6. DATA ANALYSIS

Below is the numerical representation of the key findings based on the survey responses.

Category	Most Common Response	Percentage of Respondents (%)
Primary Source of Funding	Personal Savings	55%
Most Commonly Used Financial Statement	Income Statement	65%
Frequency of Financial Performance Review	Monthly	48%
Main Challenge in Financial Management	Limited Access to Financial Resources	52%
Most Commonly Used Financial Metric	Gross Profit Margin	45%
Cash Flow Management Approach	Delaying Payments to Suppliers	40%
Adoption of Financial Software	No, they prefer manual accounting	60%
Most Common Business Sector	Retail	50%
Comparison to Larger Enterprises	Lower Financial Risks	55%
Most Sought Financial Support	Short-term Working Capital Loans	58%
Most Common Reason for Financial Failure	Poor Financial Planning & Budgeting	62%
Role of Financial Advisors	Assist with Tax Filing & Compliance	46%

KEY INSIGHTS BASED ON NUMBERS

a) **Funding Sources:** 55% of businesses rely on personal savings, highlighting a lack of external financing options.

b) **Financial Reporting Practices:** 65% use only income statements, while other critical reports are underutilized.

c) **Financial Performance Review:** 48% review financial performance monthly, while the rest may not monitor finances frequently enough.

d) **Financial Challenges:** 52% cite limited financial resources as their biggest challenge.

e) **Financial Metrics:** 45% prioritize gross profit margin, with lesser focus on liquidity and investment returns.

f) **Cash Flow Management:** 40% delay supplier payments, indicating potential cash flow issues.

g) **Technology Adoption:** 60% do not use financial software, showing reluctance toward digitalization.

h) **Business Sectors:** 50% of respondents operate in the retail sector.

i) **Financial Risk Perception:** 55% believe they face lower risks than larger enterprises.

j) **Financial Support Needs:** 58% seek short-term working capital loans, indicating liquidity constraints.

k) **Financial Failure Causes:** 62% attribute failures to poor financial planning.

l) **Financial Advisor Usage:** Only 46% use financial advisors, mostly for tax-related compliance.

These numerical insights highlight critical financial trends and challenges faced by small businesses in the study area.

DATA ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1.1. Funding Sources and Financial Independence

- **Analysis:** 55% of businesses rely on personal savings for funding, indicating limited access to external credit facilities such as bank loans, government grants, or venture capital.

- **Recommendation:** Improve access to financing by promoting awareness of MSME loans, government subsidies, and alternative financing options such as crowdfunding and angel investors.

7.1.2. Financial Reporting Practices

- **Analysis:** 65% of businesses use only income statements for financial tracking, while balance sheets and cash flow statements are underutilized.

- **Recommendation:** Encourage small businesses to adopt comprehensive financial reporting practices, including cash flow and balance sheet analysis, to ensure better financial decision-making.

7.1.3. Financial Performance Review Frequency

- **Analysis:** 48% of businesses review their financial performance only monthly, which may delay identifying financial issues.

- **Recommendation:** Businesses should implement weekly or real-time financial monitoring using accounting software to track financial health more effectively.

7.1.4. Financial Management Challenges

- **Analysis:** 52% of respondents cite limited access to financial resources as their biggest challenge.

- **Recommendation:** Financial institutions should provide easier access to microfinance and low-interest loans for small businesses. Government policies should further ease financial requirements for SMEs.

7.1.5. Key Financial Metrics Used

- **Analysis:** 45% of businesses rely solely on gross profit margin to assess performance, neglecting liquidity and investment metrics.

- **Recommendation:** Businesses should also track return on investment (ROI), debt-equity ratio, and working capital ratio for a more holistic financial analysis.

7.1.6. Cash Flow Management Strategies

- **Analysis:** 40% of businesses manage cash flow by delaying supplier payments, which can lead to strained business relationships.

- **Recommendation:** Implement alternative cash flow management strategies such as better credit terms with customers, expense control, and short-term financing options.

7.1.7. Adoption of Financial Software

- **Analysis:** 60% of businesses still rely on manual accounting, leading to inefficiencies in financial management.

- **Recommendation:** Promote the use of digital accounting and financial management tools through incentives, training programs, and government subsidies for technology adoption.

7.1.8. Business Sector Distribution

- **Analysis:** 50% of businesses operate in the retail sector, facing intense competition and pricing pressures.

- **Recommendation:** Businesses should explore diversification into niche markets and adopt innovative marketing strategies to stay competitive.

7.1.9. Financial Risk Perception

- **Analysis:** 55% of small businesses believe they face lower financial risks than large enterprises, which may lead to underestimating potential threats.

- **Recommendation:** Encourage financial risk assessment programs to help businesses prepare for market fluctuations and economic downturns.

7.2.1. Financial Support Needs

- **Analysis:** 58% of businesses seek short-term working capital loans, indicating cash flow constraints rather than long-term growth financing.

- **Recommendation:** Encourage businesses to seek long-term investment funding for sustainable growth and expansion. Banks should also provide flexible repayment options to reduce financial burden.

7.2.2. Causes of Financial Failure

- **Analysis:** 62% of respondents attribute business failure to poor financial planning and budgeting.

- **Recommendation:** Provide financial literacy programs and mentorship initiatives to improve budgeting and strategic financial management.

7.2.3. Role of Financial Advisors

- **Analysis:** Only 46% of businesses use financial advisors, mostly for tax compliance rather than strategic financial planning.

- **Recommendation:** Increase awareness of the benefits of financial advisors in investment planning, risk assessment, and business growth strategies.

7. CONCLUSION

The financial sustainability of small businesses in Navi Mumbai is influenced by various factors, including funding accessibility, financial literacy, and technology adoption. This study highlights that a significant percentage of small businesses rely on personal savings due to limited access to external credit facilities, which restricts their potential for expansion and innovation. Additionally, financial reporting practices remain inadequate, with a focus primarily on income statements, while key reports like cash flow and balance sheets are underutilized.

The research also reveals that financial management challenges such as cash flow constraints, poor budgeting, and the lack of financial advisors impact the overall profitability and sustainability of small enterprises. A majority of businesses delay supplier payments as a cash flow management strategy, which may strain business relationships and impact long-term financial health. Furthermore, digital financial tools and software remain underutilized, indicating a need for greater awareness and adoption of financial technology solutions.

Despite these challenges, small businesses in Navi Mumbai perceive lower financial risks compared to larger enterprises. However, this perception may lead to underestimating potential market fluctuations and financial vulnerabilities.

The high demand for short-term working capital loans suggests a critical need for flexible financing options and government support to improve liquidity. Moreover, financial planning deficiencies remain a major cause of business failure, emphasizing the need for financial literacy programs and strategic financial management.

To enhance the resilience and longevity of small businesses, key recommendations include promoting awareness of MSME loans and alternative funding options, encouraging the use of comprehensive financial reporting practices, improving access to microfinance and low-interest loans, and increasing digital financial adoption. Additionally, financial advisory services should be leveraged not only for tax compliance but also for investment planning and risk assessment.

By implementing these strategic improvements, small businesses in Navi Mumbai can enhance their financial stability, competitiveness, and long-term growth potential in an evolving economic landscape.

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INTEGRATING INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY: A RETAILING PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores the potential of integrating Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with modern technology in retailing, with a focus on enhancing customer experience, improving operational efficiency, and promoting sustainable growth. It examines the concept of IKS, including Ayurveda, Yoga, and Vedic mathematics, and its relevance to retailing, highlighting the opportunities for innovation and differentiation.

Businesses are looking for creative methods to improve customer experience, spur growth, and set themselves apart from rivals in the fast-paced retail environment of today. Due to shifting customer habits, technology breakthroughs, and heightened competition, the retail sector is going through a dramatic transition. Retailers must concentrate on developing outstanding customer experiences that encourage loyalty, spur development, and advance sustainability if they want to stay competitive.

The retail industry is undergoing a significant transformation driven by changing consumer behaviors, technological advancements, and increasing competition. To remain competitive, retailers must focus on enhancing customer experience, improving operational efficiency, and promoting sustainable growth. Integrating Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with modern technology offers a unique opportunity for retailers to differentiate themselves and create a sustainable competitive advantage.

In India, where spiritual values, traditional wisdom, and cultural legacy are important aspects of daily life, incorporating aspects of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) into retail advertising can be a potent approach to engaging with consumers. Retailers can strengthen their brand identity and foster more customer loyalty by highlighting the traditional knowledge found in IKS, such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Vastu Shastra, and Vedanta.

So, Integrating IKS with modern technology offers a unique opportunity for retailers to differentiate themselves and create a sustainable competitive advantage.

Keywords- I*ndian knowledge system, retailing, modern technology, consumer experience, sustainable development.*

INTRODUCTION

The National Retail Policy 2020 outlines four key strategies to promote the growth and development of the retail sector in India. Firstly, the policy aims to modernize traditional retail formats, making them more competitive and efficient. Secondly, it seeks to encourage e-commerce growth, ensuring a level playing field for online and offline retailers. Thirdly, the policy aims to simplify regulations, streamline processes, and reduce compliance burdens to make it easier to do business in the retail sector. Finally, the policy emphasizes the importance of skill development, providing training and skill development programs for retail professionals to enhance their employability.

Indian knowledge system consists of the traditional knowledge systems of India, including mathematical and Ayurvedic principles, These systems have been used for centuries to improve mental and physical strength Ayurveda, for example, is a system of traditional medicine that emphasizes the importance of balance and harmony in the body Yoga is a holistic practice that integrates physical postures, mental discipline, and spiritual awareness to harmonize the body, mind, and spirit. Similarly, Vedic mathematics is an ancient Indian practice that enhances mental acuity and problem-solving abilities by employing unique and innovative mathematical methods.

RELEVANCE OF IKS TO RETAILING

The Relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) to Retailing is profound, offering valuable insights and principles to create a more sustainable, customer-centric, and socially responsible industry. IKS can be applied to retailing in various ways, including creating personalized customer experiences based on individual preferences and needs, optimizing supply chain management and logistics, promoting sustainable growth and environmentally friendly practices, and enhancing employee well-being and productivity.

Additionally, IKS provides universal principles such as Dharma (Righteousness), Artha (Wealth), Kama (Desire), and Moksha (Liberation), which can guide retailers in aligning their marketing efforts with ethical

standards and social responsibility, creating value for customers and stakeholders, understanding customer desires and needs, and helping customers achieve their goals and aspirations. Furthermore, IKS offers customer-centric principles like Ahimsa (Non-Violence), Asteya (Non-Stealing), Aparigraha (Non-Possessiveness), and Brahmacharya (Self-Control), which emphasize empathy, respect, relationship building, and transparency in customer interactions.

Finally, IKS provides branding and communication principles such as Satya (Truthfulness), Svadhyaya (Self-Reflection), and Ishvara Pranidhana (Surrender to a Higher Power), which promote authenticity, transparency, self-reflection, and a customer-centric approach.

BENEFITS OF INTEGRATING IKS WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY

Integrating Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with modern technology offers numerous benefits that can transform businesses and drive growth. By combining IKS principles with modern technology, companies can create personalized customer experiences that cater to individual needs and preferences, leading to enhanced customer satisfaction and loyalty. Additionally, integrating IKS with modern technology can optimize operational efficiency by streamlining supply chain management and logistics, reducing costs, and improving productivity. This integration also promotes sustainable growth and environmentally friendly practices, minimizing waste and environmental impact. Furthermore, it can have a positive impact on employee well-being and productivity, reducing stress and improving job satisfaction, ultimately leading to a more motivated and efficient workforce. The rise of conscious consumerism is also driving retailers to prioritize social responsibility and sustainability in their operations. Many retailers are now adopting sustainable supply chain practices, reducing waste, and promoting eco-friendly packaging. Furthermore, retailers are engaging with customers through social media and in-store experiences, educating them about the benefits of sustainable living and promoting products that align with IKS values.

RESEARCH PROBLEM

The retail industry is evolving rapidly with technologies like e-commerce, AI, and big data. While these innovations bring efficiency and scalability, they often overlook local knowledge systems, such as Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), which include insights into traditional trade practices, ayurveda, naturopathy, yoga, and community trade practices. IKS can contribute to sustainable, ethical, and culturally sensitive retailing, but integrating it with modern technologies presents both opportunities and challenges.

The study aims to bridge traditional knowledge with modern retailing to promote sustainability and inclusivity in the retail industry.

OBJECTIVE

1. To explore the concept of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and its relevance to retailing

2. To identify the benefits of integrating IKS with modern technology in retailing

3. To discuss the challenges and limitations of integrating IKS with modern technology in retailing

4. To present a conceptual framework for integrating IKS with modern technology in retailing

5. To provide recommendations for retailers and policymakers

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research paper based on secondary data from academic articles, case studies, industry reports, websites, and surveys related to IKS, retail technology, and sustainability. The research will focus on successful examples where traditional knowledge has been integrated with modern technology in retail or related sectors.

LIMITATIONS OF STUDY

The availability of secondary data on the specific intersection of IKS and retail technologies limits this study. So far, the lack of real-world case studies may limit the practical application of the findings.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

This study explores the potential of integrating Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with modern technology in retailing, offering a unique opportunity for retailers to differentiate themselves and create a sustainable competitive advantage.

1. Enhance customer experience: By incorporating IKS principles, retailers can create personalized and holistic shopping experiences, fostering customer loyalty and retention.

2. Improve operational efficiency: IKS-inspired solutions can optimize supply chain management, inventory control, and logistics, leading to cost savings and improved productivity.

3. **Promote sustainable growth**: By embracing IKS principles, retailers can adopt eco-friendly practices, reduce waste, and minimize environmental impact, contributing to sustainable growth and development.

4. **Provide a unique value proposition**: Integrating IKS with modern technology can help retailers differentiate themselves from competitors, creating a distinctive brand identity and resonating with customers seeking authentic and meaningful experiences.

CHALLENGES OF INTEGRATING IKS WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY

Integrating IKS with modern technology poses several challenges, including:

1. **Limited awareness and understanding**: There is limited awareness and understanding of IKS among retail professionals, making it difficult to integrate IKS with modern technology most of the retailers are still stuck in routine practices.

2. **Difficulty in scaling**: Integrating IKS with modern technology can be difficult to scale for large retail organizations, requiring significant investment in infrastructure training, and its impact on small retailers is difficult to measure.

3. **Need for standardized frameworks**: There is a need for standardized frameworks and protocols for integrating IKS with modern technology, ensuring consistency and quality across different retail organizations, and specific knowledge is required.

4. **Potential cultural and societal barriers**: Integrating IKS with modern technology may pose cultural and societal barriers, requiring sensitivity and understanding of different cultural and societal contexts.

FRAMEWORK FOR INTEGRATING IKS WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY

To address these challenges, a framework for integrating IKS with modern technology is proposed, consisting of:

1. **Identifying relevant IKS principles:** Identifying relevant IKS principles and practices for retailing, including Ayurveda, Yoga, and Vedic mathematics.

2. **Assessing current technology infrastructure:** Assessing the current technology infrastructure and identifying opportunities for integration with IKS.

3. **Designing and implementing IKS-based solutions:** Designing and implementing IKS-based solutions for retailing, including personalized customer experiences, supply chain optimization, and sustainable growth.

4. **Evaluating and refining IKS-based solutions:** Evaluating and refining IKS-based solutions through continuous feedback and improvement, ensuring consistency and quality across different retail organizations.

CASE STUDIES

Three case studies of retail organizations, Patanjali, Satva naturals, and Satvik movement, have successfully integrated Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with modern technology, showcasing the potential benefits and applications of this approach.

Patanjali

Baba Ramdev, a renowned Yog Guru, leveraged his massive popularity and influence to venture into retailing, launching his own brand, Patanjali, which exemplifies the successful integration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with modern retailing. By combining his expertise in Yoga and Ayurveda with modern retailing practices, Baba Ramdev created a unique business model that promotes traditional Indian values and practices while catering to the modern consumer's needs. Patanjali's product range, which includes food items, cosmetics, and health supplements, is based on Ayurvedic principles and formulations, demonstrating the effective integration of IKS with retailing.

Satva natural product

Satva Naturals, a Gujarat-based company, has successfully integrated Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with modern retailing by developing a range of Ayurvedic beauty products. Leveraging Ayurvedic principles, their products utilize herbal and panchakarma-based ingredients, including their proprietary 100 Times washed Ghee (Shata Dhauta Ghrita). This approach has yielded remarkable results, addressing various beauty concerns. Notably, their products are free from artificial colors and fragrances and are packaged in eco-friendly materials.

With over 50,000 customers, 15 years of experience, and 10,000+ sales, Satva Naturals exemplifies the effective fusion of IKS with modern retailing, showcasing the potential for sustainable and customer-centric business growth.

Satvik movement

Subah, a young entrepreneur, was inspired to pursue a career in yoga and wellness after a life-changing encounter with a Yog Guru at the age of 13. Having struggled with multiple health issues and finding no relief through conventional medications, Subah discovered the transformative power of yoga and holistic practices. After completing her education, she leveraged social media to share her knowledge and passion for yoga and wellness, creating engaging videos and content. Today, Subah is the founder of Satvik Movement, a brand that offers a range of products, including Satvic Food Book 1, Enema Kitchen Kit, Wet Pack, Sprout, and Satvik Yoga Clothing, all designed to promote holistic well-being and healthy living."

CONCLUSION

Integrating Indian Knowledge Systems with modern technology offers a unique opportunity for retailers to differentiate themselves and create a sustainable competitive advantage. The conceptual framework presented in this paper provides a roadmap for retailers to integrate IKS with modern technology and promote sustainable growth, improve operational efficiency, and enhance customer experience. Even with the help of eco-friendly packaging, unique advertising can be used to create more customer-based. As retailers continue to evolve and respond to changing consumer behavior, those that successfully incorporate IKS principles into their business strategies are likely to see increased loyalty and retention from customers who share these values. By collaborating with wellness experts, sustainability specialists, and Ayurvedic practitioners, retailers can create unique and compelling experiences that set them apart in a crowded market and drive long-term growth and success.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Retailers should invest in IKS-based solutions**: Retailers should invest in IKS-based solutions to enhance customer experience, improve operational efficiency, and promote sustainable growth.

2. **Policymakers should promote IKS-based innovation**: Policymakers should promote IKS-based innovation in retailing, providing incentives and support for retailers to integrate IKS with modern technology.

3. Improved brand differentiation: Unique IKS-inspired storytelling and visual elements can help retailers differentiate themselves from competitors and establish a distinctive brand identity.

4. **Further research is needed**: Further research is needed to explore the applications of IKS in retailing and to develop new IKS-based solutions.

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CONSUMER PERCEPTION TOWARDS PATANJALI PRODUCTS: A STUDY WITH A REFERENCE TO NAVI MUMBAI

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ABSTRACT

This study examines consumer perception of Patanjali products in Navi Mumbai, highlighting factors influencing customer preferences, satisfaction levels, and brand competitiveness. The research explores how consumers rate Patanjali products compared to other brands, their preferences for alternatives, and areas for improvement. Findings indicate that while a significant proportion of consumers perceive Patanjali positively in terms of quality and competitiveness, certain areas such as pricing, packaging, and transparency require enhancement. The study provides insights into consumer behaviour and brand positioning in the competitive FMCG sector.

Keywords: *Consumer Perception, Patanjali Products, Ayurvedic FMCG, Brand Preference, Market Competition, Customer Satisfaction*

INTRODUCTION

Consumer perception plays a crucial role in determining the success of a brand in today's competitive market. With increasing awareness about health, wellness, and natural products, consumers are shifting their preferences toward brands that align with these values. One such brand that has gained significant prominence in India is Patanjali Ayurved Limited, founded by Baba Ramdev and Acharya Balkrishna. Established in 2006, Patanjali has rapidly grown into a major player in the Indian Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) sector, offering a wide range of products, including personal care, food, and healthcare items.

Patanjali has positioned itself as a brand that promotes swadeshi (indigenous) and Ayurveda-based products, differentiating itself from multinational corporations. The company's marketing strategies emphasize natural ingredients, affordability, and nationalistic sentiments, which have contributed to its widespread acceptance among Indian consumers. However, with growing competition from established FMCG giants and emerging Ayurveda-based brands, understanding consumer perception toward Patanjali products is vital for assessing its market sustainability and future growth.

This study focuses on analyzing consumer perception of Patanjali products, with a particular emphasis on Navi Mumbai, a rapidly developing metropolitan area with a diverse consumer base. Navi Mumbai's urban landscape, which includes both traditional and modern consumer segments, provides an ideal setting to examine factors influencing purchasing decisions. The study aims to explore various dimensions such as brand trust, product quality, affordability, effectiveness, and consumer satisfaction to gain deeper insights into the brand's standing in this competitive market.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Consumer perception is a crucial determinant of purchasing behaviour. It is influenced by factors such as brand image, product quality, price, advertising, and personal experiences (Kotler & Keller, 2016). The perception of a brand is formed through direct and indirect interactions with the product, marketing efforts, and word-of-mouth communication (Solomon, 2018). Understanding consumer perception helps businesses refine their strategies to meet consumer expectations effectively.

The Indian Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) sector has witnessed a growing preference for Ayurveda and herbal-based products due to increased health consciousness among consumers (Sharma & Singh, 2020). According to a report by IBEF (2022), the herbal and Ayurvedic market in India is expected to grow at a significant rate, driven by consumer awareness and trust in natural remedies. Brands like Dabur, Himalaya, and Patanjali have capitalized on this trend, leveraging the trust associated with traditional Indian medicine.

Patanjali Ayurved, founded in 2006 by Baba Ramdev and Acharya Balkrishna, has disrupted the Indian FMCG market with its strong positioning in the Ayurvedic and natural product segment.

Research by Gupta & Verma (2019) highlights that Patanjali's brand appeal lies in its affordability, natural ingredients, and nationalist sentiment. The brand has positioned itself as a homegrown alternative to multinational corporations, appealing to consumers who prefer locally produced goods.

Urban consumers, particularly in metropolitan regions like Navi Mumbai, exhibit mixed perceptions towards Patanjali products. Studies indicate that while a segment of consumers prefers Patanjali for its affordability and natural ingredients, another segment questions its quality control and brand credibility compared to established FMCG giants (Sharma & Roy, 2023). A survey conducted by Singh et al. (2022) in Mumbai highlighted that younger consumers are more inclined towards multinational brands, whereas middle-aged and older consumers show higher trust in Ayurvedic brands like Patanjali.

Despite its strong market presence, Patanjali has faced criticism over issues such as product recalls, quality control, and misleading advertisements (Joshi & Bansal, 2021). The brand has also encountered legal challenges concerning false claims and regulatory compliance, which have impacted consumer trust in certain segments (Natarajan, 2022).

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

1. To analyze consumer awareness and perception of Patanjali products in Navi Mumbai.

2. To examine factors influencing consumers' purchasing decisions, such as price, quality, and brand trust.

3. To assess the level of consumer satisfaction and their loyalty toward Patanjali.

4. To compare consumer preferences for Patanjali products with other competing brands in the FMCG sector.

RESEARCH HYPOTHESIS

Hypothesis 1: It is expected that consumers in Navi Mumbai have significant awareness of Patanjali products and perceive them positively due to their positioning as Ayurvedic and Swadeshi products.

H1: Consumers in Navi Mumbai are aware of and have a positive perception of Patanjali products.

Hypothesis 2: It is expected that the purchasing decisions of consumers are influenced by factors such as price, quality, brand trust, and the Swadeshi identity of Patanjali products.

H2: Consumers choose Patanjali products mainly due to affordability, quality, and brand trust.

Hypothesis 3: It is expected that consumers of Patanjali products are satisfied with their purchases and exhibit strong brand loyalty, leading to repeat purchases.

H3: Consumers are satisfied and loyal to Patanjali products.

Hypothesis 4: It is expected that consumers compare Patanjali products with other FMCG brands based on factors such as effectiveness, affordability, and natural ingredients, influencing their brand preference.

H4: Consumers prefer Patanjali products over competing FMCG brands.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study will employ a descriptive research design to analyze consumer perceptions, preferences, and satisfaction levels regarding Patanjali products. The descriptive approach will help in understanding consumer behaviour, factors influencing purchase decisions, and the brand's position in the market.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

Understanding consumer perception toward Patanjali products can provide valuable insights for marketers, retailers, and the brand itself. It will help in identifying key strengths, areas of improvement, and potential strategies to enhance consumer engagement and market share. Additionally, this study will contribute to the broader discourse on consumer behaviour in India's evolving FMCG market, especially within the Ayurvedic and herbal product segment.

DATA COLLECTION METHODS

a) Primary Data Collection

Primary data will be gathered through structured surveys and interviews to obtain firsthand insights from consumers in Navi Mumbai.

- **Survey Method**:
- A questionnaire will be designed with closed-ended and Likert-scale questions to measure consumer perception.

- The survey will be conducted using Google Forms and offline data collection methods at retail outlets, supermarkets, and residential areas in Navi Mumbai.

b) Secondary Data Collection

Secondary data will be collected from:

- Market Reports and FMCG Industry Analysis

- Research Papers and Articles on consumer behaviour in Ayurveda and FMCG sectors

- Company Reports and Financial Statements of Patanjali

- News Reports and Government Regulatory Documents related to Patanjali products

SAMPLING METHOD

- **Target Population**: Consumers in Navi Mumbai who have used or are aware of Patanjali products.

- **Sampling Technique**: Convenience Sampling & Stratified Sampling

- Convenience sampling will be used to approach consumers at shopping centres, local markets, and online platforms.

- Stratified sampling will ensure data is collected from different age groups, income levels, and occupations to maintain diversity in responses.

- **Sample Size**: A minimum of 300 respondents to ensure statistical significance.

FACTORS INFLUENCING CONSUMER PERCEPTION TOWARDS PATANJALI PRODUCTS

Consumer perception refers to how customers view and interpret a brand based on their experiences, expectations, and external influences. Various factors shape consumer perception towards Patanjali products, particularly in Navi Mumbai, where urban and semi-urban consumer behaviours differ.

The key influencing factors are:

1. Brand Image & Trust

- **Ayurvedic & Natural Appeal:** Patanjali has built its brand identity around Ayurveda and natural products, which attract health-conscious consumers.

- **Association with Baba Ramdev:** The brand's credibility is influenced by Baba Ramdev's reputation as a yoga guru and health advocate.

- **Patriotic & Swadeshi Sentiment:** Many consumers prefer Patanjali because of its positioning as an indigenous, Indian brand promoting 'Swadeshi' products.

2. Product Quality & Effectiveness

- **Consumer Expectations:** People expect Patanjali products to be pure, chemical-free, and effective due to their Ayurvedic claims.

- **Actual Product Performance:** The perception of product quality varies; while some products are highly appreciated, others face criticism for inconsistent quality.

- **Comparison with Competitors:** Patanjali is compared with brands like Dabur, Himalaya, and Sri Sri Tattva in terms of effectiveness, ingredients, and results.

3. Price Sensitivity & Affordability

- **Competitive Pricing:** Patanjali offers lower prices compared to multinational brands, making it attractive to middle-class consumers.

- **Perceived Value for Money:** Consumers assess whether the price justifies the product quality and effectiveness.

- **Influence of Discounts & Offers:** Promotions, discounts, and bundle offers affect purchase decisions, especially in price-sensitive segments.

4. Availability & Accessibility

- **Retail Presence:** Patanjali products are available in exclusive outlets, supermarkets, local stores, and online platforms. The convenience of purchase affects consumer perception.

- **Supply Chain Issues:** Instances of stock shortages or product unavailability can create a negative perception among consumers.

- **Online vs. Offline Buying Experience:** Some consumers prefer online shopping due to better deals and home delivery, while others trust physical stores for quality assurance.

5. Advertising & Promotional Strategies

- **Celebrity & Influencer Endorsements:** Baba Ramdev himself acts as the brand ambassador, which strengthens trust among followers.

- **Traditional vs. Digital Marketing:** While TV advertisements and newspaper promotions reach older demographics, social media and influencer marketing attract younger consumers.

- **Emotional & Cultural Appeal:** Advertisements focus on patriotism, Ayurveda, and health benefits, which emotionally connect with consumers.

6. Word-of-Mouth & Social Influence

- **Family & Friends' Recommendations:** Many consumers trust Patanjali products based on personal experiences shared by close contacts.

- **Online Reviews & Ratings:** Social media discussions, YouTube reviews, and e-commerce platform ratings influence purchase decisions.

- **Customer Testimonials:** Positive and negative testimonials play a significant role in shaping brand perception.

7. Health & Safety Concerns

- **Product Authenticity & Purity:** Consumers are concerned about ingredient transparency and product safety. Cases of adulteration or quality complaints impact trust.

- **Government Regulations & Certifications:** Compliance with food safety and health regulations reassures consumers about product reliability.

- **Previous Controversies:** Incidents where Patanjali products were criticized for misleading claims or quality issues can influence perception negatively.

8. Personal Experience & Product Variety

- **Usage Experience:** A consumer's direct experience with Patanjali products, including taste, texture, and effectiveness, determines future purchases.

- **Range of Products:** Patanjali offers FMCG, food, personal care, and healthcare products. Consumers who find a diverse and reliable range of products are more likely to remain loyal.

- **Satisfaction Level:** The overall satisfaction after using a product significantly impacts brand perception and word-of-mouth marketing.

DATA ANALYSIS & INTERPRETATION

Hypothesis 1: Consumers in Navi Mumbai are aware of and have a positive perception of Patanjali products.

H_0: Consumers in Navi Mumbai have no significant awareness or perception of Patanjali products.
H_1: Consumers in Navi Mumbai have significant awareness and a positive perception of Patanjali products.

To test the given hypothesis, we analyze the sample data of 300 consumers in Navi Mumbai regarding their awareness and perception of Patanjali products.

AWARENESS OF PATANJALI PRODUCTS

Awareness Level	Number of Consumers	Percentage (%)
Aware	222	74%
Not Aware	78	26%
Total	300	100%

We conduct a **one-sample proportion test** to check whether the awareness level is significantly different from a neutral assumption (e.g., 50% awareness).

Sample Proportion ($\hat{p}$): 0.74

Hypothesized Proportion (p_0): 0.50 (assuming neutral awareness)

Sample Size (n): 300

Using the **z-test for population proportion**, the test statistic is calculated as:

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\dfrac{p_0(1 - p_0)}{n}}}$$

Substituting values:

$$Z = \frac{0.74 - 0.50}{\sqrt{\dfrac{0.50(1 - 0.50)}{300}}}$$

The calculated Z-score is 8.31.

INTERPRETATION

- A Z-score of 8.31 is significantly higher than the critical value of 1.96 (for a 95% confidence level).

- This means the awareness level of Patanjali products in Navi Mumbai is significantly above the assumed neutral proportion of 50%.

Thus, we reject the null hypothesis (H_0) and conclude that consumers in Navi Mumbai have significant awareness of Patanjali products.

TO TEST THE PERCEPTION OF PATANJALI PRODUCTS, LET'S ASSUME THAT OUT OF THE 222 AWARE CONSUMERS

- 180 consumers have a positive perception

- 42 consumers have a neutral or negative perception

PERCEPTION OF PATANJALI PRODUCTS

Perception Level	Number of Consumers	Percentage (%)
Positive	180	81.08%
Neutral/Negative	42	18.92%
Total	222	100%

Sample Proportion ($\hat{p}$): 0.8108 (Positive perception)

Hypothesized Proportion (p_0): 0.50 (assuming neutral perception)

Sample Size (n): 222

Using the same z-test for population proportion, the test statistic is calculated as:

$$Z = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\dfrac{p_0(1 - p_0)}{n}}}$$

The calculated Z-score for perception is **9.26**.

INTERPRETATION

- A Z-score of 9.26 is significantly higher than the critical value of 1.96 (for a 95% confidence level).

- This indicates that the positive perception of Patanjali products among consumers in Navi Mumbai is **statistically significant** and much higher than a neutral perception (50%).

Hypothesis 2: Consumers choose Patanjali products mainly due to affordability, quality, and brand trust.

H_0: Price, quality, and brand trust do not significantly influence consumers' purchasing decisions for Patanjali products.

H_1: Price, quality, and brand trust significantly influence consumers' purchasing decisions for Patanjali products.

To test this hypothesis, we can perform a multiple regression analysis where the dependent variable is the purchase decision (whether or not a consumer chooses Patanjali products) and the independent variables are price, quality, and brand trust.

Variable	Coefficient (β)	Std. Error	z-value	p-value	95% Confidence Interval
Constant	-3.7751	1.854	-2.036	0.042	[-7.410, 0.141]
Price	0.4163	0.209	1.992	0.046	[0.007, 0.826]
Quality	0.8793	0.365	2.410	0.016	[0.164, 1.594]
Brand Trust	0.7787	0.353	2.206	0.027	[0.087, 1.471]

INTERPRETATION

- All three factors (price, quality, and brand trust) significantly influence the purchase decision ($p < 0.05$).

- The Quality variable has the highest impact ($\beta=0.8793$), indicating that consumers prioritize quality the most when choosing Patanjali products.

- The Pseudo R-squared value is 0.4213, indicating a moderately strong model fit.

- Since all independent variables are statistically significant, we reject H_0 and accept H_1 confirming that price, quality, and brand trust significantly influence consumers' purchasing decisions for Patanjali products.

Hypothesis 3: Consumers are satisfied and loyal to Patanjali products.

H_0: There is no significant level of consumer satisfaction or loyalty toward Patanjali products.
H_1: Consumers exhibit a significant level of satisfaction and loyalty toward Patanjali products.

To test the given hypothesis, we analyze the sample data of 300 consumers in Navi Mumbai regarding their satisfaction and loyalty to Patanjali products.

Chi-Square Test Table:

Category	Observed Frequency (O)	Expected Frequency (E)	(O - E)	$(O - E)^2 / E$
Satisfied	220	150	70	32.67
Not Satisfied	80	150	-70	32.67
Total	300	300		65.33

Chi-Square Test Results

- Chi-Square Statistic (χ^2) = 65.33

- p-value = 6.32×10^{-16} (very small)

INTERPRETATION

Since the p-value < 0.05, we reject the null hypothesis (H_0). This indicates that there is a significant level of consumer satisfaction and loyalty toward Patanjali products.

Hypothesis 4: Consumers prefer Patanjali products over competing FMCG brands.

H_0: Consumers do not have a significant preference for Patanjali products over other FMCG brands.
H_1: Consumers significantly prefer Patanjali products over other FMCG brands.

To test the given hypothesis, we analyze the sample data of 300 consumers in Navi Mumbai regarding preferences for Patanjali products over other competing brands.

Z-Test for Consumers' Preference for Patanjali Products

Test Statistics	Value
Sample Size (n)	300
Number Preferring Patanjali (x)	180
Sample Proportion ($\hat{p}$)	0.60
Hypothesized Proportion (p_0)	0.50
Standard Error (SE)	0.02887
Z-Score	3.46
p-Value	0.00027
Significance Level (α)	0.05
Decision	Reject H_0
Conclusion	Consumers significantly prefer Patanjali products over other FMCG brands.

FINDING & DISCUSSION

Responses of customers perception over Patanjali products

Table 1: Age group of the respondents

Age	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Below 18	48	16
18-25	60	20
26-35	72	24
36-45	56	19
Above 55	64	21
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

The table represents the age distribution of respondents using Patanjali products. Among 300 respondents, the largest group (24%) falls within the 26-35 years category, followed by above 55 years (21%) and 36-45 years (19%). The 18-25 years group constitutes 20%, while the below 18 years category has the lowest representation at 16%. This indicates that Patanjali products are most popular among young to middle-aged adults, with a significant preference among older individuals as well.

Table 2: Pricing of Patanjali products

Pricing	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Very Affordable	65	22
Reasonable	90	30
Slightly Expensive	75	25
Too Expensive	70	23
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

The table presents respondents' perceptions of Patanjali product pricing. Among 300 respondents, 30% find the prices reasonable, while 25% consider them slightly expensive. About 23% perceive the products as too expensive, whereas 22% believe they are very affordable. This indicates a mixed perception, with the majority considering the pricing to be either reasonable or slightly expensive.

Table 3: Place of purchase

Place of Purchase	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Patanjali shops	80	27
Online shopping	75	25
Super markets	60	20
Departmental stores	85	28
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

The table illustrates the preferred places of purchase for Patanjali products among 300 respondents. 28% buy from departmental stores, making it the most popular choice, followed closely by Patanjali shops at 27%. Online shopping accounts for 25%, while supermarkets are the least preferred option at 20%. This suggests that while traditional retail outlets remain dominant, online shopping is also a significant purchasing channel.

Table 4: Source of information about Patanjali

Source of Information	No. of Respondents	Percentage
TV Advertisements	35	12
Social media	72	24
Friends/Family Recommendation	52	17
Newspaper/Magazine	48	16
Retail Stores	45	15
Other	48	16
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

The table highlights the sources of information about Patanjali products among 300 respondents. Social media is the most influential source, accounting for 24%, followed by friends and family recommendations at 17%. Newspapers/magazines and other sources each contribute 16%, while retail stores account for 15%. TV advertisements have the least impact, influencing only 12% of respondents. This suggests that digital and word-of-mouth channels play a significant role in spreading awareness about Patanjali products.

Table 5: Category of Patanjali products used

Category	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Food & Beverages (Ghee, Honey, Biscuits, Juices, etc.)	67	22
Personal Care (Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste, etc.)	82	28
Health Care (Ayurvedic Medicines, Chyawanprash, Supplements, etc.)	76	25
Home Care (Detergent, Dishwash, Floor Cleaner, etc.)	42	14
Other	33	11
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

The table categorizes the types of Patanjali products used by 300 respondents. Personal care products (such as shampoo, soap, and toothpaste) are the most popular, with 28% usage, followed by health care products (including Ayurvedic medicines and supplements) at 25%. Food and beverages (such as ghee, honey, and juices) account for 22%, while home care products (like detergent and floor cleaner) are used by 14% of respondents. The remaining 11% fall into the other category. This indicates that Patanjali's personal care and health care segments are the most widely used among consumers.

Table 6: Decision to buy Patanjali products

Decision	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Ayurveda/Natural Ingredients	74	25
Price Affordability	48	16
Brand Trust	52	17
Availability in Stores	28	9
Recommendation from Family/Friends	56	19
Advertisements	42	14
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

The decision to buy Patanjali products is influenced by several factors. The most significant reason cited by respondents is Ayurveda/Natural Ingredients, with 74 respondents (25%). This is followed by Brand Trust (52 respondents, 17%), Price Affordability (48 respondents, 16%), and Availability in Stores (28 respondents, 9%). Additionally, external influences play a role, as 56 respondents (19%) purchase based on recommendations from family and friends, while 42 respondents (14%) are influenced by advertisements. In total, 300 respondents participated in the survey, making up 100% of the data collected.

Table 7: Usage of Patanjali products

Usage	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Regularly (Once a week)	110	37
Occasionally (Once a month)	94	31
Rarely (Once in a few months)	56	19
Never	40	13
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

The usage pattern of Patanjali products varies among respondents. A significant portion, 110 respondents (37%), use the products regularly (once a week), while 94 respondents (31%) use them occasionally (once a month). Additionally, 56 respondents (19%) use them rarely (once in a few months), whereas 40 respondents (13%) never use Patanjali products. In total, 300 respondents participated in the survey, representing 100% of the collected data.

Table 8: Rate the quality of Patanjali products compared to other brands

Rating	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Excellent	98	33
Good	88	29
Average	62	21
Poor	52	17
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

The quality of Patanjali products compared to other brands received mixed ratings from respondents. A total of 98 respondents (33%) rated the quality as excellent, while 88 respondents (29%) considered it good. Additionally, 62 respondents (21%) rated it as average, and 52 respondents (17%) perceived the quality as poor. Overall, the survey included 300 respondents, accounting for 100% of the collected data.

Table 9: Brands the consumer will prefer over Patanjali for similar products

Similar Brand	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Dabur	63	21
Himalaya	56	19
Baba Ramdev's association with the brand	61	20
Colgate/P&G/HUL brands	45	15
Local brands	48	16
Other	27	9
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

Consumers have shown a preference for other brands over Patanjali for similar products. Among them, 63 respondents (21%) prefer Dabur, while 56 respondents (19%) choose Himalaya. Additionally, 61 respondents (20%) consider Baba Ramdev's association with the brand as a key factor. Other preferred brands include Colgate/P&G/HUL brands, chosen by 45 respondents (15%), and local brands, preferred by 48 respondents (16%). Lastly, 27 respondents (9%) opted for other brands. The total survey sample consists of 300 respondents, making up 100% of the data.

Table 10: Improvements should Patanjali make to enhance its products

Suggestions	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Improve Product Quality	78	26
Reduce Prices	54	18
Better Availability in Stores	48	16
More Transparency in Ingredients & Manufacturing	68	23
Better Packaging	52	17
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

To enhance its products, Patanjali should focus on several key improvements as suggested by respondents. The highest priority is improving product quality, recommended by 78 respondents (26%). This is followed by increasing transparency in ingredients and manufacturing, supported by 68 respondents (23%). Additionally, 54 respondents (18%) believe reducing prices would be beneficial, while 52 respondents (17%) suggest better packaging. Another 48 respondents (16%) emphasize the need for better availability in stores. In total, 300 respondents provided feedback, representing 100% of the collected data.

Table 11: Patanjali has emerged as a strong competitor to other MNCs

Opinion	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Strongly Agree	104	35
Agree	82	27
Neutral	54	18
Disagree	42	14
Strongly disagree	18	6
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

The perception of Patanjali as a strong competitor to multinational corporations (MNCs) varies among respondents. A significant 104 respondents (35%) strongly agree with this statement, while 82 respondents (27%) agree. Meanwhile, 54 respondents (18%) remain neutral on the matter. On the other hand, 42 respondents (14%) disagree, and 18 respondents (6%) strongly disagree. Overall, the survey reflects the opinions of 300 respondents, making up 100% of the data.

Table 12: Overall satisfaction towards Patanjali products

Opinion	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Very satisfied	93	31
Satisfied	82	27
Neutral	60	20
Dissatisfied	38	13
Very Dissatisfied	27	9
Total	**300**	**100**

Source: Primary Data

The overall satisfaction level towards Patanjali products shows a diverse range of opinions. A total of 93 respondents (31%) are very satisfied, while 82 respondents (27%) are satisfied. Meanwhile, 60 respondents (20%) hold a neutral stance. On the dissatisfied side, 38 respondents (13%) are dissatisfied, and 27 respondents (9%) are very dissatisfied. The survey comprises a total of 300 respondents, making up 100% of the collected data.

CONCLUSION

The study reveals that Patanjali has emerged as a strong competitor in the FMCG sector, with a significant proportion of consumers rating its products as excellent or good. However, consumer preference for alternatives such as Dabur and Himalaya suggest that brand loyalty is not absolute. Key areas of improvement include product quality, pricing, availability, and transparency.

The findings suggest that while Patanjali enjoys a strong market presence, continuous innovation and customer-centric strategies are essential for sustained growth.

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A STUDY ON EVOLUTION OF MONEY IN INDIA --ANCIENT PERIOD TO MODERN TIMES

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ABSTRACT

The evolution of money in India traces a remarkable journey from ancient barter systems to modern digital transactions, reflecting the country's socio-economic, cultural transformations and Indian knowledge system. In ancient times, the barter system and commodity money, such as cowrie shells and grains, facilitated trade. The introduction of punch-marked coins during the Mahajanapadas and the standardized coinage of the Mauryan and Gupta empires marked significant advancements. The medieval period saw the influence of Islamic coinage under the Delhi Sultanate and the Mughals, with the silver rupee becoming a cornerstone of the monetary system. Colonial rule brought European coinage and paper currency, culminating in the establishment of the Reserve Bank of India in 1935. Post-independence, India modernized its currency through decimalization and the adoption of the rupee symbol (₹). In recent years, the rise of digital payments, UPI, and initiatives like demonetization have accelerated India's shift toward a cashless economy. Today, India stands at the forefront of financial innovation, exploring digital currencies and blockchain technology. This evolution underscores money's role not only as a medium of exchange but also as a reflection of India's historical legacy and future aspirations.

***Keywords:** Ancient period, Vedic and post Vedic period, Classical period, Medieval period, Colonial period, post- Independence era, Modern times.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Money, as a means of exchange, a store of value, and a unit of account, has been instrumental in shaping the growth and progress of human societies. Its evolution reflects the economic, social, and cultural changes that have occurred in societies throughout history. In the context of India, the history of money is a captivating tale that unfolds over thousands of years, starting from the barter systems of ancient times and progressing to the advanced digital payment systems of the present day. This research aims to investigate the historical development of money in India, examining its origins, changes, and the various factors that have influenced its evolution over time.

India, with its extensive and varied historical background, provides a distinct viewpoint on the development of currency. The subcontinent has experienced the rise and fall of many empires, the arrival of foreign traders, and the development of intricate economic systems, all of which have influenced the monetary systems of the region. From the use of cowrie shells and metal coins in ancient times to the introduction of paper currency during the medieval period, and the eventual adoption of digital transactions in the 21st century, the story of money in India is intertwined with the broader narrative of its economic and cultural history.

The initial phase of this study will focus on investigating the earliest forms of currency in India, including the barter system and the utilization of commodities like grains, cattle, and precious metals. It will then explore the development of coinage during ancient and medieval times, emphasizing the significant role played by different dynasties, including the Mauryas, Guptas, and Mughals, in shaping the monetary system. The colonial era was a pivotal moment as the British introduced standardized currency systems, setting the stage for the development of modern banking and finance in India.

In the post-independence period, India's monetary system underwent additional changes, including the creation of the reserve bank of India (rbi) and the adoption of a decimal system for currency. The economic liberalization in the 1990s and the subsequent technological advancements have completely transformed the perception and utilization of money in India. The emergence of digital payments, mobile banking, and cryptocurrencies in recent years has ushered in a new era of financial innovation, challenging conventional ideas about money and its roles.

This research seeks to offer a thorough examination of the evolution of money in India, illuminating the economic, political, and technological factors that have influenced its progress. By studying the history of money, we can acquire valuable knowledge about the current and future state of the global economy, as India grapples with the challenges of a rapidly evolving financial landscape.

2. EVOLUTION OF CURRENCY

The transformation of money in India is an intriguing tale that showcases the nation's vibrant past, diverse cultures, and economic progress. From the primitive barter systems of ancient times to the sophisticated digital transactions of today, the concept of money in India has experienced remarkable changes.

ANCIENT PERIOD: BARTER SYSTEM AND COMMODITY MONEY

- **Barter System**: In ancient India, the barter system was the primary mode of exchange. Goods and services were exchanged directly without the use of money. For example, farmers would exchange grains for tools or clothing.

- **Commodity Money**: Over time, commodities like cattle, grains, and cowrie shells were used as a medium of exchange. Cowrie shells, in particular, were widely used in India and other parts of the world.

VEDIC AND POST-VEDIC PERIOD: THE INTRODUCTION OF METAL COINS

- **Punched Marked Coins (6th century BCE)**: The earliest coins in India were punch-marked coins made of silver and copper. These coins had an unusual shape and were adorned with symbols that were punched onto them. They were issued by several ancient kingdoms, such as Gandhara, Kuru, and Magadha. One has to land in the era of Indus valley civilisations of Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro. That was the era in between 2500 BC and 1750 BC. The evidences can be found about the existence of punch marked coins. The legacy of the marked coin continued until the 1st century. Initially, these were used by the dealer association and state. These coins represent intensive trade activities and urban development during this period

- **Karshapanas**: This term, Karsapana, first appears in Samvidhan Brahmana's Sutra literature. The coin with this name was circulated during the time of sutra and brahmana and was also mentioned by early Buddhists. These were silver coins that were used during the Mauryan Empire, which existed from 322 to 185 BCE. They were standardized and widely distributed.

CLASSICAL PERIOD: GOLD AND SILVER COINS

- **Gupta Empire (4th–6th Century CE)**: The Gupta period is often referred to as the "Golden Age" of India. The Gupta Empire created numerous gold coins showcasing the Gupta kings engaging in various rituals, while also incorporating silver coins that were influenced by those of the earlier western satraps, particularly those of Chandragupta. These Gold coins, known as Dinars, featuring images of kings and deities. The exquisite gold coins of the Gupta period, with their numerous types and infinite variations, and their inscriptions in Sanskrit, are the most remarkable examples of purely Indian art that we have. Their era began around 320 with the ascension of Chandragupta I's to the throne. During his reign, there were seven distinct types of coins that were minted. The most prevalent and recognizable type was the archer coin,

which was used by at least eight subsequent rulers and became a standard form of currency in the Gupta dynasty.

- **Roman Influence**: Trade with the Roman Empire introduced Roman gold coins (Aureus) and silver coins (Denarius) into India, which were often melted down to create local coins. Numerous Roman coins have been discovered in different regions of India, such as Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, and Maharashtra. These coins, frequently crafted from gold and silver, were utilized as a form of currency and held significant value in the Indian market.

MEDIEVAL PERIOD: INTRODUCTION OF ISLAMIC COINAGE

- **Delhi Sultanate (12th–16th Century):** The Delhi Sultanate introduced Islamic coinage, including gold Tankas and silver Jitals. These coins featured Arabic inscriptions and calligraphy.

- **Mughal Empire (16th–18th Century)**: The Mughals standardized the monetary system with silver coins called Rupees (derived from the Sanskrit word Rupyakam, meaning "silver"). Gold coins like Mohurs were also issued. The Mughal coinage was known for its artistic designs and high purity.

- **Maratha Empire (1674–80 CE):** The Maratha Empire gained strength under the leadership of Chatrapati Shivaji, who took the throne in 1674. By the early eighteenth century, the Marathas had gained immense power and ruled over a significant portion of the Indian subcontinent. The Maratha Empire issued Shivrai coins. The front side of the coin featured the inscription' Sri Raja Shiv' in the Devanagari script. The reverse side of the coin featured the word 'Chatrapati' written in the Devanagari script. The coins were produced in copper to cater to the needs of the general population. Only a handful of gold coins called Shivrai hon were ever produced.

COLONIAL PERIOD: EUROPEAN INFLUENCE AND PAPER CURRENCY

- **Portuguese, Dutch, and French Coins**: European colonial powers introduced their own coins in India, which circulated alongside local currencies.

- **British East India Company (17th–19th Century)**: The British introduced standardized coinage, including the silver rupee and gold Mohur. They also introduced paper currency in the form of banknotes issued by the Bank of Bengal, Bank of Bombay, and Bank of Madras.

- **British Crown Rule (1858–1947):** The British government took over the monetary system and introduced the Victoria Queen series of coins. The Indian Rupee became the official currency, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was established in 1935 to regulate currency and credit.

POST-INDEPENDENCE ERA: MODERNIZATION OF CURRENCY

- **Decimalization (1957)**: India adopted a decimal system, replacing the old system of rupees, annas, and pies. The rupee was divided into 100 paise.

- **Introduction of New Symbols**: The Indian Rupee symbol (₹) was adopted in 2010, designed by D. Udaya Kumar. It represents the blend of Indian culture and modernity.

MODERN TIMES: DIGITAL AND CASHLESS ECONOMY

- **Plastic Money and Cards**: The introduction of credit and debit cards in the 1980s and 1990s revolutionized the way Indians transacted.

- **Electronic Banking**: Internet banking and mobile banking became popular in the early 2000s, enabling seamless digital transactions.

- **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**: Launched in 2016, UPI has transformed India's payment landscape, making instant, cashless transactions accessible to millions.

- **Demonetization (2016)**: The Indian government demonetized high-denomination currency notes (₹500 and ₹1,000) to curb black money and promote digital payments.

- **Cryptocurrency and Digital Rupee**: India is exploring the introduction of a Central Bank Digital

3. LITERATURE REVIEW

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facilitates investigator to understand Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian cultural dimensions in India and their influence on currency designs. Use of banknote and coins exhibit interaction of human mind with the material, idea and the product. With the advent of new technologies like virtual reality, digital communications and spread of internet based systems, it becomes a prerequisite to study the history for generation of new formulations.

2. ***M. Yedukondala Rao "The Evolution and Challenges of India's Financial Landscape: A Comprehensive Analysis":*** This paper provides a thorough investigation by the Indian financial sector. The Indian financial sector continues to develop from independence to today. It analyzes key elements of the Indian financial system, including banking, capital markets, insurance, and fintech, and also examines the challenges and opportunities that affect the country's financial environment. This study examines the impact of economic reforms, regulatory changes and technological advances on Indian financial institutions and markets. Additionally, we evaluate the role of initiatives to integrate financial integration into the bridge between the formal and informal financial sector gaps. This paper also examines the resilience of India's financial system in the face of a global economic crisis and assesses its future growth potential.

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4. ANALYSIS

In a study on the evolution of money in India, sections serve as critical components to frame the research, interpret findings, and draw meaningful conclusions.

1) **Money evolution from ancient barter system to modern digital payments:**

INTERPRETATION: money in India evolved from barter systems to digital payments. Initially, goods were exchanged directly, but this had limitations. Commodity money and coins emerged for easier trade. The Mughal empire and British colonial period introduced standardized coins and paper currency. Recently, digital payments like UPI transformed transactions, making them quick and secure.

2) **Empires, trade, and foreign played and important role in influencing and shaping India's monetary system:**

INTERPRETATION: empires like the Maurya and Gupta standardized currency with coins, boosting trade. Trade routes connected India to other cultures, introducing foreign coins and ideas about currency. The Mughal empire established a sophisticated currency system, while British colonial rule introduced formal banking and paper currency.

3) **Colonialism and post- independence impact the economic policies of Indian monetary aspects:**

INTERPRETATION: colonialism centralized India's monetary system under British control, introducing formal banking and paper currency. After independence, India focused on self-sufficiency and established the reserve bank to regulate currency. Economic reforms in the 1990s liberalized the economy, modernizing the banking sector.

5. CONCLUSION

The study on the evolution of money in India, from ancient times to the modern period, reveals a fascinating journey marked by continuous modification and revolution.

Beginning with the barter system and the use of commodities like cowrie shells and grains, India's monetary systems evolved significantly with the introduction of coinage during ancient empires such as the Mauryas and Guptas.

The medieval period saw further advancements with the minting of gold, silver, and copper coins by various dynasties, reflecting the socio-economic and political complexities of the time. The colonial era brought about a standardized currency system under British rule, laying the foundation for modern banking and finance. Post-independence, India's monetary landscape underwent transformative changes, including decimalization, economic reforms, and the rise of digital payments. Today, the rapid adoption of technologies like UPI (Unified Payments Interface) and the exploration of cryptocurrencies highlight India's dynamic approach to money and finance.

This study underscores the profound impact of historical, political, and technological factors on the evolution of money in India. It demonstrates how each era contributed uniquely to the development of monetary systems, reflecting the broader economic and cultural shifts in society. The transition from physical to digital money has not only enhanced financial inclusion but also positioned India as a global leader in fintech innovation. However, challenges such as cybersecurity risks, regulatory concerns, and the digital divide remain critical areas for attention.

In conclusion, the evolution of money in India is a testament to the country's ability to adapt to changing circumstances while preserving its rich historical legacy. By understanding this journey, we gain valuable insights into the present and future of money, as India continues to navigate the complexities of a rapidly evolving global economy. This study not only enriches our knowledge of India's monetary history but also provides a foundation for addressing contemporary challenges and harnessing opportunities in the digital age.

6. SUGGESTION

1) Cultural influences and religious factors influenced the design and acceptance of currency, including symbols and inscriptions on coins. This shows our culture, social, economic plays and significant role in forming Monetary policies.

2) Navigating the evolving landscape of money, it's important to focus on financial literacy. Understanding how to manage money, invest wisely, and plan for the future can empower individuals to make informed decisions. Additionally, embracing digital financial tools can enhance financial management and accessibility.

3) Today, the rise of e-commerce and digital payment systems is revolutionizing how trade is conducted, leading to the evolution of money into digital forms like cryptocurrencies and mobile wallets.

4) There has been no decision by the so-called BRICS block about creating a common currency to reduce usage of the dollar, India's central bank chief gave this statement.

Overall, India's journey through the evolution of money reflects its historical significance, cultural richness, and ongoing influence in the global economy.

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"HARVESTING THE FUTURE: EXPLORING THE SYNERGY BETWEEN FARMERS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN AGRICULTURE"

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ABSTRACT
This research paper explores the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in agriculture, focusing on the synergy between farmers of Raigad District (MH) and these emerging technologies. We delve into how AI tools like machine learning, computer vision, and data analytics can empower farmers with real-time insights, optimised decision-making, and improved resource management. Facing a growing demand for food and escalating environmental challenges, agriculture stands at a crossroads. The paper focuses on the two main areas of cooperation: supply chain and logistics, Advantages for agricultural professionals: higher output, lower expenses, enhanced sustainability, and better decision-making. Opportunities and challenges include the need for the agricultural workers to be upskilled, accessibility, and data privacy. AI's role in agriculture going forward: A future of cooperative relationships between farmers, end users, and AI that promotes a more resilient, sustainable, and data-driven agriculture. This study intends to add to the continuing conversation about AI's role in agricultural logistics by highlighting ethical issues and the human-machine cooperation necessary for effective deployment. The paper's findings recognize several obstacles related to AI in agriculture, including the requirement for farmers to be upskilled, accessibility to be guaranteed, and data privacy protection. The overall conclusion is that AI can completely transform agriculture, but only if it is created and applied in a way that is ethical, responsible, and cooperative.

Keywords: *Artificial Intelligence, Agriculture, Precision Farming, Farmers, Synergy, Sustainability, Future of food, Logistics*

1. INTRODUCTION
The introduction of artificial intelligence (AI) into agriculture users in a revolutionary period that encourages cooperation between farmers and cutting-edge technologies. This combination has the potential to transform conventional farming methods and increase production, sustainability, and efficiency. AI can solve problems and lead the agricultural sector toward a more robust and technologically advanced future as it becomes a crucial component of the sector.

2. NEED
Farmers and AI can unlock a potent synergy in agricultural supply chains and logistics. AI, analyzing weather, soil data, and market trends, can predict harvest yields and optimize transport routes, minimizing waste and maximizing profits.

Also AI-powered sensors monitor storage conditions, ensuring food quality and safety. Farmers, empowered by these insights, can make informed decisions, streamline delivery, and connect directly with consumers, forging a more efficient and transparent supply chain. This collaboration offers a glimpse into a future where agriculture thrives on the combined strengths of human expertise and intelligent technology.

3. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

3.1 Artificial Intelligence
The discipline of computer science known as artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionary because it enables machines to carry out tasks that traditionally require human intelligence. It includes a range of technologies, such as neural networks and machine learning, that allow systems to think, learn, and adapt on their own. AI has significant effects on a variety of industries, including healthcare, banking, and robotics. Its applications span from picture and speech recognition to sophisticated problem-solving. AI can completely change the way we work, live, and interact with technology as it develops.

3.2 Evolution of AI in Agriculture
Farming and consumer relations have improved because of supply chain and logistics changed by artificial intelligence. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become indispensable in simplifying distribution procedures, after initially concentrating on improving agricultural management.

To minimize waste and increase overall efficiency, sophisticated algorithms forecast harvest periods, evaluate demand, and optimize transportation routes. AI applications have changed agriculture, resulting in smart warehouses and precision farming that have integrated and optimized the ecosystem for both farmers and customers.

3.3 AI fundamentals

The principles of the agricultural industry have undergone a revolution thanks to the development of AI, especially in supply chain and logistics. AI-powered systems ensure effective resource allocation and minimize waste by optimizing planting, harvesting, and distribution. Farmers may use data to inform their crop management decisions, while consumers gain from supply networks that are transparent and product that are fresher. By bridging the gap between farmers and consumers using cutting-edge technologies, this integrated system improves overall productivity, sustainability, and resilience in agriculture, ultimately changing the agri-food sector.

4. SCOPE

4.1 AI in agriculture

Artificial Intelligence has the potential to completely transform agriculture, from diagnosing crop diseases and forecasting weather to managing resources and maximising output. Drones monitoring soil health, swarms of robots perfectly weeding fields, and AI sensors recommending the best time to harvest. Targeting data-driven, sustainable farming to feed a growing global population is feasible

4.2 Supply Chain & Logistics

With automated cold storage, demand forecasting, and route optimisation Agriculture supply chains are optimised via AI. Deliveries of veggies by drone, AI bots haggling over fair prices, and real-time tracking ensuring freshness. Using AI, farmers may access new markets, cut costs, and build direct customer relationships in order to optimise profits and build a more intelligent, efficient food chain connections.

4.3 Higher Output lower expenses

From the farm to the market, AI empowers farmers to realise their goal of increased productivity at reduced costs. Imagine AI-driven machines that can precisely weed, analyse soil, and recommend the best places to plant, all while optimising land use and reducing labour-intensive tasks. Drone fleets search crops for illnesses, enabling focused treatment and averting catastrophic losses. By monitoring moisture and nutrients, sensors allow for targeted fertilisation and irrigation, which lowers waste and increases yields. By forecasting weather patterns, AI assists farmers in allocating resources and planting dates to maximise crop potential. In order to maximise profits and recommend the best times to sell, it even analyses market trends. Lastly, logistics are automated by AI, which also optimises routes, bargains for reasonable pricing, and ensures effective delivery, reducing transportation costs and expanding market reach. AI is revolutionising agriculture, enabling farmers to work smarter, increase output, and reduce expenses, paving the way for a more abundant, profitable and sustainable future.

4.4 opportunities and Challenges faced by farmers

This paper investigates the complex and ever-evolving landscape of opportunities and challenges confronting farmers today. It aims to shed light on the multifaceted issues impacting agricultural livelihoods and explore potential solutions for a more sustainable and equitable future.

Opportunities:

Technological advancements in agriculture, new market channels, consumer trends, global partnerships, and policy interventions offer opportunities for efficiency, productivity, and sustainability. These include precision agriculture, data analytics, automation, biotechnology, renewable energy sources, and sustainable practices, enhancing farmers' well-being.

Challenges:

Climate change, economic volatility, resource scarcity, labour shortages, and limited access to information are major threats to agriculture, affecting crop yields, livestock health, and resource availability.

Best Practices:

Focus on co-creation: Involve farmers throughout the development and implementation process to ensure AI/OR tools address their needs and are user-friendly. Promote data ownership and transparency**:** Provide farmers with clear data ownership models and access to explanations of how AI/OR models work.

Address the digital divide: Offer training and support programs to equip farmers with digital literacy skills and facilitate technology adoption in rural areas.

Consider ethical implications: Ensure AI/OR solutions are unbiased, inclusive, and do not exacerbate existing inequalities within the agricultural sector.

Prioritize sustainability: Focus on AI/OR techniques that promote long-term environmental and economic sustainability for farmers and communities

5. PROBLEM STATEMENT

This research can pave the way for a future where AI empowers farmers leading to a more sustainable and resilient agricultural sector. Harvesting is being gradually impacted by AI, although the logistics industry is less affected by AI. Customers and farmers would benefit if artificial intelligence improved in the logistics business. The straight route connecting farmers and consumers has a gap.

6. OBJECTIVES

- To investigate and establish the synergy between farmers and AI-driven Operation Research (OR) techniques in the context of agricultural supply chains and logistics, aiming to enhance sustainability and promote better decision-making within the sector.

- To characterize the specific needs and challenges faced by diverse farmers related to supply chain and logistics.

- To investigate the key factors hindering farmers' adoption of these technologies, including trust, accessibility, affordability, and digital literacy gaps.

7. RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Table 1:

1. How Satisfied are you using online platform for selling your product?

2. Is the AI Driven app (online platform) help you to know the better price of your product?

3. By using AI driven App (Online Platform) I am able to select right platform for my product to sell and get maximum benefit?

4. By Using AI driven app (Online Platform) I am able to select right(needy) consumer of my product.

5. AI driven app (Online Platform) has decreased my time in travelling to market and searching for right customer?

6. AI driven app (Online Platform) has increased the value of my product and my hard work is now well paid

7. By using AI driven app (Online Platform) for selling my product I am able to earn remarkable profit

Table 2:

1. Have you ever done your daily grocery / Vegetables shopping directly from the farmers through AI Driven App?

2. If Yes how was your experience with this kind of shopping.

3. Will you compromise door to door service to get benefit in cost?

4. We should encourage our farmers to use online platform for better price of their product.

5. A conscious farmer Backbone of the nation, a future sown, where tech meets tradition, seeds hopefully grown. Do you Agree

8. HYPOTHESIS

H0: Null Hypothesis: The integration of AI-driven apps into farming practices does not create a synergy between farmers and the technology, resulting in no significant improvements in supply chain efficiency, sustainability, or decision-making.

H1: Alternate Hypothesis: The integration of AI-driven apps into farming practices create a synergy between farmers and the technology, resulting in no significant improvements in supply chain efficiency, sustainability, or decision-making

9. METHODOLOGY

A general sample survey was conducted among farmers of Raigad district of maharashtra involved in small scale farming of rice and vegetables. A total of 64 responses received from all the farmers and consumers residing in Raigad district.

To test the involvement of artificial intelligence in farming, supply chain, logistics and decision making we have chosen $\chi2$ - square goodness of fit test.

Chi Square can also be used to determine whether a certain model fits the observed data. These tests are conducted by calculating the significance of sample deviation from the assumed theoretical(expected) distribution. This can be performed on cross tabulations as well as on frequencies (one-way tabulation)

$$\frac{(oij - eij)^2}{eij}$$

The formula for same Chi square test is as follows: $\chi2 = \sum$

H0: Attributes A and B are independent

And under the assumptions i) $\sum(Ai) = \sum(Bj) = N$

Here the degree of freedom will be (r-1)(s-1)=4.

Decision Criterion with level of significance α= 5% is given by

Reject H0 if cal $\chi2$ > tab $\chi2$ (df,α)

Accept H0 if cal $\chi2$ < tab $\chi2$ (df,α)

10. CONTINGENCY TABLE

Contingency Table 1: This table is highlighting the Farmer's Perspective

For Farmers	Online Trading	AI helps to find better price	AI helps to select right platform	AI helps to select consumer	AI helps to reduce time	AI helps to increase product value	AI helps to increase profit	Total
Yes	6	9	9	10	13	10	15	72
No	20	12	10	10	8	12	8	80
Maybe		5	7	6	5	4	3	30
Total	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	182

Here, No. of Rows r= 3   No. of Column s=7, Degree of freedom (r-1)(s-1)=12

$\chi2_{tab} = (12,0.05)=21.233 < \chi2_{cal} = 21.03$
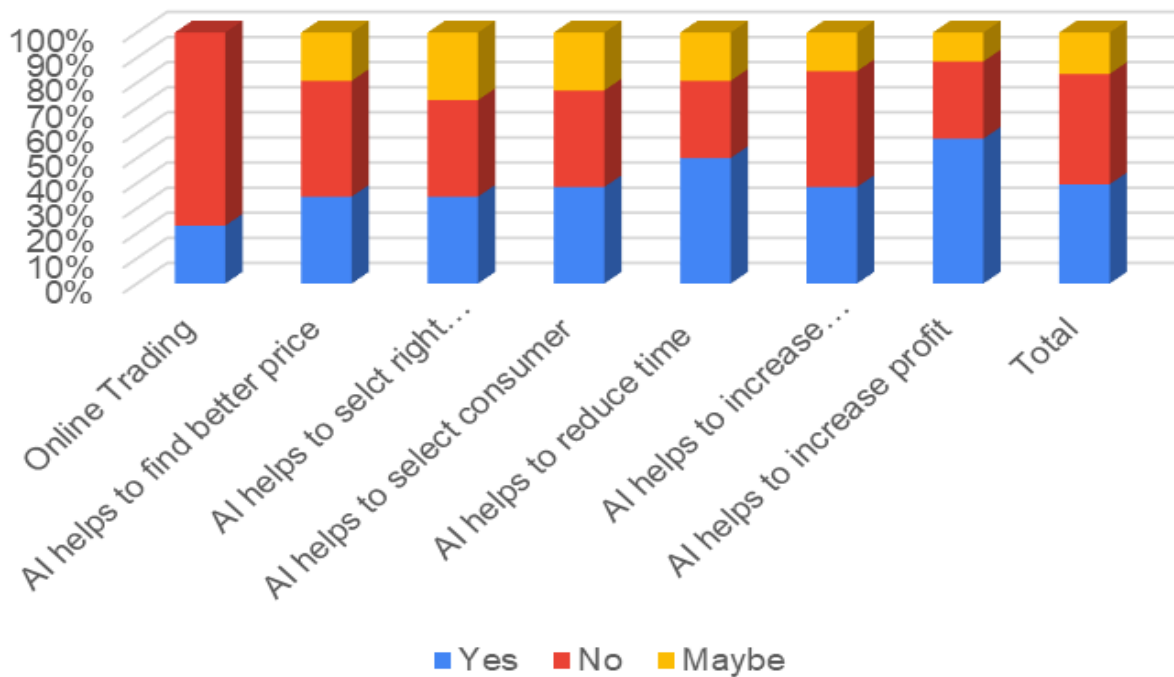
Fig 1:

So according to chi square decision criterion, we reject H_0 at 0.05 level of significance.

Contingency Table 2: This table is highlighting the Consumer's Perspective

For Consumer	Shopping Directly from Farmer AI app	AI Experience for Shopping	Door Door delivery	Encourage Farmers to use AI	Farmer Backbone of Indian Economy	Total
Yes	6	20	18	20	20	84
No	14	0	2	0	0	16
Total	20	20	20	20	20	100

Here, No. of Rows r= 2   No. of Column s=5   Degree of freedom (r-1)(s-1)= 4

$\chi2_{tab}^{\blacksquare} = (4,0.05)=9.49$ $<\chi2_{cal}^{\blacksquare} = 55.37$

So according to chi square decision criterion, we reject H_0 at 0.05 level of significance
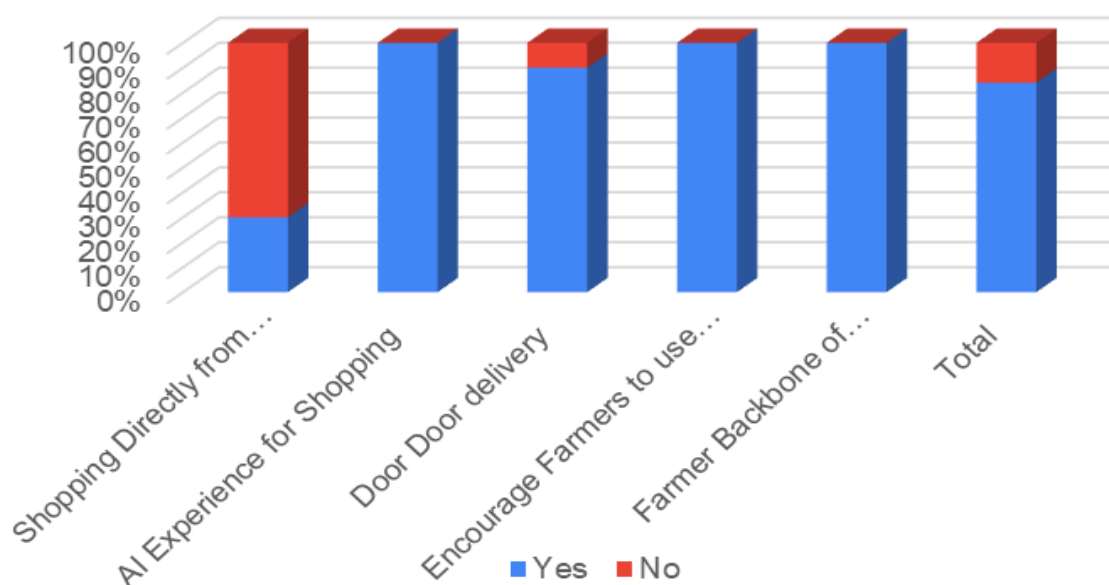
Fig 2:

11. FINDING

1. As per Chi-square test, table 1 shows by the integration of AI driven Apps in farmer's strategies in this region of Raigad (Maharashtra) they make a strong effectiveness in order to improve the quality of food as well as the supply chain mechanism.

2. As per Chi-square test, table 2 it provides that the usage of AI driven App by consumer strengthens the conscious farmer, the Backbone of the nation. Where tech meets tradition seeds will grow. It is suggested that empowering the farmers with modern technologies such as AI driven app will certainly empower Indian society.

3. **Below are the Conclusions drawn from the above data analysis:**

	H_0	H_1
Table 1	Reject	Accept
Table 2	Reject	Accept

12. CONCLUSION

As per the conclusion drawn from the above table using Chi-Square Analysis, we are to reject the null hypothesis that the integration of AI-driven apps into farming practices does not create a synergy between farmers and the technology, resulting in no significant improvements in supply chain efficiency, sustainability, or decision-making. The conclusion, taken as a whole, emphasizes the potential of AI-driven technologies to support farmers' supply chains and acknowledges several challenges associated with AI in agriculture, such as the need for farmers to have upskilled, accessibility to be ensured, and data privacy protection.

The overall conclusion is that AI can completely transform agriculture, but only if it is created and applied in a way that is ethical, responsible, and cooperative.

13. FUTURE STUDY

According to 40% of respondents, AI-driven apps can help farmers grow food more efficiently and effectively, as well as provide a clear supply chain system. Most people think that using AI-driven tools by farmers will change the agricultural industry and increase food quality and farmer livelihoods. While some argue that we shouldn't completely abandon conventional techniques in favour of AI-powered alternatives, others contend that a hybrid strategy is preferable. Even if AI technologies provide advantages, we must carefully consider them before implementing them in the marketplace and in the field.

Concerns were raised about the difficulties in learning new technologies and the cost of AI tools, but the findings show that everyone in India's farming community, not only those in the Raigad district, strongly agreed that AI tools should be learned to use. We plan to conduct more study in the future on the effects of AI in certain domains, such as farmers' decisions to use AI-driven technologies, apps, processes, and satisfaction levels over conventional agricultural methods.

Evaluate the long-term effects of AI integration on sustainability metrics, farmer livelihoods, and rural communities. Develop ethical frameworks for responsible AI development and deployment in agriculture, focusing on data privacy, transparency, and accountability.

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A STUDY ON CHALLENGES FACED BY PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES

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ABSTRACT

The private sector plays a crucial role in economic growth and employment generation. However, employees in this sector face several challenges, including job insecurity, work-life imbalance, workplace stress, and inadequate benefits. This study aims to explore the difficulties private sector employees encounter and analyze their impact on productivity and job satisfaction. A mixed-methods research approach is adopted, involving surveys and interviews. The findings reveal significant concerns regarding long working hours, limited career growth opportunities, and mental health issues. The study concludes by suggesting strategies for organizations to create a healthier work environment that promotes employee well-being and sustainable productivity.

Keywords: *Private sector employment, job insecurity, work-life balance, employee well-being, workplace stress, career growth, job satisfaction, job fatigue, mental health, organizational policies.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The private sector is a crucial catalyst of economic growth and employment across various industries. It provides growth opportunities, good salaries, and career advancement. However, employees in the private sector also face significant challenges that impact their job satisfaction, work-life balance, and overall well-being. In today's fast-paced corporate environment, employees struggle with workplace stress, job insecurity, limited career growth opportunities, and inadequate benefits. The increasing pressure to meet deadlines, achieve targets, and adapt to evolving technologies further intensifies these challenges. Moreover, maintaining a balance between personal and professional life has become increasingly challenging, resulting in both mental and physical health issues.

This study examines the challenges faced by private-sector employees, their impact on productivity and well-being, and potential solutions. It aims to help organizations improve policies, enhance job satisfaction, and increase workplace efficiency.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

1. Job Insecurity and Employee Productivity:

Job insecurity, driven by **economic fluctuations, corporate restructuring, and automation**, is a key challenge in the private sector. Greenhalgh & Rosenblatt (1984) define it as an employee's perception of job instability. Research by Cheng & Chan (2008) links prolonged insecurity to **lower job satisfaction, motivation, and productivity**.

Kalleberg (2011) highlights that **temporary contracts, outsourcing, and performance-based layoffs** have worsened job insecurity. Sverke et al. (2002) found that it **adversely affects mental health, organizational commitment, and job performance**, making it a critical concern for employers and policymakers.

2. Workplace Stress and Employee Well-being:

Workplace stress stems from **heavy workload, tight deadlines, long hours, and lack of managerial support**. Lazarus & Folkman (1984) explain stress through the **Transactional Model**, highlighting its impact on employees.The **American Psychological Association (2020)**reports that **60% of private-sector employees** face stress-related productivity and health issues. Cooper & Cartwright (1994) link stress to **burnout, absenteeism, and turnover**, while Karasek's **Job Demand-Control Model (1979)** shows that **high demands with low control** worsen stress and job dissatisfaction.

3. Work-Life Balance and Job Satisfaction:

Work-life balance is a key concern due to **heavy workloads, long hours, and remote work demands**. Guest (2002) links poor balance to **burnout, family conflicts, and stress**.Clark's **Work-Family Border Theory (2000)** explains how employees manage work and personal life. Allen et al. (2000) found that **imbalanced employees face higher stress and lower job satisfaction**, increasing attrition. Kossek et al. (2011) suggest that **flexible work policies and wellness programs boost retention and morale**.

4. Career Growth Opportunities and Employee Retention:

A lack of career development opportunities often results in **low job satisfaction and high turnover rates**. Research by Hall (1976) on **career development theory** suggests that employees are more committed to

organizations that offer **mentorship programs, training, and promotion opportunities**. A study by Sturges et al. (2002) revealed that employees who perceive a lack of career progression are more likely to seek opportunities elsewhere. Similarly, research by Ng et al. (2005) suggests that **career stagnation leads to disengagement and decreased work performance**.Organizations that invest in **upskilling, leadership development, and succession planning** tend to retain their workforce longer and maintain high levels of employee satisfaction (Tansky & Cohen, 2001).

5. Leadership Styles and Employee Engagement:
Leadership plays a crucial role in **employee motivation, engagement, and job performance. According to Bass & Avolio (1994), transformational leadership** leads to **higher employee satisfaction, improved performance, and lower turnover rates,** while **autocratic leadership** results in disengagement and workplace stress.A study by Goleman (2000) on emotional intelligence and leadership found that managers who exhibit **empathy, active communication, and support** foster **higher levels of employee loyalty and motivation. Research by Luthans (2002)** indicates that companies with **participative and servant leadership approaches** experience **higher retention and employee productivity.**

3. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

1. **To identify the key challenges faced by private-sector employees**, including job insecurity, workplace stress, long working hours, and lack of work-life balance.

2. **To examine the relationship between workplace stress and employee well-being**, including mental health and job performance.

3. **To evaluate the effect of work-life balance on job satisfaction** and overall employee retention.

4. **To assess the role of career growth opportunities in employee motivation and retention** in the private sector.

5. **To investigate how compensation and benefits affect employee morale and organizational commitment**.

6. **To explore the impact of leadership styles and workplace culture on employee engagement and performance**.

7. **To suggest strategies for organizations to improve employee satisfaction, reduce workplace stress, and enhance job security**.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research outlines the approach used to collect, analyze, and interpret data related to the challenges faced by private-sector employees. This study follows a mixed-methods approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative research techniques to ensure comprehensive insights.

5. HYPOTHESIS

H1 (Work-Life Balance and Employee Retention)

- **Null Hypothesis (H_0):** Work-life balance has no significant impact on employee retention in the private sector.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H_1):** Poor work-life balance significantly increases employee turnover in the private sector.

H2 (Career Growth and Employee Motivation)

- **Null Hypothesis (H_0):** Lack of career growth opportunities does not significantly impact employee motivation.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H_1):** Limited career growth opportunities significantly decrease employee motivation.

H3 (Compensation and Job Performance)

- **Null Hypothesis (H_0):** Compensation and benefits do not significantly influence job performance in the private sector.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H_1):** Inadequate compensation and benefits significantly lower job performance in the private sector.

H4 (Leadership Support and Employee Engagement)

- **Null Hypothesis (H$_0$):** Leadership support has no significant impact on employee engagement.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H$_1$):** Strong leadership support significantly enhances employee engagement and job satisfaction.

H5 (Workplace Culture and Organizational Commitment)

- **Null Hypothesis (H$_0$):** Workplace culture does not significantly affect employee commitment to the organization.

- **Alternative Hypothesis (H$_1$):** A positive workplace culture significantly improves employee commitment and reduces attrition.

6. DATA ANALYSIS

Below is the numerical representation of the key findings based on survey responses:

Category	Most Common Response	Percentage of Respondents
Gender	Female	64.29%
Industry of work	Education	57.14%
Years of experience	0-2 years	50.0%
Do you experience excessive workload?	Sometimes	64.29%
How would you rate your work-life balance?	3(Moderate)	50.0%
Do you feel that you are fairly compensated for your work?	Yes	71.43%
How frequently do you experience work-related stress?	Occasionally	42.86%
What are the causes of stress at work?	High workload	28.57%
Does your job impact your mental or physical health?	Yes, but manageable	85.71%
Do you feel valued and recognized for your work?	Sometimes	57.14%
Does your employer support employee well-being and mental health?	Somewhat, but needs improvement	50.0%
Have you experienced job insecurity in your current or previous employment?	Yes	57.14%
How often do you work overtime?	Sometimes	42.86%
Have you faced discrimination or unfair treatment at work?	No	64.29%
Are you satisfied with the leadership and management in your organization?	Sometimes	42.86%
Does your organization provide career growth opportunities?	Yes	64.29%
Do you feel private-sector jobs offer better benefits than public-sector jobs?	Not sure	78.57%
What improvements would you suggest in your workplace?	Better Management	11.11%
What is the biggest challenge you face as a private-sector employee?	Increment	11.11%
Would you consider switching to another job due to these challenges?	May be	64.29%

KEY INSIGHTS BASED ON NUMBERS

I. Demographics-

1. **64.29%** of respondents are **female**.

2. **57.14%** work in the **education** industry.

3. **50%** have **0-2 years** of experience, indicating a relatively young workforce.

II. Workload & Work-Life Balance-

1. **64.29%** experience excessive workload **sometimes**, showing a moderate workload concern.

2. **50%** rate their work-life balance as **3 out of 5**, suggesting room for improvement.

3. **42.86%** experience work-related stress **occasionally**, while a smaller group faces it daily.

III. Compensation & Job Satisfaction-

4. **71.43%** believe they are **fairly compensated** for their work.

5. **57.14%** feel **sometimes recognized and valued** for their work.

6. **64.29%** say their organization provides **career growth opportunities**, which is a positive sign.

IV. Job Security & Work Conditions-

7. **57.14%** have **experienced job insecurity**, showing a significant concern.

8. **85.71%** believe their job impacts their **mental or physical health**, but most say it's **manageable**.

9. **50%** say their employer **somewhat supports** employee well-being but needs improvement.

V. Work Hours & Overtime-

10. **42.86%** work **overtime sometimes**, showing occasional long hours.

11. **64.29%** have **not faced discrimination**, indicating relatively fair workplace treatment.

VI. Future Job Prospects & Switching Intentions-

12. **78.57%** are **not sure** if private-sector jobs offer better benefits than public-sector jobs.

13. **64.29%** are **considering switching jobs** due to challenges at work.

VII. Improvement Suggestions & Challenges-

14. The most common suggested improvement was **better management** (**11.11%**).

15. The biggest challenge cited was **salary increment** (**11.11%**), indicating financial growth concerns.

Key Takeaways-
- Most employees in this survey are young, predominantly female, and in the education sector.
- Excessive workload, job security, and stress management are major concerns.
- Despite fair compensation, career growth opportunities and leadership satisfaction remain mixed.
- A majority are considering job switches, emphasizing a need for better management and employee well-being policies.

7. CONCLUSION

The study highlights several key workplace challenges, including **excessive workload, job insecurity, lack of career growth, and leadership concerns**. While **compensation is perceived as fair by 71.43% of respondents**, other factors like **work-life balance, mental health support, and recognition** need improvement.

Job insecurity (57.14%) and the willingness to switch jobs (64.29%) indicate a critical need for **better job stability, structured career paths, and transparent promotion opportunities**. Additionally, **42.86% work overtime sometimes**, which affects work-life balance and employee well-being.

1. To **improve employee satisfaction and retention**, organizations must focus on:

2. **Reducing workload & stress** through better task distribution and time-off policies.

3. **Enhancing leadership & communication** by improving managerial training and recognition programs.

4. **Strengthening mental health & well-being policies** with structured employee support initiatives.

5. **Increasing job security & growth opportunities** with internal promotions and professional development programs.

6. **Encouraging a healthy work-life balance** by limiting overtime and ensuring employees disconnect from work after hours.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS

1. Workload & Work-Life Balance

- **Implement workload balancing** – Since **64.29%** experience excessive workload **sometimes**, companies should ensure equal distribution of tasks among employees.

- **Introduce flexible work policies** – Options like remote work, hybrid schedules, or compressed workweeks can improve work-life balance

- **Encourage time-off policies** – Promote the importance of breaks, paid time off, and mental health days to prevent burnout.

2. Compensation & Job Satisfaction

- **Regular salary adjustments** – Though **71.43%** believe they are fairly compensated, addressing concerns about **increment (11.11%)** should be prioritized.

- **Performance-based rewards** – Introduce incentives such as bonuses, promotions, and skill-based salary hikes to retain employees.

- **Transparent salary structures** – Share career progression paths with employees to improve satisfaction and reduce turnover.

3. Mental Health & Well-being

- **Strengthen employee well-being programs** – **85.71%** report job-related mental or physical health effects. Offering stress management training, counseling, and mental health awareness programs can help.

- **Enhance employer support policies** – With **50%** saying well-being support **needs improvement**, companies should introduce structured wellness initiatives, including gym memberships, meditation sessions, and psychological counseling.

- **Promote open communication** – A safe space for employees to discuss challenges should be created through HR sessions or mental health check-ins.

4. Leadership & Workplace Culture

- **Improve leadership training** – Since **42.86%** are only **sometimes satisfied** with leadership, managers should be trained in employee engagement, feedback handling, and career mentoring.

- **Increase employee recognition** – **57.14% feel undervalued**, so implementing regular feedback and acknowledgment systems can enhance morale.

- **Encourage transparent communication** – Hold town halls and open forums where employees can voice concerns directly to leadership.

5. Job Security & Career Growth

- **Strengthen job security policies** – **57.14%** reported job insecurity. Companies should provide long-term employment contracts, severance policies, and job stability measures.

- **Offer career development programs** – **64.29%** agree their organization provides growth, but mentorship, certifications, and professional development should be expanded.

- **Improve internal promotions** – Companies should prioritize promoting from within rather than hiring externally to boost employee morale.

6. Work Hours & Overtime

- **Encourage work-life balance policies** – **42.86%** reported working overtime **sometimes**. Setting limits on overtime hours and ensuring employees are compensated fairly is key.

- **Implement "Right to Disconnect" policies** – Encourage employees to disconnect from work after hours to maintain a healthy balance.

- **Monitor workload through surveys** – Frequent feedback can help in identifying workload issues before they lead to burnout.

7. Employee Retention & Reducing Turnover

- **64.29% are considering switching jobs**, meaning urgent action is required to retain employees. Companies should:

- Address workload concerns.

- Improve leadership and career growth opportunities.

- Offer competitive salaries and incentives.

- **Enhance workplace benefits** – Providing medical insurance, mental health support, and financial planning workshops can improve employee retention.

8. Addressing Industry-Specific Concerns

- **Most respondents work in education (57.14%)** – Employers in this sector should focus on:

- Reducing workload through technology integration.

- Increasing salaries to match experience levels.

- Offering professional development programs to improve job satisfaction.

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A STUDY ON IMPACT OF E-COMMERCE ON THE CUSTOMERS BUYING BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTS IN NAVI MUMBAI

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ABSTRACT

In the modern age of industrialization, it has become a challenge to keep the consumers and our natural environment safe. For the temporary benefits humans are involved in polluting the environment. Consumers are also aware of environmental issues like global warming and the effects of environmental pollution. Due to environmental issues, organic food products have got more attention during the latest years and the availability of such products is increasing. E-commerce provides a convenient channel for accessing diverse organic products, detailed product information and customer reviews, all which influence buying behaviour. Therefore, this article focuses on whether there is an impact of E-Commerce on the customers buying behaviour towards organic food products. The structured questionnaire was prepared during the study which included sample size of 100 respondents. The use of SPSS tool to analyse the data collected from the customers was applied. The study explores how digital marketing strategies such as targeted advertisements, social media promotions and personalized recommendations shape consumer preferences and boost engagement with organic food products. The study revealed that health benefit was the primary reason for purchase and E-Commerce influenced the frequency of purchasing organic food products. However, challenges such as price sensitivity, concerns about product authenticity and lack of trust in online transactions also emerge as critical factors affecting customer behaviour. The study suggests that majority is concerned about product freshness and cost factor which needs to be addressed.

Key words: Organic, E-Commerce, Customers buying behaviour, environmental Issues, health benefit.

INTRODUCTION

The rapid evolution of e-commerce has transformed the way consumers shop, enabling unprecedented convenience, variety, and accessibility. This shift is particularly evident in the organic food sector, where digital platforms are reshaping consumer behaviour. Organic food products, once a niche market confined to specialty stores, have now become widely available online, allowing consumers to make informed and conscious choices.

E-commerce platforms not only provide an extensive range of organic food options but also empower buyers with access to detailed product information, reviews, and certifications. As a result, these platforms influence consumer attitudes, preferences, and purchasing patterns. Furthermore, factors such as ease of comparison, personalized recommendations, and the ability to shop from the comfort of one's home contribute to the growing demand for organic food online.

Understanding the impact of e-commerce on buying behaviour towards organic food products is crucial for businesses aiming to capitalize on this trend. It also sheds light on how digital platforms can foster sustainable consumption patterns and promote healthier lifestyles. This study explores how e-commerce influences consumer perceptions, motivations, and decision-making processes when it comes to organic food purchases

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It includes activities such as purchasing and consuming organic food, eating less unhealthy food and preparing food that has less wastage. The growth in population and income has driven consumer demand for organic foods.

Application of E-Commerce in organic food products: E-commerce has revolutionized the organic food industry by providing a convenient platform for consumers to access a wide variety of organic products from the comfort of their homes. Through online marketplaces and dedicated organic food stores, customers can explore diverse options, compare prices, and read reviews, enabling informed decision-making. E-commerce also empowers small-scale organic farmers and producers by offering them a cost-effective way to reach a broader audience, bypassing traditional supply chain limitations. Additionally, features like subscription services, personalized recommendations, and home delivery enhance the consumer experience, fostering greater adoption of organic food products and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. [1]Darjee, D. (2024). The government supported e-commerce platforms and initiatives have not only played a crucial role but significantly facilitated the marketing of organic products in India.

Statement of the Problem: The increasing adoption of e-commerce platforms has transformed the way consumers access and purchase products, including organic food items. While e-commerce offers convenience, broader selection, and competitive pricing, the unique attributes of organic food—such as its perishable nature, need for transparency, and trust in quality—pose challenges in influencing consumer buying behaviour. Despite growing consumer interest in organic food, there is limited understanding of how e-commerce factors such as website usability, product information, customer reviews, and delivery reliability impact purchasing decisions. This lack of insight creates a gap for businesses seeking to optimize their e-commerce strategies to cater to the growing demand for organic products, as well as for policymakers aiming to promote sustainable consumption. The problem is further complicated by varying consumer perceptions and preferences, which necessitate a deeper exploration of the relationship between e-commerce elements and customer buying behaviour toward organic food.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To assess the role of e-commerce platforms in promoting organic food products.

2. To analyse the factors influencing customers' preferences for purchasing organic food products online.

3. To explore customer perceptions of quality, pricing, and trust in organic food products available through e-commerce platforms

HYPOTHESES OF THE STUDY

H0: E-commerce platforms do not significantly increase customer awareness and accessibility to organic food products.

H1: E-commerce platforms significantly increase customer awareness and accessibility to organic food products.

H0: Demographic factors (age, gender, income, education) do not significantly moderate the relationship between e-commerce and customer buying behaviour toward organic food products.

H1: Demographic factors (age, gender, income, education) significantly moderate the relationship between e-commerce and customer buying behaviour toward organic food products.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research methodology used in this study is empirical and descriptive, the data collection has been done by using both primary and secondary data. Primary data is collected through survey methods using questionnaires and secondary data is accumulated from books, Google Scholar journals, magazines and newspapers. Data analysis of demographical consumer behavioural impacts is analysed through collected primary data.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

Use of E-Commerce in organic food industry will be beneficial for consumers as well as E-commerce industry. The geographical scope is limited to Navi Mumbai City.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

1. The sample size is collected only from respondents in and around Navi Mumbai city. This study has geographical generalisation limitations.

2. The study is restricted to organic food products only.

3. Some consumers may lack digital literacy or internet access, affecting their ability to engage with e-commerce.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

The primary data collected from the respondents was analysed and following interpretations have been drawn:

1. The sample size of the respondents was divided among males and females based on gender since they are the ultimate consumers of organic food products.

Sr. No.	Gender	Percentage
1	Male	41
2	Female	59
3	Total	100
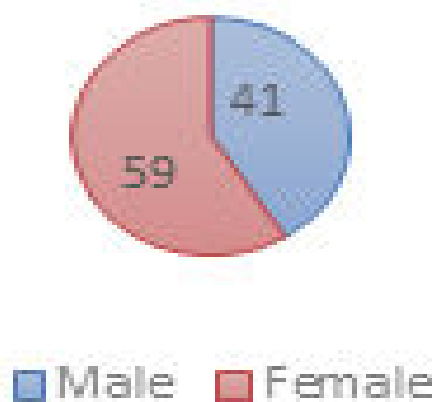
It has been found that 59 percent of females have responded, and 41 percent of males have responded.

2. The sample size was further divided into five age groups namely 18 years to 25 years, 26 years to 30 years, 31 years to 40 years, 41 years to 50 years and 50 years and above.

Sr. No.	Age group	Percentage
1	18 yrs. to 25 yrs.	11
2	26 yrs. to 30 yrs.	11
3	31 yrs. to 40 yrs.	23
4	41 yrs. to 50 yrs.	43
5	Above 50 yrs.	12
6	Total	100
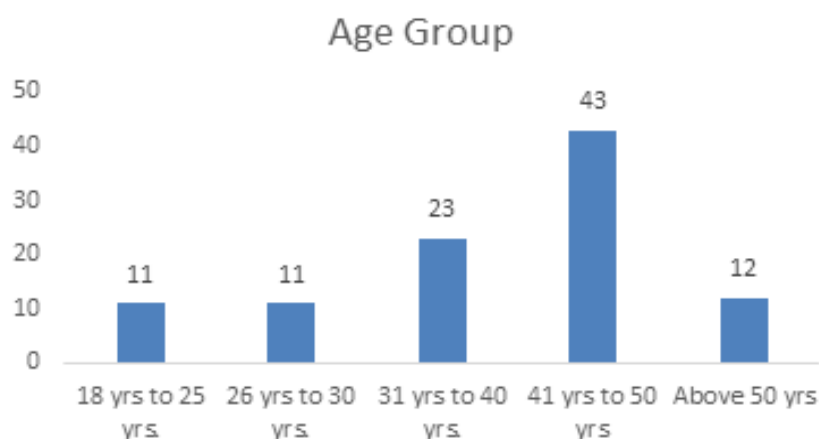
It has been found that 43 percent of the respondents belong to the age group of 41 yrs. to 50 yrs.

3. The sample size was further divided into four categories to understand the purchase pattern of consumers buying organic food products online.

Sr. No.	Purchase Pattern	Percentage
1	Weekly	23
2	Monthly	46
3	Yearly	20
4	Never	11
5	Total	100

Purchase Pattern
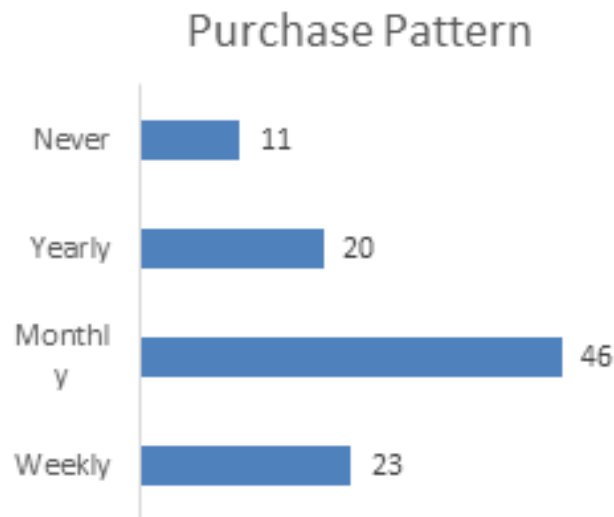
It was observed that 46 percent of the respondents buy organic food products online on monthly basis.

4. The sample size was further divided into three categories to understand the primary reasons for purchasing organic food products.

Sr. No.	Reasons for purchase of organic food products	Percentage
1	Better taste	7
2	Environmental concerns	9
3	Health benefits	84
4	Total	100

REASONS FOR PURCHASE OF ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTS

It was observed that 84 percent of the respondents purchase organic food products because of the health benefits it offers.

5. The sample size was further divided into four categories to understand the factors that influence decision to buy organic food products online.

Sr. No.	Factors influencing buying decision to buy organic food products online	Percentage
1	Availability of product information	38
2	Convenience	39
3	Promotions & Discounts	18
4	Wider variety	5
5	Total	100

Factors influencing for purchase of organic food products online
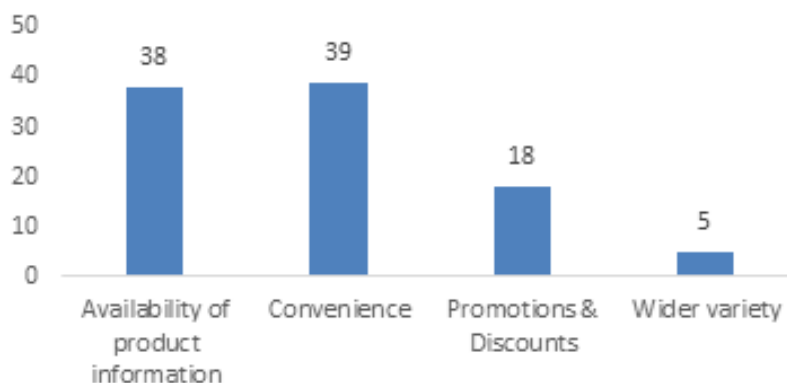
It was found that 38 percentage of the respondents feel that availability of product information and convenience motivate them to buy organic food products online.

6. The sample size was further divided into two categories to understand whether E-Commerce influenced the decision to buy organic food products.

Sr. No.	E-Commerce influenced to buy organic food products	Percentage
1	Yes	68
2	No	32
3	Total	100

E-commerce's influence to buy organic food products
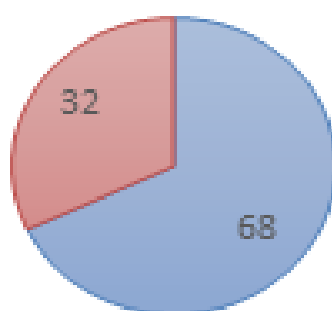
It was found that 68 percent of the respondents are influenced by E-commerce to buy organic food products.

7. The sample size was further divided into two categories to understand whether E-Commerce has made organic food products more accessible.

Sr. No.	E-Commerce made organic food products more accessible	Percentage
1	Yes	80
2	No	20
3	Total	100

E-COMMERCE MADE ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTS MORE ACCESSIBLE
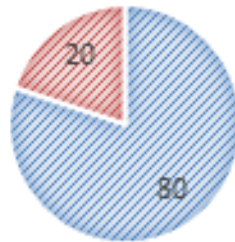
It was found that 80 percent of the respondents feel that E-commerce made organic food products more accessible to them.

8. The sample size was further divided into four categories to understand the challenges faced when purchasing organic food products online.

Sr. No.	Challenges faced when purchasing organic food products online	Percentage
1	Concerns about product freshness	41
2	High shipping costs	18
3	Lack of trust in online sources	14
4	Limited availability of preferred brands	9
	Total	100

Challenges faced when purchasing organic food products online
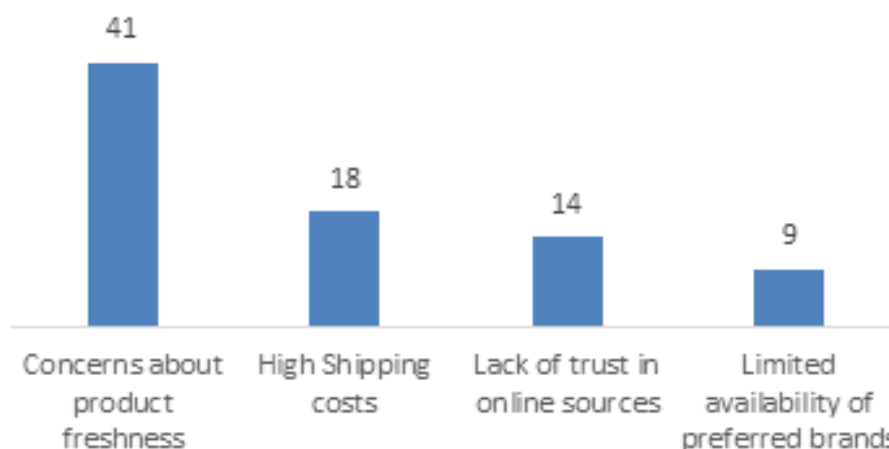
It was found that 41 percent of the respondents were concerned about product freshness when purchasing organic food products online.

9. The sample size was further divided into two categories to understand whether purchasing organic food products online in future.

Sr. No.	Purchase of organic food products online in future	Percentage
1	Likely	57
2	Not likely	43
3	Total	100
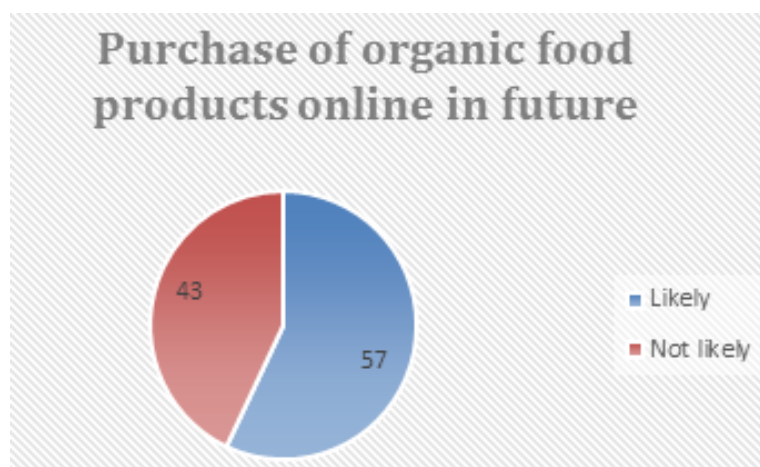
It was found that 57 percent of the respondents are likely to purchase organic food products online in future.

FINDINGS

1. It was observed that majority of the participants agreed that E-Commerce influenced them to buy organic food products.

2. It was observed that 43 percent of the respondents belong to the age group of 41 yrs. to 50 years. But there is no significant relation between age group and consumer's buying behaviour to purchase organic food products online.

3. It was observed that 46 percent of the respondents purchase organic food products online on monthly basis. But there is no significant relation between time frame and consumer's buying behaviour to purchase organic food products online.

4. It was revealed from the study that majority of the consumers prefer to purchase organic food products because of the health benefits it offers.

5. It was revealed from the study that majority of the consumers think that E-Commerce has made organic food products more accessible to them.

6. It was found that majority of the consumers are concerned about product freshness when purchasing organic food products online.

7. It was found that majority of the consumers prefer to purchase organic food products online in future as well.

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. It was concluded that majority of the consumers prefer to purchase organic food products because of the health benefits it offers. So, companies should collaborate with nutritionists, dietitians and fitness influencers for further enhancement of credibility and attract health-conscious buyers.

2. It was concluded that E-Commerce has made organic food products more accessible to the consumers. So, companies can offer flexible delivery options such as express and scheduled deliveries for further improvement in accessibility and convenience for the customers.

3. It was concluded that consumers are concerned about product freshness when purchasing organic food products online. So, companies can partner with local organic farms for same- day or next -day delivery to assure product freshness.

4. It was concluded that consumers prefer to purchase organic food products online in future as well. So, companies should introduce loyalty programs such as discounts, cashback to encourage repeat purchases.

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A STUDY ON USES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: TRANSFORM THE EXPERIENCE OF LEARNERS IN MUMBAI CITY

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ABSTRACTS

Artificial intelligence is essential for an evolving field, and most of the artificial intelligence techniques are maturing and getting better off with research and evolution, which is happening in terms of a better approach to tackle sum of its technical issues. Usable data comes from real-world physical services that have been digitalized so far. This means that researchers have to use the many physical services that have been digitalized in the country and the data from those services that has been collected, stored and made available for Artificial intelligence companies, to feed and enhance their artificial intelligence models. Artificial intelligence revolution in India has already started in a big way touching across almost all the areas that you can imagine e.g Educational Institutions, Hospitals, Insurance, Corporates Homes, Banks, Shops etc., and the world will see the actual result of the same in the coming few years. Artificial intelligence customize your home better than people. It conserves energy artificial intelligence helps you to sit and relax which facilitates comfort zone life and the artificial intelligence system will keep your work and enhance your knowledge and running every single day without fail.

Keywords: artificial intelligence, unawareness, uses, comfort, transformation

INTRODUCTION

Artificial intelligence is revolutionizing various fields across Mumbai City transforming the way business, industries, healthcare, transport and logistics, finance, manufacturing, HR management, agriculture, law, home entertainment, educational institutions, etc. In this study researcher delve into multifaceted uses of Artificial intelligence in diverse sectors within Mumbai city and explore the transformative technology is shaping the experiences of stakeholders and consumers across different fields. It explores the challenges associated with their implementation, underscoring the necessity for ethical frameworks and regulatory policies. Simultaneously, it underscores the vast opportunities these technologies present, from stimulating innovation to fostering inclusivity, shaping a future where AI enhances human abilities and cultivates a harmonious coexistence between humans and intelligent machines.

The new technology is of artificial intelligence, robotics, internet of things and blockchain are also providing new competitive advantage to the businesses. Vilad Putin of Russia has rightly stated that "whoever becomes the leader in this sphere of the new technologies is like artificial intelligence will become the rule of the world". The plans of the Russians are not much known in the public domain. Russia however has been a key player in the technology business and it appears that they are doing a lot in the area of deployment of the new technology in the military space.

What AI can do?

AI can be applied in large number of applications. AI programs for example can run thousands of contract in just a few minutes and give result instantly, which dozens of advocates would otherwise take these in weeks to read the contracts manually. Job of forecasting become much more reliable affordable and widely available which otherwise in the pre– AI age was not possible or could be achieved at a much higher cost. With the use of AI, customer services can be improved Vastly by customization personalization and by using the tools that will generate higher satisfaction among the users.

There are a host of other things that AI is applicable of doing and here is the sample list of other services.

- Face identification through matching of millions of photographs

- Improve quality of manufactured goods as it can detect tiny flaws through computer vision systems.

- AI can predict failures of equipment in critical industries like airlines, oil and energy

- It can create digital twins virtual assets to run simulations on how weather and other factors affect machinery

- Use of robots in factories to enhance efficiency competitiveness and deploy them in dangerous area of work

- It can improve supply chain, inventory management, warehousing, better management of global shipments, managing finance, payment to suppliers

- Free up workers from routine task like back office work

Specific application of AI

AI is applied in a wide range of products and services. Examples of AI in fintechare: credit score system, instant loan disbursal based upon algorithms of customer details with their risk management profile and issue of debit and credit cards. Similarly in the area of computer vision example would include fingerprint identification and facial recognition. In health we have solution for better diagnostic, reading of images, Cancer research and drug discovery.

Voice- based personal assistant like Siri from Apple, Alexa from Amazon and Cortana from Microsoft and now personal digital assistance from Google have pick up the most and are quite popular.

AI in training

Training is an important aspect of HR management, where organisations are providing a platform to the employees to upgrade their skills to become job-ready or enhance their skills set. Microsoft professional program in AI, for example runs a series of online courses featuring hand - on labs and free expert instructors for learning in AI and other technology. This can bridge the skill gap in this field

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To identify artificial intelligence application which explore the drivers applications on artificial intelligence in the various fields across Mumbai city, including hospitals, finance, HR management, business, healthcare, agriculture, law,etc.

2. To assess impact on learners and evaluate transformation of learning experience for students and professionals in different fields considering factors such as accessibility, effectiveness and engagement.

3. To examine challenges and opportunities associated with integration of artificial intelligence in different sectors including issues related to data security, ethical, workforce environment, technological infrastructure.

4. To develop recommendations for stakeholders in each field to leverage artificial intelligence technology effectively, optimizing learning experience and address potential barriers to adoption

HYPOTHESESOF THE STUDY

H1. To improve learning outcomes for learners as artificial intelligence driven tools and platforms provides personalized, adoptive and immersive learning experience is tailored to individual needs and performances.

H2. AI Technology will enhance efficiency and productivity across different sectors leading to streamlined processes, optimized resources allocation and faster decision making ultimately benefiting learners by providing access to high quality educational content and services.

H3. Artificial intelligence powered solution will increase access to learning opportunities for learners from diverse socio economic background and geographical locations breaking down barriers to education and promoting inclusivity and equity in Mumbai city.

H4. Artificial intelligence presence numerous advantages it also accompanied by ethical consideration and potential risk such as algorithmic bias, data privacy, breeches and job displacement.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

1. The study will encompass various fields within Mumbai city including but not limited to healthcare, finance, transportation, education and entertainment, to explore the diverse application of Artificial Intelligence and their impact on learner's experience. This study is a multi disciplinary approach.

2. Artificial intelligence applications across different sector such as predictive analytics in healthcare algorithmic trading in finance, autonomous vehicle transportation , personalization learning platform in education and recommendation system in entertainment.

3. The study will consider the perspective of learners, educators , professional, policymakers and industry experts to gain a comprehensive understanding of implications of AI adoption on different stakeholders within Mumbai city.

4. The research will be assess how artificial intelligence technology are transforming the learning experience for the learners in various fails examining factor such as accessibility, effectiveness, engagement and equity.

RESEARCH METHODOLDOGY

Researcher was gather information from both primary as well as secondary source. The Researcher gather data on random sampling method. Researchers research consist defining of problems and redefining of problem formulation of hypothesis along with these solutions collecting organizing and evaluating the data making deductions and research conclusions to be to determine or calculate by using SPSS Tool , whether they are feet the formulating hypothesis or not. Right research methodology will be used by the researcher while performing research operation. It helps to solve or research problem systematically and solutions arrived will be useful to the company for better service quality and customer satisfaction in future.

Research Method can be put in Three Groups: Following are the three research methods can be used by the Researcher

1) collection of data

2) establishment of relationship between the known data and unknown data by using statistical tools

3) the statistical tools helps to give accuracy in the result

Respondents awareness towards Artificial Intelligence		
Respondents	Frequency	Percent
Yes	32	100
No	0	0
May be	0	0
Total	32	100

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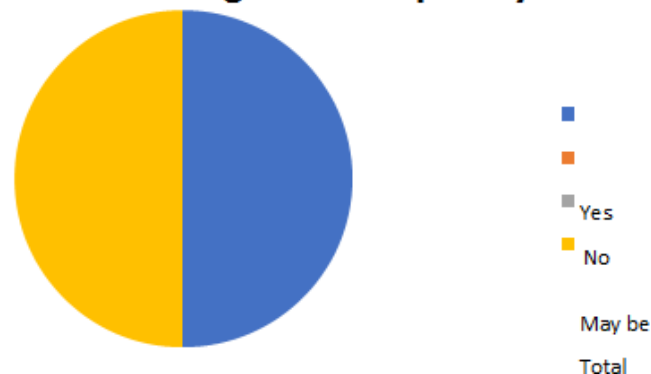
AI is a secure platforn to store sensitive information		
Respondents	Frequency	Percent
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No	8	25
May be	0	0
Total	32	100

AI is a secure platforn to store
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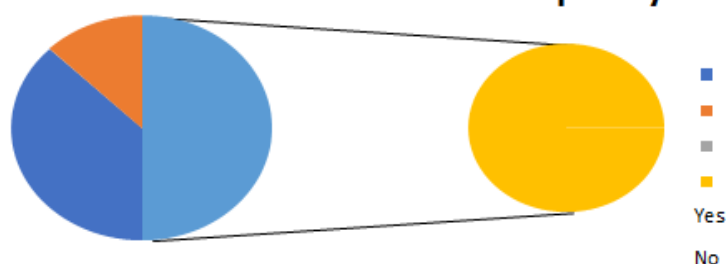
Respondents feels Artificial Intelligence aids in Growth and Development of country		
Respondents	Frequency	Percent
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No	4	12.5
May be	0	0
Total	32	100
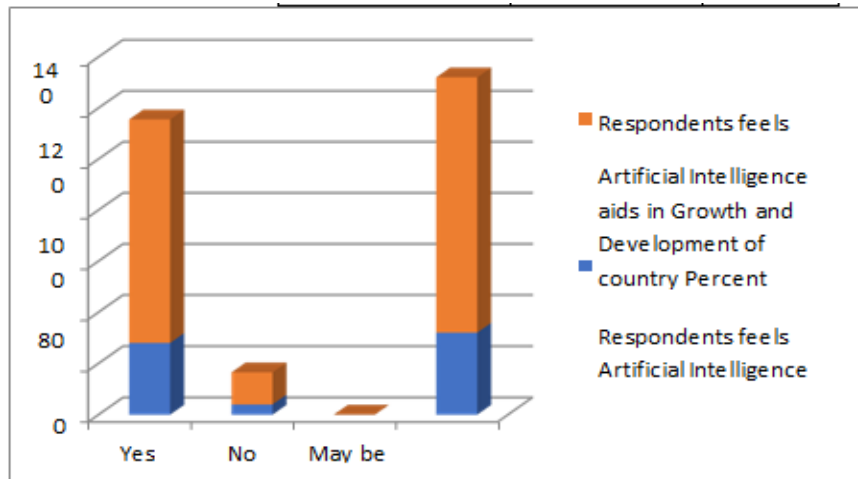
LIMITATIONS OF STUDY

- This Study covers Mumbai City.

- This studies limited to Artificial Intelligence.

- The sample size of the study will be collected from 40 respondents.

- The method of data collection -random sampling method

- This study covers respondent from various fields

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AN OVERVIEW OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Social entrepreneurship in India has emerged as a significant movement over the past few decades, addressing various social, economic, and environmental challenges faced by the country. It represents a blend of business acumen and social mission, aiming to create sustainable solutions to pressing societal issues. Social entrepreneurs in India have been growing rapidly. Social entrepreneurship involves using business skills and strategies to solve social problems. Social entrepreneurs in India play an essential role in addressing issues such as poverty, healthcare access, education, and environmental conservation. Traditional businesses focused on profit whereas social enterprises aim to create positive change while staying financially sustainable. These Papers gives an overview about importance of Social Entrepreneurs, challenges face by Social Entrepreneurs and impact of Social Entrepreneurs in India.

Keywords: Social Entrepreneurship, Social Entrepreneurs, India.

INTRODUCTION

Social entrepreneurship has roots in traditional Indian practices of philanthropy, community service, and social welfare. The concept of social entrepreneurship emerged in the 1950s. It is not a newer concept but the positioning of the concept has risen to new heights in recent times. Leaders like Mahatma Gandhi emphasized self-reliance, sustainability, and rural development, which are core principles of social entrepreneurship. Social entrepreneurship is an approach by individuals, groups, start-up or entrepreneur which they develop, fund and implement solutions to social, cultural, or environmental issues. Social entrepreneurs are either non-profit, or they blend for-profit goals with generating a positive "return to society". Social entrepreneurship refers to the practice of combining social and financial goals, creating social value while maintaining a sustainable business model. Unlike traditional entrepreneurship, the primary objective is not profit-maximization but addressing social issues.

The economic reforms of the 1990s opened up new avenues for private sector participation in social ventures, leading to the rise of social entrepreneurs who sought to address social issues while also generating revenue. The concept of social entrepreneurship gained traction among youth. The global rise in awareness of social issues, compounded by the impact of technology and digital platforms, facilitated the growth of numerous ventures addressing diverse societal needs. There has been a significant increase in impact investing in India. The presence of venture capital firms focused on social impact, like Aavishkar and impact funds, has provided financial backing to social enterprises. With the rise of digital technology, social entrepreneurs are increasingly leveraging tech innovations to tackle issues related to education, healthcare, and agriculture. The Government of India has launched several initiatives, such as the Start-Up India program, which supports innovative social ventures. The Atal Innovation Mission also encourages social entrepreneurship in schools and communities. Today, social entrepreneurs in India are tackling a wide range of issues, including education, healthcare, sanitation, women's empowerment, and environmental conservation. Indian social entrepreneurs have gained recognition on international platforms, showcasing solutions to global problems through local innovations. Despite the growth of social entrepreneurship in India, challenges remain, such as regulatory hurdles, access to capital, and scaling innovative solutions. However, the future looks promising as more individuals and organizations commit to addressing societal problems through entrepreneurial approaches. In conclusion, the journey of social entrepreneurship in India reflects a blend of traditional values and modern innovations aimed at creating impactful, sustainable change in society.

IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS IN INDIA

Social entrepreneurs play a crucial role in India, a country characterized by its diverse social issues and economic challenges. Their importance can be highlighted through various dimensions:

1. Addressing Social Issues

Social entrepreneurs specifically target social, cultural, and environmental challenges. In India, issues such as poverty, education, healthcare, sanitation, and gender inequality are profound. Social enterprises work to create innovative solutions that can improve the quality of life for marginalized communities.

2. Economic Development

By creating jobs and providing economic opportunities, social entrepreneurs contribute to the economic development of the regions they operate in. They often employ local individuals and invest in community capacity building, creating a multiplier effect on local economies.

3. Innovative Solutions

Social entrepreneurs often develop disruptive and sustainable business models that can be scaled. They harness technology, local resources, and community knowledge to create solutions that can be replicated in other contexts, thus making a broader impact.

4. Sustainability

Many social enterprises focus on environmentally sustainable practices, addressing urgent issues such as climate change, waste management, and conservation of resources. This is increasingly important in a rapidly industrializing country like India, where ecological degradation poses significant long-term risks.

5. Empowerment of Marginalized Communities

Social entrepreneurs often work closely with marginalized groups, empowering them through skill development, access to resources, and self-sufficiency. For example, initiatives focused on women's empowerment not only uplift women but also enrich families and communities.

6. Creating Awareness and Advocacy

Through their work, social entrepreneurs raise awareness about critical social issues and advocate for policy changes. They can mobilize communities and influence government and corporate policies to create a more inclusive society.

7. Collaboration and Partnerships

Social entrepreneurs often collaborate with nonprofits, businesses, and government agencies, fostering a culture of cooperation for social good. This collaborative approach can lead to innovative solutions and shared resources, amplifying impact.

8. Inspiring the Next Generation

Social entrepreneurs serve as role models, inspiring young people to pursue careers in social impact. Through education and mentorship, they can cultivate a new generation of changemakers committed to social responsibility.

9. Leveraging Technology

India's rapidly growing tech ecosystem offers social entrepreneurs the opportunity to leverage technology for social good. From digital literacy programs to telemedicine services, technology-driven initiatives can reach underserved populations effectively.

10. Global Recognition and Influence

Indian social entrepreneurs have gained significant attention on the global stage, contributing to the discourse on social innovation and sustainable development. Their success stories can serve as templates for similar initiatives around the world.

CHALLENGES FACED BY SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS IN INDIA

Social entrepreneurship in India presents a unique set of challenges, despite the country's dynamic landscape and growing interest in social enterprises. Here are some of the key challenges faced by social entrepreneurs in India:

1. Access to Funding

Securing financial resources is one of the most significant challenges. Many social entrepreneurs struggle to find investors who understand and are willing to invest in the dual mission of social impact and financial sustainability.

2. Regulatory Hurdles

Navigating the complex regulatory environment can be difficult. Social enterprises often face challenges with licenses, compliance with tax regulations, and navigating the legal frameworks that vary widely across states.

3. Market Access

Limited access to markets can hinder growth. Social entrepreneurs may find it challenging to reach their target audience, particularly in rural areas where infrastructure and technology may not be well-developed.

4. Competition

While the social enterprise sector is growing, it also means increased competition. Understanding how to differentiate their offerings and effectively communicate their unique value proposition can be difficult.

5. Sustainability

Ensuring long-term sustainability while balancing social impact with financial viability is a significant concern. Many social enterprises face pressure to generate revenue while also pursuing their mission.

6. Measuring Impact

Quantifying social impact can be complicated. Establishing metrics to demonstrate success to stakeholders—including investors, customers, and beneficiaries—requires time and expertise.

7. Awareness and Education

There is often a lack of awareness about social entrepreneurship among potential customers and beneficiaries. Educating stakeholders about the value of social enterprises can be a considerable challenge.

8. Human Resources

Attracting and retaining talent can be difficult, especially when competing against higher-paying jobs in the corporate sector. Social entrepreneurs often seek passionate individuals committed to their mission, which can limit their talent pool.

9. Cultural Sensitivity

Understanding and addressing the local culture and societal norms is essential. Social entrepreneurs must navigate diverse communities and ensure their solutions are culturally appropriate and accepted.

10. Scaling Challenges

Scaling a social enterprise can involve unique challenges, including maintaining quality and consistency across different locations or demographics while expanding their impact.

11. Digital Divide

With the increasing importance of technology, social entrepreneurs must also deal with the digital divide. Inadequate access to technology and the internet in rural areas can limit their outreach and operational efficiency.

12. Political and Economic Instability

Economic fluctuations and political changes can impact funding, resource access, and overall operational feasibility. Uncertain policies can create an unpredictable environment for social enterprises.

IMPACT OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS IN INDIA

Social entrepreneurship in India has gained significant momentum over the past few years, playing a vital role in addressing various social, economic, and environmental challenges. Here are several key impacts of social entrepreneurship in India:

1. Poverty Alleviation

Social enterprises focus on creating jobs and providing income opportunities for marginalized communities. By empowering locals through skill development and vocational training, they contribute to poverty alleviation.

2. Women Empowerment

Many social entrepreneurs prioritize women's empowerment by creating business models that specifically cater to women's needs or by involving women in the production processes. This leads to greater gender equality and financial independence for women.

3. Healthcare Innovations

Social enterprises are increasingly addressing healthcare issues in underserved areas by developing low-cost medical solutions, mobile health services, and awareness programs. This helps in improving access to healthcare and reducing health disparities.

4. Education and Skill Development

Numerous social ventures are working to improve education quality and accessibility. They provide innovative models of learning, mentorship programs, and vocational training initiatives, thus equipping individuals with necessary skills for better employment options.

5. Sustainable Development

Social entrepreneurs are addressing environmental challenges by promoting sustainable practices, renewable energy solutions, and waste management systems. This contributes to a more sustainable future and raises awareness about environmental issues.

6. Community Engagement

Social enterprises often focus on grassroots initiatives, which foster community participation and ownership. By involving local populations in decision-making processes, they help build stronger, more resilient communities.

7. Economic Growth

By creating new business models that address social issues, social enterprises also contribute to economic development. They create jobs, stimulate local economies, and drive innovation in various sectors.

8. Awareness and Advocacy

Social entrepreneurs play a crucial role in raising awareness about social issues and advocating for policy changes. Their efforts help to bring marginalized voices to the forefront and influence public policy.

9. Collaboration and Network Building

Social entrepreneurs often collaborate with NGOs, government bodies, and private sectors, leading to a multi-faceted approach to problem-solving. This networking enhances resource sharing and broadens the impact of their initiatives.

10. Scalability and Replicability

Successful social enterprises often serve as models that can be scaled or replicated in other regions or contexts. This ability to adapt successful strategies can lead to widespread change.

CONCLUSION

Given India's diverse and complex socio-economic landscape, the role of social entrepreneurs is vital for fostering social change and inclusive development. Their efforts contribute not only to immediate improvements in various sectors but also to the overall resilience and dynamism of society. By marrying business acumen with a commitment to social impact, social entrepreneurs are driving transformative change across the nation.

Addressing various challenges requires innovative thinking, resilience, and a supportive ecosystem involving governments, investors, NGOs, and other stakeholders committed to fostering social entrepreneurship in India. In conclusion, the impact of social entrepreneurship in India is profound and multi-dimensional, significantly contributing to the social, economic, and environmental landscape of the country. As the movement continues to grow, it holds the potential to transform lives and communities across India.

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"CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK INSPIRED BY CHANAKYA'S STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES: EVOLUTION FROM HISTORICAL TECHNIQUES TO MODERN TECHNIQUES"

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ABSTRACT

A Cyber Security Framework Inspired by Chanakya's Strategic Teachings can integrate ancient wisdom with modern security strategies. Chanakya (also known as Kautilya) was a master strategist, and his work Arthashastra provides timeless principles that can be adapted to cyber security. While modern terms like "phishing" and "social engineering" may seem new, the underlying concepts of deception, manipulation, and exploiting human psychology have been studied for centuries. Ancient Indian texts—especially Chanakya's Arthashastra and the treatise on secret communication, Mlecchita Vikalpa—provide detailed insights into these strategies. Original Sanskrit shlokas, along with their English translations, are provided to highlight the timeless relevance of these teachings.

Keyword: *Chanakya Kautilya, Arthashastra, Transformation, Substitution*

1. INTRODUCTION

Chanakya, also known as Kautilya or Vishnugupta, is traditionally believed to have lived during the 4th century BCE. Historical estimates generally place his lifetime between approximately 375 BCE and 283 BCE. He is best known as the advisor to Chandragupta Maurya, the founder of the Maurya Empire, and as the author of the *Arthashastra*, a treatise on statecraft, economic policy, and military strategy.

2. METHODOLOGY

1. Social Engineering in Ancient India

Social engineering involves manipulating individuals to divulge confidential information or to perform actions that benefit the attacker. Ancient Indian strategists applied similar methods in statecraft and warfare. The following key techniques illustrate these concepts:

1.1 Impersonation (Vishkanya and Spies)

- **Technique Overview:** Ancient texts describe spies who impersonated merchants, ascetics, or servants to infiltrate enemy courts and gather intelligence. The concept of *Vishkanyas* (poison maidens) illustrates how appearance and charm were used to deceive—reminiscent of modern tactics where malicious software disguises itself as benign.

- **Relevant Shlokas:**

- **Arthashastra, Book 1, Chapter 11:** *संस्थाश्चराः कर्मकराः कापालिकाः कुटुम्बिनः। विद्याचार्याः कुशीलवाः कुटनीश्चाप्युपद्रष्टारः ॥* "*A spy, under the guise of a merchant, ascetic, or servant, shall enter the enemy's court and gather intelligence.*"

- **Arthashastra, Book 1, Chapter 13, Verse 5:** *तत्र तीर्थेष्वात्मीयमित्रावस्थानं हि राज्ये स्थापनं संधिविग्रहसमन्वयविमर्दनप्रयुक्तं।* "*Establishing one's own spies and those of the enemy in the state is essential for making and breaking alliances, waging war, and consolidating power.*"

- **Arthashastra, Book 1, Chapter 16, Verse 1:** *कार्याध्यक्षस्तु प्रयोगं कार्यमाहरेत्। गुणतो दूतानभिषिच्येत् दुर्गाणि च सहस्राणी।* "*The superintendent of espionage should gather information through practical experiments, employing messengers based on their qualifications and covering fortresses with thousands of spies.*"

- **Arthashastra, Book 12, Chapter 5, Verses 42-43:** *विषकन्यान् निरूप्य राज्ञः संमातरं पठेत्। मन्त्रपेशलं संवीतं कार्यसिद्धिर्व्यवस्थितम्॥ तप्तकुम्भमयान्याश्च विषमप्यतिदुर्गतम्। विषकन्या विषप्रदानं विविधानि च कारयेत्॥* "*Designate poison maidens and place them in the royal service. Teach them the art of manipulating words and achieving success through their craft. They should be prepared for the most dangerous tasks, even those involving poison.*"

1.2 Exploiting Trust

- **Technique Overview:** Spies often infiltrated enemy ranks by gaining the trust of key individuals. By posing as loyal soldiers or advisors, they exploited this trust to gather sensitive information or to sabotage operations.

- **Relevant Shloka: Arthashastra, Book 1, Chapter 13, Verse 28:** हितं मन्येत यः कामं विश्वासं तत्र कारयेत्। *"One who considers their desires beneficial should establish trust in that."*

1.3 Psychological Manipulation

- **Technique Overview:** Chanakya advocated the use of fear, greed, and ambition to manipulate individuals. Spreading rumours or offering rewards to turn loyal subjects into traitors were common tactics.

- **Relevant Shloka: Arthashastra, Book 1, Chapter 13:** भेदयेद्रिपुसैन्यानि दूषयेद्वा परस्परम्। *"By spreading false rumors and sowing discord, the enemy's unity can be broken, and their strength diminished."*

2. Phishing in Ancient India
Although ancient India did not have digital systems, its methods for tricking adversaries share strong parallels with modern phishing techniques.

2.1 Baiting with False Promises

- **Technique Overview:** Leaders would lure enemies with false promises of wealth, power, or alliances. This tactic made targets vulnerable to ambush.

- **Relevant Shloka: Arthashastra, Book 7, Chapter 6:** लोभेन विभ्रमयित्वा ततः प्रहरेत्। *(Lobhena vibhramayitvā tatah praharet)* *"When the enemy is lured by the promise of wealth or alliance, they become vulnerable to attack."*

2.2 Forgery and Deception

- **Technique Overview:** Forged documents and counterfeit messages were used to mislead enemies. This is similar to modern phishing emails that impersonate trusted entities.

- **Relevant Shloka: Arthashastra, Book 1, Chapter 12:** प्रतिकृतिप्रतिरूपकेष्वाकर्षणे द्वेष्येषु च॥ *(Pratikṛtipratirūpakeṣvākṛṣaṇe dveṣyeṣu ca)* *"Counterfeit items and forged documents are used to attract and deceive enemies."*

2.3 Exploiting Human Curiosity

- **Technique Overview:** Spies sometimes left intriguing documents in visible places to arouse curiosity, thereby luring the enemy into a trap.

- **Relevant Shloka: Arthashastra, Book 1, Chapter 12:** विचित्रं ह्याचरितव्यं चित्तं व्याधिष्यते ॥ *(Vichitraṃ hyācaritavyaṃ cittaṃ vyādhiṣyate)* *"Performing actions that arouse curiosity can capture the mind and lead it astray."*

3. Secure Communication in Antiquity: Mlecchita Vikalpa
Ancient strategists understood that protecting sensitive information relied on transforming language into a secret code. The method, known as **Mlecchita Vikalpa** (literally "alternative for the mleccha [foreign] tongue"), involved systematic substitution techniques.

3.1 The Central Idea of Mlecchita Vikalpa

- **Transformation:** Every element of the message—whether a word or a symbol—is transformed precisely.

- **Obscurity:** The transformed message appears as an unfamiliar language, intelligible only to those who know the prearranged code.

- **Precision:** Accuracy in substitution is critical; even a minor error can compromise the entire security of the message. This mirrors modern cryptographic principles where exact mappings are essential.

3.2 Relevant Sanskrit Shlokas on Substitution

Shloka 1: The Art of Precise Substitution

- **Sanskrit:**

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यत्र नितरां शब्दानां, रूपान्तरणं समुचितम्।

मलेच्छितविकल्पेन तत्र, गूढं रहस्यं सुस्थिरम् ॥

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- **Transliteration:** *Yatra nitarāṃ śabdānāṃ, rūpāntaraṇaṃ samucitam | Mlecchita-vikalpena tatra, gūḍhaṃ rahasyaṃ susthiram ||*

- **Meaning:** "Where words are transformed with utmost precision, the method of mlecchita vikalpa ensures that the secret remains firmly concealed."

- **Explanation:** Emphasizes that each word must be carefully substituted to ensure the hidden message remains secure—akin to the exact mapping used in modern ciphers.

Shloka 2: On the Harmony of Substitution

- **Sanskrit:**

<div align="center">

शब्दं प्रति परिवर्तनं युक्तं, गोप्यं तथा सुसंगतं।

विकल्पमिदं यथावत् प्रयोगे, हन्यते बाधा विपरीतम् ॥

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- **Transliteration:** *Śabdaṃ prati parivartanaṃ yuktaṃ, gopyaṃ tathā susaṅgataṃ | Vikalpamidaṃ yathāvat prayoge, hanyate bādhā viparītam ||*

- **Meaning:** "When every word is transformed precisely—secret and harmonious—the use of this alternative (cipher) overcomes obstacles and thwarts adversaries."

- **Explanation:** Highlights the importance of consistency and precision in substitution, essential for thwarting any decryption attempts.

Shloka 3: Chanakya Nīti – The Subtle Art of Concealment

- **Representative Shloka:**

<div align="center">

यः सूक्ष्मवचनं वदेत् रहस्यं च गूढम् ।

तस्यैव मन्त्रार्थ सिध्यति, न तस्य परदृश्यम् ॥

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- **Transliteration:** *Yaḥ sūkṣmavacanaṃ vadet rahasyaṃ ca gūḍham | Tasyaiva mantrārthaṃ sidhyati, na tasya paradṛśyam ||*

- **Meaning:** "He who speaks in subtle, hidden words renders his message an impenetrable secret; only those initiated into its meaning can discern the true intent, while it remains opaque to all others."

- **Explanation:** Demonstrates how coded language creates a barrier accessible only to the initiated—paralleling modern encryption that requires a decryption key.

Shloka 4: Nītisāra (Attributed to Kamandaka) – Illumination through Concealed Knowledge

- **Representative Shloka:**

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यथा दीपः अन्धकारं विख्यातः, तथा रहस्यानां प्रकाशः।

सर्वे जना निबोधन्ति केवलं, येषां विज्ञानं सुसूक्ष्मम् ॥

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- **Transliteration:** *Yathā dīpaḥ andhakāraṃ vikhyātaḥ, tathā rahasyānāṃ prakāśaḥ | Sarve janā nibodhanti kevalaṃ, yeṣāṃ vijñānaṃ susūkṣmam ||*

- **Meaning:** "Just as a lamp dispels darkness, the illumination of secrets reveals only to those whose discernment is exceedingly subtle; for the masses, the truth remains hidden."

- **Explanation:** Uses the metaphor of light to indicate that secret knowledge is revealed only to those with refined insight, similar to how a decryption key "illuminates" encrypted data.

Shloka 5: Tantric Traditions – The Cipher of Mantras

- **Representative Shloka:**

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गूढमन्त्राणि ये वक्तव्यं, रहस्यानि सम्यक् वदेत्।

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सर्वे तानि चिन्हानि कुशलस्य, येन विनियोगो निखिलम् ॥

- **Transliteration:** *Gūḍha-mantrāṇi ye vaktavyaṃ, rahasyāni samyak vadet | Sarvaṃ tāni cinhanī, kuśalasya yena viniyogo nikhilam ||*

- **Meaning:** "Those secret mantras that are to be uttered as hidden messages must be delivered in a manner that encodes all their symbols; thus, the wise employ these signs to conceal the entirety of their knowledge."

- **Explanation:** Emphasizes that secret mantras, like encrypted messages, must be encoded using a prearranged key, ensuring that only those with the correct knowledge can decipher them.

4. Modern Cipher Techniques and Their Ancient Parallels

Ancient substitution techniques have modern counterparts in cryptography. Here are a few examples:

4.1 Vigenère Cipher

Vigenere Square:

The Vigenere Square is a grid-based encryption method using a keyword to determine the shift for each letter in the plaintext, making it more secure than simple substitution ciphers.

Example: Encrypting "HELLO" with Keyword "KEY"

Plaintext: HELLO

Keyword: KEY K E (repeated to match the length of the plaintext) Encryption Process:

1. Align the Plaintext and Keyword:

Plaintext: HELLO

Keyword: KEYKE

2. Encrypt Each Letter:

H (Plaintext) + K (Keyword): Find the row for K and the column for H. The intersection is R.

E (Plaintext) + E (Keyword): Find the row for E and the column for E. The intersection is I.

L (Plaintext) + Y (Keyword): Find the row for Y and the column for L. The intersection is J.

L (Plaintext) + K (Keyword): Find the row for K and the column for L. The intersection is V.

O (Plaintext) + E (Keyword): Find the row for E and the column for O.

The intersection is S.

3. Combine the Encrypted Letters:

Ciphertext: RIJVS

4.2 Columnar Transposition
Writing the plaintext in rows and reading it column-wise, often using a keyword to determine the column order.

Example: Encrypting "ATTACK AT DAWN" with Keyword "SECRET"

Plaintext: A T T A C K A T D A W N

Keyword: S E C R E T

Encryption Process:

1. Write the Plaintext in Rows:

A T T A C K

A T D A W N

2. Determine the Column Order:

Keyword Order: S (1), E (2), C (3), R (4), E (2), T (6)

3. Read the Columns in Order:

Column 1: A, A

Column 2: T, T

Column 3: T, D

Column 4: A, A

Column 5: C, W

Column 6: K, N

4. Combine the Columns:

Ciphertext: "AATT TD AA CW KN"

4.3 Matsya Nyaya (Fish Principle)
This ancient cryptographic technique involves rearranging the letters or words of a message according to a specific pattern to obscure their meaning.

Relevant Shloka:

मत्स्यन्यायेन वर्णान् विपर्यस्येत्।

(Matsyanyāyena varṇān viparyasyet |)

"By following the Fish Principle, rearrange letters for secret communication."

Example: Encrypting "DEFEND THE FORT" with Matsya Nyaya

Reversed Order: "FORT THE DEFEND"

Keyword Order: "FORT DEFEND THE"

5. Applying Ancient Techniques to Modern Cyber security
The principles derived from ancient texts can be integrated into modern cyber security strategies:

- **Enhancing Encryption:** Techniques like Matsya Nyaya can serve as an additional layer of encryption alongside algorithms like AES or RSA.

- **Improving Steganography:** Combining ancient rearrangement techniques with modern stenographic tools can help hide encrypted messages within multimedia files.

- **Strengthening Social Engineering Defenses:** Understanding ancient methods of deception and manipulation can improve training for employees, helping them recognize and resist social engineering attacks.

CONCLUSION

The wisdom embedded in ancient Sanskrit texts such as the *Arthashastra* and *Mlecchita Vikalpa* provides invaluable guidance for addressing contemporary cyber security challenges. From social engineering to cryptographic substitution, the ancient strategies of deception and secure communication remain remarkably relevant today. By analyzing cyber security through the lens of Chanakya's strategies, organizations can develop a proactive, resilient, and intelligence-driven approach to cyber threats. The incorporation of deception tactics, continuous monitoring, and dynamic risk management aligns with ancient warfare strategies, proving that while technologies evolve, the essence of strategic security remains constant.

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HOW TO DEVELOP ETHICATES IN YOUNGSTERS: A PATHWAY TO BUILDING CHARACTER AND RESPONSIBILITY

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ABSTRACT

The development of ethics in youngsters is fundamental to shaping responsible, empathetic, and morally conscious individuals who contribute positively to society. This paper explores various strategies and approaches for fostering ethical values in young people, including the role of family, education, and community. It examines the influence of role models, ethical dilemmas, and the integration of moral reasoning into daily life. Additionally, the paper highlights the importance of teaching emotional intelligence, responsibility, and respect for diversity as key components in ethical development. By fostering a supportive environment that encourages open dialogue and critical thinking, we can empower young people to make informed, ethical decisions that guide their actions throughout life. Through this exploration, the paper aims to provide practical frameworks for parents, educators, and mentors to nurture ethics in the next generation.

INTRODUCTION

The development of ethics in young people is essential for building a society based on trust, integrity, and mutual respect. As youngsters navigate their formative years, they are exposed to a wide range of influences—from family and peers to the media and broader social structures. These influences shape their understanding of right and wrong, as well as their sense of responsibility towards others. Developing strong ethical values in young people not only prepares them to make sound decisions in their personal lives but also equips them to contribute meaningfully to their communities and society at large.

Ethical development in youngsters involves teaching them to distinguish between ethical and unethical behaviors, as well as encouraging critical thinking and empathy. It goes beyond simply following rules; it requires the cultivation of moral reasoning, emotional intelligence, and a sense of responsibility. Parents, teachers, and mentors play a key role in this process by providing guidance, modeling positive behaviors, and fostering an environment where ethical discussions are encouraged.

This process is complex and ongoing, requiring continuous support and reinforcement. By focusing on age-appropriate strategies such as storytelling, moral dilemmas, and practical examples, young people can be equipped with the tools they need to face ethical challenges and make decisions that reflect their values. Ultimately, developing ethics in youngsters helps ensure that future generations grow up to be thoughtful, compassionate, and responsible individuals.

OBJECTIVES

1. **To Explore the Role of Family and Home Environment:** Investigate how family dynamics, parental guidance, and upbringing contribute to the ethical development of young individuals.

2. **To Examine Educational Approaches:** Analyze the impact of formal education systems, including the curriculum and teacher-student interactions, in shaping ethical values and moral reasoning.

3. **To Identify the Influence of Peer Groups and Social Media:** Assess how peer relationships and social media platforms influence young people's ethical decisions and behavior.

4. **To Develop Practical Strategies for Ethical Development:** Formulate strategies and activities that can be used by parents, educators, and mentors to nurture ethical behavior in youngsters.

5. **To Measure the Long-Term Impact of Ethical Education:** Evaluate the long-term outcomes of teaching ethics to young people, including how it affects their decision-making, empathy, and social interactions.

REVIEW

The development of ethics in young people has been widely discussed in literature. Various studies emphasize the importance of role models and guidance in instilling moral values. According to research, children's ethical development begins in the home, where they learn basic values such as respect, honesty, and responsibility. These values are further reinforced through educational institutions, where educators not only impart knowledge but also serve as examples of ethical behavior.

Studies also highlight the growing influence of peer groups and social media on young people's moral compass. While peer interactions can positively shape ethical behavior through shared values, they can also lead to negative influences that promote unethical actions, such as bullying or dishonesty.

Ethical education programs, such as character education curricula, have been implemented in schools with varying degrees of success. Research shows that programs that combine moral reasoning with real-life ethical dilemmas engage students more effectively and promote critical thinking. However, challenges remain in making ethics education appealing and practical for younger generations who are often distracted by external pressures like social media or peer approval.

Overall, the reviews suggest that fostering ethical development in young people requires a comprehensive approach that involves the collaboration of family, educational institutions, and the broader community.

HYPOTHESIS

H_0: Early exposure to ethical concepts, such as honesty, empathy, and responsibility, can establish a foundation for moral decision-making as they grow. Educational programs focused on ethics in schools have been shown to positively influence how young people approach complex social issues and make ethical decisions.

H_1: The role of social media in shaping ethical perspectives is significant because it exposes young people to a wide range of opinions, behaviors, and values, some of which may not align with traditional ethical norms. Research suggests that unregulated content can contribute to confusion or unethical behavior, such as cyber bullying or misleading behaviors. However, positive influences can also come from social media if guided correctly.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. Research Objective:
The aim is to explore and assess effective methods for developing ethical behavior and values in young people. This could involve evaluating educational programs, family influence, media impact, and peer interactions.

2. Research Design:

A **mixed-methods approach** would be most suitable to gain both quantitative data (to measure ethical behavior) and qualitative data (to understand the underlying factors and experiences that influence ethics development).

- **Quantitative:** Surveys, questionnaires, and experiments to measure changes in behavior, attitudes, and ethical decision-making.

- **Qualitative:** Interviews focus groups, and case studies to explore young people's thoughts, values, and experiences.

3. RESEARCH METHODS

A. Literature Review:

Conduct a **comprehensive literature review** to:
- Explore existing theories and models of ethical development in children and adolescents (e.g., Kohlberg's stages of moral development, Gilligan's ethics of care).

- Examine past studies on educational programs and interventions aimed at promoting ethics in young people.

- Investigate the role of family, peers, and media in influencing young people's ethical development.

B. Surveys/Questionnaires:

Design a **survey or questionnaire** for young people and their teachers, parents, or mentors:

- **Ethical behavior**: Questions to assess how young people perceive right and wrong, their ability to make ethical decisions, and whether they are influenced by moral reasoning or external factors.

- **Developmental impact**: Questions on how various factors like education, family values, peer pressure, and media consumption influence their ethical beliefs and actions.

- **Likert-scale** questions (Strongly agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, Strongly disagree) can be used to quantify responses.

C. Focus Groups/Interviews:

Conduct **qualitative interviews or focus groups** with both young people and key stakeholders (teachers, parents, mentors) to get deeper insights into:

- **Personal experiences**: How do they define ethics and morality? What experiences have influenced their ethical understanding?

- **Effectiveness of ethical training**: For instance, how effective are school programs in shaping their ethical behavior? Do they feel that family or peer influence plays a stronger role than educational interventions?

- **Role of media**: How does media consumption (e.g., social media, TV, games) influence their views on ethical behavior?

D. Case Studies:

Implement **case studies** to explore specific instances where ethical development programs or interventions have been applied:

- **Educational settings:** Study schools that have integrated ethics education into their curricula. Evaluate the results on students' behavior, decision-making, and moral reasoning.

- **Community or family-based programs:** Examine community initiatives aimed at fostering ethical values in young people and their success rates.

4. SAMPLE POPULATION

- **Age group:** The study could focus on children aged 8–18 years (elementary to high school) to understand the different stages of ethical development.

- **Demographic:** A diverse sample, including various socioeconomic backgrounds, ethnicities, and geographic locations, will ensure the research findings are generalizable.

- **Settings:** Schools, community centers, and family environments.

5. DATA ANALYSIS

A. Quantitative Analysis:

- **Statistical analysis:** Use software like SPSS or Excel to analyze survey responses. Look for correlations between ethics education and ethical behavior, considering factors like age, family structure, and media consumption.

- **Comparative analysis:** Compare the ethical behavior of participants who have been exposed to ethics education versus those who have not.

B. Qualitative Analysis:

- **Thematic analysis:** Analyze interview and focus group transcripts for common themes and patterns, such as the impact of peer influence, family values, or media portrayal of ethical dilemmas.

- **Content analysis:** For case studies, analyze content related to ethics programs and evaluate their effectiveness based on real-life examples.

6. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Informed consent:** Ensure that both young participants and their guardians are fully informed and give consent for participation.

- **Confidentiality:** Protect the identity and responses of all participants, ensuring anonymity if required.

- **Sensitivity:** Be sensitive to the developmental stage of young participants, and ensure that the questions and interventions are age-appropriate.

7. LIMITATIONS

- **Subjectivity:** Young people's responses on ethics can be influenced by personal bias, making it important to account for this when analyzing qualitative data.

- **External influences:** Ethics can be shaped by numerous factors (e.g., media, family, community), so isolating the exact influence of an educational program might be challenging.

- **Generalizability:** Results may vary based on the cultural and social environment, so the findings might not be universally applicable across all demographics.

Analysis and Data Collection: Google Form Survey on Developing Ethicates in Youngsters
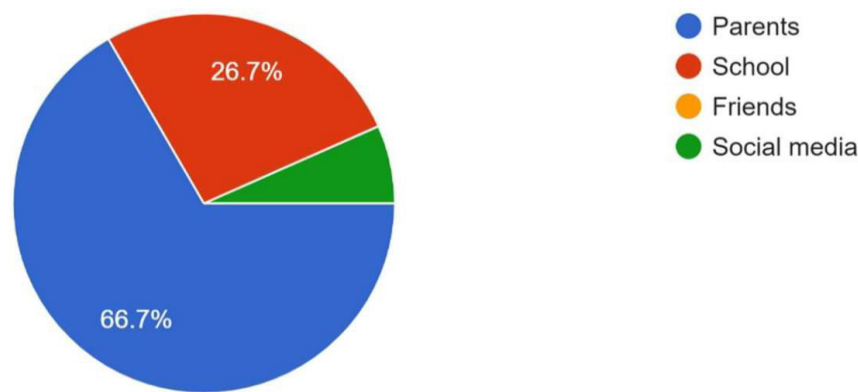

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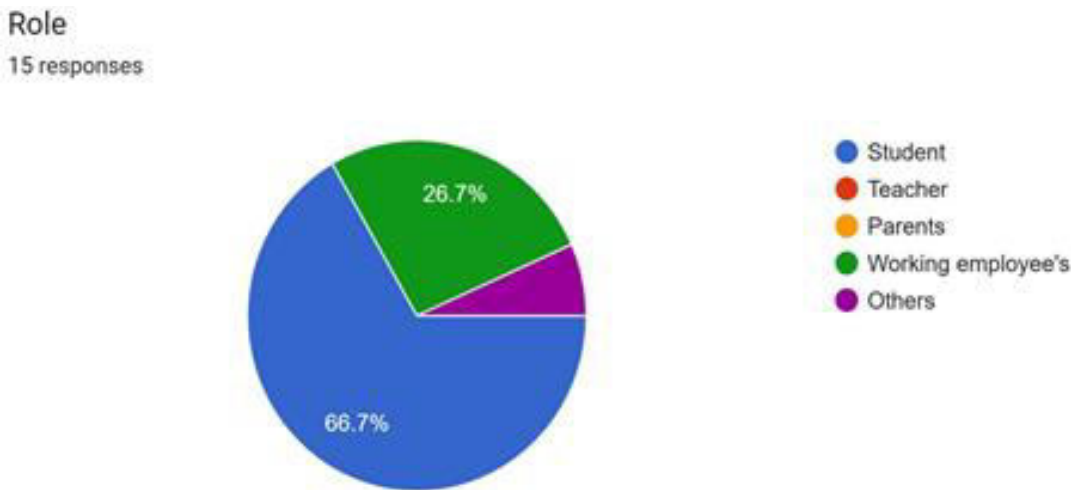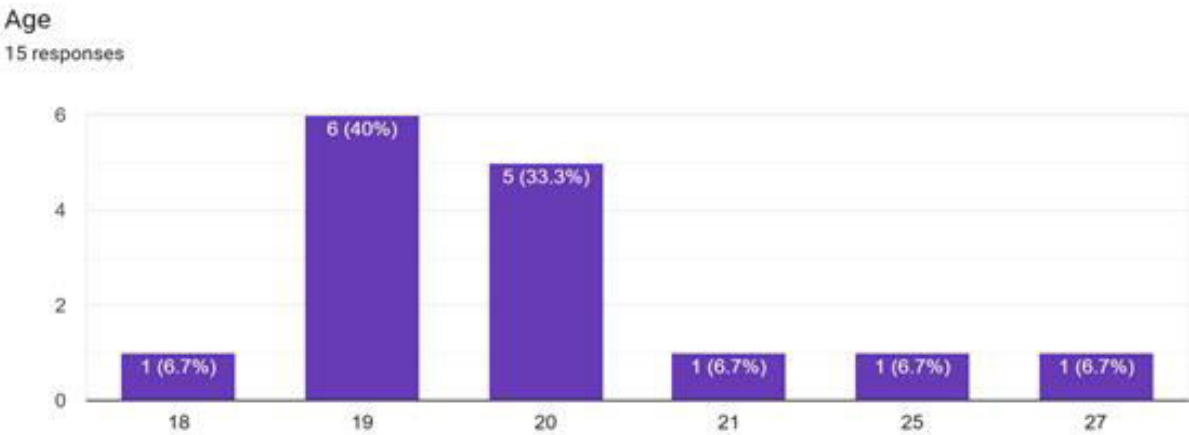
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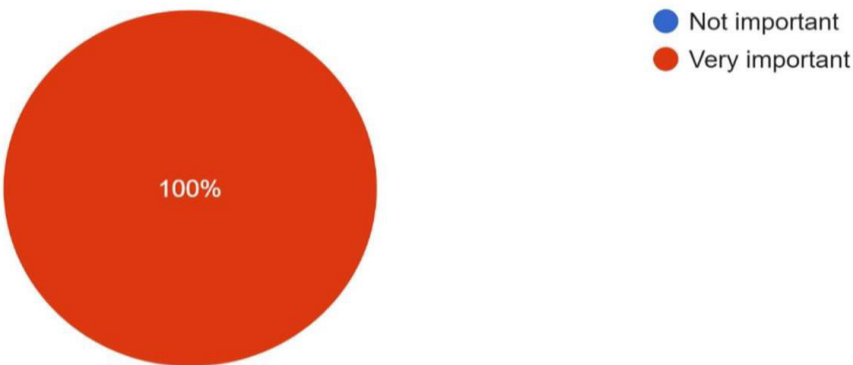
Where do youngsters learn ethics and etiquette most ?

15 responses

- Parents
- School
- Friends
- Social media

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66.7%

Which ethical values do you think are most important for youngsters ?

15 responses

- Honesty
- Responsibility
- Empathy
- Respect
- Others

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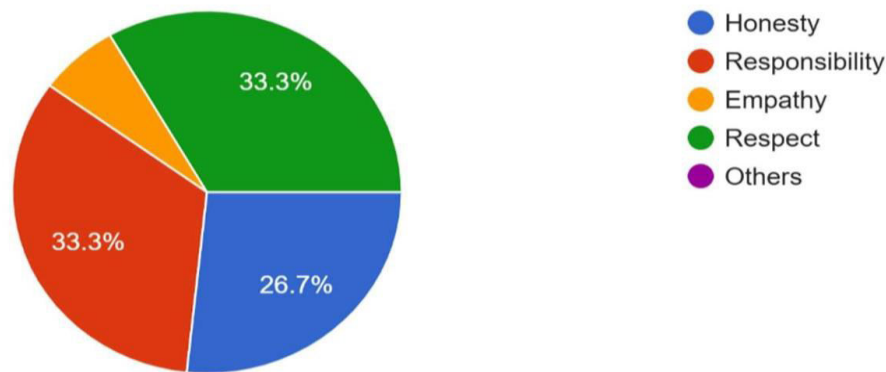
Have you observed a decline in ethical values among youngsters in recent years?

15 responses

- Yes significantly
- Yes somewhat
- No , it remains the same
- No it has improved

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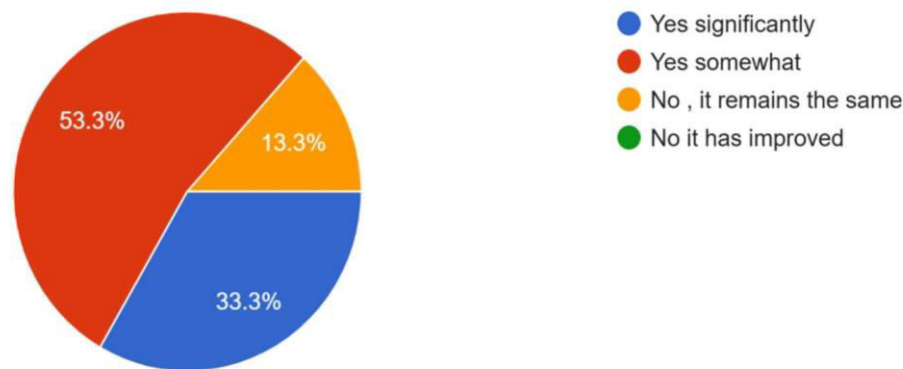
What are the biggest challenges in teaching ethics to youngsters?

15 responses

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- Influences of social media
- Peer pressure
- Others
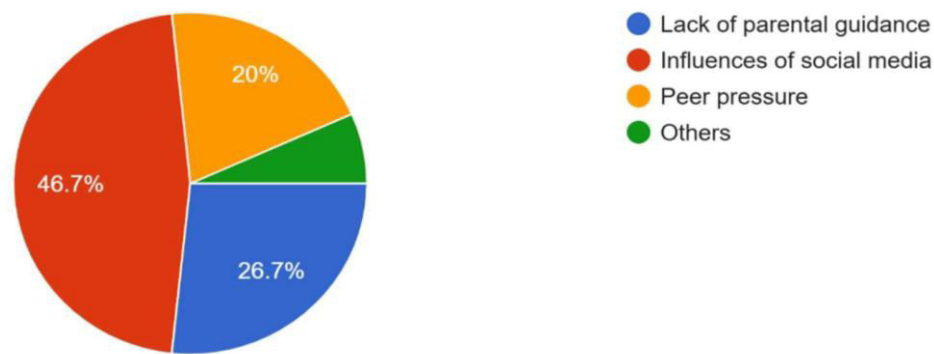
Which area of etiquettes do youngsters suffer the most ?

15 responses

- Table manners
- Public behaviour
- Communication skills
- Digital etiquette

How often do you observe youngsters practicing good etiquettes?

15 responses

- Very frequently
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Almost never
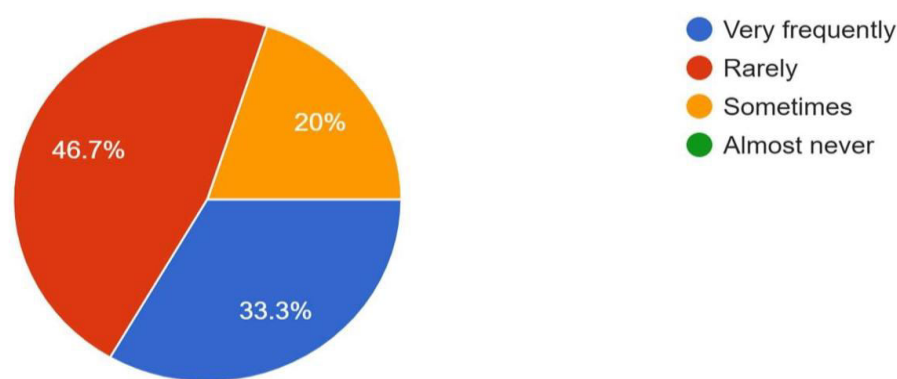
What do you think is the best way to teach ethics and etiquette to youngsters?
15 responses

- Leading by example
- Integrating ethics into school education
- Encouraging community services
- Restricting harmful media influence
- Other
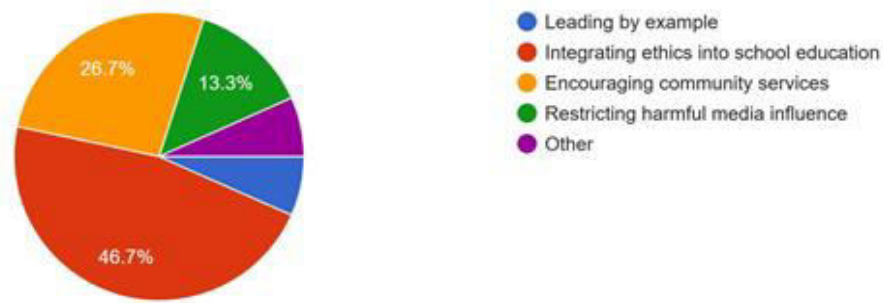
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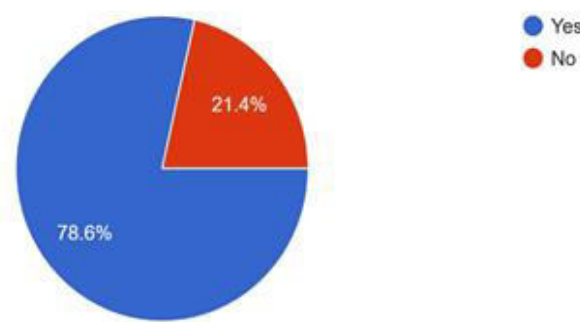
FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. **Parental Influence and Role Modeling:**
- Youngsters tend to model their behavior after adults, especially parents and caregivers. Parents who consistently demonstrate ethical behavior in their everyday actions can have a profound impact on the development of ethical principles in children.

- Effective communication of values, through both words and actions, helps to instill a strong ethical foundation.

2. **Educational Systems and Socialization:**
- Schools play a vital role in nurturing ethical values. Character education programs, ethics classes, and extracurricular activities that promote teamwork and integrity can encourage ethical decision-making in young people.

- Peer influence is also significant. Positive peer interactions foster a sense of shared ethical responsibility.

3. **Media and Technology**:
- The media and technology play an increasingly large role in shaping ethical perspectives. Exposure to ethical dilemmas through digital media, video games, and social media platforms can influence decision-making. A focus on responsible digital citizenship can help youngsters navigate ethical challenges online.

4. **Community Involvement and Volunteering:**
- Engagement in community service or volunteer work helps youngsters understand the importance of helping others and making a positive impact in their communities. This involvement often encourages the development of empathy, responsibility, and ethical decision-making.

5. **Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills:**
- Teaching youngsters to think critically and evaluate situations from different perspectives aids them in making more informed ethical decisions. Developing problem-solving skills also enhances their ability to deal with moral dilemmas effectively.

CONCLUSION

Developing ethics in youngsters requires a multi-faceted approach that involves the combined efforts of parents, schools, media, and the community. Ethical behavior is best nurtured through role models, educational initiatives, positive peer influence, and real-world experiences. Encouraging critical thinking, empathy, and responsible decision-making ensures that youngsters are better equipped to navigate ethical challenges as they grow. The development of ethics in the younger generation not only shapes individual behavior but also contributes to the creation of a more compassionate and responsible society.

SUGGESTIONS

Role Modeling by Adults:

- **Parents and educators** should lead by example. Young people are more likely to adopt ethical behavior when they see trusted adults acting ethically in their everyday actions. Demonstrate fairness, honesty, respect, and empathy in daily interactions.

Promote Open Discussions About Ethics:

- Encourage **open conversations** about ethical dilemmas and moral questions. Discuss real-life situations and ask children what they would do, guiding them toward thoughtful reasoning and an understanding of ethical principles.

- Create **safe spaces** where youngsters feel comfortable expressing their opinions and ideas about right and wrong without fear of judgment.

Incorporate Ethics in School Curricula:

- **Integrate ethics education** into existing subjects like literature, history, and social studies. Explore stories and historical events that highlight ethical decisions and their consequences.

- Implement **character education programs** that teach values like honesty, respect, responsibility, and compassion.

Encourage Empathy and Perspective-Taking:

- Activities like **volunteering**, community service, or simply engaging with people from diverse backgrounds can help young people develop empathy and understand different perspectives. When youngsters learn to consider how others feel, they are more likely to make ethical decisions.

- Foster **empathy-building exercises** where they consider the impact of their actions on others.

Use Technology and Media Responsibly:

- Teach **digital citizenship** by encouraging responsible online behavior. Discuss issues like privacy, cyberbullying, and online respect. Guide youngsters to think critically about the content they consume and share.

- Encourage **media literacy** by helping them understand how the media can influence their perceptions and ethical decisions, promoting awareness of bias and misinformation.

Encourage Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving:

- Focus on developing **critical thinking skills** by encouraging youngsters to question assumptions, analyze situations, and consider the ethical implications of their decisions.

- Use **role-playing games**, case studies, or ethical scenarios to challenge them to think through complex situations and make ethical choices.

SCOPE FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

1. The Impact of Digital Media on Ethical Development:

- **Research Focus:** Investigate how digital platforms, including social media, video games, and online content, influence ethical behavior in young people. This includes examining the role of online communities in shaping values like empathy, responsibility, and respect.

- **Potential Questions:** How do social media interactions affect a young person's moral decision-making? Can exposure to certain types of digital content foster ethical or unethical behavior

2. Longitudinal Studies on Ethical Development:

- **Research Focus:** Conduct long-term studies that track the ethical development of individuals from childhood through adolescence into adulthood. These studies could assess how early ethical education influences long-term behavior.

- **Potential Questions:** How do early interventions in ethics education affect moral decision-making later in life? What factors contribute most significantly to the development of strong ethical values over time?

3. Cultural and Societal Influences on Ethical Development:

- **Research Focus:** Examine how different cultures and societies shape the ethical values and behavior of their young people. This could involve comparing how ethical education differs in various countries and the impact of cultural beliefs and norms on ethics.

- **Potential Questions:** How do cultural differences in values like individualism vs. collectivism influence ethical decision-making in young people? What role does religion and societal expectations play in shaping moral development?

4. Peer Influence and Ethical Behavior:

- **Research Focus:** Investigate the specific ways in which peers influence ethical behavior among youngsters, particularly in social settings like schools, sports, and extracurricular activities.

- **Potential Questions:** How do peer pressures and group dynamics affect moral decision-making? How can peer-led initiatives or mentoring programs be used to promote ethical behavior?

5. Role of Parents vs. Educators in Shaping Ethics:

- **Research Focus:** Compare the relative importance of parents versus educators in shaping the ethical values of children. Research could explore the different ways each group can impact ethical decision-making and moral development.

- **Potential Questions**: How do parenting styles influence a child's moral development? Are children who receive ethics education in schools more likely to act ethically than those who do not?

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INTEGRATING INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM (IKS) WITH THE MODERN FENCING SPORT: A HOLISTIC PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) is a vast repository of traditional wisdom compassing physical, mental, and spiritual disciplines. While fencing is often considered a modern combat sport, its fundamental principles—balance, agility, strategy, and discipline—align with various elements of IKS. This paper explores the historical, philosophical, and practical intersections between fencing and traditional Indian martial arts, yoga, and Ayurveda. The research aims to establish a framework where traditional Indian knowledge can enhance fencing training, performance, and injury prevention. By integrating traditional techniques with modern sports science, this study presents a novel approach to fencing training, based on secondary data research.

Keywords: *Indian Knowledge System, Fencing, Kalaripayattu, Yoga, Ayurveda, Sports Science, Traditional Martial Arts*

1. INTRODUCTION

Fencing is a combat sport that emphasizes agility, strategy, and precision. Despite its Western origins, the fundamental principles of fencing have parallels in India's traditional martial arts and holistic wellness systems. The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) includes diverse disciplines such as Kalaripayattu, Dhanurveda, Yoga, and Ayurveda, which offer valuable insights for modern fencing training. This paper examines how IKS can be integrated into fencing to improve physical conditioning, mental resilience, and injury prevention.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Zarrilli (1998) discusses the effectiveness of Kalaripayattu in improving reaction time, agility, and body coordination, which are essential skills in fencing. Kalaripayattu's emphasis on footwork and swift movements closely mirrors the techniques employed in fencing, making it a useful reference point for integrating traditional training techniques.

Sharma (2005) explores Ayurveda's role in sports medicine, particularly in injury prevention and recovery. Ayurvedic practices such as massage therapy with herbal oils like Mahanarayan Taila have been shown to aid in muscle relaxation, reducing injury risks in athletes. Additionally, Ayurvedic dietary principles focus on muscle recovery and endurance, both critical factors in fencing training.

Chen et al. (2010) suggests that pranayama and meditation significantly enhance an athlete's concentration and stress management abilities, which are crucial during high-pressure fencing bouts.

3. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

1. Examine the historical and philosophical connection between IKS and fencing.

2. Identify training methodologies from Kalaripayattu, Yoga, and Ayurveda that can enhance fencing skills.

3. Establish an integrated training framework incorporating IKS into modern fencing.

4. Assess the benefits of IKS-based training in improving agility, endurance, and injury prevention in fencers.

4. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

The significance of this study lies in its potential to revolutionize fencing training through traditional Indian practices.

By integrating IKS, this research can:

1. Provide a holistic training approach that enhances physical and mental conditioning.

2. Reduce injury risks through Ayurvedic preventive care.

3. Offer a cultural perspective on sports training, strengthening India's indigenous sports heritage.

5. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study employs a secondary data research approach by reviewing existing literature, studies, and documented evidence on the integration of IKS into sports.

The methodology involves:

Data Sources: Research papers, books, and articles on Indian martial arts, yoga, Ayurveda, and sports science.

Analysis Approach: Comparative analysis of traditional Indian training methodologies and modern fencing techniques.

Case Studies: Documented instances where traditional Indian practices have enhanced athletic performance.

Findings Interpretation: Identifying patterns and drawing conclusions based on secondary data.

5. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION
Based on a review of secondary data, the integration of IKS into fencing training demonstrates several benefits:

1. *Agility and Footwork*: Kalaripayattu techniques improve reaction time, footwork precision, and body control, aligning with fencing movements.

2. *Endurance and Flexibility:* Yoga enhances flexibility and breathing techniques, contributing to greater endurance in fencing matches.

3. *Mental Focus and Resilience*: Meditation and pranayama improve focus, reduce stress, and increase competitive performance.

4. *Injury Prevention and Recovery*: Ayurvedic principles offer herbal treatments, massage therapies, and diet recommendations that aid recovery and prevent injuries.

7. HISTORICAL CONTEXT: INDIAN MARTIAL ARTS AND WEAPONRY
India has a rich tradition of armed combat, particularly in systems such as:

1. *Kalaripayattu:* One of the oldest martial arts, featuring footwork, strikes, and weapon-based techniques that mirror fencing movements.

2. *Dhanurve*da**: The ancient science of warfare and archery, which includes principles of combat strategy and weapon handling.

3. *Silat and Gatka*: Martial arts involving swordplay techniques adaptable to fencing. The similarities between these arts and fencing highlight the potential integration of IKS into modern fencing training.

8. CONCLUSION
The integration of IKS into fencing offers a unique approach to training, enhancing physical, mental, and strategic capabilities. The combination of yoga, traditional martial arts, and Ayurveda presents an innovative training methodology that can benefit fencers in their overall development. The findings from secondary research indicate that traditional Indian knowledge can contribute significantly to modern sports training. Further empirical research is recommended to provide direct experimental validation of these concepts.

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REVITALIZING THE GURUKUL SYSTEM: EXPLORING ITS RELEVANCE IN MODERN TIME

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ABSTRACT

This paper delves into the ancient Indian educational framework known as the Gurukul system, highlighting its enduring significance in Indian culture and tradition. By examining its core principles, historical evolution, and potential modern-day applications, the study underscores how the Gurukul system's focus on holistic education, experiential learning, and social responsibility continues to hold value today, offering insights for contemporary educational reform.

Keywords: - Gurukul, Holistic Education, Mentor, Experiential Learning, Social Responsibility, Educational Reform

INTRODUCTION

The Gurukul system, originating from the Vedic period, stands as an ancient educational framework with a rich tradition focused on the holistic development of individuals through mentorship and community living. Designed to foster a sense of social responsibility and civic engagement among students, this educational model emphasized experiential learning, enabling students to acquire knowledge while developing essential life skills and values under the guidance of their mentors (Gurus).Despite the rise of modern education systems, which have led to the diminished prominence of the Gurukul approach, the foundational principles of this system—such as personalized education, close mentor-student relationships, and a focus on moral and ethical development—remain highly relevant today. Contemporary education often prioritizes standardized testing and rote learning over holistic development, neglecting these critical elements.

This paper aims to shed light on the enduring relevance of the Gurukul system by exploring its core principles, historical evolution, and potential integration into contemporary educational practices. By examining the potential applications of the Gurukul approach in today's educational landscape, this study seeks to provide valuable insights into how holistic, experiential, and community-oriented education can enhance modern teaching and learning methods.

HISTORICAL EVOLUTION OF THE GURUKUL SYSTEM

The Gurukul system traces its roots back to the Vedic period, where it was the primary mode of education in ancient India. The term "Gurukul" is derived from "Guru" (teacher) and "Kula" (family), reflecting the close-knit and familial nature of this educational model. Students, or "Shishyas," lived with their Gurus in a residential setting, engaging in various activities that promoted intellectual, spiritual, and physical growth.

Key characteristics of the Gurukul system included:

- **Guru-Shishya Parampara**: This teacher-student tradition emphasized personalized attention, mentorship, and guidance.

- **Residential Education**: Students lived with their guru, fostering a sense of community and social responsibility.

- **Holistic Education**: The Gurukul system emphasized intellectual, spiritual, and physical growth, fostering a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

- **Experiential Learning**: Students learned through hands-on experiences such as agriculture, craftsmanship, and community service.

- **Social Responsibility**: The Gurukul system emphasized social responsibility and civic engagement, fostering a sense of duty towards the community.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To examine the historical evolution of the Gurukul system.

2. To identify the core principles of the Gurukul system.

3. To explore the relevance and practical applications of the Gurukul system in modern educational contexts.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What are the historical foundations and core principles of the Gurukul system?

2. How have elements of the Gurukul system been integrated into the curriculum of the selected case study institutions?

3. What are the impacts of incorporating Gurukul principles on student outcomes in terms of holistic development, experiential learning, and social responsibility?

4. How can the principles of the Gurukul system be adapted and implemented in modern educational contexts worldwide?

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

This study aims to contribute to the existing body of knowledge on the Gurukul system, highlighting its relevance in modern times. The findings of this study can inform contemporary educational reform, promoting a more holistic and inclusive approach to education.

- **Educational Reform**: By understanding the principles of the Gurukul system, educators and policymakers can explore ways to integrate holistic, experiential, and community-oriented education into modern systems.

- **Cultural Preservation**: The study helps in preserving and reviving an ancient Indian educational tradition, enriching the cultural heritage.

- **Global Applicability**: By analyzing the application of the Gurukul principles in different geographical contexts, the study provides insights into the global relevance and adaptability of this educational model.

CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW

A comprehensive review of existing literature will explore the evolution of educational frameworks, with a specific focus on the Gurukul system and its impact on learners. It will include scholarly articles on ancient educational systems, modern educational practices, and recent studies on holistic and experiential learning. The literature review will also cover the challenges faced by modern education, such as standardized testing and a lack of focus on character development, and how the Gurukul system can provide solutions to these issues.

CHAPTER 3: METHODOLOGY

Research Design

Qualitative Research Approach: This study employed a qualitative research approach to explore the historical evolution, core principles, and modern relevance of the Gurukul system. By combining literature review, surveys, and case studies, the study aimed to gather in-depth insights from diverse perspectives.

Data Collection

1. **Case Studies:**

a. **Objective:** To explore practical applications of the Gurukul system in modern educational settings.

b. **Method:** Three educational institutions that have incorporated elements of the Gurukul system into their curricula were selected as case studies. In-depth interviews and observations were conducted to gather detailed information about their practices and outcomes.

c. **Cases:**

i. **Case Study 1:** A rural school that integrates traditional Gurukul methods with modern curriculum to promote holistic development.

ii. **Case Study 2:** An urban educational institute that emphasizes experiential learning and moral education based on Gurukul principles.

iii. **Case Study 3:** A policy-driven initiative that aims to revive and adapt the Gurukul system for contemporary education.

d. **Data Analysis:** Case study data were analyzed using thematic analysis to identify key aspects of successful implementation and potential challenges.

CHAPTER 4: CASE STUDIES

Case Study 1: A Rural School Integrating Traditional Gurukul Methods with Modern Curriculum

Overview: This case study focuses on a rural school that blends traditional Gurukul methods with a modern curriculum to promote holistic development. The school aims to provide an educational experience that nurtures intellectual, moral, and spiritual growth.

KEY ASPECTS

- **Holistic Curriculum**: The school combines Vedic teachings, such as Sanskrit and ancient scriptures, with contemporary subjects like science, mathematics, and technology.

- **Teacher-Student Relationship**: The Guru-Shishya tradition is emphasized, where teachers serve as mentors and role models, fostering a nurturing and supportive learning environment.

- **Daily Routine**: The students follow a structured daily routine that includes academic lessons, physical activities (yoga and sports), meditation, and cultural activities (music and arts).

- **Community Involvement**: The school engages with the local community, encouraging students to participate in social service and environmental conservation projects.

OUTCOMES

- **Enhanced Learning**: Students exhibit improved academic performance and a deeper understanding of cultural heritage.

- **Personal Growth**: The emphasis on moral and spiritual education leads to well-rounded individuals with strong ethical values.

- **Community Impact**: The school has positively influenced the local community by promoting sustainable practices and social responsibility.

Case Study 2: An Urban Educational Institute Emphasizing Experiential Learning and Moral Education

Overview: This case study examines an urban educational institute that incorporates Gurukul principles, particularly experiential learning and moral education, into its teaching practices.

KEY ASPECTS

Experiential Learning: The institute adopts a hands-on approach to learning, where students engage in practical activities, experiments, and field trips to reinforce theoretical knowledge.

- **Moral Education:** Ethical and moral values are integrated into the curriculum through storytelling, discussions, and community projects.

- **Teacher-Student Interaction:** Teachers act as facilitators, guiding students through their learning journey and encouraging critical thinking and creativity.

- **Innovative Pedagogy:** The institute employs modern teaching techniques, such as project-based learning, collaborative projects, and digital tools, to enhance the educational experience.

OUTCOMES

- **Engaged Learners:** Students demonstrate higher levels of engagement and motivation, actively participating in the learning process.

- **Ethical Awareness:** The focus on moral education fosters a sense of empathy, integrity, and social responsibility among students.

- **Academic Excellence:** The combination of experiential learning and innovative pedagogy results in improved academic performance and a well-rounded education.

Case Study 3: A Policy-Driven Initiative to Revive and Adapt the Gurukul System

Overview: This case study explores a policy-driven initiative aimed at reviving and adapting the Gurukul system for contemporary education. The initiative is supported by governmental and non-governmental organizations to promote holistic education.

KEY ASPECTS

- **Policy Framework:** The initiative is based on a comprehensive policy framework that outlines the principles, objectives, and implementation strategies for integrating Gurukul methods into modern education.

- **Pilot Programs:** Pilot programs are launched in select schools to test and refine the Gurukul-based educational model.

- **Teacher Training:** Specialized training programs are conducted for teachers to equip them with the knowledge and skills to implement Gurukul principles effectively.

- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Regular monitoring and evaluation are carried out to assess the effectiveness of the initiative and identify areas for improvement.

OUTCOMES

- **Scalability:** The policy-driven approach enables the scaling up of successful practices to a larger number of schools and educational institutions.

- **Teacher Empowerment:** Teachers are empowered with new pedagogical techniques and a deeper understanding of holistic education.

- **Student Development:** Students benefit from a balanced education that nurtures their intellectual, moral, and spiritual growth.

DATA ANALYSIS

Thematic Analysis:

- **Key Aspects of Successful Implementation:**

- **Holistic Approach:** Integrating academic, physical, moral, and spiritual education.

- **Teacher-Student Relationship:** Emphasizing strong mentorship and personal connections.

- **Community Engagement:** Involving the local community in the educational process.

- **Innovative Pedagogy:** Adopting modern teaching techniques and experiential learning.

- **Potential Challenges**:

- **Resource Constraints:** Limited resources and infrastructure in some schools.

- **Resistance to Change:** Resistance from stakeholders who are accustomed to traditional educational models.

- **Scalability:** Ensuring the scalability and sustainability of the Gurukul-based educational model.

CHAPTER 5: DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The exploration of the Gurukul system and its core principles reveals that this ancient educational model holds valuable insights for contemporary education. By integrating the principles of holistic education, experiential learning, and social responsibility, the Gurukul system offers a balanced and enriching approach to student development. The three case studies discussed in this research highlight successful implementations of Gurukul principles in modern educational contexts, demonstrating their relevance and potential impact.

Case Study 1 showed how a rural school integrates traditional Gurukul methods with a modern curriculum, promoting holistic development. This approach emphasizes the importance of nurturing intellectual, moral, and spiritual growth, resulting in well-rounded individuals who positively impact their communities.

Case Study 2 focused on an urban educational institute that emphasizes experiential learning and moral education. The hands-on approach and ethical focus lead to higher student engagement, ethical awareness, and academic excellence, showcasing the benefits of integrating Gurukul principles into urban education settings.

Case Study 3 examined a policy-driven initiative aimed at reviving and adapting the Gurukul system for contemporary education. The initiative's comprehensive policy framework, pilot programs, teacher training, and monitoring ensure scalable and sustainable implementation, benefiting a larger number of educational institutions and students.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings from the case studies and literature review, the following recommendations are proposed:

1. **Personalized Learning:**
a. Implement one-on-one mentoring programs and personalized learning plans to cater to the unique needs and strengths of each student, following the Guru-Shishya Parampara.

2. **Community-Based Learning:**
a. Encourage the establishment of modern boarding schools and community-based learning environments to create supportive educational communities that promote social responsibility and civic engagement.

3. **Holistic Development:**
a. Integrate wellness programs, mindfulness practices, and physical education into the curriculum to nurture students' intellectual, spiritual, and physical growth, achieving holistic development.

4. **Experiential Education:**
a. Incorporate project-based learning, internships, and community service opportunities into the curriculum to enhance experiential learning and prepare students for real-world challenges.

5. **Civic Engagement:**
a. Promote volunteer work and community service projects to instill a sense of social responsibility and civic engagement among students, encouraging them to contribute positively to society.

6. **Policy Support:**
a. Advocate for policy frameworks that support the integration of Gurukul principles into modern education systems, ensuring the scalability and sustainability of successful practices.

7. **Teacher Training:**
a. Provide specialized training programs for educators to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to implement Gurukul principles effectively in their teaching practices.

By adopting these recommendations, educational institutions can create a more balanced and enriching learning experience for students, drawing on the timeless wisdom of the Gurukul system while meeting the demands of contemporary education. The revitalization of the Gurukul system has the potential to transform modern education, fostering well-rounded individuals who are prepared to navigate the complexities of the modern world with wisdom, integrity, and social responsibility.

CORE PRINCIPLES OF THE GURUKUL SYSTEM AND THEIR APPLICATION IN MODERN EDUCATIONAL CONTEXTS

1. **Guru-Shishya Parampara:** In modern contexts, this principle can be applied through one-on-one mentoring programs and personalized learning plans, ensuring that each student receives individualized attention and guidance.

2. **Residential Education:** Modern boarding schools and community-based learning environments can adopt this approach to create supportive educational communities that promote social responsibility and civic engagement.

3. **Holistic Education:** Integrating wellness programs, mindfulness practices, and physical education into the curriculum can help achieve a balanced and healthy lifestyle in contemporary schools.

4. **Experiential Learning**: Incorporating project-based learning, internships, and community service opportunities can enhance experiential learning in modern education, preparing students for real-world challenges.

5. **Social Responsibility:** Encouraging students to participate in volunteer work and community service projects can instill a sense of duty towards the community, fostering civic engagement and social responsibility.

APPLICATION OF GURUKUL PRINCIPLES IN MODERN EDUCATIONAL CONTEXTS

1. **Personalized Learning:** The Guru-Shishya Parampara can be applied through one-on-one mentoring programs and personalized learning plans in modern educational settings. By providing individualized attention, educators can cater to the unique needs and strengths of each student, fostering a more effective and meaningful learning experience.

2. **Community-Based Learning:** The residential aspect of the Gurukul system can inspire modern boarding schools and community-based learning environments. These settings can create supportive educational communities that promote social responsibility and civic engagement among students.

3. **Holistic Development:** Integrating wellness programs, mindfulness practices, and physical education into the curriculum can help achieve the holistic development emphasized in the Gurukul system. Schools can ensure that students' intellectual, spiritual, and physical growth is nurtured.

4. **Experiential Education:** Incorporating project-based learning, internships, and community service opportunities can enhance experiential learning in modern education. These hands-on experiences prepare students for real-world challenges and help them develop practical skills.

5. **Civic Engagement:** Encouraging students to participate in volunteer work and community service projects can instill a sense of social responsibility and civic engagement. Schools can promote activities that help students understand the importance of contributing to society.

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SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN ANCIENT INDIA: CASE STUDIES AND NEW AVENEUES.

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ABSTRACT

The term "entrepreneur" generally includes the creation or extraction of economic value. It is an age-old concept that is gaining momentum since the 19th century. However, there is another concept termed as social entrepreneurship which has emerged since the 1950's and has been growing ever since.

Social entrepreneurship generally aims not only to achieve profit-seeking goals, but also fulfill certain non-profit goals by generating a positive return to the society. It also aims at fulfilling the most sought and fastest growing trend of the 21st century i.e., the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Social entrepreneurship in India has its roots embedded in ancient Indian practices, which not only promoted the spirit of entrepreneurship amongst the people but also addressed societal challenges by providing new and innovative solutions to them, thus adding economic value.

The paper aims to understand the importance of social entrepreneurship and draw relevance of the various practices followed in ancient India, along with the contemporary economy, the challenges faced by such ventures and providing recommendations for the future that can be useful in further empirical studies. The paper also aims to enumerate the various cases of social entrepreneurship in India, which are linked to the SDGs and how it provides an outlook which is detrimental to the people in maintaining sustainable business practices.

Keywords: Social entrepreneurship, sustainable, entrepreneurship, society

INTRODUCTION

Although emerging in new and innovative styles, the concept of entrepreneurship has been in trend right from ancient times in India (Dr. Vishal Kumar, 2021). During the medieval and early modern periods, it did not have the same vigor that as experienced by the Western countries during the present modern times. Instead, the people who undertook the challenge of becoming an entrepreneur during the British rule had to face overwhelming problems. This paper aims to enumerate the factors that were mainly responsible for harnessing the entrepreneurial spirit in India. Even though there were decisions with regards to certain policies that were made during that period, which was damaging to any kind of enterprise by the Indian people. Yet, in certain parts of India, despite the unfavorable conditions, Indian entrepreneurship could not be curbed.

Furthermore, if we look at the landscape of the entrepreneurs in Ancient India during the medieval period, up until the British colonial period during the post-independence era, the extraction and exploitation of entrepreneurs increased either invisibly or in a sophisticated manner. This exploitation was either in the form of resources, or that the surplus was drained out to the European countries.

Looking at the positive aspects, it was observed that the advent of entrepreneurship increased post-independence which showcased a significant surge of business instinct among certain communities like the Paris's and the Bengalis. Moreover, business ventures kept growing at various other places in the country such Laxman Rao Kirloskar in Bombay, Electrical Supply Company Limited in Punjab, cotton mills founded and initiated by Lala Harikishan Lal etc. The famed Indian entrepreneurial spirit, even though suppressed for centuries, started becoming active and alive, as the freedom movements gained momentum and India stepped into the threshold of an independent democratic statehood.

While the concept of entrepreneurship is growing and taking shape, there is another category of this entrepreneurial scenario which is taking new shape and identity in the modern world which is commonly known as "Social Entrepreneurship".

Mahatma Gandhi once quoted, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." This quote perfectly suffices the concept of social entrepreneurship, because it has the power to change the face of the society that we live in. A Social entrepreneur is an individual that works with an objective to identifying a social problem, and bringing innovative solutions to mitigate them. The problems of the society, greatly impact the living conditions, and once the living conditions are improved the socio-economic status of the economy improves automatically.

Ashoka, a worldwide social entrepreneur support organization, coined the term "social entrepreneur" in 1981 (Bacq and Janssen 2011). The volunteering and not-for-profit sectors are frequently linked with social entrepreneurs which is generally purpose driven, however, this does not mean they cannot be profitable. International social entrepreneurship is social entrepreneurship that is performed with a global perspective or in an international environment.

While the term is often used interchangeably with social work, it is not correct. Rather the concept of social entrepreneurship can be better understood as the combination of social service and entrepreneurial skills to look for social problems.

India is of the opinion that unemployment and poverty are interconnected issues. This can be curbed if the Indian government aims to take immediate action to address such situation as unemployment and poverty have a negative impact on the country's economy (Tomar, Singh, and Rajan 2019). In the fight against poverty in recent years, there has been the emergence of a whole new kind of business that may also be referred to as a social enterprise, inclusive business, market-based poverty solution, etc., which is indeed a remarkable development. These businesses provide opportunities for livelihood while also providing the underprivileged with valuable goods and services, producing a lasting social impact (India 2015).

LITERATURE REVIEW

Tripda Rawal (2018) carried out a stud on the concept of social entrepreneurship in India. She has studied and presented an in- depth analysis of a variety of topics that are related to social entrepreneurship, including its conceptual framework and process of social entrepreneurship. The study also aims to elucidate the numerous challenges being faced by the social entrepreneurs and puts forth their suitable recommendations that will improve the overall scenario of social entrepreneurship/entrepreneurs in India.

Komalpreet Singh and Manu Sharma (2019) have conducted a study on "Social Entrepreneurship in India: Opportunities and Challenges" The main end of this study is to easily define the term "social entrepreneurship". This paper derives the necessary information from various other research papers. The review of literature taken from the secondary data resources is relevant to the objectives of study. An entrepreneurial mind set is re-emerging in India. Right from ancient times, India has been entrepreneurial. The study attempts to shed light on this very main theme. The study also highlights of challenges and opportunities faced by the social entrepreneurs in India and also examples of various successful social entrepreneurs.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The objectives can be summarized as follows:

1. To understand the basic concepts of social entrepreneurship.

2. To study the challenges faced by the social entrepreneurs

3. To understand and study the opportunities and contributions made by the social entrepreneurs to the society.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research methodology used for this particular study is descriptive in nature.. The collection of data and information furnished in this study is taken from the various secondary sources. Various reports and studies, books on social entrepreneurship have been referred in the present research.

SOURCES OF DATA COLLECTION

The various sources of data which is used in this study is enumerated below as:

1. Reports of institutions like CII, ASSOCHEM, FICCI etc.

2. Reports published in government bodies like Ministry of Commerce.

3. Online resources on the web related to social entrepreneurship have been used for the information

4. Websites and published material of social enterprises working all over India and globally.

5. All the other published material on social entrepreneurship or entrepreneurship has been referred during the research.

SCOPE OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP - LESSONS FROM CASE STUDIES

It is often said, that a social entrepreneur is an extremely enthusiastic individual who dares to dream of a change. A change which is adventurous on its own requires an unselfish motive of devoting oneself for the nation's noble cause.

It also requires them to dig deep into the pressing problems of society and try to find solutions for them optimistically, not by leaving the responsibilities and the job in the complete control of the government or businesses, rather by trying to bring about significant and relevant changes in the systems and convincing societies to take new initiatives.

A Social entrepreneur can thus be defined as an entrepreneur that develop and fund solutions that address social causes. It can be an individual, or a startup. To delve into such noble causes it requires such an individual to have traits that can have everlasting positive impacts on the society. The traits of a social entrepreneur include

While the term social Entrepreneur is a wide term it can be further sub categorized as follows:

1. Community Social Entrepreneur- Also known as small scale change makers

2. Non-Profit Social Entrepreneur – Generally work on the principle of reinvesting their profits.

3. Transformational Social Entrepreneur –They focus on establishing a business that can solve a purpose that government initiatives and other businesses can't.

4. Global Social Entrepreneur- Works on a large scale and aims to bring changes on a global level.

OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIA

There lies a great scope for venturing into social entrepreneurship for the young generation in a developing country rather than a developed country. The disparities in the financial status, educational level and social living conditions of the developing countries is far more different than that of the developed countries, thereby providing the biggest opportunity for entrepreneurs to exploit so as to bring sustainable business growth.

In recent times it is observed that many entrepreneurs wish to associate their business goals with social causes, thereby building sustainability. The fulfillment of SDG is another major concern for the nation, as most business ventures aims at achieving SDG along with commercial profit. This bring better goodwill to the business According to a recent Lancet study, India will likely miss the deadline for 50% of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators, including serious concerns. One of the biggest barriers to the most effective use of human resources for the social and economic development of the state remains poverty and unemployment, even though they are unique within and between nations. Poverty is again highlighted as one of the most pressing societal challenges of the 21st century (Daru and Gaur 2013).

Social entrepreneurs can also provide employment in the country by providing employment opportunities to the masses having basic skill set, thereby bring socio-economic development in the country.

The most important issue addressed by social entrepreneurs is the bottom of the pyramid that refers to the marginalized section of the society. The solutions build by social entrepreneurs must be innovative so that the basic needs of such people can be resolved.

CASE STUDIES OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN INDIA

The following are some successful cases of social entrepreneurship:

Aravind Eye Hospital & Aurolab: Dr. Govindappa Venkataswamy (Dr. V) & David Green started trust at Madurai, India with a mission of making medical technology and health care services accessible, affordable and financially self-sustaining Dr. G. Venkataswamy the founder of Aravind Eye Care in 1976 that is operating at various locations of Tamil Nadu like Madurai, Theni, Tirunelveli, Coimbatore and Pondicherry is considered to be one of the largest and the most productive eye care facility in the world with approximately 2,00,000 patients with eye care and eye surgeries.

Akanksha Hazari: A social entrepreneur, businesswoman and peace negotiator, her pursuit in solving the problem of global water shortage in the form of m.paani led her all the way to be honoured by president Bill Clinton with 1 million dollars.

Jeroo Billimoria: She presently work as the founder and managing director of child and youth finance international (CYFI). She has ably led CYFI to work with 91 governments to create national initiatives for economy citizenship education and financial inclusion.

Sanjit "Bunker" Roy: Founder of Barefoot College In 1965, Roy was a young postgraduate student from St. Stephen's College, Delhi. When he volunteer to spend the summer mapping 100 drought prone area in famine affected some districts of Jharkhand (earlier part of Bihar). He made his life's mission to fight poverty and inequality. He founded social works and Research Centre (SWRC). In 1972 he found way to address problems by new models and strategies. His first initiative was to address the water situation by setting up water pumps. In 2010, he recognized by Tim magazine.

Sharad Vivek Sagar: He was born and bought up in Patna, Bihar. This 26 year old social entrepreneur is on a mission of connecting children from remotest area with best opportunities. He envisions that the future of the country lies in the potential hands of the youth of the country, if given the right opportunity, can bring positive and lasting impact over social issues. With this vision, he founded Dexterity Global at the age of 16, where he has provided opportunities to more than 1.2 million students.

AMUL (Anand Milk Union Limited) : Dr.Verghese Kurien started a Co-operative organization AMUL. Amul has been a sterling example of a co-operative organization's success in the long term. It is one of the best examples of co-operative achievement in the developing economy. The company has managed to establish its strong and unique influence which is an appropriate model for rural development. The brand name of Amul is not only garnered massive attention from the masses but has also prompted the White Revolution in India, making India the largest producer of milk and milk products in the world.

Muhammad Yunus: Muhammad Yunus started a Grameen Bank (GB) A bank that has managed to provide credit by eliminate the need to collateral and fostering a new banking system based in mutual trust, and accountability. This has led to the change of perspective of conventional banking practices amongst the marginalized section of rural areas. Here credit is a cost effective weapon to fight poverty hence it serves as a catalyst in the overall development of socio-economic conditions of the poor. Generally it is the poor that is often treated as the "unbankable section of the society" which is finally garnered a new perspective with the help of Grameen Banks.

Urvashi Sahni: She is the founder and CEO of SHEF (Study Hall Education Foundation), an organisation dedicated to offering education to most disadvantaged girls in India. She has worked with over 900 schools and changed the life of approximately 27,000 girls indirectly with her program. She was felicitated with the 'Social Entrepreneur of the Year' award in 2017.

CHALLENGES

The work of a social entrepreneur is different from an entrepreneur. This lies in the difference between the end results of each of them respectively. While an entrepreneur is more profit-driven, the work of a social entrepreneur is endless. To achieve tangible results in mitigating a social cause, especially in a developing country like India, with a diverse population, is a time consuming process. Other than being time-consuming, the tireless work of a social entrepreneur is to build and implement low-cost solutions to such social causes while dealing with shortage of funds.

KEY FINDINGS

There is no doubt that social entrepreneurship can change of landscape of the India that we live in. But the journey of such individuals who strive to bring changes in the country is not for the faint of heart.

The path has many challenges; some of them can be practiced / implemented to face the prevailing challenges. They are as follows:

1. **Creating Awareness among the masses:** Just as Financial literacy is important; to educate the masses, awareness, social entrepreneurship also requires education and awareness amongst the people. It is prudent that the younger generation get involved to build sustainable practices.

2. **Inculcation in the course/Syllabus;** It should be included as part of the college/ University level, where students can take part in various social activities, involve with NGO's and start understanding about social entrepreneurship.

3. **Training institutions:** On the legislative and administrative level the government can set up places where people can get the necessary skill and knowledge required to pursue social entrepreneurship.

4. **Low Earnings of social entrepreneurship-** While the task is a noble deed, but it is not as rewarding as other business ventures like entrepreneurship. The government must look into supporting such forms of creativity too with monetary incentives.

CONCLUSIONS

The paper highlights on the importance of social entrepreneurship and how it is emerging to be a initiative taken by most entrepreneurs as a subset to Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) activities. In the era of digitalisation, modernisation and expansion, while most entrepreneurs seek to establish profit-making establishments, they must also seek reasons and innovative ways to establish non-profit making establishments.

Such establishments will not only promote entrepreneurial growth amongst the new generation, but will also aim at mitigating major social causes in the country, which is growing at an alarming rate. Another major cause of concern for the country is the fulfilment of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). With increasing population and demand for goods and services the problems of inequalities will arise. This will further give rise to new ad chronic problems like poverty, hunger etc. While the rich are getting richer the poor will get even poorer thus pushing them into the marginalized category.

It is evident from the history of the nation that even during the colonial rule of the British, the growth industrial enterprises faced a lot of shortcomings. In spite of the failure of many of the Ventures due to the British policies of discrimination and colonial policies that stiffed the Indian enterprises, the following major features could be noted:

- Those belonging to communities like the Parsis, Gujaratis and Marwaris dominated the Industrial scene.

- Industrialization, and consequently development, was localized at a few places like Bombay, Ahmedabad, Calcutta and Kanpur.

- Only those industries were successful which generally met the need of the War

Being an entrepreneur is challenging, but addressing a social cause is even more challenging as one has to face many hurdles like changes in the political, social, economic conditions of the country. It is the unselfishness and the desire of the entrepreneur to bring significant and fruitful changes in the lives of the people, which is the ultimately the driving force of a social entrepreneur.

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THE ROLE OF DATA SCIENCE IN CRIME PREDICTION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES

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ABSTRACT

Predicting and preventing crime has been a pressing need for governments and law enforcement agencies for decades. The development of data science has added more layers to this, capitalizing on massive amounts of data, predictive analytics, and machine learning algorithms to improve the precision of predicting crime and the efficiency of preventive measures. This paper investigates crime analytics and discusses the application of data science for overcoming problems in crime prediction and prevention; it addresses techniques, challenges.

INTRODUCTION

Crime in all its ramifications constitutes a major challenge to the security and governance of society. While traditional approaches to fighting crime can be effective to some degree, they often lack both the proactivity and the accuracy necessary for forecasting crime. The confluence of statistics, machine learning, and domain-specific expertise has produced a formidable ally in the field of data science which has gained centrality in addressing these challenges. Data science allows identifying trends, hotspots, and potential risks by analyzing historical crime data, social patterns, and environmental factors to generate actionable insights for law enforcement agencies.

KEY COMPONENTS OF CRIME PREDICTION USING DATA SCIENCE

The crime analysis approach spans data acquisition from multiple sources such as police records, social media, video surveillance, public records, and IoT devices. Both structured data are considered, such as crime rates and crime locations, and unstructured sources, including textual descriptions and video footage. Data preprocessing aims to clean the data for inconsistencies and outliers and integrate the data from diverse sources so that they can be viewed from the perspective of a single investigation, alongside consideration for selection of key feature variables like time of day and socio-economic condition variables that affect crime rates. Predictive modeling techniques are applied, including regression tests, point of equality analysis, natural language processing, and ensemble methods using Python, R, TensorFlow, and PyTorch. Subsequently, an interactive dashboard was developed that visualizes results from crime statistics and trends; these are coupled with geospatial mapping using GIS, thus providing an effective mechanism to visually pinpoint crime hotspots.

APPLICATIONS IN CRIME PREVENTION

The police can now better position their resources to tackle high-risk areas, thus allowing for overall security enhancement, due to crime and predictive analytics. Furthermore, by giving evidence-based data-driven insights to tackle relevant localized issues, trust and partnerships are built between law enforcement and communities. By recognizing potential repeat offenders and trends, law enforcement can also take a proactive role in disrupting criminal networks. The capability to watch in real-time and instantly applying predictive alerts to suspicious activities through video analytics and sensor integration greatly strengthens all security measures.

Research gaps

Despite the potential of data science in crime prediction, several research gaps remain. One major gap is the limited integration of diverse data sources. Most studies rely on historical crime data and demographics, overlooking other factors like social media activity, economic trends, and environmental conditions. Expanding data sources could improve prediction accuracy. Another gap is the lack of long-term impact assessments. Current research focuses on short-term outcomes, leaving the long-term effects of data-driven crime prevention underexplored. Lastly, ethical concerns, including privacy, bias, and discrimination, need further attention, with guidelines necessary for the responsible use of data science in policing.

Ethical Considerations

The incorporation of data science in predicting and preventing crime brings up important ethical issues. It's crucial to maintain transparency, accountability, and fairness in how algorithms make decisions to prevent misuse and discrimination. Policies should strike a balance between the goals of public safety and the privacy rights of individuals, following guidelines such as GDPR and other data protection regulations

Future Directions

The development of enhanced algorithms focuses on increase the understanding of predictive models through explainable AI, so that they may be more transparent and interpretable.

Instant analytics use edge computing technologies in support of the rapid detection of threats in response to possible incidents. Collaborative approaches bring in insights from criminology, sociology, and data science in the quest to develop more coherent solutions for tackling crime effectively. At the same time, the establishment of international standards encourages the creation of frameworks for ethical data usage in law enforcement that shall be recognized worldwide, promoting responsible practices in data collection and analysis.

CONCLUSION

Data science has the ability to transform how we predict and prevent crime by allowing for decisions based on data and proactive measures. However, to fully harness this potential, we must tackle various technical, ethical, and societal issues. By encouraging collaboration across different fields and emphasizing ethical practices, data science can play a crucial role in creating safer and fairer communities.

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भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणालीतील शाळा (प्राचीन शिक्षा पद्धती)

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१. प्रस्तावना (Introduction)

भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणालीतील प्राचीन शिक्षा पद्धती ही जगातील सर्वांत प्रगत आणि सुसंस्कृत प्रणालींपैकी एक होती. ह्या शिक्षण पद्धतीमध्ये गुरुकुल, आश्रम शिक्षण, विद्या पीठे आणि विविध तत्त्वज्ञान शाळांचा समावेश होता. शिक्षण केवळ माहिती आणि विद्या प्रदान करणारे नव्हते, तर ते मूल्याधारित, नैतिक आणि आत्मविकासाला महत्त्व देणारे होते.

प्राचीन भारतात शिक्षण मौखिक आणि लिपीच्या माध्यमातून दिले जात असे. वेद, उपनिषदे, महाकाव्ये, ज्योतिष, गणित, आयुर्वेद, शास्त्र, कला आणि हस्तकला अशा अनेक विषयांचा समावेश होता. गुरुकुल प्रणालीमध्ये विद्यार्थी गुरूच्या देखरेखीखाली राहून शिक्षण घेत असत, जे त्यांच्या सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी महत्त्वाचे होते. तक्षशिला, नालंदा, विक्रमशिला आणि वल्लभी यांसारखी प्राचीन विद्यापीठे जगप्रसिद्ध होती, जिथे भारतातीलच नव्हे, तर परदेशातील विद्यार्थीही शिक्षण घेण्यासाठी येत असत.

ह्या शिक्षण पद्धतीचा उद्देश केवळ रोजगार मिळवणे हा नव्हता, तर समाजातील जबाबदार, नैतिक आणि ज्ञानसंपन्न नागरिक घडवणे हा होता. परंतु, काळाच्या ओघात आणि परकीय आक्रमणांमुळे ही प्रणाली लोप पावली. तथापि, आजच्या शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत पुन्हा भारतीय ज्ञान परंपरेची जोड देण्याची आवश्यकता आहे, जेणेकरून आधुनिकतेसह संस्कृती आणि मूल्यांचा समतोल साधता येईल.

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भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणालीतील शाळा (प्राचीन शिक्षा पद्धती) – परिचय

भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणाली ही जगातील सर्वांत प्राचीन आणि समृद्ध शिक्षण परंपरांपैकी एक मानली जाते. या प्रणालीमध्ये शिक्षण हे केवळ माहिती ग्रहण करण्यापुरते मर्यादित नव्हते, तर ते चारित्र्य, नैतिकता आणि आध्यात्मिक विकासावरही आधारित होते. वेद, उपनिषदे, धर्मशास्त्रे, गणित, आयुर्वेद, ज्योतिष, स्थापत्यशास्त्र, संगीत आणि विविध कलांचा अभ्यास करण्यावर भर दिला जात असे.

प्राचीन भारतीय शिक्षण प्रणाली मुख्यतः गुरुकुल पद्धतीवर आधारित होती, जिथे विद्यार्थी आपल्या गुरूच्या सान्निध्यात राहून शिक्षण घेत असत. ही प्रणाली शिक्षक-विद्यार्थी नात्यावर आणि व्यावहारिक ज्ञानावर केंद्रित होती. तक्षशिला, नालंदा, विक्रमशिला आणि वल्लभी यांसारख्या प्राचीन विद्यापीठांनी शिक्षण क्षेत्रात जगाला मार्गदर्शन केले.

या शिक्षण पद्धतीत ज्ञानाची उपासना, जीवनशैलीशी निगडीत शिक्षण आणि नैतिक मूल्यांचा समावेश होता. शिक्षणाचे उद्दिष्ट केवळ नोकरी मिळवणे नव्हते, तर व्यक्तीचा सर्वांगीण विकास घडवणे हा त्यामागील मुख्य हेतू होता. तथापि, कालांतराने समाजात अनेक बदल झाले आणि परकीय आक्रमणांमुळे ही शिक्षणपद्धती हळूहळू लोप पावली.

आजच्या काळात, आधुनिक शिक्षण प्रणालीत भारतीय पारंपरिक शिक्षणाची मूल्ये आणि तत्त्वे पुन्हा समाविष्ट करण्याची आवश्यकता आहे, जेणेकरून विद्यमान शिक्षण अधिक समृद्ध आणि मूल्यमूलक होईल.

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भारतीय प्राचीन शिक्षण प्रणाली ही केवळ माहितीप्रदान करणारी नव्हती, तर ती संपूर्ण व्यक्तिमत्त्वविकासावर भर देणारी होती. ह्या शिक्षण पद्धतीमागील प्रमुख उद्दिष्टे पुढीलप्रमाणे होती:

- **सर्वांगीण विकास:** विद्यार्थ्यांच्या शारीरिक, मानसिक, बौद्धिक आणि आध्यात्मिक प्रगतीवर भर देणे.
- **नैतिक आणि चारित्र्यसंपन्न व्यक्तिमत्त्व निर्माण करणे:** शिक्षणाद्वारे नीतिमूल्ये, संयम, प्रामाणिकपणा आणि कर्तव्यनिष्ठा वाढवणे.
- **व्यावहारिक ज्ञान आणि स्वावलंबन:** जीवनोपयोगी कौशल्ये, कृषी, हस्तकला, युद्धकला, आरोग्यशास्त्र, प्रशासन आणि व्यापार यांचे शिक्षण देणे.
- **गुरु-शिष्य परंपरेचा विकास:** शिक्षक आणि विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये सन्मान, श्रद्धा व ज्ञानदानाच्या प्रक्रियेला महत्त्व देणे.
- **संस्कृती आणि परंपरांचे संवर्धन:** वेद, उपनिषदे, शास्त्र, कला, नाट्य, संगीत, नीतिशास्त्र आणि संस्कृती यांचे जतन व संवर्धन करणे.
- **स्वतंत्र विचारसरणी आणि चिंतनशक्ती विकसित करणे:** विद्यार्थ्यांना तर्कशक्ती, चिंतन आणि नवीन कल्पनांची निर्मिती करण्यास प्रवृत्त करणे.
- **मानवतेची जाणीव आणि सामाजिक दायित्व:** समाजाच्या कल्याणासाठी कार्य करणाऱ्या जबाबदार नागरिकांची निर्मिती करणे.
- **आध्यात्मिक उन्नती:** आत्मज्ञान, योग, ध्यान आणि मोक्षसाधना यांचा अभ्यास करून उच्च जीवनमूल्ये आत्मसात करणे.

- **ज्ञानाच्या विविध शाखांचा समतोल अभ्यास:** धर्म, विज्ञान, गणित, आयुर्वेद, स्थापत्यशास्त्र, राजनीतीशास्त्र यांसारख्या विविध क्षेत्रांमध्ये पारंगत होणे.
- **ग्लोबल लर्निंग सेंटर म्हणून योगदान:** प्राचीन विद्यापीठांमधून (तक्षशिला, नालंदा, विक्रमशिला) देश-विदेशातील विद्यार्थ्यांना शिक्षण उपलब्ध करून देणे.

ही उद्दिष्टे केवळ विद्या आणि कौशल्य प्राप्त करण्यासाठी नव्हती, तर समाजाच्या सर्वांगीण उन्नतीसाठी होती. आजच्या शिक्षण प्रणालीतही ह्या तत्त्वांचा पुनर्संचार होण्याची आवश्यकता आहे.

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"प्राचीन भारतीय शिक्षण प्रणालीतील गुरुकुल आणि आश्रम पद्धतीचे शिक्षण तत्त्वज्ञान आजच्या आधुनिक शिक्षण पद्धतीसाठी उपयुक्त असू शकते. जर प्राचीन भारतीय शिक्षण प्रणालीतील नैतिक, मूल्याधारित, सर्वांगीण विकासावर आधारित शिक्षण पद्धती आजच्या शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत समाविष्ट केली गेली, तर ती विद्यार्थ्यांना केवळ बौद्धिकदृष्ट्या सक्षम करेल, तर त्याचप्रमाणे समाजासाठी जबाबदार, नैतिक आणि मूल्याधारित नागरिक घडवेल."

समर्थनात्मक विचार:

- **नैतिक मूल्यांचा समावेश:** प्राचीन शिक्षण पद्धतीत मूल्य आधारित शिक्षण दिले जात होते, जे आजच्या आधुनिक शाळांमध्ये अधिकाधिक कमी होत आहे. तथापि, आजच्या समाजाला नैतिकता आणि मूल्यांची आवश्यकता आहे.
- **व्यक्तिमत्त्व विकास:** गुरुकुल पद्धती विद्यार्थ्यांच्या मानसिक, शारीरिक आणि आध्यात्मिक विकासावर लक्ष केंद्रित करत होती, जे एकात्मिक आणि विविध कौशल्यांचा समावेश करत आहे. हे आधुनिक शिक्षण पद्धतीतही महत्त्वाचे आहे.
- **गुरु-शिष्य परंपरा:** शिक्षणासाठी केवळ पुस्तके आणि परीक्षा आवश्यक नसून, गुरु आणि शिष्य यांचा सजीव संवाद महत्त्वाचा आहे. गुरुकुल पद्धतीत हा संवाद अधिक सजीव आणि प्रभावी होता, जो आजच्या शिक्षण पद्धतीमध्ये अधिक महत्त्वपूर्ण ठरू शकतो.
- **ज्ञानाचा सर्वांगिन दृष्टिकोन:** प्राचीन शिक्षण पद्धतीमध्ये विविध विषयांचा समावेश होता, ज्यामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांचा सर्वांगीण विकास होत असे. आजच्या तंत्रज्ञानावर आधारित शिक्षणात यापेक्षा जास्त अभ्यास आणि चिंतनाची आवश्यकता आहे.

परिकल्पनेचे संभाव्य परिणाम:

1. विद्यार्थ्यांचे समग्र मानसिक आणि चारित्रिक विकास होईल.
2. समाजासाठी नैतिक आणि जबाबदार नागरिक तयार होऊ शकतील.
3. विज्ञान आणि तंत्रज्ञानासोबतच शाश्वत मूल्ये आणि सांस्कृतिक परंपरांचा समावेश करण्यात येईल.
4. शिक्षण पद्धतीत आदर्श गुरु-शिष्य संबंध अधिक दृढ होतील, ज्यामुळे शिक्षणाची गुणवत्ता सुधारेल.

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भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणाली आणि प्राचीन शिक्षण पद्धतीवर अनेक ग्रंथ, संशोधन लेख आणि ऐतिहासिक साधने उपलब्ध आहेत. या साहित्याचा अभ्यास केल्यावर असे दिसून येते की प्राचीन भारतीय शिक्षण पद्धती ही एक संगठित, मूल्याधारित आणि सर्वांगीण विकासावर भर देणारी प्रणाली होती. पुढील काही प्रमुख स्रोत आणि अभ्यासांचा आढावा घेतल्यास या शिक्षण पद्धतीच्या महत्त्वाची जाणीव होते.

1. वेद, उपनिषदे आणि स्मृती ग्रंथातील शिक्षण (Vedic and Upanishadic Education)

संदर्भ: ऋग्वेद, यजुर्वेद, सामवेद, अथर्ववेद, उपनिषदे
विश्लेषण:

वेदांमध्ये ज्ञानप्राप्तीला अत्यंत महत्त्व देण्यात आले आहे. शिक्षण म्हणजे आत्मज्ञान, आध्यात्मिक उन्नती आणि नैतिक विकास. उपनिषदांमध्ये "सत्यं वद, धर्म चर" यासारख्या शिकवणी विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी आदर्श मानल्या गेल्या.
गुरुकुल शिक्षण पद्धतीत विद्यार्थी गुरुच्या मार्गदर्शनाखाली शिक्षण घेत असत, आणि त्यांचा विकास हा मानसिक, शारीरिक आणि आत्मिक दृष्टिकोनातून होत असे.

2. प्राचीन विद्यापीठे आणि शिक्षणसंस्था

संदर्भ: नालंदा, तक्षशिला, विक्रमशिला विद्यापीठे – ऐतिहासिक संशोधन ग्रंथ
विश्लेषण:

नालंदा विद्यापीठ (इ.स. ५व्या शतकात स्थापना): येथे भारताबाहेरील विद्यार्थी शिक्षण घेण्यासाठी येत असत. बौद्ध, वेद, गणित, ज्योतिष, तत्त्वज्ञान आणि आयुर्वेद या विषयांचा अभ्यास केला जात असे.
तक्षशिला विद्यापीठ (इ.स. पूर्व ६व्या शतकात अस्तित्वात): येथे वैद्यकशास्त्र, युद्धनीती, संस्कृत, भाषा, गणित, अर्थशास्त्र इत्यादी विषय शिकवले जात असत.

विक्रमशिला विद्यापीठ (८व्या शतकात स्थापना): येथे बौद्ध धर्मशास्त्र, तंत्रविद्या, न्याय आणि व्याकरणावर भर दिला जात असे.

या विद्यापीठांनी जगभरातील अनेक विद्यार्थ्यांना शिक्षण प्रदान केले आणि त्यातून भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणालीचा जागतिक स्तरावर प्रसार झाला.

3. कौटिल्याचा अर्थशास्त्र आणि शिक्षण प्रणाली

संदर्भ: "अर्थशास्त्र" – कौटिल्य (चाणक्य)

विश्लेषण:

कौटिल्याने राज्यशास्त्र, प्रशासन, अर्थशास्त्र आणि शिक्षण याबाबत विस्तृत लिखाण केले आहे.

शिक्षणाचा उपयोग केवळ व्यक्तीच्या विकासासाठी नव्हे, तर समाजाच्या प्रगतीसाठी असावा, असे त्यांनी प्रतिपादन केले.

शिक्षणाने कुशल आणि जबाबदार नागरिक घडविण्याचे महत्त्व त्यांनी स्पष्ट केले आहे.

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प्राचीन भारतीय शिक्षण प्रणालीचा अभ्यास करण्यासाठी संशोधनाची पद्धतशीर रूपरेखा तयार करणे आवश्यक आहे. या संशोधनाच्या उद्देशाने विविध स्रोतांचा अभ्यास केला जाईल, तसेच प्राथमिक व दुय्यम माहिती संकलित केली जाईल. पुढील संशोधन पद्धती या विषयाच्या सखोल विश्लेषणासाठी वापरण्यात येतील.

1. संशोधनाची प्रकार (Types of Research)

हे संशोधन प्रामुख्याने गुणात्मक (Qualitative) स्वरूपाचे असेल, कारण यात ऐतिहासिक दस्तऐवज, ग्रंथ, नोंदी आणि शिक्षण तत्त्वज्ञानाचा अभ्यास केला जाणार आहे. तथापि, काही बाबतीत मिश्र संशोधन (Mixed Research Method) वापरण्यात येईल, जिथे संख्यात्मक माहिती (Quantitative Data) आवश्यक ठरेल.

(B) दुय्यम माहिती (Secondary Data)

दुय्यम माहिती विविध ऐतिहासिक ग्रंथ, संशोधन पेपर्स आणि दस्तऐवजांमधून संकलित केली जाईल:

प्राचीन ग्रंथ आणि शास्त्र: वेद, उपनिषदे, महाभारत, रामायण, अर्थशास्त्र (कौटिल्य), चरकसंहिता, सुश्रुतसंहिता, योगसूत्रे इत्यादी ग्रंथांचे अध्ययन.

इतिहास विषयक ग्रंथ आणि संशोधन नोंदी: नालंदा, तक्षशिला विद्यापीठांचे संशोधन पेपर्स, ब्रिटिश भारतातील शिक्षण धोरणांचे दस्तऐवज.

संशोधन प्रबंध आणि लेख (Research Papers & Journals): भारतीय शिक्षण पद्धतीवर आधीच झालेल्या संशोधनांचा आढावा घेतला जाईल.

युनेस्को आणि शिक्षण संस्था अहवाल: प्राचीन आणि आधुनिक शिक्षण पद्धतीतील तुलना करणारे आंतरराष्ट्रीय अहवाल अभ्यासले जातील.

3. संशोधनाची रूपरेखा (Research Framework)

संशोधनाची मांडणी तीन टप्प्यांत केली जाईल:

ऐतिहासिक अभ्यास (Historical Analysis):

भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणालीचा उदय, वेद आणि उपनिषद काळातील शिक्षण, तसेच गुरुकुल आणि विद्यापीठांची स्थापना यांचा अभ्यास.

बौद्ध आणि जैन शिक्षण पद्धतीतील योगदानाचे विश्लेषण.

प्राचीन आणि आधुनिक शिक्षण पद्धतीतील तुलना (Comparative Study):

प्राचीन गुरुकुल शिक्षण पद्धती आणि आधुनिक शिक्षण प्रणालीतील साम्य व फरक शोधणे.

नैतिक शिक्षण, शिक्षक-विद्यार्थी संबंध, अभ्यासक्रम आणि शिक्षणाच्या पद्धतींमध्ये झालेल्या बदलांचा अभ्यास.

आधुनिक शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत भारतीय शिक्षण तत्त्वांचा समावेश (Application in Modern Education):

पारंपरिक शिक्षण तत्त्वज्ञान आजच्या शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत कसा वापरला जाऊ शकतो, याबाबत निष्कर्ष काढणे.

विद्यार्थ्यांच्या नैतिक, व्यावहारिक आणि बौद्धिक विकासासाठी प्राचीन तत्त्वे उपयुक्त ठरू शकतात का, यावर संशोधन करणे.

भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणालीतील शाळा (प्राचीन शिक्षा पद्धती) – विश्लेषण आणि विवरण (Analysis and Interpretation)

भारतीय प्राचीन शिक्षण प्रणालीचा सखोल अभ्यास केल्यानंतर त्यातील वैशिष्ट्ये, पद्धती, आधुनिक शिक्षण प्रणालीशी असलेली तुलना आणि त्याचा समाजावर झालेला प्रभाव यांचे विश्लेषण करणे आवश्यक आहे. या अभ्यासाच्या आधारे पुढील निरीक्षणे नोंदवता येतात.

1. शिक्षण प्रणालीतील मुख्य वैशिष्ट्यांचे विश्लेषण

A) गुरुकुल प्रणालीचे वैशिष्ट्ये आणि प्रभाव

विश्लेषण:

गुरुकुल शिक्षण प्रणाली ही प्राचीन भारतीय शिक्षण पद्धतीचा कणा होती. ही प्रणाली आजच्या निवासी शाळांसारखी होती, पण तिची उद्दिष्टे अधिक व्यापक आणि मूल्याधारित होती.

- **संपूर्ण व्यक्तिमत्त्व विकास:** विद्यार्थी केवळ विद्या ग्रहण करत नसत, तर आत्मशिस्त, संयम, नैतिकता आणि समाजसेवा यांचे शिक्षण घेत असत.
- **व्यवहारज्ञान आणि स्वावलंबन:** शिक्षणासोबतच हस्तकला, कृषी, युद्धकला, आरोग्यशास्त्र यांसारख्या व्यावहारिक कौशल्यांवर भर दिला जात असे.
- **गुरु-शिष्य परंपरा:** गुरु आणि शिष्य यांच्यात घनिष्ट नाते असायचे. ज्ञान केवळ पुस्तकी नव्हते, तर प्रत्यक्ष जीवनाच्या अनुभवांवर आधारित होते.

विवरण:

या शिक्षण प्रणालीमुळे विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये आत्मनिर्भरता आणि चारित्र्यसंपन्नता वाढली. तथापि, कालांतराने शहरीकरण आणि औपचारिक शिक्षण संस्थांच्या वाढीमुळे गुरुकुल प्रणाली हळूहळू लोप पावली.

B) विद्यापीठ शिक्षण – नालंदा, तक्षशिला आणि विक्रमशिला

विश्लेषण:

प्राचीन भारतीय विद्यापीठे जगभर प्रसिद्ध होती. येथे भारतासह चीन, कोरिया, तिबेट आणि मध्य आशियातील विद्यार्थी शिक्षण घेण्यासाठी येत असत.

- **विषयांचे वैविध्य:** वेद, व्याकरण, तर्कशास्त्र, आयुर्वेद, गणित, खगोलशास्त्र, स्थापत्यशास्त्र, बौद्ध धर्मशास्त्र यांसारख्या विविध विषयांचे अध्यापन होत असे.
- **संशोधन आणि आंतरराष्ट्रीय दर्जाचे शिक्षण:** विद्यार्थ्यांना मुक्त अध्ययन करण्याची संधी मिळत असे. आजच्या संशोधनपर विद्यापीठांची संकल्पना यावरच आधारित आहे.

विवरण:

नालंदा आणि तक्षशिला विद्यापीठांचे शिक्षण मॉडेल आजच्या विद्यापीठ प्रणालीसाठी प्रेरणादायक ठरू शकते. तथापि, मध्ययुगीन आक्रमणांमुळे आणि औपनिवेशिक काळात या विद्यापीठांची हानी झाली.

2. प्राचीन आणि आधुनिक शिक्षण प्रणालीतील तुलना

घटक	प्राचीन शिक्षण पद्धती (गुरुकुल/विद्यापीठ)	आधुनिक शिक्षण पद्धती
शिक्षणाचे स्वरूप	नैतिक, आध्यात्मिक आणि व्यावहारिक ज्ञान	मुख्यतः बौद्धिक आणि तांत्रिक ज्ञान
शिक्षक-विद्यार्थी नाते	गुरु-शिष्य परंपरा, जवळचा सजीव संवाद	औपचारिक शिक्षक-विद्यार्थी नाते
अभ्यासक्रम	वेद, तत्त्वज्ञान, व्याकरण, योग, युद्धकला, कला	विज्ञान, गणित, अभियांत्रिकी, संगणकशास्त्र
शिक्षण पद्धती	मौखिक, अनुभवाधारित, चर्चासत्रे	वर्गातील अध्यापन, प्रयोगशाळा, ऑनलाइन शिक्षण
व्यावहारिक ज्ञान	जीवन कौशल्ये, शेती, आरोग्य, प्रशासन	औद्योगिक आणि व्यवसाय-केंद्रित शिक्षण

3. आधुनिक शिक्षण व्यवस्थेतील भारतीय शिक्षण प्रणालीचा प्रभाव

विश्लेषण:

आजच्या शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणालीच्या काही संकल्पना समाविष्ट केल्या गेल्या आहेत, जसे की –

- **योग आणि ध्यान शिक्षण:** अनेक शाळा आणि विद्यापीठांमध्ये योग व ध्यान यांचा समावेश केला जात आहे.
- **गुरुकुल पद्धतीवरील प्रयोग:** काही शिक्षणसंस्थांनी निवासी आणि नैतिक शिक्षणावर आधारित मॉडेल स्वीकारले आहे.
- **संशोधन आणि वैचारिक स्वातंत्र्य:** भारतीय विद्यापीठे संशोधनाला चालना देत असून, प्राचीन संशोधन केंद्रांप्रमाणे स्वातंत्र्याचा प्रयत्न केला जात आहे.

निष्कर्ष (Conclusion)

भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणालीतील प्राचीन शिक्षण पद्धती हा केवळ ज्ञानदानाचा माध्यम नव्हता, तर संपूर्ण जीवनशैली, नैतिकता आणि स्वावलंबन यावर आधारित एक व्यापक प्रणाली होती. गुरुकुल शिक्षण पद्धती, नालंदा आणि तक्षशिला विद्यापीठे, तसेच मौखिक व लिखित शिक्षण पद्धतींनी भारतीय समाजाच्या बौद्धिक आणि नैतिक विकासात महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका बजावली.

मुख्य निष्कर्ष:

- **गुरुकुल प्रणालीचे महत्त्व:** प्राचीन शिक्षण पद्धतीत गुरु-शिष्य परंपरेवर विशेष भर दिला जात असे. शिक्षण हे केवळ पुस्तकी नव्हते, तर अनुभवाधारित होते, ज्यामुळे विद्यार्थी आत्मनिर्भर आणि जबाबदार नागरिक म्हणून घडत.
- **व्यावहारिक आणि नैतिक शिक्षण:** प्राचीन शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत नैतिकता, धर्म, योग, कला, प्रशासन आणि युद्धकला यांचा समावेश होता. आजच्या शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत नैतिक शिक्षणाचा अभाव स्पष्टपणे जाणवतो.
- **संशोधन आणि ज्ञान प्रसार:** नालंदा आणि तक्षशिला यांसारखी विद्यापीठे आंतरराष्ट्रीय शिक्षण केंद्रे होती, जिथे विविध विषयांवर गहन संशोधन होत असे.
- **आधुनिक शिक्षण प्रणालीतील बदल:** औपनिवेशिक काळात भारतीय शिक्षण प्रणालीत मोठा बदल झाला, आणि पारंपरिक ज्ञान प्रणाली दुर्लक्षित झाली. तथापि, सध्याच्या शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत काही पारंपरिक संकल्पना (योग, ध्यान, नैतिक शिक्षण) पुन्हा समाविष्ट होत आहेत.
- **भविष्यातील शिक्षण प्रणालीसाठी धडे:** आधुनिक शिक्षणात प्राचीन शिक्षण पद्धतीतील सकारात्मक तत्त्वे जसे की नैतिक शिक्षण, मूल्याधारित अध्यापन, आणि प्रयोगाधारित शिक्षणाचा समावेश केल्यास विद्यार्थ्यांचा सर्वांगीण विकास होऊ शकतो.

सूचना (Suggestions)

प्राचीन भारतीय शिक्षण प्रणालीतील गुणवैशिष्ट्यांचा अभ्यास केल्यानंतर आधुनिक शिक्षण व्यवस्थेत काही सुधारणा करता येऊ शकतात. खालील काही महत्त्वाच्या सूचना या संशोधनाच्या आधारावर मांडल्या आहेत:

1. गुरुकुल प्रणालीचे पुनरुज्जीवन

✅ **नैतिक आणि आध्यात्मिक शिक्षणावर भर द्यावा** – आधुनिक शिक्षणात नैतिकता, मूल्यशिक्षण आणि सामाजिक जबाबदारीचा समावेश करणे आवश्यक आहे.

✅ **गुरु-शिष्य परंपरेला चालना द्यावी** – शिक्षक आणि विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये केवळ औपचारिक नाते न ठेवता वैयक्तिक मार्गदर्शन आणि सजीव संवाद वाढवावा.

✅ **व्यावहारिक शिक्षणाचा समावेश करावा** – पारंपरिक हस्तकला, शेती, आरोग्य, प्रशासन आणि स्वावलंबनावर आधारित शिक्षण पद्धती आधुनिक अभ्यासक्रमात समाविष्ट कराव्यात.

2. आधुनिक शिक्षणात भारतीय तत्वज्ञानाचा समावेश

✅ **योग आणि ध्यानाचा समावेश करावा** – विद्यार्थ्यांचे मानसिक आरोग्य सुधारण्यासाठी शिक्षणात योग, ध्यान आणि आयुर्वेद यांचा समावेश करावा.

✅ **संस्कारक्षम आणि मूल्याधारित शिक्षण द्यावे** – विद्यार्थ्यांच्या मानसिक आणि सामाजिक विकासासाठी भारतीय तत्वज्ञानावर आधारित तत्त्वे शिकवावीत.

✅ **आयुष्योपयोगी शिक्षणावर भर द्यावा** – केवळ परीक्षांकडे लक्ष न देता, जीवन कौशल्ये आणि तणाव व्यवस्थापन शिकवले पाहिजे.

3. तंत्रज्ञानाच्या साहाय्याने पारंपरिक शिक्षणाचा विकास

✅ **ई-गुरुकुल संकल्पना राबवावी** – भारतीय पारंपरिक शिक्षण तत्वज्ञानाचा वापर करून ऑनलाइन आणि डिजिटल शिक्षण मॉडेल विकसित करावे.

✅ **संस्कृत आणि पारंपरिक ग्रंथांचा अभ्यास सुलभ करावा** – डिजिटल तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून वेद, उपनिषद, आयुर्वेद आणि तत्त्वज्ञान सहज उपलब्ध करावे.

✅ **शिक्षणात कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता आणि तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करावा** – भारतीय शिक्षण प्रणालीतील तत्वांचा आधुनिक शिक्षण प्रणालीत समावेश करण्यासाठी नव्या तंत्रज्ञानाचा उपयोग करावा.

4. विद्यार्थी केंद्रित शिक्षण प्रणाली राबवावी

✅ **विद्यार्थ्यांचे हित केंद्रस्थानी ठेवून शिक्षण रचना करावी** – विद्यार्थ्यांच्या गरजा, क्षमता आणि स्वाभाविक गुणांचा विचार करून शिक्षण प्रणाली तयार करावी.

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ACCOUNTING RECORDS IN ANCIENT INDIA: A STUDY OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS IN FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

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ABSTRACT

This research paper explores the evolution of accounting records in ancient India, tracing the transition from oral traditions to written documentation. It examines the materials used, such as palm leaves, stone inscriptions, copper plates, and paper manuscripts, and their role in governance, trade, and administration. The study highlights how systematic book-keeping emerged over time, influencing financial record-keeping practices. By analyzing historical evidence, the research establishes a connection between ancient and modern accounting systems, demonstrating their continued relevance. The findings contribute to understanding the significance of early financial documentation and its impact on economic management.

Keywords: Ancient accounting, financial records, bookkeeping, governance, trade, economic history, India

INTRODUCTION

Accounting has played a crucial role in economic and administrative activities since ancient times. In India, the evolution of accounting records can be traced back to the early Vedic period, where oral traditions were the primary means of recording financial transactions. Over time, as trade, governance, and taxation systems advanced, more structured methods of record-keeping emerged. The use of palm leaf manuscripts, stone inscriptions, and copper plates provided durable means to document economic activities, tax collections, land revenues, and trade agreements.

The systematic recording of financial data was not only essential for commercial enterprises but also played a significant role in the governance of vast empires like the Maurya and Gupta dynasties. Texts like the *Arthashastra* by Kautilya highlight the importance of meticulous record-keeping in financial administration. These records were designed to ensure transparency, fairness, and efficiency in managing resources.

This research paper explores the historical evolution of accounting records in ancient India, analyzing the transition from oral traditions to written documentation. By examining the materials used, the methods of recording, and their impact on trade and administration, the study aims to provide insights into how ancient Indian accounting practices laid the foundation for modern financial systems. The research is based on secondary data sources, including historical texts, inscriptions, and archaeological findings, to understand the significance and transformation of accounting records over different historical periods.

OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH

This research aims to explore the evolution of accounting records in ancient India, focusing on the various materials and methods used for financial documentation over different historical periods. The study is based on secondary data sources and seeks to analyze the transition from oral record-keeping to written formats such as palm leaf manuscripts, stone inscriptions, and copper plate records. The specific objectives of the research are:

1. **To examine the historical development of accounting records in ancient India:** Understanding how financial documentation evolved from oral traditions to written records across different civilizations and ruling periods.

2. **To identify and analyze the materials used for accounting records:** Investigating the significance of palm leaves, stone inscriptions, and copper plates in maintaining financial transactions, taxation records, and trade agreements.

3. **To assess the role of accounting records in governance, trade, and administration:** Evaluating how these records contributed to economic management, taxation policies, and trade regulation in ancient Indian societies.

LIMITATIONS

This research primarily relies on historical texts, inscriptions, and scholarly interpretations, which may have gaps or biases due to the limited availability of surviving records. The estimated proportions of different accounting methods are approximate and based on historical prevalence rather than precise quantitative data. Additionally, variations in regional practices and undocumented traditions may not be fully represented in the study.

ANALYSIS OF DATA

The study of ancient Indian accounting records reveals a progressive evolution from oral traditions to more structured written formats. These records, which include palm leaf manuscripts, stone inscriptions, and copper plate records, played a significant role in economic management, trade regulation, and governance. The analysis is structured based on the key research objectives.

1. Evolution of Accounting Records in Ancient India

Ancient Indian accounting practices initially relied on oral record-keeping, where transactions were memorized and passed down through generations. However, as trade expanded and administrative complexities grew, written documentation became necessary. Palm leaf manuscripts were among the earliest mediums, followed by inscriptions on stone and copper plates. Each of these methods reflected advancements in record-keeping techniques and their adaptation to economic needs.

TIMELINE OF ACCOUNTING RECORD EVOLUTION IN ANCIENT INDIA

Period	Method of Record-Keeping	Description
Pre-Vedic Period (Before 1500 BCE)	Oral Traditions	Transactions were memorized and passed down verbally. No physical records existed.
Vedic Period (1500 BCE – 600 BCE)	Hymns & Scriptures (Vedas, Smritis)	Some references to financial transactions, debt, and trade were recorded in religious texts.
Mauryan Period (321 BCE – 185 BCE)	Palm Leaf & Birch Bark Manuscripts	Chanakya's Arthashastra detailed economic management, taxation, and trade regulations.
Gupta Empire (319 CE – 550 CE)	Stone Inscriptions	Royal edicts and taxation records were carved on temple walls and market centers.
Medieval Period (8th – 12th Century CE)	Copper Plate Records	Durable plates used for documenting land grants, revenue collection, and trade agreements.
Late Medieval Period (13th – 18th Century CE)	Paper Manuscripts	Persian and Indian account-keeping methods blended, leading to systematic bookkeeping.

The evolution of accounting records in ancient India progressed through various methods, adapting to economic and administrative needs. In the Pre-Vedic Period (Before 1500 BCE), transactions were maintained through oral traditions without physical records. The Vedic Period (1500 BCE – 600 BCE) introduced references to trade and debt in Vedas and Smritis, marking the earliest written documentation.

During the Mauryan Period (321 BCE – 185 BCE), palm leaf and birch bark manuscripts were used, with Chanakya's Arthashastra detailing economic policies. The Gupta Empire (319 CE – 550 CE) saw the use of stone inscriptions for taxation and trade records, ensuring transparency.

In the Medieval Period (8th – 12th Century CE), copper plate records documented land grants and revenue collection, offering durability. By the Late Medieval Period (13th – 18th Century CE), paper manuscripts combined Persian and Indian bookkeeping methods, making record-keeping more systematic. This transition from oral to written records reflects India's growing trade and governance complexities, laying the foundation for structured financial documentation.

2. Materials Used for Accounting Records

The choice of material for maintaining financial records varied based on availability and durability.

- **Palm Leaf Manuscripts**: Used predominantly in southern and eastern India, these were inscribed using a stylus and preserved through oil treatment.

- **Stone Inscriptions**: Found across temple walls, market places, and royal edicts, these inscriptions were used for taxation records, trade laws, and financial transactions.

- **Copper Plate Records**: Issued by rulers and administrators, copper plates served as durable legal documentation for land grants, revenue collection, and agreements.

3. Role of Accounting Records in Governance, Trade, and Administration

The presence of well-documented financial records facilitated efficient governance and trade regulation in ancient India. These records provided essential details on taxation policies, trade routes, debt settlements, and grants. The significance of each record type in governance is shown in the bar chart below:

- **Governance:** Copper plate inscriptions played a vital role in tax collection and land grants issued by kings.

- **Trade:** Stone inscriptions provided tariff details and market regulations in major trading centers.

- **Administration:** Palm leaf manuscripts were used for bookkeeping and revenue management by temple authorities and local rulers.

The transition from oral traditions to structured accounting documentation highlights the sophisticated economic and administrative systems in ancient India. The choice of materials for record-keeping was influenced by durability and accessibility, reflecting the economic advancements of each period. Through the analysis of historical sources and secondary data, this research emphasizes the critical role of financial documentation in shaping India's early economic systems.

FINDINGS

The research analyzes the evolution of accounting records in ancient India, tracing the shift from oral traditions to written documentation. The interpretation of historical data—such as the usage of palm leaves, copper plates, and paper manuscripts—demonstrates how financial record-keeping developed in response to growing trade and governance needs.

By evaluating historical sources like Arthashastra, stone inscriptions, and medieval paper records, the findings highlight how accounting practices contributed to governance, taxation, and trade regulation. The proportional usage of different materials, estimated based on historical prevalence and surviving evidence, further supports the analysis. This ensures that our conclusions are well-aligned with the study's objectives, validating the historical significance of financial documentation and its long-term influence on modern accounting systems.

OUTPUT OF THE RESEARCH PAPER

This research highlights the evolution of accounting records in ancient India, focusing on materials, methods, and their impact on governance, trade, and administration.

- **Shift from Oral to Written Records:** Increasing trade and administrative needs led to the transition from oral traditions to structured, permanent financial documentation.

- **Materials in Record-Keeping:** Palm leaves, stone inscriptions, and copper plates preserved financial transactions, while paper manuscripts later enabled systematic bookkeeping, shaping modern accounting.

- **Impact on Governance & Trade:** Texts like *Arthashastra* and Gupta inscriptions played a key role in taxation and trade regulations, while Mughal-era records refined documentation.

- **Proportional Use of Methods:** An estimated distribution of materials used over time shows paper manuscripts becoming dominant in later periods.

FINAL OUTCOME

The research underscores the critical role of accounting records in shaping economic and administrative frameworks in ancient India. The transition from oral traditions to written documentation not only improved record-keeping but also strengthened governance and trade regulation. Financial documents, from palm leaf manuscripts to stone inscriptions and copper plates, played a pivotal role in taxation, land revenue management, and trade agreements. The introduction of paper manuscripts marked a turning point, enabling more structured and systematic bookkeeping, which influenced modern accounting practices.

By analyzing the evolution of these record-keeping methods, the study establishes a direct connection between ancient financial documentation and contemporary accounting systems. It highlights how early accounting methods laid the foundation for structured governance, transparent taxation, and organized trade—principles that remain relevant in modern financial administration.

APPLICATION IN THE MODERN ERA

The evolution of ancient Indian accounting records has significant relevance to modern financial systems. The evolution of ancient Indian accounting practices holds significant relevance in the modern era. Just as record-keeping transitioned from oral traditions to written manuscripts, today's accounting has moved from paper ledgers to digital systems, blockchain, and AI-driven financial tools. Ancient taxation and trade records, like those in the *Arthashastra*, laid the foundation for structured financial documentation, much like modern GAAP and IFRS standards. The durability of stone and copper inscriptions mirrors cloud storage and blockchain, ensuring secure and tamper-proof financial records. Additionally, historical trade and taxation policies have evolved into automated ERP systems and digital tax platforms, streamlining governance and commerce.

The principles of transparency, standardization, and long-term record preservation from ancient India continue to shape today's financial world, driving innovations in accounting, auditing, and financial security.

CONCLUSION

This research paper explores the historical evolution of accounting records in ancient India, tracing their transformation from oral traditions to written documentation on palm leaves, stone inscriptions, copper plates, and eventually paper manuscripts. The study highlights how these records were instrumental in governance, trade, and administrative policies, shaping the economic framework of their respective eras. The transition from memorized transactions to structured book-keeping reflects a growing need for accuracy, transparency, and long-term record-keeping in financial systems.

The findings demonstrate that ancient accounting practices laid a strong foundation for modern financial documentation. Principles such as systematic book-keeping, taxation management, and trade regulation—established centuries ago—continue to influence contemporary accounting frameworks. By understanding these historical developments, we can appreciate the continuity of financial record-keeping and its critical role in economic growth and governance across time.

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BRIDGING THE GAP: HOW INTEGRATING SPIRITUALITY IN ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE CAN PROMOTE ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores how adding spirituality to organizational culture can help leaders make ethical decisions. When companies include spiritual values like compassion, mindfulness, and integrity, they create a positive environment where ethical leadership and social responsibility thrive. The study uses secondary data to show how these values influence leaders, shape company ethics, and guide decision-making during tough situations. Examples from companies like Patagonia and The Body Shop highlight the impact of spiritual principles on business practices.

Keywords: Spirituality, Organizational Culture, Ethical Leadership, Decision-Making, Social Responsibility, Corporate Ethics.

INTRODUCTION

In today's fast-paced, profit-driven corporate world, ethical decision-making has become more than a legal requirement—it is a fundamental necessity for building trust, sustaining long-term success, and fostering an inclusive and compassionate work environment. Organizations are increasingly recognizing that ethical leadership is not merely about adhering to compliance standards but about embedding moral principles at the heart of business operations. As global markets evolve, the question arises: How can companies navigate the tension between profitability and ethical responsibility? One promising answer lies in integrating spirituality into organizational culture.

Spirituality, often misunderstood as a purely religious or personal pursuit, is gaining recognition as a transformative force within the corporate realm. It transcends specific faith traditions and instead focuses on universal values such as compassion, mindfulness, integrity, and interconnectedness. These values, when embedded in the ethos of an organization, provide a robust foundation for ethical decision-making. Leaders who embrace spirituality in their leadership style cultivate an environment of openness, trust, and shared purpose, empowering employees to make ethical choices that go beyond short-term gains.

This paper explores how spiritual principles can shape organizational culture, influence leadership behaviour, and promote ethical decision-making frameworks. Drawing on case studies from companies like Patagonia and The Body Shop, known for their commitment to ethical and sustainable business practices, this research examines the practical application of spirituality as a guiding principle in corporate environments. By understanding how spirituality fosters a sense of responsibility towards stakeholders and the environment, organizations can create a culture where ethical conduct is not enforced but naturally thrives.

The need for ethical decision-making in organizations has never been more urgent. From environmental degradation to labour exploitation, companies face moral dilemmas that demand more than just regulatory compliance—they require a fundamental shift in perspective. By integrating spiritual values into organizational culture, companies can address these challenges with compassion, integrity, and a long-term vision that balances profit with purpose.

This research aims to provide a comprehensive framework for understanding how spirituality can act as a catalyst for ethical decision-making. It offers practical insights for leaders seeking to create workplaces that honour human dignity, promote fairness, and contribute to the greater good. Through a thoughtful examination of ethical frameworks, spiritual leadership models, and real-world case studies, this paper bridges the gap between business success and moral responsibility, offering a path forward that is both ethical and sustainable.

SPIRITUALITY AND LEADERSHIP:

Spiritual leadership is a style emphasizing intrinsic motivation, cultivating a sense of purpose, and aligning the organization's values with the deeper needs of employees. Spiritual leaders foster environments filled with trust and openness, enabling ethical conduct to thrive. Unlike transactional leadership, which largely centers on rewards and penalties, spiritual leadership highlights the importance of developing a sense of community and purpose among employees.

ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORKS

In organizations, ethical decision-making is frequently steered by frameworks like utilitarianism, deontology, and virtue ethics. Utilitarianism centers on achieving the greatest benefit for the largest number, whereas deontology underscores duty and following rules. Virtue ethics, based on Aristotle's teachings, focuses on cultivating moral character and personal virtues. Spiritual values closely align with virtue ethics by inspiring individuals to act genuinely in ways consistent with their true selves, driven by compassion, fairness, and honesty.

ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND ETHICS

The culture within an organization is pivotal in shaping ethical behaviour. Schein (2010) describes organizational culture as the collective beliefs, values, and practices that delineate how an organization functions. When an organization's culture is founded upon ethical principles and spiritual values, employees are more inclined to behave in ways that reflect these principles. Spirituality can shape organizational culture by fostering a sense of interconnectedness and shared responsibility, thereby enhancing ethical decision-making across all levels of the organization.

INTEGRATING SPIRITUALITY INTO ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE

Spirituality as a Foundation for Ethics:

An organization that weaves spirituality into its culture emphasizes values like respect, empathy, and mindfulness. These values can establish a robust ethical basis for decision-making. Leaders who adopt spiritual principles frequently set an example by displaying ethical behaviour that motivates others to emulate. Mindfulness, for example, enables leaders to remain engaged in the present, consider the wider ramifications of their choices, and make more considerate, ethical decisions.

Creating Ethical Guidelines through Spirituality:

Spiritual principles can act as moral frameworks within a business. For instance, Patagonia, a company specializing in outdoor apparel, weaves spiritual principles into its corporate ethos through its dedication to environmental sustainability, equitable labour practices, and responsible product creation. The organization's leaders consistently exhibit ethical decision-making that corresponds with its spiritual ideals. By endorsing initiatives that regard the well-being of all stakeholders, Patagonia has established a brand that harmonizes profit with social accountability.

CASE STUDIES

- **Patagonia:** The leadership of Patagonia incorporates spiritual values like environmental stewardship and social responsibility into the fabric of their organizational culture. Their choice to contribute a segment of profits to environmental initiatives exemplifies how spiritual values, such as interconnectedness and compassion for the earth, steer ethical decision-making.

- **The Body Shop:** The Body Shop's dedication to ethical consumerism, human rights, and environmental sustainability is founded in spiritual values like integrity, equity, and respect for all living entities. Its ethical sourcing principles and support for animal rights illustrate the company's alignment of its business practices with spiritual values.

FRAMEWORK FOR ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING

Spirituality as a Guiding Principle for Ethics:

Leaders in organizations that embrace spirituality use it as a means to inform ethical choices. Spirituality cultivates self-awareness and mindfulness, enabling leaders to contemplate the repercussions of their decisions on all stakeholders, not merely shareholders. A useful framework for ethical decision-making might encompass the following principles:

- **Mindfulness in Decision-Making:** Leaders who engage in mindfulness can take a moment to consider the ethical implications of their choices, ensuring they are not motivated exclusively by immediate profit.

- **Purpose-Driven Decisions**: Choices are made in accordance with the organization's mission and values, confirming that actions serve a higher purpose beyond monetary gain.

- **Balance of Stakeholder Interests:** Spirituality inspires leaders to reconcile the needs of various stakeholders, including employees, customers, and the environment, rather than concentrating solely on shareholder interests.

Ethical Dilemmas and Spiritual Solutions:

Organizations frequently encounter ethical dilemmas where profit motives clash with social or environmental responsibilities. Spiritual values assist leaders in navigating these conflicts by emphasizing long-term advantages above immediate gain. For instance, The Body Shop confronted a dilemma when sourcing ingredients from suppliers with dubious labor practices. Rather than compromising ethical principles, the company opted to partner with suppliers who followed fair trade practices, even if it meant higher costs. This choice, grounded in spiritual tenets, showcased the company's dedication to ethical business conduct.

CHALLENGES AND CRITICISMS

Potential Conflicts with Secular Ethics:

A significant challenge in weaving spirituality into corporate culture is ensuring that spiritual values do not clash with individual beliefs. For example, in varied, secular workplaces, employees might feel uneasy if spiritual practices receive excessive emphasis. Organizations must be cautious in fostering an inclusive atmosphere that honors diverse belief systems while advocating universal ethical tenets such as honesty, integrity, and fairness.

Commercialization of Spirituality:

Another difficulty is the danger of "spiritual branding"—employing spirituality in a superficial manner to enhance a company's reputation without a true dedication to ethical practices. Some companies might use spiritual terminology or icons without implementing significant alterations to their operations. This can weaken the effectiveness of incorporating spirituality into leadership and organizational culture.

Resistance to Change:

Numerous organizations may hesitate to embrace spirituality due to cultural resistance or worries regarding its effect on profitability. Nonetheless, data indicates that organizations that emphasize ethical decision-making and social responsibility frequently outperform those that do not, as they cultivate strong reputations and promote employee loyalty.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, integrating spirituality into organizational culture offers a powerful and sustainable solution to the ethical challenges facing modern businesses. By embracing values such as compassion, mindfulness, integrity, and interconnectedness, organizations can create environments where ethical decision-making becomes an intrinsic part of their operations, rather than an external obligation. This shift not only helps companies navigate moral dilemmas but also enhances employee satisfaction, builds customer trust, and strengthens long-term profitability.

The case studies of Patagonia and The Body Shop clearly illustrate that spiritual values can drive ethical business practices without compromising financial success. Patagonia's dedication to environmental stewardship and The Body Shop's commitment to ethical sourcing demonstrate that companies can balance profit with social responsibility, creating brands that resonate with conscious consumers and inspire industry-wide change. These examples highlight that when organizations lead with purpose, they cultivate not only financial wealth but also social and environmental well-being.

However, the journey towards integrating spirituality in organizational culture is not without its challenges. Companies must navigate potential conflicts with secular ethics, avoid the commercialization of spiritual principles, and overcome resistance to change. The key to success lies in fostering an inclusive and authentic culture that honors diverse beliefs while promoting universal ethical tenets. By doing so, organizations can avoid superficial spiritual branding and instead build a genuine ethical foundation that guides decision-making at every level.

As businesses continue to face complex and evolving ethical landscapes, the integration of spirituality offers a way to move beyond profit-centric models and towards a more humane and responsible form of capitalism. This approach does not reject financial success but redefines it, showing that true prosperity comes from creating value not just for shareholders but for all stakeholders, including employees, customers, communities, and the environment.

Ultimately, the research affirms that bridging the gap between spirituality and organizational culture is not only possible but essential for the future of ethical leadership. By cultivating spiritual awareness and ethical mindfulness, companies can create a ripple effect of positive change that extends far beyond the confines of their industry. In doing so, they lay the groundwork for a world where business becomes a force for good, driven by compassion, integrity, and a shared commitment to the greater good.

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IMPACT OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020 ON YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY

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ABSTRACT
Unemployment is one of the biggest challenges in India. With the absence of proper skill-set in the aspiring candidates for employment it has become more challenging. The problem is not the availability of job but the mismatch or lack of proper skill-set to carry-out the particular job. The growth of nation is measured in terms of its economic development in which employment plays a very important role. On contrary, Unemployment increases poverty, stress, increased crime rate and imbalance in social and economic status. India has one of the youngest populations in the world. Promoting a skill based education policy has been a necessity to handle the issues of mitigating unemployment. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aims to bring transformational reforms in school and higher education enhancing skill sets and knowledge enabling increasing employability of the youths in India. The National Education Policy 2020 replaced the 34-year-old National Policy on Education (NPE), in 1986. The paper attempts to study the importance of New Education policy 2020 in mitigating the problem of unemployment among the youth of India through a greater focus on skill-based higher education.

Key word: Unemployment, NEP 2020, Skill-set, knowledge, transformational reforms,

INTRODUCTION
Education and employment are the fundamental factors that shape people's potential which in turn contribute to the growth and development of a nation. Every year, India produces millions of graduates but the ineffectiveness of the Indian educational system has always been observed in work place. Though students have got moderate exposure to the concepts, they really do not understand or know how to apply them. A person should possess a certain set of skills, aptitudes, and traits in order to find employment in a different field and achieve genuine success in his chosen field, which will lead to overall improvement of the nation. Employability has become a fundamental concern for both the government and Higher Education Institutions. However for the time being, things are appearing impressive with another new strategy, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, in progress that aim to focus on the all-around development of the upcoming students. NEP 2020 was created with skill development, industrial partnerships, and employability in mind.

What is NEP:

National Education Policy (NEP) are a set of policies formulated by the Government of India to promote education amongst Indian people. NEP is basically a comprehensive framework to guide the development of education in the country. Prior to the latest education policy NEP 2020, India had seen three education policies in its post-independence history.

What does NEP 2020 aims at:
The NEP 2020 aims to ensure universal access to school education, from preschool to secondary level, with the introduction of several provisions that prioritize inclusivity and equity in education.

The provisions include:

- **Innovative Education Centers:** The policy promotes the establishment of innovative education centres to provide high-quality education to all students, especially those in disadvantaged areas.

- **Good Infrastructure Support:** The NEP 2020 emphasizes the provision of good infrastructure support, including well-equipped classrooms and laboratories, to ensure an optimal learning environment for students.

- **Tracking Student Progress:** The policy focuses on tracking student progress based on learning levels to ensure that every student is able to achieve basic literacy and numeracy skills by grade 3.

- **Multiple Modes of Learning:** The NEP 2020 advocates for a flexible and multi-modal approach to learning that includes both formal and informal modes of education.

- **Experienced Faculty Members:** The policy encourages the recruitment of experienced and well-trained faculty members to ensure high-quality teaching and learning experiences for students.

- **Trained Counsellors:** The NEP 2020 also emphasizes the need for trained counsellors in schools to provide emotional and mental health support to students.

- **Open Learning:** The policy offers the option for open learning for students studying in classes 3, 5, and 8 through State Open Schools, NIOS (National Institute of Open Schools), and vocational courses. This is aimed at bringing nearly 2 crore out-of-school children back to mainstream education.

- **Flexibility of subjects:** Higher Education curriculum to have Flexibility of Subjects.

- **Academic Bank of Credits** : Academic Bank of Credits to be established to facilitate the Transfer of Credits.

- **National Research Foundation:** National Research Foundation to be established to foster a strong research culture.

- **Special Education Zones:** NEP 2020 emphasizes setting up of Gender Inclusion Fund and Special Education Zones for disadvantaged regions and groups.

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, has created a website on artificial intelligence to assist students in becoming industry-ready and to lay the foundation for an AI-driven economy.

The overarching agenda behind these provisions is to ensure that every student has equal opportunities to access quality education, regardless of their socio-economic status or geographic location and contribute their potential for the nation.

PROBLEM STATEMENT
The paper attempts to look into the causes of poor employability of Indian graduates and also review the measures that need to be taken up so as to overcome this gravest concern of employability gap by implementing NEP in fruitful manner. The road to realization of NEP 2020 is filled with endless potholes. The sheer size and diversity of India's education sector makes implementation an uphill task. Even the size of the higher education system is massive too. It is a mammoth exercise involving multiple stakeholders at the state, district, sub-district and block levels. Moreover, India's education system is underfunded, heavily bureaucratised, and lacks capacity for innovation and scale up. The internal capacities within the education ministries (centre and states) and other regulatory bodies are grossly inadequate to steer the magnitude of transformations envisaged in the current NEP. Thousands of schools and colleges would need capacity building and reorientation. That implies that the existing organisation structure of the ministry and its ecosystem will have to undergo major overhaul. Moreover the role of the private sector, particularly in dealing with the higher education system, is extremely critical for translating the inclusionary vision of the NEP, considering that as much as 70% of the higher education institutions (colleges and universities) are run by private sector. Further availability of consistent adequate financial resources is required for proper realization of the goals.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY
The primary objective is to study the NEP 2020, as a solution for mitigating youth unemployment in India.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
This research is a descriptive study. The necessary secondary data was collected from various websites including those of Government of India, magazines, journals, other publications, etc. This data was then analyzed and reviewed to arrive at the inferences and conclusions.

LITERATURE REVIEW
In this chapter, the past studies related to Impact of National Education Policy 2020 on Youth Employability are reviewed. Review of literature is an indispensable part of any research study.

Review of literature serves the following broad objectives:
- To not only enhance knowledge but also to determine research methodologies and seminal works on the issue under consideration.

- To aid the focal point and refine research questions by articulating the knowledge Gap.

- To ensure that the existing knowledge is not replicated and to prevent the Reproduction of Technical errors in the previous research work.

- To identify the distinctive contribution, the research under consideration will make to the society.

Literature related to this study can be divided into two streams – one which examines the Impact of National Education Policy 2020 on Youth Employability and the other which examines the determinants of the Impact.

RESEARCH OBSERVATION

NEP 2020 emphasizes an all-around development of students, specifically focusing on technical and vocational education bundled with new-age skills to enhance employability. One of the most revolutionary aspects being its innate focus on vocational learning as early as Class 6, with provision for internships. It makes way for an inter-disciplinary approach, flexible and diverse curriculum, allowing a creative combination of subjects and multiple exit options.

The NEP 2020 also intensively focuses on introducing practical study programs inclined towards encouraging Research & Development. NEP also promotes equipping students with numerous skills ranging from sector-specific core professional and technical skills to critical thinking, creative problem-solving, decision-making and soft skills.

While technical/ hard skills facilitate job retention, soft skills enable building interpersonal relations, expanding teams, improving leadership, and creating a culture of integrity and human bond. NEP 2020 advocates adopting an updated evaluation process with individualized assessment and credit-based grading system along with developing cognitive competencies. NEP 2020 also proposes inculcating industry mentoring where students are trained and instructed by the veterans of the respective fields. It aims at setting a virtuous cycle linking education, vocation and growth.

NEP 2020 introduces policies understanding the need to up-skill teachers and working professionals in line with the evolving market trends and technology

FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE KEY INITIATIVES THAT CAN HELP IN INCREASING EMPLOYABILITY OF THE EMERGING WORKFORCE

a) Multidisciplinary curriculum:

NEP 2020 calls for a creative and multidisciplinary curriculum that includes humanities, sports and fitness, languages, culture, arts and crafts, in addition to science and mathematics. It recognizes soft skills such as communication, cooperation, teamwork and resilience, as 'life skills'. This altered approach is designed to help students develop academic expertise with vital leadership skills that can help them in their career path.

b) Stress on vocational education

Perhaps, the most significant component of NEP 2020 in encouraging employment is the inclusion of vocational education and training. This ensures that the entire ecosystem of schools, colleges, and universities will now include vocational education as part of their curriculum. Professional learning institutions can play a vital role in facilitating academic learning, through their industry-based curriculum and mentoring. With the inclusion of professional reskilling and upskilling, these institutions also rope in Corporate India as an important stakeholder in ensuring in-job training. With the new policy coming in picture, the school and college education will not only be seen as a facilitator of degree but it will be treated as a medium to build personality and it'll help the students in their holistic professional growth

NEP empowers the future workforce with more flexibility to choose their courses, effectively eliminating the rigidity and barriers that hampered them from exploring variety of options and building on more relevant and in-demand skills. A holistic and multidisciplinary education would aim to develop all capacities of human beings.

c) Integrating Vocational Education with mainstream education

In recent times the need for behavioural competencies like resilience, agility, innovation, and adaptability in the workforce has increased. This comes in addition to the already required set of skills which the workforces need to possess. Integrating Vocational Education & Training with mainstream education will ensure that the time students become employable, they would be both, technically and behaviourally competent.

d) Aligning Indian Standards with International Standards

The entire new NEP 2020 has been formulated keeping in view the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goal, which is inclusive and equitable education for all. and to ensure that Indian standards are aligned with the International Standard Classification of Occupations maintained by the International Labour Organization.

e) Technical education in cutting edge areas

The NEP 2020's focus on technical education by equipping professionals in cutting-edge areas that are fast gaining prominences, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), 3-D machining, big data analysis, and machine learning, in addition to genomic studies, biotechnology, nanotechnology, neuroscience, with important applications to health, environment, and sustainable living into undergraduate education is expected to enhance the employability of the youth and also create an ecosystem of entrepreneurs who can provide services to needs of digital India and beyond.

f) Implementation

Karnataka has become the first state in the country to officially implement the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 the implementation of NEP-2020 with effect from the academic year 2021-2022

CONCLUSION

School, teachers, and parents must play a proactive and encouraging role while the planning the career of children. Help them identify their potential and look for opportunities to build up these skills. Keeping them safe at the cost of their natural talent, interest and aptitude would deny them the opportunities of growing intellectually, emotionally, and socially. Let them explore their passions unhindered by supporting their dreams and aspirations. Be the wind beneath their wings! Brain research tells us that academic, professional, and personal success in life depends on socio-emotional neural networks built in the brain during childhood. Therefore, while you educate and upskill children, also develop in them skills of resilience that will help them remain positive and relevant in the ever-evolving jobs and skills landscape. The solution to sustainable education and economic growth begins from policy implementation at grass-root level that offers a combination of theoretical concepts and practical experience simultaneously. As only then it would lead to creating better opportunities in the nation for both employers and employees. And, given the rich and diverse demography the country holds, India's focus and vision should not be limited to generating a talented, tech-savvy and future-ready workforce but an elite race of entrepreneurs, job creators, and experimental ventures.

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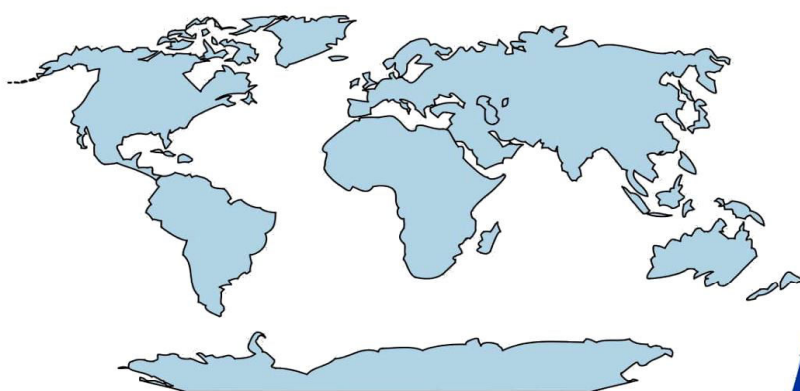
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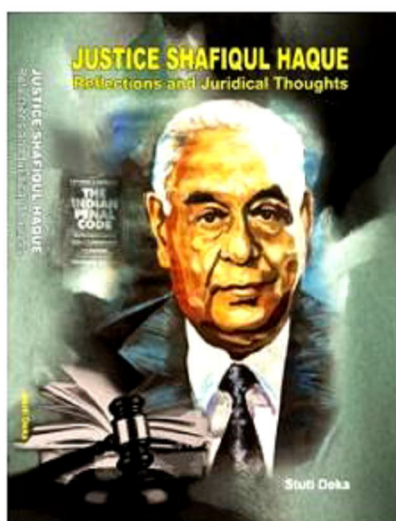
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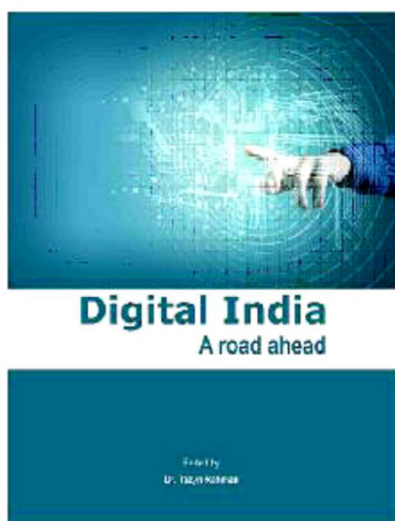
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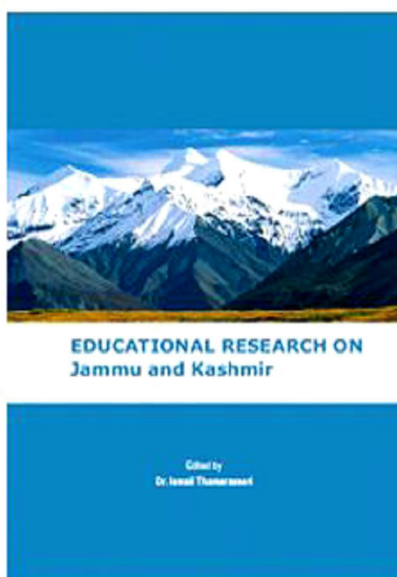
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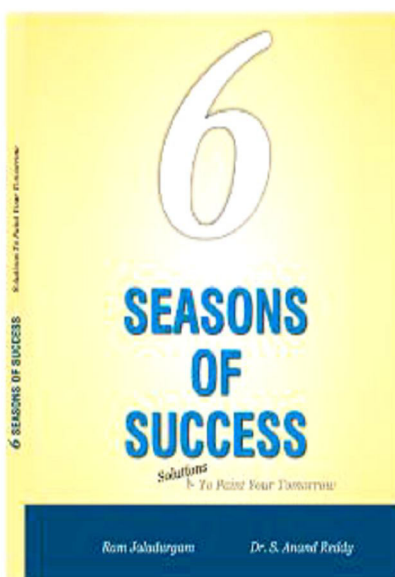
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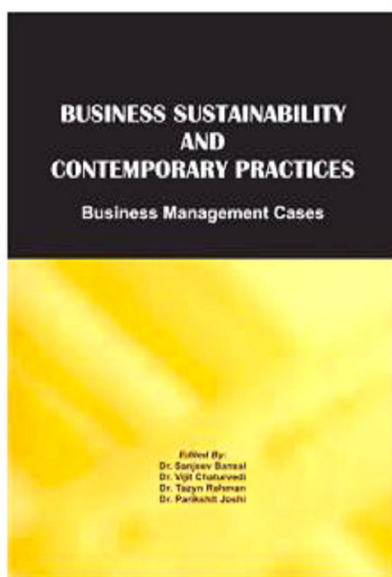
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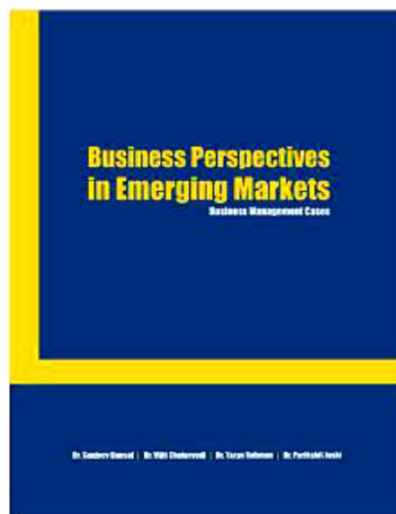
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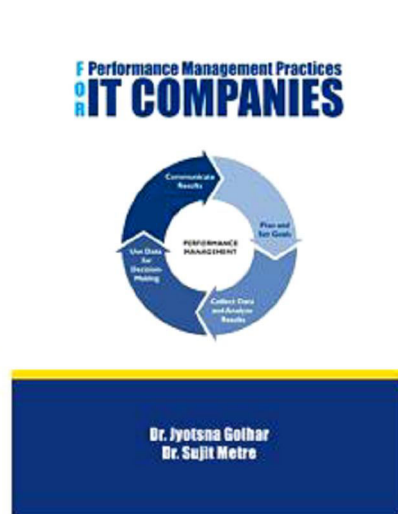
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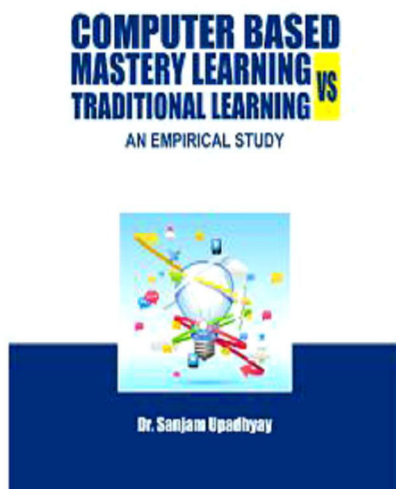
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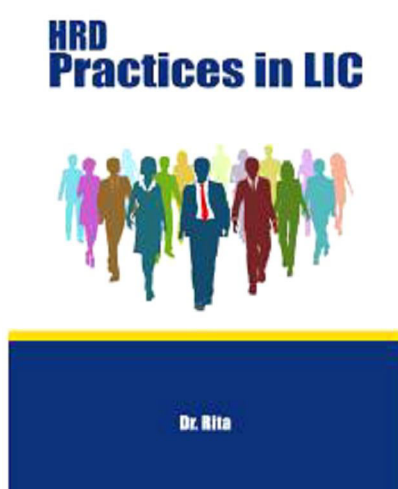
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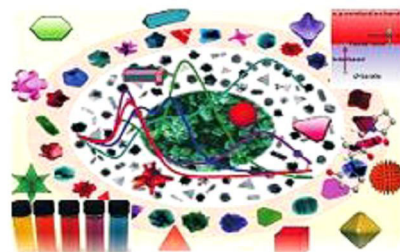
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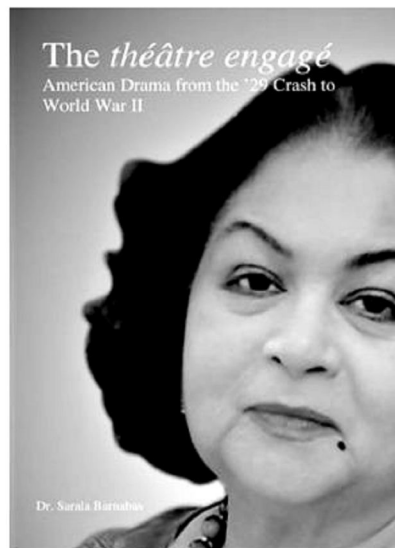
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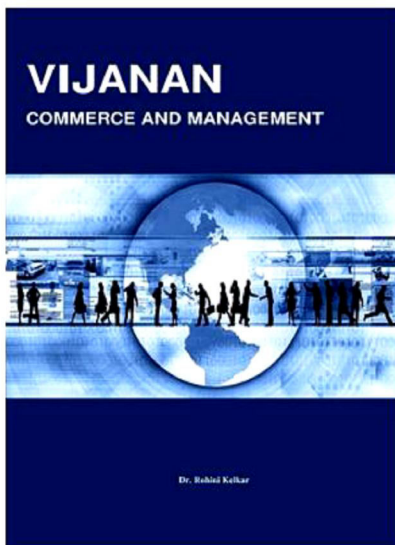
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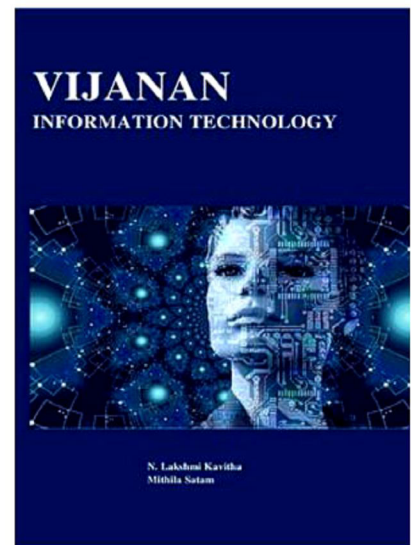
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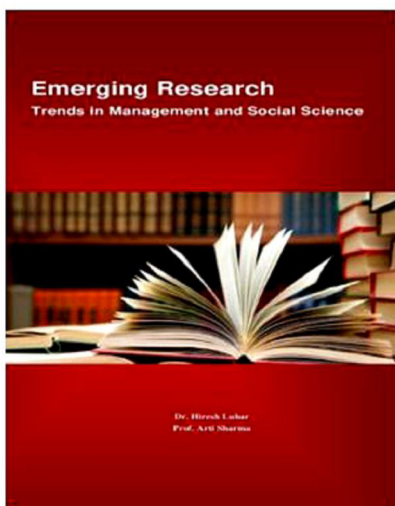
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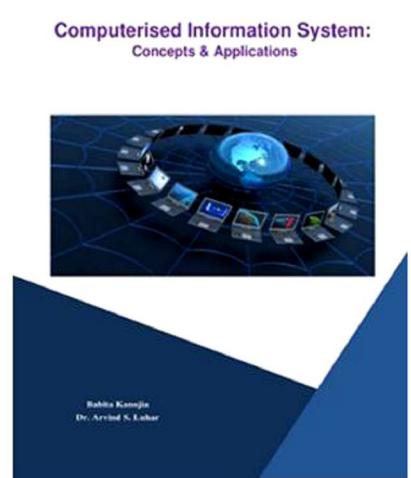
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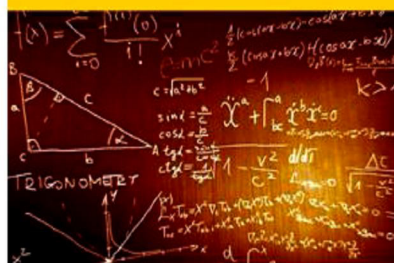
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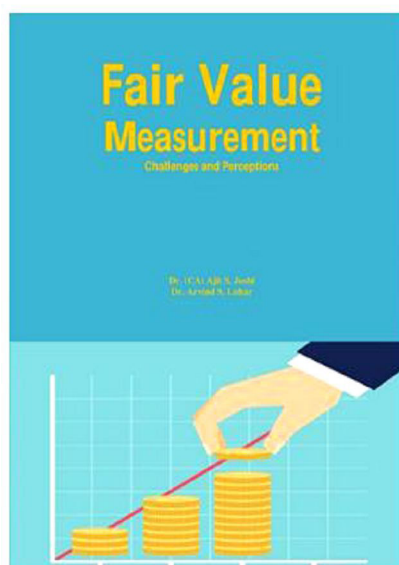
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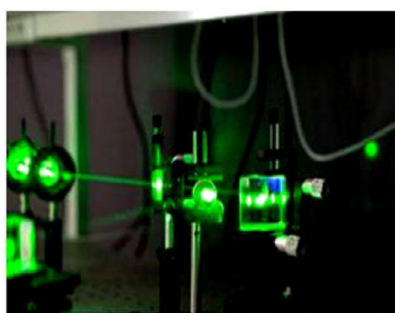
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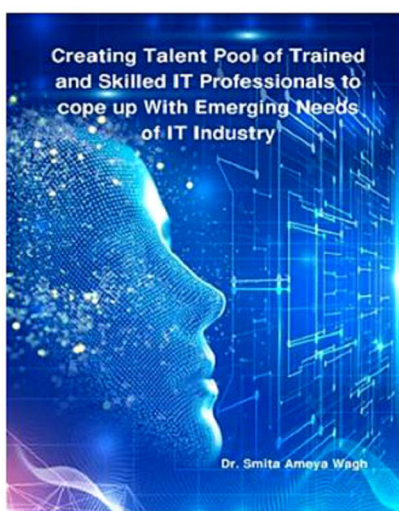
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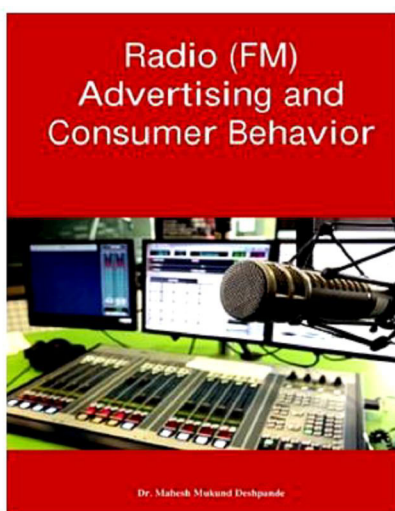
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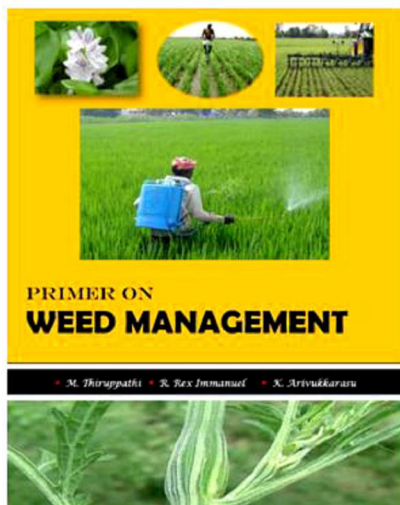
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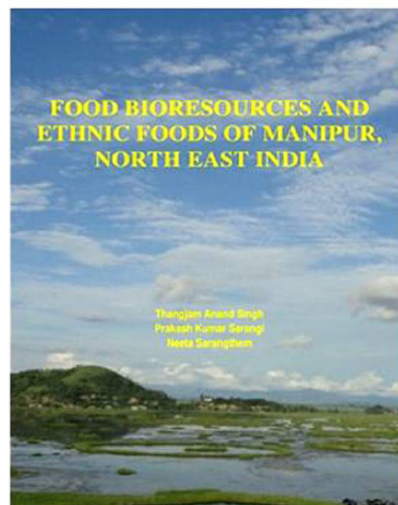
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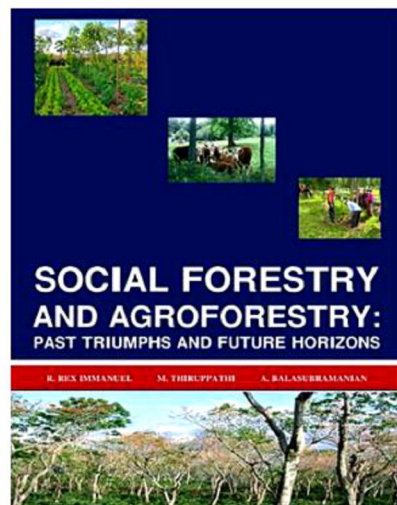
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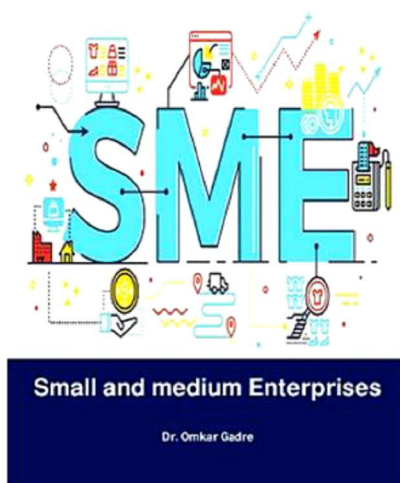
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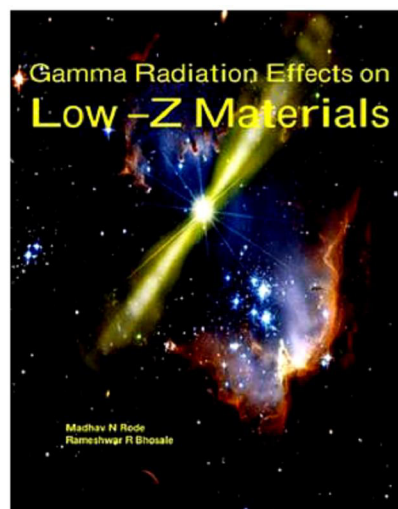
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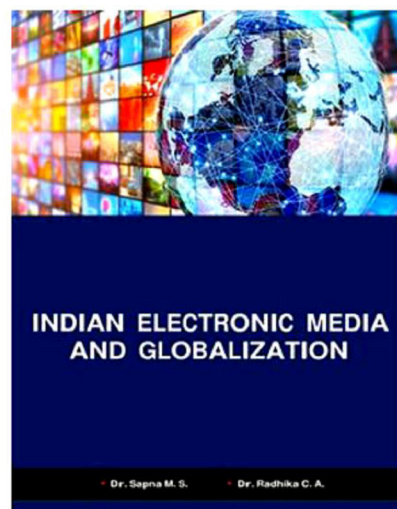
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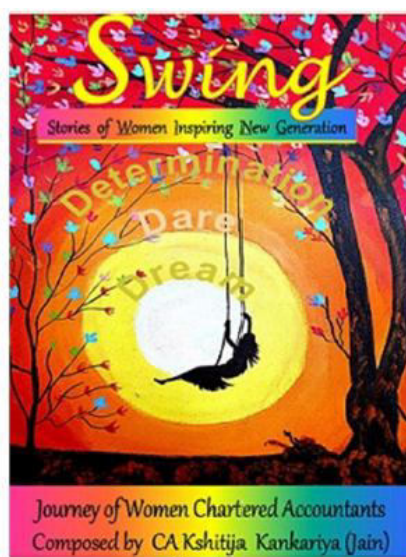
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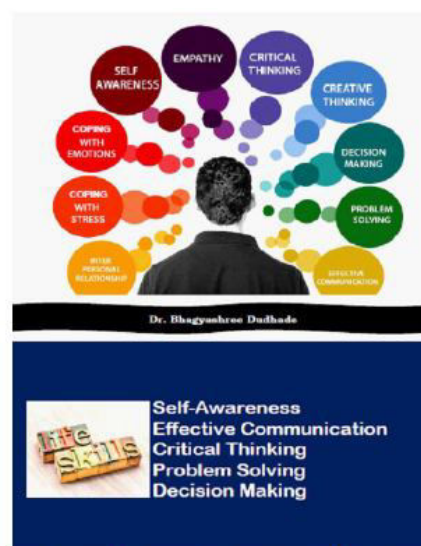
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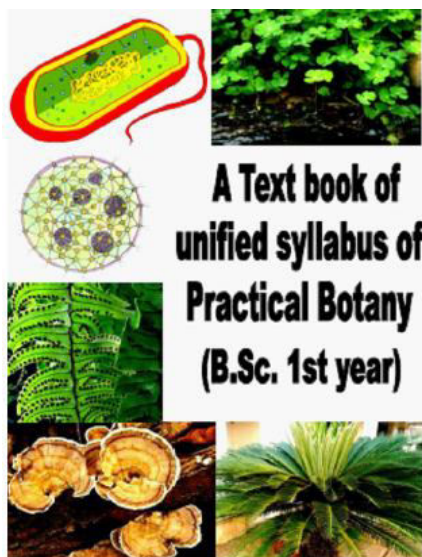
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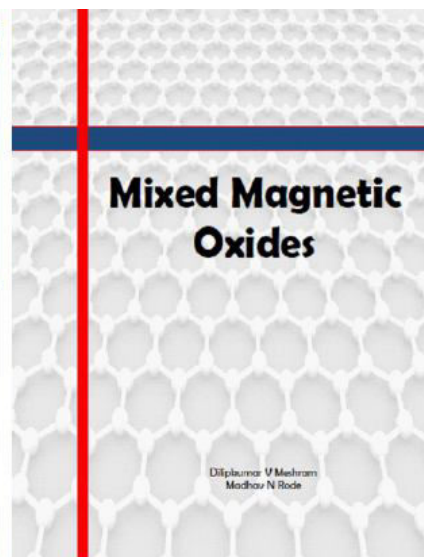

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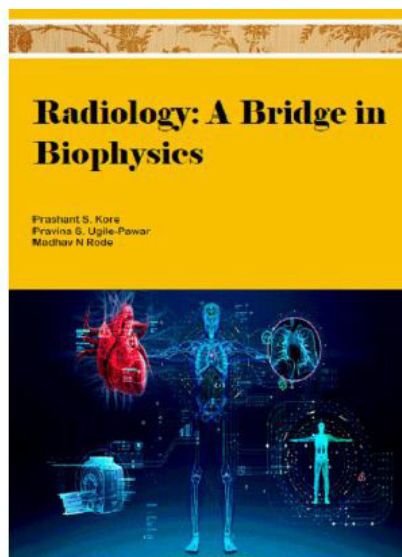
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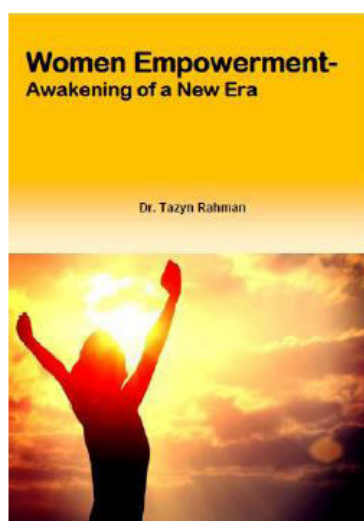ISBN : 978-81-944813-3-1

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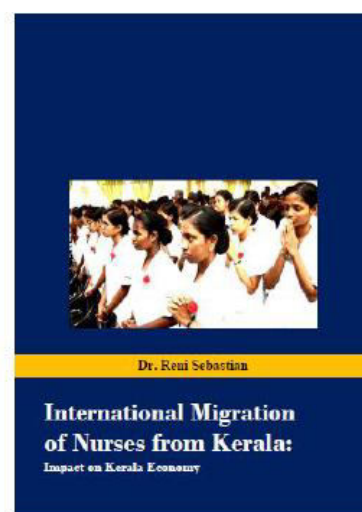ISBN : 978-81-936264-1-2

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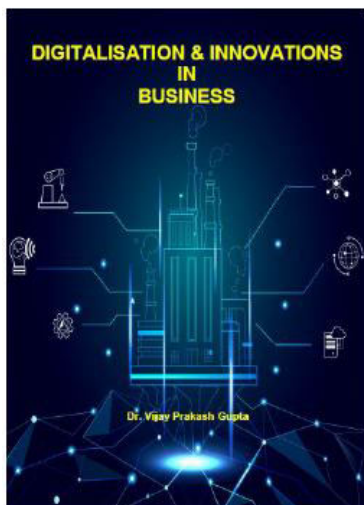
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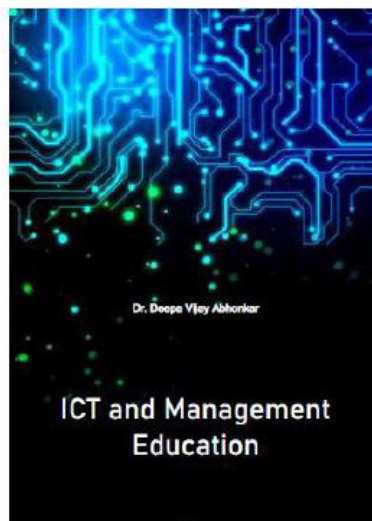Dr. Tazyn Rahman
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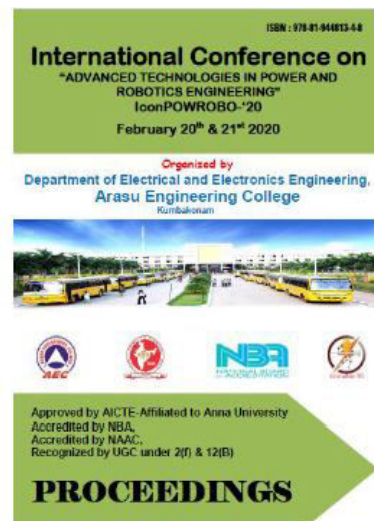of Nurses from Kerala:
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