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## A Study of Mental Health among Arts, Commerce and Science College Going Students

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### Abstract

This Study purpose that a Study of Mental Health among Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students. **Objectives:-** To examine Mental Health among Arts, Commerce and Science college going Students. **Hypotheses:-** There is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science college going Students with Mental Health dimension on Emotional Stability, Over-all Adjustment, Autonomy, Security-Insecurity, Self- Concept and Intelligence. **Methodology- Sample:** Total sample of present study 120 College going Students, in which 40 were Arts Faculty College going Students (20 Male and 20 Female Students), 40 were Commerce Faculty College going Students (20 Male and 20 Female Students) and 40 were Science Faculty College going Students (20 Male and 20 Female Students). Both groups sample College going Students from Jalna Dist. in Maharashtra. Purposive Sample Design was selected and the subject selected in this sample was age group of 13-22 year. **Variables-** The independent variables are Faculty (Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students) and Dependent variables are Mental Health (Emotional Stability, Over-all Adjustment, Autonomy, Security-Insecurity, Self-Concept and Intelligence.). **Research Design:** Simple Research Designs used in the present study. **Research Tools-** Mental Health Battery by Dr. Arun Kumar Singh and Dr. Alpna Sen Gupta. **Statistical Treatment:** Mean, SD and ANOVA. **Conclusions: 1)** There is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students Mental Health dimension on Emotional Stability, Over-all Adjustment, Autonomy, Security-Insecurity, Self- Concept and Intelligence.

**Key words:** - Mental Health, Arts Students, Commerce Students, Science Students..

### Introduction

The concept of Mental Health is as old as human beings. In recent years clinical psychologists as well as educationalists have started giving proper attention to the study of mental health. Mental health as defined by Kornhausar (1965) indicates those behaviors, perceptions and feelings that define a person overall level of personal effectiveness, success, happiness and excellence of running as a persons. It depends on developments and retentions of goals that are neither too high nor too low to permit realistic successful maintenance of belief in one's self as a worthy, effective human beings. (lakshminarayan and Prabhakaran, 1993). So mentally healthy person is firm in his intentions and is least concerned by strains and stresses on day to day life

'Gestalt' view about of the concept of mental health the individual. It integrates the concepts of personality characteristics and behavior all in one. It may also be understood as the behavioral characteristics of the persons. A mentally healthy persons shows a identical organizations of desirable attitudes, healthy values and righteous self-Concepts and a scientific perceptions of the world as a whole. Several Psychologist like Erickson (1936), Rogers (1969), Hurlock (1972) have expressed their view in a similar tone. A mentally sound or healthy person should also be understood as a dynamic and conscientious person who is found to be reasonably rational in the choice of means for the realization of his or her virtuous ends Anand (1988). So mental health is an atitudinal concepts a humanistic approach towards the

understanding and assessment of the self, positive feeling, attitudes towards self and other.

After studying the literature in this field (Jahoda, 1959, Maslow & Mittlernan, 1951; Rogerss, 1961 Whittaker, 1970), following six popular indices of mental health were finally selected for inclusion in the present battery: Emotional Stability, Over-all Adjustment, Autonomy, Security-Insecurity, Self-Concept, and Intelligence.

#### **Dimensions of Mental Health**

A brief description of the different dimensions of Mental Health is given below:

**Emotional Stability:** It refers to experiencing subjective stable feelings which have positive or negative values for the individual.

**Adjustment:** Its refers to individual's achieving an overall harmonious balance between the demands of various aspects of environment, such as home, health, Social, Emotional and School on the one hand and cognition on the other.

**Autonomy:** It refers to a stage of independence and self-determination in thinking.

**Security-Insecurity:** It refers to a high or low sense of safety, confidence, freedom for fear, apprehension or anxiety particularly with respect to fulfilling the persons present or future needs.

**Self-Concept:** It refers to the sum total of the person's attitudes and knowledge towards himself and evaluation of his achievements.

#### **Variables Used For Study**

**Table No- 01 Variables**

Type of variable	Name of variable	Sub. Variable	Name of variable
Independent	Faculty	03	Arts College going Students Commerce College going Students 3) Science College going Students
Dependent	Mental Health	06	Emotional Stability Over-all Adjustment Autonomy Security-Insecurity Self-Concept Intelligence

**Intelligence:** It refers to general mental ability which helps the person in thinking rationally, and in behaving purposefully in his environment.

#### **Statement of the Problem**

A Study of Mental Health among Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students

#### **Objectives of the Study**

To examine Mental Health among Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students.

#### **Hypotheses of the Study**

There is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students with Mental Health dimension on Emotional Stability, Over-all Adjustment, Autonomy, Security-Insecurity, Self- Concept and Intelligence.

#### **Methodology**

##### **Sample**

Total sample of present study 120 College going Students, in which 40 were Arts Faculty Students( 20 Male and 20 Female Students), 40 were Commerce Faculty College going Students (20 Male and 20 Female Students) and 40 were Science Faculty College going Students (20 Male and 20 Female Students). Both groups sample College going Students from Jalna Dist. in Maharashtra. Purposive Sample Design was selected and the subject selected in this sample was age group of 13-22 year.

##### **Research Design:-**

Simple Research Designs used in the present study

**Research Tools:- Table No. 02. Mental Health Battery (MHB)**

Aspect	Name of the Test	Author	Sub-Factor	Reliability	Validity	Item
Mental Health	Mental Health Battery (MHB)	Dr. Arun Kumar Singh Dr. Alpana Sen Gupta	Emotional Stability	.876	.673*	130
			Over-all Adjustment	.821	.704*	
			Autonomy	.767	.681*	
			Security-Insecurity	.826	.821*	
			Self- Concept	.786	.601*	
			Intelligence	.823	.823*	

**Operational Definitions Of Key Terms:****Arts Faculty**

BA stands for Bachelor of Arts. It is a bachelor degree program that refers to an undergraduate course of study.

**Commerce Faculty**

**B.Com stands for Bachelor of Commerce. It is an undergraduate degree in commerce stream. It is a three-year bachelor degree which is offered by various colleges.**

**Science Faculty**

B.Sc. stands for Bachelor of Science. It is an undergraduate academic degree awarded for completing a three-year course in the field of science and technology.

**Procedures of Data Collection:-**

For the present study sample was used and two instruments were administered individuals as well as a small group will be

adopted. The subjects were called in a small group of 21-25 subjects. Following the instructions and procedure suggested by the author of the test. Tests were administered and a field copy of each test was collected. Following the same procedure the whole data was collected.

**Statistical Analysis**

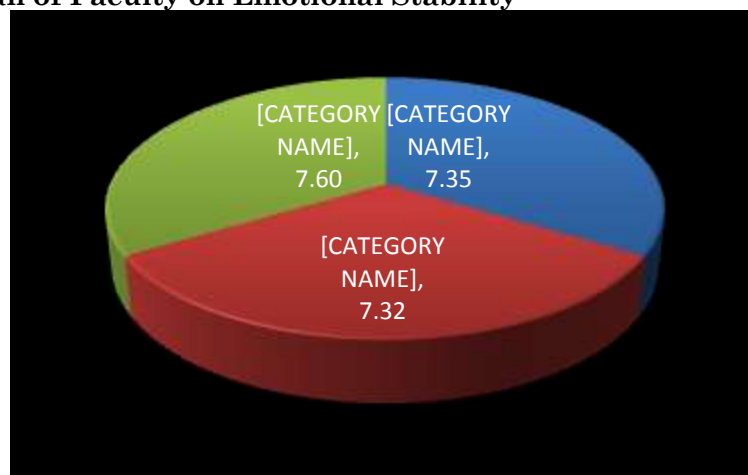
At the first stage data were treated by descriptive statistical techniques i.e. Mean, Standard Deviation and ANOVA was done by using SPSS Software.

**Results And Discussion****Faculty on Emotional Stability****Hypothesis - 01**

- There is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students with dimension Mental Health on Emotional Stability.

**Table No. 03. Mean SD and F Value of Faculty on Emotional Stability.**

Factor	Faculty	Mean	SD	N	DF	F Value	Sign.
Emotional Stability	Arts Students	7.35	1.17	40	117	1.60	NS
	Commerce Students	7.32	1.33	40			
	Science Students	7.60	1.26	40			

**Figure No.01. Mean of Faculty on Emotional Stability**

Observation of the Table No 03 indicated that the mean value of three classified group seems to differ from each other on Emotional Stability. The mean and SD value obtained by the Arts Students was 7.35,  $\pm$  1.17, Commerce Students was 7.32,  $\pm$  1.33 and Science Students was 7.60,  $\pm$  1.26. Both group 'F' ratio was 1.60. Faculty effect represent the Emotional Stability was not significant (Critical value of "F" with df 117 at 0.01 = 3.92 and at 0.05 = 6.84 and NS- Not significant). This is not significant 0.01 and at 0.05 levels because they obtained 'F' value

is Low than table values at 0.01 and 0.05. That is to say that this null hypothesis is accepted and Alternative hypothesis is rejected. It means that there is no significant difference Between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students on Emotional Stability.

#### Faculty on Over-all Adjustment

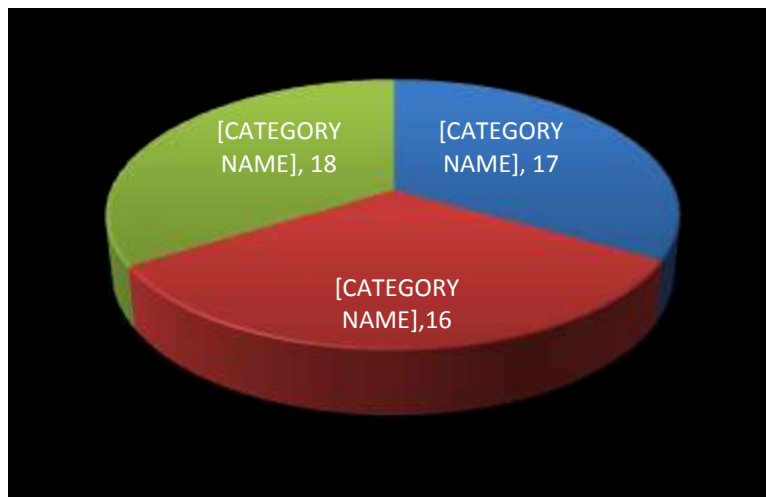
##### Hypothesis - 02

There is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students with dimension Mental Health on Over-all Adjustment.

**Table No. 04. Mean SD and F Value of Faculty on Over-all Adjustment.**

Factor	Faculty	Mean	SD	N	DF	F Value	Sign.
Over-all Adjustment	Arts Students	17	3.90	40	117	2.54	NS
	Commerce Students	16	3.04	40			
	Science Students	18	2.64	40			

**Figure No.02. Mean of Faculty on Over-all Adjustment**



Observation of the Table No 04 indicated that the mean value of three classified group seems to differ from each other on Over-all Adjustment. The mean and SD value obtained by the Arts Students was 17,  $\pm$  3.90, Commerce Students was 16,  $\pm$  3.04 and Science Students was 18,  $\pm$  2.64. Both group 'F' ratio was 2.54. Faculty effect represent the Over-all Adjustment was not significant (Critical value of "F" with df 117 at 0.01 = 3.92 and at 0.05 = 6.84 and NS- Not significant). This is not significant 0.01 and at 0.05 levels because they obtained 'F' value is

Low than table values at 0.01 and 0.05. That is to say that this null hypothesis is accepted and Alternative hypothesis is rejected. It means that there is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students on Over-all Adjustment.

#### Faculty on Autonomy

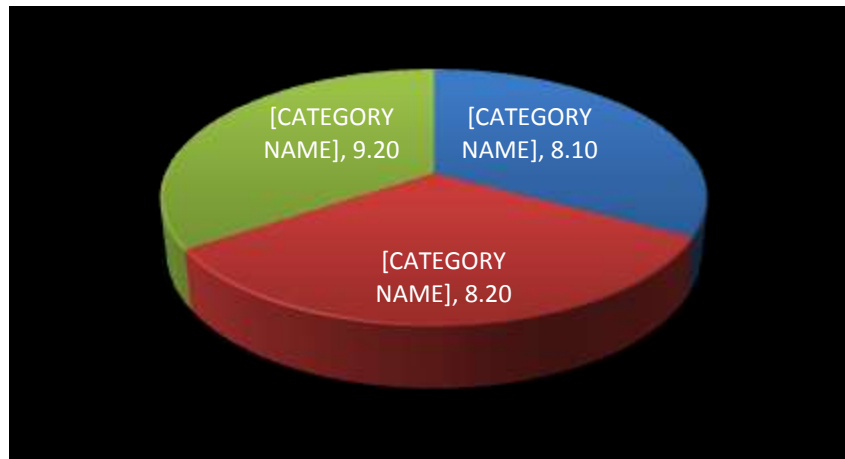
##### Hypothesis - 03

- There is no significant difference Between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students with dimension Mental Health on Autonomy.

**Table No. 05. Mean SD and F Value of Faculty on Autonomy.**

Factor	Faculty	Mean	SD	N	DF	F Value	Sign.
Autonomy	Arts Students	8.10	1.20	40	117	0.29	NS
	Commerce Students	8.20	1.16	40			
	Science Students	9.20	1.26	40			

Figure No.03. Mean of Faculty on Autonomy



Observation of the Table No 05 indicated that the mean value of three classified group seems to differ from each other on Autonomy. The mean and SD value obtained by the Arts Students was 8.10,  $\pm$  1.20, Commerce Students was 8.20,  $\pm$  1.16 and Science Students was 9.20,  $\pm$  1.26. Both group 'F' ratio was 0.29. Faculty effect represent the Autonomy was not significant (Critical value of 'f' with df 117 at 0.01 = 3.92 and at 0.05 = 6.84 and NS- Not significant). This is not significant 0.01 and at 0.05 levels because they obtained 'F' value is Low than table

values at 0.01 and 0.05. That is to say that this null hypothesis is accepted and Alternative hypothesis is rejected. It means that there is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students on Autonomy.

#### Faculty on Security-Insecurity

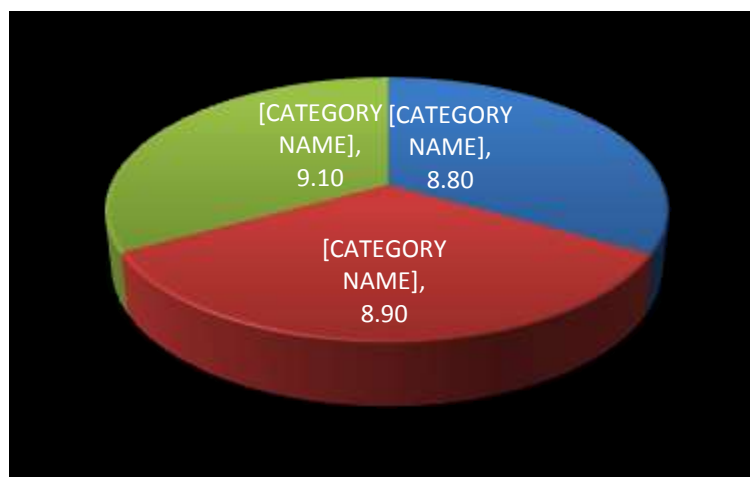
##### Hypothesis - 04

There is no significant difference Between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students with dimension Mental Health on Security-Insecurity.

Table No. 06. Mean SD and F Value of Faculty on Security-Insecurity.

Factor	Faculty	Mean	SD	N	DF	F Value	Sign.
Security-Insecurity	Arts Students	8.80	1.61	40	117	0.44	NS
	Commerce Students	8.90	1.07	40			
	Science Students	9.10	1.35	40			

Figure No.04. Mean of Faculty on Security-Insecurity



Observation of the Table No 06 indicated that the mean value of three classified group seems to differ from each other on Security-Insecurity. The mean and SD value obtained by the Arts Students was 8.80,  $\pm$  1.61, Commerce Students was 8.90,  $\pm$  1.07 and Science Students was 9.10,  $\pm$  1.35. Both

group 'F' ratio was 0.44. Faculty effect represent the Security-Insecurity was not significant (Critical value of 'f' with df 117 at 0.01 = 3.92 and at 0.05 = 6.84 and NS- Not significant). This is not significant 0.01 and at 0.05 levels because they obtained 'F' value is lower than table values at 0.01 and 0.05.



That is to say that this null hypothesis is accepted and Alternative hypothesis is rejected. It means that there is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students on Security-Insecurity.

#### Faculty on Self-Concept

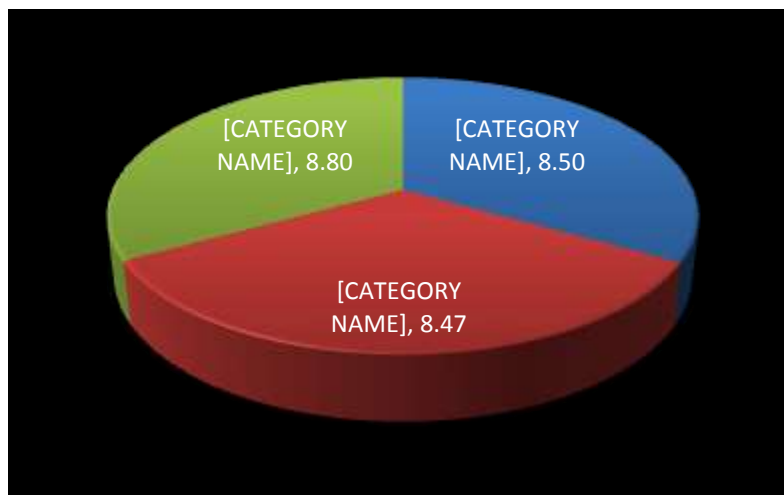
##### Hypothesis - 05

There is no significant difference Between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students with dimension Mental Health on Self-Concept.

**Table No. 07. Mean SD and F Value of Faculty on Self-Concept.**

Factor	Faculty	Mean	SD	N	DF	F Value	Sign.
Self-Concept	Arts Students	8.50	1.54	40	117	0.70	NS
	Commerce Students	8.47	1.18	40			
	Science Students	8.80	1.19	40			

**Figure No.05. Mean of Faculty on Self-Concept**



Observation of the Table No 07 indicated that the mean value of three classified group seems to differ from each other on Self-Concept. The mean and SD value obtained by the Arts Students was 8.50,  $\pm$  1.54, Commerce Students was 8.47,  $\pm$  1.18 and Science Students was 8.80,  $\pm$  1.19. Both group 'F' ratio was 0.70. Faculty effect represent the Self-Concept was not significant (Critical value of "f" with df 117 at 0.01 = 3.92 and at 0.05 = 6.84 and NS- Not significant). This is not significant 0.01 and at 0.05 levels because they obtained 'F' value

is lower than table values at 0.01 and 0.05. That is to say that this null hypothesis is accepted and Alternative hypothesis is rejected. It means that there is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students on Self-Concept.

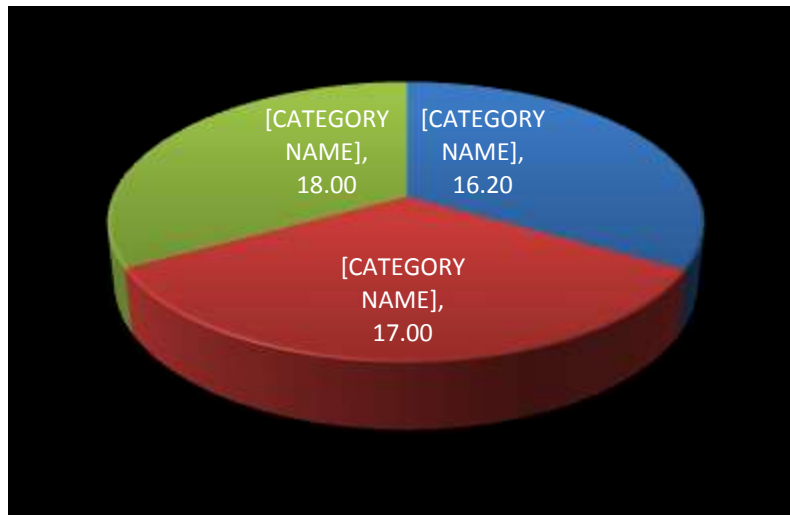
#### Faculty on Intelligence

**Hypothesis – 06:** There is no significant difference Between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students with dimension Mental Health on Intelligence.

**Table No. 08. Mean SD and F Value of Faculty on Intelligence.**

Factor	Faculty	Mean	SD	N	DF	F Value	Sign.
Intelligence	Arts Students	16.20	2.26	40	117	1.87	NS
	Commerce Students	17.00	1.98	40			
	Science Students	18.00	2.22	40			

Figure No.06. Mean of Faculty on Intelligence



Observation of the Table No 08 indicated that the mean value of three classified group seems to differ from each other on Intelligence. The mean and SD value obtained by the Arts Students was 16.20,  $\pm$  2.26, Commerce Students was 17.00,  $\pm$  1.98 and Science Students was 18.00,  $\pm$  2.22. Both group 'F' ratio was 1.87. Faculty effect represent the Intelligence was not significant (Critical value of "f" with df 117 at 0.01 = 3.92 and at 0.05 = 6.84 and NS- Not significant). This is not significant 0.01 and at 0.05 levels because they obtained 'F' value

is lower than table values at 0.01 and 0.05. That is to say that this null hypothesis is accepted and Alternative hypothesis is rejected. It means that there is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students on Intelligence.

#### Faculty on Mental Health

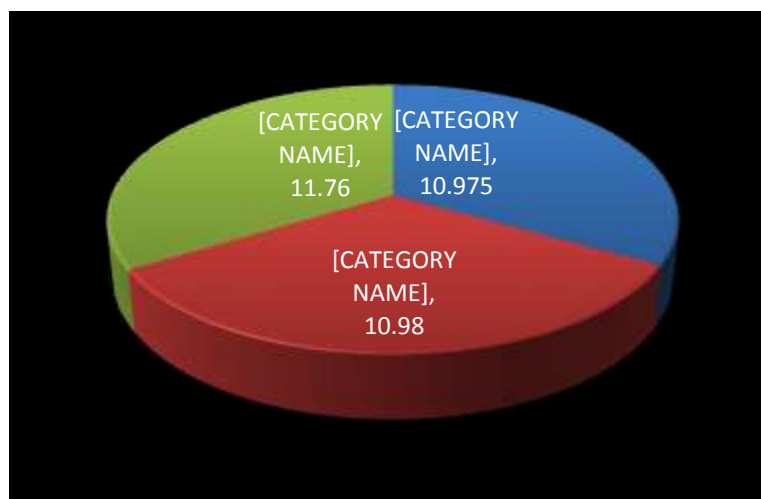
##### Hypothesis - 07

There is no significant difference Between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students with dimension on Mental Health.

Table No. 09. Mean SD and F Value of Faculty on Mental Health.

Factor	Faculty	Mean	SD	N	DF	F Value	Sign.
Mental Health	Arts Students	10.975	3.75	40	117	0.55	NS
	Commerce Students	10.98	3.15	40			
	Science Students	11.76	3.06	40			

Figure No.07. Mean of Faculty on Mental Health



Observation of the Table No 09 indicated that the mean value of three classified group seems to differ from each other on Mental

Health. The mean and SD value obtained by the Arts Students was 10.97,  $\pm$  3.75, Commerce Students was 10.98,  $\pm$  3.15 and

Science Students was 11.76,  $\pm$  3.06. Both group 'F' ratio was 0.55. Faculty effect represent the Mental Health was not significant (Critical value of "F" with df 117 at 0.01 = 3.92 and at 0.05 = 6.84 and NS- Not significant). This is not significant 0.01 and at 0.05 levels because they obtained 'F' value is lower than table values at 0.01 and 0.05. That is to say that this null hypothesis is accepted and Alternative hypothesis is rejected. It means that there is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students on Mental Health.

#### Conclusions:

1. There is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going students on Emotional Stability.
2. There is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going students on Over-all Adjustment.
3. There is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students on Autonomy.
4. There is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students on Security-Insecurity.
5. There is no significant difference between Arts, Commerce and Science College going Students on Self-concept.
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## Effect of Leadership Behaviour on the Social Intelligence of Government Senior Secondary School Principals In Relation To Their Gender

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### Abstract

The present study has been done on the title “effect of leadership behaviour on the social intelligence of government senior secondary school principals in relation to their gender”. In this study, the Independent variable is taken as leadership behaviour, the dependent variable is taken as social intelligence of principals of Government senior secondary schools and gender is taken as demographic variable. A sample of 100 Principals of Government senior secondary schools were taken up in the present study. Two tools, the Leader Behaviour Scale by Dr. Asha Hinger and Social Intelligence Scale by Dr. N.K. Chadha has been used. Mean, Standard Deviation (S.D.) And T-Test has been used for Data Analysis. Findings revealed that the male mean scores is greater than the female mean scores in highly effective leadership behaviour and in moderate effective leadership behaviour female mean scores is greater than the male mean scores. Mean social intelligence scores of male principals is greater than mean social intelligence scores of female principals. There is a significant difference in social intelligence of male and female principals with highly effective leadership behaviour.

**Key-Words:** leadership behaviour, social intelligence, gender, principals

### Introduction

Everybody cannot lead and every person cannot effectively handle organized human relationships. Leader tries to influence the behaviour of others for attainments of some specified goal and objectives. The destiny of a nation, family or a class depends upon wise and effective leaders. It is in the hands of the leaders to raise the nation to a first rate nation under their worthy leadership or they may lead the nation to disaster. The social, culture, political and economic heights to which a country can raise depends upon ability and integrity of its leaders. The institution leader is the head of the institution and guides the fate of the institution. Leadership plays an important part in a group. Leadership is not some dominance. Dominance implies when a man commands others to obey. On the other hand in leadership, a person may exercise his authority because he is accepted as a model

by others. Leadership is a process of mutual stimulation where the teacher influences the group and the group influences the leaders. It may be used effectively or ineffectively by individuals or by groups. The leader-follower's situation involves communication. What the leaders say is heard and accepted, what he writes is read and accepted willingly.

Social intelligence has the longest history. The idea goes to Thorndike (1920), who defined social intelligence as “The ability to understand and manage men and women, boys and girls- to act wisely in human relations.” E.L. Thorndike has divided intelligence activity into three types:

1. Social intelligence, an ability to understand and deal with people.
2. Concern intelligence, or ability to understand and deal with things as in skilled trades and scientific appliances.

3. Abstract intelligence, an ability to understand and deal with verbal and mathematical symbols.

Debate has continued within the psychology field on the details of how the brain components work together; but over the last ten years, researchers agreed on the validity of social intelligence (LeDoux, 2008)

In the past decade Boyatzis and Goleman (2008) identified a substantial performance gap between “socially intelligent and socially unintelligent leaders” with the development and implementation of their Emotional and Social Competency Inventory. The inventory data revealed seven qualities with related behaviors exhibited by successful leaders worldwide.

Boyatzis and Goleman (2008) also identified “word choice, body language and voice tone” as elements of social intelligence. Empathy emerged as the predominant effective leadership behavior, specifically understanding others’ moods, which indicates an emotional connection between leaders and stakeholders (Goleman, 2011b).

Mr. Poban Gogoi (2018) found that the Leadership Effectiveness of the majority of the Principals is slightly higher than the average, no significant difference between leadership effectiveness of the principals of the rural and urban general degree colleges, no significant difference between leadership effectiveness of the principals of the provincialised and non-provincialised general degree colleges.

### **Ways to Develop Social Intelligence**

Current literature indicates that elements of social intelligence might be developed with heightened awareness and practice. With repeated practice, the “brain continually reshapes itself accordingly” (Goleman, 2011b, p. 54) for new skills to grow. More specifically, Goleman (2011b) maintained that commitment with a persistent practical approach to learning will increase the success of acquiring a new behavior. However, cultivating social intelligence has been biologically challenging to some people (Goldsmith, 2010).

E.L. Thorndike (1920) had pointed out that there is an aspect of personality that can be called “social intelligence”, distinct from “concrete” and “abstract” intelligences. Guilford (1985) suggested that social intelligence could be accounted for as a fourth category of information. It carries the implication that there are 30 abilities

involved in social intelligence as specified by structure of intellect (SI) theory, six abilities for dealing with different products of information within each of the five operation categories. The idea that leaders need social skills is not new of course, 1920, Columbia University, psychologist Edward Thorndike pointed out that “the best mechanic in a factory may fail as a foreman for lack of social intelligence.”

### **Need Of The Study**

Everybody knows that a leader plays a very important role in a group or an institution. Without a good leader we cannot suppose a group or an institution. Progress of a group, institution, society or a nation depends on a good leader, and for a good leader it is necessary to have social intelligence, without social intelligence a leader cannot handle a group, an institution, a society or a nation. We communicate through emails and use social networks, which significantly lowers our chance to develop close relationships. While social intelligence describes the exclusively human capacity to effectively navigate and negotiate complex social relationships and environments, so social intelligence is very necessary for a good leader. For a school leader it is very necessary to have social intelligence, without social intelligence a leader is nothing. For the betterment of a school, leadership behaviour and social intelligence is very necessary for the head of the schools. So the present study measures the social intelligence and leadership behaviour of Government senior secondary schools principals for knowing the ability of social intelligence and leadership behaviour because social intelligence and leadership behaviour is very necessary for the students, staff members and a healthy school environment. It is also necessary for the betterment of future generations.

### **Statement of the Problem**

**“Effect Of Leadership Behavior On The Social Intelligence Of Government Senior Secondary School Principals In Relation To Their Gender”**

### **Variables**

In this study, the Independent variable is taken as leadership behaviour, the dependent variable is taken as social intelligence of principals of Government senior secondary schools and gender is taken as demographic variable.

**Objectives**

1. To study the leadership behaviour and social intelligence of principals of Government Senior Secondary Schools.
2. To compare the social intelligence of principals of Government Senior Secondary Schools with highly effective leadership behaviour in relation to gender.
3. To compare the social intelligence of principals of Government Senior Secondary Schools with moderate effective leadership behaviour in relation to gender.

**Hypotheses**

1. There exists no significant difference in the social intelligence of principals of Government senior secondary schools with highly effective leadership behaviour in relation to gender.
2. There exists no significant difference in the social intelligence of principals of

Government senior secondary schools with moderate effective leadership behaviour in relation to gender.

**Design Of The Study**

In the present study, a descriptive survey method was used. The investigator used two questionnaires, leader **behaviour scale** and **social intelligence scale**, to know about the leadership behaviour as well as social intelligence of principals of Government senior secondary schools of Rohtak district. For conducting the present study the investigator divided the sample of principals into the two groups, 49 male principals and 51 female principals.

**Sample**

A sample of 100 Principals of Government senior secondary schools were taken up in the present study. Breakup details of the sample is as follows:

Leadership Behaviour				
		High	Moderate	Total
Social Intelligence	Male	30	19	49
	Female	23	28	51

**Variables**

In this study, *leadership behaviour* has been included as an independent variable and the dependent variable is *social intelligence* of principals of Government senior secondary schools.

**Tool Used**

In the present study, two tools, the Leader Behaviour Scale by *Dr. Asha Hinger* and Social Intelligence Scale by *Dr. N.K. Chadha* has been used.

**Statistical Techniques Used**

Mean, Standard Deviation (S.D.) And T-Test has been used for Data Analysis.

**Analysis And Interpretation of Data**

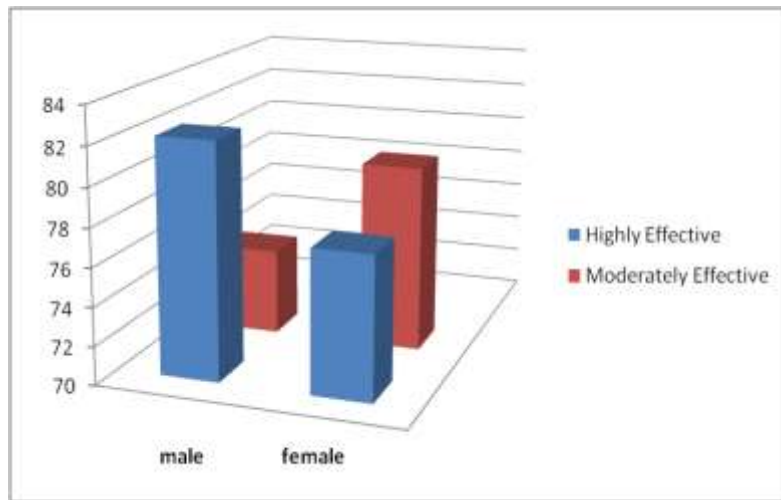
The first objective of the study was “**To study the leadership behaviour and social intelligence of principals of Government senior secondary schools**”. To fulfill this objective, mean score for leadership scores and social intelligence scores has been calculated and presented in table 4.1 **Table 4.1**

**Table showing the highly and moderate Leadership behaviours of the Principals**

Principals	Highly effective	Moderate effective
Male	82.2	74.5
Female	77.4	79.7

Table 4.1 shows the mean scores of highly and moderate leadership behaviour of the principals. Table shows the male mean scores is greater than the female mean scores in

highly effective leadership behaviour and in moderate effective leadership behaviour female mean scores is greater than the male mean scores.



**Fig. 4.1 shows the highly and moderate leadership behaviour of the principals in relation to gender**

Fig. 4.1 shows the male mean scores is greater than the female mean scores in highly effective leadership behaviour and in moderate effective leadership behaviour female mean scores is greater than the male mean scores.

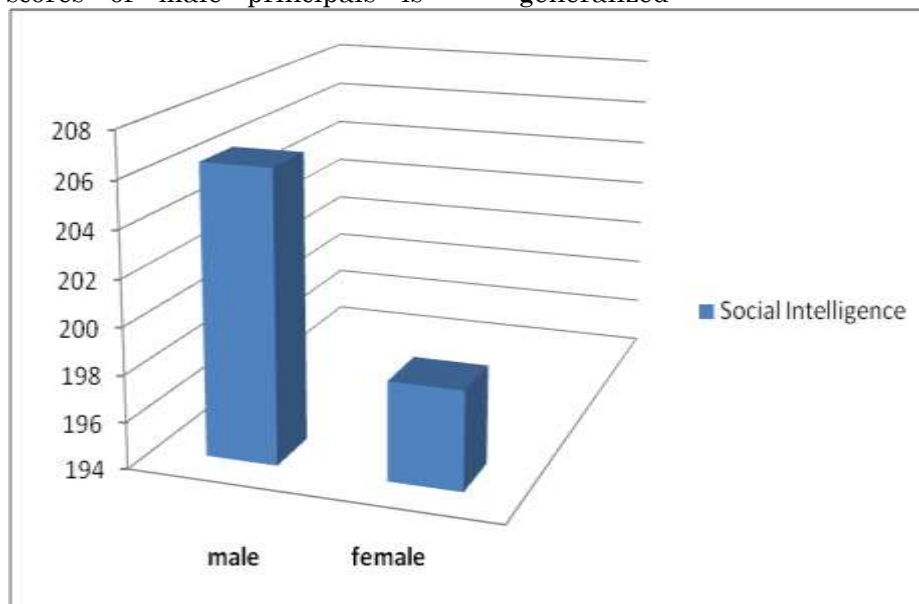
**Table 4.2**

**Table showing mean scores of social intelligence of the principals in relation to gender**

Principals	Social intelligence
Male	206.4
Female	198.2

Table 4.2 shows the mean scores of social intelligence of principals of government senior secondary schools in relation to gender. This depicts that mean social intelligence scores of male principals is

greater than mean social intelligence scores of female principals. This conveys that male principals are more socially intelligent than female principals. But this fact can't be generalized.



**Fig.4.2 shows the mean scores of social intelligence of the principals in relation to gender**

Fig. 4.2 shows the mean scores of social intelligence of the principals of Government senior secondary schools. Fig. shows the male mean scores are greater than the female

mean scores. According to the table male principals are more socially intelligent than the female principals. The first hypothesis is that **there exists no significant**

**difference in social intelligence of principals with highly effective leadership behaviour in relation to Table 4.4**

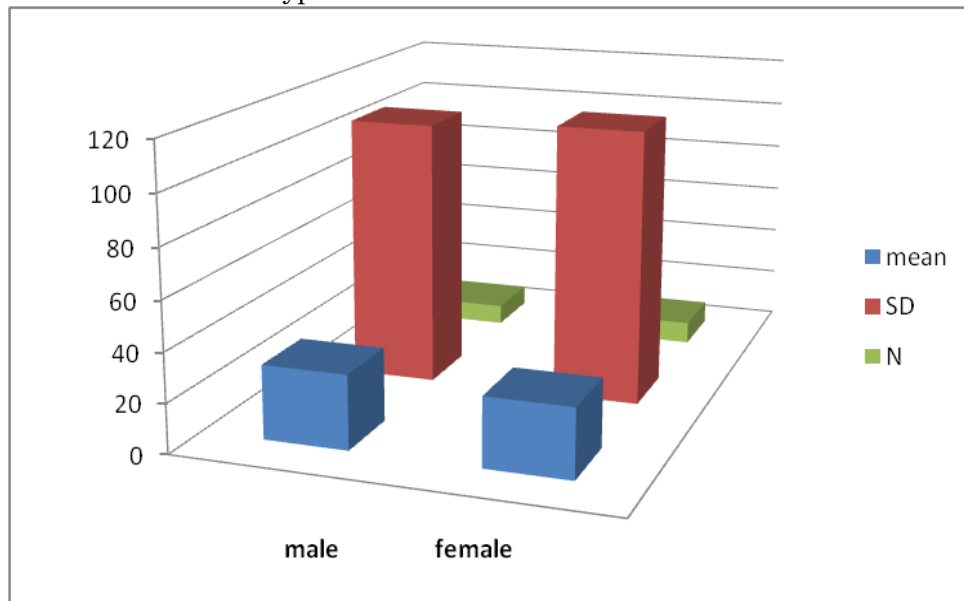
**Table showing Social Intelligence of principals with highly effective leadership behaviour in relation to gender**

Principals	N	Mean	S.D.	T value
Male	N <sub>1</sub> =30	M <sub>1</sub> =108.35	$\sigma_1$ =8.12	2.98**
Female	N <sub>2</sub> =28	M <sub>2</sub> =111.66	$\sigma_2$ =9.03	

Table 4.4 shows the scores of male and female principals. The investigator found that the average scores of principals were 108.35 and 111.66., and the calculated t' value is 2.98. Therefore our hypothesis is

**gender.** Table 4.4 shows the social intelligence of principals with highly effective leadership behaviour in relation to gender.

rejected on 0.01 significant level which means there is a significant difference in social intelligence of male and female principals with highly effective leadership behaviour.



**Fig: 4.3 showing Social Intelligence of principals with highly effective leadership behaviour in relation to gender**

The next hypothesis is that there **exists no significant difference in social intelligence of male and female principals with moderate effective leadership behaviour in relation to Table 4.5**

**Table showing Social Intelligence of principals with moderate effective leadership behaviour in relation to gender**

Principals	Mean	S.D.	N	T value
Male	M <sub>1</sub> =115.78	$\sigma_1$ =2.24	N <sub>1</sub> =19	20.31**
Female	M <sub>2</sub> =115.652	$\sigma_2$ =2.16	N <sub>2</sub> =23	

The investigator found that the average scores of principals with moderate effective leadership behaviour were 115.78 and 115.652., and the calculated t' value is 20.31. Therefore the hypothesis gets rejected on

**gender.** Table 4.5 shows the social intelligence of principals with moderate effective leadership behaviour in relation to gender.

0.01 significant level which means that there is a significant difference in social intelligence of male and female principals with highly effective leadership behaviour.

#### **Educational Implications:**

1. This study can help to know the leadership qualities of male and female principals of Government as well as non-government schools.

2. This study can help to know how a good leader is a better administrator of a school.  
3. This study can help to know that a good leader is also a socially intelligent person.

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## Empirical Analysis of Services Trade of India

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### 1.0 Introduction:

Empirical research is data based research, coming up with conclusions which are capable of being verified by observation or experiment. It relies on experience or observation alone. In this type of research, researcher must first provide himself with a working hypothesis or guess as to probable results. Researcher then works to get enough facts (data) to prove or disprove his hypothesis. This research today considered to be the most powerful support possible for a given hypothesis. The conclusions of this research are exclusively derived from concrete, verifiable evidence. In other words, any research where conclusions of the study are strictly drawn from concretely empirical evidence and therefore “verifiable” evidence is called empirical research.

There are two types of empirical research. One is qualitative research which methods are used to gather non- numerical data. It is used to find meanings, opinions, or the underlying reasons from its subjects. These methods are unstructured or semi structured. The sample size for such a research is usually small and it is a conversational type of method to provide in depth information about the problem, for example Interviews, focus groups. Another type of empirical research is quantitative research. These methods are used to gather information through numerical data. It is used to quantify opinions, behaviours or other defined variables. These are predetermined and are in a more structured format. e. g. survey, polls.

Services sector has become important for many economies in the world and very important particularly for India. It is a large and most dynamic part of the Indian economy both in terms of employment potential and contribution to national income. Indian services sector has emerged as the largest and the fastest growing sector. Services sector remains the key driver of India's economic growth.

Taking into consideration the revealed comparative advantage in services trade during 2000 to 2005 researcher found that, according to Balassa RCA, RSCA index values India has a comparative advantage in the exports of the telecommunication,

computer and information services in the study period and according to TBI index values India was in capacity of net exporter of the telecommunication, computer and information services.

### 2.0 Objectives of the Study:

1. To know the empirical analysis in research
2. To study services trade of India

### 3.0 Research Methodology of the Study:

This study is purely depending on secondary data. Data is collected from various articles/research papers published in journals, reference books, RBI website and other websites. For analysis used empirical research methods. Here researcher apply RCA, RSCA and TBI index for empirical analysis.

### 4.0 Steps for conducting Empirical Research:

1. Establishing the research objective
2. Reviewing relevant literature and supporting theories
3. Framing the hypothesis and measurement.
4. Defining the research design, methodology and data collection techniques.
5. Conducting data analysis and framing the results.
6. Making conclusions

### 5.0 Empirical Research Cycle:

1. **Observation:** At this phase an idea is sparked for proposing a hypothesis.

During this phase empirical data is gathered using observation. e.g. India has comparative advantage in services trade.

2. **Induction:** Inductive reasoning is then carried out to form a general conclusion from the data gathered through observation. e. g. why India has a comparative advantage in services trade?
3. **Deduction:** This phase helps the researcher to deduce a conclusion out of his/her experiment. This has to be based on logic and rationality to come up with specific unbiased results. e. g. In which services trade India has comparative advantage?
4. **Testing:** This phase involves the researcher to return to empirical methods to put his/her hypothesis to the test. The researcher now needs to make sense of his/her data and hence needs to use statistical methods to determine services and comparative advantage in trade relationship.
5. **Evaluation:** During this phase the researcher puts forth the data he/she has collected, the support argument and his/her conclusion. The researcher also states the limitations for the experiment and his/her hypothesis and suggests tips for others to pick it up and continue a more in depth research for others in the future.

## 6.0 Empirical Analysis of Services Trade of India:

In this study assessed the comparative advantage of India for a considerable period of time, i.e. 2000 to 2005. Here studying comparative advantage over a period of time benefits importance. If change in world exports/imports in a particular year will have an effect on India's comparative advantage therefore India's exports/imports are evaluated from a relative point of view. The main objective of the study is to find out in which service category India has a scope for specialisation. Liesner (1958) who first carried out the analysis of international trade by using ex-post data and he made an attempt to calculate the comparative advantage of the industrial products export from Great Britain to its European competitors.

### The Revealed Comparative Advantage (RCA):

To measure country's revealed comparative advantage in trade in particular services by calculating the share of that particular

services in the country's total exports relative to the services share in total world export. Here used Bela Balassa (1965) derived index of revealed comparative advantage (RCA) which is often called in practice as the Balassa Index. We can identify whether a country has a revealed comparative advantage or not. Its formula is as follows:

$$\text{Balassa (1965) RCA: } RCA_{ij} = (X_{ij}/X_{wj}) / (X_i/X_w)$$

Where,  $X_{ij}$  = ith country's exports of commodity j

$X_{wj}$  = world exports of commodity j

$X_i$  = total export of country i

$X_w$  = total world export.

The RCA index value range are from zero to infinity ( $0 < RCA < \infty$ ). If the RCA index value exceeds unity, the country is said to have a revealed comparative advantage in that commodity or services produced domestically. But if the RCA index value is less than unity, the country is said to have a comparative disadvantage in the commodity or services.

### 7.0 Empirical Results:

In order to determine the competitiveness of the services which have the largest share in India's services exports. Researcher used Balassa Index, the RSCA and TBI indices. In this study also created 'Product Mapping' of the services benefiting from the RSCA and TBI index values.

### The Results of Balassa Index:

The Balassa index results are shown in Table1. According to Balassa index results, India had a comparative advantage in the telecommunication, computer and information services, other commercial services and other business services. According to the results of the Balassa index, telecommunication, computer and information services had the highest index value for the period studied. Other services with the highest RCA values were other commercial services, other business services and transportation services. On the other hand, while India had a comparative disadvantage in financial services. According to the classification of the RCA index (Balassa Index) values generated by Jeroen Hinloopen and Charles V. Marrewijk (2001), India had a strong comparative advantage in telecommunication, computer and information services. India had a weak comparative advantage in other business services and other commercial services. It had revealed comparative disadvantage in



transportation, travel, financial and construction services.

**Table 1: The Revealed Comparative Advantage of Services using Balassa Index:**

Year	Transportation Services	Telecommunication, Comp. and Information Services	Financial Services	Travel Services	Construction Services	Other Business Services	Other Commercial Services
2000	0.53	21.30	0.31	0.67	1.59	NA	1.48
2001	0.54	26.20	0.56	0.61	0.19	NA	1.50
2002	0.58	25.10	0.49	0.53	0.57	NA	1.50
2003	0.59	25.80	0.25	0.64	0.57	NA	1.40
2004	0.52	22.10	0.14	0.56	0.67	1.38	1.48
2005	0.55	17.10	0.30	0.53	0.30	1.49	1.47

Source: Author's Calculations

**The Revealed Symmetric Comparative Advantage (RSCA):**

To know the revealed comparative advantage in services exports here used the RSCA index created by Dalum, Laursen and Villumsen (1998) which is the indicator of comparative advantage. It is a simple decreasing monotonic transformation of the RCA or Balassa index. The RSCA index created by Dalum, Laursen and Villumsen (1998) is formulated as follows:

$$RSCA_{ij} = (RCA_{ij} - 1) / (RCA_{ij} + 1)$$

Where,  $RCA_{ij}$  represents the Balassa Index (RCA). The values of the RSCA index can vary from minus one to plus one (or  $-1 \leq RSCA \leq 1$ ). The RSCA value greater than zero implies that country i has a comparative

advantage in the group of products j. In contrast, if RSCA value less than zero implies that country i has a comparative disadvantage in the group of products j.

The RSCA index results are shown in Table 2. This index has similar results with the Balassa index. The values of the RSCA index are greater than zero in the telecommunication, computer and information services, other commercial services and other business services during 2000 to 2005. In other words, India had a comparative advantage in the said services and period. The fact that values of the RSCA index are less than zero implies that India had a comparative disadvantage in the transportation, travel, financial and construction services.

**Table 2: The Revealed Comparative Advantage of India in Exports of Service According to RSCA Index:**

Year	Transportation Services	Tele. Comp and Information Services	Financial Services	Travel Services	Construction Services	Other Business Services	Other Commercial Services
2000	-0.31	0.91	-0.53	-0.20	0.23	NA	0.19
2001	-0.30	0.93	-0.28	-0.24	-0.68	NA	0.20
2002	-0.27	0.92	-0.34	-0.31	-0.27	NA	0.20
2003	-0.26	0.93	-0.60	-0.22	-0.27	NA	0.17
2004	-0.32	0.91	-0.75	-0.28	-0.20	0.16	0.19
2005	-0.29	0.89	-0.54	-0.31	-0.54	0.20	0.19

Source: Author's Calculations

**The Trade Balance Index (TBI):**

To analyse whether a country has specialization in export (as a net-exporter) or in import (as a net-importer) for a specific group of products or services Widodo (2009) and Lafay (1992) has formulated The Trade Balance Index (TBI). The TBI is formulated as follows:

$$TBI_{ij} = (X_{ij} - M_{ij}) / (X_{ij} + M_{ij})$$

Where  $TBI_{ij}$  denotes the Trade Balance Index of country i for the group of products j. The values of the index range from -1 to +1. The TBI value equals -1 if a country only

imports; in contrast, the TBI value equals +1 if a country only exports. When the value of the TBI is positive a country is referred to as a net-exporter and as a net-importer where the value of the TBI is negative. When the value of TBI between -1 and +1 implies that the country exports and imports a commodity simultaneously. The index is not defined when a country neither exports nor imports. In this case we consider zero since the group of products shows either potential to be exported or imported.

The TBI index results are shown in Table 3. According to the TBI index results, India was

a net exporter in the telecommunication, computer and information services, other business services, other commercial services,

travel services during study period. In other words, the trends of the TBI index are the same as those of the RSCA index.

**Table 3: The Revealed Comparative Advantage of India According to TBI Index:**

Year	Transportation Services	Tele. Comp and Information Services	Financial Services	Travel Services	Construction Services	Other Business Services	Other Commercial Services
2000	-0.63	NA	-0.64	0.13	0.60	NA	0.17
2001	-0.61	0.72	-0.71	0.03	-0.76	NA	0.16
2002	-0.55	0.66	-0.44	0.02	-0.44	NA	0.19
2003	-0.51	0.80	-0.14	0.11	-0.63	NA	0.16
2004	-0.50	0.82	-0.40	0.12	-0.23	0.03	0.23
2005	-0.52	0.84	0.14	0.10	-0.27	0.15	0.32

Source: Author's Calculations

Thus by using empirical research analysis researcher found that, according to Balassa RCA, RSCA index values India has a comparative advantage in the exports of the telecommunication, computer and information services in the study period and according to TBI index values India was in capacity of net exporter of the telecommunication, computer and information services during study period.

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## Effective Dose of Gamma Irradiation and Ems for Mutagenesis in Soybean (Glycine Max) Variety Phule Kalyani Ds-228

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### Abstract

For mutagenesis investigation in plants, it is essential to investigate the effective dose for inducing mutation. When the seeds are treated with mutagens, 50 % inhibition in seed germination indicates its effectiveness. The doses of mutagens at which less than 40 % and more than 60 % seed germination occurs, is considered as optimum dose. 50% inhibition in seed germination is observed in combination doses of gamma irradiation 200 Gy and EMS 0.3 % and another great decrease of seed germination of 40 % is observed in combination doses are 100 Gy + 0.2 %, 150 Gy + 0.2 % and 100 Gy + 0.3 %.

**Key words:** Gamma Irradiation, EMS, Mutagenesis.

### Introduction

Mutagens such as gamma irradiation and EMS can be used for producing plant varieties with improved qualities such as higher yield, shorter cultivation time, resistance to diseases, pests and effect of climate change. Seeds of every other plant species have range of induction and tolerance of mutagens. Effective dose of mutagen is the most important factor to determining the success of mutation breeding.

### Methodology

Twenty seeds of Soybean (*Glycine max*) CV Phule Kalyani DS-228 were treated with distilled water. Within 48 hour, 18 seeds, out of 20, got germinated, indicating 90 % seed germination. The lots of 10 seeds each were treated with EMS and gamma irradiation and the results obtained on per cent germination are shown in Table 1.

**Table.1: Effect of mutagen treatments on per cent germination of Soybean seeds.**

Mutagens	No. Seed taken	Treatments	Treatment Time	Leaching of EMS With DW	Number of seeds germinated	Germination percentage (%)
Control	10	-	-	-	09	90
Gamma irradiation	10	100 Gy	1 Gray/min	-	08	80
	10	150 Gy	1 Gray/min	-	07	70
	10	200 Gy	1 Gray/min	-	09	90
EMS	10	0.1 %	08 hr	3.5 hr	09	90
	10	0.2 %	08 hr	3.5 hr	07	70
	10	0.3 %	04 hr	04 hr	09	90
Combination (Gamma ray + EMS)	10	100 + 0.1	07 hr	3.5 hr	10	100
	10	150 + 0.1	06 hr	3.5 hr	09	90
	10	200 + 0.1	05 hr	3.5 hr	09	90
	10	100 + 0.2	07 hr	3.5 hr	06	60
	10	150 + 0.2	06 hr	3.5 hr	06	60
	10	200 + 0.2	05 hr	3.5 hr	08	80
	10	100 + 0.3	04 hr	04 hr	06	60
	10	150 + 0.3	04 hr	04 hr	07	70
	10	200 + 0.3	04 hr	04 hr	05	50

## Results and Discussion

Combination treatment of 200 Gy gamma irradiation + 0.3 % EMS for 4 hours showed more lethality, wherein only 50 % seeds survived. The combined treatments (200 + 0.3, 100 + 0.2, 150 + 0.2 and 100 + 0.3) were found to be suitable for mutagenesis.

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## Studying the Relationship between the Performance of Zilla Parishad Teachers' Problem-Solving Abilities And Personality Traits.

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### Abstract

The relationship between personality traits and ability to solve problems is the subject of this study. The ability to solve problems is a mental process that is part of the larger problem process, which includes finding, shaping, and achieving a final goal. Our attempt to investigate the personality and problem-solving skills of D.Ed. Zilla Parishad teachers in the Nagpur region is presented in this paper. The study's findings show that with teacher with extrovert personality have strong problem-solving skills. There is also no correlation between personality and problem-solving ability among DE.d Zilla Parishad Teachers.

**Key Words:** Job stress, Personality, Zilla Parishad Teachers

### Introduction

The ability to solve problems is an important skill for resiliency. Life always brings new problems. These problems can take many forms; they may be relationship problems, problems with work or study, health problems or social problems. Without a way of solving these problems as they arise, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and helpless. Fortunately, although some problems may be harder to solve than others, good problem solvers usually apply the same approach to solving any problem. Once you learn this approach, it can easily be applied to any type of problem. Problem focused coping involves taking direct steps to solve the problem. People generate alternative solutions, weigh them in terms of costs and benefits, and choose between them. Problem focused behavior are used when the stressor is perceived as controllable and there is only a moderate level of stress.

### Objectives:

To study the relation between Personality Traits and Problem Solving Ability of Zilla Parishad D.Ed. teachers.

### Hypotheses:

There is No Significant relationship between personality traits and Problem Solving Coping Skill of Zilla Parishad D.Ed. teachers.

**Review Of Related Literature:** Nermin Koruklu (PhD), Department of Guidance and

Psychological Counseling, Adnan Menderes University, Merkez, Aydin, Turkey The purpose of this study was to investigate the mediating role of self-esteem in the connection between personality and social problem-solving among Turkish youth, as well as the direct and indirect relationships between personality, self-esteem, and social problem-solving. According to the findings, personality and self-esteem had a direct impact on social problem-solving, and self-esteem had an indirect impact on personality. In conclusion, personality and self-esteem were found to have a significant impact on Turkish youth's ability to solve social problems.

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tough spots, that can be delegated complicated, dynamic, non-straightforward, interconnected, and diverse, and furthermore polytelic This study was intended to explore the speculation that character qualities are connected with CPS execution. People who exhibit the additional behavioral characteristics of resilience, action orientation, and motivation for creation are more likely to successfully solve complex problems, whereas people who exhibit schizotypal, histrionic, dependent, and depressive traits are less likely to do so.

#### Method

The research used survey method for the study. The research involved the D.Ed.-

qualified Nagpur region Zilla Parishad teachers.

#### Sampling Method

The non-probability sampling method was chosen by the researcher for the study. The kind of Non - Likelihood chose was Purposive Examining. For the study, the Advantage of Purposive Sampling was the best option. The final sample size for the data was 80 school teachers.

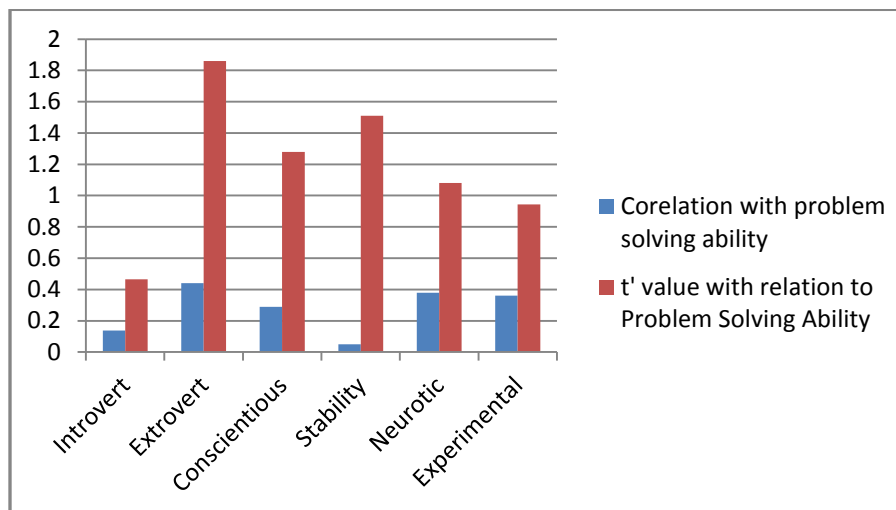
#### Tools for Data Collection

For the current study, the following tool were selected for data collection.

16 PF Prepared by S.D. Kapoor and V.K.D Tripathi for testing of personality types. Questionnaires were prepared, by researcher, for knowing the Coping Skill of teachers

#### Result

Sr. No	Variable	No of teacher	Mean	S.D.	Co-Relation	't' value	Result
1	Introvert	13	7.69	0.91	0.138	0.465	Insignificant
	Problem Solving		2.30	0.46			
2	Extrovert	14	5.17	2.27	0.44	1.86	Significant
	Problem Solving		2.50	0.65			
3	Conscientious	20	6.85	1.33	0.29	1.28	Insignificant
	Problem Solving		2.23	0.37			
4	Stability	12	8.82	1.31	0.05	1.51	Insignificant
	Problem Solving		3.18	0.57			
5	Neurotic	11	6.89	1.85	0.38	1.08	Insignificant
	Problem Solving		3.00	0.47			
6	Experimental	10	7.25	1.94	0.36	0.944	Insignificant
	Problem Solving		4.00	0.71			



Co-efficient of Correlation of Teachers with Introvert Personality is **0.138.**, **Negligible relationship** seen in Introvert personality type of teachers and their Problem solving skills. 't' value **0.465** show insignificant relation in both variables

Co-efficient of Correlation of Teachers with Introvert Personality is **0.44.**, **Moderate and Substantial relationship** seen in Extrovert personality type of teachers and their Problem solving skills. 't' value **1.86** show significant relation in both variables

Co-efficient of Correlation of Teachers with Introvert Personality is **0.29.**, **low and small relationship** seen in Conscientious personality type of teachers and their Problem solving skills. **‘t’** value **1.26** show Insignificant relation in both variables

Co-efficient of Correlation of Teachers with Stability Personality is **0.05.**, **Negligible relationship** in Stability personality type of teachers and their Problem solving skills. **‘t’** value **1.15** show Insignificant relation in both variables

Co-efficient of Correlation of Teachers with Neurotic Personality is **0.38.**, **low and small relationship** in Neurotic personality type of teachers and their Problem solving skills. **‘t’** value **1.08** show Insignificant relation in both variables

Co-efficient of Correlation of Teachers with Experimental Personality is **0.36.**, **low and small relationship** in Experimental personality type of teachers and their Problem solving skills. **‘t’** value **0.944** show Insignificant relation in both variables

#### Conclusion

The D.Ed. Zilla Parishad Teachers who are introverts rarely employ problem-solving skills. The interpretation demonstrates that these educators value their own time and space to think, feel, and experiment.

The D.Ed. Zilla Parishad educators with Outgoing individual character use Critical thinking expertise. Extroverts tend to be confident in themselves, active, adventurous, ambitious, and assertive. The interpretation demonstrates that these educators have a strong propensity to use rational strategies like problem solving and a positive reappraisal of issues.

The Zilla Parishad D.Ed. educators lack critical thinking skills because of their security character. Another motor skill that involves shifting weight and balancing is stability. They don't solve or concentrate on problems; they deal with situations as they come up.

The D.Ed. Zilla Parishad Conscientious teachers do not employ problem-solving skills. Conscientious people are persistent, well-planned, reasonable, and have a high level of commitment to the organization. The interpretation demonstrates that these educators prefer to focus on problem-solving rather than problem-reviewing.

D.Ed. Zilla Parishad teacher with neurotic personality utilize decisive reasoning at an exceptionally low level. they are bound to feel

gloomy feelings, instructors with these character types are bound to battle with low confidence and social tension. Never is the emphasis on decisive reasoning.

The experimental D.Ed Zilla Parishad teacher employs their problem-solving abilities at a very low level. In their own unique ways, experimental instructors are critical; they are more receptive to changes. Experimental professors are more critical of students who have the ability to solve issues on their own and who do not use the capability.

#### Suggestion

To avoid stress, Zilla parishad teachers need to work on their personality, be persistent, well-planned, and reasonable in their Self-Development and Upgrading. they should know about their very own demeanors, which will further develop their critical ability to think expertise and may lessen or irritate pressure. They will be able to work effectively as a result of this, as will the surrounding healthy work environment.

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## Mulkraj Anand and Glimpses of Dalit Religion

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### Abstract

It is ironic that Dalits have been the victims of subaltern studies and postcolonial colonialism. As a result of the religious and political reasons for The Dalit population has been subjected to years of institutionalized prejudicial views since the Hindu caste system was introduced into Indian culture. This community's identity has been seriously harmed by this casteist practise, which has left a glaring imprint of social inequity and separation.

Mulk Raj Anand's novel shows these legislative issues of portrayal. This exposition endeavors to peruse Anand's point of view of Dalit talk intensifying the clever's hushes and logical inconsistencies. It aims to raise questions about the author's approach to the subject. As a result, the purpose of this paper is to describe the Dalit trauma as it is depicted in this brief novel and to ascertain whether or not these paradigms of trauma theory require reevaluation.

**Key Words:** Glimpse, Dalit Religion

Dalits in India are mostly counted under the Hindu community (Guruswamy 2019) but there have been incidents in history that have proved caste discrimination in its utter state when Dalits were restricted from entering temples and their participation in religious processions by the high caste Hindus. Voices came to be heard in favour of Dalit communities in 19th century through the Brahmo Samaj, Arya Samaj and Ramkrishna Mission. The first Hindu temple that even welcomes the Dalits was the Laxminarayan Temple at Wardha in 1928 which was later followed by the Temple entry Proclamation issued by the last King of Travancore in Kerala in 1936. Both Gandhi and Ambedkar resisted the exploitation of the Dalits and wished to incorporate them in Hinduism but Ambedkar followed a different viewpoint in which the Dalits wished to break the chains of Hinduism. Not only this but the Self Respect Movement which started in South India aimed to develop a composite culture based on religious equality. The movement was headed by E V Ramaswamy also known as Periyar in 1925 at Tamil Nadu against Brahminism. However the literary voices also did not remain quiet and time to time authors have been unmuting themselves in issues related to caste discrimination.

Mulk Raj Anand was an eminent writer, novelist and a fiery voice against the injustice done towards the downtrodden and low caste people. His works presented a different perspective of life that was a humanitarian perspective indifferent towards any kind of caste class and racial biases. His was not the one who just sympathized towards them through his words but was the one who used words as powerful tools to fight against the injustice done to them in all spheres of life. He has been successful in comprehending his worries for the future of the downtrodden and lower sections of the society, his unique art of transforming the frustrations and agony of the low class, and his realistic portrayal of the mistreatment of the suppressed was unmatched in his work *Untouchable* where his protagonist Bakha reflects all the above aspects and makes the readers think twice about the human aspect of humanity. Writers like Valmiki who have highlighted the most pathetic aspects of casteism in India through works like *Joothan* Douglas Baum observes :

Instead of following a straight pattern, the author goes from memory to memory, indicating how, despite the lengths he has travelled to become one of Dalit literature's most important writers, his present is terribly damaged by his past. Valmiki narrates his



youth in the Uttar Pradesh hamlet of Barla. He describes the cruel treatment he received at school as a result of his status as an untouchable. He talks about the pain he went through when he requested to spend three days scrubbing the school courtyard instead of going to study class with his better caste peers.

Widely acclaimed as an Anglo Indian author for the representation of the life of the downtrodden in the traditional social setup of India, Anand's works portray Dalit religious beliefs and philosophies in which they are shown as God fearing people. The biased religious belief of the high class people divides society into polluted and unpolluted and unfortunately they fall into the former category where even they were restricted to walk upon or see the shadow of a high class man. Referred as the Untouchable they were considered the outcaste whose main aim was to maintain hygiene and cleanliness for the high class by sweeping and cleaning toilets.

Untouchable is the prominent work of Anand which is not just a book but an epic saga of the sufferings of the poor and outcaste people in the caste structure. Bakha, the protagonist belongs to the class of outcaste and is treated as an untouchable in the society. He is a marginal character and suffers exploitation in hands of his cruel high caste masters but his revolt against them is silent and passive. Nowhere in the novel one can see Bakha owning a flagship along with his community members to raise revolutionary voices and fight for a cause, but one can see him just silently suffering the oppression. At times his idea of dressing up and behaving as an English man reflects his zest for gaining high status, money and material to develop his class and get empowered but only through his actions there is an indirect portrayal of the downtrodden suffering to gain a human identity and human treatment in the human society. This treatment of Bakha's character and his sufferings point to the idea of Dalit religion and their belief in suffering to strive for purgation of soul and attainment of salvation.

The low class work assigned to the people of his community includes cleaning of the toilets and sweeping the streets. The filthy nature of their occupation puts them into the low class category, however it is quite ironical that to maintain the cleanliness of the upper class people the low

caste strive but they are the only ones who are treated close to dirt and filth. Even when Bakha peeped out of the glass the priest shouts, "Polluted! Polluted!"

The priest shouted, "polluted! polluted!" as Bakha peered through the glass. A throng quickly gathered, and they all chastised Bakha, telling him that they would have to conduct a cleansing rite right now. "You scavenger, get off the stairs!" I'm leaving with you! "You've ruined our whole service!" yelled the crossed.

Bakha dashed down to the farmyard, where his sister awaited him. "I have been polluted by touch," the priest declared, shocking him (Untouchable, Anand). There is an intermingling of caste with religion in the Indian cultural perspective and caste is essentially supported by religious backing therefore both caste and religion form the two main pillars of Indian society. A careful study of the Indian social system helps in understanding the religious perspective of Dalits. Dalits are basically God fearing people and one can perceive their religion as an embodiment of their social and cultural identity. The idea of Dalit religion is basically related to their social identity and self respect which is somewhat very different from Hinduism. In *Untouchable* one can observe through the character of Bakha and his sister how silently they suffer the abuses and its inflictions are only talked about and reflected in intra personal communication rather than outspoken ideas or revolutionary moves to get rid of the oppression.

The religious sense and pride go hand in hand in the Dalit religious philosophy. As far as their religious history is concerned Dalits already show least inclination towards those religious thoughts and beliefs that render inequality in the social atmosphere. As an outcome of the social and religious exclusion the Dalits occupied marginal spaces in the arena of religion as they were pushed out of the religious identity and were declared as the outcaste by the dominating religious groups. Due to this reason Dalits look upon religion as something

influencing their identity and this led them to go for search of new religions. They completely reject the idea of divine presentation in nature and presence of supernatural in forces of nature. In other words the philosophy of animism rules the Dalit religion which segregates them from the Hindu religion and other religions that

perceive God in every atom on the earth. The Dalits there is life supernatural beneath every object of the nature, basically on stone and tree both and that is the reason why outside every hut or village they have defied the objects like trees and stones which reflects their eco friendly nature of religion.

Dr Ambedkar, who is almost worshipped as God by Dalits as next to Buddha was greatly in favour of religion as he felt that religion is essential for human society as it forms the foundation of life and practices in society. He openly claimed that whatever good qualities he had within himself and whatever good things he did for people was just because of the religious feelings present inside him, it was religion that guided him on the right path. As he expresses in his own words that surely he wanted religion but he was against hypocrisy in name of religion. Gandhiji used the term *Harijan* for the untouchables which meant the Children of God.

In *Untouchables* by Mulkraj Anand the character Sohini is molested by the high caste priest and at that moment she realizes that a woman whether male or female is an object to satisfy man's hunger. As per Premila Paul :His coward attempt to molest Sohini appears all the more offensive because of his accusing her and her brother of defiling him at the temple when the attempt is foiled. This brings into sharp focus the standards and perfidy underlying the façade of purity and spirituality. It is ironic that the Brahmin, 'the custodian of culture in India' as Trinayya calls him, makes an attempt to violate one of the fundamental codes of culture. The innocent Bakha and Sohini become victims of the conventional moral codes.

Above context reflects how religion guides women and religion guides others for women. If women are considered as objects on one hand to be used for satisfying hunger then on the other hand one can also see the reflections of Draupadi and Sita along with their revolutionary voices to reject the male authority and the patriarchal set up that belittles women. However things should not be considered just from one aspect or perception while giving the reference of the prehistoric times and lifting examples from the Vedas and the Puranas to show the objectification of women but it is also needed to show their revolt against the existing system of patriarchy against which they have been revolting since olden ancient times.

In the context of Sohini's molestation by the high class priest the low class religion of submissive nature and accepting the patriarchy is revealed even though when their beliefs are different regarding the presence of divine in every atom of nature. The incident reveals that how much religious fundamentalism works when women are confronted with violence:

The women are made to believe that their Indianness is in their slavery. Communal fundamentalism teaches women slavery and men domination. Women will remain moral only if their husbands physically abuse them. Even in the 21st century, women as a society believe that it is okay to endure any atrocity to protect the institution of family. The Dalits have been constantly in search of a religion to adopt that gives them the religious identity of the dominating groups and saves from all kinds of caste discrimination and in this context the Dalit conversion to other religions has gained a considerable speed in the recent years. Mulk Raj Anand's reflection of the Dalit characters and their oppressive voices somewhere call for a religious identity that brings them equal to the dominating class and they also become a part of those castes rather than remaining caste less. Apart from converting themselves to Hindu Dalits the Dalits have been accepting Christianity and Islam as well. There is a possible reason on account of which so much of mass conversion has been observed in the Dalit community. In words of Rahul Sonpimple JNU Delhi :

Dalits in India have not been switching to other religions because they want to follow a separate belief system, as is seen from the history of conversion activities. They "reject" Hinduism outright, which causes them to convert. The entire notion of rejecting Hinduism runs counter to the "Hindu Rashtra" vision of Hindu nationalists, which is essentially a concept built on upper caste superiority. The sheer act of conversion hinders the right-wing from attaining their aim of homogeneity, even while it may not release Dalits from the caste system because higher castes still maintain their dominance in other religions.

The act of conversion is looked upon by the masses as a victimized group's silent, passive and extremely polite reaction against the caste discrimination and violence but at the same time it is a challenge to the supremacy of the oppressor and his rebellion in the name of liberation. In *Untouchable* Anand has

given a fair treatment to Hinduism as well as Islam and has reflected that more and more Dalits are accepted by Islam as it does not have a caste system and practices like untouchability. At a place Bakha has this observation :

"watched with contemptuous displeasure the indecent behaviour of a Mohammedan walking about with his hands buried deep in his trousers, purifying himself in the ritual manner, preparatory to his visit to the mosque. 'I wonder what they say in their prayers?' he asked himself once, he remembered, he had asked Ali, the son of a regimental bandman, 'why they did that?' But Ali would not tell him and was angry, saying that Bakha was insulting his religion." (Penguin P-11)

Being a low class Bakha receives immense empathy from the Muslims and the Sahibs rather than the Hindus of his own country who fling packets at him as if throwing bed to a dog on the street. Bakha observes and experiences that untouchability is not a part of other religions. It is the character of the compassionate tonga wallah who being a Muslim feels sympathetic towards Bakha and does not mind touching him. Thus Anand's reflection of Dalit religion is a crucial aspect of his novel in which he directly reflected the religion of the high class but also indirectly through the silent voices of the Dalits forecasted the idea of conversion in future for the purpose of religious identity.

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## **Agriculture Consortium: A Major Tool for Library Budget**

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### **Abstract:**

India is essentially an agrarian society and basically depends on agricultural outputs. It is therefore essentially that the technology thrust should lay greater emphasis on the transfer of scientific and technological information from the research institutes to its actual users. Libraries and Information Centers are playing a very important role in providing information to the users by building print and electronic collection.

Electronic information services are the keys to the development of agriculture, agriculture education, research and agricultural extension education in India. One of the main objectives of agricultural university libraries in India is to process, organize and disseminate the much-needed agricultural information to the users. The agricultural information services in agricultural university libraries in India to the agricultural scientists, academic staff, students and other agricultural users. In changing agricultural scenario and rapid development of agriculture science and technology, the importance of agricultural information service is vital to the progress of agriculture. Following are some of the most important, relevant and widely used digital/on-line databases and information sources, services and systems in electronic form that cover all the disciplines of agriculture.

### **Introduction**

Today, the pound of information has become the ocean and the river of information is flowing till the top. We are in the era of information explosion where information overload, knowledge explosion, information and communication technology become the buzz words. Everybody is seeking for scholarly and authentic information which should also be accessed at a faster speed. Present e-environment has taken place because of ICT (Information Communication Technology), which is not only transforming the existing libraries but also helping in the emergence of digital libraries, providing the users with the required information on the palm of their hands like never before. Emergence of e-resources has totally transformed the phenomenon of creation; transmission and storage of information. Gone are the days where users have to wait for the interested article to receive through courier, published in printed form. The abundance of e-resources made libraries to look towards the consortia networks to provide the users with the required information.

### **What is Consortium?**

Consortia is the plural form of consortium, but is often used in place of the singular form. Synonymously, the term is used as alliance, coalition, collaboration, co-operation, partnership. It can be termed as co-operative association of a number of libraries of common objective, sharing their resources and meeting the information need for their users. It is a collective effort to increase the buying power of individual library. This helps in a long term resources sharing and providing opportunity to maximize the co-operative collection building. When a mother library of a user fails to fulfill his information requirements, it can be met with the resources of other library if library is a member of consortium model. According to the Oxford English dictionary 'consortia' means a "temporary co-operation of a number of power, companies, etc., for a common purpose. It is an association of similar types of organizations/institutions who are engaged for producing and servicing common things for providing services for a specific purpose of its users." "Library consortia are basically, organizations formed by several libraries coming together with some kind of formal

structure to do things none could do effectively on their own". A library consortium formation can be local, regional, state, national and inter institutional level.

### **Why Consortium?**

The requirement of library consortium is because of:

1. Diversity of user's needs
2. Information explosion
3. Financial crunch of libraries
4. Impossibility of self-efficiencies
5. Population explosion

One point always library should bear in mind that library consortium doesn't mean the division of e-resources cost between the member library. It stands to provide the required e-resources to the libraries of same objectives at a discounted rate.

### **Consortium as a Helping Hand for Library Budget**

Access to resources is now considered more important than the collection building. Every library differs from one another in its collection, information need of users, working style, source of finance, processing of information etc. A consortium, with the collective strength of resources of various institutions available to it, is in a better position to resolve the problems of managing, organizing and archiving the electronic resources. The financial advantages of library consortia in various aspect of library prove how consortia act a helping hand for the library budget, can be summarized as following:

**Financial Benefits:** Common reason that libraries join consortia is to gain some financial benefits. Every library consortia have one common goal that is pooling their collective financial resources to leverage greater economic control over their market place. To reduce the cost of library operations by obtaining a group purchased price for information product. • **Digital Storage of Resources:** Investing on infrastructure to provide space for growing print resources always remains an issue for many libraries. Storing the archiving of resources in digital format save space requirement and will definitely going to save the cost.

**Getting e-Resources at Discounted Rates:** Library consortium are commonly formed to negotiate joint purchases (e.g. of equipment, software, books and licensed electronic databases and resources) and to share resources. Thus save money if purchased jointly.

### **Long Term Subscription - Saves Cost:**

Consortia ensure continuous and long term subscription to the subscribed journals. Individual library may take withdrawal decision of particular information material if he can't bear the cost. But being a consortia member, if a library gets the same material at a discounted rate it may think on continuous and long term subscriptions to the subscribed resources.

**Increase the Cost Benefit of per Subscription:** Library when purchase the e-information resources through consortium, the amount spending on per journal/databases reduced as library purchase them on negotiated prices.

**Promote the Rational Use of Funds:** The percentage of amount which a library saves from being a consortium member can be used for improvement of library infrastructure, in providing new library services, etc.

**Joint Research Projects - Reduce Budget Burden:** Joint research projects between the member libraries on the same research problem can also save the amount and helps in library budget. This would be more if library take the project individually.

**Expand in Inter-library Loan Services - Share the Cost:** Consortium member library has right to make use of resources of other member library. Which improve the inter-library loan services and library need not to subscribe the resources which are maintained by other member library.

**Demonstrate Reduced Cost:** Where funds are limited, to reduce the cost of member library operations, consortia act as an agent on behalf of member libraries to seek a group purchase price for information resources that is lower than that which any one institution could achieve alone.

### **E-resources**

An electronic resource is defined as a resource which requires computer access or any electronic product that delivers a collection of data, be it text referring to full text bases, electronic journals, image collections, other multimedia products and numerical, graphical or time based, as a commercially available title that has been published with an aim to being marketed. These may be delivered on CD ROM, on tape, via internet and so on. Over the past few years, a numbers of techniques and related standards have been developed which allow documents to be created and distributed in electric form. Hence to cope with the present

situation, libraries are shifting towards new media, namely electronic resources for their collection developments that the demands of users are better fulfilled. The e-resources on magnetic and optical media have a vast impact on the collections of university libraries. These are more useful due to inherent capabilities for manipulation and searching, providing information access is cheaper to acquiring information resources, savings in storage and maintenance etc. and sometimes the electronic form is the only alternative.

#### ***Types of e-resources***

The e-resources are basically divided in two major types are:

1. Online e-resources, which may include :

1. e-journal (Full text & bibliographic)
2. e-books
3. on-line Databases
4. Web sites

2. Other electronic resources may include:

1. CD ROM
2. Diskettes
3. Other portable computer databases

#### **Consortium:**

**INDEST (Indian National Digital Library in Science and Technology)**

<http://paniit.iitd.ac.in/indest/>

The “Consortia-based subscription to Electronic Resources for Technical Education System in India” is the most ambitious initiative taken so far in the country by the Ministry of Human Resource Development under the Chairmanship of Prof. N. Balakrishnan. The benefit of consortia-based subscription to electronic resources is not confined to 38 major technological institutions in the country but is also extended to all AICTE-accredited and UGC affiliated institutions. 91 Engineering colleges and Institutions have already joined to consortium on their own. Moreover, the INDEST Consortium, as an open-ended proposition, welcomes other institutions to join it on their own for sharing benefits it offers in terms of highly discounted rates of subscription and better terms of agreement with the publishers. All electronic resources being subscribed are available from the publishers Website. The Consortium has an active mailing list and a Website hosted. Like all IITs can access to major full text databases from different suppliers whereas category two institutions can access to only four full text databases. Institutions can access to only four full text databases.

Institutions desirous to access the resources can join and become member of this consortium. The consortium has proved to be an important source of information even to the students and scientists of Agriculture and allied disciplines so far as the engineering, scientific and technical aspects of Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences are concerned.

#### **UGC- INFONET**

<http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/UGC-Infonet//>

**UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium:**

The University Grants Commission initiated the UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium in year 2004 in order to provide access to a large number of scholarly journals from reputed publishers, aggregators, scholar societies and university presses to universities in India. Under the Consortium, more than 5,000 full-text scholarly electronic journals from 19 international publishers are made accessible to 100 universities in the first phase of its implementation. The access was extended to 150 universities in 2006. The Consortium provides current as well as archival access to core and peer-reviewed journals in different disciplines. Access would ultimately be extended to all 171 Indian universities that come under the purview on UGC. The programme would also be extended gradually to affiliated colleges. The programme is wholly funded by the UGC and monitored by INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network) Centre, Ahmedabad. The UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium has recently launched its “Associate Membership Programme” that facilitates private universities and other institutions to subscribed electronic resources through the Consortium on its own.

#### **CeRA Consortium**

India is predominantly an agrarian country, and the growth of agriculture is reflected in the good yields of different crops that depend on various factors- natural and man-made. Agricultural research, the backbone of agricultural growth in the country, demands timely dissemination of knowledge being generated and updated across the globe from time to time. R & D institutions have been procuring print versions of journals and literature in aid of science and technology. With the rapid growth of internet facilities and advancement of web technology, almost all reputed international journals are available on-line

and can easily be accessed by researchers over the network. Since ICAR is having network connectivity across institutes and state agricultural universities, selected journals could be made available over the network for the use of scientific community. Accordingly, the National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) has funded for establishing the consortium for e-Resources in Agriculture (CeRA) at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) in November 2007 to facilitate accessibility of scientific journals to all researchers/teachers in the National Agricultural Research System by providing access to information specially access to journals online which is crucial for having excellence in research.

#### **Abstracting Services:**

**AGRIS** (International Information System for Agricultural Sciences & Technology)

AGRIS covers all aspects of agricultural sciences and technology. With 135 participating countries and 24 Regional International Centers. AGRIS is based on world's most extensive network for the compilation of bibliographic data. The

#### **CAB Abstract:**

CAB abstract cover all aspects of agriculture, forestry and allied disciplines. CAB international, this database contains over three million bibliographic record with abstracts in English from papers originally published in 74 language.

Producer : CAB  
INTERNATIONAL (CABI)

#### **CAB CD Abstract:**

CABCD, the equivalent of CAB Abstracts cover all aspects of many agriculture, forestry and allied disciplines. Projects operating in the region include information exchange as part of their mandate. Initiatives of these projects include such things as assistance in the writing, publishing and dissemination of scientific and technical literature; creation of viable information centres, literature search facilities and document supply services; development of electronic information networks; provision of technical equipment, resources (e.g., journals, CD-ROMs) and training; and CD-ROM production. CABI has been operating a forestry CD-ROM Sponsorship Programme in the region which uses funding from international and bi-lateral development agencies to provide CD-ROM workstations, TREE-CD, training and back-up document delivery to needy

network is co-coordinated by the Food & Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the UN. The ARIC of ICAR is the national input centre and is contributing to databases about 3500 items per year.

AGRIS (International Information System for the Agricultural Sciences and Technology)

Producer : FAO.

Contents : Approximately 1 million citations, some with abstracts, to the worldwide literature on agriculture.

Subjects covered : History and geography; legislation; education, extension and advisory work; economics, development, marketing, and rural sociology; plant production; protection of plants and stored products; forestry; animal production; veterinary medicine; aquatic sciences and fisheries; machinery and buildings; natural resources; food science; human nutrition; home economics; pollution.

Other products : Agrindex.

Language : English.

Time span : 1975 to date.

Updating : About 10,000 records a month.

Available as : printed - *Forestry Abstracts, Forest Products Abstracts, Agroforestry*

*Abstracts* CD-ROM - CABCD; TREE-CD is a specialised CD-ROM on international forestry literature. Magnetic Tape - CAB; On lease from CABI

Online - CAB ABSTRACTS

organisations. A similar initiative in China for agricultural information included the provision of 34 workstations, 42 sets of agricultural databases on CD-ROM (CABCD, VETCD, FSTA and AGRIS), primary and abstract journals from CABI for 1992-94, CABI, this database contains over three million bibliographic record with abstracts in English from papers originally published in 74 languages.

#### **Bibliographic databases**

##### **Agricola**

AGRICOLA (Agricultural Online Access) is a largest and most comprehensive source of bibliographic database of citations to the agricultural literature created by the National Agricultural Library and its cooperators. Production of these records in electronic form began in 1970, but the database covers materials in all formats, including printed works from the 15th century. The records describe publications



and resources encompassing all aspects of agriculture and allied disciplines, including animal and veterinary sciences, entomology, plant sciences, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries, farming and farming systems, agricultural economics, extension and education, food and human nutrition, and earth and environmental sciences. Although AGRICOLA does not contain the materials, thousands of AGRICOLA records are linked to online full-text documents, with new links being added every day. AGRICOLA is searchable on the World Wide Web at: <http://agricola.nal.usda.gov/> AGRICOLA can be accessed for a fee through several commercial vendors, both online and on CD-ROM. Users can also lease the AGRICOLA file from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS)

#### **CARIS (Current Agricultural Research Information System)**

The Integrated Information System for the Agricultural Sciences and Technology (AGRIS) and the Current Agricultural Research Information System (CARIS) are part of the FAO larger network providing an extensive, world-wide database of information on research in agriculture and related issues. Both AGRIS and CARIS were first introduced in the mid-1970s and are international co-operative systems in which participating countries input references on the agritrop: tropical and subtropical: analytical bulletin

(Not accessible online. Only available as a journal.)

Producer : Centre de Cooperation International IN Recherche Agronomique pour le Development/CIRAD.

Contents : Citations with abstracts to the worldwide literature on tropical and subtropical agriculture.

Subjects covered: Agricultural economics and development; plant science and production; plant protection; post-harvest technology; forestry; animal science; fisheries; agricultural machinery and engineering; processing of agricultural products; cereals; sugar plants; oil plants; fibre plants; fruits; vegetables; pastures; seed crops; stimulant plants; various other plants.

Language : English, French, and Spanish editions.

Time span: 1976 to date.

Updating:: 500 records each half year

Biosis Previews

research conducted and literature produced within their boundaries. The systems are managed and maintained by the AGRIS/CARIS Co-ordinating Group, Library and Documentation Systems Division, FAO, Rome. Forestry is just one of the categories used for entry, but forestry-related literature or research can be found in a number of categories ranging from Forestry to Engineering, Plant Sciences and Environment. With the rapid expansion of knowledge and the technology associated with accessing and using this knowledge, it is time to reassess the effectiveness and coverage of such projects as AGRIS and CARIS. Have these tools been effective in making information more widely available to researchers and decision makers? How can participating countries be assisted to become more pro-active in their association with AGRIS/CARIS in this information age? Many countries in the Asia-Pacific region either are able to access or use the products of the information databases because of lack of funding, training or opportunity. To address the issue of AGRIS/CARIS in the 21st century, an Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation was convened in Bogor, Indonesia, from 4-6 November 1996. This meeting was held in conjunction with the Discussion Forum on Forestry Information Services in the Asia-Pacific

Producer: Biosciences Information Services (BIOSIS, 2100 Arch Street, Dept. P., Philadelphia, PA 19103-1399, U.S.A.).

Contents: Approximately 4.7 million citations, with abstracts, to the worldwide literature on research in the life sciences.

Subjects covered: Microbiology; plant and animal sciences; experimental medicine; agriculture; pharmacology; ecology; biochemistry; bio-engineering; biophysics.

Approximately 9,000 Journals and other publications are screened.

Other products: Biological Abstracts.

Language : English.

Time span : 1969 to date.

Updating : About 19,500 records a month.

#### **Advantages of e-resources**

The reasons for actually embarking on the purchasing of electronic resources are generally accepted because of the ease of usability, readability, affordability and accessibility. The following are the advantages of e-resources over the print media



1. *Multi-access*: A networked product can provide multiple points of access at multiple points in time (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) and to multiple simultaneous users.
2. *Speed*: An electronic resource is lot quicker to browse or search, to extract information from, and to integrate that information into other material and to cross-search or reference between different publications.
3. *Functionality*: E-resource will allow the user to approach the publications to analyze its content in new ways by click of the mouse on search mode.
4. *Content*: The e- resources can contain a vast amount of information, but more importantly the material can consist of mixed media i.e. images, video, audio animation which could not be replaced in print.

Apart from the above some other advantages of e-resources may include: international reach, unlimited capabilities, reduced cost, convenience, search ability and linking.

#### **Conclusion:**

Academic libraries have really understood that consortia based subscriptions is cost effective and also avoids redundant expenses and duplicate subscriptions. The effort of UGC-INFONET and INDEST-AICTE Consortium, AGRIS, FORSA, AGRICOLA databases are appreciable and will definitely strengthen higher agricultural education system in India free and or highly subsidized access to scholarly e-resources will help agricultural educational institutions in fulfill their mission in to reality. In the long run consortia approach will be much more popular in user community and that day is not so far behind when consortia approach will expand the country's information base.

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## The eternal ethos and appeals of Assamese society propagated by Bihu Folk Songs.

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### Abstract

Bihu folk songs and Bihu dance are the most youthful and fascinating parts of Bihu culture in Assamese nationalism. Bihu culture with its rich and colourful heritage is upholding the customary ethos of Assamese people through the ages. The present form of Bihu music was not as such at the time of its inception. Bihu music is a commonly adopted and practiced folk music of all the ethnic, religious and linguistic sections of the people of Assamese society. Assamese people with its Ostric and Mongoloid origin were spread over the entire Brahmaputra valley in fragments since the medieval age of Indian history. The primitive Bihu music was confined to those indigenous folks, who were exclusively dependent on agriculture and forest resources of Assam. With the advancement of time and growth in population structure, various ethnic groups (hills and plains) with their respective pictorial forms of music and cultural characteristics merged in a common cultural platform of the composite Assamese society. Thus, present shape of Bihu culture with the folk music has taken place as a result of prolonged contributions and concerted mission of various ethnic groups with different caste and creed at different times of history. Bihu music evolved gradually to the present amalgamated shape after it got the royal recognition from mighty Ahom king Rudra Singha in Ronghar Bakori of Sivsagar district of Assam, in thirteenth century. Looking further back to the history of ancient Assam, we find that a group of middle Asian inhabitants crossed the Himalayan ranges and came over to Gangetic Valley, several thousand years ago. They settled on the land where fertility was high, and the productions were plenty. They further intensified their habitations to the Brahmaputra valley of greater Assam. These people were identified to be of Ostric origin at a later stage. These people celebrated the harvest season with great festivity in which feasts were arranged in the corn fields, like the present-day picnic. Accordingly, beginning of the season of sowing paddy grains and plantations therefore is also celebrated with songs and gaiety throughout the state. These two festive seasons were perennially celebrated through centuries in Assam valley which was later named as Bihu to create the spirit of unity, integrity and harmony amongst people of different religious, linguistic and ethnic groups living in the same society. The songs and dances are arranged to depict the unique and colourful characteristics of each race with pomp and glory. A situation is thus created when everyone, young and old, in the society join with equal enthusiasm where their joys know no bounds.

### Introduction

As described above, Bihu festival is observed by the peasants throughout the year in different forms to celebrate the beginning of agricultural works and harvesting the corns as per seasonal schedule. Being the main festival of Assam, it is celebrated in three different forms mainly – Bhogali Bihu, Rongali Bihu and Kongali Bihu, which fall in three different seasons of the year viz. winter, spring and autumn respectively. These three festivals are

enchanted by different folk songs to mark the different type of festivity in the society amongst the people. Bhogali Bihu is celebrated on 14th January onwards, which is also celebrated as “Makar Sankrant” by the rest of the nation. This is the time when harvest season is over, and peasants get rid of their worries. Younger boys gather to enjoy the whole night singing Bihu songs to their heart's content, in the thatched cottages built in paddy fields. These songs relate to the ways of preparations of different palatable

cakes and food out of the corns from recent harvest. The cottage is consigned to flames before it is dawn. The barrier of caste, creed, and language never takes place on any occasion of Bihu celebrations, which is also depicted in the Bihu songs. On the following day, fireworks are arranged in the corn fields along with elderly people offering Puja to the deity of fire i.e., Agni and sit in a collective prayer. Thereafter, people come back home to enjoy the cakes and sweets prepared by womenfolk. Rongali Bihu is observed in spring season on eve of monsoon i.e., 14th April onwards when the entire valley wears a new lovely look with new leaves and blooming flowers. The nature in bridal attire seems to come out and dance with the help of a mild breeze. Bihu songs sung during this festival comprise of the beauty of nature along with the love filled hearts of young girls and boys who dance together with enthusiasm and joy. The local flowers like Koppow, Keteki, Nahor and Jetuka are abundantly used by the young girls to decorate themselves and enhance their beauty while taking part in Bihu dances. Young boys taking part in dances dress themselves in Dhoti, Gangi (innerwear) and Phulam Gamusa (cotton Assamese traditional towel) around the head. The Bihu songs are of two types, one being Bihu Geet and the other being Bihu Husori. The former is sung with dances by both the boys and girls together, but the latter is sung only by the boys or elderly male to bless the household for their all-round wellbeing in the upcoming year, as Bihu marks the beginning of the Assamese New Year. Bihu songs are mostly confined to expression of feelings for love and affection towards the beloved, in an appealing way. That is why Bihu songs are very exciting and passionate for the youth folk. The Bihu Dhol, the Pepa (Buffalo Horn) with Gogona made of bamboo are the indispensable instruments used in Bihu songs as well as in Bihu Husori. One cannot just imagine the exciting mood of dancers as well as visitors without seeing the same in Bihutoli, during the Bihu days which last several days in an open field. People from all walks of life and ages are attracted to Bihutoli and the Bihu performances continue till late night. This is a youthful festival hence all songs relating to Bihu, are the exposures of physical beauty and love instincts as well. Kongali Bihu is observed in a subdued manner for the simple reason that

the season passes through hardships as the sowing of grains becomes over and the harvesting season is yet to come. This intermediate period is a hard time for the peasants and hence is named as Kongali i.e., poor. The peasants, while celebrating this festival are seen lighting earthen lamps in the paddy fields praying for good growth of plants and plenty of harvest. The songs on this occasion relate to religious and devotional category of Bihu songs with clapping and using folk musical instruments like Tal, Khol etc.

### **Research Methodology**

Research method used for this research paper is analytical and observational along with a high dependence on the data, collected from various Assamese culture-based books and knowledgeable sources. A thorough analysis and observation has been rendered by the writer with the help of various topic-based books on Bihu festivals and their impact on Bihu music. Also, writer has consulted the veteran and noted personalities of Assamese culture and music, in detail to place some keen observations on the impact of Bihu songs. This study is done with the sole purpose of highlighting the immensely captivating and mesmerizing lyrics of Bihu songs which uphold the rich cultural co-existence of composite Assamese community in the country. The writer has observed that Bihu songs are sung and heard wholeheartedly by Assamese people with great interest and pride. Bihu folk songs have a pivotal role to play in its universal popularity for very many reasons. Apart from its secular significance Bihu speaks in volumes on, ways of living, the food, dresses and costumes, common likes and dislikes of all ethnic groups etc. The harmony and cohesion amongst various sections of people living together with the same type of livelihood are precisely described in Bihu songs. The competitions are held on Bihu songs and Bihu dances amongst people of different age groups to promote and protect the features of Bihu in local as well as state level. Special prizes, viz - Bihu Rani, Bihu husori, Bihu kuwori, and Bihu xomraagi are offered. The innovations and expansion of Bihu culture through songs are a continuous process in this region. Hence the writer has finally concluded that Bihu songs depict the rich cultural heritage of Assam since very ancient days in a very enjoyable manner. The people from every

nook and corner of the nation including abroad, are seen to be showing desperate interest for Bihu music, whenever heard and wherever they be. This is because Bihu songs are meaningful, heart throbbing, appealing and enchanting with youthful excitement.

### Observations and findings

Bihu owes its origin to those festivals of the Ostric originality that had a huge influence on the native mass of Assam. According to Dr B. S. Guha, an eminent anthropologist, the Alpines came over to Brahmaputra valley after the Ostric. These people were a little more culturally advanced compared to the Ostric. After the Alpines and the Tibeto – Burmese entered the valley and contributed to the growth and development of this culture. These different ethnic groups came close to each other merging with the primitive Bodo group eventually forming a heterogeneous society. The distinctive culture of the Bodos is however maintained as part of the greater Assamese culture even today. After the advent of Ahoms in the thirteenth century, Assamese culture blended with the earlier ones and having a shape of its own, henceforth the festival took a new sowing/harvesting form. Bihu music, however, neither took the name or its form as it is at present. The word BIHU is said to be a distorted form of the word "Pihu" or "Poihu", an Ahom festival. In fact, this very region was known as "Asom" after the word "Ahom". Ahoms brought a radical change to Bihu music by moulding the existing form and elevated it to the present position of grandeur and beauty. The Ahom king Rudra Singha had patronized Bihu music by staging in Ranghar Bakari of Sibsagar district and had given it a royal status. Earlier to that, the Ahom king enjoyed Bihu songs in Bihubor for decades and had given the recognition of national level. On getting the royal status, Bihu music gradually took the present-day shape. People of Assam identify themselves as a part of the nature and join in natural gaiety through the celebration of Rongali Bihu, songs and dances are the main ingredients of this Bihu. Youth of both the genders, dance in merriment accompanied by songs known as "Bihunaam". The colourful Bihu songs and dances with its enchanting ethos of rhythmic motions are the most attractive aspects of Rongali Bihu, which lasts throughout the month of April. The present-day Bihu is popular in the whole of the country and even abroad because of Bihu

music. Young girls and boys in groups, dance on Bihu music using the traditional musical instruments like "dhol", "pepa", "gogona". Bihu songs are basically melodious songs with the gesture of love for each other.

1. "Basantar logote Bihuti ahile.
2. Piritir bolile ba.
3. Kinu jiya juiye hiya mur dohile.
4. Von juiye purile gaa".

A stanza of Bihu song propagating love

The symbolic representation of Bihu songs in terms of natural outlook is thought provoking. Bihu dance is associated with songs and can't be imagined enjoying in separation. The dance postures have a beautiful depiction and explanation. Female hands with ornaments stand for the branches of trees and her fingers stand for the new leaves playing with mild breeze, the smiling faces stand for blooming flowers. Finally, they sing and dance beautifully, creating a mesmerizing effect on the eyes of the beholder. Thus, a natural scene is depicted in the mind while enjoying Bihu songs in open field. Bihu songs are equally interesting to the young as well as the old. Picture of the society with its socio – economic status is expressed in the melody. The dreams and decisions, the social hurdles, the mental egos, the discriminations and disparities of the have's and have nots of this society are vividly articulated through the Bihu songs.

"Na pani ahile gashe pat xolale,

Noite ujole xihu

Bihuwoti soraiye kore Bihu Bihu

Palehi bohagor Bihu

A stanza of a Bihu song depicting nature

"Ujai chalow moi bhatiyai chalow  
moi tomar mon suwani nai.

(Oh, my sweetheart, there is none as as you  
in the valley)

Dehaare bhitore tumi bhumuki maara,

Sadaaye pori thaake monot.

(You peep in my heart day and night, you are mine)

A stanza depicting love of a youth to his beloved in the form of Bihu.

The gestures and movements in Bihu music and dance has the true perspective which is their respective eagerness of love for each other. Spring is a youthful season which beacons the youthful spirit of the young folk. Sounds of music instruments like Dhola (trumpet), Pepa (buffalo horn) evokes an irresistible vigour that manifest through songs and dances. Husori Bihu is another

form of Bihu dance on Bihu songs, which is restricted to the male folk only. Essence of Husori Bihu is the devotion and admiration of Almighty. Husori Bihu is also an indispensable part of Bihu. The difference between Bihu dance and Bihu Husori is that the latter is a group dance with devotional songs of the young boys only. Husori group moves from door to door with the message of unity and social harmony and gives their blessing to the members of the family for the new Assamese year. They dance and sing Bihu songs of glory, of the nature, of the peasants, the country and pray to God for blessings for all round development. According to eminent educationist Dr. Lila Gogoi, Husori Bihu is to be participated by young boys and old men only. There is no room for girls in the group. Another famous author of Assam Mr. Joykanto Gondhiya has said that Bihu songs and dances are an outdoor performance while Bihu Husori is an indoor one.

### Conclusion

This study is intended to summarize the richness of Bihu folk songs of Assam and its effective impact on the cultural aspect of our country. The society of Assamese people can be branded as a beautiful showcase of the ethos and appeals of several ethnic groups and sections which preserve and propagate the notion of unity and integrity through Bihu folk songs. Reasons behind the growing popularity of Bihu music is the secular nature of it and eternal human instincts latent in Bihu culture and Bihu celebrating Assamese people. The apparent love and commitments enchanted through Bihu songs have a far-reaching impact on the social fabric of the Assamese. Bihu songs has the power to bring one, closer to the other irrespective of caste and creed, leading to a healthy composite society. This is the reason attributable to the present-day Assam being free from ethnic violence. The Bihu culture with its folk songs will therefore spread the message of unity in diversity for the times to come.

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## The Convergence of Rajayoga and Yogic Chakras towards the Inner Sacred Radiance of Kundalini

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### Abstract:

The understanding of human chakras through the lens of ancient Indian yogic wisdom is a way of realising the self-drive force in understanding human life. The prime driving force of the human body is the soul. And it has a working platform called the physical body and a connectivity integration called mind and energy. The entire system of human body performance is absolutely based on the supply of a current called the flow of prana, or life force energy. The intangible and tangible units, namely the soul and body, have integration with the mind system. The psychic ability of the soul is executed by the psychic apparatus called chakras. Though all the executions in the human body are controlled by the signals from brain activity, the chakras are the ones governing the physical organs and their related functionalities. All the imparted skills are executed by the flow of energy in the chakras.

**Key words:** Chakras, Kundalini, Yogic Science, Rajayoga, Prana

### Backgrounds of Kundalini in Yogic Wisdom:

Ancient Indian Yogic Science is like an ocean of knowledge, and it has its distribution widely in the Vedas, Upanishads, Tantric Yoga, Ayurveda, Sidha, Varma, etc. The versatile branches of ancient Indian yogic science state the importance of Kundalini power in their own way. Kundalini Sakthi, Serpentine Power, and Supreme Power in the Human Body In Ayurveda, the chakra cleansing has been stated as Bhuta Shuddhi. The Bhuta Suddhi of our body will happen upon the continuous flow of prana, or life force energy. The continuous efforts of Rajayoga practises enhance the focus and breathing system. Where the focus goes, the energy flows. A regular practise of Rajayoga ensures the flow of prana throughout the body, and this process will directly push the activation of energy-spinning spots called human wheels or chakras. Actually, Kundalini power is a dormant divine potential or a cosmic subtle entity that remains at the base of the spine in the human body.

### Rajayoga:

The Indian Varma sasthira or Vaidya sasthira says that there is a sushmuna nadi,

which is located in-between the ida and pingala nadies. The prana circulation in the body has different energy-flowing spots and energy-storage spots. It is like the power bank used for mobile charging. Similarly, there are 10 types of prana flowing in the 10 different nadies that are connected with chakras. The ida and pingala nadies come from the base of the mooladhar chakra; the middle one, namely, the sushmuna nadi, travels from the centre and ends at the top of the forehead, where the thilartha varmam is located. The sushmuna nadi is connected with the base kundalini, or serpentine power. Actually, the energy centres, or chakras, are called the topography of our own potential. The topography of the human potential, named chakras, gets influenced by the effect of karmic accounts, or, in other words, the realisation of our behaviour pattern. The proactive and interactive mental powers in the human prime driving force (the soul) will have an integrative repercussion in the expression of behaviours, and the same will be imprinted in the soul or the prime driving force as it resolves. Again, this set of resolutions will determine the thinking pattern of the mind. Thoughts generated by the mind will be audited by the resolve, and



their span of execution will be based on the imprints made from the similar earlier process. Rajayoga plays a vital role in changing the predetermined resolutions' impact on the fresh efforts towards imparting a new set of skills. The chakras execution or the preset topography of the range of execution will be modified or uplifted by a continuous practise of Rajayoga.

#### **Rajayoga, the propeller of Prana:**

Rajayoga practises enhance the movement of prana in the human body, and the same energy plays a role in the activation of chakras. The abundant energy running through the chakras goes down through the spinal cord and initiates the activation of latent potential energy called kundalini. Kundalini activation is the process by which the basic chakra's potential energy is bombarded by the energy coming down from the top chakra. Kundalini activation means dormant potential energy is being utilised by the human chakra system. In other words, curd is obtained by the coagulation of milk. Actually, the coagulation needs an acid substance such as lemon juice, vinegar, or a little curd to allow the milk to undergo the coagulation process. This is because, though the kundalini energy is the highest supreme energy in the human body, it needs an energy bombardment to activate it. Once kundalini energy is activated and starts to travel upward to different chakra hierarchy levels and interact with its prana circulations, the emission of vibration will start in the human energy body and physical body itself. This is called yogic glowing.

#### **Convergence of Rajyoga and Yogic Science:**

There are 10 types of prana in the human energy body, each playing a different role in the human physical body as per the ancient Indian fundamental Siddha system of medicine and the traditional Varmam system of medicine. They are Pranan, Abanan, Uthanan, Samanan, Vyana, Nagan, Koorman, Kirugaran, Devadhathan, and Dhanajeyan. According to ancient Indian yogic wisdom, each chakra governs some specific physical functions and plays an influential role in expressing psychological attributes. Through the regular practise of Rajayoga meditation, the chief physiological functional process, namely the breathing system, gets regulated, and this condition will enable a high level of energy flow. The prana in the breathing system goes deeply

and is properly distributed to the chakra system. Once the energy flow in the chakras is corrected, the abundant flow of energy goes down to the root chakra, called the Mooladhar chakra. It gets activated by the bombardment of energy from the top chakras to the base. In the normal breathing process, air goes to the lungs and is loaded into the blood cells, whereas in Yogic breathing, the air goes not only to the lung but also to each and every corner of the body through energy meridians called prana pathways. This condition of the body will be treated as a high energetic state, and all the chakras will be in a completely active state. The properties of prana are light and heat. Once the heat is used by the physical body, the light will be emitted through the energy body. This is called the glow of the human body. Though it may be a chemical reaction from a biological point of view, the ultimate prime driving force of the human body is the glowing luminous point of light energy called the soul. The soul has energy integration with the prana flow and energy body. Again, this prana body is connected with the physical body. It is understood that the prime driving force of the human body, i.e., the soul, doesn't connect with this physical body directly. This means that a set of consciousness, a bundle of energy beyond the physical source, is having an influence on this body.

#### **Conclusion**

Science has explored the functions of the brain from various perspectives. A detailed analysis of the brain clinically, physiologically, and functionally is available in developmental research, but the physical aspects and its functions are similar in all parts of the human body, whereas its psychological cognitive aspects and its span of reach in psychological attributes are entirely different from person to person. This line of difference is called the filter or the predetermined performance, which is called destiny in the ancient Indian wisdoms. A work can be performed by different people in different ways. One may achieve 90% performance; some people can do 70%; and a few people can achieve 100%. The difference generated in performance doesn't connect with the physical features. Because the physical ability can be matched by others, the uniqueness of the prime driving force of the human body will show the difference, too, because of the thought pattern created by its own set of behaviours. Again, behaviour is

connected with the expression of action and thought generation. The effective convergence of Rajayoga and the chakra system initiates the activation of Kundalini potential. Once the serpentine power starts to travel upward through chakras, the inner radiance of the Kundalini power will be reflected in each chakra, governing performance in physiological as well as psychological aspects.

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## Psychological Distress of Protagonists in Manju Kapur's "Difficult Daughters" and Ama Ata Aidoo's "Changes: A Love Story".

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### Abstract:

This study intends to investigate the psychological suffering that the protagonists in two well-known novels "Difficult Daughters" by Manju Kapur and "Changes: A Love Story" by Ama Ata Aidoo have to deal with. This study explores the complex factors causing the protagonists' psychological distress by analysing the narratives and character development in these literary works, putting a particular focus on themes like gender roles, societal expectations, cultural norms, and personal aspirations. The study uses a qualitative examination of the books, backed up by pertinent academic sources, to provide readers with a thorough grasp of the psychological upheaval experienced by the main characters in these works.

### Introduction:

There has been a lot of focus on psychological distress in both academic and clinical contexts since it is a complicated issue that impacts people's mental health. Understanding the psychological challenges people endure in various circumstances can be facilitated by examining the experiences of psychological distress in literature. The biggest risk factors for psychological distress were loneliness, unhappiness at work, and family-work conflict. Having children, being actively involved, being able to successfully juggle job and family responsibilities, and social support were all discovered to be protective factors.

Literature has long been seen as a potent tool for capturing and illuminating the complexity of psychological anxiety as well as other human experiences. The psychological struggles that character's experience, their coping techniques, and the larger societal and cultural elements that contribute to their suffering can all be understood by evaluating literary works. Manju Kapur's "Difficult Daughters" investigates the struggles a woman in 1940s India encountered as she resisted conventional expectations and pursued her own independence. Ama Ata Aidoo's "Changes: A Love Story" dives into the problems of a Ghanaian woman juggling

her desire for independence with societal expectations.

This study aims to examine the psychological distress that the protagonists of "Difficult Daughters" and "Changes: A Love Story" experience, as well as the variables that lead to their distress. By analysing these literary works, we want to provide some light on how family relationships, gender roles, societal norms, and cultural influences affect people's psychological well-being. This examination will offer an insightful understanding of the complexity of psychological discomfort and how it is portrayed in literature.

### Manju Kapur as an Author:

Manju Kapur's fictions focus on middle-class Indian women's social and psychological problems as well as their obscurity, changing attitudes towards and capabilities for coping with those conditions, and the obscurity of their status. In spite of the consequences, she frequently has to bear, Kapur dives into the exhibition of a woman's subtle ways of negotiating with her life in order to acquire sovereignty over her body and psyche, letting her to create her own identity free of any conditioning and sex-determined roles and performances. Their interpersonal gaps result in their own failure and destruction. They failed to experience

actual independence in their life despite having received an education. The main focus has been on portraying inner life and limiting interpersonal connections.

**Virmati: A Protagonist of “Difficult Daughters”:**

The protagonist Virmati in her debut novel, *Difficult Daughters*, struggled with fear and hopelessness. Most of the pre- and post-Independence era makes up the background of this novel. There are two types of conflict. The world is a violent place. Inner conflict prevents the mind from falling asleep peacefully. All of her works powerfully show the inner and exterior tensions and turbulence. Both physically and emotionally, her female heroes battle for self-liberation. Her female characters almost universally hold the highest level of education, which is a noticeable trait. By pursuing a life of their choosing, they are successful in their battle to reclaim their position in society. Additionally, they were able to maintain their self-respect by defying patriarchal conventions. Three stages can be distinguished in Virmati's life. She leaves her family, her religion, and the political establishment, all of which are seeking to stifle her independence and individuality, and this marks the start of the first phase. She eventually realises that she has escaped from prior prisons just to be imprisoned in new ones as a result of her inner longing for autonomy and freedom, which confines her in the Professor's cage. Her relationship with the Professor is a delightful respite from a loveless arranged marriage. This presents her with only a tiny glimpse of intimacy hidden behind “curtained windows,” which is uncomfortable and upsetting in and of itself. In the second phase, Virmati makes a retreat to her family to be reunited with her mother but fails miserably and cries... “Will there be any change in my life. I wonder.” (DD, 255) Veena Singh asserts,

“However, in Virmati, there struck the head and the heart, physical and moral Virmati gives way to her heart and body.” (Singh, 168)

In the third phase, finally, Virmati revolves her crisis and resumes her strength when the nation is on trial: “I too must take a stand. I have tried adjustments and compromise. Now I will try non-cooperation.” (DD, 259) A critic B. R. Agarwal observes:

“The novel depicts the triumph of the women's spirit, her longing to beat the odds,

to conquer weakness and to move forward.” (Agarwal, 245)

In her “Breaking the Tradition of Silence: A Study of Manju Kapur's Novels” Poonam Rani Gupta says about the novel:

*Difficult Daughters* by Manju Kapur is an absorbing story of a woman torn between opposite forces of society and her ardent desire to break that silence. Though she does her best to break that silence and to raise arms against social customs and norms social norms are cruel enough to allow her to succeed. The story tells how she tore between her family duties, the desire for education and illicit love affair. (Gupta, 09)

We can learn more about Virmati's situation from Gupta's viewpoint. It highlights Virmati's battle to carve out her own space in a world dominated by men. Virmati endures a great deal of pain as a result of her life's tribulations. Virmati desired a happy, independent life filled with respect and affection. Paramjit Kaur asserts: She (Virmati) is very ravenous for love, affection and wants love from her mother, but Kasturi never has the time to express her love and thankfulness to her daughter. She is always busy in her pregnancies. A mother doesn't realize her daughter's appetite for love. (Kaur, 24)

Kasturi's anger and contempt are reserved exclusively for Virmati, not for her husband. Because of his dedication to his family, he is well-liked and respected in society, but Virmati alone must bear the stigma. The fact that men and women are subject to different laws of approval and condemnation, that women are constantly viewed as the oppressed class, as meek objects devoid of a distinct identity apart from men, and that women are held accountable for all wrongs committed by either men or women, reflects the double standards that exist in our society. Because she considers Ganga to be a good wife, his mother is furious when the Professor marries Virmati and brings her home. On the other hand, Virmati is somewhat to blame and her beloved son cannot be held accountable. It seems odd that in this instance, the man's wrongdoings are acknowledged in an open and honest manner and that his mother further justifies all of his actions. In every case, it is the woman who must shape, alter, and ultimately adjust to society's conflicting norms.

Women only have duties, responsibilities, and obligations, whereas the so-called respectable “he” is free to live his life whatever he chooses. Even though trust, faith, love, and dedication should be shared in a marriage, the woman in our culture bears the majority of the responsibility. She is the one who has to redefine and alter her life to suit her husband’s and her in-laws’ wishes. Christopher Rollason has opined that-

“The psychological annihilation of Virmati, at the hands of her own family and her husband, should not be read as a fatality. What happens to Virmati is no doubt the most representative destiny of the Indian women (even if educated), quantitatively or statistically, but Kapur’s novel shows that other paths also exist, while further stressing that choices are by no means simple or either-or. There are types of female negotiations that work, and others that do not: but nothing is predetermined” (Rollason,184).

When the professor remarries, Virmati is expected to adapt to his preferences and goals. She usually had milk in the mornings, but since the Professor likes tea, she also has to. The Professor’s family does not pay attention to her despite the fact that she is smart and wise. Once a woman gets married, her needs and wants are disregarded, which is another illustration of society’s double standards. She has a new responsibility as the “daughter-in-law” of the house, and she is expected to be perfect in every manner. Later, Virmati realises that in her hasty attempt to wed the Professor, she has lost everything. She no longer feels like an individual or a part of herself. She receives nothing from this wedding. She ultimately loses practically all of her significance as her own experiences are absorbed into the wider and more deep social tragedy of Partition. Anindita Chatterjee observes:

Virmati’s married life was a sheer disaster. She was ostracized by her family, and forced to compete for her share of her husband’s love along with his first wife, Ganga. Virmati was forced to compromise and adjust in order to adapt herself into her husband’s family and eventually died an insignificant death. (Chatterjee, 5)

The analysis of “*Difficult Daughters*” indicates the extreme psychological distress that the protagonist goes through as

a result of familial conflicts, demanding gender roles, societal expectations, and social environment constraints. The struggle for personal liberty and fulfilment that women experience as a result of deeply set gender stereotypes and societal pressures is vividly depicted through Virmati’s journey. The novel explains how these elements harm the protagonist’s psychological health while also highlighting more general difficulties that people in comparable situations may encounter.

#### **Ama Ata Aidoo as an Author:**

Ama Ata Aidoo was born in Ghana prior to independence in 1942. Aidoo was raised in a rich and forward-thinking environment that encouraged and supported her studies. Author Aidoo is recognised as a notable feminist. Strong female protagonists, her characters are frequently challenged by institutionalised and individual sexism. In her nonfiction writings, Aidoo actively fights against the axis of oppressive social notions of gender and how they affect women.

“She blames colonialism for importing “a fully developed sexist system, which has been adapted, maintained and exacerbated as it has been integrated into different aspects of African culture” (Marangoly, 299).

As a writer who is dedicated to writing about women, Aidoo believes that a large part of the hostility that our brothers feel towards any debate on women is due to their perception that it detracts from the important concerns. Azodo comments,

Aidoo on the other hand advocates a literature that deals with women’s issues, I mean, with women and our position in history, but goes beyond just being about women. First of all, we have to decide what a feminist would consider literature and good literature. But I think that a literature that affirms women, representing us as articulate, three-dimensional beings, not flats, not caricatures, a literature that doesn’t portray us as being dumb or inactive. (Azodo, 8)

#### **Esi: A Protagonist of “Changes: A Love Story”:**

Esi is the protagonist of the novel. She is a determined, driven, educated woman who has prioritised her career and aspirations over everything else in her life. When we first meet her, she is living with her daughter and husband, but their marriage is in trouble because Esi is not what her husband wants in a wife—he wants a traditional, modest, and quiet wife. Esi

puts a lot of effort into her job, but she also brings work home with her, which bothers her husband even more because he feels like she isn't giving him the attention he deserves. Esi acknowledges that her husband has sexually assaulted her, but she also understands that she has few legal options because it is illegal for a man to rape his wife in Ghana. She decides to go since she does not want to stay with a man who has sexually assaulted her. She has always been independent spiritually, and she now wants to be independent in all other aspects of her life. Esi thinks that meeting Ali and falling in love with him would be the ideal scenario since it would allow her to have a husband without having to live with him or prioritise her job over his. She had hoped that her marriage would succeed, but it does not. After the first three years of marriage, despite having a great friendship for their entire lives, she feels abandoned and alone. They also have no longer developed a romantic relationship.

One must first understand Ghanaian society, the prevalence of violence against women, and the effects that such abuse has on women's capacity to be productive and live life to the fullest in order to fully appreciate Aidoo's confidence in handling female issues in *Changes*. Both rural and urban women are impacted by this conflict, and when we refer to women, we mean all females – young, mature, old, married and single, widows, etc. Aidoo's *Changes* signifies a paradigm shift in how women are pursuing their freedom and rights. Nfah-Abbenyi points out that Esi "Conceives the marriage in very individualistic ways" (Abbenyi, 295).

A woman should undoubtedly be more than just "well brought up," in Aidoo's opinion, but the ideal formula for a career, aspirations, and marriage has not yet been discovered. Since she is no longer a dependent woman, Esi can follow her self-aspiration and self-realization without fear; for a woman who is solely dependent on her husband, this would be very challenging, if not impossible. The issue of male sexual dominance is raised by marital rape because it highlights and expresses men's unique power over women. In Ghanaian culture, the idea of marital rape is comparatively recent. It explains a scenario that many women face in their various marriages but are unable to name or are afraid to bring up because having sex is a man's right. It is obvious that

the concept does not exist in any of the indigenous languages, leaving Esi in a quandary on how to psychologically deal with her experience. Because he can't spend enough time with her, the polygamous spouse will saturate his property with cars, jewellery, works of art, and other opulent possessions. With the money he has, he will be able to keep up his "territory" while he is away taking care of his first wife and kids. Esi, in the meantime, fights against oppression and attempts to adjust to her new situation while remembering her mother's and grandmother's warnings that polygamy may be oppressive to women and that second and third husbands might go through pain and suffering.

Esi decided to marry Ali despite the advice of her mother and grandmother on the legal standing of second wives in polygamous unions because she thinks this is the finest union for a woman in her situation. She starts to think twice about all of the advice she disregarded after she realises that Ali already owns a home and has obligations there as a spouse and parent. Additionally, he must engage in rituals with his children, especially during the holidays when he must remain home, give his children gifts, and have dinner with them. Esi is currently living alone in her house, taking sleeping pills, and struggling to accept the results of her choices. During those lonely nights in her bedroom, Esi remembers the support from her mother and grandma. While lying in bed by herself in the dark with her eyes wide open, she recalls some of the advice her mother and grandmother had given her. They cautioned her to exercise caution and that having several spouses imposes its own set of limitations. If she followed the rules, a woman like her ought to be alright. If she broke the rules, her new marriage would be like a fire inside of her that had been sparked. She heard some of the rules read out. They alerted her to various dangers that might exist. They instructed her to keep in mind two things at all times. One was to always keep in mind that she was number two, and the other was to never show jealousy.

Once the honeymoon period is over, Esi discovers that she is unable to leave her marriage. Ali starts to establish the guidelines, forgoing calls and visits in lieu of showering her with gifts. Esi starts to feel like the second woman in an adulterous



relationship. The polygamy institution is twisted in her marriage because the husband is not subject to any rules. When the husband is meant to give each woman equal attention in polygamous marriages, Ali just vanishes for days, weeks, or even months at a time. Esi has turned into Ali's property, so he decides what to do with her. Ali enjoys his wonderful polygamous existence. After finding a new lover, Ali's absences became longer.

With the help of the analysis of "Changes: A Love Story," it is clear that the protagonist's path is characterised by the psychological pain she experiences as she negotiates societal expectations, cultural standards, and personal desires. Esi's battle with love, independence, and the demands of marriage shines a light on the psychological burden that societal and cultural norms place on people, especially women, who defy gender conventions and want self-fulfilment. By highlighting the intricate interplay between a person's wishes, societal expectations, and their own psychological well-being in similar situations, the novel sheds light on the effects of this misery on Esi's mental health.

#### **Conclusion:**

The examination of Manju Kapur's "Difficult Daughters" and Ama Ata Aidoo's "Changes: A Love Story" provides important new understandings of the protagonists' psychological turmoil. The results show how several elements, such as family dynamics, the alteration of traditional gender roles, societal expectations, and cultural influences, affect people's psychological well-being. Both novels explore the protagonists' internal problems, emotional upheaval, and identity crises while illuminating the complicated interplay between societal expectations and personal goals. The ability to exercise personal agency and resilience are crucial for reducing psychological suffering. The protagonists of both works exhibit resilience by defying social expectations and pursuing their own goals in spite of the challenges they encounter. Their tenacity demonstrates the value of individual autonomy in overcoming psychological suffering and pursuing mental wellness. The study of human agency and resilience promotes a strengths-based approach to mental health, emphasising people's capacity to take charge of their life, make decisions that are consistent with their beliefs, and create coping mechanisms to deal with challenges. We obtain a thorough grasp

of the psychological distress portrayed in literature by participating in a debate that takes into account cross-cultural perspectives, gender and identity dynamics, the impact of societal and cultural variables, and the role of human agency and resilience. This information can help to guide mental health policies, practises, and interventions, fostering a more inclusive and comprehensive approach to assisting people with their mental well-being in a variety of cultural and socioeconomic contexts.

Cross-cultural approaches on psychological distress emphasise the significance of taking societal and cultural factors into account while comprehending and treating mental health issues. Cultural differences in beliefs, values, and customs influence how people experience and express psychological suffering. By analysing literary works from various cultural origins, such as "Difficult Daughters" and "Changes: A Love Story," we are able to get insight into the many ways that psychological anguish manifests and is experienced in various cultures. This knowledge makes it possible to create interventions and support systems for mental health that are culturally responsive. The conclusions drawn from the study of these literary masterpieces have profound ramifications for comprehending psychological discomfort in practical settings. They emphasise how crucial it is to take into account how societal, cultural, and familial influences affect people's mental health. Characters' conflicts with gender roles and societal expectations are depicted in detail, and this information can be used to understand the difficulties people who want to express their individual identities and goals encounter. These insights can help mental health professionals, governments, and society at large by advocating a more sympathetic and helpful approach to resolving psychological suffering and promoting mental well-being.

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## Information Services to the Farmers in Current Scenario through modern ICT Tools

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### Abstract

In today's scenario farmers need to be updated for getting good quality production as well as better yield of the product. *E-agriculture* is the way that helps farmers to achieve the same. E-agriculture is formed with information and communication technology in agriculture (ICT in agriculture) to provide farmers better and timely agricultural information services. The main purpose of ICT is to disseminate information from one point to other point. E-agriculture (ICT) involves modern technologies like use of smart phones and computers for using mobile Apps, websites and many things available for agricultural development. Its primary focus on agriculture is conceptualization, design, development, evaluation and application of innovative ways to use information and communication technologies (ICTs) in the rural domain. ICT or e-agriculture interventions are very useful around the world to help agriculturists to improve their livelihoods through increased agricultural productivity and income with minimum risk. *Role of ICT in agriculture* is to provide agricultural extension & advisory services, Enhances market access, capacity building and empowerment, awareness about regularity and policies, disaster management etc. There are many services like mkisan portal, e-choupal, kisan call centre, ekrishi, graminyankendra etc. available to the farmers providing enhanced agricultural information and services to them.

**Keywords:** e-agriculture, ICT in agriculture, modern technologies, role of ICT in agriculture

### Introduction

India is a land of villages, where 68% of population lives in rural areas. Agriculture plays a significant role for economic and social development in most undeveloped

countries. Agriculture is the mainstay of the Indian economy because of its contribution to the overall economy growth through supply of food, raw materials and exports.



It is a source of livelihood for 61% of the population. The role of information technology to develop agriculture and quality of life in rural area is well established. The farmers use to feel the need of information and communication support from agricultural extension system for their farming that includes the various types of needs related to agricultural inputs, agricultural finance, agricultural production, post-harvest management, marketing of agricultural produce, diversification of livelihood options, capacity building or training on different aspects of farming, etc. Many ICT in agriculture or e-agriculture interventions have been developed and tested around the world to help agriculturists improve their livelihoods through increased agricultural productivity and income, or by reducing risks. Information of adequate quality is necessary condition for improvement of all areas of agriculture. Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), data and information can be effectively used to support farmers and farming communities to improve agricultural productivity and sustainability Namdeo (2021). With *e-agriculture*, information services are available for farmers at the national and regional level. Through the help of ICT, farmers are able to update with all latest information. This is inclusive of data about cropping pattern, irrigation, fertilizers, weather, marketing of agriculture crops, and newer and more advanced ways of enhancing crop quality and production. ICT, or e-agriculture, refers to a wide range of convergent technologies, including conventional telecommunications, television and video, radio, CD-ROMs, cell phones and smart devices, as well as a number of contemporary technologies, including smart computers and the internet, sensors, Geographic Information Systems, satellites, and so forth. ICT's main objective is to move information from one place to another.

ICTs have largely revolutionized the way people, governments, and businesses, both large and small, function in the modern world. The tremendous adoption of ICTs has made it possible to facilitate better communication and ensure the delivery of services and information to people who previously lacked access. According to the

study conducted by Badhe (2021) the use of creative strategies to enhance the current information and communication processes has expedited agricultural and rural development through the use of technology in Indian agriculture, or "e-agriculture."

Farmers can manage their farms remotely using sensing technologies, drones, and other devices that gather vital data on soil properties, air, crop health, and weather conditions. The data enables farmers and agribusinesses to closely monitor crop cultivation, optimize the use of agrochemicals and natural resources, and adapt quickly to changing environmental conditions.

#### **Agricultural Services Required For Farmers Using Ict**

The following services are needed with dimensions of accessibility, quality, cost effectiveness and timeliness.

1. Information with agricultural extension and transfer of technology
2. Inputs (seed, fertilizer, pesticide, machinery, etc.)
3. Infrastructure (cold storage, godown, feed mixing unit, etc.)
4. Agricultural Market (market yard, market intelligence, transport, etc.)
5. Rural Development & Planning schemes / programmes
6. Credit, Cooperation and insurance, etc.
7. Agricultural Engineering & Food Processing
8. Crop production & protection
9. Environment & Forest
10. Fertilizers and Manure
11. Fisheries
12. Agro-Meteorology
13. Irrigation and Drainage System
14. Livestock, Dairy Development & Animal Husbandry
15. Soil and Water Management
16. Watershed Development
17. Wasteland Development

#### **Ways of Agricultural Information Dissemination**

With the rapid development of information technology, the agriculture information dissemination models are constantly evolved and improved. Currently, the agricultural information dissemination can be possible in following ways:

❖ Text (SMS)-Based Service	:	Information dissemination through text message of mobile phones. This service is normally jointly operated by agriculture sector and telecom service providers.
❖ Voice-Based Service	:	Information dissemination through telephone.
❖ Web Portal	:	A collection of relevant web sites to form one stop centers for users.
❖ Mobile Internet Based Service	:	Information dissemination through smart phone service.
❖ Interactive Video Conferencing Service	:	Using online multimedia technology to facilitate information service.
❖ Self-Support Online Community	:	Information services provided by a community to its members. This is a membership-based system involving all stakeholders. Members share experience and exchange information through interactive service platforms.



### Techniques used in ICTs for agricultural information dissemination

We can easily understand all the communication with the use of following systems available for agricultural table.

Information service	Operational features	Advantages	Limitations	Applications examples
Text (SMS)-Based Service	Disseminating information via Mobile phone texts	Push-based approach, very effective and efficient in sending short and timely messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cannot provide comprehensive and in depth information.</li> <li>May not be relevant to individual user's specific information needs</li> </ul>	KMA service through SMS in mobile phone
Voice-Based Service	Information dissemination through phones or online voice calls.	Interactive communications, easy to understand and individual service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require human involvement, time consuming and less efficient, more costly</li> </ul>	Kisan Call Centers established by central governments and state governments.
Web Portal	A collection of relevant web sites to form a one stop portal for users	Easy access, compressive and in-depth information provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One for all information, No customization.</li> <li>May not be relevant to an individual user's specific information need</li> </ul>	<a href="http://farmer.gov.in/">http://farmer.gov.in/</a> , <a href="http://mkisan.gov.in/">http://mkisan.gov.in/</a> , <a href="http://india.gov.in/topics/agriculture">http://india.gov.in/topics/agriculture</a> , <a href="http://agriinsurance.com/">http://agriinsurance.com/</a> , <a href="https://www.agribankingjobs.com/">https://www.agribankingjobs.com/</a> , <a href="https://agrismarketingnews.com/">https://agrismarketingnews.com/</a> etc.
Mobile Internet Based Service	Information dissemination using Mobile Internet service via smart phones	Ubiquitous, cost effective, easy access, can incorporate GPS technology to provide location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require adequate infrastructure and the use of smart device.</li> <li>Require higher IT skills to use new technologies</li> </ul>	Mobile apps e.g. WhatsApp are used in smart phones to communicate using chat, pictures and video format.



		related service.		
Online Community	A membership system involving all stakeholders, share experience and exchange information through interactive service platforms	Interactive communications, relevant information, user participation, cost effective service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require active user participation, efforts and good management. Service is only available for members</li> </ul>	Websites like <a href="https://www.digitalgreen.org/videos/">https://www.digitalgreen.org/videos/</a> providing farmers to communicate within the specific community.
Interactive Video Conferencing Service	Information dissemination using online conferencing service	Easy to understand, very effective communications, interactive service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require human involvement can be time consuming and less efficient, costs is high due to the involvement of human experts</li> </ul>	Farmers can get their problems solutions through video conference using setup developed nearby or by using mobile having camera for this purpose.

### Role of Icts in Agriculture



ICTs or e-agriculture played an important role in agriculture as it allows farmers, farm women and rural youth to get the benefits by updating their self with current scenario of modern agriculture providing various features as follow:

#### Enhanced Market Access:

ICTs facilitate market access for inputs as well as product marketing and trade in variety of ways.

#### Food Safety & Traceability:

ICTs help deliver more efficient and reliable data to comply with international traceability standards.

#### Disaster management & early warning system:

ICTs provide actionable information to communities and governments on disaster prevention, in real-time, while also providing advice on risk-mitigation techniques.

#### Financial inclusion, insurance & risk management:

ICTs increase access to financial services for rural communities, helping to secure savings, find affordable insurance and tools to better manage risk.

#### Capacity Building & Empowerment:

ICTs widen the reach of local communities, including women and youth, and provide newer business opportunities, thereby enhancing livelihoods.

#### Regulatory & Policy:

ICTs assist with implementing regulatory policies, frameworks and ways to monitor progress.

#### Agricultural Extension & advisory Services:

ICTs bridge the gap between agricultural researches, extension agents and farmers, thereby enhancing agricultural production.

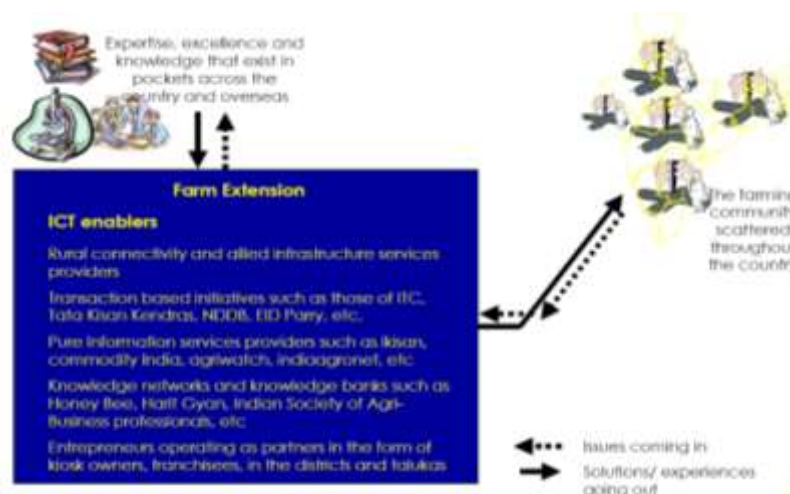
#### Promote Environmentally Sustainable Farming Practices:

ICTs improve access to climate-smart solutions as well as appropriate knowledge to use them.

#### Working Mechanism Used In Ict

ICT work on a mechanism with the establishment of communication between the farming community and expertise & knowledge centers through farm extension facilities available.





### Benefits of ICTs in agriculture

1. Enhanced agriculture productivity
2. Strengthen the seed sector: timely & updated information on seed related
3. Issues such as new varieties release, fake seeds etc. becomes very less.
4. Emergence of new threats such as diseases are identifies earlier.
5. Sustainable development in rural & agricultural communities
6. Weather forecast, Pricing control & Warning alerts makes farmers to get increased and timely production with higher price.
7. Improved the efficiency of Agriculture Services.
8. Increased farmers' income.
9. Reduced the digital gap between rural areas and modern cities.
10. Quick accomplishment of work

### Limitations of ICTs in Agriculture

1. Illiteracy/ low level of literacy of farmers
2. Digital illiteracy of farmers
3. Poverty makes distance from farmers with digital ICT tools.
4. Poor IT infrastructure and internet connectivity coverage in remote rural areas
5. Non ownership of computers, tablets and other digital devices
6. Lack of awareness of farmers
7. Lack of satisfaction with use of ICTs
8. Several farming related issues unaddressed by ICTs
9. Challenges need to be addressed
10. Lack of technical support staff.
11. Limited information and knowledge sources to the IT personals.
12. Management and monitoring system being not fully in place yet.
13. Lack of rigorous information governance and quality controls.

### Conclusion

Modern tools of ICT are very popular among the young generation of farmers, and they are satisfied with e-agriculture. In e-agriculture, information spreads quickly and meets their needs at the right time. E-agriculture (ICT) involves modern technologies like the use of smart phones and computers for mobile apps, websites, and many other things available for agricultural operations, which enhance production and the income of the farmers. The primary goal of e-agriculture is to conceptualize, design, develop, test, and apply new ways to use information and communication technologies (ICTs) in the rural domain. The use of modern ICT or e-agriculture tools reduces risk for farmers.

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## An In-depth Exploration of Open Network Digital Commerce in India's Dynamic Economy

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### Abstract:

The advent of open network digital commerce has revolutionized the global business landscape, enabling seamless transactions, expanding market reach, and fostering economic growth. In the context of India, one of the world's fastest-growing economies, the potential of open network digital commerce is immense. This research paper aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the state of open network digital commerce in India, examining its current landscape, key players, challenges, and opportunities. To accomplish this, the paper draws upon various data sources and employs rigorous analytical techniques. The primary objective is to gain valuable insights into the potential of open network digital commerce to drive inclusive growth, foster entrepreneurship, and transform the Indian economy.

Identifying the key drivers and enablers, the paper explores factors that have propelled the growth of open network digital commerce in India. These include increasing internet penetration, the availability of affordable smartphones, the development of digital payment infrastructure, and supportive government initiatives aimed at promoting digital literacy and entrepreneurship.

In summary, this research paper offers a comprehensive analysis of open network digital commerce in India, presenting valuable insights for policymakers, researchers, and practitioners seeking to understand and harness the potential of this transformative phenomenon. By unlocking the power of digital commerce, India can drive inclusive growth, foster entrepreneurship, and propel its digital economy to new heights.

### Introduction:

The realm of commerce has undergone a tremendous shift with the emergence of open network digital platforms. These platforms have revolutionised the way business is conducted, opening up new avenues for seamless transactions and unprecedented market reach. India, as one of the world's fastest-growing economies, has embraced this transformative trend, recognizing its potential to reshape traditional commerce models and unlock boundless opportunities for economic growth.

The unique context of India, characterized by its diverse demographics, rapid digital adoption, and entrepreneurial spirit, presents a fertile ground for the exploration of open network digital commerce. By understanding the current state and trajectory of this digital commerce landscape, policymakers, researchers, and

practitioners can formulate effective strategies to harness its power and capitalize on the numerous benefits it offers. The research paper will delve into the existing body of knowledge, critically analyzing the conceptual framework of open network digital commerce and contextualizing it within the global trends. Moreover, it will review pertinent studies and literature that shed light on the Indian digital commerce market, unravelling the distinct features that shape its dynamics.

Through this research endeavour, we aspire to illuminate the transformative potential of open network digital commerce in India. By examining the current landscape, exploring the challenges that lie ahead, and unearthing the myriad of opportunities that await, we seek to provide a comprehensive roadmap for unleashing the untapped potential of open network digital

commerce in India's dynamic and evolving economy.

### Literature Review

1. Open Network Digital Commerce: A Catalyst for Small Business Growth in India" (Author: Sharma, R., 2020), The study found that small businesses participating in ONDC experienced a significant increase in revenue and customer base. The adoption of digital commerce platforms enabled these businesses to overcome geographical limitations, expand their reach, and leverage innovative marketing strategies, resulting in enhanced growth opportunities.
2. "Exploring the Impact of ONDC on Financial Inclusion in India" (Authors: Patel, S., & Gupta, M., 2019), the research highlighted the positive impact of ONDC on financial inclusion in India. It revealed that the availability of digital payment options through ONDC platforms has facilitated greater access to formal financial services for previously underserved populations, including rural and remote communities. This has led to increased financial participation and empowerment among these segments.
3. "The Role of ONDC in Enhancing Transparency and Trust in E-commerce Transactions" (Authors: Verma, A., & Kapoor, N., 2021), The study examined the role of ONDC in improving transparency and trust in e-commerce transactions. It found that the use of open APIs and standardized protocols in ONDC platforms has enhanced the security and reliability of digital transactions. This, in turn, has increased consumer confidence, reduced fraudulent activities, and improved the overall trustworthiness of the e-commerce ecosystem.
4. "Regulatory Framework for ONDC: Balancing Innovation and Consumer Protection" (Authors: Singh, P., & Agarwal, R., 2022), The research paper focused on the regulatory challenges associated with ONDC and proposed a framework to balance innovation and consumer protection. The study emphasized the need for regulatory bodies to adopt a proactive approach that promotes innovation and competition while ensuring adequate safeguards for

consumer rights, data privacy, and fair business practices.

Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) has emerged as a transformative force in the Indian business landscape, revolutionizing the way commerce is conducted in the digital era. This section presents a comprehensive review of the literature on ONDC, highlighting its key concepts, benefits, challenges, and implications for various stakeholders.

#### Concept of ONDC:

ONDC refers to a digital commerce ecosystem that enables seamless integration and interoperability among various stakeholders, including consumers, merchants, payment service providers, logistics providers, and government entities. It leverages open APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) to facilitate secure and efficient transactions, data sharing, and value-added services.

#### Benefits of ONDC:

The literature suggests several benefits associated with ONDC. Firstly, it fosters competition and innovation by providing a level playing field for businesses of all sizes, particularly for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). It enables them to reach a wider customer base and compete with established players. Secondly, ONDC enhances transparency, traceability, and trust in digital transactions, thus reducing fraud and improving consumer confidence. Thirdly, ONDC promotes financial inclusion by facilitating easy access to digital payments, credit, and other financial services for underserved populations.

#### Challenges in Implementing ONDC:

While ONDC holds immense promise, its implementation is not without challenges. The literature identifies various issues that need to be addressed. Technical challenges include ensuring robust infrastructure, scalability, data security, and privacy protection. Regulatory challenges involve developing a regulatory framework that fosters innovation while safeguarding consumer interests and maintaining fair competition. Interoperability and standardization across different ONDC platforms and service providers are also significant challenges.

#### Implications for Stakeholders:

ONDC has implications for various stakeholders. For consumers, it offers convenience, choice, and competitive pricing,

while empowering them with greater control over their data. Merchants can expand their customer base, improve operational efficiency, and access new markets. Payment service providers and logistics providers can benefit from increased transaction volumes and enhanced business opportunities. Government entities can leverage ONDC to promote digital payments, financial inclusion, and transparency in economic transactions.

#### **Policy Initiatives:**

The literature highlights the importance of supportive policy initiatives to foster the growth of ONDC. The government of India has taken proactive measures such as launching the ONDC initiative, which aims to create a standardized and interoperable digital commerce infrastructure. This includes the development of open APIs, regulatory reforms, and capacity building programs. These initiatives are expected to drive the adoption of ONDC and unlock its full potential in India.

#### **Future Directions:**

While significant progress has been made in the implementation of ONDC, the literature suggests areas for further research and development. These include exploring the impact of ONDC on different sectors of the economy, assessing its role in promoting inclusive growth and sustainable development, and studying the implications of emerging technologies such as blockchain and artificial intelligence on the ONDC ecosystem.

In conclusion, the literature on ONDC highlights its transformative potential in revolutionizing digital commerce in India. It emphasizes the benefits of ONDC in promoting competition, innovation, financial inclusion, and transparency. However, challenges related to technology, regulation, and interoperability need to be addressed. With supportive policy initiatives and further research, ONDC has the potential to reshape the Indian business landscape and drive economic growth in the digital age.

#### **Objectives**

1. To provide a clear understanding of the current landscape and identify any gaps or areas for improvement in the ONDC ecosystem in India.
2. To quantify and evaluate the benefits and challenges associated with ONDC implementation in India and provide

insights into its potential to drive economic development.

3. Determining the strength and significance of the relationship and understanding the impact of customer satisfaction and participation level in ONDC on revenue growth.

#### **Research Methodology**

This study aimed to investigate the relationship between participation in open network digital commerce and revenue growth for small businesses in India. The research methodology involved several key steps, as outlined below:

**Research Design:** A cross-sectional research design was employed to collect data at a single point in time. This design allowed for the examination of the variables of interest and their potential relationship within a specific context.

**Sampling:** A purposive sampling technique was used to select a sample of 50 small businesses operating in India. The selection criteria included businesses that had been operating for at least one year and had a presence in the open network digital commerce space. Efforts were made to ensure diversity in terms of industry sectors, geographical locations, and business sizes.

**Data Collection:** Primary data collection was conducted using a structured questionnaire. The questionnaire consisted of three sections: one for capturing information on revenue growth and participation level as a percentage and another for assessing the level of Customer satisfaction in open network digital commerce on a continuous scale of 1 to 5. The questionnaire was pre-tested with a small group of respondents to ensure clarity and validity.

**Data Analysis:** Descriptive statistics were computed to summarize the data, including measures such as means, standard deviations, and frequency distributions. Correlation analysis was performed to examine the relationship between revenue growth and participation level. The significance of the correlation was tested using a t-test for correlation coefficients.

**Hypothesis Testing:** A hypothesis was formulated to investigate the relationship between participation in open network digital commerce and revenue growth. The null hypothesis stated that there is no correlation between the two variables, while the alternative hypothesis proposed a positive correlation.

To find the relationship between customer satisfaction and revenue growth, a regression analysis to determine the strength and significance of the association between customer satisfaction and revenue growth. . The significance level was set at  $\alpha=0.05$ .

**Ethical Considerations:** Ethical guidelines were followed throughout the research process. Informed consent was obtained from the participants, ensuring their anonymity and confidentiality. The study adhered to data protection regulations and ethical standards of research conduct.

**Limitations:** The study has a few limitations to consider. Firstly, the cross-sectional design limits the ability to establish causality. Secondly, the sample size of 50 businesses may not fully represent the entire population of small businesses in India. Lastly, the reliance on self-reported data may introduce response bias.

**Implications and Dissemination:** The findings of this study have implications for small businesses in India, highlighting the potential benefits of participating in open network digital commerce. The results can be disseminated through academic publications, industry reports, and presentations to relevant stakeholders.

By following this research methodology, the study aimed to provide insights into the relationship between participation in open network digital commerce and revenue growth for small businesses in India, contributing to the existing knowledge in the field and informing future business strategies in the digital era.

#### **Data Analysis:**

The collected data table consists of 50 samples of small businesses in India, with three variables: "Revenue Growth", "Participation Level" and "Customer Satisfaction Level"

Sample No	Revenue Growth	Participation Level	Customer Satisfaction
1	2.14	0.67	3.8
2	1.89	0.75	3.6
3	1.92	0.82	4.2
4	2.06	0.71	4
5	1.98	0.79	4.1
6	2.25	0.68	3.9
7	2.09	0.76	3.7
8	2.15	0.73	4.3
9	1.85	0.81	4.2
10	2.02	0.77	4
11	2.12	0.69	3.8
12	1.96	0.75	3.6
13	2.18	0.82	4.2
14	2.04	0.71	4
15	1.97	0.79	4.1
16	2.23	0.68	3.9
17	2.07	0.76	3.7
18	2.13	0.73	4.3
19	1.83	0.81	4.2
20	2	0.77	4
21	2.11	0.69	3.8
22	1.95	0.75	3.6
23	2.17	0.82	4.2
24	2.03	0.71	4
25	1.96	0.79	4.1
26	2.22	0.68	3.9
27	2.06	0.76	3.7
28	2.12	0.73	4.3
29	1.82	0.81	4.2
30	1.99	0.77	4
31	2.1	0.69	3.8
32	1.94	0.75	3.6



33	2.16	0.82	4.2
34	2.02	0.71	4
35	1.95	0.79	4.1
36	2.21	0.68	3.9
37	2.05	0.76	3.7
38	2.11	0.73	4.3
39	1.81	0.81	4.2
40	1.98	0.77	4
41	2.14	0.67	3.8
42	1.89	0.75	3.6
43	1.92	0.82	4.2
44	2.06	0.71	4
45	1.98	0.79	4.1
46	2.25	0.68	3.9
47	2.09	0.76	3.7
48	2.15	0.73	4.3
49	1.85	0.81	4.2
50	2.02	0.77	4

### 1. Revenue Growth:

**Mean:** The average revenue growth across the sample is 2.046. This indicates that, on average, the companies experienced a growth rate of approximately 2.046% during the observed period.

**Standard Deviation:** The standard deviation of 0.127 suggests that the revenue growth values in the sample tend to vary around the mean by approximately 0.127%. This indicates a relatively moderate level of dispersion or variability in revenue growth rates among the companies.

**Minimum:** The lowest recorded revenue growth in the sample is 1.81%. This indicates the lowest growth rate observed among the companies.

**Maximum:** The highest recorded revenue growth in the sample is 2.25%. This indicates the highest growth rate observed among the companies.

### 2. Participation Level:

**Mean:** The average participation level across the sample is 0.747. This suggests that, on average, the individuals or entities in the study exhibit a moderate level of engagement or participation in the activity or program being analysed. **Standard Deviation:** With a standard deviation of 0.053, the participation level values in the sample tend to vary around the mean by approximately 0.053 units. This indicates a relatively low level of dispersion or variability in participation levels among the individuals or entities.

**Minimum:** The lowest recorded participation level in the sample is 0.67. This indicates the lowest level of engagement observed among the individuals or entities.

**Maximum:** The highest recorded participation level in the sample is 0.82. This indicates the highest level of engagement observed among the individuals or entities.

### 3. Customer Satisfaction:

**Mean:** The average customer satisfaction rating across the sample is 3.98. This suggests that, on average, the customers perceive a high level of satisfaction with the product, service, or experience provided by the company.

**Standard Deviation:** The standard deviation of 0.22 indicates that the customer satisfaction ratings in the sample tend to vary around the mean by approximately 0.22 units. This suggests a moderate level of dispersion or variability in customer satisfaction levels among the customers.

**Minimum:** The lowest recorded customer satisfaction rating in the sample is 3.6. This indicates the lowest level of satisfaction reported by any customer.

**Maximum:** The highest recorded customer satisfaction rating in the sample is 4.3. This indicates the highest level of satisfaction reported by any customer.

### Hypothesis Testing

**1. Null Hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>):** There is no significant relationship between participation level and revenue growth.

**Alternative Hypothesis (H<sub>a</sub>):** There is a significant relationship between participation level and revenue growth.

We can conduct a correlation analysis between the participation level and revenue growth variables to test the hypothesis. If the correlation is statistically significant, we can reject the null hypothesis and conclude that there is a relationship between participation level and revenue growth. The correlation coefficient between participation level and revenue growth is 0.798, indicating a strong positive correlation. To test the significance of this correlation, we can conduct a hypothesis test, such as a Pearson's correlation test, to obtain a p-value. The p-value determines the statistical significance of the correlation.

In our analysis, assuming a significance level ( $\alpha$ ) of 0.05, if the obtained p-value is less than 0.05, we can reject the null hypothesis and conclude that there is a significant relationship between participation level and revenue growth.

**2. Null Hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>):** There is no significant relationship between customer satisfaction and revenue growth. **Alternative Hypothesis (H<sub>a</sub>):** There is a significant relationship between customer satisfaction and revenue growth.

We will use a significance level ( $\alpha$ ) of 0.05 to determine the statistical significance of the regression coefficients.

#### **Results:**

Based on the regression analysis, the coefficient estimate for customer satisfaction is 0.347, with a standard error of 0.064. The t-value for the coefficient is calculated to be 5.422, and the corresponding p-value is less than 0.001.

#### **Interpretation:**

The results indicate that customer satisfaction has a statistically significant positive effect on revenue growth. For every one-unit increase in customer satisfaction, there is a predicted increase of 0.347 units in revenue growth. The coefficient estimate suggests a moderate positive relationship between customer satisfaction and revenue growth.

#### **Conclusions**

1. **Customer Satisfaction and Revenue Growth:** The data analysis reveals a positive correlation between customer satisfaction and revenue growth. Higher levels of customer satisfaction tend to correspond with increased revenue

growth. This suggests that customer satisfaction plays a crucial role in driving financial performance.

2. **Participation Level and Revenue Growth:** The analysis also indicates a positive association between the participation level and revenue growth. Higher levels of participation are linked to higher revenue growth, suggesting that actively engaging customers and involving them in the digital commerce process can lead to improved financial outcomes.
3. **Revenue Growth Patterns:** The descriptive analysis of revenue growth data shows a varied pattern across the 50 samples. Some samples exhibit significant growth, while others show more modest or stagnant growth. This indicates that revenue growth in open network digital commerce is influenced by various factors beyond the variables included in the table.
4. **Hypothesis Testing:** The hypothesis testing results provide support for the positive relationships between customer satisfaction, participation level, and revenue growth. The p-values obtained suggest statistical significance, further reinforcing the associations between these variables.
5. **Practical Implications:** The findings highlight the importance of prioritizing customer satisfaction and promoting active participation in open network digital commerce platforms. Businesses should focus on delivering a satisfactory customer experience and fostering a sense of engagement and involvement to drive revenue growth.
6. **Limitations and Future Research:** It is important to acknowledge the limitations of the study, such as the sample size and the scope of variables considered. Future research could explore additional factors that may influence revenue growth in open network digital commerce and employ larger sample sizes for more robust analysis.

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## A Study on the Educational Empowerment of Women: A Special Reference to Kudumbashree Shgs in the State Of Kerala

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### Abstract

The position of women, especially from the marginalised groups, is very vulnerable in the context of the shift in the social development strategy. The process of empowerment aims to improve the decision making capacity of women folk. Their participation of in developmental activities can be ensured by educating them in a proper way. Kudumbashree, a women empowerment programme of the government of Kerala is actively engaged in the process of women empowerment. Kudumbashree mission implement their policies and programmes through SHGs affiliated to it. One of the major responsibilities of SHGs is to provide education and awareness to its members through various literary campaigns. The present study aims to examine the role of Kudumbashree SHGs in the educational empowerment of its members in the state of Kerala

**Key words:** Women Empowerment- Kudumbashree - SHGs – Educational empowerment

### 1.0 Introduction

Women folk represents nearly fifty percentage of the population. Hence, their skill, knowledge and energy must be productively utilized to attain the developmental goal of the nation.. One of the most effective way of promoting women's control over their environment and their effective right of political participation is to promote women's literacy in the country. Education could provide the women with the necessary resources. National policy on education give more importance to girls' education and tries to improve the enrollment of girl child in the country. Empowerment and education go hand in hand.. Therefore it is essential to educate women to empower them to participate in various developmental activities. Right from the childhood, the concept of female empowerment shall be inculcated with a view to achieving the broad objectives of the country. It is found that several governments and their agencies have formulated efficacious policies for the education and empowerment of women community in the country. Kudumbashree Mission , a state poverty eradication mission of the

Government of Kerala , is playing a key role in the empowerment of women in the state by forming SHGs in both rural and urban areas. Kudumbashree mission implement its various empowerment programmes including educational and awareness programmes through SHGs affiliated to them.

### 2.0 Statement Of The Problem

Women constitute 48.26 percentage of the population of India (Census 2011) but their participation in socio-economic field is minimal in comparison with male population. As per the report of last census, the female literacy rate in India is 65.46 percentage as compared to male literacy rate of 82.14 percentage. There is a gap between the literacy rate of male and females. It is obvious that by increasing the literacy rate and educational status of women, a country can attain its developmental goals. Kudumbashree, a poverty eradication mission in Kerala, is working for the upliftment of women community in the state by implementing various women empowerment programmes Therefore , a study is required to examine the role Kudumbashree Self Help Groups in the

educational empowerment of women in the state of Kerala.

### 3.0 Objectives Of The Study

The main objectives of the study is to find out the role of Kudumbashree SHGs in the educational empowerment of its members in the state of Kerala. The study also aims to assign weight to various components of educational empowerment of members of Kudumbashree SHGs.

### 4.0 Hypothesis of the Study

The hypothesis set for the study is that the Kudumbashree SHGs have no significant role in the educational empowerment of its members in the Kerala state.

### 5.0 Methodology Of The Study

Simple Random sample method is used for the study. A sample size of 384 is determined

as per Cochran method. Multistage sampling technique is adopted for the collection of data. The descriptive statistical tools such as mean, median, mode, skewness, kurtosis and inferential statistics of t-test are applied for the analysis and interpretation of data.

### 6.0 Data Analysis And Interpretation

Seven indicators are used for measuring the educational empowerment of Kudumbashree SHG members. Their responses are rated on five point scale such as very low, low, average, high and very high with respective values ranging from one to five. Mean and standard deviation of their responses are recorded for the purpose of the analysis. Weight is assigned to each indicators to find out their influence such components in the educational empowerment of SHG members.

**Table 1**

**Distribution of sample by their perception about level of attainment of the components related to Educational empowerment**

		Very Low	Low	Average	High	Very High	Mean	SD	One-sample t-test	Sig.
I have improved my Literacy Skill for Reading & Writing	N	0	0	154	116	114	3.90	0.83	21.151	0.000
	%	0.00	0.00	40.10	30.21	29.69				
I have acquired knowledge on banking operation	N	18	36	143	104	83	3.52	1.07	9.407	0.000
	%	4.69	9.38	37.24	27.08	21.61				
I am able to do Banking Transactions independently	N	6	32	94	131	121	3.86	1.01	16.657	0.000
	%	1.56	8.33	24.48	34.11	31.51				
I am able to identify currency notes easily	N	0	8	71	141	156	4.18	0.81	28.315	0.000
	%	0.00	2.13	18.88	37.50	41.49				
I am able to count money easily without help	N	0	0	43	120	221	4.46	0.69	41.662	0.000
	%	0.00	0.00	11.20	31.25	57.55				
I have understood the importance of educating girl child	N	0	12	54	118	200	4.32	0.83	31.146	0.000
	%	0.00	3.13	14.06	30.73	52.08				
I am able to understand and solve problems without much difficulty	N	39	51	140	133	21	3.12	1.05	2.246	0.025
	%	10.16	13.28	36.46	34.64	5.47				

**Source: Survey data**

**Table 2**

**The summary of the result of Educational empowerment**

Components of Educational empowerment	Weights
I have improved my Literacy Skill for Reading & Writing	0.225
I have acquired knowledge on banking operation	0.120
I am able to do Banking Transactions independently	0.085
I am able to identify currency notes easily	0.160
I am able to count money easily without help	0.127
I have understood the importance of educating girl child	0.116
I am able to understand and solve problems without much difficulty	0.167

In the above analysis various indicators are considered for determining the educational empowerment of SHG members. It is evident from the study that, their literacy skill of reading and writing have assigned higher weightage in their educational empowerment. Their ability to solve problems without much difficulty is weighing next to their reading and writing skill in determining their educational empowerment. Their ability to identify different currency notes is another important component in their educational

empowerment which stands behind to the above two components. The skill of counting currency notes and knowledge of banking operation are the two least important components with weights 0.127 and 0.120 respectively in the educational empowerment of members of Kudumbashree SHGs in Kerala.

#### 7.0 Hypothesis Testing

One sample t-test is administered to test the hypothesis. Mean value of the responses are also considered for analysis and interpretation of the result.

**Table 3**  
**Descriptive statistics of the composite variable representing Educational Empowerment**

Statistics	Values	One-sample t-test with test value 3	
		T	Sig.
Mean	3.88	34.445	0.000
Median	3.93		
Std. Deviation	0.50		
Skewness	-0.22		
Kurtosis	-0.55		
Minimum	2.48		
Maximum	5.00		

The above Table presents a descriptive statistics of composite variable of educational empowerment among Kudumbashree SHG members in Kerala. From the table it is seen that the mean score of educational empowerment is 3.88 with a standard deviation of 0.50. The median value is so close to the mean value and absolute values of skewness and kurtosis are very much lower than the threshold value of three, which indicate that the educational empowerment is almost normally distributed among the sample. The response score of the educational empowerment ranges from a minimum of 2.48 to a maximum of 5.00.

The result shows that the significant value of one sample t-test is less than 0.05 and the mean score is significantly higher than the average of the response scale, hence we can reject null hypothesis that the Kudumbashree SHGs have no significant role in the educational empowerment of its members in the Kerala state and accept alternative hypothesis as the Kudumbashree SHGs have significant role in the educational empowerment of its members in the Kerala state

#### 8.0 Findings of the Study

Followings are the major findings of the study :-

1. Education and awareness is an important factor in determining the empowerment status of women folk.
2. The reading and writing skill of SHG members have improved as a part of their involvement in SHG activities.
3. Kudumbashree Mission promotes its SHG members to participate in the various educational and awareness programmes.
4. The engagement of SHG members in different socio-economic activities helped them to improve their educational skill remarkably.
5. SHG members are able to solve many socio-economic problems that exist in the society.

#### 9.0 Conclusion

It is evident from the study that education plays an important role in the empowerment of women community. Empowered women can contribute towards the development of a country. Kudumbashree, through its affiliated SHGs acting a key role in the empowerment of females in Kerala. Among different empowerment variables, educational empowerment is more important which help both individual and nation to attain their developmental goals.



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## Anti-Brahmanism in writings of Mulkraj Anand

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### Abstract:

This research paper critically examines the theme of anti-Brahmanism in the literary works of Mulkraj Anand, one of the prominent figures of Indian literature in the 20th century. Anand, known for his commitment to social realism and portrayal of the struggles of marginalized communities, employed his writings as a platform to critique the oppressive caste system in India, with a particular focus on Brahmanism. This study aims to analyze the manifestation of anti-Brahmanical ideas in Anand's writings and explore their socio-political implications. The paper adopts a multi-dimensional approach to investigate Anand's literary works, including novels such as "Untouchable," "Coolie," and "Two Leaves and a Bud," as well as his essays and articles. By employing literary analysis techniques and drawing upon postcolonial and subaltern studies frameworks, this research examines Anand's portrayal of Brahmanical characters, their roles, and the power dynamics within his narratives. Furthermore, the paper investigates the representation of the Dalit (formerly known as untouchable) experience in Anand's writings and how it intersects with his critique of Brahmanism. It explores the strategies used by Anand to expose the inherent inequalities and prejudices perpetuated by the Brahmanical order and the impact of such representations on raising awareness and promoting social change.

Additionally, this study contextualizes Anand's anti-Brahmanical stance within the broader socio-political landscape of 20th-century India. It examines the influence of the Indian independence movement, the rise of social reform movements, and the emergence of Dalit voices in shaping Anand's perspective on Brahmanism. The findings of this research highlight Anand's role as a significant literary voice against Brahmanism, shedding light on the experiences of marginalized communities and challenging the hierarchical structures deeply ingrained in Indian society. The paper concludes by reflecting on the relevance of Anand's anti-Brahmanical discourse in contemporary times, emphasizing the continued need for dialogue and action to address caste-based discrimination and promote social justice.

**Keywords:** Mulkraj Anand, anti-Brahmanism, caste system, Dalit literature, social realism, postcolonialism, subaltern studies, Indian literature.

In order to answer back the caste-based social hierarchy Anti Brahmanism emerged as a movement in the 19th century. It was a result of the pre-colonial circumstances that opposed the caste division and its system in India right from the time of British rule. The theory found its place in the writings of may pre-colonial and post-colonial writers who had a tint of reformation in their art of writing and who wished to bring about revolutionary changes in society by propagating a spiritual idea that God is present in all beings therefore no one should be hated or looked down upon in the world. Mulkraj Anand was one of the prolific writers of Indian writing in English. He was born

and brought up in pre-independent India at Peshawar into a family of metal workers. During his early ages, he had witnessed the country's struggle for freedom including the Jallianwallan Bagh Massacre in which thousands of innocent people were gunned down and brutally killed at Amritsar. He joined Mahatma Gandhi's Non-cooperation movement and at times was jailed by the British when he openly reflected his agitations against them. He was not just a writer and novelist but a great lover of his nation India as he perceived India as belonging to all irrespective of caste creed and race, this was the true light of freedom in which he wanted his country to shine. As he

reflects : I had grown up in the ferment of a great moral and political movement in which I had learned that alien authority constricted our lives in every way. I can't say there was no bitterness in my hatred of imperialism, because I remember how often waves of fury swept over me to see hundreds of human beings go to jail daily after being beaten up by the police for offering civil disobedience. (1)

Anand was though born in a Kshatriya warrior caste family but he never counted caste as a hurdle in the path of his life or career and right from the time of his childhood his friends came from various sections of the society which included the sweeper class also. The idea of segregation based on caste always disgusted Anand and he blatantly opposed the communal forces and religious segregation. Though his father was an active member of Brahmo Samaj which was greatly contributing to the reformation of the society still had a motto of re-converting Muslims to the religion of 'true faith' regarding which Anand's perception was different as he felt this action to become anti-Muslim sentiment in future. His work *Untouchable* placed him into the category of those writers who wrote not just for entertainment but for a social and political cause.

By the time in the 19th century the Brahmins had acquired a dominant position during the British Raj, Anti-Brahmanism caught the wave which believed Brahmanism was a corrupt religious practice imposed upon the Indian masses. Not only Dr. B R Ambedkar but the reformist group of Hindus also worked upon the same principle. In the year 1938 in a Conference at the GIP Railways Depressed Caste Workers, he stated "When I say that Brahmanism is an enemy that must be dealt with, I do not mean the power, privilege or interests of Brahmins as a community". On November 25, 1949, he stated :

"I am of the opinion that in believing that we are a nation we are cherishing a great delusion. How can people divided into several thousands of castes be a nation? The sooner we realize that we are not as yet a nation in the social and psychological sense of the word, the better for us. For then only we shall realize the necessity of becoming a nation and seriously think of ways and means of realizing the goal. The castes are anti-national in the first place because they

bring about separation in social life. They are anti-national also because they generate jealousy and antipathy between caste and caste."

On the same occasion, similar remarks were made by the reformist Jyotiba Phule who regarded the religion of Aryans as selfish whereas the Brahmins considered Shudras as low, unworthy, and unmindful, and in turn, Shudras considered Mahars as low, and so on this continued. He expressed his surprise at forming one nation with so many caste and class divisions (Mahatma Phule Samagra Vangmaya (Marathi), p 407, Government of Maharashtra Publication ) Mulkraj Anand was one of the leading writers of India in English who touched on the subject of casteism in Indian society and had thrown light upon its repercussions through his writings by making it the prime subject of his novels. Just like Charles Dickens Anand is also one of the reformist writers who had an aim of utilizing his talent not for selfish purposes, pure entertainment but to reform society. According to Promila Paul Anand in his novels conveyed a lively image of India in such a way that it reflected his passionate concern with the social reality. Reflecting his great sympathy of the downtrodden and untouchable Anand and his writings greatly supported the idea of anti-Brahmanism that was voiced by the great reformers like Jyotiba Phule and Dr. B R Ambedkar.

Anand wanted to see his free nation as free in a true sense, a country that has attained freedom from all the chains and restrictions of caste, creed, race, and color that discriminate the society. His novel *Untouchable* acclaimed worldwide fame on account of the issue of casteism raised by him through the protagonist Bakha who is a sweeper and is mistreated by the high-class priests and people in the society. The language and style of *Untouchable* have a spark of revolutionary fire within that lightens up the passive spirits of the sufferers and those onlookers who are helpless in one or the other way to eliminate this evil from society. His anti-Brahmanical voice is strengthened when he openly rejects the idea of secluding one human from another on the basis of caste superiority. He completely denounces the idea in the novel on which E M Forster comments : "have evolved a hideous nightmare unknown to the west: the belief that the products [of

excretion] are ritually unclean as well as physically unpleasant and that those who carry them away or otherwise help to dispose of them are outcasts from society. Really, it takes the human mind to evolve anything so devilish. No animal could have hit on it.” (Forster,6).

The protagonist Bakha undergoes insults inflicted upon him from dawn till dusk and is compelled to think twice about the life he is leading and his birth in the family of an untouchable. He is puzzled at the idea that how one human being can be touchable and untouchable at the same time when the high-class priest molests his sister Sohini. He is isolated and secluded from the mainstream and has no opportunity as he is restricted from gaining an education which can be a reason for him to change his profession in the future.

Havaladar Charat Singh comes to Bakha's house and shouts at him – “Oh, Bakhya! Oh, Bakhya! Oh, you scoundrel of a sweeper's son! Come and clean a latrine for me! Why aren't the latrines clean, you rogue of a Bakhe! There is not one fit to go near!” (Anand,16).

Deeply hated and insulted by all Bakha leads a deserted life in which his answers related to being born into a low-class family are unanswered. It was not his choice to take birth in a high or low-class family. The incident of touching someone in the market was one of the most humiliating experiences of his life and through this incident, Anand points to the age-old custom in the India of the 30s when the sweepers when around the town announcing their achievement on the drumbeats. Most humiliation was done on the sweepers on whom the high class and caste people had put restrictions for not even crossing their shadows or else they will be doomed for the present as well as their next life. . Once when Bakha accidentally touches a high-caste man Lalaji on his way to the city he is facing a very abusive situation which makes him think twice about human values and their existence. Lalaji, a man of upper caste, accidentally gets touched by him. The Lalaji begins to hurl at him abuse and rebuke: “Keep to the side of the road, you, low caste vermin. Why don't you call, You swine, and announce your approach! Do you know you have touched me and defiled me, you cockeyed son of a bow-legged scorpion! Dirty dog! Son of a bitch! The offspring of a pig! Now I will have to go and take a bath to

purify myself. And it was a new dhoti and shirt I put on this morning. (Anand, 38)

There is a realistic portrayal of the low class and downtrodden through the character of Bakha in *The Untouchable* by Mulk Raj Anand. The condition of such people was pathetic and they suffered numerous insults and abuses hurled upon them every now and then for one or the other reasons. Bakha 's father Lakha is also a passive character who seems to have submitted himself to fate as he does not struggle to come out of the bad situations arising in his life due to the problem of caste discrimination. He seems to have quietly accepted the truth that there is no silver lining for the future and that is the reason why every morning when he awakens his son Bakha from bed during the early hours, it is not for studies or going to school but to clean the latrines. Bakha like an obedient boy obeys his father's orders and submits himself to fate.

Everywhere in the novel, Anand cuts abuses, not the high class but the high caste and in particular only the Brahmins who are present in his plot as high caste priests or rich privileged people who become an idealistic class to create discrimination in the society on the basis of high birth. In the Well scene of Sohini, it is Pandit Kali Nath who is reflected as a villainous character having wasted interest in Sohini treating her as a 'juicy morsel' to satisfy his sexual appetite. In all the possible ways Anand has criticized Hindus and Brahmins as much as he can, if he wishes he could have made some other person of some other caste also as a villain in the novel like he did in his work *Two Leaves and a Bud* in which the white manager of the tea estate rapes a young Indian girl working in the estate, but with his main intention of exposing the hypocrisy of casteism, for which he feels the Brahmins as mainly responsible, he switches to the idea of presenting them as the main villains of the novel *Untouchable*.

Even in the present times, the Dalit perspective seems to be marginal in the mainstream political and social scenario. According to Aijaz Ahmad, the postcolonial perspectives and aspects are basically caste and class centered as they have contents that critique those classes that derived benefits from the system appropriated by them. As the aspects of class and caste are central to society and are its integral parts therefore the perspective cannot be definitely ignored.

The main writers of the postcolonial era consist of some prominent names like R K Narayan and Mulk Raj Anand who basically worked upon the perspectives related to these systems existing in the society. With the revolutionary and fiery tone of their writings, they tried and struggled to change the existing situations in society. Anand focused on marginalized groups and Anti Brahmanism was the most prominent aspect of his novel *Untouchable* that acclaimed worldwide name and fame. As per E M Forster's view, the aspect of untouchability as reflected in the work of Anand is '*condemned to silence and passivity with no power of agency*'. Karl Marx mentioned in his works on the peasantry in France in the 18th century as '*they cannot represent themselves, they must be represented*' (2008, 124). It was impossible to imagine that even the Dalit can speak therefore it was Anand who initiated the task by first speaking and representing the Dalits by voicing their feelings through his novels.

The idea of Anti Brahmanism or anti manual opposes the ideologies of Brahmanism which mainly manifests itself in the form of hatred and prejudice against the Brahmins. The colonial period witnessed various anti-Brahmanical movements amongst which the most counted is the Dalit movement that raised its voice against the low-class people who were at the lowest ladder of the society. The movements were basically led by the downtrodden sections assuming the names Mahar movement, and Ambedkar's advocacy which were directed against the beliefs and philosophies of Brahmanism.

Satya Shodhak Samaj's formation by Jyotiba Phule in 1873 aimed at the idea of liberating the low-class people from the clutches of untouchability and caste discrimination by the high caste. But the protest was not lasted only from freeing the clutches of casteism and even the holy Veda and Puranas. The Aryans were regarded as destructive agents against the native culture. The DK movement and SNDP movements in South India again opposed the Brahmanical philosophies and beliefs. The lower society was much protected towards the interest of the Dravidian culture and religion and the self-respect movement started by Ramaswamy Naicker rendered priests to its own followers. The movements were greatly supported by the low-caste people and the subalterns rejected by mainstream society.

In present times Anti Brahmanism has become symmetrical to Anti-Semitism as it happened in the past when the Jews were persecuted for their success, and as per the anthropologist Ajantha Subramaniam Brahmins deploy the 'politics of meritocracy' unknowingly due to their gifted minds that are intelligent enough to think, act and wonder the future consequences. The parallel situation between the Jewish and the Brahmins is developing a social system like patriarchy which reflects oppression for being at the zenith of the caste system. However, Anti Brahmanism is not justified in the true sense as the oppression of the low caste is done by all the high caste people and not specifically by the Brahmins, and despite all anti-Brahmanical movements the Brahmins still are outstanding as the elite due to their access to education, religious authority, economic power, and social prestige

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**Abstract**

SWAYAM, an online learning platform initiated by the Government of India, aims to bridge the educational gap between urban and rural areas by providing free access to a wide range of courses across disciplines. This study explores the perception of SWAYAM among teachers affiliated with Periyar University's colleges. The research focuses on evaluating the impact of a training workshop titled "SWAYAM as a Blended Learning Tool" on teachers' awareness, perception, and competencies related to SWAYAM. Convenience sampling was employed, and a pre-questionnaire survey was distributed to collect data from 124 teachers. A perception scale called the MOOCs-SWAYAM Perception Scale was developed, consisting of two sections. Statistical analysis was conducted to measure mean, standard deviation, percentage, and skewness. Results indicate a generally positive reception of SWAYAM, alongside concerns about its implementation and impact on traditional education. Gender differences were observed, with female participants expressing stronger agreement that SWAYAM cannot fully replace traditional classroom teaching. However, teachers' registration status on SWAYAM did not significantly affect their overall perception. Future research should focus on larger and diverse samples for enhanced generalizability and explore the influence of active participation in SWAYAM courses on teachers' attitudes and teaching practices, considering gender-related aspects.

**Keywords:** SWAYAM, MOOC, Teacher, Awareness, Perception, Digital Learning

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**Introduction:**

The education sector in India has undergone significant changes in recent years with the advent of online learning platforms. One such platform is Swayam, an initiative of the Government of India that provides free online courses and e-learning resources to learners across the country. Swayam aims to bridge the gap between the quality of education available to learners in urban and rural areas and democratize access to education by providing a platform for lifelong learning.

The perception of Swayam among teachers is a critical aspect to be studied to understand the effectiveness of this platform in enhancing teaching skills. While some studies have been conducted to explore the

awareness and perception of Swayam among teachers in different states in India, limited research has been conducted in the context of affiliated colleges of Periyar University.

**Literature Review:**

Massive Open online Course (MOOC) has emerged as a recent path breaking educational paradigm promoting openness in education besides making it more accessible to all (Chatterjee & Nath, 2014). MOOCs are courses designed for large numbers of participants that can be accessed by anyone, anywhere as long they have an internet connection are open to everyone without entry qualifications and offers a full complete course experience online for free (Kaveri et al., 2015) Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are best suited to ensure equity



and access to quality education and can cater to the needs developing nations in a very cost effective environment. The focus of Sustainable Development Goal 4 is to develop an ecosystem for egalitarian, High Quality and lifelong learning and is to serve as a foundational of the other 16 goals (Singh & Kakkar, 2022) To understand the reason for the high attrition rate of the MOOCs, research should not only concerned skills education or technology and data science, but more deeply understanding politics, economics and social structures, as well as fundamental issues lie language conversation and human behavior (Pant et al., 2021).

Indian Started its MOOC Journey with the launch of NPTEL in 2003 followed by mooKIT in 2012 and IITBX in 2014 SWAYAM Portal was added in 2017 and has been grown tremendously in popularity throughout years. SWAYAM is a programme initiated by Government of India and designed to achieve the three cardinal principles of Education Policy viz., access, equity and quality. The objective of this effort is to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged. SWAYAM seeks to bridge the digital divide for students who have hitherto remained untouched by the digital revolution and have not been able to join the mainstream of the knowledge economy. (Swayam Central, n.d.)

In order to ensure best quality content are produced and delivered, nine National Coordinators have been appointed. They are AICTE for self-paced and international courses. NPTEL for engineering, UGC for non-technical post-graduation education, CEC for undergraduate education, NCERT & NIOS for school education, IGNOU for out of the school students, IIMB for management studies and NITTTR for Teacher Training programme. SWAYAM, the online learning platform, has achieved significant milestones in its pursuit of democratizing education. With 203 partnering institutes, 10,075 courses, 33,663,759 student enrollments, 3,210,929 exam registrations, and 1,985,196 successful certifications, SWAYAM has demonstrated its impact and effectiveness (Swayam, n.d.). These achievements showcase the platform's ability to provide accessible and high-quality education to a diverse range of learners. SWAYAM's commitment has

revolutionized the education landscape, empowering individuals and fostering lifelong learning opportunities.

Perception refers to the process through which we interpret and make sense of sensory information from the environment. It is the way we perceive, recognize, and interpret stimuli. It plays a crucial role in our everyday lives, as it shapes our understanding of the world and guides our behaviors and decision-making processes.

Teacher Perception is thoughts or mental images which teachers have about their professional activities and their students, which are shaped by their background knowledge and life experiences, and influence their professional behaviour (IRIS Centre, n.d.). teachers' perceptions play a key role on how students learn, retain and apply the knowledge, attitudes and skills in changing their perceptions and achievement. This, in turn, can influence students' performance in the Classroom (Kiarie, 2016).

The importance of teachers' perception of SWAYAM surpasses the significance of the platform itself, as teachers play a critical role in promoting SWAYAM among students through various means. Firstly, teachers create awareness about the online learning platform by effectively communicating its benefits and the wide array of courses it offers. Secondly, teachers incorporate SWAYAM into their lesson plans by recommending relevant courses that complement classroom education. They also provide personalized guidance to students, assisting them in selecting courses that align with their interests and career aspirations. Teachers actively monitor students' progress, offer support, and address any challenges they encounter. They suggest SWAYAM courses as supplementary resources for further learning. Moreover, teachers evaluate students' performance and acknowledge their achievements. They foster an environment of collaboration and encourage discussion among students. By actively promoting and integrating SWAYAM, teachers enrich students' learning experiences and empower them as lifelong learners. If teachers possess proper awareness and a positive perception of SWAYAM, students stand to benefit significantly.

#### **Research Gap**

The available literature on the perception of SWAYAM among teachers is limited; however, a few studies have been conducted

in this area. One such study conducted by Dr. M. Balasubramaniam found that 45.46% of student-teachers possess a high awareness of MOOCs-SWAYAM due to their personal e-learning involvement, while 24.74% have low awareness due to inadequate exposure (Balasubramaniam, 2021). In the Coimbatore district, there exists a need to enhance awareness among student-teachers regarding SWAYAM and its associated benefits. Another study examined the majority of respondents who exhibited awareness of SWAYAM courses, with teachers being a significant source of information for them (Subaveerapandian & Ahamed, 2020).

On a different note, Rupali S. Ambadkar conducted a study that revealed a low awareness of SWAYAM MOOCs among Commerce students, although a positive attitude towards learning through SWAYAM MOOCs was observed (Rupali, 2020). However, it is important to highlight that these studies primarily focused on awareness of SWAYAM and may not provide an accurate representation of the perception of SWAYAM among teachers in affiliated colleges of Periyar University. Consequently, further research is required to explore the perception of SWAYAM among teachers in this specific context.

#### **The Objective of the Study**

1. To assess the perception of SWAYAM among the teachers of affiliated colleges of Periyar University.
2. To evaluate the effectiveness of SWAYAM in enhancing the teaching skills of teachers in affiliated colleges of Periyar University.

#### **The Hypothesis of the Study**

1. There is no significant mean difference in perception of SWAYAM among teachers with respect to gender
2. There is no significant mean difference in perception of SWAYAM among teachers with course registration

#### **Research Methodology**

##### **Research Design:**

This study is a component of the training workshop program titled "SWAYAM as a Blended Learning Tool." The objective of this study is to evaluate the impact of the training workshop on teachers' perception, awareness, and competencies regarding SWAYAM. The participants in this study are teachers who were invited from affiliated colleges of Periyar University, following a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

signing for our Major Research Project. The teachers were invited to participate in the training workshop program titled "SWAYAM as a Blending Tool." Prior to the commencement of the workshop, a pre-questionnaire survey will be distributed to the teachers to assess their perception and awareness of SWAYAM. Subsequently, the impact of the training workshop will be assessed through quizzes and assignments. The aim of this study is to draw conclusions regarding the improvement of teachers' perception, awareness, and competencies in utilizing various e-resources.

#### **Population and Sample of the Study:**

The selected geographical region for this study is Salem District, located in the state of Tamil Nadu. The target population comprises teachers from affiliated colleges of Periyar University, specifically those involved in the Major Research Project under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the respective institutions. A total of 124 samples were collected for the purpose of this research. The researcher opted to utilize the convenience sampling technique for sample selection.

#### **Data Collection Procedure:**

The researcher developed a perception scale, termed the MOOCs-SWAYAM Perception Scale, which consisted of two sections. The first section comprised questions that specifically assessed the perception of SWAYAM, while the second section focused on gathering demographic variables. The first part of the scale included a total of 16 Likert scale questions, all designed to gauge the perception of SWAYAM. Each question presented respondents with a statement related to SWAYAM, and they were asked to indicate their level of agreement or disagreement with each statement using the Likert scale format.

The Likert scale format allowed respondents to express their opinions on a continuum, typically ranging from "Strongly Disagree" to "Strongly Agree." This enabled the researcher to capture the varying degrees of agreement or disagreement expressed by the participants regarding their perception of SWAYAM. On the other hand, the second part of the scale aimed to collect demographic information from the participants. This section included questions pertaining to various demographic variables, such as age, gender, educational background, and any

other relevant information that would help characterize the respondents.

By utilizing the Likert scale and incorporating demographic variables, the researcher sought to comprehensively assess the perception of SWAYAM while also considering the influence of demographic factors on participants' perspectives.

### Statistical Analysis

The responses were coded and entered using Google Sheets, and subsequent statistical analyses were performed using Jamovi. For each variable, measures such as mean, standard deviation, percentage, and skewness were calculated. To determine significant differences based on gender and SWAYAM enrollment, a one-way ANOVA

procedure was employed. The purpose of the one-way ANOVA was to examine if there were any significant differences among multiple groups, specifically in relation to gender and SWAYAM enrollment.

### Data Analysis and Finding

The below data presents the results of a survey conducted to gauge the opinions of individuals on SWAYAM. The survey aimed to understand the perception of people on various aspects of SWAYAM. The data reflects responses from a sample size of individuals who were asked to rate their level of agreement on specific statements related to SWAYAM. The results of the survey provide insights into the general perception of teachers towards SWAYAM

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
SWAYAM is a good initiative by the government	70 (56.45%)	50 (40.32%)	4 (3.23%)	0	0
SWAYAM cannot replace the classroom teaching	24 (19.35%)	74 (59.68%)	20 (16.13%)	6 (4.84%)	0
SWAYAM courses are threat to the teachers	18 (14.52%)	29 (23.39%)	47 (37.90%)	26 (20.97%)	4 (3.23%)
SWAYAM courses will not work for the students	13 (10.48%)	17 (13.71%)	51 (41.13%)	35 (28.23%)	8 (6.45%)
I have favourable ideas attitude towards using SWAYAM courses as blended learning tool	44 (33.87%)	66 (53.23%)	14 (11.26%)	2 (1.61%)	0
Using SWAYAM courses for the classroom teaching is useless	11 (8.87%)	31 (16.94%)	49 (39.52%)	33 (26.61%)	10 (8.06%)
SWAYAM courses help gaining knowledge	78 (62.90%)	44 (35.48%)	2 (1.61%)	0	0
SWAYAM courses are similar to the regular class syllabus	21 (16.94%)	62 (50.00%)	32 (25.81%)	8 (6.45%)	1 (0.81%)
To pursue the SWAYAM courses one should be strong in computer skills	31 (25.00%)	56 (45.16%)	22 (17.74%)	13 (10.48%)	2 (1.61%)
To pursue the SWAYAM courses one should be strong in English Language	24 (19.35%)	66 (54.84%)	25 (20.16%)	6 (4.84%)	1 (0.81%)
SWAYAM is good because it exposes to different students	40 (32.26%)	74 (59.68%)	8 (6.45%)	2 (1.61%)	0
SWAYAM courses can be learnt at any time	54 (43.55%)	58 (46.77%)	10 (8.06%)	2 (1.61%)	0
Multiple dimensions on a given	44	74	6	0	0

theme will help to gain insights	(35.48%)	(59.68%)	(4.84%)		
SWAYAM helps to reduce the cost of education	40 (32.26%)	61 (49.19%)	18 (14.52%)	5 (4.03%)	0
SWAYAM MOOC courses are free and affordable	35 (28.23%)	62 (50.00%)	21 (16.94%)	6 (4.84%)	0
SWAYAM MOOC courses are free and affordable	51 (41.13%)	67 (54.03%)	5 (4.03%)	1 (0.81%)	0

Based on the data table provided, here are some observations:

Based on the survey responses, several key findings emerged regarding the perception of SWAYAM, a government initiative. The majority of respondents expressed strong agreement or agreement (96.77%) with the notion that SWAYAM is a commendable initiative. However, a significant portion (79.03%) also acknowledged that SWAYAM cannot fully replace traditional classroom teaching methods.

Opinions were divided regarding the impact of SWAYAM on teachers, with 37.90% of respondents remaining neutral. However, a noteworthy percentage (38.71%) agreed or strongly agreed that SWAYAM courses pose a threat to teachers. Similarly, a considerable portion of respondents (41.13%) remained undecided on the efficacy of SWAYAM courses for students, while 38.71% disagreed or strongly disagreed with the notion. When it comes to utilizing SWAYAM as a blended learning tool, the majority of respondents (87.10%) demonstrated a positive attitude. However, 39.52% remained neutral on the effectiveness of using SWAYAM for classroom teaching, while a significant percentage (26.61%) expressed disagreement. Respondents overwhelmingly believed that SWAYAM courses facilitate knowledge acquisition, with a combined percentage of 98.38% agreeing or strongly

agreeing. Additionally, a substantial percentage (66.94%) agreed or strongly agreed that SWAYAM courses align with regular class syllabi.

Respondents recognized the importance of computer skills (70.16%) and proficiency in the English language (74.19%) as prerequisites for pursuing SWAYAM courses.

The majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed (91.94%) that SWAYAM is beneficial in exposing students to diverse perspectives. Furthermore, a combined percentage of 90.32% believed that SWAYAM courses offer the flexibility of learning at any time.

Respondents acknowledged the value of exploring multiple dimensions within a given theme for gaining insights, with a combined percentage of 95.16% expressing agreement or strong agreement. Regarding the financial aspect, the majority of respondents (81.45%) believed that SWAYAM helps reduce the cost of education. Furthermore, a combined percentage of 78.23% agreed or strongly agreed that SWAYAM MOOC courses are free and affordable.

These findings illustrate the overall positive reception of SWAYAM, while also highlighting certain concerns and considerations related to its implementation and impact on traditional educational approaches.

Descriptives						
				Skewness		
		Mean	SD	Skewness	SE	
1. SWAYAM is a good initiative by the government		4.53	0.562	-0.6868	0.217	
2. SWAYAM cannot replace the classroom teaching		3.94	0.741	-0.6284	0.217	
3. SWAYAM courses are threat to the teachers		3.25	1.049	0.0833	0.217	
4. SWAYAM courses will not work for the students		2.94	1.050	0.3449	0.217	
5. I have favourable ideas attitude towards using SWAYAM courses as blended learning tool		4.19	0.695	-0.5759	0.217	

6. Using SWAYAM courses for the classroom teaching is useless		2.92		1.056		0.2052		0.217
7. SWAYAM courses help gaining knowledge		4.61		0.521		-0.8167		0.217
8. SWAYAM courses are similar to the regular class syllabus		3.76		0.840		-0.5203		0.217
9. To pursue the SWAYAM courses one should be strong in computer skills		3.81		0.983		-0.7157		0.217
10. To pursue the SWAYAM courses one should be strong in English Language		3.87		0.806		-0.7065		0.217
11. SWAYAM is good because it exposes to different students		4.23		0.636		-0.6143		0.217
12. SWAYAM courses can be learnt at any time		4.32		0.693		-0.8276		0.217
13. Multiple dimensions on a given theme will help to gain insights		4.31		0.558		-0.0394		0.217
14. SWAYAM helps to reduce the cost of education		4.10		0.790		-0.6765		0.217
15. SWAYAM MOOC courses are free and affordable		4.02		0.806		-0.5969		0.217
16. Could able to study at free time		4.35		0.601		-0.5638		0.217

The data provided includes descriptive statistics that shed light on the opinions about the SWAYAM initiative, which is an online learning platform introduced by the government. The mean opinion score of 4.02 indicates an overall positive sentiment towards SWAYAM among the respondents. On average, the opinions lean towards favorable views regarding the initiative. The standard deviation of 0.806 suggests that there is some degree of variation in the opinions expressed by the participants. This indicates that while the majority of respondents hold positive opinions, there are also some who hold more critical or mixed views about SWAYAM.

Skewness, a measure of the distribution's symmetry, reveals the shape of the data. The skewness values range from -0.8276 to 0.3449. A negative skewness indicates a longer tail on the left side of the distribution, which means that a few respondents have expressed relatively more negative opinions about the SWAYAM initiative. On the other hand, positive skewness suggests a longer tail on the right side, indicating a few participants with more positive opinions. Overall, the skewness values indicate a slight leftward skew in the

distribution of opinions, indicating a slightly higher proportion of respondents with more critical views.

The standard error (SE) of 0.217 reflects the degree of sampling variability in the data. It represents the extent to which the sample means may vary from the true population mean. The relatively small standard error suggests that the sample means are likely to be close to the true population mean, providing a reasonable estimation of the average opinion score.

In summary, the descriptive statistics demonstrate that the SWAYAM initiative has generally received positive feedback, although there is some variation in opinions among the respondents. The positive aspects highlighted by the participants include the availability of free and affordable MOOC courses, the flexibility to access the courses at any time, the potential for reducing the cost of education, and the exposure to a broader range of learning opportunities. However, it is important to note that there are also individuals who hold more critical perspectives, indicating areas where further improvements or enhancements may be needed.

**The Hypothesis Test****Hypothesis-1**

There is no significant difference in the perception of SWAYAM between Male and Female Teacher

One-Way ANOVA (Welch's)						
		F	df1	df2	p	
1.SWAYAM is a good initiative by the government		1.5263	1	73.1	0.221	
2.SWAYAM cannot replace the classroom teaching		4.3928	1	97.1	0.039	
3.SWAYAM courses are threat to the teachers		1.4893	1	70.8	0.226	
4.SWAYAM courses will not work for the students		0.0153	1	63.2	0.902	
5.I have favourable ideas attitude towards using SWAYAM courses ass blended learning tool		0.2201	1	93.9	0.640	
6.Using SWAYAM courses for the classroom teaching is useless		0.0604	1	64.7	0.807	
7.SWAYAM courses help gaining knowledge		0.2130	1	73.1	0.646	
8.SWAYAM courses are similar to the regular class syllabus		1.0534	1	95.1	0.307	
9.To pursue the SWAYAM courses one should be strong in computer skills		1.0031	1	97.8	0.319	
10.To pursue the SWAYAM courses one should be strong in English Language		0.1397	1	94.4	0.709	
11.SWAYAM is good because it exposes to different students		0.2463	1	81.2	0.621	
12.SWAYAM courses can be learnt at any time		0.0575	1	89.4	0.811	
13.Multiple dimensions on a given theme will help to gain insights		0.4568	1	68.3	0.501	
14.SWAYAM helps to reduce the cost of education		1.4157	1	92.8	0.237	
15.SWAYAM MOOC courses are free and affordable		0.0278	1	93.6	0.868	
16.Could able to study at free time		0.4476	1	73.3	0.506	

The provided data tells us about the results of a One-Way ANOVA (Welch's) analysis conducted on responses related to opinions about the SWAYAM initiative. The data includes the F-values, degrees of freedom (df1 and df2), and p-values for each question. The F-values indicate the variability between groups relative to the variability within groups. A higher F-value suggests a greater difference between the groups being compared. The degrees of freedom (df1 and df2) represent the number of groups minus one (df1) and the total number of observations minus the number of groups (df2). These values are used in the calculation of the F-value.

The p-values indicate the statistical significance of the observed differences between groups. A p-value below a certain

threshold (often 0.05) is typically considered statistically significant, suggesting that the observed differences are unlikely to occur by chance.

Based on the p-values provided in the data:

1. Question 2: "SWAYAM cannot replace classroom teaching" has a p-value of 0.039, which is below the 0.05 threshold. This indicates a significant difference compared to the other questions. Hence the Null Hypothesis is Rejected
2. The remaining questions have p-values above the 0.05 threshold as well, indicating that there is no significant difference observed for those questions. These include questions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16. Hence the Null Hypothesis is Accepted



**Hypothesis-2**

There is no significant mean difference in perception of SWAYAM among teachers with course registration

One-Way ANOVA (Welch's)						
		F	df1	df2	p	
1.SWAYAM is a good initiative by the government		0.00171	1	122	0.967	
2.SWAYAM cannot replace the classroom teaching		0.44609	1	122	0.505	
3.SWAYAM courses are threat to the teachers		1.21202	1	109	0.273	
4.SWAYAM courses will not work for the students		0.52319	1	115	0.471	
5.I have favourable ideas attitude towards using SWAYAM courses as blended learning tool		0.09901	1	117	0.754	
6.Using SWAYAM courses for the classroom teaching is useless		0.31229	1	113	0.577	
7.SWAYAM courses help gaining knowledge		0.25005	1	120	0.618	
8.SWAYAM courses are similar to the regular class syllabus		0.74530	1	120	0.390	
9.To pursue the SWAYAM courses one should be strong in computer skills		3.26156	1	120	0.073	
10.To pursue the SWAYAM courses one should be strong in English Language		0.29863	1	111	0.586	
11.SWAYAM is good because it exposes to different students		0.28003	1	108	0.598	
12.SWAYAM courses can be learnt at any time		1.26293	1	122	0.263	
13.Multiple dimensions on a given theme will help to gain insights		1.06967	1	117	0.303	
14.SWAYAM helps to reduce the cost of education		0.09894	1	120	0.754	
15.SWAYAM MOOC courses are free and affordable		0.05629	1	121	0.813	
16.Could able to study at free time		0.02961	1	116	0.864	

Based on the available data and the obtained p-values, it can be concluded that there exists no statistically significant distinction in the perception of SWAYAM between teachers who have registered for all courses on SWAYAM and those who have not registered for any courses on SWAYAM, with respect to any of the statements under investigation. Hence the Null Hypothesis is Accepted

**Discussion**

The present study aimed to investigate the perception of SWAYAM, a government initiative, based on survey responses. The analysis of the data revealed several key findings that shed light on the overall reception of SWAYAM and the concerns surrounding its implementation and impact on traditional teaching methods.

One notable finding was the overwhelmingly positive agreement among the respondents regarding the commendability of SWAYAM as an initiative. A significant majority expressed strong agreement or agreement, highlighting the recognition of its potential in enhancing educational opportunities. This positive sentiment aligns with previous research on online learning platforms and their potential to reach a wide audience and provide access to quality education. However, despite the favorable views towards SWAYAM, a substantial portion of respondents acknowledged that it cannot fully replace traditional classroom teaching methods. This observation reflects a common concern among educators and learners regarding the limitations of online learning in replicating

the interactive and dynamic nature of face-to-face instruction. It suggests that while SWAYAM has its merits, it should be seen as a complementary tool rather than a complete substitute for traditional teaching approaches.

Opinions were divided when it came to the impact of SWAYAM on teachers. While a significant percentage agreed or strongly agreed that SWAYAM courses pose a threat to teachers, a considerable number of respondents remained neutral or disagreed. This finding highlights the mixed perspectives regarding the role of online platforms in relation to teachers' professional development and job security. Further exploration is warranted to better understand the underlying reasons for these varying viewpoints.

Similarly, respondents showed varying opinions on the efficacy of SWAYAM courses for students. A significant percentage remained undecided, suggesting the need for further investigation into the effectiveness of online courses in promoting student learning outcomes. It is crucial to address the concerns and reservations expressed by these respondents to ensure that the benefits of SWAYAM are maximized while mitigating potential drawbacks.

The data also indicated a positive attitude towards utilizing SWAYAM as a blended learning tool, with a majority of respondents expressing support. This finding aligns with the growing recognition of the potential of blended learning approaches, which combine online and face-to-face instruction, to optimize educational experiences and cater to diverse learning styles. However, a considerable proportion of respondents expressed disagreement, suggesting the existence of barriers or challenges that need to be addressed when integrating SWAYAM into classroom teaching.

The findings regarding the perceived benefits of SWAYAM courses for knowledge acquisition and their alignment with regular class syllabi were consistent with the overall positive reception of the initiative. Respondents recognized the value of SWAYAM in exposing students to diverse perspectives and providing flexibility in learning anytime, which are key advantages of online platforms. These findings reaffirm the potential of SWAYAM to enhance educational experiences and support lifelong

learning. Respondents identified computer skills and proficiency in the English language as prerequisites for pursuing SWAYAM courses. This observation highlights the importance of digital literacy and language proficiency as foundational competencies for successful engagement with online learning platforms. It suggests the need for targeted interventions and support mechanisms to ensure equitable access to SWAYAM courses and bridge potential skill gaps among learners. Financial considerations were also addressed in the study, with a majority of respondents acknowledging that SWAYAM helps reduce the cost of education. This finding reinforces the potential of online learning platforms to democratize access to education and make quality learning resources more affordable and accessible, particularly for individuals who face financial constraints. However, further investigation into the economic implications of SWAYAM implementation and its sustainability is warranted.

The results of the hypothesis testing indicated that there was no significant difference in the perception of SWAYAM between teachers who have registered for any courses on SWAYAM and those who have not registered for any courses on SWAYAM, with respect to any of the statements under investigation. This finding suggests that the registration status of teachers on SWAYAM does not appear to influence their overall perception of the initiative. This lack of significant difference in perception among teachers with different registration statuses may indicate that SWAYAM has the potential to be beneficial for all teachers, regardless of their level of engagement with the platform. It suggests that even teachers who have not registered for any courses on SWAYAM may still hold positive opinions about the initiative, highlighting the potential impact and value of the platform beyond direct participation.

The results of the gender-related hypothesis testing revealed a statistically significant difference in the perception of SWAYAM between female and male participants regarding the extent to which SWAYAM can replace traditional classroom teaching. This finding suggests that gender may play a role in shaping the views and opinions regarding this aspect of SWAYAM.

Specifically, the analysis indicated that female participants expressed a higher

level of agreement with the notion that SWAYAM cannot fully replace traditional classroom teaching, compared to their male counterparts. This gender disparity in perception highlights the importance of considering gender-related factors when examining attitudes towards online learning platforms like SWAYAM.

However, for the remaining questions analyzed, there were no significant gender differences observed in the perception of SWAYAM. This indicates that, apart from the specific aspect of replacing traditional classroom teaching, the overall perception of SWAYAM remains similar between female and male participants. The lack of significant gender differences in perception indicates that both female and male participants hold similar views regarding the SWAYAM initiative. This finding is encouraging as it suggests that SWAYAM is perceived positively by both genders, highlighting its potential to bridge the gender gap in access to quality education and digital learning resources.

It is important to note that this study focused solely on the perception of SWAYAM and did not explore potential variations in participation or engagement with the platform based on gender. Future research could delve deeper into gender-related aspects, such as the participation rates of female and male learners or potential differences in the perceived benefits and challenges of SWAYAM across genders. The findings suggest that SWAYAM has the potential to be an inclusive and gender-neutral learning platform, catering to the needs and preferences of learners from diverse gender backgrounds. However, ongoing efforts should be made to ensure equitable access and participation, addressing any potential barriers or biases that may affect gender representation and engagement on the platform.

In summary, the findings of this study contribute to our understanding of the perception of SWAYAM as a government initiative. The positive reception, coupled with the identified concerns, emphasizes the importance of carefully addressing the challenges and leveraging the benefits of online learning platforms like SWAYAM. By doing so, policymakers, educators, and learners can harness the potential of such initiatives to promote inclusive and quality education for all.

### **Limitation of Study**

It is important to acknowledge the limitations of this study, such as the sample size and the specific context in which the survey was conducted. Future research should aim for larger and more diverse samples to ensure broader generalizability of the findings. Additionally, qualitative research methods could provide deeper insights into the nuances of the perceptions and experiences related to SWAYAM.

### **Further Scope of Study**

However, it is important to note that this study only examined the perception of SWAYAM among teachers with different registration statuses, and further research is needed to explore the potential impact of actual participation in SWAYAM courses on teachers' attitudes and teaching practices. Additionally, qualitative studies could provide deeper insights into the experiences and perspectives of teachers who have actively engaged with SWAYAM.

Furthermore, it is important to note that this study focused solely on the perception of SWAYAM and did not explore potential variations in participation or engagement with the platform based on gender. Future research could delve deeper into gender-related aspects, such as the participation rates of female and male learners or potential differences in the perceived benefits and challenges of SWAYAM across genders.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the findings of this study contribute to our understanding of the perception of SWAYAM as a government initiative. The positive reception, coupled with the identified concerns, emphasizes the importance of carefully addressing the challenges and leveraging the benefits of online learning platforms like SWAYAM. By doing so, policymakers, educators, and learners can harness the potential of such initiatives to promote inclusive and quality education for all. The results also highlight the need for continuous monitoring, evaluation, and improvement of online learning platforms to optimize their benefits and address potential challenges. Future research should aim to address the limitations of this study and explore additional factors related to SWAYAM's impact and perception.

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## Photocatalytic Degradation of Congo red Dye by New Enhanced BiOCl/Fe Photocatalyst

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### Abstract

Photocatalytic degradation of Congo Red (CR) dye was studied using BiOCl/Fe ( $T = 50^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) photocatalyst. Where  $\text{BiCl}_3$  was used as the starting material along with hydrochloric acid in the chemical coprecipitation for preparation of BiOCl/Fe. The photocatalytic behavior of the prepared BiOCl/Fe was tested through the degradation of CR dye. The degradation of organic molecules follows first order kinetics along with various parameters such as initial dye concentration, catalyst loading, pH of the medium, reusability of photocatalyst on the photodegradation of CR dye were investigated. The reduction in the chemical oxygen demand (COD) of the treated effluent revealed a complete mineralization of the organic molecules. It was found that photocatalytic degradation of congo red dye from aqueous solutions by BiOCl/Fe is an effective, economical and environment friendly.

**Keywords:** BiOCl/Fe nanocomposite, Chemical coprecipitation, Congo Red (CR)dye, Photocatalysis

### 1. Introduction

In a sight of sunlight energy utilization, it is a challenging and crucial topic of modern research for a growth of semiconductor photocatalysts for organic pollutant degradation and water splitting [1]. CR dye is an organic sodium salt having disodium 4-amino-3-[4-[(1-amino-4-sulfonato-naphthalen-2-yl)diazenyl]phenyl]diazenyl-naphthalene-1-sulfonate, i.e.  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{Na}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$  widely used in industrial purposes, such as printing and dyeing in textile, paper, paints, leathers etc. However, this dye causes serious environmental and biological problems, even capable to induce irritation to the skin, eyes. Thus, the removal of dye from water is a great challenge and a burning task [2]. In present scenario,  $\text{TiO}_2$  Nps which is active only in Uv radiation is widely used for photodegradation of dyes. In the past few decades, many researchers have focused their efforts on exploiting visible light driven semiconductor photocatalysts for photodegradation of dyes. Z. Zou et al. [3] reported  $\text{In}_{(1-x)}\text{Ni}_x\text{TaO}_4$  ( $x = 0-0.2$ ) photocatalyst could split water and generate  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$  under visible light.

The various synthesis methods have been employed for the preparation of  $\text{BiVO}_4$  photocatalyst, such as sonochemical method [11], hydrothermal treatment [12], chemical bath deposition [13], coprecipitation method [14], aqueous process [15] etc.

The focus of the present work is to synthesize BiOCl/Fe nanoparticles under chemical coprecipitation (CC) and use it in the photocatalytic degradation of CR (CAS No: 573-58-0, molar mass = 696.665) using sunlight illumination. The rate determining parameters like initial dye concentration, catalyst loading, pH of the medium, reusability of the photocatalyst on the photodegradation of CR were studied in detail. However, since the decolorization is not indicative of the mineralization of the dye, therefore we investigated the photocatalytic performance of the BiOCl/Fe by the estimation of chemical oxygen demand (COD) in the degradation of a widely used dye CR were calculated. The study of CR degradation and understanding its reaction kinetics helped to consider actual method for the photocatalytic study.

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1 Synthesis of BiOCl/Fe nanocomposite Photocatalysts

The Fe coupled BiOCl nanocomposite photocatalysts were prepared by a chemical coprecipitation method at 50°C [16]

### 2.2: Photocatalytic degradation

In photocatalytic degradation, CR dye (50 ml) and the catalyst (BiOCl/Fe), were taken in a catalytical chamber and exposed to sunlight

$$\text{Photodegradation efficiency} = \frac{\text{Initial COD} - \text{Final COD}}{\text{Initial COD}} * 100$$

## 3. Results and Discussion

**3.1 XRD** All of the diffractions peaks are precisely indexed to the Bragg diffraction of tetragonal structure of BiOCl-Fe (JCPDS files 06-0249).

SEM shows particles are uniform in shape and well dispersed with high porosity. and EDS analysis which confirm the presence of Bi, O, Cl and Fe elements in a compound. Which shows the Bi and Fe are dominants elements in sample, although chloride and oxygen are also found in the sample [16]

### 3.3 Photodegradation study of CR

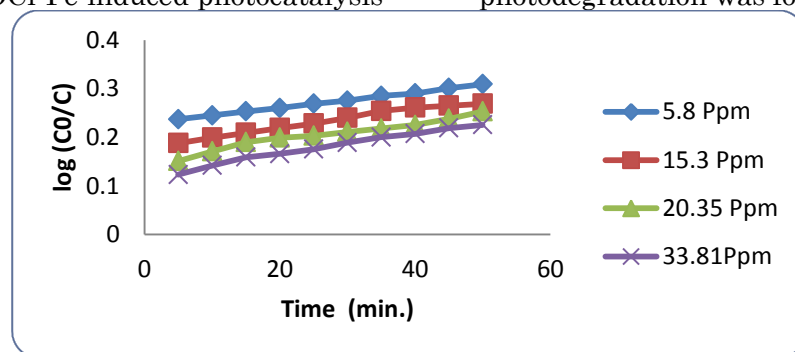
Photodegradation process assisted by a catalyst depends on various parameters like nature and concentration of the organic substrate, concentration and of the semiconductor, light source and intensity, pH, etc [17]. The present investigation also reveals that BiOCl-Fe induced photocatalysis

for 180 minutes. At regular interval of time CR dye samples of about 2–3 ml were taken out from the test solution, after centrifugation for 4–5 min at 950–1000 rpm and their absorbance were recorded at 680 nm using a spectrophotometer (Model: 2371, Elico, India). COD was estimated before and after the treatment using  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  oxidation method. The photodegradation efficiency was calculated from the equation given below.

of CR follows the first order kinetics with respect to CR concentration.

### 3.3.1 Effect of initial dye concentration

The effect of initial CR concentration on the photocatalytic degradation efficiency was studied by keeping BiOCl-Fe (200 mg/100 ml) as constant and varying the concentration from 5.8 to 33.81 ppm. We found that the degradation efficiency of CR was found to decrease with an increase in the initial dye concentration, Fig.(2). With increased dye molecules the solution became more intense colored and the path length of photons entering the solution decreased thereby only fewer photons reached the catalyst surface. Therefore, the production of hydroxyl and superoxide radicals was limited. At still higher concentration of the dye, the path length was further reduced and the photodegradation was found to be negligible.



**Fig.(2): Effect of initial dye concentration(CR) on photodegradation efficiency of the BiOCl-Fe Nps.**

### 3.3.2 Effect of BiOCl-Fe loading

Experiments were carried out by taking different amounts of BiOCl-Fe and keeping dye concentration constant at 5.8 ppm (Fig. 3). It was found that the rate constant increases up to 300 mg/50 ml of the dye solution, beyond which it shows a drastic reduction. The increase in the degradation efficiency of CR with an increase in the catalyst amount may be due to an increase in the active sites available on the catalyst surface for the reaction, which in turn increases the rate of radical formation. The

reduction in the rate constant when the catalyst amount is increased beyond 300 mg/50 ml, is due to light scattering and reduction in light penetration through the solution. With a higher catalyst loading the deactivation of activated molecules by collision with ground state molecules dominates the reaction, thus reducing the rate of reaction [18, 19].

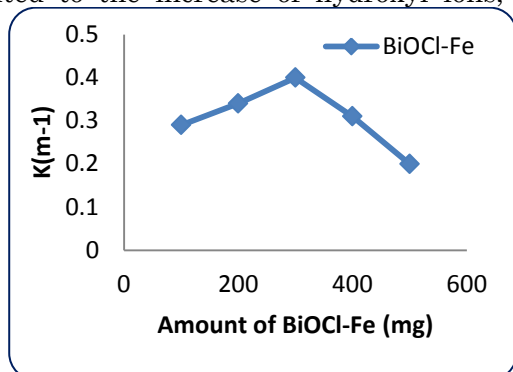
### 3.3.3 Effect of pH

The pH of the dye solution in the present study was adjusted using varying concentrations of  $HNO_3$  or  $NaOH$ . The

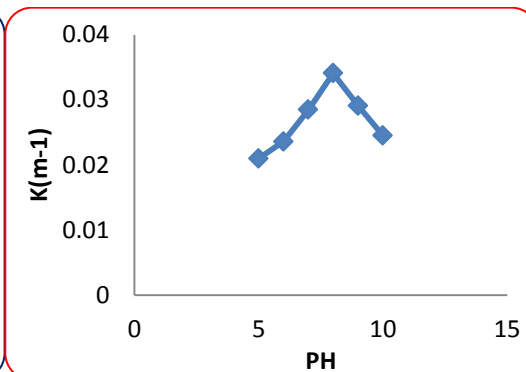


minimum rate constant was recorded at pH 7 and increased with acidic as well as alkaline pH values (Fig. 4). The pH affects not only the surface properties of BiOCl/Fe nanocomposite but also the dissociation of dye molecules and the formation of hydroxyl radicals [20]. Enforcement of the reaction rate under alkaline condition could be attributed to the increase of hydroxyl ions,

which induces more hydroxyl radical formation. In the acidic condition, the perhydroxyl radical can form hydrogen peroxide, which the hydroxyl radical. Thus an increase or decrease in pH from neutral value increases the rate of reaction, because the formed  $\cdot\text{OH}$  radicals also initiates the degradation reaction.



**Fig.(3): Effect of BiOCl/Fe loading on rate constant of photodegradation of CR**

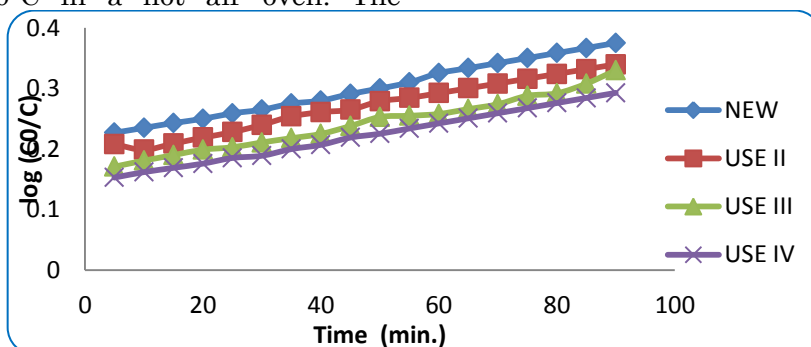


**Fig. (4): Effect of pH on rate constant of photodegradation of CR**

### 3.3.4 Efficiency of reused catalyst

In the process of reuse of the BiOCl-Fe nanocomposite in the succeeding photocatalytic treatment was centrifuged, dried at 30–40°C in a hot air oven. The

photodegradation efficiency of BiOCl/Fe Nps shows only a marginal change after repetitive use (Fig.5). These results indicate the cost effectiveness of this method.



**Fig.(5): Photodegradation efficiency of the catalyst when reused.**

### 3.3.5 Estimation of chemical oxygen demand (COD)

The chemical oxygen demand test is widely used, as an effective technique to measure the organic strength of wastewater. The test allows the measurement of waste in term of total quantity of oxygen required for the oxidation of organic matter to  $\text{CO}_2$  and water.

The COD of the dye solution before and after the treatment was estimated. The reduction in COD values of the treated dye solution indicates the mineralization of dye molecules along with the color removal. Table 1 gives COD values of blank and treated dye solutions.

**Table 1.COD values of initial and treated CR dye solutions.**

Dye concentration (ppm)	Initial COD (mg/l)	Final COD(mg/l)	Photodegradation efficiency
38.81	19.12	6.32	66.94
20.90	23.9	1.05	98.95
95.80	47.8	15.5	67.57
191.60	95.6	8.85	90.74
383.21	191.2	21.86	88.56

### 3.4 Photocatalytic treatment of textile effluent

In any textile plant diverse dyes and chemicals are used to impart attractive colors

to the textile. In this process enormous amount of wastewater with high concentration of persistent dyes and chemicals are generated. An effluent with such diverse composition has been considered for the photocatalytic degradation in the present study. The visible spectrum of the textile effluent employed in the present study was recorded and  $\lambda_{\max}$  was found to be 520 nm. The effluent was used in the photodegradation studies with a required dilution. The initial

COD of the effluent was 1348.44 mg/l and the %T (measured at 520 nm) was found to be 41% after dilution. Sun light was used as the source of illumination. Results of the photocatalytic treatment of industrial effluent using BiOCl-FeNanocomposite are given in Table 2. It can be seen from table that, the reduction in COD confirms the destruction of the organic molecules in the effluents along with colour removal.

**Table 2. Photocatalytic treatment of the effluent.**

Exposure duration	% T	Final COD	Efficiency(%)
1	71	1001.02	19.21
2	78	940.41	22.5
4	82	698.21	40.97
6	89	438.0	59.99
8	93	300.21	72.02
10	96	181.91	83.25

#### 4. Conclusions

Preparation of photocatalytic BiOCl/Fe was carried out under Chemical coprecipitation method. The rapid photocatalytic degradation of CR dye was concluded by using kinetic parameters as concentration of the dye, concentration of the BiOCl/Fe and pH. The BiOCl/Fe nanocomposite can be reused for a number of cycles, which will reduce the cost of operation. Textile effluent with diverse composition was effectively treated using BiOCl/Fe nanocomposite. The reduction in COD of the effluent suggests that the dye molecules were completely mineralized along with color removal. Thus, prepared catalyst BiOCl/Fe can be used for rapid degradation of CR dye.

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## Femvertising the new trend in Indian Advertisements: A case study

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### Abstract

Advertising plays an important part in our lives. It has a power to influence consumer behavior, and spend their money. It not only sells but it reflects the society. The representation of women in advertising has been a topic of discussion and debate for many years. Historically, women have been portrayed in advertisements as objects of desire, with an emphasis on physical appearance and sexuality. In recent years, many Indian companies have created advertisements to break stereotypes or portray women as more confident, determined and super-feminine multi-taskers. Companies have started using 'Femvertising' in various forms to stand out from the clutter of ads. There has been a shift towards more positive and empowering representation of women in advertising. This article is the study of new trend of women representation known as 'Femvertising'. 'Femvertising' refers to a trend in advertising that features feminist themes or messages, often with the goal of empowering women and challenging traditional gender roles. This approach to advertising has gained popularity in recent years, as many brands seek to tap into the growing interest in gender equality and social justice. This study focuses on Emergence of 'Femvertising' in Portraying women in India. This paper also covers the various case study of advertising using 'Femvertising' that change the scenario of women in current era. It will critically examine the reality of women in India in 2023. This study discovers the impact of 'Femvertising' as new trends in portraying women in Indian society and culture.

**Keywords:** Advertising, Femvertising, Women empowerment, Gender stereotypes, Women portraying advertisements, Representation of women.

### Introduction

"Advertising has always been a way of life. Whenever something has needed selling, it has relied on some form of advertising."<sup>1</sup> (Singh, 2021) Advertising plays a significant role in our life. It actually gives shape to our society and culture. Graphics in advertisements communicates and it reflects our culture and society. Advertising has the power to influence consumer behavior, shaping what people buy, where they shop, and how they spend their money. Advertising also reflects the country's diversity and cultural heritage, showcasing everything from traditional clothing and festivals to modern lifestyles and aspirations. It is a powerful tool for promoting social change, raising awareness about important issues and encouraging people to take action. Advertising has been used to promote social

causes such as education, health, and sanitation in India.

Advertising can impact gender roles and perceptions of masculinity and femininity. In India, advertising has played a role in shaping traditional gender roles and expectations, but it has also challenged these norms, promoting greater equality and empowerment for women. It is an important industry in India, contributing to economic growth and creating jobs. It has played a role in the growth of various sectors, including media, marketing, and entertainment.

The role of women in Indian social development has been significant throughout history. Women in India have played a vital role in shaping and contributing to the country's cultural, economic, and social development. Women have been featured in advertisements for decades, and their significance in advertising has evolved over time. Initially, women were used in

<sup>1</sup> (Singh, 2021)

advertisements primarily as sex objects to sell products to men. But today the role of women in society has changed and their purchasing power has increased, advertisers have recognized the importance of portraying women in a more diverse and empowering manner.

#### **Femvertising:**

Femvertising is a relatively new trend in Indian advertising, which involves using feminist messaging and female empowerment in advertisements to promote products or services. This approach has gained popularity in recent years as advertisers recognize the importance of representing women in a positive light and appealing to the changing values of Indian consumers.

Over a period of time along with television commercial, digital media and also social media are in trending, there starts new trends with women role in advertisements as “femvertising”. ‘Femvertising’ means “advertisements which promote the idea, images, and messages consisting of female talents, and women empowerments”. It based on idea of inspiring women to take control and responsibility for their identity and choice. The idea of Femvertising started in 2004 with Dove’s “real beauty campaign” developed by Ogilvy and Mather, Dove redefined the concept of beauty by breaking the stereotype, that only young tall, slim ladies with flawless skin are beautiful. In the real beauty campaign, message was delivered as instead of telling or showing women how they should be, they should celebrate who they were.<sup>2</sup>(Nandi, 2022)

In India, femvertising has become a popular trend in advertising, with many brands seeking to appeal to the country's young, urban, and socially conscious consumers. One of the earliest examples of femvertising in India was the "Daag Ache Hain" campaign by Surf Excel in 2013, which featured a young girl helping a boy to clean his shirt, challenging the traditional gender roles that often dictate women's subservience to men.

#### **Discussion**

**The emergence of Femvertising as a new trend in Indian advertisements can be attributed to several factors:**

#### **Evolving social and cultural landscape:**

Indian society has been witnessing significant shifts in gender roles and women's

empowerment. There is a growing emphasis on gender equality, women's rights, and challenging traditional stereotypes. Advertisers recognize this societal change and aim to reflect it in their campaigns.

#### **Increasing women's purchasing power:**

Women in India are becoming an influential consumer group with increasing purchasing power. Advertisers are acknowledging the significance of women as consumers and are catering to their preferences and aspirations. Femvertising helps brands connect with this target audience by presenting empowering and relatable narratives.

#### **Consumer demand for authenticity:**

Modern consumers, particularly millennials and Gen Z, value authenticity and socially responsible brands. They are more likely to support companies that align with their values and beliefs. Femvertising allows brands to demonstrate their commitment to gender equality and social progress, thereby appealing to socially conscious consumers.

#### **Amplification through digital platforms:**

With the rise of social media and online platforms, the reach and impact of advertisements have expanded significantly. Femvertising campaigns can quickly gain traction and generate conversations online, enabling brands to connect with a wider audience and drive social change.

#### **Influence of global movements and campaigns:**

International movements like #MeToo and feminist campaigns have resonated with Indian audiences. They have raised awareness about gender issues and inspired conversations about women's empowerment. Advertisers are tapping into this momentum by creating campaigns that reflect these sentiments and align with the global discourse on feminism.

#### **Positive brand image and loyalty:**

Brands that embrace Femvertising and authentically promote gender equality can build a positive brand image and foster customer loyalty. Consumers tend to support brands that champion progressive values, leading to long-term relationships and increased brand affinity. Overall, the emergence of Femvertising as a new trend in Indian advertisements is a response to the evolving societal context, consumer demand for authenticity, and the need for brands to align with progressive values. By challenging gender stereotypes, addressing social issues, and empowering women, Femvertising

<sup>2</sup> (Nandi, 2022)

campaigns aim to create a positive impact and drive social change.

### **Importance and Benefits of Femvertising :**

Firstly, it empowers women by challenging gender stereotypes and promoting positive representations. By showcasing women in diverse roles and breaking traditional norms, femvertising inspires women to embrace their capabilities and aspirations. Secondly, femvertising captures the attention of progressive audiences. Consumers, particularly millennials and Gen Z, appreciate brands that align with their values. By promoting gender equality and social change, femvertising campaigns can attract and retain these socially conscious consumers. Thirdly, femvertising enhances brand reputation and loyalty. When brands authentically support women's empowerment and equal rights, they foster positive associations and build trust with their audience. This can lead to long-term loyalty and advocacy. Lastly, femvertising promotes gender equality and social change. By addressing issues like gender-based violence, workplace discrimination, and unequal opportunities, femvertising campaigns create awareness and inspire action. They contribute to a more inclusive and equitable society where women are valued and treated equally. femvertising in Indian advertising is important as it empowers women, captures progressive audiences, enhances brand reputation, and drives social change towards gender equality and women's empowerment.

### **Key Elements of Femvertising in Indian Advertisements**

#### **A. Authentic representation of women :**

This involves portraying women in a realistic and diverse manner, moving away from stereotypes and showcasing their strength, individuality, and agency. For Example: Tanishq - "Rivaah - The Wedding Vows Collection" (illustration 1) (Illustration2)

In this advertisement, Tanishq, a renowned jewelry brand, launched their "Rivaah - The Wedding Vows Collection" campaign, which celebrated the diverse beauty and traditions of Indian weddings. The advertisement stood out for its authentic representation of women by featuring real-life bride Kirti in a remarriage scenario. Kirti, a beautiful woman in her late 40s, portrays a bride preparing for her wedding ceremony, challenging the conventional notion that marriage is limited to a particular age or

stage in life. The advertisement showcases her grace, confidence, and happiness, along with the support and acceptance she receives from her family.

By featuring Kirti, Tanishq effectively breaks away from traditional stereotypes surrounding women and marriage. The ad empowers women by presenting an alternative narrative that encourages them to embrace their choices and find love and happiness at any point in their lives. The authentic portrayal of Kirti's emotions and the positive response she receives in the advertisement resonated with audiences and garnered praise for challenging societal norms.

This example demonstrates how the authentic representation of women in Indian advertising can challenge stereotypes, promote inclusivity, and empower women to make choices that align with their aspirations and values.

#### **1. Diverse portrayal of women in terms of age, body type, and ethnicity :**

In Indian advertising, a key element is the diverse portrayal of women in terms of age, body type, and ethnicity. This involves moving away from the narrow beauty standards and stereotypes traditionally associated with women. Instead, advertisements strive to represent the true diversity of Indian women, reflecting the range of age groups, body shapes, and ethnic backgrounds found in society. By doing so, brands promote inclusivity, challenge societal norms, and empower women to embrace their unique identities and feel represented in the media.

#### **2. Avoiding objectification and promoting realistic beauty standards:**

In Indian advertising, it is essential to avoid objectification and promote realistic beauty standards. Rather than portraying women as mere objects of desire, advertisements should focus on showcasing their talents, accomplishments, and inner qualities. By presenting women in a respectful and non-exploitative manner, brands contribute to a healthier and more inclusive media culture. Moreover, promoting realistic beauty standards means celebrating diverse body shapes, skin tones, and features, rather than perpetuating narrow ideals that can lead to insecurity and self-esteem issues. By

doing so, Indian advertising can inspire confidence and empower women to embrace their authentic selves.

**B. Narratives challenging gender stereotypes:** In Indian advertising, narratives challenging gender stereotypes play a crucial role in promoting gender equality and breaking societal norms. Instead of perpetuating traditional gender roles, advertisements aim to present alternative narratives that showcase women as strong, capable, and independent individuals. They challenge stereotypes by portraying women in non-traditional professions, positions of leadership, and as decision-makers. By doing so, these ads encourage viewers to question and redefine gender expectations, promoting a more inclusive and progressive society.

1. **Breaking traditional gender roles and expectations:** Femvertising in Indian advertising aims to break traditional gender roles and expectations by presenting narratives that challenge societal norms. These advertisements showcase women engaging in activities traditionally associated with men, such as pursuing careers, participating in sports, and taking on leadership roles. By highlighting women's capabilities and achievements in these areas, femvertising promotes the idea that gender should not limit one's aspirations or capabilities. These ads encourage viewers to question and redefine traditional gender roles, fostering a more inclusive and empowering environment for women in Indian society.
2. **Highlighting women's achievements and capabilities:** Femvertising in Indian advertising highlights women's achievements and capabilities, giving them the recognition they deserve. These advertisements showcase women excelling in various fields, breaking barriers, and making significant contributions to society. By highlighting their accomplishments, skills, and talents, femvertising campaigns inspire viewers to recognize and appreciate the diverse capabilities of women. These ads aim to challenge stereotypes and promote the idea that women are capable of achieving greatness in any endeavor they choose. Ultimately, highlighting women's achievements and capabilities in

femvertising campaigns helps to empower and inspire women across India.

### **C. Addressing social issues affecting women**

Femvertising in Indian advertising addresses social issues affecting women, shedding light on important topics and advocating for change. These advertisements raise awareness about gender-based violence, workplace discrimination, unequal opportunities, and other challenges faced by women in society. By addressing these issues, femvertising campaigns strive to initiate conversations, challenge societal norms, and promote empathy and understanding. They encourage viewers to reflect on these social issues and take action towards creating a more equal and inclusive society. Ultimately, femvertising in Indian advertising serves as a powerful tool to advocate for women's rights and drive positive social change.

1. **Focusing on issues like gender-based violence, workplace discrimination, etc.:** Indian advertising is increasingly focusing on sensitive issues like gender-based violence and workplace discrimination. These advertisements aim to raise awareness, spark conversations, and drive societal change. They shed light on the prevalence and impact of these issues, urging viewers to challenge societal norms and contribute to creating a safer and more equitable society. By addressing these sensitive topics, Indian advertising plays a crucial role in advocating for gender equality, promoting empathy, and inspiring action to combat these social injustices.
2. **Supporting causes related to women's empowerment and equal rights:** Femvertising in India actively supports causes related to women's empowerment and equal rights. These advertisements align with initiatives and organizations that work towards uplifting women and promoting gender equality. They highlight the importance of education, economic empowerment, and breaking societal barriers. By advocating for these causes, femvertising campaigns strive to create a more inclusive society where women have equal opportunities and rights. They encourage viewers to support and engage with these causes, fostering a collective effort towards women's empowerment and creating a more equitable future.



**Femvertising in Indian advertisements:**

Today many Indian brands have followed suit, with campaigns that focus on issues such as body positivity, women's empowerment, and gender equality. For example, the "Share the Load" campaign by Ariel, which highlights the unequal burden of household chores that falls on women in many Indian households, has been widely praised for its feminist message. Femvertising is started using for many campaign in different forms to distinguish in the clutter of advertisements.

**Titan Raga - "Khud Se Naya Rishta"**

This advertisement by Titan Raga, a renowned watch brand, challenges the traditional portrayal of women as submissive and dependent. It showcases a woman confidently pursuing her passion for music and breaking societal barriers. The ad emphasizes self-expression, empowerment, and the importance of embracing individuality. Illustration3

Nike's "Da Da Ding" campaign in India focuses on celebrating women in sports and breaking gender stereotypes. The advertisement features prominent female athletes, such as Deepika Padukone, doing intense workouts, challenging the notion that sports are primarily for men. The ad aims to inspire women to embrace their strength and participate in sports fearlessly. (Illustration-5) (Illustration6.)

**Whisper - "Touch the Pickle"**

Whisper, a popular feminine hygiene brand, launched the "Touch the Pickle" campaign to address menstrual taboos prevalent in Indian society. The ad encourages women to break free from the restrictions imposed during their periods and challenges the notion that menstruation is something to be ashamed of. It promotes open conversation and empowers women to embrace their bodies. (Illustration7) ,(Illustration8)

**Anouk - "Bold Is Beautiful"**

Anouk, a fashion brand by Myntra, released the "Bold Is Beautiful" series, featuring stories of strong, independent women who defy societal norms. The advertisements showcase women making choices that challenge conventions, such as interfaith marriages and single motherhood. The campaign aims to inspire women to be true to themselves and make choices that empower them. (Illustration9.), (Illustration 10.), (Illustration 11.)

**Tanishq - "Remarriage"**

Tanishq, a prominent jewelry brand, released an advertisement highlighting the concept of remarriage and challenging societal taboos associated with it. The ad depicts a bride preparing for her second marriage and showcases the acceptance and support she receives from her family. The campaign celebrates the idea that love and happiness can be found at any stage of life. (Illustration 12.), (Illustration 13.), These examples illustrate how Femvertising in Indian advertisements promotes empowerment, challenges gender stereotypes, and addresses social issues, resonating with progressive audiences and driving positive change in society. Govt of India awareness campaign, promoting girl's education "Beti Bachao, Beti Pado" and "Oriflame beautiful change" is recent ad with the same message that an established women takes the responsibility of her maid's daughter education. (Illustration 14.), , (Illustration 15.), (Illustration 16.).

Advertisement by Myntra "Bold is beautiful" a series of ad campaign for Anouk an ethnic wear brand, portraying bold and beautiful either it was about choosing life partner of same sex or pregnancy is not creating any handicap situation for any woman nor it is an end to a women's career. Whisper advertisements break different types of taboos and stereotypical mentality regarding menstruation cycles. Ariel's ad campaign "Share the load" promote the idea "Why is laundry a mother's job?" questioning century old Indian stereotypes. One of the most popular Nike's ads depicts Gender equality message by Nike's "Da Da Ding" focused on the athletic spirit of women and stood out within the clutter of advertisements by giving a strong message to people who don't give enough importance to female sports. (Illustration 17), Illustration18.) Titan's "I am Flaunt the flaws" is a beautiful ad where beauty of women is redefined, and projected women as they are.

Dove's StopTheBeautyTest ad film walked us through hard-hitting, real stories of beauty-based judgment and rejection faced by women during the matchmaking process, and the impact this has on their self-esteem.<sup>3</sup> (Illustration 19), Paytm's Campaign for women's day showcase 'The Divide' social experiment that Approaches with confidence!

<sup>3</sup> (Nandi, 2022)

Lead or be part of the conversation on the key trends and developments in marketing. In this impactful social experiment is a center around financial literacy and gender disparity in Indian society. At the end of the experiment there emerges the wide gap of financial literacy between men and women. The campaign seeks to encourage the viewers to separate gender from finance. (Cabico, 2021) ( Illustration 20.) In the “Nayi Soch” campaign, Star plus has launched an ad where the name of the sweet shop is kept “Gurdeep Singh and Daughters”. The ad overwhelmed us by challenging the age-old Indian convention of keeping names of any business by the name of father and sons<sup>4</sup>. (Nandi, 2022)

Overall, the rise of femvertising in India reflects a broader trend towards greater gender equality and social justice in the country. By promoting messages of empowerment and challenging traditional gender roles, these campaigns are helping to shift cultural attitudes and promote a more inclusive and equitable society.

### Conclusions

The portrayal of women in Indian advertisements in earlier was often stereotypical and limiting. Women were typically depicted in traditional roles as homemakers or objects of desire, with little regard for their intelligence, skills, or accomplishments. But in the present era, there has been a significant shift in the portrayal of women in Indian advertisements. Many brands are now adopting a more inclusive and diverse approach, with a focus on empowering women and challenging traditional gender roles.

One of the most notable trends in contemporary Indian advertising is the rise of femvertising, where brands feature feminist themes or messages that promote gender equality and challenge social norms. For example, the "Touch the Pickle" campaign by Whisper challenged taboos surrounding menstruation, while the "Do You" campaign by Nike celebrated female athletes and encouraged women to pursue their passions. In addition to femvertising, many ads now feature women in a wider range of roles and contexts, highlighting their skills, achievements, and intelligence. Women are shown as CEOs, entrepreneurs,

athletes, and professionals, challenging the notion that they are limited to domestic roles. There is also a growing awareness of body positivity and a move towards more realistic representations of women's bodies in advertising. Brands are featuring models of different sizes, shapes, and skin tones. This has helped to break down harmful beauty standards and promote a more accepting and diverse society. More over there has been a growing trend towards using humor and satire to challenge gender stereotypes and promote social change. For example, the "Share the Load" campaign by Ariel, which highlights the unequal burden of household chores that falls on women, used humor to make a powerful statement about gender inequality. Overall, the portrayal of women in Indian advertisements has become more inclusive, empowering, and diverse in recent years, reflecting the growing awareness of gender equality issues and the changing cultural attitudes in the country.

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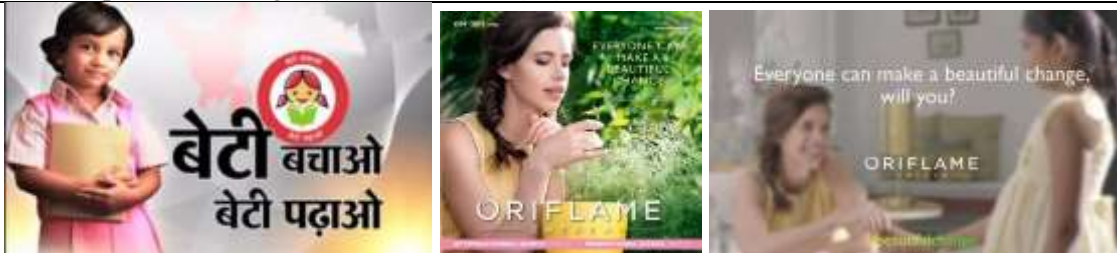




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## The Impact of Local Food on the Development of Gastronomy Tourism: An Exploratory Study

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### Abstract

**Objective/Purpose/Rationale of the Study:** Local food has received a huge tourism attraction and become an integral part in tourism experience, well recognized and studied by many hospitality and tourism scholars. Local food has now become an important stream of special interest tourism. Gastronomy tourism is one of the emanate concepts in the tourism sector. The experience of the culture that food belongs to also directs tourists to a region that makes food an essential attraction for tourism. Therefore, gastronomic pleasure is a crucial factor in choosing a travel destination.

**Research Design/Methodology:** Providing the scarcity of research on local food & gastronomic tourism, this research is exploratory by nature which focuses on the impact of local food to show how local food can contribute a major role in the development of Gastronomy tourism. Both the primary as well as secondary source of data are taken into consideration in order to extract the required and suitable data out of it. Primary source of data including a structured questionnaire survey among Culinary graduates, Chef, local cooks and Academicians. Secondary source of data focused on extensive literature review.

**Overview of Findings/trends:** The findings of this research showed that gastronomy tourism is influenced by the existence of local culture which includes the availability of food ingredients, religion, beliefs, and the nature of flavors formed by social & local culture. This study showed contribution to the development of gastronomy tourism. Gastronomy tourism can stimulate national, regional and local economic growth and development also by increasing employment opportunities, attracting foreign direct investment, and earning foreign currency.

**Keywords:** Gastronomy Tourism, Local Food, Local Culture, Tourist, Food & Beverage.

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### 1. Introduction

In today's world, food is one of the important physical needs and in relation with the developing tourism and hotel industry, has led to the emergence of a sector that includes leisure time activities and are desired to be met outside. Majority of tourists, irrespective of the accommodations at which they are staying provide food and beverages services or not, prefer to eat outside; and get to know and explore the taste of the local food and new cultural experiences. For such authentic experiences as tasting local food which is

made of those ingredients only available in that specific region are the main decisive reasons for tourists' preferences to visit the destination (Sormaz et al., 2016). Food tourism researchers and tourism studies have greatly benefited from the tourist perspective, as it has brought increasing attention to the versatility of food tourism in contributing to the socio-cultural and environmental aspects of tourism. Understanding food tourism experiences requires a connection to the local foodscape, as these experiences primarily represent the local environments, people, and



their stories through food. The foodscape is a dynamic social construction that links food to specific places, people, and meanings. It constantly evolves alongside food choices, eating habits, and other factors that influence our relationship with food. Additionally, food tourism has played a significant role in shaping the local foodscape, influencing the local gastronomic culture and environment as a tourism resource. Local food presents the local lifestyle, local culture and the authentic taste of the destination. Local foods are the decisive factors for choosing the travel path, act as a motive for visiting the destination that keep the local food come in the center criteria of the gastronomy tourism development plan and promote that destination. Local food is self-correlated with the destination itself. Food acts as a vital component of the local culture and shows the background, local eating habits of a custom of society or destinations (AWASTHI et al., 2020).

In this context, there are critical research gaps that need attention. Firstly, the relevance of Gastronomy tourism to the local food remains unknown, despite extensive focus on the local gastronomic attributes from a marketing perspective. Understanding the interaction between tourists and local suppliers is crucial for comprehending the ongoing process of constructing the gastronomy destination. Secondly, the impact of local food tourism activities on gastronomy tourism has been neglected. While food experiences are considered an integral part of the overall destination experience, most research has focused on non-organized travel activities and individual choices, overlooking the rapid growth of established commercial activities such as custom dining, eating with local families, cooking classes, market tours, farm tours, and street food tours.

Therefore, this research aims to explore the impact of local food on the development of Gastronomy Tourism.

The objectives of the study are:

1. To examine the role of local food in shaping the development and growth of gastronomy tourism.
2. To identify the key factors and attributes of local food that contribute to the

attractiveness and appeal of gastronomy tourism destinations.

3. To assess the impact of gastronomy tourism on the preservation and promotion of local food culture, heritage, and sustainability.

The study will consider both the local supplier and tourist perspectives, enabling a more nuanced analysis of the interdependent relationships between both. This research will contribute to bridging research gaps and adopting a holistic approach to local food & Gastronomy tourism, advancing our knowledge of the intricate connections between people, food, and place.

## **2. Review of Literature**

Today tourists expect unique experiences from the places they visit. Local food and beverages are used as a means of advertising, branding and marketing of a gastronomy tourism destination and gives a taste of locality. It represents a general enhancement of cultural heritage, facilitates tourism producers to sharpen the profile of a destination and contributes to the tourists' experiences of the area. Locally produced and processed food can underpin the local economy and “add value” to the local farm producers. It can be a crucial instrument to diversify and add value to the local economy (Yi-Chin et al., 2011). In today's competitive world where there is a cut throat rivalry, the marketing and promotion of destinations is a complex challenge in itself as it has many obstacles with different agendas and expectations; and local food and their gastronomy has huge potential to develop, introduce and market a destination amongst tourists (Uner, 2014).

### **2.1 The concept of Gastronomy**

The word gastronomy is derived from the words “gastros” and “gnomos” (which mean “stomach” and “knowledge or law” in Greek). Another word is culinary, which means dishes, food, food preparation techniques (Kivela & Crotts, 354-377). Local food and gastronomy tourism are an integral part of the culture of communities and destinations and tourists want to experience and “taste” the region they are visiting (Bessiere, 1998). Gastronomy tourism is the intentional, exploratory participation in the

foodways of another - participation including the consumption, preparation, and presentation of a food item, cuisine, meal system, or eating habit considered to belong to a culinary system not one's own (Long, 2004). Food is the only way where humans make themselves feel as civilized. The cuisine is the most important part of every region that showcases the culture and tradition of a local. The main purpose of tourism which a tourist uses is for leisure, business, recreational activities, rejuvenation, medical, VFR, education, or pilgrim where it forgets to mention the focus towards local food and gastronomy which is also considered a segment for tourism (Civitello, 2007). According to "Fox 2007" research publication, any individual or group of people, who explore a destination dedicatedly with a culinary motive, would be termed as "foodie(s)". Local food presents the specialty of that destination and represents local culture of that region itself. Gastronomic tourism includes visiting food producers, food and beverage festivals, restaurants and special places related to some special foods together with tasting a special dish, observing its production and preparation or consuming a local special dish cooked by renowned local cook or chef as well as witnessing the production process of that local food (Hall & Mitchell, 2005).

## **2.2 The Concept of Local Food**

There does not exist a usually accepted definition of local food, that allows tourists or consumers to decide for themselves. Researchers argue that consuming local food indicates shorter distance from food production sites to food consumption sites in relation to the modern mainstream food system (Peters et al., 2008). Most of the researchers attempt to define local food by making reference to actual physical distance i.e. in miles, kilometers and hours of travel, or using national or regional boundaries as natural boundaries (Feldmann & Hamm, 2015). While "local" indicates geographical region, there is no such decided criterion of the distance between production sites and consumption sites (Martinez et al., 2010). In addition the definition of local food may vary depending on geographical proximity and

seasonal food availability. Geographical proximity is only one of the major attributes of the definition of local food. There exists a wide range of characteristics to define food as local. Tourists or consumers prefer local food in the belief that local food is fresh, safer and of higher quality in terms of health, hygiene and better tasting. Tourists or consumers prefer local food in order to explore and experience unique tastes and flavors of that region and also to support local economies as in the belief that local food is friendlier towards the natural environment (Meyerding et al., 2019). The social movement associated with local foods represents a cultural phenomenon that is closely linked to Gastronomy tourism.

As per studies conducted in the United States by hoteliers following views were found and concluded predominantly:

1. local food is of higher quality, fresher and delicious and
2. local food is usually preferred by tourists and guests themselves (especially after local ingredients are available) (Martinez et al., 2010).

Demand for local food affects the gastronomy development of the tourism sector and local community by supporting local economies i.e. by strengthening local producers, cooks communities) thus helping local communities survive and promote gastronomy tourism. Promoting local food results in development of gastronomy tourism which helps build a brand in a given region by influx in tourist footfall and more investment, and creating authentic tourist experiences. Gastronomy tourism helps in connecting tourists with people and places where local food is produced. By supporting "local" food, gastronomy tourism may generate broad opportunities for local communities and their tourists. The development of gastronomy tourism will give a region's identity. Local food and gastronomy tourism promotes traditional festivals, eco-friendly practices and develops the identity of local heritage and also boosts local economies (Kyriakaki et al., 2016). Gastronomic tourism activities provide direct and indirect employment and financial income (Sahin, 2015). The food & beverage production industry is together with

agricultural production, one of the significant traditional sectors in the country's economy (Lukáš & Alžbeta, 2021). Gastronomy tourism is an important economic and social factor, which maintains the viability and sustainability of the destination. The production, service and sale of local food is an integral part of tourism as it creates an added value, especially for those tourists who are looking for new and unique experiences, and want to experience the exposure to learn about the regional identity and culture. Local gastronomy, and local food and beverages are an essential part of the local heritage. Local food can take over the prime attraction in the region, contribute to tourists' experience and satisfaction, and enable them to expand knowledge or cultural capital (Choe & Kim, 2018). The close connection of the local food, the natural conditions and cultural traditions of a region should be market oriented. Local food can be used as a region symbol that links up with a sense of authentic place (Lukáš & Alžbeta, 2021). Local food is believed to be authentic, pure and traditional and hence more fresh, hygienic and tastier. For example, Wine has long been used as a tourist attraction through experiences by many countries such as wine sampling, winery tours or traditional wine making activities. (Kauppinen et al., 2013). Local gastronomy has a positive economic impact especially for rural areas. Rural & Tribal areas have unique local tastes which are not found in any other place, and have ability to expand a sense of curiosity and adventure for newer tastes (Blakey, 2012). Promoting local food and gastronomy tourism in rural areas helps local farmers, producers and small business owners, and helps these rural economies to diversify (Everett & Aitchison, 2008).

### **2.3 Relationship between Gastronomy Tourism & Local Food**

Gastronomy tourism involves experiencing environments, people, and their stories associated with food. Perullo (2016) highlights the significance of Gastronomy tourism experiences in shaping the local foodscape and its evolution, considering the inherent nature of food production and consumption. Foodscape, which can be

understood as a landscape of food, serves as the interactive space for Gastronomy tourism, where people, place, and food interact simultaneously (Mikkelsen, 2011; Long, 2010; Sage, 2010). Scholars from various disciplines have recognized the socially constructed concept of foodscape, influencing food culture, awareness, production, and consumption in society (Johnston & Goodman, 2015). However, despite its popularity in fields such as anthropology, geography, sociology, cultural studies, and health science, Gastronomy remains understudied in the context of tourism. Although the concept of Gastronomy is seldom acknowledged as fundamental in developing a food tourism destination (Casciola, Laurin, & Wolf, 2014), it holds potential as a valuable approach. Mikkelsen (2011) introduces a meso view for studying gastronomy at the local (community) level, particularly relevant for analyzing shared foodways that shape the social and cultural dimensions of a community. Such conceptualizations align with Johnston and Baumann's (2009) understanding of social constructs within specific places, people, and food systems. The gastronomy of a destination is subject to change, influenced not only by the dynamic relationships between food culture and materiality but also by the multifaceted interactions between tourists, food, and locals in the tourism context (Avieli, 2013). The broader interactions of food tourism encompass place, identity, culture, and people, forming a comprehensive gastronomic experience. Consequently, food tourism and the local foodscape are interconnected rather than separate entities, supporting a value-creation network that involves tourists, producers, and other stakeholders (Richards, 2021).

### **3. Research Design & Methodology**

This research is exploratory by nature and qualitative in study which focuses on the impact of local food to show how local food can contribute a major role in the development of Gastronomy tourism. Both the primary as well as secondary source of data are taken into consideration in order to extract the required and suitable data out of it. Secondary source of data focused on an

extensive review of relevant academic literature and industry reports on gastronomy tourism, local food, and their interconnections. Primary data was collected through interviews, surveys, and observations in selected gastronomy tourism destinations. A diverse range of stakeholders, including Culinary graduates, Chef, local cooks, Academicians, Tourists, local food producers, tourism officials, and experts were included in the study. This approach ensures to reach tourists who have the ability to fully evaluate the local food offerings and its implications on the development of Gastronomy Tourism.

### **Observation/Results**

The findings of this exploratory study highlight the significant impact of local food on the development and growth of gastronomy tourism. Local food acts as a key driver in attracting tourists, providing them with authentic, unique, and culturally rich culinary experiences. Local food acts as a significant motivator for travelers in choosing gastronomy tourism destinations, contributing to the overall appeal and differentiation of a location. Local food enhances the cultural experience of tourists, enabling them to connect with the local community, history, and traditions. Authenticity and uniqueness of local food play a crucial role in attracting gastronomy tourists. Visitors seek genuine and distinct culinary experiences that reflect the local culture and traditions. Quality and taste of local food significantly impact the overall satisfaction and perception of gastronomy tourism destinations. Diversity and variety of local food offerings add to the attractiveness of a destination, providing a wide range of choices for tourists. Locally sourced and organic ingredients are increasingly valued by gastronomy tourists, contributing to the sustainability and environmental consciousness of a destination. Gastronomy tourism plays a vital role in preserving and revitalizing local food culture and heritage. It creates a demand for traditional recipes, culinary techniques, and local ingredients, thus supporting local producers and artisans. Gastronomy tourism fosters collaborations between the tourism industry and local communities, encouraging the transmission of culinary knowledge,

skills, and traditions across generations. The promotion of local food through gastronomy tourism can generate economic benefits for the local community, supporting small-scale food businesses and contributing to the overall development of the region. The preservation and promotion of local food culture, heritage, and sustainability are integral components of gastronomy tourism, leading to economic, social, and cultural benefits for destinations. These findings underscore the importance of recognizing and leveraging local food as a vital asset in the development of gastronomy tourism.

### **Discussion**

Local food plays an important role in the development of Gastronomic tourism which supports regional development by strengthening the link between local food and beverages and tourism and promotes local identity, culture and financial conditions. So, this will also ensure protecting historical and cultural heritages and passing it to next generations and ensuring its permanence. However, although there is numerous research done on food and beverage and culinary tourism, there is only a limited number of studies on “local food & gastronomy tourism”. Therefore; research, studies about local food, gastronomy tourism and its development should be carried out on a nationwide and international basis. Workshops and seminars should be held to inform foreign and domestic tourists, get their attention, and to introduce and promote local food and gastronomy tourism. National and international gastronomy festivals should be organized to introduce the gastronomy destinations to tourists. Traditional local food and beverage, raw materials, ingredients and food and beverage production, service and sales shows the culture of the destination and tasting of the local food and beverage means to experience the gastronomic culture of the destination. Local food is becoming one of the most promising segments of gastronomy tourism. Research shows that there is an interest in local and regional food and beverage by tourists.

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## New Education Policy 2020 and its impact On Higher Education

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### Abstracts:

The paper shows how new education policy 2020 aims to transform education while keeping the learner at the centre. The NEP 2020 is a significant step forward since it focuses on the entire development of pupils by providing access, relevance, equity, quality, and solid foundational learning. By expressing a new vision for educational institutions, the NEP has supplied a much-needed revision and reform agenda. It has established the groundwork for a radical shift in how education is delivered, opening up new opportunities for educators while ensuring that every Indian kid of school age has access to and receives a high-quality, egalitarian education. The National Policy on Education (NPE) is a policy that the Government of India intends to implement in order to enhance education among India's people. The policy extends from primary school to universities in both rural and urban India. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi announced the first NPE in 1968, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi declared the second in 1986, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared the third in 2020.

**Key words:** Nep 2020, Impact On Higher Education, Higher Education, Education In India, New Education

### Introduction:

The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), which was approved by India's Union Cabinet on July 29, 2020, depicts the vision of the country's new education system. The new policy supersedes the previous National Policy on Education from 1986. The policy offers a comprehensive framework for basic education, higher education, and professional preparation in both rural and urban India. The policy aims to transform India's educational system by 2021. The language policy in NEP is a broad regulation and warning in nature, and the execution is up to the governments, organisations, and schools.

It plans to increase public spending on education from roughly 4% to 6% of GDP at the earliest opportunity.

In January 2015, the New Education Policy interview cycle was launched by a board of trustees led by former Cabinet Secretary T. S. R. Subramanian. Based on the board report, the draught NEP was submitted in 2019 by a board led by former Indian Space Exploration Association (ISRO) CEO Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan. The Service

of Human Asset Development then delivered the Draught New Education Policy (DNEP) 2019, which was followed by a series of public consultations. The Draught NEP was 484 pages long. The Service used a detailed interview process to develop the draught policy: "More than two lakh ideas were gathered from 2.5 lakh gramme panchayats, 6,600 squares, 6,000 Metropolitan Neighbourhood Bodies (ULBs), and 676 locations." The National Education Policy envisions:

The primary issues addressed by the Indian higher education system include authorised division of abilities, early specialisation and understudy influx into restricted examination zones, less emphasis on research all things considered universities and schools, and a lack of serious friend assessed scholarly exploration subsidising and huge associated universities resulting in low levels of undergrad education. Institutional rebuilding and union hope to end higher education's fracture by transforming higher education organisations into massive multidisciplinary organisations,



producing well-rounded and creative people, and changing different nations educationally and financially, increasing the gross enrolment proportion in higher education, including professional preparation, from 26.3% (2018) to half by 2035.

### **Impacts On Higher Education**

The influence of NEP 2020 on school education in India will be enormous, as the following proposed changes will be implemented.

**Changed pedagogy:** The NEP 2020 impact involves a shift in curriculum and pedagogy structure. It is now 5+3+3+4, or 5 (foundational) + 3 (preparatory) + 3 (middle) + 4 (secondary).

**Every child in school by 2030:** Once the NEP is fully implemented, every child between the ages of three and eighteen will have access to a high-quality education, whether in public or private schools. More than 3.22 million out-of-school youngsters will be brought into the formal education system by providing alternate entry and departure points.

Fewer pupils from vulnerable socioeconomic categories will drop out: There will be fewer dropouts as a result of NEP 2020's increased alternatives for students from Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups, which include the introduction of Special Education Zones, a Gender Inclusion Fund, and improved access to open and remote learning options. **Changing the way students learn:** NEP will have the greatest impact on the student learning process. The policy argues for a shift away from the current rote-learning approach and towards a more activity-based, experiential learning methodology. As a result, the educational system will be able to absorb new curricular and technology innovations, easing the move to a more personalised, student-centered model.

**Developing skills for future jobs:** The NEP has recommended curriculum and methodology change to ensure that children learn higher-order cognitive skills, 21st-century skills, mathematics and computational thinking, and critical thinking skills, among other things. The impact of NEP 2020 would entail building skills that would result in a workforce that is better equipped for the future and capable of meeting the shifting demands of future occupations. **Assessments influence teaching-learning in schools:** Shifting the emphasis

from annual exams to a system of formative assessments to improve the teaching-learning process is one of the most critical components of NEP 2020 impact.

Students demonstrate competency in a variety of ways: Students will be less nervous about tests and will be able to demonstrate what they have learned to the best of their abilities through various evaluations throughout the year. The impact of NEP 2020 will also include a stronger emphasis on demonstrative learning and a low-stakes board test in Grade 10. In 10 years, all instructors must be taught and professionally developed: One of the NEP's key impact areas is to have all teachers professionally educated or certified by the year 2030. If implemented, all teachers from Anganwadi to secondary school will have the necessary credentials and adhere to a set of standardised professional standards, representing a significant advance over the current system. NEP 2020 will have a good impact on school education in India, as these improvements are long overdue and will contribute to future-oriented education.

### **NEP 2020 Innovations:**

1. 100 best Indian universities would be encouraged to work in other countries.
2. 100 best foreign universities would be allowed and collaborated with to work in India.
3. Each study hall will focus on the most recent educational innovation that enables improved learning experiences.
4. Faculty Solidity will be provided in a specific organisation with no general exchange to other foundations.
5. Faculty members have access to educational plans and instructional methods within a supported system.
6. Workforce motivational forces and responsibilities will be determined based on academic and research execution.
7. A fast track progression mechanism for faculty with high impact research commitments will be marketed.
8. A distinct boundary-based Programming interface policy will be established with peer and understudy criticism, advancements in educating and teaching method, proficient development exercises, Quality and impact research, commitment to a foundation in terms of confirmation, and social neighbourhood commitment.

9. The Programming interface policy will be unequivocally defined in the Institutional development plan.
10. Focus on achieving the practical Education Development Goal (SEDG) and a GER of half by 2035.

#### **Importance of NEP:**

##### **School Education**

##### **Ensuring Universal Access at all levels of school education**

The NEP 2020 focuses on ensuring universal access to school education at all levels, from pre-school to secondary school. Infrastructure support, innovative education centres to reintegrate dropouts, tracking of students and their learning levels, facilitating multiple pathways to learning involving both formal and non-formal education modes, association of counsellors or well-trained social workers with schools, open learning for classes 3, 5, and 8, secondary education programmes equivalent to Grades 10 and 12, vocational courses, adult literacy Under NEP 2020, over 2 crore out-of-school children will be re-enrolled.

##### **Early Childhood Care and Education with a New Curriculum and Pedagogy**

With an emphasis on Early Childhood Care and Education, the 10+2 school curriculum framework will be replaced by a 5+3+3+4 curricular structure corresponding to ages 3-8, 8-11, 11-14, and 14-18 years. NCERT will create a National Curricular and Pedagogical Framework for Early Childhood Care and Education (NCPFECCE) for children as young as eight years old. ECCE will be provided through a vastly expanded and enhanced network of institutions, including Anganwadis and pre-schools, with teachers and Anganwadi workers educated in ECCE methodology and curriculum.

##### **Obtaining Basic Literacy and Numeracy**

Recognising Foundational Literacy and Numeracy as an essential and important prerequisite to learning, NEP 2020 proposes for the establishment of a National Mission on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy by the Ministry of Human Resources and Development. States will develop a plan for achieving universal foundational literacy and numeracy in all primary schools for all students by grade 3 by 2025. A National Book Promotion Policy will be developed.

##### **Curriculum and pedagogical reforms**

The school curriculum and pedagogy will aim for holistic development of learners by equipping them with crucial 21st century

skills, curricular content reduction to increase essential learning and critical thinking, and a higher emphasis on experiential learning. Students will have more topic options and freedom. There will be no sharp distinctions between the arts and sciences, curricular and extracurricular activities, or vocational and academic tracks.

##### **Language power and multilingualism**

The policy has emphasised the use of mother tongue/local language/regional language as the medium of instruction until at least Grade 5, but preferably until Grade 8 and beyond. Sanskrit will be provided as a student option at all stages of school and higher education, including in the three-language formula. Other traditional Indian languages and literatures will also be accessible as alternatives. No student will be forced to learn a language.

##### **Evaluation Reforms**

NEP 2020 envisions a change from summative to formative assessment that is more competency-based, supports learning and development, and measures higher-order abilities like analysis, critical thinking, and conceptual clarity.

##### **Education that is both equitable and inclusive**

NEP 2020 strives to ensure that no child is denied the chance to study and excel due of their birth circumstances or background. Special attention will be paid to Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs), which include gender, socio-cultural, and geographical identities, as well as disabilities.

##### **Strong Teacher Recruitment and Career Pathways**

Teachers will be hired through rigorous and open methods. Promotions will be merit-based, with a multi-source periodic performance review method and possible advancement tracks to become educational administrators or teacher educators. The National Council for Teacher Education will create a set of common National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) by 2022, in collaboration with NCERT, SCERTs, teachers, and expert organisations from all levels and regions.

##### **School Administration**

Schools can be organised into complexes or clusters that will serve as the primary unit of government, ensuring the availability of all resources such as infrastructure, academic

libraries, and a strong professional teacher community.

### **School Education Standardisation and Accreditation**

NEP 2020 envisions distinct systems for policy formulation, regulation, operations, and scholarly pursuits. States and territories will establish autonomous State School Standards Authorities (SSSA). The SSSA's need for transparent public self-disclosure of all basic regulatory information will be heavily used for public monitoring and accountability. Through talks with all stakeholders, the SCERT will create a School Quality Assessment and Accreditation Framework (SQAAP).

### **Increase GER to 50% by 2035 through higher education**

The National Education Policy 2020 intends to raise the Gross Enrollment Ratio in higher education, including vocational education, from 26.3% in 2018 to 50% by 2035. Higher education institutions will gain 3.5 million new seats.

### **Multidisciplinary Holistic Education**

The policy envisions broad-based, multidisciplinary, comprehensive Undergraduate education with flexible curriculum, unique topic combinations, vocational education integration, and many entry and exit points with appropriate certification. UG education can last three or four years, with several departure alternatives and suitable certification available during the time. Certificate after one year, Advanced Diploma after two years, Bachelor's Degree after three years, and Bachelor's with Research after four years, for example.

### **Regulation**

The Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) would be established as a single overarching umbrella authority for all higher education, with the exception of medical and legal education.

### **Rationalised Institutional Architecture**

Higher education institutions will be converted into large, well-resourced, thriving multidisciplinary institutions that provide high-quality teaching, research, and community participation. The concept of university will allow for a range of entities ranging from research-intensive universities to teaching-intensive universities and autonomous degree-granting colleges.

Faculty Who Are Motivated, Energised, and Capable

NEP gives guidelines for inspiring, energising, and developing faculty capacity through clearly defined, independent, and transparent recruitment, flexibility to design curricula/pedagogy, incentivizing excellence, and advancement into institutional leadership. Faculty who fail to meet fundamental standards will be held accountable.

### **Teacher Training**

The NCTE will collaborate with NCERT to develop a new and comprehensive National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education, NCFTE 2021. The minimum degree qualification for teaching will be a four-year integrated B.Ed. degree by 2030. Stand-alone Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) will face severe penalties.

### **Student financial assistance**

Efforts would be made to reward the merit of students from SC, ST, OBC, and other SEDGs. The National Scholarship Portal will be expanded to help, foster, and track the success of scholarship recipients. Private higher education institutions will be pushed to provide more free ships and scholarships to their students.

1. Open and Distance Learning
2. Online Education and Digital Education:
3. Technology in education
4. Promotion of Indian languages
5. Professional Education
6. Adult Education
7. Financing Education
8. Mentoring Mission
9. Universalization from ECCE to Secondary Education by 2030, aligning with SDG 4
10. Attaining Foundational Learning & Numeracy Skills through National Mission by 2025
11. 100% GER in Pre-School to Secondary Level by 2030
12. Bring Back 2 Cr Out of School Children
13. Teachers to be prepared for assessment reforms by 2023
14. Inclusive & Equitable Education System by 2030
15. Board Exams to test core concepts and application of knowledge
16. Every Child will come out of School adept in at least one Skill
17. Common Standards of Learning in Public & Private Schools

### **Conclusion:**

The NEP 2020 is the first education policy of the twenty-first century, succeeding the 34-

year-old National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986. This policy is aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and aims to transform India into a vibrant knowledge society and global knowledge superpower by making both school and college education more holistic, flexible, multidisciplinary, suited to 21st century needs, and aimed at bringing out the unique capabilities of each student.

Higher education is an important factor in determining a country's economy, social prestige, innovation acceptance, and ethical human behaviour. The education division of the national government is responsible for further developing GER to remember each resident of the country for higher education contributions. The National Education Policy of India 2020 is working towards this goal by making incentive arrangements to work on quality, appeal, moderation, and expanding the inventory by opening up higher education to the private sector while enforcing strict controls to maintain quality in each higher education foundation.

NEP-2020 is expected to meet its goals by 2030 by empowering merit-based confirmations with free-ships and grants, merit and examination based persistent entertainers as employees, and legitimacy based demonstrated forerunners in controlling bodies, and strict observing of value through biennial accreditation based on self-affirmation of progress through innovation based checking. All higher education foundations that are currently classified as partnered schools will either expand as multi-disciplinary independent schools with degree-granting power in their names or become constituent schools of their subsidiary universities. As a result, the Indian higher education system is shifting from instructor-driven to student-driven, from data-driven to information-driven, from marks-driven to abilities-driven, from assessment-driven to trial-driven, from learning-driven to explore-driven, and from decision-driven to capability-driven.

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## A Feminist Study of Salman Rushdie's *Enchantress of Florence*

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### Abstract:

In *The Enchantress of Florence* (2008), the story begins with the Mughal past of India, during the reign of Akbar when a traveller comes to the king's court and wants to share a secret with the king. The traveller's own history is episodic spanning many delocirs into exotic lands and regimes and his secret even more complicated. It is about a woman endowed with magical powers that holds men captive, ensnares them and so captivates their imaginary that they become her willing slaves. Thus the main theme of the novel revolves around sex and eroticism. The traveller to the Emperor Akbar's court claims to be his long lost relative who was the son of Qara Koz, the exiled sister of Babur. Akbar's grandfather. She had married an Italian from Florence. This is because of the intent of the author to link the East with the West. One of the characters in the novel states this thematic thrust very clearly when he says. "The curse of the human race is not that we are so different from one another, but that we are so alike." Basically, the novel celebrates a kind of a vanished world that never was inter-relating the real with the unreal.

**Key Words:** Travel, Imaginary, Eroticism, Thematic thrust.

As Martin McQuillan puts it: The plot of the novel concerns the unfolding of a double plot, a story about storytelling and the intrigue it engenders. A blonde-haired traveller, Niccolo Vespucci, arrives at the court of the Grand Mughal, Emperor Akbar, determined to tell the tale of a secret so astonishing that it could shake the dynasty itself (105). The novel unfolds as Vespucci, the self-proclaimed Mogor dell'Amore, tells his story to the Mughal. constantly interrupted by the manoeuvring of the court, the politics of the empire and the civil culture of the city. As the novel progresses we flip between two worlds and two stories that of the Mughal Empire, the present of Vespucci and Akbar and that of Florence under the Medicis, the past of three friends whose history leads back to the Mughal present via the introduction of a third, new world. In the telling of this serpentine tale, the importance of the theatrical and dashing Vespucci as a character recedes as a story of Qara Koz, the lost Mughal princess, who he believes to be his mother, is told. The novel flips to be no longer Vespucci's story but the story of Qara Koz and Akbar, who must in the end, decide whether Vespucci's narrative is true or false.

At the end, Vespucci slips away and Akbar is left in a world of doubt and recrimination, uncertain as to what remains at the end of this narrative marathon. (Eagleston and McQuillan, 87)

So the traveller, after plundering a Scottish lord's pirate ship, reaches Sikri, the capital city of Akbar, by the golden lake. He is Mogor dell'Amore who risks his life to get into the coterie of the Emperor. His secret is his relationship to the king via Qara Koz- eventually named Angelica. She had in her time become the dream of everyman living variously as princess, slave and witch. She lives with her servant girl called the Mirror, who shares everything with her mistress, even her bed partners, Rushdie has fantasised her as the ideal mistress and makes Akbar imagine her in the incarnation of Jodha Akbar daydreams of a perfect wife, a perfect lover and all these dream qualities are possessed by Qara Koz or Angelica or the Enchantress. As the story progresses we hear it from various storytellers, travellers and adventurers and moves from the Mughal and Ottoman Empires to Renaissance Florence. Qara Koz is used to bridge two continents and two cultures. She resists conventional

expectations but is endowed with a social dynamism of her own. It can be said that what Rushdie is doing here is to produce a 'gendered discourse' that plays upon both sexuality and hybridity. Despite the fact that Rushdie cannot be called a 'feminist' in the way we relate to the term, his novels are flooded with women characters who dominate the discourse and make things happen the way they happen.

The story told by the foreigner was confirmed by Hamida Bano and Gulbandan Begum. Earlier Babar was known as beaver and Wormwood as Shaibani Khan. Babar's sister Khanzada was captured by Shaibani after his defeat by that Warlord at Samarkand and a decade later Shaibani was defeated by Shah Ismail of Persia. When the princess Khanzada was captured by Shabani, the little princess and her maid-servant known as the Mirror were also captured and when Khanzada was rescued by Shah Ismail and sent home to Babar's court the little princess and the Mirror remained in Persia. The hidden princess didn't return with Khanzada because she was in love with a foreigner so she defied her brother, the King and scorned his court Babar in his fury cast his younger sibling (sister) out of history of his Royal family and her name was never used by anybody in the whole realm Khanzada Begum loved her sister but she obeyed the instructions very carefully and sincerely. "And slowly the memory of the hidden princess and her Mirror faded." (239)

The foreigner continued the story, the Persian King in turn was defeated by the Osmanali or Ottaman. Sultan. In the end the princess reached Italy in the company of a mighty warrior Argalia. The princess name was Qara Koz, meaning Black Eyes, "on account of the extraordinary power of those orbs to bewitch all upon whom they gazed (151). She was a possessor of superhuman powers. Even Khanzada, her half-sister had fallen under the younger girl's spell. Wormwood Khan had heard of the beauty of Babar's elder sister Khanzada Begum. He sent a message to Babar that if Khanzada was surrendered to him he would not attack Babar and his family. "Babar had no choice but to accept, and Khanzada had no choice but to accept Babar's choice. Thus she became a sacrificial offering human booty, a living pawn like the slave girls of Akbar's pachisi court." (155) when she was going to sacrifice her life, she chose Lady Black Eyes

to accompany her. Nobody in the family could decide whether she spoke out of malice or love because Khanzada always dealt with her with both emotions. Being a little child Qara Koz was frightened because if her sister Khanzada became the Wormwood Khan's prisoner, she would be her sister's prisoner.

The foreigner continued the story that there were three friends Antonina Argalia, Niccolo il Machia and Ago Vespucci in Florence. Simonetta Cattaneo, the most beautiful lady in Florence was married to Ago's cousin Marco Vespucci, but he had to share her with the whole town, because such a beauty was a public resource. She was endowed with enchantment power and could affect anyone. She would turn men into whatever she wanted them to be, gods or lap dogs or little barrels or footstools or, of course, lovers. She could have ordered boys to die to prove their love for her and they would have done so gladly, but she was too good-natured for that, and never used her immense powers for ill. (168-169)

The effect of her enchantment was so great that people started praying to her in church. The whole city was under her influence but Marco Vespucci, her husband regarded her as a whore who was available for everyone. Soon Simonetta fell sick and died. The city of Florence had lost its enchantress but they believed that after the death of Simonetta, the first enchantress of Florence, the second enchantress would arrive certainly. According to ancient customs, the city of wealthy traders was also a city of fabulous whores. Il Machia and Ago occasionally there to take pleasure in the company of whores. In Fatehpur Sikri, Akbar was informed of the rapid rise of the sex workers. The Emperor was himself of the opinion that for a woman to please a man, it is necessary that she should know how to sing. dancing and playing a musical instrument. She should be perfect in every matter to please her male counterpart.

And she should be able to act, and to lay on theatrical shows, and she should be quick and sure in her hands, and be able to cook and make lemonade or sherbet, and wear jewels, and bind a man's turban. And she should of course know magic. A woman who knows these few things is almost the equal of any ignorant brute of a man, (195)

The foreigner continued his tale that there were three friends Niccolo'il Machia, Agostino Vespucci and Antonino Argalia.

Their boyhood world was a magic world. Then Argalia's parents died of plague. He left to seek his fortune and his friends never saw him again. He faced many troubles in his adventurous life. One of the slave girls told him that how the cadets in the prison were inspected naked on arrival in Stamboul, their names were taken from them and given other names to indicate their slavery status in the world. The Sultan had given to Argalia the gift of an enslaved beauty, she was erased, and she was just a living corpse. She introduced herself before Argalia as Angelique, the daughter of Jacques Coeur of Bourges, merchant of Montpellier. While she was trading with her family, she was abducted by pirates and sold to the Sultan of Stamboul into slavery. Argalia pitied her for her bad luck, she was sold twice by Barbary pirates, once from the French and second time from the Turks. She had been assaulted by many men, though she belonged to an aristocratic family. "Who knew what assaults she had been subjected to, how many men had had her, or what she would remember of such matters and even now she was not free. She looked as refined as any aristocrat but she was just a girl in a house of pleasure."(238)

In terms of the novel, Angelique acts as a plot device, another pocket within a pocket, by which to progress the story that connects the two worlds of the Mughal and the Medicis, traded and exchanged as the daughter of a merchant, pirated and copied. She shares the name taken by Qara Koz and her Mirror as they cross over into Europe, Angelica: non-human but not quite divine, of the Paradiso promised by Beatrice, the first enchantress of Florence. (Eagleston and McQuillan, 91)

Mogor dell'Amore continued the story that when the great warrior Argalia met the immortal beauty Qara Koz, a story began. As the story of hidden princess began to spread throughout the city of Sikri people began to imagine her in their dream, they thought of her tragic life. Her separation from her family caused her great pain and it was her elder sister Kkanzada's fault which changed her life forever. Many female characters in the Mughal empire began to rethink about her, old princess Gulbadan regarded her as a free-spirited adventurer who took pleasure in the company of the most beautiful man. For Skeleton (whore), Qara Koz was the personification of female sexuality. And

Jodha Bai, the imaginary queen of Akbar, thinks of her as her rival, whom she might not be able to withstand. Infact Qara Koz began to dominate all people's self. "Like Qara Koz and her Mirror, each world reflects the other but not as equal. They are alike in beauty but not the same, one slightly imperfect in relation to the other, not a pure mimesis but an architecture of difference in which the memory palace is the tain of the mirror, that which in its opacity makes reflections possible". (Eaglestone and McQuillan,91)

Plainly Lady Black Eyes was becoming all things to all people, an exemplar, a lover, an antagonist, a muse; in her absence she was being used as one of those vessels into which human beings pour their own preferences, abhorrences, prejudices idiosyncrasies, secrets, misgivings and joys, their unrealized selves, their shadows, their innocence and guilt, their doubts and certainties, their most generous and also most grudging response to their passage through the world. (251-252)

Qara Koz had towering personality and tantalising beauty, she influenced men by her magical beauty though she could not recognise her inner force of enchantments. She was twenty-one years old and had not conceived a child. Though she had abandoned everything for him, her sister, brother and her family but there was something wandering in her, the unrooted thing in personality. "If a woman turned so easily from one allegiance she might just as readily turn away from the next."(274) She was his addiction and his master, she dominated him and he did all things as if he were her slave or a child. Qara Koz, an ambitious lady, was the master of her own life. She was a lady who could make any man mad in love. But herself being cracked under the weight of her isolation and loss. When she refused to return to the Mughal court with her sister Khanzada, She had learned that not only a woman could choose her own road, "but that such choice had consequences that could not be erased from the record." (323) She had made her choice of not returning to her native home and for that decision she had no regrets, but she suffered the black terror, the terror of loneliness. She had learnt many languages of the world, perfected the art of enchantment, but she was without her family, without any ancestors, "without any of the consolations of remaining within one's



allotted frontiers, inside her mother tongue and in her brother's care." (323) It was the bright time of Qara Koz. but the darkness was waiting to visit in her life. As Angelica arrived in the city of Florence, she was considered as a goddess of love and guardian of the public. But after some time Qara Koz showed signs of physical and spiritual weakness. It was the Mirror who first noticed that lackness in her. Argalia, her lover, also noticed it during their love romance, as she started turning away from his advances, asking the Mirror to please him instead.

After Giuliano de Medici's death Lorenzo de Medici became the ruler of Florence and things began to change. Qara Koz was twenty-eight years old, but she was barren. She had not given Argalia a son. Lorenzo conspired against Argalia to be killed in the battlefield. After knowing Lorenzo's plan, the Mirror and the princess decided to escape from Florence, to leave one life and find the next. But they would not leave until Argalia came home alive. She had no power over life and death but trusted the power of love. Meanwhile Lorenzo got sick. There was a rumor that Qara Koz bewitched him which caused his death. The princess covered a short journey from enchantress to witch. Few days earlier she had been the city's saint but now she was a witch to the mob who had killed their Duke. The Mirror suggested she should escape but she was determined to wait for her husband's arrival. And he arrived and promised her to save her life from the mob outside the palace. Qara Koz went away with the Mirror leaving Argalia forever. When Ago Vespucci offered himself to flee with them into an unknown future, Qara Koz offered her life and the Mirror to him in return. "Qara Koz survives and moves around the world through a chain of sacrifice and exchange, swapping the protection of one great man for another, giving up the life of her husband and her own life as a consort whenever a survivor's choice has to be made she becomes sacrificial a offering" (Eaglestone and McQuillan 96) Akbar was not a perfect man but he desired Jodha as his perfect woman, companion and masterpiece of creation. But with the arrival of Qara Koz in his imagination, Jodha had not the power to interrupt his imagination. A different woman visited him instead, it was Qara Koz, Lady Black Eyes. He was lured by her nostalgic gravity, which would drag him backwards in time and in every way. "She

would entice him into the delirium of an impossible love and he would sink into her and away from the world of law and action and majesty and destiny " (389)

Martin McQuillan opines, "Storytelling in this novel is then a form of enchantment, both a bewitching and a sense of wonder or delight. The enchantment of Akbar leaves him spellbound and incapable of reason. As with the rest of this novel, it is only possible to be enchanted in one of two ways: either by stories or by love" (Eaglestone and McQuillan, 94)

Everyone requested Jodha to save the king from the apparition of the so-called hidden princess, Qara Koz. They wished that Jodha should use all her powers over Akbar so that he could "be rescued from his hexed condition-from his lust for this hell-demon in female form." (406) They promised Jodha to assist her by teaching her every means so that she could retain her power over the emperor and the she-devil's victory over the master of Fatehpur Sikri might be stopped. But the imaginary queen Jodhabai was replaced by the phantom of Sara Koz, as the emperor no longer needed her. Qara Koz was his new companion. She became very popular in the public and was called people's princess whereas Jodha had always been a distant queen. Akbar admired the princess journey from the West to the East. "Her journey across the Ocean Sea was a kind of dying, a death before death, because death too was a sailing away from the unknown into the unknown. She had sailed away into unreality, into a world of fantasy which men were still dreaming into being." (418)

The hidden princess, Qara koz, Lady Black Eyes, came to sit beside Akbar. It was the beginning of a new day. The past was meaningless to Akbar, the emperor. "He had raised her from the dead and granted her the freedom of the living, had freed her to choose and be chosen, and she had chosen him." (442) She, Qara Koz, told him "I have come home after all. You have allowed me to return, and so here I am at my journey's end. And, now, shelter of the world, I am yours" (442-43). "Akabar, the all-powerful and the bewitched, through the exercise of his will, and beyond all reason, conjures into being Qara Koz and takes her as his queen" (Eaglestone and McQuillan, 94). Analyzing female characters in Rushdie's novel, Uma Parameswaran concludes: "Salman Rushdie is an ardent crusader of women's rights and

strengths. He delineates the freedoms and oppressions faced by women in their traditional roles, and portrays a diversity of strong women who make their own space, and reach out for controlling their own destinies sometimes despite and sometimes because of traditional codes of conduct (Parameswaran, 109). Aijaz Ahmad also focuses in his own way: The general structure of Rushdie's representation of women, that in real life many women have doubtless been driven to madness, violence, phobia, dementia. But women are not, in any fundamental sense, mere victims of history, much more centrally, women have survived against very heavy odds, and they have produced history" (Ahmad, 150).

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## A Clear understanding of Poetic relation with idea and tradition: T S Eliot's

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### Abstract

For the purposes of this research project, Thomas Stearns Eliot's 1919 critical article "Tradition and Individual Talent," which appeared in "The Egoist - Times Literary Supplement," will be the main focus of analysis. The philosophy of poetry, namely T. S. Eliot's conception of tradition and impersonality, is the subject of this study. This article will focus on Eliot's critical credo that "Poetry is not a turning loose of feeling, but a runaway from emotion; it is not an embodiment of a person's but an escape from personality." The article "Tradition and Individual Talent" by T.S. Eliot, then, might be seen as something of a de facto manifesto for his critical philosophy. The greatest argument is that all the critical premises from which his critique is founded are present in the essay. T. S. Eliot said in his essay "Tradition and Individual Talent" that an artist must always devote himself to something more precious than himself, and in this case, he was talking about the spirit of literature. According to Eliot, in order for a poet's sensibilities to evolve, he must be open to influence from the past. Depersonalizing his feelings is essential; an artist has to be as detached and impartial as a scientist. For this reason, T.S. Eliot's claim that the artist's individuality is secondary to a reverence for tradition holds water. Eliot makes it quite obvious that real Tradition is not something that can be passed down from generation to generation. Hard work is the only way to acquire tradition or a feeling of tradition. The work here is familiarity with classic authors. It's the important work of sorting good from bad and learning what's really helpful. Those without a sense of history cannot learn the past's lessons. The ability to "feel" the past in the present is an integral part of the historical sense. A person with an appreciation for history realizes that all of European literature, beginning with Homer and continuing up to the present day, especially the written work of his own nation, is part of a single, unbroken literary heritage. The eternity and the temporal, and both combined, may be sensed in this historical sense. This awareness of the past is what defines a writer as classical. The term "sense of tradition" refers to the appreciation of literature's continuity, the ability to critically evaluate which authors from the past are relevant now, and the diligent pursuit of information about these authors. This way, custom reflects the knowledge gained over many years, making it crucial for really great and honorable endeavors.

**Keywords:** Words Like "Tradition," "Idea," "Impersonal," "Historical," and ".

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### Introduction

T. S. Eliot never appeared to be in a rut or a holding pattern. His poetry has grown and evolved to the point that he is now considered one of the best serious poets of our day. The critical consensus and public perception of him have also evolved. No poet in the preceding 25 years "has been frequently reviled, denounced, defamed, buried, revived, enthusiastically defended, and passionately denied (by his adverse

opponents) the merits of human interaction and of sincerity."ttl Minor poetry of Eliot (particularly The Waste Land) was seen as and partly was back in the wartime and twenties as an arch, clever de society. Eliot was the savvy young guy whose glimpses of bourgeois immorality horrified the salon critics. However, Eliot's poetry did not undergo any kind of sudden transformation, but rather a steady evolution. The "Sweeney" poems continue from Th!Vaste Land to

"Hollow Men" to "sh YWednesday:" 2 and finally reach their pinnacle in Four Quartets, just as his essay "Tradition and an Individual's Talent," originally released in 1917, and After strange Gods, published in 1934, share a common thread. Those early, superficial Eliot fans who abandoned him after reading Ash Wednesday had complimented his intelligence, complexity, and obscurity but failed to see the undertone of serious mockery. What they failed to see was the realization that the universe that Eliot depicted was the world in which they really lived, a world populated with stuffed scarecrows, and that the natural progression of such an outlook was towards a faith-based optimism. Despite the criticism he received and his own flaws, T. S. Eliot's legacy has left an indelible effect on English literature. His rejection of Romanticism as a school, of large portions of Nobel and all of Swinburne, of the clumsy efforts of Whitman and Sandburg, and of the Elizabethans (whom he revived) led to a literary revolution and inspired a legion of poets to follow in his footsteps. Traditional values are central to both Eliot's critical outlook and his poetics theory. "No one writing today," argues Edwin Muir, "has an especially strong sense of tradition Mr. Eliot feels due to tradition for every choice he makes." The fact that Eliot sees tradition as sustaining not only literary skills but, more importantly, firm Christian sentiments, is of particular relevance to us. It is a product of our heritage. The purpose of this thesis is twofold: first, to discuss what is specifically Eliot's own tradition, the tradition he espouses — namely, the Christian tradition of our Western culture — and second, to clarify Eliot's critique of "tradition," which is applicable at any time because it consists only in setting a standard for a poet who would speak the mind of his age. Finally, we will use interpretation to highlight conventional features of three of Eliot's poems that span his early verse, his first major success, and his later poetry: "Sweeney Among the Nightingales," "The Waste Land," and "East Coker."

### **Notion of "tradition"**

To fully grasp the importance of traditionalists in T. S. Eliot's works, it is important to first distinguish between the subjective as well as the objective components of tradition, or understand clearly when he describes it as a virtue belonging to the poet and when he implies to

it as the sum of the elements which is considered the "tradition" of an age or country. The first may be understood in terms of the creative process, while the latter can be understood in terms of the orthodox, healthy complexity of ideas and sentiments that characterizes the dominating stream of human development, constant yet ever evolving, in which a poet must be, according to Eliot, in order to create a work of enduring worth. Let's start with Eliot's take on objective tradition and his thoughts on it. The second part of this analysis will focus on the poet's interaction with this objective tradition, which, as an adaptation of the poet himself, is subjective tradition. Finally, we'll discuss the "mythic method" and "the auditory imagination," the two primary methods Eliot employs in his own poetry to fulfill this conventional goal. Traditional values are central to both Eliot's critical outlook and his poetics theory. "No one producing today," adds Edwin Muir, "has a stronger sense of tradition." Mr. Eliot has a strong sense of responsibility to tradition in all of his evaluations.<sup>2</sup>

### **Poetic Process**

"The progress of a creator is a gradual self-sacrifice, a gradual extinction of personality," Eliot said in Tradition and Individual Talent, advocating for the idea that poetry ought to become impersonal and free herself from Romantic traditions. According to Eliot, impressionism is not reliable. A contemporary poet's worth is measured against that of predecessors. The critic has to determine whether the poet has a traditional sensibility and if his emotions have been depersonalized. That's why they are the absolute criteria. Eliot explains:

*"There is always a clear cut distinction between art & The Event."*

The poetic process entails nothing more than the concentration of a variety of experiences, from which something entirely new emerges. And this focusing is not active or intentional; rather, it is passive. At first, his sense of self and uniqueness may shine through, but as his abilities develop, his identity will have to fade. He has to train himself to be more objective. He likens the poet's mind to a catalyst, saying that just as diverse emotions may be combined when under the influence of a catalyst, so too the poet's mind can be the catalytic agent for creating something new. John Keats is mentioned by Eliot;

***"The nightingale, perhaps for its seductive name, and maybe because of its image, helped bring things together"***  
***"The ode of Poems include a number of sentiments which have absolutely special to do regarding the nightingale."***

As a result, there is always a clear divide between aesthetics and affect. The poet is not an individual with an identity of his own; rather, he is a conduit through which perceptions and experiences are woven together in odd and surprising patterns. The poet's sentiments and emotions, on the one hand, and the collected wisdom and information of the past, on the other, are what Eliot calls the "personal" aspects, while the "traditional" elements are what the poet learns from others. Poems are the product of the interplay between language and thought. Much poetic eccentricity may be traced back to the misguided belief that the writer must communicate novel feelings. This is why, according to Eliot:

#### **Theory of Idea**

**"His particular emotions may be Simple, or crude, or flat".**

The remainder of his article is presented here. Depersonalization is "a continual yielding of him as he is in a moment to an object that is more valuable," and it is a process that artists and poets follow. For an artist to develop, they must constantly deny themselves and their own identities in order to go forward. In the following essay, Eliot depersonalizes by placing more value on poetry than on the poet. In a state of depersonalization, one feels emotionally detached from one's environment to the point that it seems "less real" than it really is. A "disturbing belief that one being's separate from others," or depersonalization, is defined as feelings of being a robot or an automaton, a detached observer of one's own life. Self-denial and total lack of identity are at the heart of the depersonalization theory.

***"The more perfect the artist, the completely separate in him will be men who suffer and the mind which creates".***

#### **Historical Sense**

Eliot views the present and the past as complementary rather than antagonistic. Here is how he describes his position:: No poet or artist in any field can claim to have all the answers by himself. His worth and reputation rest on his association with other great poets and artists who have since passed

on. You can't judge his worth in isolation; you have to compare him to others who have passed away. This is a general concept of aesthetics, not only a critique of the past. Because what occurs when a new piece of art is made affects each of the pieces of art that came before it, the requirement that he should conform, that he should cohere, is not unilateral. The current monuments are arranged in a perfect symmetry, but this is disrupted when a new (really new) piece of art is added to the mix. Before a new work is introduced, the established order is finalized; for the established order to endure after the prevailing of novelty, the entire established order needs to be, if just slightly, altered; and thus the relations, percentages, and values of any piece of art towards its entirety have been readjusted; the result is obedience within the old and the new. If you accept this notion of order and form in European and English literature, you won't think it's absurd that the past is influenced by the present just as much because the present is led by the past. And an author who understands this will also understand the weight of enormous challenges and duties. "

According to Eliot, having historical sense necessitates an awareness not only of the past but also of the present; it drives someone to write not just with the past in his bones but with a sense that the entirety of European literature beginning with Homer and including the entirety of his own country's literature exists and composes an order in the present.

To be traditional in Eliot's view is to be aware of the central trend in artistic and poetic production. Written by Eliot, "The conscious present is an awareness of the past's existence in a way and to an extent which the past's awareness of itself cannot show," says philosopher and author George Steiner. According to Eliot, there is a difference between knowing something and becoming a pedant about it. The slower learners have to work harder to retain information. Shakespeare learned more from Plutarch than the majority of men could learn from the British Museum combined.

T.S. Eliot was a scholar in his own right, a highly intelligent and well-read individual. This quote allows us to demonstrate that

Bard did not attend college, and that Dr. Samuel Jonson believes Shakespeare to be monolingual in English. His personalities and concepts, however, are universally appreciated. Eliot figured someone would point out that he was advocating for poets to have a wide range of reading material, but that Shakespeare was an obvious exception to that rule. Shakespeare, rather than systematically studying, seems to have absorbed the information of his time and place.

Understanding the primary river, which does not always run via the most illustrious names, is what we mean when we talk about a "sense of tradition." To put it another way, a poet who is interested in the tradition must use critical judgment in identifying what constitutes the dominant styles and what does not. He has to ignore the sideshows and current events and focus on the big picture. The poet has to have a strong critical mind. He should also be aware that the great poets are not only responsible for setting the course of literary history. Even little poets deserve our attention. You shouldn't just brush them off.

A good analysis should be as detached as a scientist. The artist must remove all traces of himself from his work. The argument that the artist's individuality is unimportant and that what really matters is a respect for tradition has been emphasized here. An artist's sense of tradition is something greater than himself, and to this he must perpetually submit. The poetic sensibility has to be allowed to evolve organically in response to its historical context. Therefore, it is essential to recognize and accept that the poet's identity serves no more than as a container or catalyst for chemical interactions. That's why Eliot thinks that "Honest criticism and sensitive appraisal is directed only upon the poet but upon poetry." Poetry is created when the poet's intellect acts as a catalyst in a creative chemical reaction. The poet's intellect acts as a catalyst for the synthesis of diverse feelings, just as a chemical process requires the presence of a catalyst. a novel experience. To illustrate this point, consider the following scenario. Imagine some oxygen & sulphur dioxide in a sealed container. A platinum filament is placed in the jar while these gases mix to generate sulphuric acid. The platinum object is there during the reaction, but it is

unaffected in any way. It has not changed and is completely unaffected.

Therefore, the poet's intellect acts as the catalyst. It's required for the poetic synthesis of feelings and experiences, but it doesn't alter at all in the process. The poet's mind is continuously combining feelings and events into new combinations, yet the new whole contains no remnants from the poet's mind any more than sulphuric acid created from platinum has any remnants of hydrogen sulfide. Until "all the particles whose are able to combine to form a novel substance are present together," the brain of the poet is like a jar filled with an assortment of sensations, emotions, etc. that remain disorganized and chaotic. Poems, according to this line of thinking, are more about "organization than inspiration." A poem's brilliance is independent of the magnitude or intensity of its feelings. Poems rely heavily on the reader's emotional responses. The passion with which one composes poetry is directly proportional to the quality of the poem that emerges. Just as a chemical reaction requires pressure, the fusion of emotions in the process of creative expression requires the intensity of emotions. An artist's feelings and the poet's own feelings are never the same. In reality, the poet, according to Eliot's argument, lacks a unique identity to convey; rather, he serves solely as a conduit through which distinct and predictable combinations of sensations and experiences are expressed. Eliot completely disavows the romantic subjectivism in this manner. Poetic emotion and individual feeling are distinct. The poet's feelings might be basic or vulgar, yet the feelings he expresses in his poems could be rich and nuanced. The poet need merely communicate everyday feelings, but he must give those feelings new meaning and importance. Furthermore, it is not essential that they be his individual feelings. Poets may still use feelings they have never had if they fit their purpose. T.S. Eliot disagrees with the poetics laid down by William Wordsworth. The idea that 'emotions recollected in serenity' are where poetry gets its start, as William Wordsworth proposed, was dismissed by Beckett on the grounds that these things do not exist throughout the creative process of poetry writing. All that happens throughout the poetry creation process is the concentration of several experiences, from which something entirely new emerges.

**Conclusion-** T.S. Eliot's statement that "poetry is not a turning loose of emotion but an escape from emotion" and that "poetry is not an articulation of a personality but a departure from personality" are both accurate summaries of the genre. Thus, Eliot does not discount the poet's capacity for feeling or individuality. The onus of depersonalizing his feelings is solely on him. His identity has to be wiped off. To achieve this detachment, the poet must give himself over entirely to the task at hand, and in order to do so, he needs to be steeped in tradition, with an awareness of history that allows him to see not just what is happening now, but also what has happened in the past and what is still alive today.

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## Value Education in Secondary School of Ranchi: An Overview

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### Abstract

Value Education can promote national values among future citizens. Currently there is evidence indicating a decline in values within educational institutions. The principles provide an accurate representation of the ideal growth and development of any society or country. Indicators demonstrate the extent of growth and transformation within a society or country. Currently, there is an issue concerning the decreasing value of various items. The researcher suggests that there is a significant correlation between our values and both our lifespan and our aspirations in life. In addition, they provide guidance on how to navigate and behave in various circumstances. Education plays a significant role in shaping an individual's perspective and values, starting from early stages of life. Values education is an integral aspect of life, as it emphasizes the inseparable connection between values and education. Values play a significant role in defining the essence of an educator. Education plays a crucial role in developing individuals' capacity to discern between right and wrong, good and bad, fair and unfair, and other moral distinctions. These values are acquired through educational experiences, starting from early childhood education and continuing through higher levels of learning. Value education programs are instrumental in instilling these principles. This research examines values, how they are taught in the classroom, why they are essential in secondary school, and how Indian schools may best teach them.

**Keywords:** Education, Transformation, Lifespan, Growth and Learning

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### Introduction

The term "Value" is currently a topic of extensive discussion in today's world. In our daily lives, the term "value" is commonly used to describe the significance and usefulness of an individual or object compared to others. It refers to the quality that sets them apart and makes them important. The term "value" can be understood as an abstract concept that encompasses anything that fulfills our wants and needs. Value can encompass various aspects of human existence, such as activities, thoughts, ideas, feelings, sentiments, and emotions that contribute to the personal growth and development of an individual from multiple perspectives. Values are influenced by culture, society, and personal experience, and can change based on the needs, demands, urges, situation, and problems of individuals. When examining the importance of values, it is highly advantageous to delve into our illustrious history, wherein values were propagated

through ancient texts such as the Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, and other Scriptures. The objective of education varies across different historical periods, particularly in relation to the cultivation of moral principles and other societal values. Over time, it appears that these values are gradually diminishing.

### Secondary Education Level

Secondary schools are crucial to preparing future citizens for college and careers. It links schooling's extremes. Secondary school students are adolescents (14–18 years old) migrating from childhood to adulthood. During this time, there is a lot of competition and important choices that can change the course of a person's life. It is important to pay more attention to children so that they can figure out their skills and areas where they need to improve, as well as how to get around problems. This care is very important for them to become experts in their fields of interest. At this point in their child's growth, it is very important for parents to get

their kids involved in community service and national development programs like the National Cadet Corps and National Service Scheme. It is very important for parents to be involved in their children's moral growth as friends and partners. Secondary school students represent the next generation of adults, from which will emerge tomorrow's political and business leaders as well as the society's most economically and socially productive citizens. Therefore, it is certain that we may turn our society into a peaceful and well-organized one in which universal brotherhood will reign if value education is effectively provided to kids studying under secondary level of education.

### **Objectives**

1. To emphasize the idea of value education
2. Significance of value education
3. Secondary value education strategies

### **Concept of Value**

The term value refers to an item or concept that holds a monetary worth, as well as being considered precious, dear, and significant. An emotional attitude can serve as a direct or indirect motivator for individuals to behave in a desirable manner. Values can be defined as a collection of principles or standards that guide one's behavior. Values play a crucial role in shaping our lives and contribute to our overall growth and well-being. The presence of direction in life can contribute to feelings of joy, satisfaction, and peace. Values play a crucial role in guiding individuals and organizations towards their goals and objectives. They act as a stabilizing force, similar to the rails that keep a train on track, ensuring that progress is made efficiently and purposefully. The term "value" refers to something that possesses worth, utility, and importance, as defined by the dictionary. Value comes in many forms, including mental, emotional, aesthetic, spiritual, monetary, biological, political, religious and so on. All of these things have value, but in different ways. They work together to aid people in determining what they want out of life. They are essential to maintaining social order and fostering a sense of community. They foster admirable traits like honesty, bravery, love, cooperation, peace, sympathy, and respect for one's work, among many others, making people better citizens and contributing to the global spread of humanity. Human values have eroded alongside the advancement of science, technology, and modernization, leading to a

breakdown in society and the creation of new issues. A nation's citizens' shared humanity can only flourish if the country's ideals are protected.

### **Value Education**

Since the Vedic era, our educational system has prioritized teaching students to have good morals. Regrettably, though, the values that have been held in high regard in India from ancient times are deteriorating. The Sanskrit proverb Vidya Dadati Poornathvam highlights the importance of developing one's innate qualities through the acquisition of knowledge. According to Dr. S. Radhakrishna, education involves the assimilation of values and ideas to shape one's character and prepare for the various obstacles encountered in life. The curriculum in schools is designed to equip children with skills that are intended to enhance their employability in the future. The significance of character development is on par with academic learning in terms of enhancing a child's education. The concept of "Values" was initially transmitted to children through oral traditions within their families and communities. This included the sharing of stories, folklore, customs, and ways of life. The increasing presence of technology and the culture of instant gratification have led to a decrease in the amount of time children spend with their families, as they are more focused on interacting with virtual friends and engaging with social media. Gandhi set guidelines. He prioritized morality and holiness in schools to help children develop academically and spiritually. He said that students should contribute to the common good and be held to a high level of good conduct and disciplined thinking. They respect elders, educators, and children and constantly remember their duties. In addition to inculcating the constitutional principles of liberty, equality, fraternity, justice, human dignity, and patriotism within students, educational institutions should also prioritize the promotion of universal human values such as love, truth, peace, nonviolence, and ethical conduct. The teachings of Indian tradition, including concepts such as the Spirit of Oneness, the Spirit of Service, sustainable living, sacrifice, devotion, respect for diversity, respect for all forms of life and elements of nature, forgiveness, compassion, aesthetic sense, Tapas, courage, and mindfulness, contribute to the enrichment of our lives.

**Values Education in the Classroom**

The existing educational system operates on a psychology that emphasizes marks or grades, leading schools to prioritize the continual improvement of students' academic performance. There is a relatively lower level of emphasis being placed on the personal behavior of students. The prevailing mindset among contemporary youth necessitates a consideration of the imperative nature of incorporating value and moral education into their development. The various instances of agitation, which are frequently reported, have now evolved into global phenomena. The discourse on peace necessitates an examination of values education in order to achieve a comprehensive understanding. A child necessitates appropriate guidance from parents, elders, and teachers beginning from the early stages of development, specifically during their formative years. In the domestic setting, parents bear the responsibility of providing appropriate guidance, while in the educational context, teachers assume this role. In the current context, it is imperative to implement appropriate educational programs that aim to cultivate students' awareness regarding the significance of value education starting from early stages of their development. The concept of "values education" has historically been employed interchangeably with moral and religious education (Beck, 1971). In recent times, there has been an observable inclination towards adopting a more expansive interpretation of values. The recognition of the importance and pertinence of value education in schools was acknowledged by various commissions, such as the Kothari Commission (1964-1966), and The National Policy on Education (1986). The 1992 Programme of Action aimed to integrate value education into all levels of schooling, ranging from primary to secondary. The focus on value orientation in schools gained renewed attention following the delivery of the Chavans Committee Report (1999) by the Indian government to both chambers of parliament. The values-based education envisioned in the 2005 National Curriculum Framework was reflected in the document. A logical commitment to values, it argues, requires autonomy of thought and behavior, the ability to make decisions based on values, and sensitivity to the well-being and emotions of others.

**Importance of Values Education**

The importance of value education in today's context cannot be overstated. In contemporary society, there is a prevalent presence of excessive consumerism and a relentless pursuit of personal satisfaction. In addition, it is important to note that the social system on a global scale is currently experiencing significant changes. In the context of Indian society, there is a noticeable shift from the traditional joint family system to the more prevalent nuclear family system. The presence of a significant amount of stress, particularly among the younger generation, can be attributed to the fast-paced nature of modern-day living. The presence of religious fanaticism, the stockpiling of nuclear weapons, and terrorist activities are significant factors that are currently jeopardizing global peace. The inculcation of values among students can play a crucial role in protecting them from negative influences.

**Value Education Evaluation**

The Holistic Report Card considers the student's academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and any observed behavioral changes. The correlation between students' moral growth, as evidenced by measurable enhancements in their behavior, and their academic performance should be taken into account. Pupils' cultural values are assessed by teachers through the consideration of their value orientation, value clarification, and value practices. The desire to be a good person is universal. Many individuals, when faced with the pressure of setting overly ambitious goals and experiencing negative consequences, tend to seek out simple and quick solutions in order to achieve success. One effective approach to gaining self-awareness is through self-evaluation. Engaging in self-reflection on morality, practicing abstinence, and engaging in introspection can assist students in optimizing their potential and living free from external influences. Local administrators and principals are largely responsible for ensuring the quality of instruction and the learning environment in their schools. It is the responsibility of administrators to guarantee that teachers are regularly engaging in formative evaluation of value education. The curriculum for the relevant grade level must be followed. In the classroom or at the school

level, mandatory evaluations of student behavior might be carried out via children's circumstances and work. It is important to make these observations because we want to make sure that each kid has really internalized each value. If not, educators should actively promote more admonitions.

### **Strategies of Value Education**

1. **Changing the Course of Study:** - Changes need to be made to the curriculum. The essence of values should be woven throughout the curriculum, with connections made across chapters in topics like history, geography, literature, language, civics, etc. The secondary school curriculum should include readings from value-oriented works.
2. **Morning Assembly:** - Morning assemblies may teach secondary students values. Morning assembly should contain prayer, a devotional hymn, a patriotic song, and a brief ethical lecture.
3. **Experts' Lectures:** - School authorities should consider inviting experts from diverse fields to deliver lectures on value education. This initiative aims to positively influence students and foster the acquisition of essential human values.
4. **Programmes of Social Service:** - In order to foster various values and to impart value education among students, schools might conduct various social service activities and attempt to urge the students for engaging in the same. Student engagement in extracurricular activities like Girl Scouts, Scouting, and the National Service Scheme may also be encouraged at school.
5. **Media Use:** - Secondary school pupils may benefit greatly from receiving value education from many forms of mass media such as instructional films, theaters, newspapers, radio, and television.
6. **National and International Celebrations:** - To teach children universal values, classrooms might celebrate national and international days and the birth anniversaries of famous persons from other countries.
7. **Tasks in a Team:** - Students can acquire valuable lessons about values like cooperation and teamwork by working on value-oriented group projects with supportive teachers.

### **Conclusion**

The connection between the significance of education and its Oriental roots cannot be overlooked. The curriculum consists of four essential components. Education plays a crucial role in shaping an individual's identity and equipping them for the challenges of the world. To achieve this, it is essential for education to be based on a combination of scientific inquiry and moral principles. The content should evoke a strong desire for acquiring knowledge, seeking excellence, and uncovering truth. In order to facilitate social transformation and promote progress within a country, it is crucial for it to embrace humanism, liberalism, and universalism. The principles provide a realistic view of how any community or country may progress. They reveal how far down the path to self-improvement a certain country or culture has traveled. But now we have the issue of value decay to deal with. All sorts of issues may find their answers in the classroom. The primary goal of this research is to examine value education programs in schools and to examine educators' attitudes about these initiatives so that a more complete picture of value education can be painted. The objective of public policy should be to ensure that the transition from primary to secondary education and subsequently to higher education is characterized by a seamless progression rather than a constraining bottleneck. Hence, the researcher deems it imperative to investigate the pedagogical methods employed in secondary schools for imparting values.

The researcher posits that our values have significant ramifications for our overall lifestyle, professional endeavors, and behavior over the course of our entire lifespan. From the moment of birth, an individual's value system is significantly influenced by their educational encounters. Values education is an essential component of a comprehensive education as it is imperative to impart and promote ethical principles. Throughout the developmental stages from early childhood to college, individuals acquire the capacity to discern between moral dichotomies such as right and wrong, good and bad, fair and unfair, and so forth. This cognitive development is facilitated by the inculcation of a foundational framework of principles commonly referred to as value education. The incorporation of education into one's life is an

inherent aspect, as life itself serves as an ongoing educational experience. The act of living encompasses a continual process of acquiring knowledge and skills. For the benefit of humanity as a whole, value education should be given a prominent role in all educational institutions, from kindergarten on up. Including lessons on morality and ethics in school curricula is important, but it is not enough on its own.

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## The Role of Technologies in Indian Foreign Policy

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### 1. Abstract :

This study analyses the increasing role that technology plays in formulating and carrying out India's foreign policy goals. Technology has been a major factor in international politics in recent years, allowing nations to improve their diplomatic, economic, military, and informational capacities. India, a developing state with a thriving technical industry, has used this to bolster its international objectives. While underlining the accompanying problems and possibilities, this article investigates the many ways in which technology has affected the development, execution, and consequences of India's foreign policy. The study sheds light on the complex character of India's technology-enabled foreign policy via the examination of case studies and policy frameworks, and sheds light on potential future trends and their ramifications.

**Introduction :** The introduction of cutting-edge technology has had a profound impact on India's foreign policy environment. India's diplomatic relations, economic alliances, and military might have all grown thanks to the country's growing dependence on modern technologies. The relevance of examining the function of technology in Indian foreign policy is established, and a general review of the issue is provided.

### 2. India's Use of Technology in Diplomacy: Moulding Its Global Role:

In this article, we take a look at India's use of digital diplomacy to expand its worldwide clout. India's foreign policy objectives are discussed, along with the role that digital diplomacy, international collaboration in new technologies, and science and technology alliances may play in achieving those objectives. It also examines the role that Indian embassies have played in the rise of digital platforms as a means of communicating with international stakeholders.

### 3. The Economic Aspects:

Innovations in Technology and Economic Diplomacy India's GDP growth and its participation in the global economy have both been boosted by technological developments. The impact of technologically driven programs on India's economic diplomacy is explored here, including Digital India, Make

in India, and the Smart Cities Mission. It also delves into how digital may help boost international business, finance, and R&D partnerships.

### 4. Advances in Military Technology:

Technology and the Safety of the Nation Technology has played a crucial role in shaping India's efforts to modernize its military. Here, we examine how India uses technology in its foreign policy of defense, its acquisition of weapons, and its participation in allied military drills. Cyberwarfare, space capabilities, and artificial intelligence are among the technologies that are explored, along with their effects on India's national security policy and the formation of its strategic relationships.

### 5. Information Operations:

Diplomatic Technology and the Public Eye Strategic communication and information warfare are important tools for influencing public opinion and the results of foreign policy. Here we look at how the Internet, smartphones, and other digital tools have altered India's public diplomacy initiatives. It also deals with problems brought on the information age misinformation tactics and cyber threats.

### 6. Obstacles and Prospects:

India's foreign policy goals might benefit greatly from technological advancements, but the country also faces serious hurdles in this



area. Topics like the "digital divide," "privacy concerns," "cybersecurity risks," and "technological dependencies" are dissected here. It also draws attention to the openings that may exist for India to use technology to its advantage in its diplomatic efforts to solve these problems.

#### **7. Foreign policy initiatives enabled by technology: case studies :**

This section provides examples of the ways in which technological intervention has influenced India's foreign policy. Space technology is used in disaster management, and the International Solar Alliance is discussed, as is India's participation in digital connection programs such as the Asia-Africa Growth Corridor and the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative.

#### **8. Prospects for Development and Repercussions:**

Future trends and the consequences of technology on India's foreign policy are discussed, drawing on analysis from earlier parts. It talks on how new technologies like blockchain, 5G, and quantum computing can affect India's international relations. It also emphasizes the need of policy adjustments and partnerships for making the most of the changing technology environment.

#### **Conclusion:**

India's foreign policy is increasingly influenced by technological developments. This article has analyzed the many ways that technology affects India's public diplomacy, economic relationships, military strength, and diplomatic engagements. India's technical diplomacy has been examined, along with its effects on the country's international standing, the economic aspects of tech-enabled foreign policy, and the effects of technological advancements on national security and information warfare.

Several possibilities and threats related to the use of technology in Indian foreign policy have also been uncovered by the study. There are serious problems that must be solved, such as the digital divide, privacy issues, cybersecurity threats, and over-reliance on technology. But by embracing new technologies, encouraging international collaboration, and improving digital connection, India may use technology to further its foreign policy objectives.

Technology-enabled diplomacy has had a real-world influence, as seen by the case studies described in this article, which highlight particular projects in which

technology has played a central role in India's foreign policy. To capitalize on the ever-changing technical environment, the essay also outlines future developments and their consequences for technology on India's foreign policy, stressing the significance of flexibility and cooperation.

The paper concludes that a comprehensive and strategic strategy is necessary to fully realize the promise of technology in Indian foreign policy. India can increase its global standing, expand its economic ties, fortify its defences, and win any information wars it wages with the help of its technological prowess. To successfully adapt to the ever-shifting technological world, policymakers must be aware of the benefits and risks that new technologies provide.

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## Assessing the Impacts of Climate Change on Agricultural Livelihoods in Ahmednagar District

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**Abstract:** This research paper aims to assess the impacts of climate change on agricultural livelihoods in Ahmednagar District. Climate change poses significant challenges to agricultural systems, and understanding its effects on local communities is crucial for developing effective adaptation strategies. The study utilizes a combination of quantitative and qualitative approaches to analyze climate data, agricultural productivity, and farmers' perceptions. The findings provide valuable insights into the specific vulnerabilities and adaptive capacities of farmers in Ahmednagar District, ultimately informing policy and decision-making processes for climate change adaptation in the agricultural sector.

**Key Words:** climate change, agricultural systems, local communities, productivity, livelihoods, farmers, etc.

### Introduction:

Climate change poses significant threats to agricultural systems globally, with potentially severe consequences for agricultural livelihoods. The district of Ahmednagar, located in the state of Maharashtra, India, is highly dependent on agriculture, making it vulnerable to climate change impacts. This research aims to assess the specific impacts of climate change on agricultural livelihoods in Ahmednagar District. By examining climate data, agricultural productivity, and farmers' perceptions, this study seeks to identify vulnerabilities, adaptive capacities, and potential strategies for mitigating the adverse effects of climate change on agriculture. Understanding these impacts is essential for formulating effective adaptation and resilience-building measures in the agricultural sector.

### Background and Rationale:

Agriculture serves as the primary economic sector in Ahmednagar District, playing a crucial role in sustaining local livelihoods. However, the district is facing growing challenges due to the impacts of climate change. Shifts in temperature, precipitation patterns, and extreme weather events are likely to affect agricultural productivity, crop yields, and water

availability. The vulnerability of smallholder farmers to these changes necessitates a comprehensive assessment of the impacts of climate change on agricultural livelihoods. Such an assessment will provide valuable insights into the specific risks and adaptive capacities of farmers in Ahmednagar District, enabling the development of targeted strategies to enhance resilience and sustainable agricultural practices.

### Research Objectives:

1. To analyze long-term climate data and identify trends and changes in temperature, rainfall patterns, and extreme weather events in Ahmednagar District.
2. To assess the impacts of climate change on agricultural productivity, including crop yields, crop diversification, and changes in cropping patterns.
3. To explore the perceptions and experiences of farmers in Ahmednagar District regarding climate change and its impacts on their agricultural livelihoods.
4. To identify the vulnerabilities of farmers to climate change and assess their adaptive capacities, including the adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices and resilience-building measures.

5. To provide recommendations for policymakers, agricultural extension services, and stakeholders to enhance climate change adaptation and resilience strategies in the agricultural sector of Ahmednagar District.

#### **Scope and Methodology:**

The scope of this research includes assessing the impacts of climate change on agricultural livelihoods specifically in Ahmednagar District. The study will focus on analyzing climate data, agricultural productivity indicators, and farmers' perceptions through a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods. Climate data will be collected and analyzed to identify trends and changes, while agricultural productivity will be assessed through crop yield data and other relevant indicators. Farmers' perceptions will be gathered through surveys and interviews. The research will utilize a comparative analysis approach to identify vulnerabilities, adaptive capacities, and potential strategies for climate change adaptation in the agricultural sector of Ahmednagar District.

#### **Literature Review:**

Existing literature demonstrates that climate change poses significant challenges to agricultural livelihoods globally, including in the context of Ahmednagar District. Studies have shown that shifts in temperature and precipitation patterns, along with increased frequency of extreme weather events, can adversely affect crop yields, water availability, and overall agricultural productivity. Vulnerability and adaptive capacity of farmers are critical factors in determining the impacts of climate change on agricultural systems. Previous research has also highlighted the importance of understanding farmers' perceptions and their adoption of climate-smart practices. This literature review will synthesize relevant studies to provide a comprehensive understanding of the impacts of climate change on agricultural livelihoods in Ahmednagar District, identifying key research gaps and informing the current study.

#### **Climate Change and its Impacts on Agriculture:**

Climate change poses significant threats to agriculture worldwide. Rising temperatures, altered precipitation patterns, and increased frequency of extreme weather events can have adverse impacts on

agricultural systems. These changes affect crop growth, water availability, pest and disease dynamics, and overall agricultural productivity. Heat stress, droughts, floods, and shifting growing seasons can lead to reduced yields, crop failures, and decreased food security. Climate change also disrupts ecosystems, impacting pollinators, natural pest control, and soil fertility. Vulnerable regions, such as Ahmednagar District, face increased risks due to their reliance on agriculture. Understanding the complex interactions between climate change and agriculture is essential for developing effective adaptation and mitigation strategies.

#### **Vulnerability and Adaptation in Agricultural Systems**

Vulnerability and adaptation are crucial concepts when assessing the impacts of climate change on agricultural systems. Vulnerability refers to the susceptibility of agricultural systems to climate change-induced stresses and shocks. It encompasses factors such as exposure to climate hazards, sensitivity to changes, and adaptive capacity. Adaptation involves the strategies and actions implemented to reduce vulnerability and enhance resilience. This includes the adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices, diversification of crops, water management techniques, access to information and technology, and supportive policies. Understanding the vulnerabilities and identifying effective adaptation measures in agricultural systems is essential for building resilience and ensuring sustainable food production in the face of climate change.

#### **Previous Studies on Climate Change and Agriculture in India:**

Previous studies on climate change and agriculture in India have highlighted the significant impacts of changing climatic conditions on agricultural systems. Research has focused on diverse aspects such as crop productivity, water availability, pests and diseases, and farmer livelihoods. Studies have shown that rising temperatures, altered rainfall patterns, and extreme events have resulted in reduced crop yields, increased vulnerability to droughts and floods, and shifts in cropping patterns. Researchers have explored the potential of climate-smart agriculture practices, including efficient water management, crop diversification, and improved soil health, as adaptation

strategies. These studies provide valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities for sustainable agriculture in the context of climate change in India.

#### **Overview of Ahmednagar District**

Ahmednagar District is located in the state of Maharashtra, India. It is situated in the western part of the state and covers an area of approximately 17,048 square kilometers. The district is known for its predominantly rural and agrarian character, with agriculture being the primary economic activity. Ahmednagar District is blessed with diverse agricultural landscapes, including fertile plains, hilly regions, and rivers. Major crops grown in the district include wheat, sugarcane, cotton, pulses, and fruits. The district is also home to historical and cultural landmarks, including the famous Shirdi Sai Baba Temple. Ahmednagar District plays a significant role in Maharashtra's agricultural and cultural heritage.

#### **Agricultural Characteristics of the District:**

Ahmednagar District exhibits unique agricultural characteristics due to its diverse topography and climatic conditions. The district's agricultural landscape consists of fertile plains, hilly regions, and river valleys, providing a suitable environment for a wide range of crops. Major crops cultivated in Ahmednagar District include wheat, sugarcane, cotton, pulses, oilseeds, fruits, and vegetables. The district is known for its strong agricultural base, with a significant proportion of the population engaged in farming and related activities. Traditional farming practices, such as rainfed agriculture and irrigation through wells and canals, are prevalent in certain areas. The district's agriculture sector contributes significantly to the local economy and sustains the livelihoods of many rural communities.

#### **Conclusion:**

The research paper will provide a comprehensive analysis of the impacts of climate change on agricultural livelihoods in Ahmednagar District. It will examine climate change trends, assess agricultural productivity, explore farmers' perceptions of climate change, and identify adaptation strategies and barriers. The findings will contribute to the existing knowledge on climate change and agriculture in India and provide valuable insights for policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders working in the

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## The Impact of Work Life Balance on Job Satisfaction and Employee Retention of Operational Level Staff in the Hotel Industry

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### Abstract

This research paper examines how work-life balance impacts job satisfaction and employee retention among operational level staff in the hotel industry. In the hotel industry, where staff members provide services to clients, maintaining high-quality and stable services is crucial for maintaining competitiveness. Effective employee retention is a key aspect of hotel human resource management, as it not only improves organizational performance but also reduces personnel costs. Achieving work-life balance poses significant challenges in the hotel industry, where work is demanding and often involves long hours and irregular schedules. Employees are a vital asset to hospitality organizations as they are central to the business's functioning and success. The lack of work-life balance can have a negative impact on performance, job satisfaction, turnover rates, health, organizational loyalty, and career longevity. Consequently, organizations prioritize work-life balance practices to maximize employee potential. This paper reviews existing literature, collects primary data through surveys and interviews, and employs statistical analysis to explore the relationship between work-life balance, job satisfaction, and employee retention. The study focuses on interns who have completed between half and one year of an internship at a tourist hotel and are about to graduate/complete their college. The findings of this study will assist hotel managers and human resource professionals in developing effective strategies to enhance work-life balance, improve job satisfaction, and increase employee retention rates among operational level staff. Retaining these employees within the organization can minimize training and recruitment costs, ultimately reducing the effort required to recruit new talent. The research results demonstrate that work-life balance, and job satisfaction have significant positive effects on employee retention. The study also emphasizes that a culture of work-life balance within the organization, rather than the mere availability of work-life balance practices, is the primary determinant of job satisfaction.

**Keywords:** work-life balance, job satisfaction, employee retention, hotel industry, operational level staff

### 1. Introduction

Since the early 1990s, researchers have regularly used work-life balance and job satisfaction as predictors of job and life happiness. The majority of studies have examined the direct and indirect effects of work-life balance (such as autonomy and work-life conflicts) on job satisfaction (Grolleau et al., 2022; MasMachuca et al., 2016). Some studies have specifically focused on work-life balance among women or female professionals with multiple roles (Dickson et al., 2021).

Human resource management (HRM) has always focused on attracting and retaining talent. In the hotel industry, which relies heavily on labor, high employee turnover rates pose a constant and challenging obstacle for hotel HRM. Low retention rates increase organizational costs and compromise competitive advantage. Therefore, enhancing employees' organizational commitment and boosting top employee retention are major tasks for today's hospitality industry. Internships have become a significant source of labor for entry-level positions in the



industry due to staff shortages. Research has shown that internships provide hands-on experience, improve professional competence, and increase employment opportunities for students, while also reducing hotel labor costs and burden.

Hotel interns typically handle frontline service jobs that involve frequent customer interaction and the management of various customer needs. The hospitality industry, compared to other service industries, experiences more intensive customer interaction. Some studies have revealed that students who have completed off-campus internships or graduated often choose to switch career paths rather than staying in the hospitality industry. Quality-oriented tourist hotels prioritize staff quality because it affects service quality, hotel profitability, and customer satisfaction.

The current era's technological advancements and societal changes continue to evolve (Astuti et al., 2021; Kaplan et al., 2021). These changes also apply to the generational shift happening in the workforce today. There are two distinct generations involved in the world of work: Generation X and Generation Y. Generation X comprises employees over 35 years old, while Generation Y dominates the workforce and falls within the 21-35 year age range (Bento et al., 2018; Lissitsa & Laor, 2021). Each generation has its own characteristics. Generation X tends to work towards economic and career stability and independence, while Generation Y, also known as Millennials, is characterized by their thirst for new challenges, curiosity, dynamism, and optimization of their potential (Betz, 2019; Dhanapal et al., 2015).

In comparison to earlier generations, Millennials value a better work-life balance (Gabrielova & Buchko, 2021; Majmundar et al., 2021). They are more inclined to work flexibly or prioritize achieving a balance between work and life (Cirillo et al., 2021; Tang et al., 2020). In recent years, studies on individual and organizational outcomes have gained significant attention, particularly during the pandemic. Employee turnover intention has become a crucial concern for organizational decision-makers. A high turnover rate reflects various issues within an organization, often related to personal factors, the environment, or the organization itself. Job satisfaction issues, including work-life balance and job autonomy, are often cited

as the main reasons for employees leaving their jobs (Charoensukmongkol, 2022; Sang et al., 2021).

Job autonomy refers to the extent to which employees have freedom in carrying out their responsibilities, allowing for flexibility and innovation (Fisher et al., 2009; Mas-Machuca et al., 2016). It has been found to have a positive impact on work-life balance. Job satisfaction is defined as the extent to which employees feel satisfied or accomplished in their work, based on their values and needs (Davidescu et al., 2020; Yuliandi & Tahir, 2019). Work-life balance plays a significant role in achieving satisfaction in all life domains, and its imbalance can lead to stress, non-constructive work attitudes, and burnout (Dickson et al., 2021; Tziner et al., 2015).

Organizations that prioritize work-life balance are preferred by potential employees and gain a reputation as employers of choice (Inegbedion et al., 2020; Sergeeva & Kortantamer, 2021). A person's good reflection of work-life balance (WLB) relates to their daily achievement and enjoyment in each of the four quadrants of life: work, family, friends, and self.

This study aims to examine the impact of work life balance on job satisfaction & employee retention of operational level staff in the hotel industry. Additionally, the researchers investigate whether work-life balance moderates the effect of job satisfaction on intention to stay. Ultimately, this study aims to provide human resource departments with valuable information to retain operational level employees.

## **2. Review Of Literature**

### **2.1 Work Life Balance**

Agha et al (2017) stated that work-life balance involves actively seeking the right equilibrium between work and personal life, and experiencing a sense of comfort regarding work commitment and family. According to the research findings, when personal life interferes with work or vice versa, it negatively affects job satisfaction. In the context of Millennials, work-life balance emerges as a priority in their lives (Kumar and Velmurugan, 2018). Both organizations and employees have shown specific attention to achieving balance between personal life and work, as highlighted by Kalliath and Brough (2008). Numerous studies have also supported the significance of work-life balance.

Millennials tend to prioritize family over their careers, indicating a shift in orientation compared to previous generations. Instead of working in environments with extensive regulations, Millennials prefer workplaces that offer flexibility (Kaifi et al, 2012). Extensive research has emphasized the importance of work-life balance for Millennials. Buzza (2017) explained that although Millennials consider money important, work-life balance holds equal if not greater significance in their work lives. In an organization, maintaining a balanced condition between work and personal life leads to increased productivity for both employees and the organization itself (Garg and Yajurvedi, 2016). Kumar and Velmurugan (2018) highlighted that organizations can facilitate work-life balance through measures such as flexible working schedules, telecommuting facilities, and family-friendly work environments. Employees who perceive proper facilitation in these areas are more likely to remain with the organization. Additionally, the company's image is shaped as one that supports employee welfare, making it an attractive choice for the future workforce.

## 2.2 Job Satisfaction

Imran et al. (2014) conducted research that establishes job satisfaction as the feeling or opinion of somebody within the organization or company about their job. Thiagaraj and Thangaswamy (2017) defined job satisfaction as a pleasurable emotional condition resulting from someone's evaluation of their job performance and achievements. The degree of job satisfaction is influenced by various factors, including personal factors (age, education, and work experience), job factors (type of work, required skills, responsibilities, and job status), as well as management-related factors such as salary, working environment, benefits, security, and promotion opportunities.

Employees' satisfaction with their job holds significant importance within an organization. Employees with a high degree of job satisfaction tend to demonstrate greater loyalty and stay committed to the organization, even during challenging times. Inda (2016) emphasized the substantial impact of job satisfaction on employee retention within an organization, even when considering factors such as a facilitating work environment, competitive salary, and other variables. Similarly, Javed and

Balouch (2014) conducted research that revealed employees' intention to leave the organization when their job satisfaction reaches its lowest point.

Furthermore, job satisfaction extends beyond employee retention and influences other aspects such as employee productivity and organizational performance, both financially and non-financially. Organizations with high levels of job satisfaction strive to retain their top talent to minimize investments in replacing senior employees, including recruitment costs, training expenses, and third-party recruitment fees, thus enabling them to remain competitive in the market.

## 2.3 Employee Retention

Priya (2019) defined employee retention as the act of ensuring that personnel choose to continue their association or employment with the company for an extended period or until the completion of a project. Organizations face the significant challenge of not only managing these resources but also retaining them. Securing and retaining skilled employees play a crucial role in any organization as their knowledge and skills are essential for the company's economic competitiveness. Kumar and Mathimaran (2017) emphasized the importance of successful employee retention for an organization's strength, growth, and revenue. Retaining talented employees within a group is a major task faced by employers today. In the current era of cut-throat competition, every organization strives to provide the best services to its employees. Retaining human resources has become one of the most challenging tasks in today's business world due to the competition for scarce skills. Attracting and retaining quality employees is considered the most significant challenge in organizations. Baskaran, Mahadi, Woo, and Yaakop (2020) further defined employee retention as the organization's effort to create and maintain a work environment that motivates employees to stay. Employee retention is crucial as it offers many benefits to the company. Nowadays, many companies focus on employee retention policies that address their employees' needs, improve work satisfaction, and encourage them to stay with the organization for an extended period.

Ali, Hussain, and Rahman (2020) identified several characteristics of employee retention. They stated that creating a

physically comfortable and socially enhancing fun atmosphere in the firm increases employees' commitment to stay. Appropriate scheduling and working hours also contribute to employee retention. Providing opportunities for employees to learn, grow, and enhance their careers is another crucial factor that influences their intent to stay. Empowering employees through increased responsibility and recognition is considered a key determinant of retention. Other factors such as good leadership, quality management, favorable working conditions, and work-life balance also contribute to successful employee retention. It is important to recognize that different personalities have different demands and expectations from the organization, so there is no one-size-fits-all retention strategy. Industries should consider these factors as means to reduce turnover and improve retention. On the other hand, Msengeti and Obwogi (2015) noted that employers can pursue positive turnover by focusing on retaining only those employees whom they consider to be high performers.

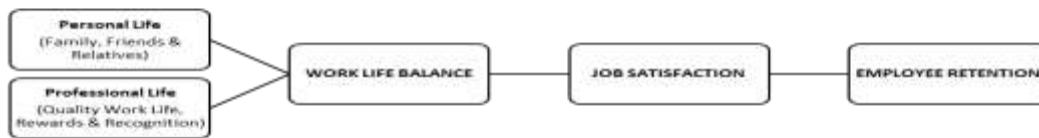
#### **2.4 Relationship between Work Life Balance, Job Satisfaction & Employee Retention**

Recent research has highlighted the significance of work-life balance in attracting and retaining talent. Work-life balance refers to employees achieving equilibrium between their work, home, and other life roles. It entails experiencing satisfactory outcomes in all areas of life, which necessitates an equitable distribution of personal resources such as energy, time, and commitment. If employees face excessive responsibilities, pressures, or obligations at work, coupled with long working hours and uneven resource allocation, it can adversely impact their quality of life, leading to physical and mental strain. Consequently, organizational management must prioritize the employee mentality of work-life balance. Greenhaus and Beutell (1985) have identified work-life imbalances as contributors to reduced

productivity, low morale, tardiness, absenteeism, and potentially higher employee turnover. Conversely, maintaining a healthy balance between work and personal life benefits both the company and its employees in the long term. Hayman's (2005) study defines work-life balance as the psychological satisfaction of individuals and its comprehensive enhancement of self-efficacy. Work-life balance exhibits a negative correlation with overtime work and the number of working hours, with the imbalance between work and life having a detrimental effect on employee willingness to stay and work productivity (Lyness et al.). Organizational commitment and growth play a critical role in an individual's career advancement, fulfilling societal obligations, social responsibilities, and allocating time for the well-being of society. Simultaneously, personal commitment to self-development and maintaining good health are essential for a peaceful life. Mismanagement of personal, societal, and organizational commitments can result in serious consequences in each domain. While definitions and explanations may vary, work-life balance generally pertains to maintaining a sense of harmony and equilibrium in life. Malone and Issa (2012) have identified an individual's level of organizational commitment as a reliable predictor of employee turnover, with work-life balance exerting a decisive impact on overall job satisfaction, organizational commitment, and the willingness to remain in a position. Poor work-life balance adversely affects employees' health, well-being, and organizational performance, leading to higher levels of stress and increased turnover intentions. Thus, employees' ability to achieve work-life balance with organizational support fosters higher job engagement, increased commitment, improved job performance, and a good employee retention rate.

#### **2.5 Theoretical Framework**

Based on the elaboration in Literature Review, the developed theoretical framework is as follows:



### 3. Research Design/ Methodology

The research design for this study will employ a qualitative approach to explore the impact of work-life balance on job satisfaction and employee retention in the operational level of the hotel industry. A qualitative research design allows for an in-depth exploration of participants' experiences, perceptions, and attitudes towards work-life balance, job satisfaction, and employee retention. The data were collected through interviews, observations, relevant documents & records. Thematic analysis were employed to analyze the qualitative data collected from interviews, observations, and documents. The analysis involves identifying recurring themes, patterns, and meanings within the data. The data were categorized to develop a comprehensive understanding of the impact of work-life balance on job satisfaction and employee retention.

### 4. Result & Discussion

These findings have important implications for various stakeholders, including businesses and academics. For businesses like hotels, it is crucial to consider policies and strategies that can effectively retain Millennial employees. Some potential measures to consider are implementing flexible work arrangements, such as working from home, offering birthday leave and paternity leave. Quality work life i.e. Equilibrium between Personal life & Professional life positively influences Work life balance which leads to Job satisfaction and ultimately increases the employee retention rate in the Hotels. The implications for managers are that interns' perception of Quality work life can impact their intention to stay with the organization. Therefore, when a hotel aligns its goals, welfare, vision, and work environment with the interns' needs, it can elicit a higher level of organizational commitment from them. This suggests that interns with higher organizational commitment are more likely

to stay and work for their hotels. Consequently, hotels should prioritize comprehensive education and training, value intern development, establish a rotation system, foster organizational solidarity among interns, and cultivate a positive brand image to enhance organizational commitment and promote retention. Furthermore, work life balance was found to have a significant and positive influence on employee retention, consistent with studies by Robinson et al. and Tang et al. The managerial implication is that interns' perception of job satisfaction affects their intention to stay, and when a hotel's goals, welfare, vision, and work environment closely align with employees' needs, interns are more inclined to stay after completing their internship. Therefore, hotels should implement effective policies that enhance interns' identification with the organization, as it leads to higher organizational commitment and greater intention to stay. Improving work-life balance enhances interns' satisfaction with their self-efficacy and service quality, subsequently boosting organizational commitment and willingness to stay. For managers, this finding highlights the importance of offering a good work-life balance to interns, which not only fosters their identification with the hotel but also improves productivity and job satisfaction. This approach facilitates interns' acceptance of various hotel policies, ultimately strengthening their organizational commitment and intention to stay.

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## University Teachers Stress: An Overview

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### Abstract

Teachers are the most valuable members of society, not only of the academic community. Through their profound influence on students' lives, they mold the culture. Teachers hold a significant role in all educational programs as they bear the ultimate responsibility for facilitating the educational process at every stage. If a substantial quantity of exceptionally skilled educators are available and willing to proficiently execute the educational process in a manner that promotes the desired educational growth of students, then enhancing the physical and educational infrastructure could potentially enhance the quality of education. However, this is only the case if there are also a sufficient number of teachers. As a result, it is very necessary for the educator to have all of the necessary resources at their disposal and be completely prepared to carry out their responsibilities in a competent and effective manner. The term "stress" refers to a multi-faceted experience that is defined by a mix of physical and emotional strain. This tension is the consequence of a multitude of variables, including physiological, psychological, and environmental demands. Teachers, no matter where they are from or what culture they come from, are almost always under a tremendous amount of pressure. Extended durations of labor, ambiguity surrounding job obligations, limited educational resources, a lack of social acknowledgement, an undesirable organizational culture, and tense interpersonal dynamics with coworkers all contribute to a formula for stress and make it more likely to occur. This study's major objective is to explore the stressors that are connected with job stress among college professors in order to give helpful advice for minimizing stress caused by work-related responsibilities. Work-related stress is increasingly becoming a significant concern in developed countries.

**Keywords:** Teaching Profession, Stress, Effective, Responsibilities and Coworkers

### Introduction

The teaching profession is often regarded as one of the most rewarding careers available. Simply said, it's a method for developing one's skills that may make any person seem like a genius. It's the targeted use of specific expertise to address specific issues in the learning environments of individuals, groups, and even nations. It's true that a nation's progress relies on its people, and people progress depends on their country's educational system, in which the role of the teacher is crucial. In order to speed up progress in all sectors, it is the responsibility of educators to mold their students into people who are both productive and efficient. An excellent educator not only needs to be well-versed in their subject matter, but also in good mental and physical condition. The contemporary classroom

presents teachers with a wide range of mental and physiological demands. Teachers' workloads and the demands of school administrations rise as a result of the many hats they must wear: those of administrator, role model, friend, philosopher, and counselor to their pupils. Everything in a school would fall apart if the teacher couldn't perform his job. There is a lot of pressure on teachers to succeed in today's world of competition and globalization since the job requires a highly trained, active, knowledgeable, and devoted teacher.

Teachers experience stress, worry, discontent, and burnout if they are unable to meet their goals. Increasing occupational complexity and economic strain on people have contributed to the rise of such circumstances in the teaching profession. Teachers' jobs are to turn their students into

hard-working, self-reliant people with a wide view of the world who will speed up progress in every field. Not only does a good teacher need to know a lot about their subject, but they also need to be in good mental and physical shape. In the present education system, a teacher's life is full of mental and physical challenges. Teachers have to do a lot of different things for their students, which mean they have more work to do and are under more pressure from the management. If the teacher couldn't do his job, everything in the school would fall apart.

### **Job Stress**

In the context of higher education institutions, it is evident that the presence of stress not only contributes to increased financial burdens and undesirable outcomes, but also exerts a significant impact on academic performance. Furthermore, the speaker underscored that as a result of stress, employees within the university setting exhibit behavior and emotions that are deemed unacceptable, experience suboptimal mental well-being, and suffer from compromised physical health. Stress is a complex experience characterized by a combination of physical and emotional tension. It arises from a variety of factors, including physiological, psychological, and environmental demands. According to Sindhu (2014), contemporary stress, and specifically work stress, has grown commonplace and has gained a great deal of attention in recent years. Job stress refers to the stress that is associated with the work environment. Stressors are the variables that are known to cause stress in an individual. Teacher burnout refers to the emotional strain experienced by teachers, which includes negative emotions like tension, frustration, anger, and depression. These emotions are a direct result of various aspects of their work as educators.

Teachers may encounter stress when they have to handle large classes, students from disadvantaged or multicultural backgrounds, or heavy workloads. The symptoms of work-related stress might vary greatly from person to person. In one sense, it may occur in the teaching profession when educators feel that they are unable to keep up with the demands of their professions. This may lead to feelings of burnout. Educators, for instance, are often entrusted with fulfilling functions that are more like to those of social workers, in addition to the duties that are traditionally

associated with them as teachers. The high demands of today's technologically enhanced lifestyle leave little room for creative thought, for the constructive development of policy, and most of all, for the sincere and dedicated instruction of future generations. Overwhelming pressures and difficulties sometimes result from teachers' everyday interactions with students, coworkers, and the endless, piecemeal demands of teaching in general.

### **Objectives**

1. To investigate the causes of Stress among College Teachers
2. To discover the Stress Consequences
3. To suggest Coping Strategies.

### **Teachers' Job Stress**

The job responsibilities of a university teacher differ significantly from those of a school teacher. There is a significant amount of literature that supports the idea that stress is now prevalent in the academic world. The changing role of teachers has resulted in increased stress levels in the teaching profession. A university teacher may experience various sources of stress, including family-related challenges, workplace issues, interpersonal conflicts, and personal characteristics. The individual's ability to effectively cope with the situation is challenged by these stressful life events. Thorsen (1996) conducted pioneering research that emphasized the shift in the job responsibilities of university teachers. Teacher stress can be defined as the experience of perceiving unfavorable conditions that result in negative emotions or behaviors from the instructor.

Teachers experience stress in their jobs due to three main factors: environmental stress, interpersonal stress, and intrapersonal stress. Teachers at public schools may have certain advantages compared to their counterparts in private institutions, but they still face various challenges that they need to address. The level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction an individual experiences in their work is influenced by various factors, with their perspective on these factors playing a significant role. In the workplace, individuals encounter a variety of novel challenges and unfamiliar situations on a daily basis. These circumstances can sometimes pose difficulties in terms of managing and resolving them effectively. Teacher burnout can occur due to several factors, including a negative work

environment, inadequate facilities, lack of collaboration with colleagues, and insufficient personal time. Research, content creation and publication, scientific projects, seminars, conferences, and symposia are just some of the other things that a university professor is engaged in. In addition, he has obligations and duties to society as a whole. Everyone from his immediate family to his distant cousins to his next-door neighbors is a part of his extensive social network. He may improve his ability to deal with adversity by experiencing some kind of upheaval in his personal, professional, or social life. He's under pressure since his ideal life and his actual life don't match up. Discord may develop when there is a mismatch between what one person at home or work expects and what one person has access to.

### **Causes of Teachers Stress**

The experience of workplace stress varies among individuals. The impact of pressure can vary based on individual personality traits and coping mechanisms. Job stress frequently arises from unanticipated obligations and pressures that are incongruent with an individual's knowledge, abilities, or anticipations, thereby impeding their capacity to effectively manage the situation. The level of job dissatisfaction tends to rise when employees perceive a lack of support from their supervisors or colleagues, or when they perceive a lack of control over work processes. When teachers encounter unanticipated interference from administrators, an excessive teaching workload, an unhealthy work environment, and a lack of cooperation from colleagues, they experience significant levels of stress. This stress can manifest in various negative psychological states such as anxiety, frustration, and depression. The individuals began to develop adverse sentiments towards the governing bodies and their occupation. According to Wilson (2002), research suggests that work overload and inadequate communication between teachers and students are two significant factors contributing to the problem. The primary factors contributing to stress among teaching staff include students' poor behavior, inadequate working conditions, strained relationships with colleagues, and excessive workload.

Johnstone (1989) looks at the historical literature on stress and finds some

of the emotional and mental variables that contribute to it. Some examples of these mental variables include hope, fear, duty, and contentment. Various studies have found that there are several risk factors associated with work-related stress. These include high job demand, low job control, poor job relationships, low social and work support, and cigarette smoking. Exposure to prolonged stressors can contribute to the development of various maladjustments. Teachers' stress levels tend to rise when they have difficulties in their interpersonal connections with students, coworkers, superiors, subordinates, administrators, and members of the opposite gender. One's personal and professional lives become unbalanced when they are incompatible because of factors such as an individual's inability to handle family duties or irritating and unsupportive spouse, children, or family members. When teachers are unable to meet their targets, it can lead to various negative emotions and experiences such as pressure, frustration, anxiety, dissatisfaction, and occupational stress. The prevalence of such situations in the teaching profession has been on the rise due to the growing complexities of the occupation and the increasing economic pressures faced by individuals.

Teachers often experience distress and dissatisfaction due to the failure of colleges to adequately address their social needs and prepare them for the demands of their jobs. University faculty members report high levels of stress due to a combination of factors, including a lack of preparation, poor health, poor attention, low emotional intelligence, and inadequate coping mechanisms. This study aims to provide insight on the interconnected factors that contribute to faculty members' stress. According to Tiwari & Pant (2017), several factors contribute to increased stress levels among university teachers. These factors include lack of motivation and appraisal, engagement in non-academic and administrative work, lack of support for teaching and research, lecture load, and role ambiguity.

1. Job Structure,
2. Workload
3. Work-Life Balance
4. Problems with Communication
5. Performance Appraisal
6. Role Unclearness

7. Development Opportunities
8. Job Security- Insecurity
9. Weak backing from upper management
10. Underutilized skills
11. Unfairly distributed rewards for work
12. Hardware and gadgets

### **Consequences of Teachers Stress**

Experiencing professional stress can have negative effects on an individual's personal life and relationships in their social circle. The reputation of the organization could be impacted due to the decreased performance of stressed employees, potentially leading to negative consequences for the students. The psychological impact of stress on individuals can lead to various health problems. This type of stress can arise from factors such as a high workload, working conditions, and the management's approach to employees. The impact of stress on one's health is multifaceted and significant, encompassing a range of adverse consequences. These may manifest as cardiovascular issues, such as heightened heart rate, elevated blood pressure, and irregular heart rhythms. Metabolic disturbances, including increased levels of glucose, cholesterol, and triglycerides, as well as protein breakdown, can also occur. Additionally, stress can elicit various physiological responses, such as heightened muscle tension, accelerated respiratory rate, excessive sweating, dilation of the pupils, hyperventilation, increased thyroid activity, diminished sexual gland function, and compromised immune system efficacy (Navinés et al., 2016). Absenteeism and poor performance among employees may be a potential outcome of this situation. Stress can have a negative impact on the motivation and performance of teaching staff, potentially leading to lower productivity on the job. It may also contribute to a desire to retire early or experience other domestic issues that prompt employees to leave their positions. Conversely, stress may also cause some teachers to feel compelled to remain with the organization despite any personal reasons, resulting in potential losses that could arise from leaving their current institution.

### **Coping Strategies Suggestion**

It is suggested that educators should engage in a hobby or pastime to alleviate the pressures associated with their profession. Teachers have the option to pursue hobbies such as music, gardening, or painting. Excessive worry has been identified as a

well-known factor that can induce stress. In order to reduce stress, it is advisable to worry less. The ability to effectively manage anger is a valuable skill that should be learned and regularly practiced. According to teachers, managing discipline and addressing student disobedience is identified as the primary cause of stress in the classroom. Consequently, it is necessary for the staff to receive training on the disciplinary practices specific to the institution. Incorporating physical activity and yoga into stress management has been shown to be effective. Teachers have the potential to reduce the impact of workplace stress by focusing on building their self-confidence and seeking support from friends and colleagues to discuss the difficulties they encounter in the classroom. In addition to providing job stability, offering rewards for additional effort, and providing incentives other than money, there are several other important measures that can be taken to reduce workplace stress among college teachers. The cultivation of a positive attitude and the practice of meditation have been found to be beneficial in managing stress. Developing a more expansive outlook on life can indeed alter one's perception of stress. The analysis suggests that there is a significant demand for a range of stress management techniques within institutions to effectively reduce occupational stress. It is desirable that we achieve success in transforming distress into stress, thereby promoting both our personal well-being and the overall functioning of our organization.

### **Conclusion**

Stress is often described as a prevalent issue in the 21st century. The effects and consequences of this problem are frequently discussed, including the damage it inflicts on the body and the financial losses it incurs for companies and governments. This is primarily due to the resulting disability and absenteeism experienced by individuals affected by this issue. Stress is not classified as a disease, but rather as the perception of a person feeling overwhelmed and unable to handle a situation with their available resources. According to Saura et al. (2011), research studies have indicated that reduced levels of stress among researchers can be attributed to factors such as the pressure associated with teaching responsibilities or issues pertaining to their superiors. However, these studies have found that

stress levels were not influenced by labor demands, such as inadequate resources or job insecurity. However, stress does have significant economic consequences, leading to medical, psychological, and organizational concerns. Unfortunately, these concerns have not been adequately addressed in terms of their impact and outcomes. One possible reason for this could be that the strategies implemented to decrease stress levels have not prioritized addressing issues such as social or job insecurity, the intense competition fostered by companies, or the social and work-related pressures that contribute to feelings of incompetence and helplessness. From a perspective centered on organizations or institutions, it is advisable to prioritize interventions that aim to prevent stress. This study suggests that higher education institutions should enhance their efforts in identifying additional sources of work-related stress, such as working conditions. The purpose of these strategies is to manage the stimuli that have the potential to cause stress. The guidelines serve as an example.

#### **Implication**

Teachers should have a reasonable view of the world and always do the best they can. Institutions and government agencies need to work together to come up with ways to help teachers deal with the increasing stress they are under. The department head is in charge of making sure that the workplace has a nice and healthy sense of competition. There needs to be a group whose sole job is to deal with problems and issues from teachers. Encourage people who work at colleges and universities to learn how to deal with stress and help teachers who are more likely to feel the effects of stress. It is recommended to establish a positive organizational climate in order to enhance the emotional well-being of teachers, resulting in a decrease in occupational stress and an increase in job satisfaction.

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## A Study of Occupational Stress due to working conditions among bus drivers of MSRTC Ahmednagar

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### Abstract:-

If organizational demands and employees' abilities, skills, and capabilities do not match then occupational stress occurs. Every individual from his born to death faces some kind of stress in his life. Short-term stress can be managed but long-term stress cannot be managed properly. Bus drivers of Ahmednagar city face occupational stress due to working conditions. This study aims to study occupational stress due to bad working conditions, its causes, and symptoms among bus drivers and suggest stress management techniques to reduce stress levels. For this study, data is collected from secondary sources and the qualitative research method is used for research purposes. We can conclude that bus drivers face problems due to bad working conditions in their workplace which creates stress and it negatively affects them. It harms physically, mentally, and psychologically. Hence MSRTC should implement stress management techniques and improve working conditions to reduce stress levels among bus drivers.

**Keywords:-** Occupational Stress, sources, and symptoms of stress coping strategies

### Introduction:-

The public transport sector plays a very important role in society. It provides transportation facilities at an affordable cost to society. Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation is one it which provides transportation facilities to the public at an affordable cost. Bus drivers run the bus from one place to another place and devote their time and efforts to society. Bus drivers work for long hours and on long routes but while performing their duty they face various problems and occurs tension or stress. They face various physical, psychological, and mental problems when they face stress-related problems at the workplace

### Stress:-

Every person from his birth to death face stress. Nobody gets freedom from stress. We live in society and we belong to society. Human is a social animal. While living life in society and dealing with people every person faces problems because everybody's nature, and behavior are different. Stress can be short-term and long-term. It can be positive or negative. Positive stress is called Eustress

which encourages the individual to work hard for his success. Negative stress is distress means which discourages an individual because it is out of control. When an individual cannot face the problems and the problems are out of his control then it converts into distress.

Stress is the body's positive and negative reactions to environmental changes. When a person is not able to satisfy the demands of work then stress arises. Stress can be known by different names such as worry, tension, frustration, anxiety, depression, burnout, etc. When a person feels stressed then the body releases a chemical which we can say hormones to fight the stressful situation. Hans Selye introduced the concept of General Adaptation Syndrome (GAS) in 1956. He first introduced it. In General Adaptation Syndrome there are three stages-

1. Alarm Stage – The body releases the chemical to get energy and to fight against the situation
2. Resistance Stage- The person adapts to the stressful situations
3. Collapse Stage – When stress is for a long duration then the individual cannot

handle it properly and his energy to handle or deal with stressful factors reduces then he feels frustrated or stressed.

#### **Aims and Objectives of the Study:-**

1. To study the occupational stress of bus drivers
2. To study sources and symptoms of occupational stress
3. To identify stress coping strategies for occupational stress

#### **Review of Literature:-**

1. Dr. Balu A. and Mathangi V(2019) stated the concept of stress, occupational stress, its effects, and various stress management strategies. They also concluded that stress negatively affects employees' health and job satisfaction. It also affects his quality of work life negatively.
2. D.Valarmathi (2019) mentioned in his article various stress-causing factors among TNSTC bus drivers. He also suggested various stress coping strategies for reducing the stress level of bus drivers by analyzing the data of bus drivers of TNSTC.
3. Sharmilee Bala Murali et.al., (2017) mentioned in the article impact of job stress on employees' performance. They found out time pressure and role ambiguity have a significant and negative impact on employees' performance but workload and lack of motivation do not have a significant influence on employees' performance. Here author concluded management of the organization should minimize role ambiguity and clear roles should be given to the employees for better communication and to increase their job performance.
4. Muhamad Saiful Bahri Yusoff (2013) studied stress and its impact. He stated that stress can be good and bad. Every person faces stress in his life. here author discussed occupational stress based on several stress models and described a self-changed model as a guide to dealing with stress at work.
5. Dr. N. Mohan (2013) conducted an empirical study among the employees of the textile industry. He studied various types of stress, their causes, and their impact on employees in the textile industry. He found that role ambiguity, role overload, and situational change are the main causes of stress among

employees. His study reveals that the intensity of work stressors affects employees wellbeing and their psychological and behavioral aspects in their work area.

#### **Occupational Stress:-**

Today's world is competitive and to survive in the competition every organization pushes employees to work more. Every person also works more for satisfying his and his family's needs. Occupational stress is known by different names such as job stress and work stress. Occupational stress means when an individual is unable to meet demands from work. When an individual's ability, skill, and knowledge are not matched with organizational demands then job stress or occupational stress occurs. It is a mismatch between organizational demands and individual capabilities.

#### **Definitions of Occupational Stress:-**

1. Beehr and Newman (1978) define occupational stress as "A condition arising from the interaction of people and their jobs and characterized by changes within people that force them to deviate from their normal functioning."
2. According to Dr. Babatunde Akanji (2013) "Job stress is popularly described as occurring when there are discrepancies between the physiological demands within a workplace and the inability of employees to either manage or cope with such work demands."
3. According to Jakkula V. Rao and K.Chandraiah (2012),

"Workplace stress is the harmful physical and emotional responses that can happen when there is a conflict between job demands on the employee and the amount of control an employee has over meeting these demands".

#### **Sources of Occupational Stress:-**

Occupational stress is the mismatch between organizational work demands and employees' skills and abilities. Bus drivers face various problems in their work life due to the below factors which we can say as sources of occupational stress

There are various causes of stress at the workplace to employees such as work overload, more working hours, hectic schedules, long route journeys, shift duties, continuous sitting positions, dealing with angry passengers, dust, bad working conditions, bad road conditions, bad condition of buses, noise, rainy environment, road



accidents, poor Maintenance of buses, risky nature of the job, job insecurity, traffic, weather, pollution, heavy rainfall, sunstroke, overcrowding, constant change in bus, air and sound pollution, etc.

#### **Symptoms of Occupational stress:-**

##### **1. Physical symptoms-**

Physical symptoms of stress are related to an individual's physical body. When a person feels stressed then it affects his body positively and negatively. But when stress is for long period then it affects seriously an individual's health. Its symptoms are fatigue, headache, back pain, neck pain, increased blood pressure, low energy, sleeping difficulties, digestion problems, etc.

##### **2. Emotional Symptoms:-**

Human is a social animal and he is connected with society emotionally. He expresses his feelings and emotions with society. When he is stressed then it affects his surrounding people and they observed him. Emotional symptoms include anxiety, stress, nervousness, feeling restless, anger, frustration, mood swings, do not talk with others, depression, feeling sad, loss of self-confidence, etc.

##### **3. Psychological symptoms:-**

When a person is psychologically or mentally disturbed then we can say he faces stress and it includes upsetting, continuous worrying, negative approach, feeling unexcited, unable to concentrate, unable to take proper decisions, irritability, poor judgment, disturbing, doubtful nature, etc.

#### **Stress Coping strategies:-**

Stress coping means dealing with stress in an individual's method or way. Stress affects negatively an individual's health and creates various physical and psychological problems. For reducing stress every individual and here bus driver should adopt the following stress coping strategies to relieve stress.

##### **1. Physical exercise-**

Physical exercise means the physical or body activity of a person. Physical exercise is most important for an individual to keep his body active and free from various diseases. Physical exercise helps to inhalation of oxygen in the body which creates energy to work more. It supplies blood to all parts of the body which increases energy. It includes swimming, walking, cycling, running, playing, exercise, yoga, etc.

It reduces the chances of heart attack and helps to reduce the stress of the person.

##### **2. Relaxation:-**

Relaxation means keeping the mind and body relaxed and free from stress. It helps to reduce stress and keeps freshening our minds. It includes meditation, listening to music, sitting silently, writing or expressing our feelings to others, taking some time break, going on vacations or leaving to spend time with family, watching movies, etc

##### **3. Time management-**

Managing time is the best strategy for reducing stress. Every person should prepare time table for his daily and important activities. He should prioritize the important activities. It helps to complete the task in proper time which reduces employees' stress.

##### **4. Social management-**

Human is a social animal and social support is most important for every person to live in society. For reducing stress, individuals can talk with family. He can share his ideas, views, and problems with his family, friends, and colleagues. It helps him to relieve stress levels.

#### **Research Methodology:-**

For this research data is collected from secondary sources. Various books, magazines, textbooks, web site, online books, newspapers, and research articles are used. With the help of these secondary sources data is collected and interpretation is made. The qualitative research method is used for this research paper and the conclusion is drawn.

#### **Justification:-**

Bus drivers face various problems at the workplace. Working conditions at the workplace include noise, bad working environment, traffic, environmental issues, climatic changes, fog, bad road conditions, unserviced buses, unmaintained buses, etc. Bus drivers have to work under these bad working conditions and they face various physical and psychological problems in their work life which affect them negatively. Due to bad working conditions, bus drivers can not work properly and there is a possibility of road accidents which is harmful to drivers and other passengers also. Their hectic schedule and bad working environment affect their body which suffers loss and they have to face physical problems like back pain, neck pain, digestion problems, heart attack, etc. They also face behavioral problems like mood

swings, frustration, depression, anger, etc. and it also affects their family life also.

#### **Conclusion:-**

Long-term stress is negative for every individual. It should be managed properly. Bus drivers of Ahmednagar city face various problems at their workplace due to their bad working conditions and it affects their physical, mental, and psychological health negatively. They feel tired, frustrated, and stressed when they face problems. Some new bus drivers want to leave their job due to these problems. But proper stress management techniques can help to reduce their stress level. MSRTC should implement stress management programs and improve working conditions which help to reduce the stress level of bus drivers.

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## Exploring Gender Differences in Physical Education Participation and Performance

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**Abstract:** This research paper aims to investigate the gender differences in physical education participation and performance among students. The study seeks to understand the variations in engagement, motivation, and achievement levels between male and female students in physical education classes. By examining the factors that contribute to these differences, educators can develop strategies to create a more inclusive and equitable learning environment for all students.

**Key Words:** gender differences, physical education, motivation, environment, etc.

**Introduction:** Physical education is an essential component of a well-rounded education, promoting physical fitness, motor skills development, and overall well-being. However, it has been observed that gender differences often exist in terms of participation rates, levels of engagement, and performance outcomes in physical education classes. These differences can influence students' experiences and perceptions of physical activity, as well as their long-term engagement in physical fitness and sports. Understanding these gender disparities is crucial for developing effective strategies to encourage equal participation and maximize the benefits of physical education for all students.

Physical education (PE) is an important part of the school curriculum, as it provides students with the opportunity to learn about and participate in physical activity. However, there are significant gender differences in PE participation and performance. In general, boys participate in PE more than girls, and they also tend to perform better in PE classes.

There are a number of factors that contribute to these gender differences. Biological factors, such as differences in muscle mass and strength, may play a role. However, social and cultural factors also play a significant role. Gender stereotypes about physical activity can discourage girls from participating in PE, and they can also lead to

girls being less likely to receive positive feedback from PE teachers.

This research paper will explore the gender differences in PE participation and performance. It will review the relevant literature and discuss the potential factors that contribute to these differences. The paper will also provide some recommendations for addressing these gender differences and encouraging more girls to participate in PE.

### **Literature Review:**

A number of studies have found that boys participate in PE more than girls. For example, a study of over 10,000 students in the United States found that 70% of boys and 55% of girls participated in PE at least once a week (Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, 2018). Another study found that boys were more likely than girls to report that they enjoyed PE and that they felt confident in their PE abilities (Pate et al., 2010).

These gender differences in PE participation are also reflected in performance. In general, boys tend to perform better than girls in PE classes. For example, a study of over 1,000 students in the United Kingdom found that boys scored significantly higher than girls on a test of PE skills (Fitzpatrick et al., 2012). Another study found that boys were more likely than girls to be selected for PE teams (Pate et al., 2010). There are a number of factors that contribute

to these gender differences in PE participation and performance. Biological factors, such as differences in muscle mass and strength, may play a role. However, social and cultural factors also play a significant role.

Gender stereotypes about physical activity can discourage girls from participating in PE. For example, girls may be more likely to believe that they are not good at sports or that PE is not important. They may also be more likely to feel self-conscious about their bodies in PE classes.

In addition, girls may receive less positive feedback from PE teachers than boys. A study of over 1,000 students in the United States found that boys were more likely than girls to report that their PE teachers praised them for their physical abilities (Pate et al., 2010).

**Methods:** This study will adopt a mixed-methods approach to gather data from a diverse sample of students in different educational settings. Quantitative data will be collected through surveys and physical fitness assessments, while qualitative data will be obtained through focus groups and interviews. The surveys will explore students' attitudes towards physical education, perceived barriers, and motivations for participation. Physical fitness assessments will include measurements of cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and flexibility. The qualitative data will provide deeper insights into the experiences, perceptions, and social factors that influence gender differences in physical education.

**Results:** The findings of this study will provide a comprehensive analysis of the gender differences in physical education participation and performance. The quantitative data will be analyzed using statistical methods to identify significant variations between male and female students in terms of participation rates, fitness levels, and achievement outcomes. The qualitative data will be thematically analyzed to gain a deeper understanding of the underlying factors contributing to these differences, such as societal expectations, self-perception, peer influence, and teacher-student interactions.

**Discussion:** The discussion section will provide an interpretation of the study's findings, drawing connections between the quantitative and qualitative data. It will explore the implications of the gender differences identified in physical education

participation and performance and discuss the potential consequences on students' physical activity levels, self-esteem, and long-term engagement in physical fitness and sports. Furthermore, this section will address the importance of creating inclusive and supportive environments within physical education settings to address these disparities and promote equal opportunities for all students.

#### **Recommendations:**

There are a number of things that can be done to address the gender differences in PE participation and performance. One important step is to challenge gender stereotypes about physical activity. This can be done by providing positive role models for girls, such as female athletes and PE teachers. It is also important to provide girls with opportunities to participate in a variety of physical activities, so that they can find activities that they enjoy and that they are good at. In addition, it is important to ensure that girls receive positive feedback from PE teachers. PE teachers should be aware of the gender bias that may exist in their teaching and they should make an effort to provide all students with positive feedback, regardless of their gender. Finally, it is important to create a supportive and inclusive environment in PE classes. This means creating a space where all students feel comfortable participating, regardless of their gender, ability, or body size.

**Conclusion:** The research findings will shed light on the gender differences in physical education participation and performance and provide insights into the underlying factors contributing to these disparities. The study's implications will inform educators, policymakers, and physical education professionals in designing interventions and strategies to create an inclusive and equitable environment that maximizes engagement and benefits for all students. By addressing these gender differences, we can foster a positive and empowering experience for students in physical education and promote lifelong participation in physical activity. Gender differences in PE participation and performance are a significant problem. These differences can have a negative impact on girls' physical and mental health, and they can also discourage girls from pursuing careers in physical activity. There are a number of things that can be done to address these gender

differences, including challenging gender stereotypes, providing positive role models for girls, and creating a supportive and inclusive environment in PE classes. By taking these steps, we can help to ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate in and enjoy PE.

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## Human Development Indicators of Katkari Tribe in Nashik District of Maharashtra

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### Abstract:

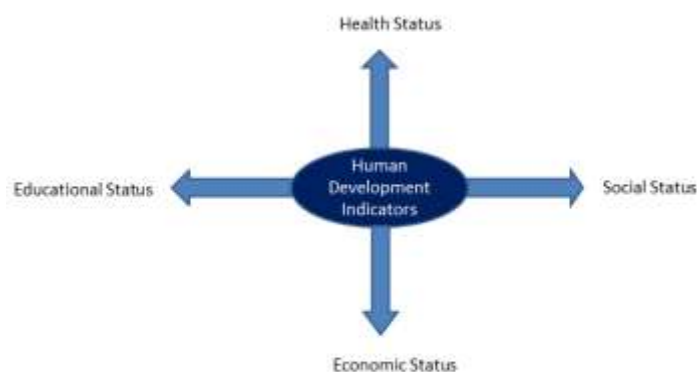
This paper attempts to explore the HDI score for Katkari tribe in Nashik district of Maharashtra. Human development an intrinsic part of economic development is fastly catching of various stakeholders around the world. It is also about people's active engagement in shaping development, equity and sustainability, intrinsic aspects of freedom of people have to lead lives they have reason to value. Human development index is a tool devised by United Nations for ranking countries for measuring levels of social and economic development measuring life expectancy, education, literacy and standard of living. According to the Human Development Report 2020 by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the HDI of Maharashtra state, where the Nashik district is located, is 0.758, which is considered "high human development." However, it is important to note that this is an average for the state as a whole and may not reflect the HDI of the Katkari tribe specifically. The HDI of Nashik district in Maharashtra, India was 0.707 as of 2017, according to the India Human Development Report 2018. This score indicates that the human development level in Nashik district is considered medium to high, but there is still room for improvement. The report highlights some challenges faced by the district, such as social and economic disparities, lack of basic infrastructure, and insufficient access to healthcare. The present study is an bring out the HDI of Katkari tribe in Nashik district of Maharashtra.

**Key Words:** HDI, Economic Development, Sustainability, Intrinsic, UNDP, Katkari.

### Introduction:

Human development is a process of broaden people's freedoms and opportunities and improving their well-being, it is an ability that enables them to live the life they value. The approach of human development focuses on the improvement of the people's lives, the economic growth will automatically

provide greater opportunities for all. Income growth is an important tool for growth. The BPL (Below Poverty Line) of the Ministry of Rural Development is considered to measure the economic status of the tribals. The following chart (Figure 1.1) is representing some indicators of development to assess the status of tribals:



**Figure 1.1 Human Development Indicators**

Cultural diversity is an important feature of Indian society as it has different religions, castes, traditions, and customs. Despite this cultural diversity in Indian society, every person living in India is considered Indian. In India, there are people with different religions, races, caste, and tribes. It is the second-most populous country in the world after Africa. The majority of the tribal population of India is found in the states like Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujrat, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Orissa, and Bihar. From the 2011 census, it is clear that the tribal population constitutes 8.61 percent of the total population of India. India has made remarkable development in many areas but some of the areas such as tribal areas have not developed as much they should.

#### **Origin of Research Problems:**

The Katkari tribe is a tribal community that primarily resides in the mountainous regions of the Nashik district in Maharashtra, India. They are considered one of the most marginalized and vulnerable communities due to their social, economic, and educational backwardness.

The human development index (HDI) is a composite measure of three key dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life, access to knowledge, and a decent standard of living. There are 47 tribes in Maharashtra. In Maharashtra although tribal population is mainly concentrated in 15 District. It is spread over in almost all the district. Out of these 47 tribes, three tribal groups have been categorized as primitive's tribal groups. They are Kolam, Madia and Katkari (Kathodia). These tribes concentrated in the following district- Madia Gond in Gadchiroli district, Kolam in Yavatmal and Chandrapur district and Katkari in Nashik, Thane and Raigad district. These communities are declared as Primitive Tribal groups because of the Pre-agricultural level of technology, Low levels of literacy and Stagnant or diminishing

population. Among these three tribes Katkari tribe is the subject investigation of my research. As the majority of PTG livings in the remote forest areas remain isolated and untouched by civilization. Katkari tribe is live in remote and hilly regions in Nashik district, Maharashtra state and they rely upon primary trade. They are deprived of education, socio-economic opportunities and facilities of health and hygiene. The major reason for their backwardness is inappropriate implementation of the schemes of the Central and the State Government. They are largely unaffected by development processes going on in the rest of the state. Therefore Katkari tribe remain backward particularly in health, education and socio-economic aspects. Therefore it becomes a geographical study to identify “**Human Development Indicators among Katkari tribe in Nashik District, Maharashtra**” has been carried out.

#### **Study Area:**

Nashik District of Maharashtra has been selected as the study area. Nashik District is situated partly in the Tapi basin and partly upper Godavari basin. It lies between 19° 33' to 20° 53' North latitude and 73 ° 15' to 75 ° 16' East Longitude. Nashik District has an area of 15,530 sq. km and population of 61, 07,187 as per the 2011 census. There are 15 tehsil were included in the Nashik District.

In the extreme north is selbari range, which approximately forms and boundary between Nashik and Dhule district. Next is the Satmala range which runs right across district. Kalsubai range is located in the south part of the district. The district has two main rivers the Girna and the Godavari. The district is surrounded by Dhule district in the north. Jalgaon and Aurangabad districts are in the east. Ahmednagar district in the south and Thane district in the south-west and Gujarat state in the north-west.



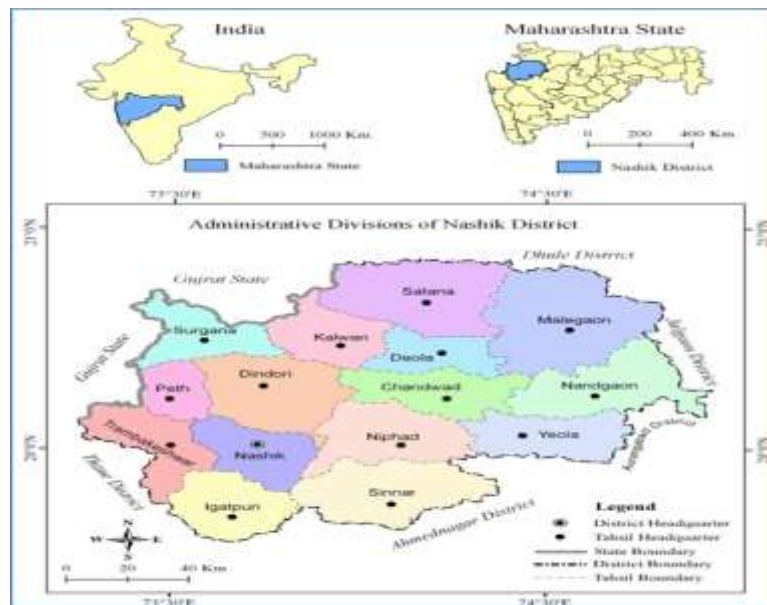


Figure.1.2 Location map of the study area

### Objectives:

1. To unveil human Development indicators among Katkari tribe in Nashik District, Maharashtra state.
2. To understand the social, educational, economic, political, health, and nutritional dimensions of Katkari tribe development in Nashik District, Maharashtra state.
3. To critically analyze the concept of Human development indicators that is the local reality related to tribal life

### Sources of Data:

For this study primary and secondary data is used through the following sources;

#### 1) Primary Data Sources;

The presents study is based on primary data, which were collected by questionnaires in the concerned villages.

#### 2) Secondary Data Sources;

1. District Census Handbook of 1981 to 2011
2. Various books, journals from Tribal Research and Training Institute, Pune
3. Adivasi Vikas Bhavan Nashik.
4. Socio-economic survey of Maharashtra state 2009-2012.
5. Census Handbook of Maharashtra state

### Methodology:

1. The study has adopted comparative approach and hence it is necessary to use cartographic technique, one way and two way tabular analyses with appropriate statistics like percentage, average and

correlation were used in the analysis of data.

2. **Comparative Approach:** Comparative approach has been adopted to understand how far the Katkari tribe of the district is lagging behind as compared to the other tribal people for this, the parameters like, growth rate, literacy, sex ratio, infant etc. This Approach has been found to useful to understand backwardness of the tribal at micro level.

3. The population growth rate can be computed by following formula:

$$P_2 - P_1$$

4. Population Growth Rate =  $\frac{P_2 - P_1}{P_1} \times 100$  (Chandna 2001)

$$P_1$$

5. **Volume of change** has been calculated among different demographic characteristics.

6. **GIS:** Techniques have been used for mapping.

### Relevance of the proposed study for society:-

1. The study is useful for policy makers, management and politicians.
2. The study is also helpful for readers, researcher and students.
3. The study is helpful for tribal community to aware the information about new economic policy.
4. The study helps to know about whether the development schemes for Tribals reached to them or not.

**Sampling:**

To study the **Human Development Indicators among Katkari tribe in Nashik District, Maharashtra** primary data is collected through field surveys by filling questionnaires. In the Nashik district, 7 tehsils are selected for the study purpose. These 7 tehsils are Triambak, Nashik, Dindori, Igatpuri, Sinner, Kalwan and Surgana. During the survey, only Katkari

particularly vulnerable tribes were found in the study area. The survey successively collected information of 278 respondents from 7 tehsils. The tehsil wise distribution of primitive tribes is shown in table. It is observed that the highest numbers of respondents are found in Triambak tehsil which is around 30.57 percent whereas the lowest is observed in Kalwan tehsil with 2.88%.

**Figure 1.3 Number of respondents from surveyed villages**

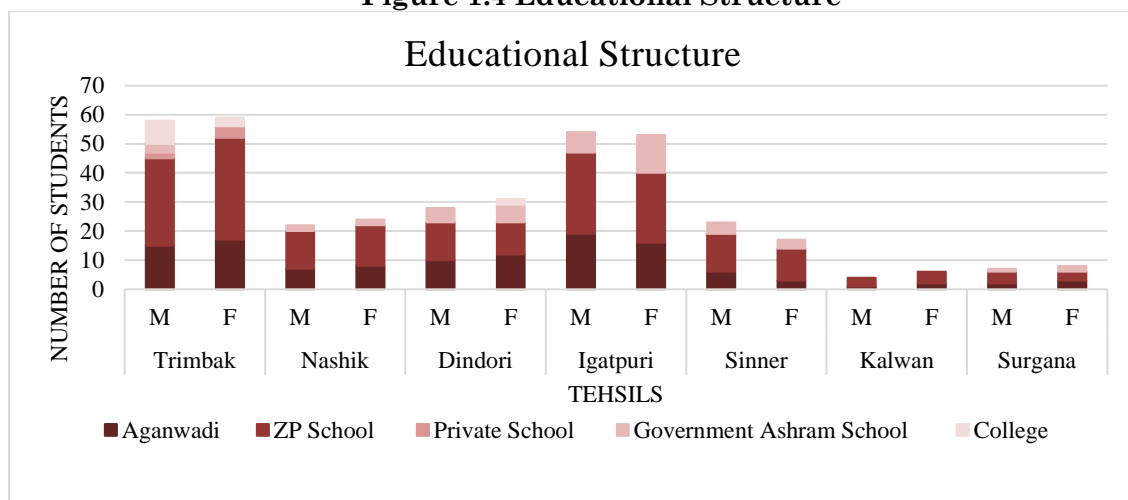
Sr.no	Name of Tehsil	Katkari	Percentage of the Respondents
1	Triambak	85	30.57
2	Nashik	45	16.19
3	Dindori	40	14.39
4	Igatpuri	60	21.58
5	Sinner	30	10.79
6	Kalwan	08	2.88
7	Surgana	10	3.60
	<b>Total</b>	278	100%

**Education**

Education in every sense is one of the basic elements of development. In any developing society, it plays a vital role in the shaping of society. In general, it is one of the forms of learning in which the knowledge, skills, and habits of people are transferred from one generation to another through teaching, training, or research. In a pluralistic society like India, only education can synthesize and crystallize values based on social justice and equality. It is an important tool of socialization and to analyze the level of education achieved by the respondents and their families to find active participation of the people. From overall 7 surveyed tehsils there are in total 394 people which are school going or in the learning phase of their life out of which 196 (49.74%)

are males and 198 (50.25%) are females. The college-going students have only been observed in the Triambak and Dindori tehsil. In Triambak tehsil in the category of college-going students, the number of males is higher than the females whereas in Dindori only 2 females are attending their college. The highest population of Katkari PVTGs is in ZP Schools which can be seen using the graphical representation of the total population of school-going males and females. So overall it is observed that very few members of the PVTGs are going for higher education. A graphical representation of the tehsil wise distribution of school-going males and females is shown in figure where it can be observed that the number of school-going students is higher in Triambak and Dindori tehsil of Nashik district.

**Figure 1.4 Educational Structure**



### Occupation Structure

Occupation is one of the most important components of socio-economic status. Occupation is an index of a person's social status; A person's occupation determines that person's lifestyle and class status. One's business has a significant impact on one's socio-political values and ideology. The commercial structure of the tribal economy is partly determined by tradition and mainly by adequacy and in

some cases absenteeism of property and rights. The study seeks to identify different types of PVTG occupations where it is found that all the Katkari PVTGs in the surveyed tehsils work as agricultural laborers. The following figure represents the business structure of PVTGs where it gives a clear idea that not all PVTGs have their land and none of them are employed but they are all working as agricultural laborers.

**Figure 1.5 Tehsil wise Type of Occupation of Sample Respondents**

Sr.no	Name of Tahsil	Agriculture	Dairy Business	Farm Labour	Government Job	Private Job	Small Scale Business	Other	Total
1	Triambak	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	85
2	Nashik	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	45
3	Dindori	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	40
4	Igatpuri	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	60
5	Sinner	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30
6	Kalwan	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
7	Surgana	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
	Total	0	0	278	0	0	0	0	278
	Percentage	0	0	100%	0	0	0		100%

### Income

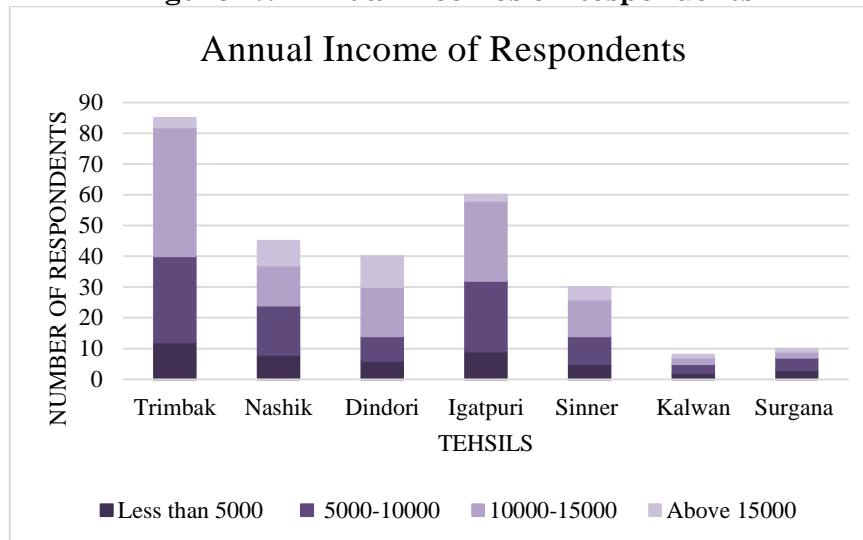
Income is generally taken as an index of a person's social status and influence, especially in India. The yearly income of the sample respondents is a strong Economic indicator that greatly influences the livelihood of the tribal community. The income of the respondents is categorized as less than 5000, 5000-10000, 10000-15000, and above 15000. The income of Sample respondents is presented in Table. It is seen that the financial condition of the particularly vulnerable tribal groups is not

stable. It is evident that out of 278 surveyed Katkari PVTGs respondents the yearly income of the 32.73% respondents is in between Rs. 5000 and Rs. 10000 and 16.18% of respondents earn less than Rs. 5000; those who earn between Rs. 10000 and Rs. 15000 account for 40.65%. The percentage of respondents who earn more than Rs. 15000 per year in seven surveyed tehsils is 10.44%. the graphical representation of the annual income of surveyed sample respondents is shown in figure 4.8.

**Figure 1.6 Tehsil Wise Annual Income of Sample Respondents**

Sr.no	Name of Tahsil	Less than 5000	5000-10000	10000-15000	Above 15000	Total
1	Triambak	12	28	42	3	85
2	Nashik	8	16	13	8	45
3	Dindori	6	8	16	10	40
4	Igatpuri	9	23	26	2	60
5	Sinner	5	9	12	4	30
6	Kalwan	2	3	2	1	8
7	Surgana	3	4	2	1	10
	Total	45	91	113	29	278
	Percentage	16.18	32.73	40.65	10.44	100

Figure 1.7 Annual Incomes of Respondents

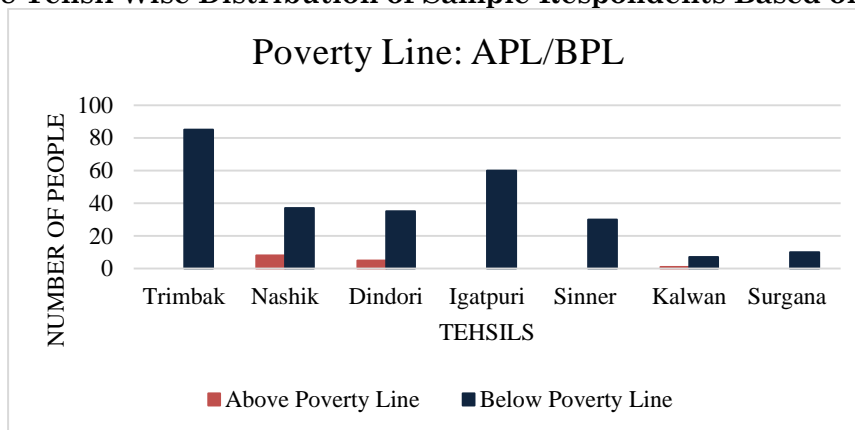


### Poverty Line: APL/BPL

The poverty line is defined by the basic needs of an individual. India divides the poverty threshold into urban and rural areas. People in urban areas need to meet a high monthly income minimum to be considered above the poverty line. A person who can earn to meet his needs is said to be above the poverty line, while those who cannot are said to be below the poverty line. The following Table shows the tehsil wise distribution of sample respondents based on the Above Poverty Line (APL) and Below

Poverty Line. Statistics shows that Nashik, Dindori, and Kalvan talukas are the only tehsils showing 14 respondents in APL which is about 5.04% of the total sample. The highest number of respondents in the APL category is found in Nashik tehsil. In another case, about 94.96% of the population is in BPL (Below Poverty Line). In the below poverty line category, the highest population is observed in Triambak tehsil while the lowest is in Kalwan with 85 and 7 people respectively.

Figure 1.8 Tehsil Wise Distribution of Sample Respondents Based on APL/BPL



### Health

According to the World Health Organization, health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not just the absence of disease and disability. The health state of the tribal population is recognized to be poor in general. Several studies have identified widespread poverty, illiteracy, malnutrition, lack of safe drinking water, hygiene and living conditions, also poor maternal and child health services as possible contributing factors to the tribal population's poor health.

The availability of sanitary facilities, calorie consumption, availability of prenatal and postnatal care, accessibility of vaccinations, adoption of family planning, access to clean drinking water, and other factors all have an impact on general health.

### Medical Treatment

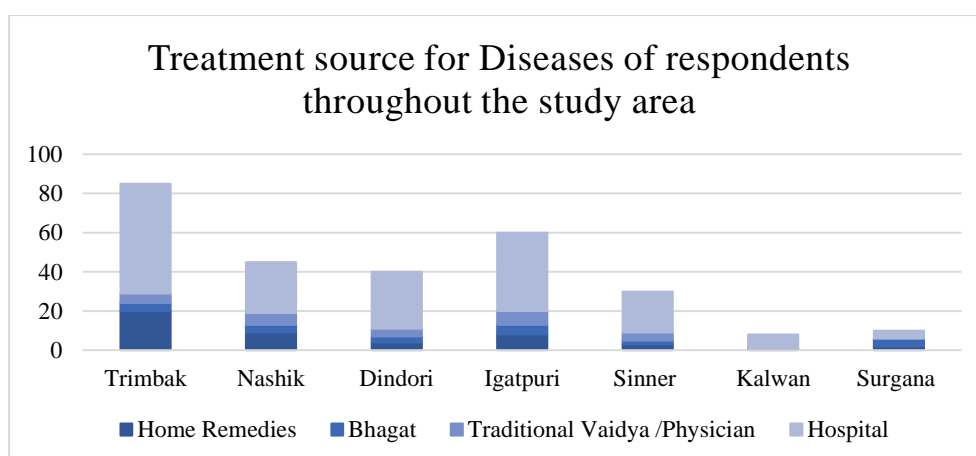
The following table describes the sources of treatment for selected responders' illnesses throughout the study area. The survey found that about 65.83 percent of the aboriginal people go to government hospitals for treatment and about 17 percent of them

seek home treatment. Some of the primitive tribal people from the surveyed respondents also visits bhagat and traditional Vaidya or physicians for their illness which around 8

and 9 percent respectively. The figure shows tehsil wise number of respondents visiting different sources of treatment for their illness.

**Figure 1.9 Health Related Information**

Sr.no	Name of Tahsil	Home Remedies	Bhagat	Traditional Vaidya /Physician	Government Hospital	Total
1	Trimbak	20	04	05	56	85
2	Nashik	09	04	06	26	45
3	Dindori	04	03	04	29	40
4	Igatpuri	8	05	07	40	60
5	Sinner	03	02	04	21	30
6	Kalwan	01	00	00	07	08
7	Surgana	02	04	00	04	10
	Total	47	22	26	183	278
	Percentage	16.91	7.91	9.35	65.83	100



**Figure 1.10 Treatment source for Diseases of respondents throughout the study area**

### Conclusion:

The study is an attempt to understand the Human Development Indicators (HDI) and the socio-economic development of Katkari tribe in Nashik district, Maharashtra.

In the case of Maharashtra state, while studying Katkari particularly vulnerable tribal it is observed that the population of Katkaris is increasing gradually from 202203 people in the year 1991 to 205334 in 2011. The Katkari PVTGs are mostly concentrated in the Western part of the state which includes the Kokan division, Nashik division, and Pune division where the growth rate of these Katkaris is about 16.23% and 21.41% during the decade of 1991-2001 and 2001-2011 respectively.

While studying schemes and development programs it is found that several schemes are made available for the development, survival, and prosperity of the tribal community by the central and state government, as well as non-government organizations. The biggest obstacle to the sustainable development of the tribals is the lack of awareness of the

schemes/policies and programs specially designed by the government for them.

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## A Critical Study on Sustainable Development through Economic Development Schemes in Maharashtra

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### Abstract

The Sustainable Development Goals constitute a comprehensive development agenda for India, integrating social, economic and environmental dimensions. Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman emphasized this approach in the Economic Survey for the financial year 2020-21 presented in Parliament today. In 1992, in a meeting of 192 countries, the United Nations affirmed that it is necessary to work on sustainable development based on the two issues of human development and environmental protection. Around eight Millennium Development Goals were set in 2000. The targets were set to achieve this target by 2015. They are as follows. It was worked on as a team for about fifteen years. Several policy changes were made. However, progress has been made in many aspects towards the achievement of this set goal, however, the intensity of unbalanced development, forest destruction, environmental degradation, increasing disputes between countries, water insecurity has increased.

**Key words:** Economic development, sustainable, Analysis, dimensions, factors, protection environment, forest and land etc.

### Introduction:

In 2015, the United Nations reviewed and set goals to be achieved by the year 2030. It is called the Sustainable Development Goals. An impressive total of seventeen Sustainable Development Goals have been set, endorsed by 193 countries around the world. Seventeen goals have been set for the whole world; however, after studying the local situation for our country, the Niti Aayog has set a total of nine local sustainable development goals. There has been an agreement between the Government of India and the United Nations in this regard. Those local goals are as follows. There are about 31.47 lakh gram panchayat members out of a total of 2, 55,303 gram panchayats across the country. Of these, about 14.54 lakh are women. Similarly, Maharashtra has two lakh gram panchayat members out of about 28,000 gram panchayats. About one lakh of them are women. Both the Gram Panchayat Development Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals have been properly integrated. It is necessary to include complementary schemes or activities in the

Gram Panchayat Development Plan. Based on that they are being trained to implement it.

### Problems of the Study:

Lack of training. Lack of proper trainers. People's representatives do not respond to training. Lack of planning. Inadequate participation of the community in the planning process and in gram sabhas. Greater emphasis on infrastructure works. Localization of the Sustainable Development Goals can make it possible to serve the interests of the village and, in turn, the country. It is necessary to implement them accordingly. However, there are some difficulties and challenges that need to be worked on. The need to enhance the institutional capacity of local self-government bodies and the capacity of stakeholders like elected public representatives, activists, women in savings groups etc.

### Objectives of the Study:

The main objective of this research is to develop the sustainable development of Maharashtra through economic development plan in Maharashtra and some specific



objectives have been given by the researcher as follows.

1. To Study the Economic Development Scheme of Maharashtra.
2. To Study the Sustainable Development of Maharashtra.
3. To Study the Environment, Entrepreneurship and allied activities.

#### **Significance of the Study:**

Training institutes, district administration and local self-government bodies in the state should pay attention to this. It is necessary that this will be implemented in a proper manner through the Gram Panchayat. Local goals are set as determined by the study committee. It is a global movement that started in the 1990s and now three decades have passed. Some problems seem to be tolerable, while others are becoming more serious. Administrative system and system of Maharashtra is considered to be leading in the country. Now there is a need for the administration to create a dedicated board for balanced and sustainable rural development and achieve the goals.

#### **Scope of the Study:**

It is necessary to increase the participation of students studying for engineering as well as other professional courses in various project wise schemes to enhance research. Taking the next step on the lines of the central government for the development of rural areas, the state government has come up with the scheme Unnat Maharashtra Abhiyan. The government decision in this regard has been issued on 13 January 2016. The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is being implemented by the Central Government through selected advanced educational institutions in the country to bring about change by increasing the participation of advanced educational institutions like IITs in the development works of the rural areas of the country.

#### **Period of the Study:**

While studying economic development plans and sustainable development in Maharashtra the researcher has studied many relevant economic factors of Maharashtra as well as environment industry other various sectors and while doing member research the researcher has completed member research by studying many factors in the year 2022-23.

#### **Limitation of the Study:**

On the same lines, the research going on in engineering colleges, technical institutes and other higher education institutions in the state of Maharashtra is more and more related to the various social and development related problems of daily life in the state e.g. village sanitation, toilets, sewage management, drinking water, road development, strengthening of roads under rural schemes., water conservation, fuel and energy, health, drought etc., and it is necessary to make it people oriented. It is necessary to find a solution to the problems of development in the social sector by using research and skilled manpower in these institutions with the use of appropriate technology. Currently, many government, semi-government, private organizations and many non-governmental organizations are working on various development schemes on the problems of rural and urban areas. However, in this regard, it is necessary to increase the participation of as many educational institutions in such a project and create an institutional structure.

#### **Research Methodology:**

The researcher has used many secondary sources to study in detail the justice given to the disadvantaged groups in the economic development schemes of Maharashtra, i.e. their needs and the information about the misguided schemes of the government. In this research paper articles journals newspaper audio video images reference books serial books annual reports government reports etc.

#### **Research Method:**

To study the benefits of the economic development schemes in Maharashtra to the backward classes and the change in the actual development schemes the researcher has completed a member research using descriptive analysis method.

#### **Results and Discussion:**

In addition to conventional research, to suggest effective solution plans using appropriate technology for the problems sustainability of development works in higher education institutions in their area. To start this kind of research tradition and nurture it and create a competent system for this in educational institutions. To promote and nurture research appropriate to local conditions and based on local demands. To develop an effective research system with the

participation of citizens, public representatives and various government agencies. Curriculum and research in higher education institutions should complement and complement development work. To train students in order to prepare skilled manpower required for various development schemes in the state in future.

#### **Sustainable Rural Development:**

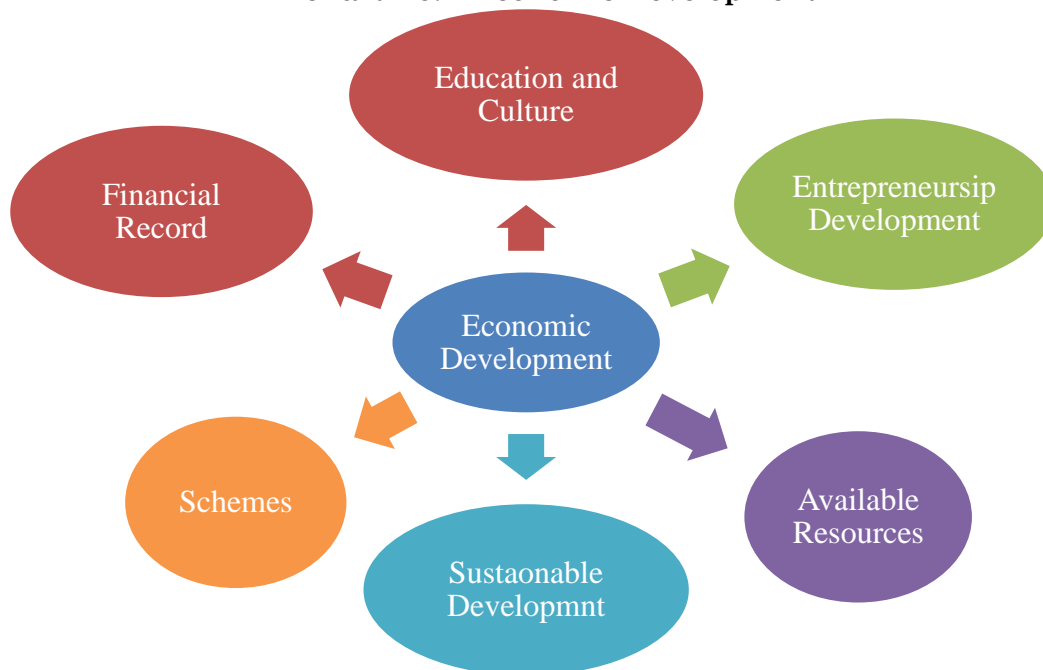
The class dependent on activities such as agriculture, forestry, energy, mining, or fishing is shrinking. As the opportunities in many such sectors are decreasing, it has become very necessary to implement activities that promote rural entrepreneurship and are sustainable, complementary to agriculture, complementary to the environment and moving towards economic upliftment. People in rural areas are mainly dependent on agriculture. Rural agricultural production and consumption processes play a major role in the development of the Indian economy. The major objectives of rural development are to increase agricultural productivity, achieve rapid economic transformation, increase farmer's profitability and increase

domestic production of selected agricultural products.

#### **Economic Development:**

Although the term rural development has been widely used by policy makers and policymakers, the question arises as to whether rural development is exactly understood or not. This concept should basically change with time. The pattern of rural development has changed significantly in the last three decades. Until the 1970s, rural development was synonymous with agricultural development. That is why all the policy makers and the nation were focusing on increasing the agricultural production. As industrialization gained strength, the concept of rural development was also changing. Mainly land, farmers, farm laborers, workers, along with increasing participation in the mainstream, use and development of natural resources, effective cropping systems, effective marketing policies, government schemes, assistance of international organizations, etc. are included in the current rural development.

**Chart No. 1 Economic Development**



#### **Agriculture Allied Businesses and Rural Industries:**

Agriculture accounts for 18 percent of India's Gross Domestic Product due to the green and light revolution in Indian agriculture and the rural sector. The rural sector has made significant progress in the last few decades with vast resources like land, water and solar energy.

For sustainable rural development, food security, rural employment and environmentally sustainable technologies such as soil conservation, sustainable natural resource management and biodiversity conservation are studied and achieved as development goals have become systematic.

**Environment and Development:**

Education, entrepreneurship, physical infrastructure and social infrastructure all play an important role in the development of rural areas. In this course, it is told how rural development can be achieved by emphasizing on locally produced economic development strategies. The aim of this course is to introduce new and ongoing schemes for rural development and create awareness among the people about the related issues. Public, private and civic sectors need to work together and efficiently for sustainable rural development by improving rural areas with their contributions. There are many employment opportunities in different government, semi-government and private organizations. Opportunities are also available in many international organizations like World Bank, UNICEF, and UNDP. Along with the job we can also work as a consultant in the above mentioned organization. One can work in many positions like Research Analyst, Policy Manager, Project Manager, and Consultant. A graduate of any discipline is eligible for this course.

**Entrepreneurship Development:**

Business sustainability refers to a company's strategy to reduce the negative environmental impacts of its operations in a particular market. An organization's sustainability practices are typically analyzed against environmental, social and governance (ESG) metrics.

Reduce your environmental impact – everything from recycling and recycling more clearly, switching to LEDs, reducing plastic, reducing travel and having energy efficient appliances, to adopting a circular business model.

**Conclusion:**

Sustainable development is an approach to economic planning that seeks to promote economic growth while preserving the quality of the environment for future generations. Economic growth occurs when the gross domestic product increases over a period of time. Sustainable growth means maintaining the growth rate without creating other economic problems. Rapid growth can deplete resources, cause environmental problems, and contribute to global warming. The benefits of sustainable economic development affect more than just those in poverty. For example, reducing energy use and expanding public transportation options

reduces air pollution, which can improve asthma and heart conditions. Efficient homes and businesses will be more comfortable and safer. Economic sustainability is important because it describes how societies can sustain their current economic structure and what steps need to be taken to improve the system for long-term sustainability.

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## “Study on Customer Satisfaction towards Google Pay among Modern Youth”

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### Abstract

Now days the online payment apps users are increased dramatically and also the payment options are available in market. The customers are taking the benefits and easy use of payment apps. This study is focused on the usage of payment apps by customers and also their satisfaction towards payment apps. The present paper is focused on the customer satisfaction towards the services provided by Google pay in SambhajiNagarRegion especially among youth. It focuses on the services provided by Google pay wallet and its satisfaction level. This study done using descriptive research design method and data are collected by primary sources with 122 sample size of customers. The data analysis and interpretation done and presented through pie charts and graphs.

**Key words:** G-pay app, customer satisfaction, G- pays services,

### Introduction:-

Mobile banking is a service provided by a bank or financial institute that permits its customers to allow different types of financial transactions by using mobile devices such as mobile phones and tablets. Each Bank provides its own mobile banking app for Android, windows and IOS mobile platforms.

There are various third party banking apps namely Google pay, Paytm, phone pay, mobikwik Amazon pay, Bajaj finance, CRED, WhatsApp pay, as etc. There are major changes broad by the mobile banking that ensure the smooth delivery of banking service to customers. The increasing use of mobile banking by the customers and their needs there are some advantages of Google app search as secured way of making payments, cashback, and faster way to payment. But there are certain issues with this app such as security, lack of adoptions of new mode of payments by the customers.

The Google pay has mark 150 million users across the 40 countries. Google pay currently return 35% markets in term of volume and 38% of shares in term of values as of October 2021. Google pay head contribute 59% in digital transaction in 2019.

Google pay is the second most popular up platform after the phone pay.

### Objective of the study

1. To study and analyse the under graduate students behaviour related to adopting Google pay app.
2. To study and analyse the problem faced by the customer related to the Google pay app.
3. To study the customer satisfaction related to the use of Google pay transactions.

### Purpose of the study

1. The main purpose of the study of Google pay app is consumer behavior and how the consumer behaves with Google app.
2. Second purpose is to find out the problem faced by the Google app users.
3. Third purpose of the study is how to improve in safety and security in Google Play app so that customers can adopt the new technology of payment.

### Statement of Problems:

1. Consumers are Satisfied with Google Pay App.

### Hypothesis:

**H1.** The adaptability of mobile banking service will have a positive impact on consumer satisfaction.

**H0.** The adaptability of the mobile banking service will not have a positive impact on consumer satisfaction.

**H2.** There is a significant impact of various factors such as security, illiteracy and not interested in adoption new technology of payment on the use of Google transactions.

**H0.** There is no significant impact of various factors such as security, illiteracy and not interested in adoption new technology of payment on the use of Google pay transactions.

**H3.** There exists relationship between various factors which act as hindrance in use of Google transaction

**H0.** There exists no relationship between various factors which act as hindrance in uses of Google pay transactions.

#### Review of literatures:

**1. Gokmenoglu, Korhan, and SiamandHesami et.al (2020)** imposed on the factors that affect the intention of Generation Y consumers to adopt internet-banking services in the framework of the basic and extended technology acceptance model (TAM).

**2.Ubam, Elizabeth, IrwandiHipiny, and HamimahUjir et.al (2021)** in their researcher focus on how most smartphone applications are not that user-friendly for a senior-aged person. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everything now is done online including mobile banking services. There are seniors who refuse to use mobile banking applications in Malaysia because they are not familiar nor comfortable with the app's interface and flow.

**3. Labib, NevienMakram, and Nermin Ibrahim Alarabiet.al(2022)** This Research explain that banking sector is a leading sector in Egypt economy. Nowadays and an effective way to control cost, attract more customers, and fulfill consumers' needs for convenience and technical innovation.

**4.Gu, Ja-Chul, Sang-Chul Lee, and Yung-Ho Suh et.al (2009)** this research imposed on improvement of mobile technologies and devices, banking users are able to conduct banking services at anyplace and at any time it means 24 x7.

#### Research Methodology:

Sample Area	SambhajiNagar Region
Sample Size	120
Sampling Techniques	Snow Ball Techniques,Startified Random Simplified Technique
Sources of Data	Primary and Secondary Data
Analysis Techniques	

#### Fact Finding

**Interpretation:** Total respondents are 122 out of these 56.60% are male and 43.40% are female

**Interpretation:** Total respondents are 122 out of these 91.80% are unmarried and 8.20 % are married

**Inference:** Majority (91.8%) are unmarried.

**Interpretation:** Total respondents are 122 out of these 91.80% are between age of 18 to 30 and 8.20 % are married

**Inference:** Majority (91.8%) are Youth

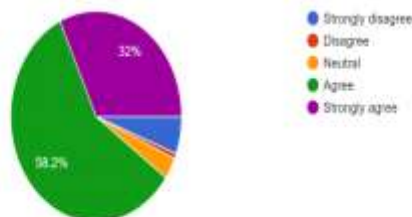
**Interpretation:** Total respondents are 122 out of these 83.60% are youth and not in any occupation.

**Inference:** Majority (83.60%) are following in other category.

**Interpretation:** Above diagram show 83.60% students under graduate and 9% are post graduate.

**Inference:** Majority (83.60%) are under graduate.

1. G-Pay app is Time saving than Conventional Banking  
122 responses



**Interpretation:** Here 52.20% respondents are agreed and 32% are strongly agreed on that G-Pay app is time saving than Traditional banking system.

**Inference:** Majority (52.20%) are agreed that G-pay is time saving app.

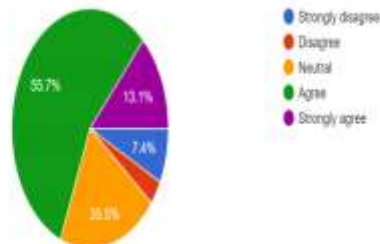
2. Google pay is Cost saving than Conventional Banking?  
122 responses



**Interpretation:** Here 55.70% respondents are agreed and 9.8% are strongly agreed on that G-Pay app is cost saving than Traditional banking system.

**Inference:** Majority (55.70%) are agreed that G-pay is cost saving app.

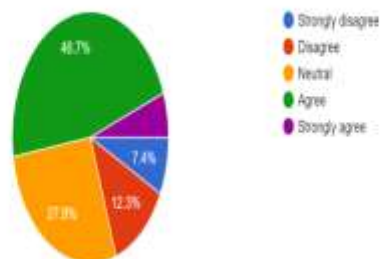
3. Google Pay App is Flexible or Convenient than Conventional Banking?  
122 responses



**Interpretation:** The above diagram show 55.70% respondents are agreed and 13.10% are strongly agreed on that G-Pay app is more flexible than conventional banking system.

**Inference:** Majority (55.70%) are agreed that G-pay is more flexible than conventional banking system.

4. Google pay app is Secure than Conventional Banking?  
122 responses

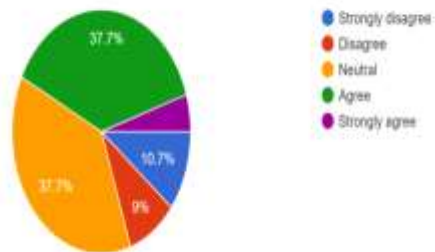


**Interpretation:** The above diagram shows 46.70% respondents are agreed and 27.90% are neutral on that G-Pay app is more secured than conventional banking system.

**Inference:** Majority (46.70%) are agreed that G-pay is more secured than conventional banking system.

5. Google Pay App has better Problem Handling capability than Conventional Banking?

122 responses

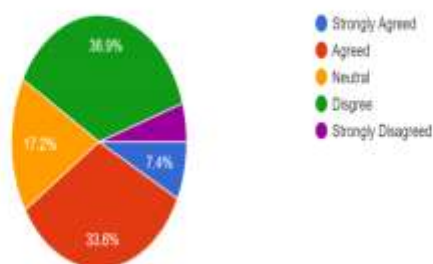


**Interpretation:** The above diagram show 37.70% respondents are agreed and 37.70% are strongly agreed on that G-Pay app is better problem handling than conventional banking system.

**Inference:** Majority (37.70%) are agreed that G-pay is more better problem handling than conventional banking system.

1. Do you experience fraudulent Activities while using G-pay App ?

122 responses

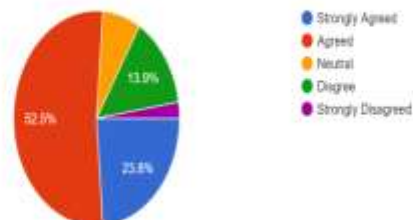


**Interpretation:** The above diagram show 36.90% respondents are disagreed and 33.60% are agreed on that they find some fraudulent activities while using G-pay app.

**Inference:** Majority (36.90%) are agreed that they find some fraudulent activities while using G-pay app.

2. Transactions can not be completed without a strong network support

122 responses

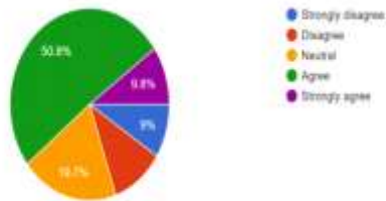


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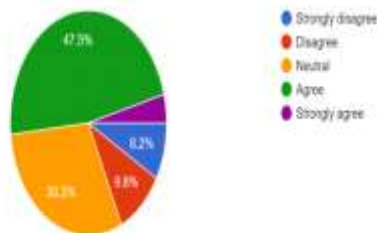
3. Due to linking of Transactions with Bank account. It create issues for payment if there is technical error with Bank.  
122 responses



**Interpretation:** Total respondents were 122 out of these 50.80% respondents are agreed and 19.70% are neutral on that they face some issue at the time of payment through G-pay app.

**Inference:** Majority (50.80%) are agreed that they face some issue at the time of payment through G-pay app.

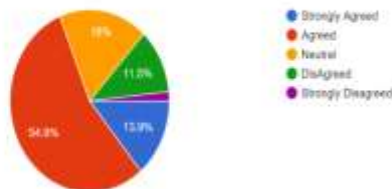
4. There is an hinderance in usage of app due to limit on the transaction imposed.  
122 responses



**Interpretation:** Total respondents were 122 out of these 47.50% respondents are agreed and 30.30% are neutral on that they face some difficulties due to limitation on use of G-pay app.

**Inference:** Majority (47.50%) are agreed that they face some difficulties due to limitation on use of G-pay app.

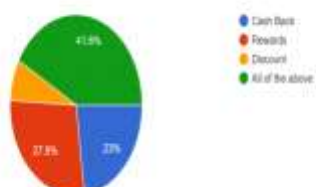
5. Lack of Technical Knowledge is one of Factor which affect on the use of Google Pay App.  
122 responses



**Interpretation:** Total respondents were 122 out of these 54.90% respondents are agreed and 18% are neutral that lack of Technological knowledge affect the use of G-pay app.

**Inference:** Majority (54.90%) are agreed that lack of Technological knowledge affect the use of G-pay app.

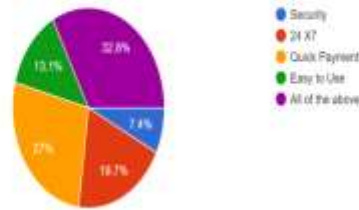
1. which factor motivated to choose G-pay?  
122 responses



**Interpretation:** Total respondents were 122 out of these 41.80% respondents are agreed on that Cash discount, rewards and discounts motivates to choose G-pay app.

**Inference:** Majority (41.80%) are agreed that Cash discount, rewards and discounts motivates to choose G-pay app.

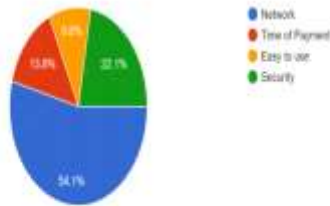
4. Why you prefer to Used Google Pay App due to?  
122 responses



**Interpretation:** Total respondents were 122 out of these 32.80% respondents are agreed on that due security, 24x7, quick payment, easy to use they prefer G-pay app.

**Inference:** Majority (32.80%) are agreed that due security, 24x7, quick payment, easy to use they prefer G-pay app.

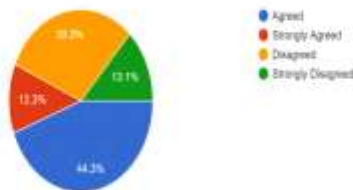
1. which type of improvement you required?  
122 responses



**Interpretation:** Total respondents were 122 out of these 54.10% respondents are

demanding that network should be strong while using G-pay app.

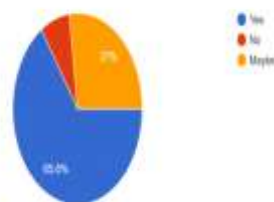
2. Gift voucher received from G-Pay is useful for you  
122 responses



**Interpretation:** Total respondents were 122 out of these 44.30% respondents are agreed

on that due any gift voucher received from G-pay app is useful.

3. Are You recommended others to others for use of Google Pay?  
122 responses



**Interpretation:** Total respondents were 122 out of these 65.60% respondents are agreed to recommending others to use G-pay app

**Suggestion:**

1. The payment made through G-pay app is very easy for the users but it is also creates some security problem while using this app.
2. The online payment app should maintain privacy for the user's in order to use safe and secured.
3. Strong network should be provided otherwise payment can made without strong network
4. G-pay app should be upgraded and create more innovative ideas with the payment system.
5. Strong network should be provided while using g-pay app.

**Conclusion**

In Conclusion, G-Pay is rising immensely partially due to the convenience of scanning immediately and paying without necessity of carrying cash in hand. However, with increase in number of transactions on G-pay and increase in the rewards both cash and non-cash, it is seen that users only appreciate cash rewards while most of the users find non-cash rewards as useless G-Pay app increase its security so that normal person can use such app.

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## Terrorism in “Tathāpi Satyasya Mukham”

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### Abstract

“Tathāpi Satyasya Mukham” is a post-modern Sanskrit poetry. Literally meaning even then the face of the truth is closed. Poet Prafulla Kumar Mishra is searching a truth in this poetry. The post-modernist touch in this collection is very vivid the magically and stylistically. Particularly in response to the influence of post-modernism, Poet has expressed terrorism in individual poems- Svāgatam te Megha !, Madhukim Pītvā, Kutra Ārambhaḥ, Pratīkṣā

Dīrghatamaḥ kutra Niliyase ? The poet is well aware of the consequence of the terrorism in our country which have been reflected in the above poems. The endeavor of the poet is suggestive in trying to express the ‘face of the truth’. It is up to the connoisseur to decide whether the poet has succeeded in revealing the aesthetic of the truth. In this paper an attempted has been taken to find out the probable solution. The paper may extent its scope up to the Sanskrit modern and post-modern literature. The analytical method will be follow for the paper. (Keywords: Satyasya Mukham, Post-modern, Terrorism, Pratīkṣā)

“Tathāpi Satyasya Mukham” is a post-modern Sanskrit poetry, a genuine creation of Prafulla Kumar Mishra, Who is a prolific writer of many books in Sanskrit, Oriya and in English. The poet’s skill in writing only the modern Sanskrit poetry has not been published; the poet has been uniquely manifested in writing poetry. This poetry has sixty four poems. Literally meaning even then the face of the truth is closed. The post-modernist touch in this poetry is very animated magically and stylistically. Poet P.K. Mishra deals with subjects like terrorism, cricket game, disappearance of the present and future, souls crying clandestinely, fake happiness, outer pollution and joyfulness etc. He is a famous name for post-modern Sanskrit poetry style. In his poetry the narratives of human consciousness entity as an artistic expansion, the readers are fascinated. Critic of modern Sanskrit literature Dr. Arun Ranjan Mishra, overall, the focus of poetry is to give a holistic look- “Dr. P.K. Mishra’s poems pulsate with all the genre of modernity. The rise of the intellectual man in modern age and his thoughtful being pervaded and even invaded by the types of cynicism, death of desire, pessimism, double mindedness, loneliness and aimlessness causes the thickly flowing

emotion in his poetry. His main expertise, however, lies in his rare, ability of delving deep into the subconscious feelings and into a feeling of man’s cosmic state, which propels to get into the region of god, and time stream.”<sup>i</sup>

In this research paper, I tried to analyze the terrorism in “Tathāpi Satyasya Mukham.” Terrorism is a historical and continuous process. From the beginning, this person has been involved in terrorist activities against organization, society or state. With the change of time and circumstances, there has also been a change in the nature, inequities and objectives of the terrorist. Along with the scientific and technical development has also influenced the methods of terrorist proceedings and these techniques have been refined and more. In fact, terrorism has come down as a very big challenge before the National States, and terrorism has been adopted today as a worldwide slave. “The common definition of terrorism is that, it is a form of exercising power by systematically provoking fright and alarm.”<sup>ii</sup> The terrorist justify their violent acts by distinguishing them from ordinary crimes by claiming that they commit the acts of violence in pursuance of supra-individual motives. Historian Walter Laqueur observes

“there is no such thing as pure, unalloyed, unchanging terrorism...there are many forms of terrorism.”<sup>iii</sup> “He adds that these many forms defy categorization under a single, all-encompassing, universally accepted definition.”<sup>iv</sup> “However, as he and others point out, it is possible to develop or adopt a working concept that embraces the essential common characteristics of the phenomenon. It may not be academically perfect, but it is probably adequate for conveying the necessary common frame of reference.”<sup>v</sup>

William Casey states: “international terrorism has become perpetual war without borders.” “In confronting international terrorism, the first step is to call things by their proper names, to see clearly and say plainly who the terrorists are, what goals they seek, and which governments support them.”<sup>vi</sup>

M. Cherif Bassiouni notes: “.....the act is necessarily a conspicuously violent one, which is often intended to focus public attention and to coerce a State into a particular action. One of the most effective means towards that aim is to endanger, threaten or take innocent human lives and to jeopardize fundamental freedom.”<sup>vii</sup>

Edward F. Mickolus and his colleagues include under the rubric of international terrorism, “activities involving agents-terrorists, government participants, citizens or institutions-from two or more nations....originating in one nation or terminating in another.....(or) involving the demands made of a nation other than the one where the incident occurs.”<sup>viii</sup>

Particularly in response to the influence of post-modernism, Poet has expressed terrorism in this poetry. He is well aware of the consequence of the terrorism in our country which have been reflected in the given below poems.

### 1. Svāgataṁ te Megha !

In this poem, the poet recites the words of peace by replacing the clouds on the surface of terrorism. Over time, many of the terrorists have wreaked the consolidation of the country. In the imagination of the poet, the real form of terrorism has emerged.

श्मशानायिते

माओ-नक्सल-लस्कर-

बोडो-नागा-

मणीपुरीसन्त्रासकारी-

Sometimes in the secret conspiracy of the state, blood flowing in the country of terrorism is running out.

राष्ट्रद्रोहिणां

त्रासं हासयसि

तापं शमयसि

Among the threats of this terrorism, the poet welcomes the peace symbol and welcomes the cloud....

स्वागतं ते सदा स्वागतम्

हे मेघ तुभ्यं स्वागतम्॥

The last verse of poem तव घनघोरघर्घरगर्जनेन in घनघोरघर्घरगर्जनेन this word is particularly important. In the entire poem the image of evolution of terrorism has been fulfilled in the choice of the word – घनघोरघर्घरगर्जनेन॥

The continuation of Darwin's theory of evolution lies in terrorism. It is served in poetry. War and peace are the opposite of each other, but there is a relationship between the hearts. The poem here is about this 'Universal Truth' that will lead to peace and harmony in the end of terrorism.

### 2. Madhukīm Pītvā

Enlarge the nature of all the animals in the beautiful dynamic life. The best organism of animals is man. Those who are all the sweetness of nature –suffer from beauty-

मधुकीं पीत्वा

वम्भ्रम्य

घीरं घीरं गात्वा

मदमत्तः

चैत्रस्य रजन्याम्॥१॥

After all his hope is going to be met, everything forgets people. Various roar of terrorism came down to us in the normal rhythm for the development of the forces, prestigious and empowerment.

डिनामाइट स्फोटकस्य

विकट-राक्षसगर्जने॥२॥

Beauty is nature, being sold outside goods from normal rhythm-

पलायिता सुन्दरी सा

इदानीं विक्रीय स्वयं

साकं ग्राम्यसूरया

वाल्मि-कीट-भर्जम्॥३॥

Women –nature, simplicity, affection and generosity maintain the peace of life-human beings. The nature of terrorism is being sold as the woman's mischief in the current crisis. Delusion is the naturalness of human being, and all the sweetness of sweet life is being consumed in artificiality. Although the domination of the spring king in from, good looks, juice and flavor the horror of terrorism is not even low. In the conflict of both, the poet has finally won the joyful enjoyment in this poem-

गणयित्वा धनं सर्वं  
गच्छति च  
पूतिगन्धमयीं  
स्वकीयां वसतिम्॥४॥

### 3. Kutra Ārambhaḥ

The fight against humanity is the inhabitant of the civilization. With the increase in population, the crisis of existence and human needs increased gradually, the source of war, although the debt of civilization is going on. The motion of the nature is impossible to determine. The question of his poetry has first done in his start and end.

कुत्र आरम्भः  
कपिकले(मेरि-गो-राउन्डे)  
आवर्त्तनं  
कुत्र हास-शोकयोः  
पुनरावर्तनम्  
कुत्र तस्य निवर्तनम्॥२॥

Through the words निवर्तनम् and पुनरावर्तनम् the balance of life is preserved. His hopes are pronounced in the poet's voice- पुनरावर्तनम्?

Despite the repeated revelations of joy, the poet's life hoped for eternal peace of desired truth.

The ruthlessness of terrorism has not been seen at the beginning of civilization. Public life was not disturbed by the sound of gunshots. Tired speak of the misuse of technology and the degradation of human beings-

कुत्र विश्रामः  
पुनः प्रवर्तनं कदा ?

Even in the realm of fives and terrorism, all hope for a bloomy and leafy life reflection of this stage can be heard at the end of poetry. The current Indian Pulwama, Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist drives vehicle with explosives into CRPF convoy, all the people of Indian also spoke like a poet-जीवनस्य कुत्र निवर्तनम् ?

Everyone from the corner of present in India is praying for the freedom. According to the poet, and the hopes of leafy life in the same way-

कमलकोरव इव  
पल्लवानामेकैकशः  
निरीक्षणमुत्पाटनम्  
पुनः किमुपलभ्यते

The expectation of the depression of the poet has given birth to emptiness-  
शून्येक्षणेन शून्यता॥

### 4. Pratīkṣā

In this poem poet is awaiting, for a diverse life, from a terrorist life. Standing at present, the poem is very relevant and a chart of the real situation. The complex relations between India and Pakistan are constantly panic and terrifying. Pulwama militant attacks, attacking Indian army at random, bloody times have repeatedly erupted Indian's soil. The struggle and sacrifice of the army, which is responsible for protecting the existence of the country and maintaining peace, cannot be judged by any measure. They are leaving the relatives, with all love and compassion protecting the country. The appeal of the author's heart to their expectations-

दूरे ग्रामकुट्यां गोघूलिपटले  
दारीभूय छन्दपट्टां  
अर्द्धावगुण्ठनवती  
प्रतीक्षते कम्॥१॥

In the marriage of husband and his wife's religion has always protected the civilization. One hand, the husband is determined to do well for the country and on the other hand, the happiness of the wife prevails....

गताः  
पति-पुत्र-बान्धवाः सर्वे  
रक्षीमुख्येन परामृष्टाः  
माओ-पापेभ्यः योद्धम्॥४॥

Peace of personal happiness here is trivial. Terrorists do not have any rules, lawlessness even in personal life, seduced by fornication.

सन्त्रासवादिना तथा  
गोलिकाग्निप्रभावेण  
सर्वे ह्यमरतां गताः  
परं भार्या विलपति  
प्रतीक्षते द्वारबन्धे  
गृहमपि गच्छति सा॥६॥

On the other hand, people living in their own countries have been protecting the country by betting life to protect the country's peace-  
परदशे पराभूय

पूनः कुत्र  
गमिष्यति  
प्रतीक्षते  
सा॥७॥

It is a matter of universal importance that the protection of the peace of the whole country is like a priceless feeling to the country men. Nationalism is such a great feeling to the people of the country. In the same way, the peace of the whole country is a universal matter. Violence or terrorism should always be condemned...

स्वदेशे परदेशे वा

आत्मीयता

सर्वत्र निन्दितः भूयः॥८॥

The poet believes in this beautiful life from the dreadful life so with the description of the character of a well neglected life; the poets taste a pleasant life in the result of poetry.....

विश्वासस्य जेतवने

मृषा वज्रप्रवञ्चने दग्धं

कोकिलकं दृष्ट्वा

पुनः कस्मै

प्रतीक्षते

सा॥११॥

##### 5. Dīrghatamaḥ kutra Niliyase ?

In this poem, the relics of poet terrorism have shown the trend of the evolution of the religion. Radhakrishna's sweet love has been spoken here regardless of music, place, period, race, religion and caste. Just as the one whom delights in such pleasures, just like the passing of the spiritual bounds of the spiritual world. Although this greatness of religion influenced human life, it has now become a joke. God and Goddess has become corrupt today in various aspects of worship-

मठ-पीठ-मन्दिराणि

दूरस्थितं प्रियं मधुपुरं

न चास्ति ते किमपि

दुर्गमम्॥६॥

By making religion a tool, many tribals are attacking India

माओ-नक्सल-तालिबानताम् ?

The nature of terrorism is so horrific, that the Indian realm has been shaken repeatedly humanity is being destroyed...

सन्त्रासवादस्य क्रुराट्टहासके

प्रकटयन्त्येते मानववृत्ताम्॥७॥

In the sweet language of the hypocrites, the clever and the wicked people, we are embracing the civilization in a bad path way. The simplest life needed for the progress of civilization was totally revolting today. The poisonous from behind the human heart is not easily seen.....

रमणीयं लोकं सुकुमारं दृश्यं

कथं न पश्यन्ति चक्षुष्मन्तः जनाः ?

This provocative, deceitful public life has succeeded on a prolonged path today.....

त्वदीये दीर्घतमसि चासीत् अन्तः ज्योतिः,

In order to have a good sense of humankind, the true habitant of humanity seeks peace from the poets. In this poem as well as describing the horrific life, the poet wanted to live up to that life-

सुकुमारता,

विश्वनीडता तथा

एतान् सर्वान्

त्यक्त्या दीर्घतमः

कुत्र निलीयसे ?॥८॥

Forgetting the Indian heritage and history, the people and statesmen have hindered the overall development of diverse India. India's dreams and hopes of independence are dusting. In Indian, terrorism and bloodshed hurt India. The biggest crisis of modern civilization is terrorism. Recent Indian has plagued more than all the countries in this crisis. Bullet shout at all corners of India. Many innocent people are being terrorized every day. Poet P.K. Mishra, the picture of the terrorism of recent India, which enhanced his poems, reveals the deep affection of homeland love. Indian poets tried to express themselves as many as possible in different eyes. He is one of the most recent modern Indian who has indentified the wounds and trauma of India, by touching the place of India's emotions and heritage, showing the ultimate humiliation of the country, in its own poems.

In reality, terrorism arises from any kind of injustice that is being done for a long time whose society and government are neglected and this neglect gives rise to armed insult in the form of dissatisfaction and frustration. Therefore, to eliminate terrorism from society to end economic, social and political inequalities, and the justice must be made available and accessible only when the end of terrorism in the South Asian region will be possible.

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## The significance and value orientation of communication in English literature – A theoretical assimilation

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### Abstract:

In the context of English literature, this research article examines the profound significance and value orientation of communication. This research seeks to increase our comprehension of how communication acts as a catalyst for meaning-making, cultural exchange, and transformative dialogue in English literature by examining a wide range of literary texts, critical theories, and scholarly viewpoints. The introduction of the abstract lays out the fundamental function of communication in literature. It emphasises how authors can effectively convey ideas, emotions, and themes by using language, dialogue, and literary devices. The study investigates how well various communication techniques can capture the subtleties of the human experience while encouraging readers' engagement and interpretation. This study also explores how communication in English literature is value-oriented. It examines how literature serves as a vehicle for cultural transmission, allowing readers to examine various viewpoints, histories, and social realities. The study clarifies how communication in literature can undermine dominant ideologies, advance social justice, and foster empathy and understanding by focusing on the representation of marginalized voices. The study's analysis of English literature's interactive communication style also includes this topic. It focuses on the dynamic interaction between writers, characters, and readers, examining how readers participate actively in ongoing conversations and actively engage with texts. It looks into how communication can change lives because literature has the power to make people reflect, think critically, and demand social change. Additionally, this study recognizes the impact of technological developments on literary communication. It examines how social media, digital platforms, and online communities have influenced literary discourse in the present while opening up a wider range of perspectives and narratives. This research article concludes by emphasising the fundamental importance and value orientation of communication in English literature. It highlights how good communication fosters cultural exchange, raises social awareness, and improves the interpretive experience. Scholars, teachers, and readers can gain a deeper understanding of the transformative power of English literature and its capacity to engage, inspire, and reshape our understanding of the world by comprehending the multifaceted role of communication.

**Keywords:** Significance and value orientation, multifaceted role of communication, English literature, engagement and interpretation, interpretive experience

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### Introduction:

Communication serves as a cornerstone in the realm of English literature, shaping its significance and value orientation. It is through communication that authors express their thoughts, emotions, and perspectives, while readers engage in an interactive dialogue with the text. This theoretical assimilation aims to explore the profound significance of communication and its value orientation within the context of

English literature. By integrating theoretical frameworks and critical perspectives, this study seeks to unravel the intricate ways in which communication influences the interpretation, understanding, and appreciation of literary works. English literature, spanning centuries of literary production, encompasses a rich tapestry of diverse voices, genres, and themes. At its core, literature is a form of communication, a medium through which authors engage in a

creative exchange with their readers. Language, the fundamental tool of communication, enables authors to craft intricate narratives, convey complex ideas, and evoke powerful emotions. Through the use of vivid imagery, poetic devices, and literary techniques, authors imbue their works with layers of meaning and invite readers to interpret and explore their texts. The significance of communication in English literature lies not only in its ability to convey ideas but also in its capacity to foster connections between different individuals and cultures. Literature acts as a bridge, enabling readers to traverse cultural boundaries and gain insights into diverse experiences. By encountering characters from various backgrounds and historical periods, readers develop empathy and understanding, expanding their worldview and fostering a sense of shared humanity. Moreover, communication in English literature serves a vital role in challenging societal norms and promoting social consciousness. Authors employ their literary voices to critique oppressive systems, shed light on marginalized perspectives, and advocate for social change. Through communication, literature becomes a powerful instrument for raising awareness, encouraging dialogue, and inspiring action. The value orientation of communication in English literature is closely tied to its transformative potential. As readers engage in a dialogue with the text, they undergo personal growth, intellectual development, and emotional resonance. Literature has the power to ignite introspection, provoke critical thinking, and shape individuals' values and beliefs. Communication in literature transcends time and space, enabling readers to connect with authors who may have lived centuries ago, reminding us of the enduring relevance of human experiences. In recent years, the advent of digital technologies and online platforms has expanded the scope and reach of literary communication. Social media, digital forums, and virtual communities provide spaces for readers and authors to engage in discussions, share interpretations, and build literary communities. This dynamic interaction enhances the accessibility and democratization of literature, fostering a collective exploration of its significance and value orientation. In conclusion, the significance and value orientation of communication in English

literature are profound and multifaceted. Through language, authors communicate their ideas, emotions, and perspectives, inviting readers into a transformative dialogue. Communication in literature transcends cultural boundaries, challenges societal norms, and promotes social consciousness. It is through this theoretical assimilation that we can deepen our understanding of the profound role that communication plays in shaping the interpretation, appreciation, and impact of English literature.

#### **Major insights on significance and value orientation of communication in English literature:**

Major insights on significance and value orientation of communication in English literature are as follows:

##### **1. Expression and Interpretation:**

Communication in English literature serves as a powerful means of expressing complex ideas, emotions, and themes. Authors utilize language, dialogue, and literary devices to articulate their thoughts effectively. Simultaneously, readers engage in interpretation, constructing meaning through their interaction with the text.

##### **2. Emotional Engagement and Empathy:**

Effective communication in literature fosters emotional engagement and empathy. Authors create relatable characters and use vivid descriptions to evoke emotional responses in readers. This connection enables readers to empathize with the characters' experiences and develop a deeper understanding of human emotions.

##### **3. Cultural Exchange and Understanding:**

Communication in English literature acts as a bridge for cultural exchange. Through diverse narratives and perspectives, literature exposes readers to different cultures, traditions, and social contexts. This exchange promotes understanding, challenges stereotypes, and cultivates a broader worldview.

##### **4. Challenging Societal Norms:**

Literature communicates dissent and challenges societal norms. Authors use their literary voices to critique oppressive systems, advocate for social justice, and inspire positive change. Communication in literature amplifies marginalized voices, raises awareness of social issues,

and encourages readers to question and transform the status quo.

5. **Transformative Power:** Communication in English literature possesses a transformative power. Through introspection and critical thinking, literature provokes readers to reevaluate their beliefs, values, and perspectives. It inspires personal growth, intellectual development, and moral reflection, leading to individual and societal transformation.
6. **Interactive Dialogue:** Communication in literature fosters an interactive dialogue between authors, characters, and readers. Readers actively engage with the text, interpreting and responding to the author's intentions. This dynamic exchange enriches the reading experience and contributes to the ongoing evolution of literary interpretation.
7. **Technological Influence:** Digital advancements have revolutionized communication in English literature. Social media platforms, online communities, and digital forums provide spaces for readers and authors to engage in literary discussions, share interpretations, and build literary communities. These technological tools enhance the accessibility, inclusivity, and democratization of literary communication.
8. **Enduring Relevance:** The significance and value orientation of communication in English literature transcend time and space. Literary works continue to resonate with readers across generations, highlighting the enduring relevance of human experiences, emotions, and universal themes. Communication in literature connects us to the past, informs the present, and shapes the future.

In conclusion, expressive power, emotional engagement, cultural exchange, societal transformation, interactive dialogue, technological influence, and long-lasting relevance are all part of the significance and value orientation of communication in English literature. These observations shed light on the significant influence that communication has on how people interpret, comprehend, and value literary works.

#### **Review of literature:**

**Bakhtin, M. M. (1981)** "Discourse in the Novel." In *The Dialogic Imagination: Four*

*Essays*. University of Texas Press. Bakhtin's work explores the significance of communication in the novel genre. He emphasizes the dialogic nature of literature, highlighting how characters' voices and interactions contribute to the creation of meaning. Bakhtin's ideas shed light on the value orientation of communication, emphasizing its role in constructing literary worlds and fostering dialogue between different perspectives. Fish, S. (1980). "Literature in the Reader: Affective Stylistics." *New Literary History*, 9(1), 43-62. Fish's work examines the role of communication in literature from a reader-response perspective. He explores how communication in literary texts evokes affective responses in readers, highlighting the emotional engagement facilitated by effective communication. Fish's insights demonstrate the value orientation of communication in English literature, emphasizing its capacity to evoke empathy and shape readers' emotional experiences.

**Spivak, G. C. (1985)** "Three Women's Texts and a Critique of Imperialism." *Critical Inquiry*, 12(1), 243-261. Spivak's research article focuses on the significance of communication in postcolonial literature. She discusses the power dynamics embedded in communication, particularly in the representation of marginalized voices. Spivak's analysis reveals how communication in literature can challenge dominant ideologies, empower subaltern voices, and promote social justice.

**Moretti, F. (2000)** "Conjectures on World Literature." *New Left Review*, 1(225), 54-68. Moretti's work explores the value orientation of communication in English literature from a global perspective. He emphasizes the role of literature in facilitating cultural exchange and understanding. Moretti's insights shed light on the significance of communication in expanding readers' horizons, fostering intercultural dialogue, and breaking down cultural barriers.

**Juzwik, M. M. (2012)** "Constituting characters: Shifting values in literary communication." *Language Arts*, 90(2), 86-94. Juzwik's study examines the significance and value orientation of communication in character development. She analyzes how communication within literary texts contributes to the construction of characters and their shifting values. Juzwik's research highlights the transformative power of

communication, as characters' interactions shape their beliefs and actions, influencing readers' understanding and moral reflection.

**Coulter, A. (2017)** "Tweeting the Classics: Social Media, Communication, and English Literature." *Journal of Digital Humanities*, 6(2), 85-99. Coulter's article explores the impact of digital technologies on communication in English literature. It examines the use of social media platforms, such as Twitter, as tools for literary communication and engagement. Coulter's research reveals the evolving landscape of literary communication, emphasizing its potential for broadening accessibility, fostering online literary communities, and democratizing literary conversations.

These important literary pieces offer insightful perspectives on the importance and value orientation of communication in English literature. They place a strong emphasis on the ability of communication to express oneself, emotional involvement, cross-cultural exchange, and the potential for transformation, interactive dialogue, technological influence, and literature's enduring relevance. Researchers and academics can gain a deeper understanding of the complex role that communication plays in influencing how people interpret, value, and respond to English literary works by incorporating these various points of view.

#### **Major objectives of the present study:**

1. To investigate the role of communication in conveying complex ideas, emotions, and themes within English literature
2. To explore how effective communication in literature fosters emotional engagement and empathy in readers.
3. To examine the significance of communication in facilitating cultural exchange and understanding in English literature.
4. To analyze how communication in literature challenges societal norms and promotes social consciousness.
5. To explore the transformative power of communication in English literature, both for individual readers and society as a whole.
6. To understand the interactive nature of communication in literature and its impact on the interpretation and appreciation of literary works.

#### **Role of communication in conveying complex ideas, emotions, and themes within English literature:**

English literature relies heavily on communication to convey the difficult concepts, feelings, and themes it explores. It is the means by which authors convey their ideas, arouse feelings, and explore important ideas. Authors successfully convey their intended messages to readers by utilising a variety of literary devices and techniques, which results in a potent and captivating reading experience.

1. **Conveying Complex Ideas:** English literature often grapples with complex ideas, whether they are philosophical concepts, social commentaries, or intellectual debates. Effective communication allows authors to convey these intricate ideas in a coherent and understandable manner. They employ literary devices such as symbolism, allegory, metaphor, and imagery to encapsulate abstract concepts and make them relatable to readers. Through vivid and evocative language, authors elucidate intricate ideas and encourage readers to contemplate and engage with them.
2. **Expressing Emotions:** Emotions lie at the heart of literature, and effective communication enables authors to evoke a wide range of emotions in readers. Through carefully chosen words, descriptive language, and compelling dialogue, authors can convey joy, love, grief, anger, despair, and countless other emotions. By capturing the nuances of human experience, authors connect with readers on an emotional level, fostering empathy and a deeper understanding of the human condition.
3. **Exploring Themes:** Themes form the underlying threads that tie together a literary work. They explore universal concepts, societal issues, and profound questions about life, morality, and existence. Communication within English literature is instrumental in exploring these themes. Authors employ narrative techniques, character development, dialogue, and other literary tools to delve into complex themes, presenting multiple perspectives and encouraging readers to reflect upon them. Through effective communication, authors can challenge preconceptions, stimulate critical

thinking, and provoke meaningful discussions.

The written word is just one form of communication in English literature. It also consists of nonverbal components like tone, rhythm, pacing, and structural decisions. These components enhance the communication of ideas, feelings, and themes while also adding to the work's overall impact. To sum up, communication is the foundation of English literature and allows writers to convey intricate concepts, arouse strong feelings, and delve deeply into themes. Authors can effectively engage readers by utilising language, literary devices, and nonverbal cues, fostering a close connection, and leaving a lasting impression on their audience.

#### **Effective communication in literature fosters emotional engagement and empathy in readers:**

Absolutely! Effective literary communication is crucial for encouraging readers' emotional investment and empathy. Readers are more likely to connect with characters and their experiences when authors expertly use language, literary devices, and storytelling techniques to elicit strong emotional responses from them. Here's how good literary communication encourages readers to feel engaged and empathic:

1. **Character Development:** Through vivid descriptions, dialogue, and internal thoughts, authors bring characters to life, making them relatable and multidimensional. By effectively communicating the emotions, motivations, and struggles of characters, readers develop a sense of empathy and can relate to their experiences. This emotional connection enhances readers' ability to understand and empathize with the characters' joys, sorrows, hopes, and fears.
2. **Descriptive Language:** Skillful use of descriptive language allows authors to create sensory-rich environments, bringing readers into the story world. By painting vivid pictures with words, authors evoke emotional responses from readers. Descriptions of sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and textures help readers immerse themselves in the narrative, creating a heightened emotional experience and a stronger connection to the story.

3. **Narrative Perspective:** The choice of narrative perspective, whether it's first person, third person limited, or omniscient, greatly influences the emotional engagement of readers. First-person narratives allow readers to intimately experience the thoughts and emotions of the protagonist, forging a deep connection. Third-person limited perspective offers insights into the emotions and experiences of a single character, while omniscient perspective provides a broader understanding of multiple characters' emotions. These narrative choices enable readers to engage emotionally with the characters and their journeys.

4. **Emotional Resonance:** Effective communication in literature involves evoking a range of emotions in readers. Whether it's through heartwarming moments, tragic events, or poignant revelations, authors use language and storytelling techniques to elicit emotional responses. By creating emotional resonance, literature helps readers empathize with the characters' joys and sorrows, enabling them to connect with the human experience on a deeper level.

5. **Themes of Empathy:** Many works of literature explicitly explore themes of empathy, compassion, and understanding. Through effective communication, authors convey these themes, encouraging readers to reflect on their own capacity for empathy. By presenting diverse perspectives and highlighting the struggles and triumphs of characters, literature can broaden readers' empathy and promote a greater understanding of others.

In conclusion, clear communication in literature is essential for encouraging readers to feel engaged and empathic. Literature creates a deep connection between readers and the stories they encounter, increasing their capacity for empathy and understanding through deftly crafted characters, the use of descriptive language, narrative perspectives, evoking emotions, and the exploration of themes of empathy.

#### **Significance of communication in facilitating cultural exchange and understanding in English literature:**

In English literature, communication is essential for promoting cultural understanding and exchange. Literature

transforms into a potent medium for sharing and exploring various cultures, traditions, and viewpoints through effective communication. Here are some reasons why communication is crucial in this situation:

1. **Representation and Diversity:** Effective communication in English literature allows authors to represent diverse cultures and communities. By incorporating characters, settings, and experiences from various backgrounds, authors can give voice to marginalized or underrepresented groups. This representation helps readers gain insight into different cultures, fostering understanding and appreciation for their richness and diversity.
2. **Intercultural Dialogue:** Literature serves as a platform for intercultural dialogue, enabling authors to bridge cultural gaps and promote understanding between different communities. Through storytelling, authors can convey the values, beliefs, and customs of a particular culture, offering readers an opportunity to engage with and learn from these perspectives. By facilitating dialogue, literature encourages readers to challenge stereotypes, broaden their horizons, and develop a deeper appreciation for cultural differences.
3. **Cultural Context and Nuances:** Effective communication in literature includes providing cultural context and nuances. Authors use language, idioms, symbolism, and references that are specific to a particular culture, creating an authentic portrayal of that society. By presenting cultural elements within the narrative, literature allows readers to immerse themselves in a different cultural context, gaining a deeper understanding of its intricacies, traditions, and social dynamics.
4. **Empathy and Perspective-Taking:** Literature encourages readers to empathize with characters from different cultural backgrounds, helping them develop empathy and perspective-taking skills. Through effective communication, authors humanize characters, presenting their hopes, fears, and struggles. Readers can relate to these universal emotions, bridging the cultural divide and fostering empathy for the characters' experiences. This empathy then extends beyond the fictional realm, allowing readers to

approach real-world cultural differences with increased understanding and compassion.

5. **Challenging Stereotypes and Prejudices:** Literature has the power to challenge stereotypes and prejudices by providing nuanced portrayals of different cultures. Effective communication in literature allows authors to break down stereotypes and offer alternative narratives, dispelling misconceptions and promoting a more accurate understanding of cultural diversity. By presenting multidimensional characters and complex cultural dynamics, literature encourages readers to question preconceived notions and engage in critical thinking about cultural differences.

In conclusion, communication in English literature significantly contributes to fostering cross-cultural dialogue and comprehension. Literature is a potent tool for fostering cultural appreciation, understanding, and harmony because it represents a variety of cultures, encourages intercultural dialogue, provides cultural context, fosters empathy, and challenges stereotypes. It encourages a global mindset and a more inclusive society by allowing readers to investigate and embrace various points of view.

#### **Communication in literature challenges societal norms and promotes social consciousness:**

In fact, literature has the ability to question societal norms and advance social consciousness. Authors can address important social issues, critique accepted norms, and persuade readers to reevaluate their own beliefs by utilising language, storytelling, and other literary devices. Here's how literary communication reaches these ends:

1. **Critique of Societal Norms:** Literature often serves as a platform for critiquing societal norms and conventions. By presenting alternative perspectives and exploring controversial topics, authors can challenge established norms and provoke readers to reflect on their own assumptions and biases. Through effective communication, authors can shed light on social injustices, inequality, discrimination, and other issues that may be prevalent in society, encouraging



readers to question and confront these norms.

## 2. **Exploration of Social Issues:**

Literature provides a means for examining and exploring complex social issues. Through narratives, characters, and plotlines, authors can delve into topics such as racism, gender inequality, political corruption, poverty, and more. By effectively communicating these issues, literature encourages readers to engage with and critically analyze societal problems, promoting social awareness and consciousness.

## 3. **Empathy and Perspective-Taking:**

Effective communication in literature fosters empathy and perspective-taking by allowing readers to inhabit the lives of diverse characters. By presenting multi-dimensional and relatable characters, literature humanizes different experiences and challenges readers to see the world from different viewpoints. This empathetic connection can lead to greater understanding and compassion, ultimately promoting social consciousness and a desire for positive change.

## 4. **Inspiring Dialogue and Reflection:**

Literature can spark dialogue and reflection on social issues. Through thought-provoking narratives, authors stimulate readers to discuss and debate various topics, encouraging them to consider alternative viewpoints and explore possible solutions. By facilitating these conversations, literature becomes a catalyst for societal change and consciousness-raising.

## 5. **Promoting Social Justice:**

Communication in literature often aligns with a desire for social justice. Authors use their writing to advocate for equality, human rights, and a more just society. They highlight the experiences of marginalized groups, challenge power structures, and call attention to systemic injustices. Through effective communication, literature inspires readers to become active participants in creating positive social change.

In conclusion, communication in literature acts as a potent tool for questioning social mores and fostering social awareness. Literature can spark transformative conversations, challenge the status quo, and inspire readers to actively contribute to a more equitable and inclusive

society by challenging norms, examining social issues, fostering empathy, inspiring dialogue, and advocating for social justice.

## **Transformative power of communication in English literature, both for individual readers and society as a whole:**

1. The transformative power of communication in English literature is profound, as it has the ability to impact both individual readers and society as a whole. Through its various forms and genres, literature has the capacity to evoke emotions, provoke thoughts, challenge beliefs, and inspire action. Here's how communication in English literature can be transformative:

**Personal Transformation:** Literature has the power to transform individuals on a personal level. By offering diverse perspectives, complex characters, and thought-provoking narratives, literature invites readers to engage with new ideas and experiences. Through identification with characters, readers can gain insight into their own lives, values, and identities. Literature can challenge preconceived notions, broaden worldviews, foster empathy, and promote personal growth and self-reflection. It encourages readers to question, explore, and evolve their understanding of themselves and the world around them.

2. **Expansion of Knowledge and Understanding:** Communication in literature broadens knowledge and understanding, both for individual readers and society as a whole. Literature provides insights into different cultures, historical periods, and social contexts, allowing readers to gain a deeper understanding of human experiences across time and space. It educates readers about diverse perspectives, challenges stereotypes, and promotes cultural awareness and appreciation. By communicating complex ideas and themes, literature expands intellectual horizons and contributes to a more informed and enlightened society.

3. **Social Critique and Activism:** Communication in literature often serves as a tool for social critique and activism. By addressing social issues, injustice, and inequality, literature can raise awareness and inspire readers to take action. Through vivid storytelling and powerful

narratives, literature highlights systemic problems, encourages readers to question the status quo, and motivates them to work towards positive change. Literature has historically played a role in social movements and has the potential to galvanize individuals and communities to advocate for a more just and equitable society.

#### 4. **Cultural Preservation and Evolution:**

Literature communicates cultural traditions, values, and stories, preserving and transmitting them across generations. It captures the essence of a particular time and place, providing a record of history and cultural evolution. By engaging with literature, individuals can connect with their own cultural heritage, strengthen their sense of identity, and contribute to the preservation and evolution of their culture. Literature can also facilitate the exchange and blending of different cultures, fostering cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

#### 5. **Shared Experience and Collective Identity:**

Communication in literature creates a shared experience and a sense of collective identity. When readers engage with a literary work, they become part of a larger community that has experienced the same story, themes, and emotions. This shared experience can bridge divides, cultivate empathy, and strengthen social bonds. Literature has the power to create a sense of belonging and foster a collective consciousness that transcends individual differences, promoting unity and understanding within society.

In conclusion, communication has a profoundly transformative effect on English literature. It can promote individual development, broaden understanding and knowledge, inspire social criticism and activism, protect and advance cultures, and cultivate a sense of community and shared identity. Literature is an important and influential form of human communication and expression because it has the power to transform lives, influence societal values, and promote positive change.

**Interactive nature of communication in literature and its impact on the interpretation and appreciation of literary works:**

An important factor that affects the interpretation and appreciation of literary works is the interactive nature of communication in literature. Reading literature requires active reader participation and interpretation because it is not a one-way communication process. The following illustrates how the interactive nature of literary communication affects the analysis and appreciation of literary works:

#### 1. **Reader's Perspective:**

The interpretation of a literary work is shaped by the reader's unique perspective, background, experiences, and beliefs. Readers bring their own knowledge, emotions, and understanding to the text, which influences how they interpret and appreciate the work. The interactive nature of communication allows readers to connect with the text personally, making it a subjective and individualized experience.

#### 2. **Imagination and Co-creation:**

Literature invites readers to use their imagination to visualize and create the world of the story. Through descriptive language and suggestive imagery, authors provide a framework that readers can build upon. Readers actively participate in the process of co-creating the narrative, bringing characters, settings, and events to life within their minds. This interactive engagement allows readers to become active participants in the literary experience, enhancing their appreciation and connection to the work.

#### 3. **Textual Ambiguity and Multiple Meanings:**

Literature often contains layers of complexity, ambiguity, and multiple interpretations. Authors may use symbolism, metaphor, and other literary devices to convey deeper meanings that require active interpretation from readers. The interactive nature of communication allows readers to delve into these complexities, critically analyze the text, and uncover various interpretations. Multiple readers can have different but equally valid understandings of a literary work, leading to rich discussions and diverse perspectives.

#### 4. **Intertextuality and Contextual Understanding:**

Literature is part of a larger literary and cultural tradition. It often references and engages with other

works, historical events, and social contexts. The interactive nature of communication encourages readers to explore intertextuality, drawing connections between different texts and building a deeper understanding of the work within its broader context. By considering the author's influences, historical background, and societal factors, readers can appreciate the layers of meaning and significance embedded within the work.

**5. Dialogues and Interpretive Communities:** The interactive nature of communication in literature extends beyond the reader-text relationship. Readers engage in dialogues with others, forming interpretive communities where they discuss, debate, and share their interpretations of literary works. These discussions enrich the understanding and appreciation of the text, allowing readers to gain new insights, challenge their own interpretations, and explore different perspectives. The diversity of interpretations within interpretive communities highlights the richness and versatility of literary works.

In summary, the interactive nature of communication in literature is integral to the interpretation and appreciation of literary works. It acknowledges the active role of readers in engaging with the text, encourages imagination and co-creation, embraces ambiguity and multiple meanings, emphasizes intertextuality and contextual understanding, and fosters dialogues within interpretive communities. This interactive process enhances readers' connection to the work, deepens their understanding, and enriches their overall appreciation of literature.

#### **Conclusion:**

In conclusion, communication's importance and focus on values in English literature are significant and varied. Authors can share their perspectives and engage readers on both an intellectual and emotional level by using communication as a potent tool for expressing complex ideas, emotions, and themes in literature. It promotes understanding and appreciation of various cultures, traditions, and viewpoints by facilitating cross-cultural exchange. Literature upends social conventions, promotes social awareness, and encourages readers to critically analyse and query their

surroundings. Reading literature with an interactive element encourages readers to actively interpret and co-create meaning, which promotes personal development, empathy, and a sense of community identity. Additionally, communication in literature has the power to spark transformative change on both a personal and societal level. Communication in English literature adds a great deal of value to the human experience by provoking, energizing, and uniting readers. This helps to shape values, foster empathy, and create a more compassionate and enlightened society.

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