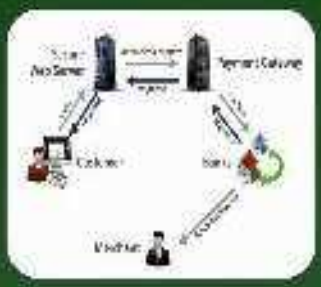
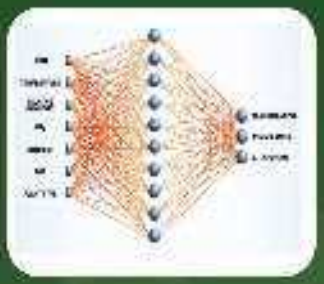
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It is wisely said that *vidya danam* is *mahat punyam*. The dedicated faculty, the sublime view of the management soon started to produce good academicians. Inspired by the results the trust purchased a barren land of 7 acres out of the city which is soon to be developed as a centre of imparting quality higher education in the area. The barren land with sustaining hard work, and devotion was then transferred into a naturally beautiful campus. The college is then shifted to a new place in 1972 with the introduction of Science stream. The philanthropist Late Mr. Poonamchand Nahata donated to the college, hence the college is renamed and which today itself is a brand as **Bhusawal Arts, Science and Poonamchand Omkardas Nahata Commerce College, Bhusawal.**

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Last but not least, the college has the advantages of developing youth coming from rural area, and forming them into sensible youth as they are mixed in the cosmopolitan society. The college is aware that every coin has two sides: hence students coming from rural areas have inferiority complex, their vernacular background being most disadvantage for them. The college has faced challenges to improve their communication skills, to boost their confidence to bring them into modern current while making them aware of great Indian culture. As the college has celebrated its golden jubilee, it will be a golden, in fact a platinum moment for us when the students coming from different backgrounds will be essentially Indian serving for the welfare of humanity. With this view the college is making progress towards quality excellence so that it will be a lead college that will stand as a light house for the bewildered.

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Comparative Analysis of Machine learning Algorithm for Heart Disease Prediction

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Abstract - *In today's world, countless individuals are battling numerous illnesses that pose a risk of death. Conditions such as cancer, heart disease, and diabetes, if not detected early, can lead to significant issues, sometimes resulting in sudden death. Timely diagnosis of these diseases can provide substantial assistance. According to a WHO study, the incidence of heart-related diseases is on the rise, claiming 17.9 million lives each year. Heart disease is particularly perilous to human life if it goes undetected in its initial stages. Various health factors can influence heart disease in different individuals. Hence, to facilitate the diagnostic process, numerous data mining and machine learning techniques can be employed. A substantial amount of patient history information is available in the current healthcare sector. Data mining (DM) is commonly employed by numerous researchers to identify heart diseases at early stages. Different risk factors significantly influence the occurrence of heart diseases, including diabetes, elevated blood pressure, and high cholesterol levels. Machine learning (ML) algorithms are utilized to predict heart diseases in their initial phases, based on an individual's health status and various lifestyle habits. Machine learning has been progressing in recent years with dependable tools in the medical sector, offering excellent assistance in predicting diseases based on accurate training and testing cases. This paper presents analysis of machine learning algorithm designed to predict heart disease during its early phases. The effectiveness of this method is evaluated through various metrics including confusion matrix, precision, recall, accuracy, and F1-score.The vast quantity of information can be analysed through data mining methods, and subsequently, machine learning algorithms can facilitate the prediction process. Several experiments have been carried out to compare the performance of predictive techniques on the same data set, with results indicating that Random Forest is more effective than logistic regression, SVM, Naive Bayes, and Decision Tree algorithms.*

Keywords — *Heart diseases, Logistic regression, Support Vector Machine, Naive Bayes', Decision tree.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Cardiovascular disease is a significant and prevalent health issue that millions of individuals worldwide experience. It occurs when blood delivery to the heart is severely compromised, leading to a decrease in the oxygen and nutrients supplied to the body's tissues. Heart failure can result in severe consequences, including diminished quality of life, increased hospitalizations, and even mortality [8]. Developing accurate and prompt prediction systems for cardiac diseases is essential. This project aims to introduce a Heart Disease Prediction System that utilizes machine learning classifiers such as Logistic Regression [9] ,Random Forest[11], Decision Trees[13] ,Support Vector Machines[10] and Naive Bayes'[12] to assist in the early identification and risk evaluation of heart disease among individuals. The dataset utilized for this study is the Heart Disease dataset sourced from the Kaggle dataset [18]. It comprises data from 1025 individuals that includes 14 columns, all of which contain no missing values. Its importance lies in executing a classification task where a value of 0 indicates the absence of heart disease and a value of 1 signifies its presence [18].There is a huge scope for machine learning algorithms in predicting cardiovascular diseases or heart related diseases [5].

II. METHODOLOGY

This section outlines the methods and analyses involved in this research. The initial phase of this inquiry involves gathering data and selecting relevant attributes. The required data is then transformed into the appropriate format. The available data is later divided into a training set and a testing set. Various algorithms are employed, and the data is utilized to "train" the model. The accuracy of this model is evaluated based on its performance during testing. Several components, such as data collection, attribute selection, data pre-processing , data balancing, and disease prediction, support the procedures conducted in this study.

2.1 Data Collection

The dataset used in this article was sourced from the Kaggle [18]. Which is a well-known resource for research analysis, as cited by numerous authors. The first step involves organizing the dataset retrieved from the Kaggle to facilitate predictions related to heart disease. Following this, the dataset is divided into two separate portions: the training set and the testing set. This article allocates 80% of the total data for the training dataset, while the remaining 20% is designated for testing purposes.

2.2 Dataset and Attributes

The attributes of a dataset refer to the inherent qualities of the dataset that are crucial for analysis and prediction within the context of our inquiry. Several patient variables, including as gender, chest discomfort, serum cholesterol, fasting blood pressure, and exang are taken into account when predicting illnesses. The correlation matrix can be utilised for Attribute selection in order to develop a model. The dataset consists of 1025 patients with 713 male and 312 females. The description of attributes is given in Table 1.

Sr.No	Attribute	Description
1.	age	The age of the patient.
2.	sex	Gender of the patient (0: female, 1: male)
3.	cp	Type of chest pain.
4.	trestbps	Resting blood pressure.
5.	chol	Serum cholesterol.
6.	fbs	Fasting blood sugar > 120 mg/dl
7.	restecg	Resting electrocardiographic results
8.	thalach	Maximum heart rate achieved.
9.	exang	Exercise induced angina.
10.	oldpeak	ST depression induced by exercise relative to rest
11.	slope	Slope of peak excercise ST segment
12.	Ca	No. of major vessels
13.	thal	Defect type
14.	target	Heart disease

Table 1.Attributes used are listed

2.3 Pre-Processing of Data

In order to get precise and optimal outcomes, it is important to engage in the process of data cleaning, which involves the elimination of missing or noisy values from the dataset. By employing established methodologies in Python version 3.8, it is possible to address the issue of missing and noisy values. Next, it is necessary to modify our dataset by taking into account the normalization, smoothing, generalization, and aggregation of the dataset. Integration is a pivotal stage in the process of data pre-processing, where in several factors are taken into account for the purpose of integration. Occasionally, the dataset may exhibit a higher degree of complexity or present challenges in terms of comprehension. In this scenario, it is necessary to transform the dataset into a prescribed format in order to achieve optimal outcomes.

2.4 Prediction of Disease

This article presents the implementation of five distinct machine learning algorithms for the Purpose of classification. A comprehensive examination of the algorithms has been conducted.

This paper examines a machine learning system that demonstrates the highest accuracy rate in Predicting cardiac illness, as depicted in following Figure 1.

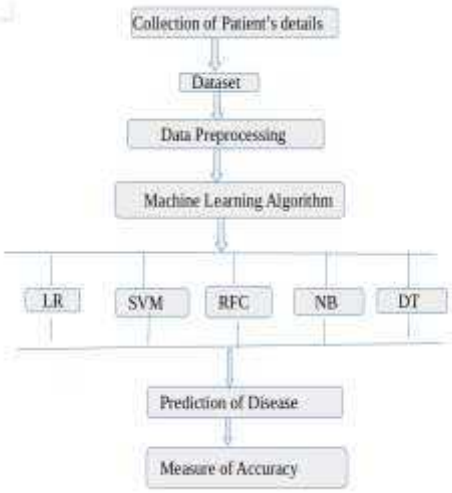


Figure 1. Prediction Model

III. MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS

Machine learning is a data analysis technology that facilitates the automated generation of analytical models. This study examines the accuracy of five distinct algorithms in order to determine the most effective one.

3.1 Logistic Regression Model

Logistic regression means binary regression having binary target variables commonly referred as Logit function .It is one of the regression analysis technique which is used when dependent variable is discrete. i.e 0 or 1 these means that target variable can have only two values and sigmoid curve (i.e. 'S'

shaped curve) denotes the relation between target variable and independent variable as referred from [9].

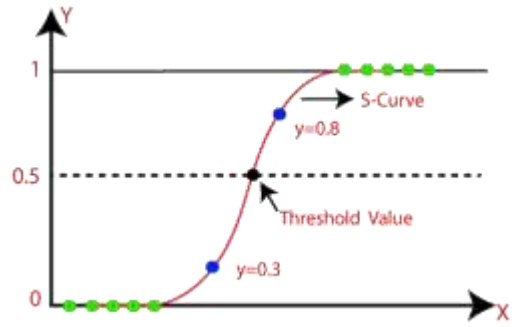


Figure 2. Logistic Regression Model

3.2 Support Vector Machine (SVM)

Support vector is used for both classification and regression.it is based on the concept of decision boundaries. A decision plane (hyper plane)is one of that separates between a set of object having different class membership.

SVM performs classification by finding the hyper plane that maximizes the margin between two classes with the help of support vectors . SVM chooses the extreme points /vectors that help in creating the hyper plane these extreme points are called as support vector [10].

The dataset used for training consists of a pair of vectors, denoted as (x2, x1), where x1 represents the x-axis vector and x2 represents the target vector. Please refer to following Fig.2 for a visual representation.

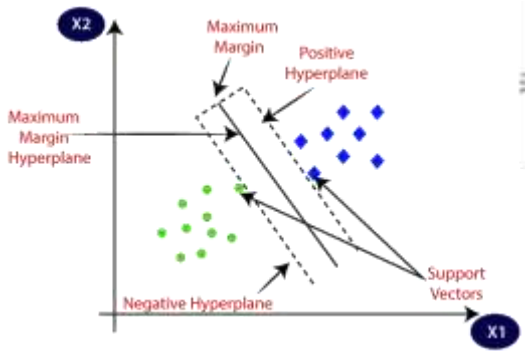


Figure 3. Support Vector Machine (SVM)

3.3 Random Forest

Random forest is supervised learning technique used for both classification and regression problems. It is based on the concept of ensemble learning, which is process of combining multiple classifiers to solve a complex problem and to improve the performance of the model.The random forest classifier is a set of decision trees from randomly selected subset of the training set. It aggregates the votes from different decision trees to decide the final class of the test object .The RF algorithm established the outcome based on the prediction of the decision trees. It predict by taking the average or mean of the output from various trees [11]. The subsequent steps are executed by the RF algorithm, as depicted in following Figure 4 referred from [11].

Step 1: a random sample of n numbers is taken from a provided dataset.
Step 2: a decision tree will be generated for each individual.
Step 3: every decision tree will generate a prediction for the output.
Step 4: The final outcome is determined through a process of majority vote or averaging.

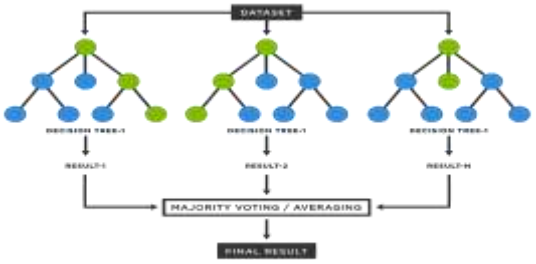


Figure 4. Random Forest

3.4 Naive Bayes

Naïve Bayes algorithm is a supervised learning algorithm, which is based on Bayes theorem and used for solving classification problems. It is mainly used in text classification that includes a high-dimensional training dataset. Naïve Bayes Classifier is one of the simple and most effective Classification algorithms which helps in building the fast machine learning models that can make quick predictions. It is a probabilistic classifier, which means it predicts on the basis of the probability of an object [12].

Naïve: It is called Naïve because it assumes that the occurrence of a certain feature is independent of the occurrence of other features. Such as if the fruit is identified on the bases of color, shape, and taste, then red, spherical, and sweet fruit is recognized as an apple. Hence each feature individually contributes to identify that it is an apple without depending on each other.

Bayes: It is called Bayes because it depends on the principle of Bayes theorem.The formula for Bayes' theorem is given as,

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)\,P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Where,

P(A|B) is Posterior probability: Probability of hypothesis A on the observed event B.

P(B|A) is Likelihood probability: Probability of the evidence given that the probability of a hypothesis is true.[12]

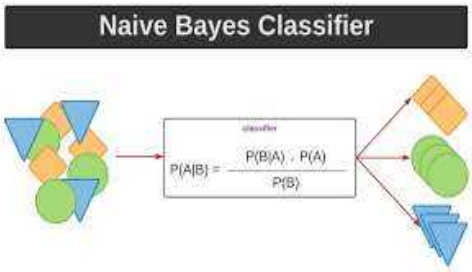


Figure 5. Naive Bayes Classifier

3.5 Decision Tree

Decision Tree is a supervised learning technique that can be used for both classification and Regression problems, but mostly it is preferred for solving Classification problems. It is a tree-structured classifier, where internal nodes represent the features of a dataset, branches represent the decision rules and each leaf node represents the outcome.

In a Decision tree, there are two nodes, which are the Decision Node and Leaf Node. Decision nodes are used to make any decision and have multiple branches, whereas Leaf nodes are the output of those decisions and do not contain any further branches.

The decisions or the test are performed on the basis of features of the given dataset referred from [13].

It is called a decision tree because, similar to a tree, it starts with the root node, which expands on further branches and constructs a tree-like structure. A decision tree simply asks a question, and based on the answer (Yes/No), it further split the tree into subtrees. Below diagram explains the general structure of a decision tree[13].

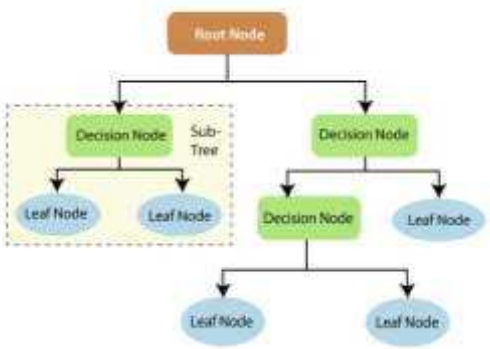
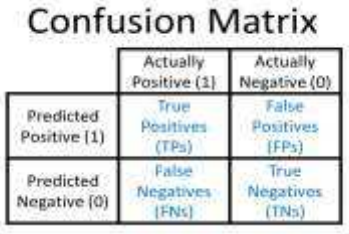


Figure 6. Decision Tree

Model Evaluation Metrics:

We evaluated the models using standard metrics such as confusion matrix, accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score.

Confusion matrix shows the number of correct and incorrect prediction made by the classification model compared to the actual outcomes in the data .The matrix is N*N, where N is number of target values (classes).



Accuracy provided a measure of overall correctness in predictions.

Accuracy= TP+TN/TP+FP+FN+TN

Precision assessed the ratio of true positive predictions among all positive predictions. Precision is the metric used ti identify the correctness of classification.

Precision=TP/TP+FP

Recall evaluated the proportion of actual positive cases correctly identified by the model.

Recall=TP/TP+FN

F1-score balanced precision and recall, offering a single metric for model performance.

F=2*(Precision*Recall)/(Precision Recall)

IV. RESULT AND ANALYSIS

This segment presents the results stemming from the utilization of Logistic Regression, Random forest classification, Decision Tree, Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Naive Bayes. The performance of these algorithms is assessed using metrics such as Accuracy score, Confusion matrix, Precision (P), Recall (R), and F-measure. The precision metric serves as an accurate indicator of positive evaluation, while recall quantifies the number of true positive instances. The F-measure can be seen as a middle ground between recall and precision, achieving high values only when both recall and precision are elevated.

Precision = (TP) / (TP +FP)

Recall = (TP) / (TP+FN)

F– Measure = (2 * Precision * Recall) / (Precision +Recall)

TP (True Positive) signifies cases where the patient has the disease and the test yields a positive result, while FP (False Positive) corresponds to instances where the test produces a positive outcome despite the disease's absence in the patient; TN (True Negative) represents scenarios where the test correctly identifies the lack of disease in patients, and FN (False Negative) indicates situations where the test erroneously indicates a negative result despite the patient being afflicted with the disease.

In our result we obtained,

Actual 0 = True negative

Actual 1= True positive

Prediction 0 = False negative

Prediction 1 = False positive

Logistic Regression-

Accuracy-0.7902439024390244

Confusion Matrix-

[[77 25]
[18 85]]

	Precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.81	0.75	0.78	102
1	0.77	0.83	0.80	103
accuracy			0.79	205
macro avg	0.79	0.79	0.79	205
weighted avg	0.79	0.79	0.79	205

Random Forest Classifier-

Accuracy-0.9853658536585366

Confusion Matrix-

[[102 0]

[3 100]]

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.97	1.00	0.99	102
1	1.00	0.97	0.99	103
accuracy			0.99	205
macro avg	0.99	0.99	0.99	205
weighted avg	0.99	0.99	0.99	205

Support Vector Machine-

Accuracy-0.8878048780487805

Confusion matrix-

[[85 17]

[6 97]]

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.93	0.83	0.88	102
1	0.85	0.94	0.89	103
accuracy			0.89	205
macro avg	0.89	0.89	0.89	205
weighted avg	0.89	0.89	0.89	205

Naive Bayes-

Accuracy-0.4975609756097561

Confusion Matrix-

[[102 0]

[103 0]]

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.50	1.00	0.66	102
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	103
accuracy			0.50	205
macro avg	0.25	0.50	0.33	205
weighted avg	0.25	0.50	0.33	205

Decision Tree-

Accuracy-0.424390243902439

Confusion Matrix-

[[28 74]

[44 59]]

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.39	0.27	0.32	102

1	0.44	0.57	0.50	103
accuracy			0.42	205
macro avg	0.42	0.42	0.41	205
weighted avg	0.42	0.42	0.41	205

Performance measures of models

Sr. No	Algorithm	Accuracy
1.	Random Forest	98%
2.	Logistic Regression	79%
3.	SVM	88%
4.	Neive Baye's	49%
5.	Decision Tree	42%

V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

In this project, we present a heart disease prediction system utilizing various classification techniques including Logistic Regression, SVM, Naive Bayes, and Random Forest, Decision tree to forecast heart disease. Our analysis indicates that the Random Forest algorithm achieves higher accuracy compared to the other classification methods. The results of the study demonstrate that the Random Forest algorithm is the most proficient, achieving an impressive accuracy rate of 98.53%. Our goal is to enhance the performance of the Random Forest by eliminating redundant and irrelevant attributes from the dataset and retaining only the most informative features for the classification task.The suggested model has a broad range of uses such as grid computing, cloud computing, and robotic modeling. In order to enhance the performance of our classifier in the future, we plan to combine two algorithms known as Random Forest and Adaboost. By integrating these two algorithms, we aim to attain superior performance.

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MenstruaMate: A Smart Menstrual Cycle Prediction Tool Using Adaptive Learning

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Abstract - *Menstrual cycle tracking plays a critical role in reproductive health, fertility awareness, and personal planning. While traditional period tracking applications use fixed-cycle prediction models, they often fail to accommodate irregular cycles. This paper introduces MenstruaMate, a statistics-based menstrual cycle prediction tool that dynamically adjusts its forecast window based on the user's cycle irregularities. By integrating error adjustment techniques and adaptive learning, MenstruaMate enhances prediction accuracy compared to static models. We also discuss its potential applications in health awareness, family planning, and wearable device integration.*

Keywords — *Reproductive health, menstrual cycle tracking, period prediction, adaptive learning, error adjustment.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Menstrual cycle tracking is an essential aspect of reproductive health management. According to a blog published by bellehealth.co, it helps individuals plan activities, track hormonal health, and even detect medical conditions such as polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and thyroid disorders [1].

Studies show that 35.7% of women in India experience irregular cycles, making static models inaccurate [2]. To address this limitation, we propose MenstruaMate, a menstrual tracking tool that:

- Predicts the next menstruation date based on past dates
- Uses dynamic prediction windows to adjust forecasts based on recent cycle irregularities.
- Implements error correction algorithms to improve accuracy over time.
- Provides personalized insights based on user-specific patterns rather than generalized datasets.

The aim of this paper is to explore the technical and health implications of MenstruaMate.

II. RELATED WORK

2.1 Predictive Models for Menstrual Cycle Tracking

There are three major approaches to menstrual cycle prediction:

- **Fixed Calendar Models:** Assume a constant cycle length (e.g., 28 days). Inaccurate for irregular cycles.
- **Statistical Models:** These models analyze past cycle data to predict upcoming periods with improved accuracy compared to fixed calendar

models. They provide a reliable and efficient approach for individuals with relatively stable cycles and require minimal data input, making them easy to implement and use. Additionally, they serve as a strong foundation for more advanced predictive systems by offering structured insights into menstrual patterns.

- **Machine Learning Models:** Offer personalized tracking but require large-scale datasets for reliability, as mentioned in [3].

2.2 AI and Machine Learning in Menstrual Tracking

Studies have shown that deep learning models can significantly improve period prediction accuracy when incorporating factors like basal body temperature and heart rate [4]. However, these models often lack real-time adaptability.

2.3 Our Survey

We conducted a survey on Google Forms to understand issues faced by women during the period of menstruation and whether they would find it helpful to be able to predict their menstruation dates.

1. **Would you consider using an app to predict your next menstruation date?**

As the pie chart shows, 52.6% of respondents would consider using an app to predict menstruation dates.

2. **What features would you find helpful in a menstrual tracking app?**

As the bar graph shows, "Predicting next periods" is the most demanded (by 78.9% of respondents) feature in a menstrual tracking app.

3. **How often do you experience irregular periods?**

As the pie chart shows, 44.4% of respondents sometimes experience irregular periods while 22.2% do frequently.

III. Methodology

3.1 MenstruaMate's Dynamic Prediction Model

MenstruaMate improves cycle tracking by implementing:

1. **Dynamic Prediction Window**
   - Predicts based on the average of a particular number of recent past dates (prediction window).
   - The size of the prediction window is determined by irregularity of the menstrual cycles, which is calculated using mean absolute deviation (MAD), thus making the prediction window "dynamic". We use MAD because it corresponds to real life much better than standard deviation [5].
   - This approach enables the algorithm to efficiently predict based on the irregularity of the data, making it adaptive and personalized for each user.
2. **Error Correction Algorithm**
   - Tracks previous prediction errors.
   - Calculates mean error of the previous prediction errors.
   - Adjusts the prediction based on the mean error of the previous errors.
   - This approach enables the algorithm to refine its predictions based on the previous mistakes.
3. **User-Centric Data Processing**
   - Unlike many machine learning based prediction models Menstruate does not require large-scale datasets.
   - Adapts to individual cycle history rather than general statistics.
4. **Data preprocessing**
   - Replaces missed entries with the averages of past entries, thus preventing inaccuracies in prediction.

3.2 Implementation Details

- Programming Language: Python
- Libraries Used: Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib

IV. Current Applications of MenstruaMate

- Menstrual Health Awareness: Tracking period cycles to detect irregularities.
- Prediction: Using dynamic prediction windows to make predictions and error adjustment to refine them.

V. Conclusions

MenstruaMate offers a novel approach to menstrual cycle prediction by utilizing adaptive learning and error correction. We aim to improve it by incorporating the following features in the future: Alerts, family planning, wearable integration, advanced data visualization, and cycle anomaly detection.

VI. Future Scope

While MenstruaMate already improves upon traditional menstrual cycle tracking methods, several enhancements are planned for future versions:

- **Alerts:** Providing reminder notifications for upcoming periods.
- **Family Planning:** Implementing fertility window prediction to assist users in conception planning or contraception tracking.
- **Wearable Integration:** Syncing data from Fitbit, Apple Health, and other wearable devices to improve prediction accuracy based on sleep, stress, and physical activity.

- **Advanced Data Visualization:** Introducing graphical representations (heatmaps, cycle trend charts) for a better user experience.
- **Cycle Anomaly Detection:** Detecting potential health issues (e.g., PCOS, hormonal imbalances) by analyzing cycle fluctuations over time.

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Depression Detection using Social Media Text Data: a Survey

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Abstract – *Depression is common illness. The World Health Organization (WHO) is estimated that it affects about 350 million people. Different elements, such as relationships, social life, financial life, and corporate slump, might contribute to depression. One of the main causes of mental illness among people is depression which affects a person's thoughts, behaviour, emotions, and general wellbeing. The primary objective of the survey is to examine prior research done regarding detecting depression on textual data from social network site. It also identifies the research gap by examining various learning strategies. It examined the many research projects that have been conducted using their technologies and the various kinds of datasets .In this survey various metrics, including recall, accuracy, and precision, are used to determine the final outcomes. The learning strategies for the depression detection system are examined in this research. It also covered potential directions for future study in the diagnosis of depression.*

Keywords — *Depression Detection, Social media text, Text Mining*

I. INTRODUCTION

Depression, another name for depressive disorder, is a prevalent mental ailment. A prolonged lack of joy or interest in activities is linked to depression, as is a depressed mood. Depression is an emotional state that can develop into a serious condition if ignored or untreated. This has a significant impact on friends, family, and colleagues. It can arise or cause problems from any place, including the office, home, or organization.

The most important aspect of treating any illness but especially mental illnesses like depression is finding out what symptoms patients are experiencing. The detection of depressive symptoms in advance results in proper treatment of individuals and their wellbeing.

Poor residents of developing countries find current diagnostic methods expensive. To receive treatment, individuals or their families must see a mental health professional and explain their symptoms. If a person with depression does not decide to see a professional, they may not benefit from this aspect of diagnostic methods. It is necessary to create diagnostic techniques that can be used at low or no cost and do not require the patient to be physically present. The difficulty in detecting depression in people is determining their symptoms. People's speech, facial expressions, and language use are all examples of these signs.

The most significant form of communication in the current world is text. Most popular online social networking services, including Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, and others, depend on text. Social media's explosive expansion has produced enough opportunity for information sharing across time and location. People can easily submit or post their content and contribute more to social media networks. Large amounts of user data are now available for the emotional analysis of text and visuals because of the growth of internet-based media sources. People nowadays frequently use social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to share their thoughts, feelings, and daily life [4]. Text, pictures, and videos are the main ways

that this expression can be communicated. As these social media platforms are so widely used and easily accessible, an abundance of user data is available for exploratory research. The most common communication method, textual data, has several qualities that make it the best source of information on emotion. Shared textual information on these networks serves as a mirror, reflecting users' emotional states. These data can be examined for potential depression markers to be uncovered.

Social media text data can be effectively utilized for depression detection through various methodologies that analyse user-generated content. Social media has increased the attention of researchers in mental health.

Steps for Depression Detection:

1. **Data Collection and Pre-processing:**

Gathering textual information from social media, such as comments and user-generated content, is the initial stage in this procedure [4].

2. **Data Pre-processing:**

This data is subsequently cleaned and standardised by pre-processing, which uses tokenisation, de-duplication, and cleaning to eliminate noise and unnecessary information [4].

3. **Feature Extraction:**

Features linked to depression, like word frequency and sentiment tendencies, are extracted from the text using algorithms and procedures [4]

4. **Model Selection:**

After this different models are analysed to evaluate their effectiveness in accurately classifying depression [3]. The most accurate model is selected from this step.

5. **Training & Evaluation:**

In order to detect depression, the model is then trained to categorize and identify these characteristics [4].

6. **Deployment and Monitoring:**

Different experiments have been performed with all the possible combinations to evaluate the distinguishing feature representation techniques for the identification of major depression symptoms in users on social media platforms[21].The performance of the model is evaluated by using commonly known performance measures such as accuracy, precision, and recall [21].

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The previous research work, researchers found different ways of depression detection. Social media text data can be effectively utilized for depression detection through various methodologies that analyse user-generated content. Social media has increased the attention of researchers in mental health. Following methods are used for depression detection.

1. **Machine Learning Algorithms:**

By examining social media data, machine learning (ML) techniques are being utilised more and more to identify depression [2][1]. Data collection, pre-processing, feature extraction, and model training are the steps in this process [4]. Users can express their emotions and sentiments on social media platforms, which yield useful data for study [2].

Here are some key approaches and findings from recent studies:

In 2024 Fazalet al.[5]recommended machine learning techniques to identify depression in code-mixed text posts in Sinhala-English code-mixed textual contents on social media. Datasets collected from social media platforms were used to test several base and ensemble machine learning algorithms to detect depression.

In 2024 Mayee et al. [10]identify depression by examining the emotional intensity of social media posts through textual analysis. They measured the emotional content of each post in order to analyse emotional intensity. The study classifies texts into depressive and non-depressive states using AI/ML models such as RoBERTa, DistilBERT.

In 2023 Bokolo et. al. [3] presented an in-depth method for diagnosing machine learning-based depression from user tweets in 2023. The study showed how well machine learning and advanced transformer-based models used to analyse social media data for mental health work.

In 2022, Joshi et al. [6] have used a variety of machine learning and artificial intelligence approaches to identify emotions, including Nev-Bayes, LSTM-RNN, logistic regression, linear support vectors, PCA, KNN classification, and others.

Alskar et. al. [11] created a model in 2022 that can classify Arabic tweets based on the features of depression selected by medical professionals. Tweets have been gathered for data collecting using the Twitter API. Using supervised machine learning techniques, tweets with the greatest depression attributes are retrieved. To find the best supervised machine learning method for the model, the accuracy of several different algorithms was assessed.

Deep learning is increasingly favoured over traditional machine learning for depression detection from

Social media text due to its superior ability to handle complex, unstructured data and capture nuanced patterns in text [46].

2. Deep Learning Models:

Several deep learning techniques are particularly important when it comes to identifying sadness from text data. These are the ones that are most frequently used:

a) RNNs or Recurrent Neural Networks:

Description: Because RNNs, such as Gated Recurrent Units (GRUs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), are made to process sequential input, they are ideal for text analysis. They are able to identify textual relationships, which is crucial for comprehending sentence context.

b) CNNs or Convolutional Neural Networks:

Although CNNs have historically been utilised for picture data, they have demonstrated efficacy in text classification applications. Local characteristics in text, including particular words or phrases that may suggest depressive language, can be captured by them.

c) Transformers:

Text analysis has been transformed by models such as GPT-3, RoBERTa, and BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers). They are quite good at sentiment analysis and identifying symptoms of depression because they use attention mechanisms to comprehend context and subtleties.

d) Hybrid Models:

By combining CNNs and RNNs, the advantages of both architectures may be utilised. For instance, an LSTM or GRU can identify long-term dependencies in the text, but a CNN can identify local features.

e) Mechanisms of Attention:

By including attention mechanisms, models such as Bi LSTM (Bidirectional LSTM) can better identify depressive language by concentrating on the most pertinent portions of the text.

f) Transfer Learning Overview:

Applying previously trained models, such as BERT, and refining them on particular datasets to detect depression.

Advances in deep learning have enabled the use of algorithms that automatically extract deep features from text, increasing the accuracy of depression recognition [4].Deep learning models have greater generalization performance and take into account early-time series data, which keeps the system from incorrectly classifying patients with depression [4].

ACNN-Bi LSTM (CBA) deep learning architecture with an attention mechanism was proposed in a 2024 study by Thekkekara et al. [12]. The study evaluated this model against a number of popular deep learning models using the publicly accessible CLEF2017 dataset. The CBA model outperforms earlier state-of-the-art models with a total accuracy of 96.71%.

In 2024 Yenugutalaa [13] have studied several machine learning and deep learning methods, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forest (RF), Logistic Regression (LR), and Naive Bayes (NB), are used in the study to diagnose depression on sentiment140 dataset.

In order to predict depression from text, Amanat et al. [8] developed a fruitful model in 2022 by fusing the Long- Short Term Memory (LSTM) model with two hidden layers and significant bias with the Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)with two dense layers. This can protect people from mental health conditions and thoughts of suicide.

A new Deep Learning (DL)model called residual network 50, which incorporates optimal long short-term memory (RNT-OLSTM), was the focus of Prabhkar v et al.'s 2022 study [14] using Twitter data for depression detection (DD). The dataset was balanced using an oversampling technique based on clusters. It led to increased detection accuracy.

Renjith et al. [15] created a hybrid LSTM-Attention-CNN model in 2022 to examine social media posts and identify any underlying suicide intent. In tests, the suggested model outperformed the baseline models with an accuracy of 90.3% and an F1-score of 92.6%.

3. Natural Language Processing (NLP)

The growing amount of textual data from social media and other online platforms has made natural language processing, or NLP, an essential tool for diagnosing depression.

Three main components make up Zhang et al.'s 2024 hierarchical transformer network for learning user-level semantic representations: a word-level encoder, a post- level encoder, and a semantic aggregate encoder [18]. The post-level encoder looks for features in user post sequences, where as

the word-level encoder learns semantic embeddings from individual posts. The semantic aggregation encoder creates a user-level semantic representation that is either depressed or not by aggregating post-sequence semantics.

In 2023 Aragnetal [20] studied question and the properties of the data to determine which NLP approaches are used. They found that emotion analysis offered a more complex knowledge of the particular emotions present, potentially leading to a more accurate assessment of depression, whereas sentiment analysis may be adequate for recognising generally negative sentiment .

In 2023 Wani et al. [20] frameworks a model that uses a number of methods like TF_IDF, Word2Vev, CNN architecture to identify depression in social media data. The technology is platform-neutral since it uses advanced crawling techniques to collect data from multiple sources. Depressive signals from YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter are included in the sample. For many people, the hybrid model (CNN + LSTM) yielded positive outcomes.

A hybrid deep learning neural network architecture called the Fast text Convolutional Neural Network with Long Short-Term Memory (FCL) model was proposed by Tejaswini et.al. in 2022[16]with the goal of enhancing text representation and addressing depression detection. Text has been made simpler with the usage of NLP.

In 2022 Cha et al [18] identifies that development of domain-specific lexicons or dictionaries of words related to depression can improve the accuracy of sentiment and emotion analysis. This directed method results for a more precise identification of language indicative of depressive symptoms. The use of multilingual lexicons improved the applicability of the models to different languages and cultural contexts.

In 2022 Arya et al[19]used natural language processing (NLP) techniques to extract valuable information from the intricate and nuanced data present on social media .They have used the sentiment analysis to capture the emotions of user.

4. LLM and Chatbot:

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) and large language models (LLMs) for detecting depression through social media text is very promising. This approach powers the vast amount of data available on platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Reddit to identify depressive symptoms early, potentially aiding in timely intervention and treatment. It can identify the signs early and avoid further loss.

In 2023 Chin et al [22] used the Chatbot and examined number of chats containing the terms "depress" and "sad" from three Western and five Eastern nations. It also proposed linguistic analysis to investigate how depression and melancholy are discussed in various cultural context and semi-supervised classification was used to classify sad emotions in chats.

Lamichhaneet al [23](2023) used annotated social media postings from public datasets to evaluate ChatGPT's performance on three tasks: stress, depression, and suicidality detection. The findings revealed different F1 scores: 0.86 for depression, 0.37 for suicidality, and 0.73 for stress detection. These results show that the model performed better than a baseline majority-class prediction model, despite its potential and drawbacks.

DEPRA is a Dialogflow-based chatbot designed for depression analysis by Kaywan et al[24](2023). DEPRA used a structured interview guide based on recognised depression scales to generate significant user involvement (79%) in a non-clinical experiment with 50 participants in Australia. The findings, which were confirmed by two scientific scoring systems, showed that a sizable percentage of participants had mild to extremely severe depressive symptoms.

According to Li et al. (2023), AI-based conversational agents (CAs) can considerably lessen depressive and distressing symptoms, particularly when they employ generative AI, are connected with instant messaging or mobile apps, and target particular demographics like the elderly. These enhance general well-being, suggesting that further study is necessary to determine their long-term effects. User experience depends on the effectiveness of communication, content engagement, and the human-AI connection.

III. COMPARISON OF METHODS AND DATASETS FOR DEPRESSION DETECTION USING SOCIAL MEDIA TEXT DATA

This section provides a detailed comparison of the methods and datasets used in the reviewed studies

Comparison of Models and Techniques Used in Depression Detection in social media text data:

Reference Number	Description	Dataset	Outcome	Limitations	Future Work
[1]	Data has been labeled for ML in term frequency (TF) and inverse document frequency (IDF) vectorizer. After that, RF, LR, DT, SVM, K-nearest neighbors (KNN), and multinomial NB classifiers to predict depressive posts on comments.	10,000data from Facebook posts, comments, and YouTube comments	SVM: Accuracy Highest (75.15%) LR(74.65%) DT(66.64%) RF(73.02%) NB(72.19%)KNN (69.97%)	Dataset Limited	• Use of Deep Learning • Measure degree of depression of a person
[2]	Four types of factors such as emotional process, temporal process, linguistic style and all features together for the detection and processing of depressive data received as Facebook posts. Use of Decision Tree (DT)	Data from Facebook comments	DT Precisionvalue:0.59 Recall:0.97	Dataset Limited, used only 21 attributes from 50attributesfor study	• To extract paraphrases from additional emotional feature kinds using a different method.
[3]	Logistic regression, Bernoulli Naïve Bayes, random forests, Distil BERT, Squeeze BERT, RoBERTa, and DeBERTa models	632,000 tweets	Highest accuracy, early detection and monitoring of depression Accuracy: ROBERT-98%	Limited feature engineering, lack of user Demographics or temporal patterns	• Additional feature engineering techniques usage • Integration of text with additional contextual information
[4]	The study covers various data sources and machine learning algorithms, highlighting the potential of artificial neural networks for image processing and classification, as well as advanced gait image models	NA (Survey Paper)	provides a comprehensive analysis of contemporary research on using machine learning to detect depression from social media content	NA (Survey Paper)	• NA
[5]	Proposed machine learning approach to detect depression in Sinhala-English code-mixed textual contents posted in social media .	The dataset only consists of 1177 data records	Ensemble learning is a machine learning approach that mixes numerous base models to create predictions. Accuracy:79.13% Precision:0.77 Recall:0.65	Small Size sample dataset	• Use of Large dataset • Use of Deep Learning Model • Classification of Depression
[7]	machine learning methods like Decision Tree, KNN, and Naive Bayes	survey dataset, questions were framed with responses such as yes, no, sometimes and not applicable	Accuracy NB: 88.21% Dt:89.64% KNN:92.32%	Small Size sample dataset	• Clinically categorize patients suffering from depression on the basis of discovering their emotional profiles.
[8]	A multivariate human depression prognosis strategy based on a one-hot methodology for robust features was examined to characterize depressive symptoms from the text data using the RNN approach with the LSTM technique	Kaggle dataset	Highest accuracy 99.0% accuracy	Small Size sample dataset	• implement the hybrid recurrent neural network on a large dataset of mentally disturbed people to observe their behavior
[9]	Seven distinct machine learning classifiers—Naive Bayes (NB), Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Decision Tree (DT), Random Forest (RF), Multilayer Perceptron (MLP), and K Nearest Neighbor (K-NN). Feature extraction Through arrange of NLP methods	Kaggle dataset with 2 columns only	Accuracy: SVM:97% RF:91% MLP:90% DT:88%	Dataset attributes are less	-
[10]	RoBERTa, DistilBERT, and Electra are the transformer-based models emphasized in this research.	Tweets Dataset from Kaggle	Highest accuracy achieved Recall:0.93 F1Score:0.91	Specific to certain types of social platform users Lack of multimodal approach	• multimodal data • real-time analysis

Reference Number	Description	Dataset	Outcome	Limitations	Future Work
[11]	Support vector machines (SVMs), k-nearest neighbor (KNN), multinomial Naive Bayes (MNB),decision trees, and random forests for classification	Arabic Tweets Dataset	Accuracy 87.70%	Specific to certain language	• widely scalable techniques for automated public health tracking • More evolutionary technique
[12]	Deep learning architecture with an attention mechanism on CNN- Bi LSTM (CBA)	CLEF eRisk 2016(Losada & Crestani, 2016)	Accuracy of 96.71%	proposed model works on tasks which explicitly mentions about depression,	• analyze and experiment off-topic depression datasets, which would not necessarily have any explicit mentioning about depression.
[14]	Novel DL framework for the DD of prominent SM data.	Twitter data	Accuracy of 99.55%	Specific Social media data	• use of an advanced DL approach
[16]	Hybrid Deep Learning (Fast Text-CNN-LSTM)	Real- world datasets from literature	Improved text representation high accuracy Accuracy:88%	Lack of dataset Specifics potential biases not addressed.	• Automation of the proposed medical diagnosis system
[18]	Statistical and linguistic analyses of the post content from individuals with and without depression using the Chinese Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count.	527,333 public post	Retrieval-based post sampling technique, which significantly improved model's ability to detect the risk of depression.	Large language models require a large amount of training data, which may raise concerns about the use and protection of user privacy data, necessitating additional data management and security measures.	_
[19]	Proposed a depression post-classification model using multiple languages Twitter datasets (Korean, English, and Japanese) which improve the applicability of the proposed model. Depression lexicon for each language developed.	Twitter dataset for specific user	Use of multilingual datasetin3language. Lexicons provide good accuracy. CNN:93.56% BISTM: 94.65% BERT:50%	Performance of the classification model between two different domain communities is low.	• cross-lingual method with multiple languages classification models
[21]	It demonstrated the use of 878 Word2Vec and TF-IDF- based attributes in depression detection 879tasks.	annotated samples from popular social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube	Accuracy 95.02%	Lack of detecting depression in different languages	• to detect depression in different languages and • analyze the depression diffusion between these languages
[22]	Global open-domain social chatbot, to analyze conversation utterances containing the terms "depress" and "sad"	Total of 152,783 chatbot- human interactions from SimSimi, a popular, globally used commercial chatbot service.	Highlighted Potential of chatbot-assisted mental health support for needy people	Findings cannot be generalized, English Language only.	• Future conversational agents may need to be designed to better fulfill social roles.
[23]	LLM-based Chat-GPT (with GPT- 3.5-turbobackend)in three text- based mental health classification tasks.	A Reddit Dataset for Stress Analysis in Social Media	Fine-tuning the underlying LLM model with Chat-GPT improves performance F1 score :0.81	ChatGPT with low version of backend, limited prompt setting for chatgpt	• Evaluations using larger text corpora.
[24]	Use of Dialog flow as a conversation interface to build a Depression Analysis (DEPRA) chatbot.	50 participants	Chatbots can be integrated in various environments such as Facebook Messenger. Revealed a high rate of user satisfaction 79%,	Limited Dataset	_
[26]	Use of generative AI in healthcare	NA	Generative AI can automate healthcare systems and faster decisions with customized approach	Careful adoption needed to handle system efficiently.	NA

IV. Research Gaps and Challenges

Several challenges and limitations hamper the development and application of depression detection systems using social media text data. These include:

a) Data Bias:

Using social media data for mental health increases privacy concerns(Zang,2024). Social media data often transfers biases reproducing different demographics, locations, and cultural expressions. This can result in biased models that don't perform well for certain groups. To address this, it is essential to carefully select diverse datasets and use techniques to adjust for known biases during data collection and pre-processing.

b) Privacy Concerns:

Protecting user privacy needs careful guidelines and process to be followed.

c) Interpretability and Explainability:

Many deep learning models directly shows the predictions and did not convey the process by which result is obtained. This lack of interpretability delays clinical acceptance, as they require explanations to understand and trust the model's predictions. Developing explainable AI (XAI) techniques is vital for addressing this challenge. Methods that provide insights into the model's reasoning are essential for building trust and facilitating clinical adoption. The use of LLMs (Yang, 2023) has shown promise in improving the interpretability of mental health analysis, but further research is needed to ensure the reliability and accuracyof the generated explanations.

d) Generalizability:

Models trained on one dataset cannot generalize well to other datasets, limiting their applicability in real-world settings (Chin, 2023). Improving generalizability requires the use of larger and more diverse datasets, as well as the development of more robust and generalizable models

e) Labelling Challenges:

Obtaining accurate and reliable labels for social media data is challenging, often requiring manual annotation by human experts. Some models have surface-level vocabulary analysis and lack the ability to comprehend deep semantics and implied meanings (Zhang, 2024).

Future Directions:

Future research should focus on addressing the challenges and limitations discussed above. This includes:

- Developing more robust and generalizable models
- Improving the interpretability and explainability of models
- Addressing data bias
- Protecting user privacy
- Developing more efficient and scalable data labelling techniques

V. Conclusions

Social media data is valuable for early depression detection. Despite progress in NLP and machine learning, challenges like data bias, privacy, and interpretability remain. Future research should focus on robust, explainable, and ethical methods to develop reliable tools for improving mental health outcomes.

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Improving EEG Data Interpretation through Signal Filtering Techniques

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Abstract- *Electroencephalogram (EEG) signals are essential for studying human behavior and brain function. EEG recordings frequently include artifacts, which means unwanted signals from various origins that can skew the data and hinder the accuracy of signal analysis. These artifacts are generated from internal sources such as eye blinks, muscle contractions, cardiac signals, and external sources like powerline noise and electrode movement. Implementing effective techniques to eliminate these artifacts is vital for obtaining high-quality EEG data for research and clinical purposes. However, various methods are available for artifact removal from EEG recordings. This work primarily concentrates on filtering techniques to analyze EEG data acquired with the Super Sonic EEG machine. The study investigates EEG data filtering methodologies, specifically Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), Principal Component Analysis (PCA), and Independent Component Analysis (ICA), aimed at enhancing signal clarity. ICA, PCA, and LDA were evaluated for their efficacy in preserving signals, extracting features, and reducing noise. The results indicate that combining these filtering techniques improves EEG pre-processing, resulting in more accurate data interpretation. The outcomes underscore the significance of hybrid filtering strategies to ensure clean and dependable EEG data for neuroscience research and medical diagnostics.*

Keywords— *Electroencephalogram, artifact removal techniques, artifacts, EEG signals.*

I. INTRODUCTION

EEG is a technique for assessing brain activity by capturing electrical signals through multiple electrodes placed on the scalp. [1]. Due to its excellent temporal resolution, EEG signals are susceptible to interference from extraneous noise, resulting in different artifacts [2]. Electroencephalography (EEG) signals can experience interference from eye blinks, muscle movements, and general noise produced during the data collection. These artifacts complicate EEG analysis because they can introduce spikes that might be mistaken for actual neurological rhythms. Therefore, removing or reducing noise and unwanted signals from the EEG is essential to enable accurate analysis and diagnosis. Filters are mechanisms that change a signal waveform, phase frequency and amplitude frequency characteristics. Filtering enhances signal quality, extracts meaningful information, or separates overlapping signals. Recent advancements, such as wavelet-based filters, have been developed to improve time-frequency analysis [3]. Adaptive filtering techniques play a crucial role in canceling dynamic noise. Smoothing filters, such as the median filter, enhance signal quality for diagnostic purposes [4]. These techniques have improved the ability to distinguish significant brain activity. However, challenges like over-filtering can adversely impact vital neurological data, while under-filtering may leave residual noise. Emerging methods, including hybrid filtering approaches and autonomous machine learning algorithms, are being explored to address these limitations. This study seeks to identify effective techniques for enhancing EEG preprocessing and investigates the latest advancements in filtering for more precise analysis in clinical and research settings.

II. BACKGROUND

A. EEG Signal Characteristics

The EEG recording process is external, straightforward, and painless for the patient. EEG records the overall brain activities. These waveforms reveal rhythmic patterns at specific frequencies. EEG signals are related with various activities of human, including arousal, relaxation, drowsiness, sleep, and coma. These activities of human are classified into specific frequency rhythm categories, as shown in Table 1.

TABLE I
FREQUENCY RANGES

Wave Type	Frequency	Activity
Delta	Less than 4 Hz	Occur during sleep, coma
Theta	4- 8 Hz	Emotional Stress
Alpha	8 - 13 Hz	Sensory stimulation
Beta	14 - 20 Hz	Mental activity
Gamma	20 – 60Hz	Visual attention

B. Types of artifacts

Artifacts in EEG signal are classified into two major categories non-physiological and physiological [5]. Common artifacts include those caused by electrode movement, environmental factors, and physical movement. Providing proper instructions to subjects and optimizing experimental conditions can minimize these artifacts [6]. Types of physical artifacts consist of eye-related artifacts, cardiac artifacts, and muscle-related artifacts. As compared to other artifacts, specialized signal processing algorithms are necessary to eliminate or mitigate these issues. Another significant challenge in processing EEG signals is the presence of volume conduction artifacts. Specifically, in studies concerning brain source localization and connectivity, a single part of the brain may be represented across multiple electrodes. In contrast, a single electrode may represent multiple brain areas [7]. In the preprocessing phase of EEG data, the detection of artifacts is of utmost importance since they compromise the quality of the EEG signals. Consequently, it is important to actively remove these artifacts. Common artifacts that disrupt EEG signals include cardiac interference, muscle interference, eye movement artifacts, and artifacts from external devices.

1) ***Cardiac Artifacts*****:** The rhythmic activity of human heart's produces electrical signals known as electrocardiograms. These heart-generated electric signals (ECG) travel to the scalp, mixing with EEG signals, resulting in variations in the recorded EEG signal. Cardiac artifacts are divided into two major categories Mechanical and Electrical artifacts. Mechanical artifacts encompass every heart contraction and the irregular timing associated with cardiac arrhythmias. Electrical artifacts may arise from the electrodes used for ECG. ECG artifacts can interfere with the background EEG activity, which may mimic epileptiform discharges. Additionally, it typically presents as triphonic, featuring an active component that falls within the duration range of spikes. Cardiac artifacts can be categorized as either Mechanical or Electrical. Mechanical artifacts include every heart contraction and irregular timing due to arrhythmias. Electrical artifacts may result from the electrodes associated with the heart.

2) ***Muscle Artifacts:*** The Impurity of EEG signal by muscular action is a well-known, challenging issue due to the involvement of various muscle groups [11,12]. Artifacts can arise from any muscle near the recording sites during contractions and stretches, when the subject talks, sniffs, or swallows [10], etc. EMG spans a wide frequency range from 0Hz to over 200Hz. The electromyographic (EMG) signal represents the electrical activity generated by different muscle groups, and the measured EEG signal contains EMG potentials that interfere with the original EEG data [8, 9]. Additionally, EMG impacts both the timing and spatial characteristics of the signal.

3) ***Electrode Artifacts:*** EEG measurement involves devices, instruments, and their connections. Electrode artifacts are likely to occur, which can stem from amplifier artifacts, capacitive artifacts, inductive artifacts, electrostatic artifacts, and aliasing artifacts. Improper contact with the electrode can influence the electrode's impedance, leading to low-frequency artifacts. Fluctuations in temperature and consistent inaccuracies in instrumentation amplifiers may result in a shift in the baseline. Additional issues with electrode artifacts can arise from extended monitoring and scalp integrity.

4) ***Ocular Artifacts:*** Ocular artifacts significantly distort EEG recordings [13]. These artifacts arise from eye movements and blinks, which can propagate across the scalp and be detected as EEG activity. In particular, artifacts from eye movements occur because of changes in the positioning of the retina and cornea dipole. Conversely, blink artifacts result from variations in the contact between the cornea and the eyelid, which influence ocular conductance [14]. Additionally, the electrodes can capture both EEG signals and eye movement artifacts from the scalp due to the volume conduction phenomenon. To record these ocular signals, an electrooculogram (EOG) can be utilized. The frequency ranges of the EOG are similar to those of EEG signals, while its amplitude is generally much greater than that of the EEG.



Fig 1. Artifacts in EEG signals.

III.EEG SIGNAL FILTERING TECHNIQUES

EEG is an important tool for evaluating behavior and brain activity. However, the recorded electrical signals are consistently influenced by artifacts, which can affect the EEG data analysis. Thus, creating techniques that reliably identify and extract clear EEG data from the recordings is important. Although several techniques for removing artifacts have been suggested, this area of research is still not fully resolved [15]. We proposed using the FIR filter to decrease noise levels and enhance the cost-effectiveness, energy efficiency, and usability of EEG technology. Compared to previous digital filters, it takes up less space on the chip and minimizes interference from other biological signals. Filtering is critical in digital signal processing [16]. As a result, FIR filtering methods are applied through the window design technique to remove noise from EEG signals associated with brain tumors [17,18]. Excessive ripples in the FIR filtering passband may cause inadequate stopband attenuation. This problem is tackled by employing windowing methods during the filtering process.

A. Regression Methods

Regression techniques are used in the conventional approach to eliminate artifacts from EEG data [19]. This approach is based on the idea that each channel contains a combination of accurate EEG signals and some artifacts [20]. In regression analysis, the estimated artifacts are obtained from the EEG readings after the amplitude relationship between the reference and EEG channels is established using transmission factors. Because of this, this technique needs external reference channels (such as EOG or ECG) in order to eliminate various artifacts. The following is how EEG data can be acquired in the event of ocular activity:

$$EEGcor = EEGrow - F(H\ EOG) - \delta F(V\ EOG)$$

δ Scaling factor adjusting vertical EOG artifact contribution. EEGcor stands for corrected EEG data. EEGrow is a representation of raw EEG data. The recordings from the vertical and horizontal EOG channels are indicated by the symbols HEOG and VEOG. The advantages of regression methods include a simplified model and a reduced computational approach, while the need for reference channels to remove EOG and ECG signals is among their disadvantages [21]. Researchers discovered an alternative to regression algorithms known as Blind Source Separation techniques; however, regression methods continue to serve as a fundamental basis for evaluating new strategies.

B. Wavelet Transform

Wavelet Transform is a sophisticated signal processing method that breaks down EEG signals into various frequency bands and adaptively eliminates noise. In contrast to standard Fourier transform techniques, Wavelet Transform offers time-frequency localization, enabling improved retention of transient and non-stationary features in EEG signals [23]. By converting a time-domain signal into both time and frequency domains, wavelet transform provides superior time-frequency characteristics compared to Fourier transform, owing to its better tunable time-frequency balance and advantages in analysing non-stationary signals [22]. The wavelet filtering process employs a multi-resolution strategy, where wavelet coefficients are utilized to decompose the EEG signal across different levels. This approach includes wavelet decomposition, thresholding, and reconstruction to eliminate noise while preserving the integrity of the EEG signal. Research has indicated that methods based on wavelet denoising outperform traditional filtering approaches in maintaining essential EEG features crucial for analyzing brain activity [22]. A significant limitation of wavelet-based techniques is their inability to eliminate artifacts when the spectral characteristics of the recorded signal overlap with those of the artifacts[24][25].

C. Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)

Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) is mainly used for classification, but it has proven effective in preprocessing EEG data to eliminate artifacts. LDA detects patterns in EEG signals by maximizing the distinction between genuine neural activity and artifacts such as eye blinks, muscle contractions, and heartbeats. It extracts EEG characteristics that help differentiate between neural signals and unwanted artifacts. By using labeled datasets, LDA formulates a model that distinguishes neural activity from distracting artifacts. Moreover, LDA minimizes the number of EEG channels or features while maintaining important neural information. Studies have shown that when LDA is used alongside other preprocessing techniques like ICA and wavelet transform, it can significantly improve the quality of EEG signals [33].

D. Blind Source Separation (BSS)

The BSS methodology includes a number of unsupervised learning methods that don't require extra reference channels and work without prior information. The following is an outline of the BSS overall procedure. The observed signals obtained

from scalp electrodes are denoted by X. Furthermore, let S stand for the source signals, which are made up of both the original signals and artifacts. An unidentified matrix A is used to linearly merge these source signals:
The observed signals are generated by X = AS.
The BSS procedure works in reverse: U = WX.
where W represents the reverse mixing of X and U represents the estimation of the source signals. The objective of denoising is then accomplished by removing the components linked to the artifacts and using the remaining components to recreate the EEG data. We will include a few noteworthy papers that have used BSS algorithms in the sections that follow.

1) ***Principal Component Analysis:*** PCA is among the most straightforward and widely utilized methods for Blind Source Separation (BSS), operating on the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix [26]. This approach uses an orthogonal transformation to change correlated data into uncorrelated ones. Principal components (PCs) are the uncorrelated variables that are generated. These PCs are produced using Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) in the context of EEG signals. Berg and Scherg [27] were the pioneers in employing principal component analysis to eliminate ocular artifacts. Their research extracts essential components indicative of blinks and eye movements using PCA based on variance. An inverse process is then used to remove the related components, yielding clean EEG data. PCA is more computationally efficient than linear regression approaches, as shown by Casarotto et al. [28]. However, the requirement that the artifact components be uncorrelated with the EEG data is frequently difficult to achieve.

2) ***Independent Component Analysis:*** ICA is a component of BSS, functioning in its own distinctive manner. A typical example of its application is the 'cocktail party' problem, where the goal is to focus on one person's voice amid the noise of a crowded room. In the examination of EEG data, one can detect independent components (ICs) resulting from the direct combination of brain activity and various other sources [29]. The original raw signals are utilized to derive the individual components. The process of reconstruction involves discarding ICs that contain artifacts. An enhanced version of ICA has been proposed for the analysis of both EEG and EPR signals; Jung et al. [30] effectively removed EEG artifacts and assessed the outcomes against regression techniques [31]. While PCA is limited to transforming along orthogonal directions, ICA has proven more effective in separating source signals. Various researchers have utilized ICA methods to extract signals from diverse mixtures and mitigate artifacts across different sleep stages. ICA is capable of approximating the original signals that exhibit non-Gaussian characteristics.

3) ***Canonical Correlation Analysis:*** The most prevalent and effective signal-processing method to arise from Blind Source Separation (BSS) is Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA). Unlike Independent Component Analysis (ICA), CCA employs a different strategy for separating components and features a quicker computation time, which is one of the strengths of ICA. When contrasting CCA with ICA, it becomes evident that while CCA emphasizes the correlation of signals and generally produces similar qualitative outcomes, it varies in computational complexity. In contrast, ICA takes into account the same data' statistical distribution. CCA has specifically been applied to eliminate muscle artifacts from EEG [32]. The researcher examined the distinctions between brain artifacts and muscle artifacts, ultimately opting to discard the components that exhibited the least autocorrelation.

IV. EEG SIGNAL FILTERING TECHNIQUES

EEG data were gathered utilizing a Super Sonic 32-channel EEG device and analyzed using Super Spec version 4.2.3 software. The dataset included EEG signals from various subjects recorded under different conditions to facilitate a thorough assessment. Several filtering methods, such as Independent Component Analysis (ICA), Principal Component Analysis (PCA), and Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), were employed to evaluate their efficiency in eliminating noise and maintaining signal integrity.

1) ***ICA Implementation:*** The ICA technique broke down EEG signals into independent components, facilitating the elimination of artifacts associated with eye movements, muscle contractions, and cardiac signals.

2) ***PCA Application:*** PCA was implemented to decrease the dimensionality of EEG data, maintaining crucial neural activities while discarding redundant information.

3) ***LDA for Classification:*** LDA was utilized to improve artifact differentiation by training a classifier on labelled EEG data. This allowed for the distinction between neural signals and undesired noise sources.

Performance assessment was carried out using signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) and spectral analysis to evaluate the effects of each filtering approach. Furthermore, both visual examination and quantitative comparisons were conducted to confirm the efficacy of each method in enhancing EEG data quality.

V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The findings demonstrate that ICA effectively eliminates artifacts caused by muscle and eye movements by isolating independent signal components. PCA dramatically enhances the clarity of the signal by removing unnecessary noise while preserving essential EEG patterns. LDA further refines artifact removal by improving signal classification, allowing for a more precise differentiation between neural activity and artifacts. A comparative analysis revealed that while ICA alone achieved significant noise reduction, the combination of PCA and LDA significantly improved overall signal quality. The integration of these methods resulted in increased signal clarity by minimizing overlapping components. Classification accuracy in distinguishing brain signals from noise was enhanced. Additionally, feature extraction for further EEG analysis and machine learning applications was improved. These results indicate that a combined approach using ICA, PCA, and LDA offers a strong filtering framework for the preprocessing of EEG signals. Future studies might investigate adaptive filtering techniques based on machine learning to enhance the quality of EEG signals further. Fig 2, Fig 3, and Fig 4 illustrate the difference between the original EEG signal and the filtered signals obtained using ICA, PCA, and LDA. These plots clearly demonstrate how each method improves signal quality by reducing noise and artifacts. The visual comparison confirms the effectiveness of these filtering techniques in preprocessing EEG data for further analysis.

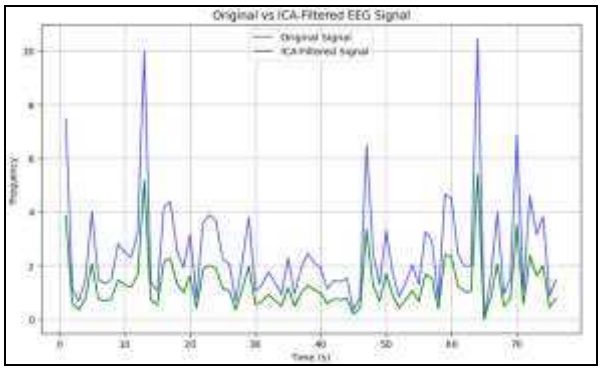


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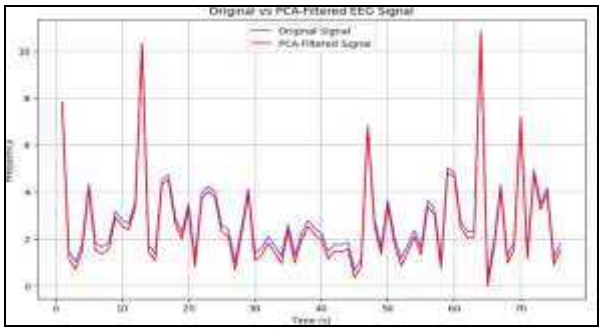


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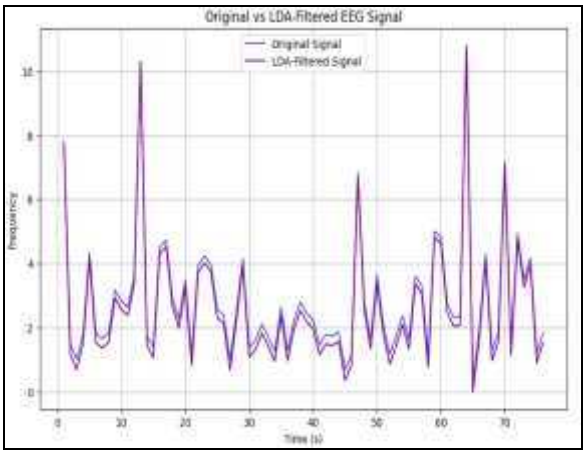


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VI. CONCLUSION

Filtering serves as a crucial initial step in the analysis of EEG, vital for improving signal quality and enhancing the accuracy of further analyses. This research showed that ICA, PCA, and LDA each possess unique benefits for reducing noise and preserving signal integrity. ICA excels in separating independent neural components, PCA simplifies the data while retaining important characteristics, and LDA boosts the classification of artifacts, leading to more effective EEG preprocessing. By integrating these techniques, an optimized filtering method was achieved, providing a more thorough approach to EEG signal analysis. Future investigations should emphasize hybrid filtering solutions and advanced AI-based techniques to improve EEG preprocessing methods further. Moreover, exploring real-time EEG filtering processes should be considered for applications in brain-computer interfaces and neurophysiological research.

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EEG Signal Pre-processing Techniques for Marathi Numbers System

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Abstract- *Electroencephalography (EEG) signal analysis plays a crucial role in brain-computer interface (BCI) applications, including speech and numerical cognition research. This study focuses on pre-processing EEG signals recorded during the cognitive processing of Marathi numbers. The raw EEG data contain artifacts from eye blinks, muscle movements, and environmental noise, which can affect classification accuracy. To enhance signal quality, we employ a conjunction of filtering, independent component analysis (ICA), and baseline correction. The effectiveness of these techniques is evaluated through statistical and spectral analysis. Our results demonstrate how important it is to optimize pre-processing in order to enhance feature extraction for Marathi number representation recognition. This study advances the development of language specific BCI models and enhances automatic number recognition in regional languages.*

Keywords— *Brain – Computer Interface (BCI), EEG, ICA, PCA, Pre – Processing, Feature extraction.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Human mental states are represented by the Electroencephalogram (EEG). Other bio-potentials such as electrocardiograms (ECG), electromyograms (EMG), and electroculograms (EOG) affect the electrical potentials of the brain, which are represented by EEG signals. Therefore, it is difficult to separate EEG signals from other bio-potentials while examining EEG signals. Extrinsic and intrinsic artifacts are the two main categories of artifacts that form the basis for source separation techniques, which have a significant focus on EEG signal processing [1-4]. High electrode impedance and interference, line noise, electrode failure, earthling issues, power supply and ventilation are examples of extrinsic artifacts that have happened in electric and electronic components. A variety of aberrations that occur in EEG signals, such as eye movements, blinks, and bioelectric potentials from muscles and the heart, are referred to as intrinsic. Unwanted elements that originate from outside sources are known as artifacts. They distort the actual brain activity of the currently recorded EEG data, making the analysis of the data more difficult. The precise EEG signal is affected by artifacts. Therefore, in the field of EEG signal processing, the main priority was to retrieve the original EEG signals from polluted EEG signals.

The researchers employed various methods to get rid of artifacts. The comprehensive assessment of various techniques to reduce and remove EEG signal artifacts will be covered in this paper.

II. BACKGROUND

Richard Caton revealed the monkey and rabbit brains in 1875. Later in 1875, Adrian and Matthews confirmed that "Alpha Waves," a normal electrical bio-potential range of 10–12 Hz, were perceived by "Human brainwaves." EEG is the average total of the ionic currents that flow through a neuronal ensemble in the cerebral cortex during synaptic excitations of the dendrites. Many neurons' actions are measured by EEG. In 1929, Hans Berger made the first recordings using the EEG equipment to track the signals [1].

A. Elements of the Electroencephalogram (EEG)

The brain's unconstrained electrical movement is recorded through EEG, which also gives estimation. Variations in the voltage of brain activity [5]. EEG signals fall into five frequency bands, which span from 0.01 Hz to around 100 Hz. Table 1 lists the four primary categories.

Brand Name	Frequency (Hz)	Interpretation
Delta	< 4	Deep Sleep
Theta	4 – 8	Relaxed State and Meditation
Alpha	8 – 13	Relaxed State of Consciousness
Beta	13 – 30	Active Thinking

Table 1 : Basic brain wave with their frequency

B. Types of artifacts

The significance of signal artifacts increases when EEG data is being collected via recording devices. EEG data quality may be compromised by these artifacts [5-7]. Artifacts, or unwanted extra signals, are primarily due to physiological abnormalities, an experimental mistake, and ambient noise. Furthermore, body-related physiological effects (e.g., heartbeat, muscular contraction, and eye blink) are referred to intrinsic artifacts, and experiment error and environmental artifacts, which derive from outside resources, are considered extrinsic artifacts [8-10]. Due of their frequency and inconsistency with the intended signals, environment artifacts may be removed using a straightforward filter. With careful preparation and execution, experimental blunders may be effectively decreased. However, because they call for specific methods, the physiological artifacts are more challen ging to eliminate [11].

1) ***Ocular Artifacts*****:** Ocular artifacts are a result of blinks and eye movements, which can which can spread across the top of the head and be recorded by EEG activity. In particular, eye motion artifacts caused by the alignment of the retina and corneal dipoles and ocular conduction caused by the variation in corneal contact with eyelid tissues [12]. The electrodes also recorded ocular artifact and EEG activity which travelled to the area of the skull as a result of the volume conduction effect.It is possible to capture such ocular impulses with an electrooculogram (EOG). In general, the EOG's amplitude is many times larger than the EEG's, and its frequency is comparable to that of the EEG signals. The EOG may corrupt EEG data, and EEG can contaminate EOG. This is important to remember. In order to eliminate EOG artifacts, a bidirectional interference will be introduced [12-14].

*2)****Muscle Artifacts*****:** EEG information contamination by muscle movement is a recognized and challenging issue because it affects multiple muscle groups [5]. These artifacts may result from the individual talking, sniffing, swallowing, or from any muscular contraction or stretching that occurs close to the signal recording locations. Theoretically, muscle artifacts seen by electromyograms (EMGs) range widely from 0 Hz to >200 Hz [8,15]. The magnitude and shape of the artifacts will vary depending on how much the muscles are stretched and contracted. Compared to eye tracking and EOG, it is far more complex to extract the activity information from a single channel data. Therefore, eliminating EMG artifacts is very challenging. Additionally, there is significant statistical independence between EEG and EMG contamination throughout both time and space. This suggests that the Independent Components Analysis might be an effectivetechnique for eliminating EMG contamination [16,17].

3) ***Cardiac artifacts*****:** Putting electrodes on or close to a blood artery that studies the heart's expansion and contraction can introduce cardiac artifacts. With a frequency of around 1.2 Hz, these pulse artifacts can show up in an EEG as an analogous waveform, making their removal difficult [13, 18]. The ECG, another cardiac activity monitor, measures the electrical signal produced by the heart[19]. Since ECGs can be recorded independently of brain activity and exhibit a characteristic regular pattern, it would be easier to remove pulse artifacts by using a reference waveform.

*4)****Extrinsic Artifacts*****:** EEG measurement is negatively impacted by extrinsic sources of artifacts in addition to the ones already discussed. Cable movements and electrode misplacement are the sources of instrument artifacts, a subset of extrinsic artifacts. With careful preparation and the right process, these artifacts may be eliminated. EEG recordings can also be impacted by extrinsic artifacts such as electromagnetic interference from the environment. A basic filter may readily eliminate these environmental artifacts because of its distinct frequency range. Most artifacts can still be eliminated using a high-frequency filter, even when white noise has a wide frequency range [20]. Since many channels might show brain activity, coherence across EEG channels will result in volume conduct artifacts

III. TECHNIQUES FOR REMOVING SINGLE ARTIFACTS

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A. Regression Method

The conventional technique toward minimizing EEG artifacts is regression analysis.The channels are used under the assumption that they comprise the sum of all of the raw EEG data plus an undetermined amount of artifact. The amplitude relation (transmission factors) between the EEG channel and

reference channel is first ascertained using the regression approach in order to remove suspected artifacts from the EEG.To remove more artifacts, this technique requires the use of exogenous reference channels EOG and ECG [5]. EEG data related to ocular activity can be obtained as;

$$EEG_{cor} = EEG_{raw} - \gamma F(HEOG) - \delta F(VEOG)$$

With γ and δ depending on the communication parameters between EOG and EEG; where, EEG_{cor} and EEG_{raw} are the corrected and raw EEG data respectively. 'HEOG' and 'VEOG' show the recording in the parallel and perpendicular EOG channels, respectively.

In order to eliminate ocular activity, Hillyard and Gallambos initially suggested methods based on time domain regression [21]. EEG identification software was integrated with frequency domain regression, which was first introduced by Whitton et al [22]. But bidirectional methods are doing something where they affect such approaches at frequency domain and time domain. This is because, just as ocular potentials can add noise to EEG recordings, EEG can noise up ocular recordings. Wallstrom et al. used Bayesian adaptive regression splines. used a filtering method to make it [23,24]. Bidirectional contamination is far less of a problem as a result.

B. Wavelet Transform (WT)

When transforming a time domain signal into a time and frequency domain, the wavelet transform outperforms the Fourier transform due to its superior ability to analyze non stationary signals and its adjustable time frequency tradeoff [25]. The transformation is achieved by selecting specific subsets of the mother wavelet ψ(t) scales "j" and adjustingthe time shift "k. ".

$$\psi_{j,k}(t) = 2^{\frac{j}{2}}\psi(2^j\, t\text{-}k),$$

Here, j and k are both integers. The wavelet transform can then be performed by:

$$W_\psi = < f,\ \psi_{j,k} >,$$

This indicates the wavelet function's inner product with the timedomain signal. It is possible to use the DWT (Discreted Wavelet Transform), which is developed from intermittent wavelets, when the input signal is :

$$X_{a,L}[n] = \sum_{k=1}^{N} X_{a-1,L}[2n-k]g[k],$$

$$X_{a,H}[n] = \sum_{k=1}^{N} X_{a-1,L}[2n-k]h[k],$$

The low pass filter, g[n], is used to produce a low frequency component, while the high pass filter, h[n], is used to obtain a high frequency component. The EEG data is separated down using wavelet transformation, and any signals that contain artifacts are subsequently eliminated using thresholding techniques.The clean signal is reconstructed using the sum of the remaining information [26]. Despite its flexibility in artifact attenuation, newer work prefers to combine DWT with other techniques, such as ICA, because it is unable to fully detect artifacts that combine with the spectral features.

C. BSS

Numerous unsupervised learning methods devoid of previous knowledge and additional reference channels are part of the BSS technique. Here is a description of the BSS general methodology. Let X represent the signals that were detected from the scalp electrodes. S also represents the source signals, which include the actual signals as well as artifacts. The A matrix that mixes these source signals linearly is unknown.

$$X = AS,$$

To obtain the signals those were noticed. It is the inverted counterpart of the BSS algorithm.

$$U = WX,$$

Where W is the X reverse mixing and U is the source estimation. After removing the components that reflect the artifacts, the remaining components are used to recreate the EEG data in order to accomplish the denoising goal. Here, we outline a few illustrative works that have included the BSS algorithms [5].

1)Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

This approach initially uses orthogonal transformation to change correlated variables into uncorrelated ones. Principal components (PCs) are such uncorrelated variables. The Single Value Decomposition (SVD) method will be used to create these PCs of EEG data.

PCA was initially developed by Berg and Scherg to eliminate ocular artifacts. In this study, PCA of variance is used to extract the main components that indicate eye movements and blinks.

After that, the associated components were rejected using an inverse technique to provide the EEG data devoid of artifacts [27]. PCA is more computationally efficient than linear regression techniques, as shown by Casarotto et al [28]. It is typically challenging to meet the condition that artifact components with EEG data be uncorrelated. Furthermore, when the drift potential and EEG data are comparable, PCA is unable to distinguish between the interferences. Thus, more adaptable techniques like ICA are preferred in the following studies.

*2)**Independent Component Analysis (ICA)***

If the signal sources are instantaneous linear combinations of artificial and cerebral sources, it is possible to decompose the signal that is seen into independent components (ICs)[2]. After ICs has been removed from the original signals, artifacts had been present in the clean signal that was recreated by removing the ICs.

In general, the first assumption is reasonablebecause volume conduction is linear, and all artifacts, including cardiac activities, eye blinks, and eye movements are generated by separate sources. Since biological signal collection is typically not a straight line in real-time, In order to account for the weighted and delayed impacts of signals, Convolutive ICA (CICA) was developed [29]. Additionally, ICA is capable of estimating non-Gaussian original signals, but the sources of the signals are often unknown to be either Gaussian or non-Gaussian

*3) **Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA)***

Second order statistics are used in Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA), which reduces computing time. The requirements for separating components are another way that CCA and ICA differ. CCA maximizes the pair wise associations between the two data sets in order to determine the linear relationship between two multi-dimensional random variables [30]. When considering self-correlation in the originating signals, CCA has been demonstrated to yield qualitatively identical results, despite the technique's processing complexity. Additionally, muscular artefacts from EEG recordings of human voice production have been eliminated using CCA [31].

*4) **Source Imaging Based Method***

The spatial and temporal components of EEG are integrated in EEG source imaging (ESI), a model based imaging technique, to determine the origin of potentials recorded on the scalp [32]. The two major problems with EEG source imaging are the forward and inverse concerns. Using brain recordings, the comparable scattered dipole layer inversion is a straight inversion that may be fixed by decreasing the norm.

*5) **Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)***

One supervised dimensionality reduction and classification method for separating distinct classes in a dataset is called linear discriminant analysis (LDA). Finding a linear feature combination that maximizes class separability is how it operates. LDA determines a projection that maximizes the difference between classes while minimizing the variation within each class, in contrast to PCA, which concentrates on variance.

D. Empirical Mode Decomposition (EMD)

While other approaches, like wavelet analysis, require the identification of key functions, the EMD method is a data-driven and practical approach [33]. The signal x(n) may be broken down as a linear combination of residual r(n) and finite number (N) b_k (n). In order to determine the provided signals' IMF, a shifting procedure is performed; ultimately, the original signal is recreated as,

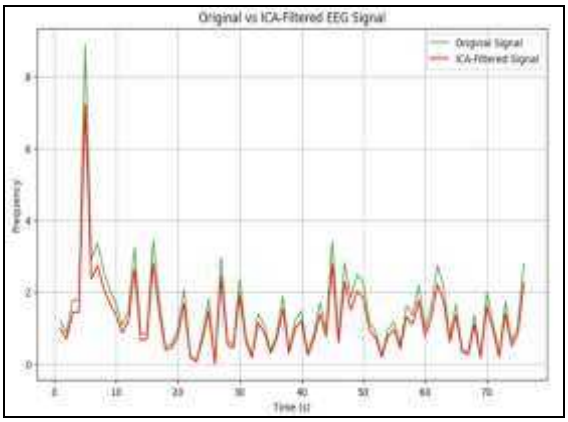
$$x[n] = \Sigma_{(k-1)}^{m} bk(n) + r(n)$$

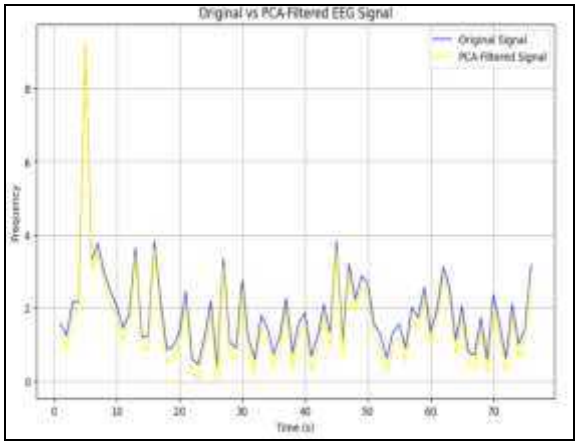
The EMD method's susceptibility to noise is one of its disadvantages, since it may result in complicated mode mixing [34].

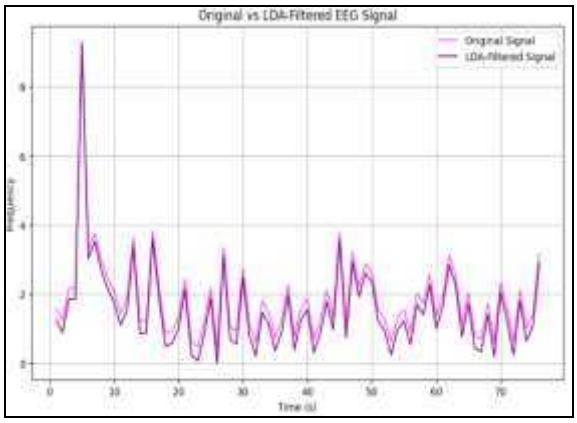
E. Filtering Methods

Wiener filtering, Bayes filtering and Adaptive filtering were among the filtering approaches used to remove EEG artifacts; each was implemented using a distinct optimization principle [35].

IV. RESULT







V. CONCLUSIONS

In this study, we explored the impact of optimized pre-processing techniques on EEG signals recorded during the cognitive processing of Marathi numbers. Our results demonstrate that applying filtering, independent component analysis (ICA), and baseline correction significantly improves signal quality by reducing artifacts and enhancing relevant neural activity. The improved pre-processed signals facilitate better feature extraction, which is crucial for accurate recognition of Marathi number representations in BCI applications. This research contributes to the advancement of language-specific BCI models, particularly for regional languages like Marathi, where numerical cognition has been less explored. Future work can extend this approach by incorporating deep learning techniques for automated classification and real-time number recognition, further bridging the gap between neuroscience and regional language processing.

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Enhancing Digital Identity Management: Block chain-Based Techniques and Approaches

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Abstract- *An immutable ledger that is kept in a dispersed network of peers that are not trusting one another is known as a blockchain. It is used to record transactions in a verifiable and permanent manner. A copy of the ledger is kept by each person. To validate transactions, the peers use a consensus mechanism. They then organise the transactions into blocks and create a hash chain over the blocks. As required for consistency, this procedure arranges the transactions to create the ledger. For his well-known creation of digital cash, or crypto currency, such as Bitcoin, Satoshi Nakamoto (presumed pseudonymous person or persons) developed Blockchain technology. Bitcoin's double spending issue was resolved by Nakamoto using Blockchain technology, but this innovative technology quickly found use in a wide range of other applications.*
In this paper we discuss various techniques for Digital Identity using Blockchain Teachnology

Keywords— *Blockchain, Smart Contract, Techniques.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Blockchain is essentially a series of blocks that together form a public ledger that records all committed transactions (Salah K. 2019). When fresh blocks are added to the chain, it keeps growing. A number of fundamental technologies, including distributed consensus methods, digital signatures, and cryptographic hashes, enable the decentralised environment in which blockchain operates. Since all of the transactions take place in a decentralised fashion, no middlemen are needed to validate and verify the transactions (Litke, D. Anagnostopoulos and T. Varvarigou 2019). Key features of blockchain include auditability, immutability, transparency, and decentralisation (Kouhizadeh and J. Sarkis 2018).

Services, Industry4.0, share trading, and smart cities. Instead of depending on a single controlling authority, it uses a distributed ledger system in which digital data is synchronized, shared, and copied across multiple servers. This distributed structure guarantees more security, dependability, and transparency in data management. In basic terms, every block in a blockchain is a digital record made up of three crucial parts: the transaction data itself, a cryptographic hash connecting the current block to the one before it, and a timestamp marking the time the transaction took place. Transactions between parties can be permanently and verifiably recorded thanks to this structure, which creates a safe, unchangeable chain of records.

Nodes (computers) in the peer-to-peer system that manage the blockchain network communicate information and verify transactions using a consensus process. A transaction is considered immutable once it has been confirmed and added to the blockchain. In order to change its content, all previous blocks in the chain would need to be recalculated and changed, which would take an enormous amount of processing power and make

such tampering nearly impossible. Blockchain is special because of a few important features. Since it is fully decentralized, no one entity or person has authority over the network. Immutability strengthens security and trust by ensuring that a transaction cannot be removed or altered once it has been recorded. Users may create Blockchain addresses for transactions using pseudo- anonymity without disclosing their true identities. When suitable steps are taken, it is impossible to link an address to a specific person. Because of these features, Blockchain is a trustless system, meaning that users can conduct transactions without having to trust one another. Rather, the technology itself is trusted since its design and procedures ensure that private data is transferred securely over an unidentified network of participants. Because of this, Blockchain is a potent instrument to boost openness, decrease fraud, and enable safe digital transactions across a range of sectors.

II. STRUCTURE OF BLOCKCHAIN

Bitcoin is one of the most well-known examples of blockchain technology. It was first established in 2008 as a cryptocurrency and payment system (Bitcoin 2008). When a seller or payer makes a transaction, digital assets like bitcoin are transferred within a blockchain(P. 2016) as shown in Figure A.

Every peer linked to the blockchain network receives these transactions, and clients known as miners use a cryptographic procedure to verify the transaction. The two main issues with digital currency exchange that were previously resolved by this validation are making sure the digital asset is real and hasn't been used up. If a miner determines that a transaction is well-formed (the input and output only contain the fields specified in the protocol) and that the outputs it seeks to transmit are there, the transaction is considered legitimate.

Anyone who offers to invest their resources can be a miner; they are not required to be certified. Bitcoin, which is created and given to miners for each block of transactions that are verified, serves as an incentive for miners. The necessary software is easy to use and may be downloaded for free. A block containing the details of confirmed transactions, a time stamp, and a cryptographic hash—a mathematically produced string of alphanumeric characters—is created once a transaction has been verified by a predetermined number of clients.

After adding the block with the transaction details to the blockchain's end, the receiving party receives the transferred assets. An essential component of the blockchain is the one-way cryptographic hash, which is generated using the hash of the block before it to create a unique digital signature exclusive to the current block of data as shown in Figure A. Malicious alterations to the blockchain record are avoided since each block is safely connected to the block that came before it via the hash. One of the main characteristics of blockchain is its immutability.

This method differs from typical transaction processing in a number of useful ways. For instance, a merchant's payment processor confirms the availability of money when a credit card transaction is started, and after a few days, the funds are authorised and sent to the merchant. By creating a digital trust that promotes more effective transaction processing, blockchain as a digital ledger seeks to eliminate these middlemen. In a blockchain setting, the network itself secures the transaction history, verifies the transaction, and permits direct asset transfers between participants after it has been digitally verified.

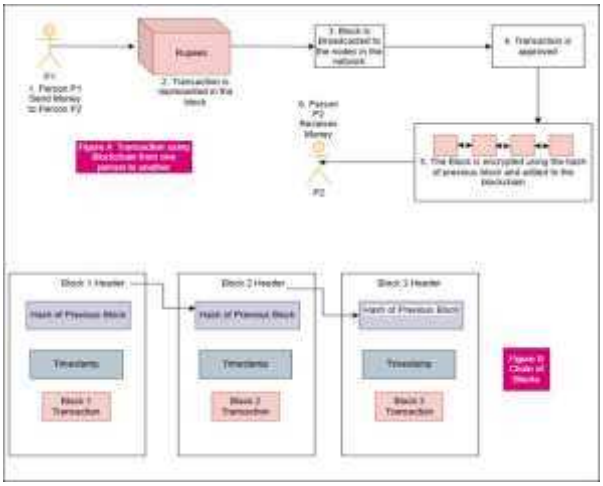


Figure A. Structure of Blockchain

III. TECHNIQUES FOR DIGITAL IDENTITY USING BLOCKCHAIN

Blockchain technology offers a variety of techniques for managing digital identities, leveraging its decentralized and secure nature. Here are some of the primary techniques used for digital identity management using blockchain:

1. **Decentralized Identifiers(DIDs):**
   - DIDs are unique identifiers created, owned, and controlled by individuals, not centralized entities.
   - Working: Each DID is associated with a public and private key pair, allowing the owner to authenticate themselves and control their digital identity. DIDs can be resolved to DID Documents, which contain metadata, public keys, and service endpoints.(Bakre, Patil and Sakshul Vaneet Oct. 2017)
   - Example: W3C's DID standard, which is used in projects like Microsoft's ION on the Bitcoin blockchain.

2. **Self-S overeign Identity (SSI):**
   - SSI gives individuals full control over their digital identities without relying on centralized authorities.
   - Working: Users store their identity data locally and share verified credentials (issued by trusted entities) selectively as needed. The verification process is decentralized, relying on blockchain for trust and integrity.(Naik N. 2020)
   - Example: Sovrin Network, uPort.

3. **Verifiable Credentials:**
   - Digital statements made by an issuer about a subject, which can be cryptographically verified.
   - Working: Credentials are issued by a trusted entity and cryptographically signed. The recipient can present these credentials to third parties, who can verify their authenticity using the issuer's public key stored on the blockchain. (Tasfia Rahman 2023)
   - Example: W3C's Verifiable Credentials standard.

4. **Public Key Infrastructure(PKI) on Blockchain:**
   - PKI involves the use of digital certificates to verify identities. Blockchain can decentralize this system.
   - Working: Blockchain is used to store public keys and certificates in a decentralized manner, reducing reliance on centralized certificate authorities (CAs) and increasing security.(A. S. Konoplev 2018)
   - Example: CertCoin, a blockchain-based PKI system.

5. **Token-Based Identity:**
   - Identity information is encapsulated in cryptographic tokens stored on the blockchain.
   - Working: Tokens represent identity attributes and can be used for authentication and access control. They can be transferred or validated on the blockchain.(NikosFotiou 2020)
   - Example: Civic, where identity tokens are used for secure identity verification.

6. **Zero-Knowledge Proofs(ZKPs):**
   - A method by which one party can prove to another that they know a value without revealing the value itself.
   - Working: ZKPs can be used to verify identity attributes or credentials on the blockchain without disclosing the underlying data, enhancing privacy.(Xiaohui Yang 2021)
   - Example: zk-SNARKs (Zero-Knowledge Succinct Non-Interactive Arguments of Knowledge), used in projects like Zcash.

7. **Identity Hubs:**
   - Secure data storage solutions that work alongside DIDs and SSIs to store identity data off-chain.
   - Working: Identity hubs provide encrypted storage for identity-related data and allow users to share this data securely with third parties, with access controlled via blockchain-based permissions.
   - Example: Microsoft's Identity Overlay Network (ION).

8. **Interoperability Standards:**
   - Standards that ensure different blockchain-based identity systems can work together seamlessly.
   - Working: These standards define protocols and data formats for identity information, enabling interoperability between various blockchain networks and applications.
   - Example: The DIF (Decentralized Identity Foundation) is working on such standards.

9. **Permissioned Blockchain:**
   - A permissioned Blockchain framework use Hyper ledger Indy supports privacy and confidential transaction.
   - Example: Indy-Dev Plenum Consensus-is a distributed ledger platform (Similar to smart contracts, buttuned to verify digital identity), which used Redundant Fault Tolerant Algorithm for consensus and other required algorithms.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Identity management systems must be safe, dependable, and user-focused due to the quick development of digital technology. Conventional identity management techniques, which sometimes depend on centralised databases, carry a number of serious hazards, including identity theft, data breaches, and privacy issues. Blockchain technology guarantees decentralisation, transparency, security, and user control, providing a revolutionary approach to digital identity management.

This study investigated a number of blockchain-based methods, such as token-based authentication, public key infrastructure (PKI), verifiable credentials (VCs), and decentralised identifiers (DIDs). These methods improve security, reduce the need for outside middlemen, and give people more authority over their online personas. The immutability and cryptographic security of blockchain technology can be used to strengthen identity management's defences against fraud and illegal access.

Blockchain-based identity management has benefits, but it also has drawbacks, including issues with scalability, user adoption, interoperability, and regulatory compliance. In order to balance privacy and transparency, future research should concentrate on resolving these issues by combining hybrid blockchain models, self-sovereign identity (SSI) frameworks, and zero-knowledge proofs (ZKPs).

To sum up, blockchain-based digital identity management offers a viable route to a user-controlled, privacy-focused, and safer identity ecosystem. To improve these ideas and create standardised frameworks for broad adoption, cooperation between governments, businesses, and researchers will be crucial.

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Non-Destructive Classification of Pesticide Residues on Spinach Leaves Using Hyperspectral Imaging and Machine Learning Algorithms

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Abstract - *The detection of pesticide residues on crops is essential for ensuring food safety and protecting the environment. Spinach, a widely consumed leafy vegetable, is frequently treated with pesticides such as Chlorpyrifos to control pests. However, pesticide residues may remain on the leaves, posing potential health risks. Traditional detection methods are slow, expensive, and require specialized equipment. For this study, 400 to 1000 nm spectral range of hyperspectral imaging camera was utilized to capture images of spinach leaves treated with Chlorpyrifos at different concentrations. Features were taken out from the images using the gray level co-occurrence matrix (GLCM) methods. The extracted features were used to train machine learning algorithms like knn, support vector machine and random forest. The better classification results indicated by Random Forest achieved the highest accuracy of 86.39%. The findings of this study suggest that hyperspectral imaging combined with machine learning offers a fast, non-destructive, and efficient method for detecting pesticide residues in spinach leaves.*

Keywords — *Hyperspectral Imaging, Pesticide Detection, Chlorpyrifos, Spinach Leaves, Machine Learning, Feature Extraction, Random Forest.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Spinach (Spinacia oleracea L.) is a commonly consumed vegetable known for its rich and ironic nutritious summary. It is plentiful of carotenoids, vitamin C, vitamin K, and essential minerals such as calcium and iron. Additionally, spinach contains coenzyme Q10 and other beneficial nutrients, making it a valuable component of a healthy diet [1]. Pesticides are substances, either natural or synthetic, that help to control pests, weeds, and plant diseases in agriculture. Examples of pesticides include herbicides which target weeds, insecticides which kill insects, fungicides which prevent fungal infections, rodenticides which eliminate rodents, and nematicides which control worms. These substances play a crucial role in protecting crops and enhancing agricultural productivity [2].

In machine learning, image processing is crucial for object detection and recognition, particularly in agricultural contexts. This study focuses on detecting pesticide residues on spinach vegetable using hyperspectral imaging and machine learning algorithms. Hyperspectral imaging, a growing field in digital imaging, offers high spectral resolution for precise material classification at the pixel level. Hyperspectral imaging technology integrates machine vision and spectroscopy to simultaneously capture both the spectral and spatial information of a research object [9]. This technology enables the comprehensive analysis of a sample's internal and external quality in a single process [3].

This study explores three important machine learning algorithms for classifying pesticides on leaf: Support Vector Machine (SVM), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Random Forest. SVM is chosen because it can create clear decision boundaries, even in high-dimensional feature spaces. KNN is selected for its simplicity and intuitive approach, where data is classified based on its nearest neighbors. Random Forest is utilized for its ensemble learning technique, which combines multiple decision trees, making it more accurate and less prone to over fitting or noise. Furthermore, a feature selection process is performed to identify the most important features for pesticide detection, which are then used as inputs for the different algorithms. To evaluate the performance of these models, four common metrics are used: accuracy, which calculates how often the model makes accurate forecasts; precision, which indicates how well the model avoids false positives; recall, which shows how well the model detects actual cases; and the F-measure, which provides a balance between precision and recall. These metrics help determine how effectively each algorithm classifies while minimizing errors.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Devi et al. [1] analyze how pesticide use in India has changed over time and varies across different regions. They highlight the increasing dependence on pesticides and discuss their possible effects on the environment and human health. Nayak, Solanki [2] review the role of pesticides in Indian farming, explaining how they help increase crop production but also pose risks to health, soil, and biodiversity. They discuss regulations and alternative farming methods to reduce these risks. Lorente et al [3] focus on hyperspectral imaging technology and its use in checking the quality of fruits and vegetables. They show how this technology helps detect defects, contaminants, and pesticide residues in a fast and non-destructive way. Iqbal H. Sarker [4] reviewed machine learning algorithms for smart data exploration, highlighting their requests, challenges, and future research opportunities. The study emphasized the role of data quality and algorithm performance in effective decision-making.

Mahesh Batta [5] provided a brief review of machine learning algorithms, emphasizing their applications in data mining, image processing, and predictive analytics. The study highlights how ML models, once trained, can automate tasks efficiently, with real-world examples like web search ranking algorithms. Hu et al. [6] investigated hyperspectral imaging combined with machine learning for detecting pesticide residues on Hami melon. The study compared traditional ML models (KNN, RF) with a proposed 1D-CNN, demonstrating superior performance with 94.00% accuracy. The fusion of spectral data from different bands improved classification, highlighting HSI as a non-destructive and efficient method for pesticide residue detection in fruits and vegetables. Mariana Yamada [7] explored the effectiveness of machine learning and hyperspectral imaging is used for detecting T. urticae infestations in cotton. The study identified key NIR wavelengths (817–941 nm) for classification, highlighting the potential for cost-effective, automated pest monitoring solutions. REN Zhan-qi et al [8] proposed Chi-square test combine with SVC, KNN, RF and LDA to detect Dimethoate pesticides residue on spinach leaves. LDA provides a better accuracy.Peyman Moghadam et al [9] conducted an early experiment on automatic plant disease detection using hyperspectral imaging, focusing on Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus (TSWV) in capsicum plants. The study utilized VNIR and SWIR spectral data combined with SVM classifiers, achieving over 90% accuracy.

The findings highlight the potential of full-spectrum analysis and topic modeling for improved disease monitoring and classification.Sathya Bama B et al. [11] used hyperspectral imaging and machine learning for pesticide residue detection in Brinjal. The proposed 3D SERSN achieved 94% accuracy for two-class and 98% for four-class classification, outperforming traditional ML models like SVM (89%) and KNN (78%).Diego Manuel Martinez Gila et al. [12] used hyperspectral imaging to detect pesticide residues on olives, achieving over 80% accuracy. Important wavelengths at 750 nm and 550 nm were recognized for classification, though real-world scalability requires further validation.Min Liang et al. [13] utilized hyperspectral imaging and machine learning to detect pesticide residues in tobacco. The optimized MC-LAR-SVM model achieved 84.1% accuracy, while the WT-TC-CARS-GSA-SVM model reached 91.8%, significantly improving detection accuracy. This study demonstrates HSI's effectiveness for rapid and accurate pesticide monitoring in tobacco.

III.METHODOLOGY

Image processing is a key application of machine learning, widely used for object detection and recognition. In this approach, a model is trained using labeled images that contain the object of interest, allowing machine learning algorithms to learn and identify these objects in new images [4]. To conduct this study, machine learning algorithms were used like Multi-Class Support Vector Machine (SVM), K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN), and Random Forest (RF) Classifier. The process had three main steps:

A. Dataset Preparation:

Spinach samples was collected from local farms in Jalgaon district, Maharashtra. Prior to data collection, Chlorpyrifos was mixed with rainwater to prepare pesticide solutions at concentrations of 1:100, 1:500, and 1:1000. Following Table 1 shows the different classes with different concentrations.

Table 1: Pesticide concentration Classes

Class	Concentration (Pesticide(ml): Water(ml))
Pure	0
Low	1:1000
Medium	1:500
High	1:100

These solutions were evenly sprayed on the surface of the leaves, categorized into pure, low, medium and high respectively. The leaves were then kept in a well-ventilated room for 12 hours. Images were captured by Hyper-Spectra Imaging Spectrophotometer capturing Device with spectral range from 400nm to 1000nm. Figure 1 show the image captured by above device.

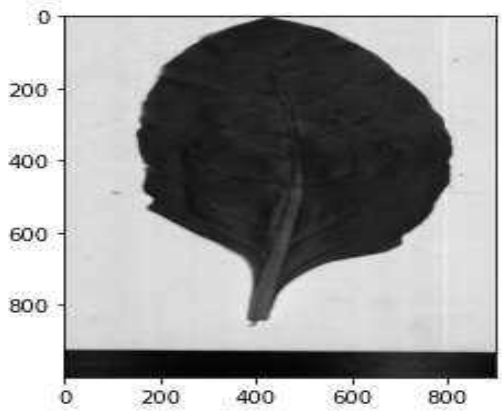


Figure 1: Spectral Image

Augmentation is performed on these images to increase the samples in dataset. After separating band images, 300 separate images were found. So 3000 images in each class and total 12000 images obtained. Figure 2 shows the separate band images in dataset folder.





Figure 2: Band images with proper labelling

B. Feature Extraction:

Extracting relevant features from hyperspectral images to represent the characteristics of different pesticide residues. Different GLCM features like contrast, entropy, homogeneity, energy, correlation, ASM (Angular Second Moment) extracted from the image using following equations.

To extract contrast feature following standard equation is used.

$$Contrast = \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} P_{ij}(i-j)^2 \quad \text{----------(1)}$$

For entropy,

$$Entropy = \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} -\ln(P_{ij})P_{ij} \quad \text{----------(2)}$$

For homogeneity,

$$Homogeneity = \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} \frac{P_{ij}}{1+(i-j)^2} \quad \text{-(3)}$$

For energy,

$$Energy = \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} (P_{ij})^2 \quad \text{----------(4)}$$

For correlation,

$$Correlation = \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} P_{ij} \frac{(i-\mu)(j-\mu)}{\sigma^2} \quad \text{----------(5)}$$

Different features are store in excel file.

C. Classification:

Applying machine learning algorithms to categorize images based on the extracted features. To test whether hyperspectral imaging can detect pesticides, each type of pesticide was studied separately. The classification algorithms were then tested using feature data as input for each case. Fig. 3 shows the architecture of classification model. The diagram represents a workflow for classifying pesticide residues on spinach leaves using

hyperspectral imaging and machine learning. It starts with acquiring a hyperspectral image of a spinach leaf, followed by separating band images to extract relevant spectral information. Next, image preprocessing is performed to enhance quality. Feature extraction (GLCM features) is then applied to create a features dataset. Machine learning algorithms are used for classification. Finally, the classification results categorize the residue levels into Pure, Low, Medium, and High.

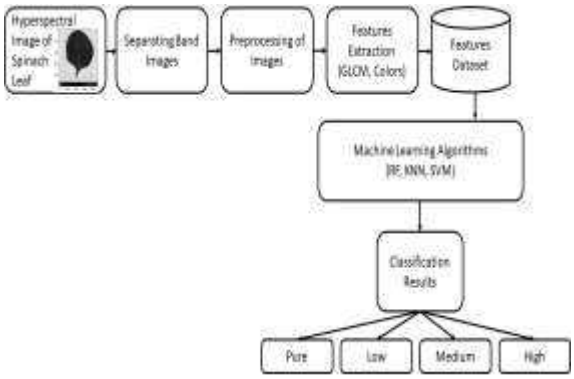


Figure 3: Architecture of Classification Model

To assess the effectiveness of pesticide detection on spinach leaves using machine learning, the dataset was separated into 70% training and 30% testing sets to calculate model performance. The classification was performed using three machine learning algorithms: Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN). These models were trained using selected features extracted from hyperspectral images as inputs, with corresponding class labels as targets [5]. Model performance was evaluated using key metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall and f1-score. Accuracy, which calculates the total exactness of the model; precision, which represents the proportion of properly identified contaminated leaves; recall, which assesses the model's skill to detect all contaminated leaves; and F-measure, which balances precision and recall.

By following this methodology, the trained model effectively classifies spinach leaves based on pesticide contamination levels, offering a reliable approach for pesticide detection and contributing to food safety and agricultural management.

IV. RESULTS

This section presents the classification routine of different machine learning algorithms in detecting pesticide residues on spinach leaves using hyperspectral imaging. The performance of the models was assessed using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and a confusion matrix.

Figure 4 shows the confusion matrix for RF algorithm which shows the highest performance.

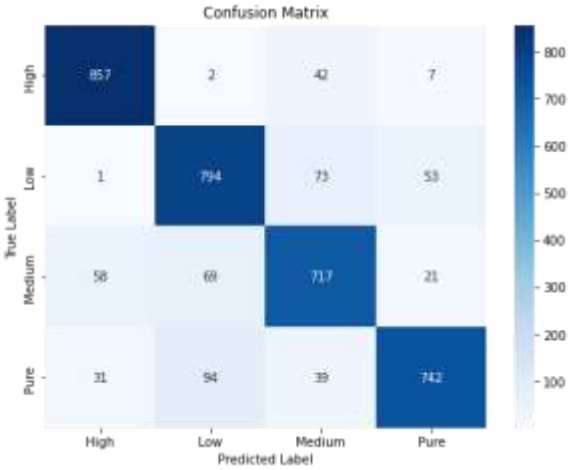


Figure 4: RF Confusion Matrix

Table 2 summarizes the classification results according to different metrics of different algorithms.

Table 2. Results

Model	Accuracy (%)	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
RF	**86.39**	**86.48**	**86.39**	**86.36**
KNN	72.64	73.24	72.64	72.46
SVM	62.72	63.50	62.75	62.50

V. DISCUSSION

Hyperspectral imaging is a fast and non-destructive technique used to classify pesticide residues on spinach leaves. Spinach leaf was selected as the sample object to detect pesticide residues, which helps identify structural changes in the leaf caused by pesticide exposure. Due to the large volume and redundancy of hyperspectral information, machine learning techniques were applied to process the data and extract relevant features. The study utilized SVM, KNN, RFmodels for analysis of pesticide residue levels in the spinach leaves.

The results, as shown by the confusion matrix, demonstrated an accuracy of 86.39% for RF in detecting pesticide residues at various concentrations. The Random Forest (RF) classifier, is an ensemble learning method, builds multiple decision trees (n_estimators=100) and averages their predictions, reducing overfitting and improving generalization. Unlike SVM, which can struggle with large datasets due to high computational complexity, RF efficiently handles large feature spaces and noisy data.

Additionally, RF is inherently faster during training compared to KNN, which requires computing distances for every new prediction. The parallel processing (n_jobs=-1) in RF speeds up training significantly. Moreover, RF provides feature importance scores, helping in feature selection and

model interpretability, whereas SVM and KNN do not directly provide such insights. RF generally offers better scalability, robustness, and interpretability, making it a best choice for many classification tasks.

VI. CONCLUSION

This approach has the probable to enhance food security and minimize the dangers related with pesticide contamination in agriculture. This study explored the classification of pesticide residue levels on spinach leaves using hyperspectral imaging and machine learning techniques. This study showed that hyperspectral imaging (HSI) is a useful tool for identifying pesticide residue levels. Its non-destructive nature allows for contactless, fast, and precise detection, improving efficiency while lowering costs and minimizing the need for chemical reagents.

The features are extracted using GLCM texture features for classification. Three machine learning models KNN, SVM, Random Forest were evaluated. Random Forest performed best with 86.39% accuracy. The research demonstrates how hyperspectral imaging, combined with machine learning techniques, can be effectively used for non-destructive detection of pesticide residues. Future research could explore deep learning models, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), for direct feature extraction from hyperspectral images and enhance classification performance.

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Abstract - *Steganography is a technique used to improve security by hiding data inside multimedia files. The CNN-based data hiding method promises efficient embedding and robust resistance to steganalysis attacks. The model increases the performance of steganography techniques by Arnold Transform, which improves data scrambling, and the method significantly increases the stability of data. GAN-based compression is used to enhance data transmission and storage without compromising carrier file integrity.*

Keywords — data scrambling, steganography, compression, GAN, CNN

I. INTRODUCTION

"Steganography" is a term that describes the process of encoding one type of information into another. The word "stego media" refers to news organizations that have confidential information, whereas the term "cover media" refers to those that do not have such information. The process of extracting data from stego media is referred to as "steganalysis," and the term "steganalysis" describes the method. Both steganography and steganalysis are opposites [1]. "Pixels" are the fundamental elements that make up an image. In addition to providing a color value for each pixel, the image is responsible for determining the pixel size, which can range anywhere from one bit to four bytes. The binary representation of these pixels is stored in the memory of a computer [2].

In order to ensure that the hidden data remains undetected, steganography uses sophisticated techniques like the Arnold Transform for scrambling and Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)-based steganographic encoding to hide data inside cover pictures.

There are five types of steganography, including text steganography, image steganography, audio steganography, video cryptography and Network or Protocol Steganography. There are three categories of steganography, including secret key steganography, public key steganography and pure steganography.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Due to the growing volume of data, traditional steganographic systems, the methods that allow for the embedding of only one hidden image at one moment are no longer sufficient. There is an increasing demand to conceal several hidden images within one host image. Nevertheless, this high capacity steganographic method frequently leads to significant image fidelity loss, which may increase the suspicion of eavesdroppers. A novel Chaotic mapping-enhanced image Steganography network (CHASE) that hides color images inside grayscale images is presented in the current study. To increase the security of steganography, it uses an image permutation technique to lessen the distinction between receptacle images and cover images. CHASE uses GANs to improve image accuracy and exhibits exceptional resistance to steganalysis,

particularly when working with high-capacity scales [25]. There are still issues with addressing the visual the resemblance between the stego image and the source image, especially when it is subjected to extensive image processing operations, even though CHASE effectively strikes a balance between security and picture quality, guaranteeing high accuracy and robustness against steganalysis.

Arnold's Cat Map for encrypting the image and hiding information. The algorithm embeds data in the transformed image by modifying pixel values in a way that doesn't drastically affect the visual quality [22].

The application of GANs in image steganography represents an exciting frontier for creating robust, secure, and imperceptible data hiding techniques. From basic data embedding to more complex models like StegGAN, these approaches have shown great potential for hiding secret messages within images. GANs' ability to generate realistic and high-quality images while embedding data in an undetectable manner makes them a powerful tool in the domain of steganography. DeepSteg is another deep learning model that uses GANs for hiding data in images. The paper "DeepSteg: A Steganography Model Based on Deep Learning" explores the use of deep convolutional networks (CNNs) as part of the steganography process and employs GANs to enhance the invisibility of the embedded data.

III. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. *Dataset Description*

DIV2K:- The DIV2K dataset contains high-quality photos with a 2K resolution, as seen in Figure 1. These pictures were produced with the goal of carrying out tasks like image repair, improvement, and higher resolution. Three hundred images are used for testing, and seven hundred are used for training, for a total of one thousand images. The DIV2K dataset is used to train the GAN for picture compression in this investigation. Numerous image steganography research articles have used the DIV2K dataset for a range of objectives, such as testing steganographic methods in terms of image quality and training deep learning-based models for data concealing. DIV2K's varied, high-resolution images make it a perfect testbed for assessing how well different steganographic methods work.



Figure 1. Sample images from DIV2K dataset

The key advantages of using DIV2K in image steganography research include:

- High-quality, high-resolution images: that are crucial for training advanced models like GANs and deep convolutional networks.
- Diversity in image content: making it easier to test the robustness of steganographic methods under different conditions.
- Benchmarking: It provides a reliable and widely-used dataset for evaluating the imperceptibility, capacity, and robustness of steganographic methods.

B. *Technique used*

1) *Arnold Transform:*

Data security is improved by image steganography by the Arnold transformation, which uses splicing and clipping to realign a digital image's pixel grid and essentially scramble the image to improve security, is a useful way to improve this technology. The Arnold transformation is a two-dimensional process defined by the following equations [1]:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \ mod\ N \qquad (1)$$

The embedded secret message is kept safe and intact by using the Arnold transformation in image steganography, which also lowers the danger of cyber-attacks and information loss.

2) *GAN:*

GANs have significantly transformed several domains, such as steganography, by using a competitive architecture consisting of two neural networks: the generator and the discriminator, as seen in Figure 2[13]. Through the use of image compression techniques, GANs have the potential to significantly increase image steganography security and efficiency. In order to reduce the size of the secret data and preserve important features, the generator uses compression techniques to convert it into a representation with fewer dimensions.

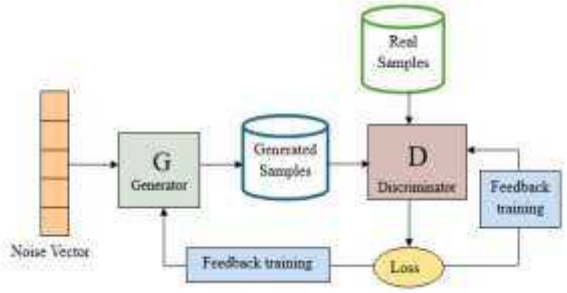


Figure 2. Generative Adversarial Networks [13]

The discriminator ensures that the compressed data will still look exactly like the original data. The cover image then incorporates the compressed secret info. The GAN decompresses the data after

extraction, ensuring little data loss and robust protection against cyberattacks. When training a GAN, the target function is defined as [14]:

$$\min_G \max_D V(D,G) = E_{x \sim Pdata}(x)[logD(x)] + E_{z \sim P_z}(z)[\log(1 - D(G(Z)))] \quad (2)$$

3) CNN:

CNNs play a crucial role in image processing because they have the capability to store and evaluate spatial relationships. CNNs are used in imagine steganography for the purpose of hiding and retrieving secret data [15]. The CNN employs convolutional layers to extract features from both the cover photos and secret data, which can be given by:

$$y = f(W.x + b) \quad (3)$$

The covert picture incorporates the hidden data attributes by employing numerous convolutional and pooling layers, as shown in Figure 3. This process guarantees minimum distortion. Subsequently, CNN employs layers that have been provided to detect hidden information in order to identify embedded features.

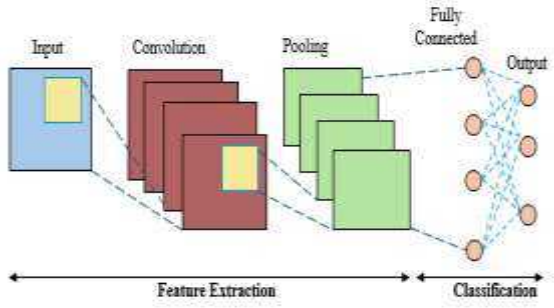


Figure 3. Convolutional Neural Networks [16]

C. Steganography model

The proposed steganographic model guarantees that secret information can be embedded or extracted inside a cover image safely by using advanced steganographic techniques for improved security and robustness. The first step is to find the right cover image in which the secret data would be hidden. Secret data is then given in the system to be securely embedded into the cover image. Before being embedded, the secret data is subjected to Arnold scrambling, a process that transforms it into a seemingly random and unrecognizable form, thus enhancing its security. Then, the secret data is embedded using a steganography encoder to insert this scrambled secret data into the cover image, resulting in visually similar images. Output from this encoding process is referred to as a stego image, which contains secret data, as shown in Figure 4.

This stego image would now be sent across a communication line to reach its desired destination. Upon receiving it, the stego image undergoes processing with the aim of extracting concealed data from it. This extracted information needs inverse scrambling through Arnold for it to appear recognizable again. After that, these reverted results are passed through the Steganographic decoder so that secret data can be obtained back. Finally, the performance of the steganographic process is analyzed using evaluation metrics.

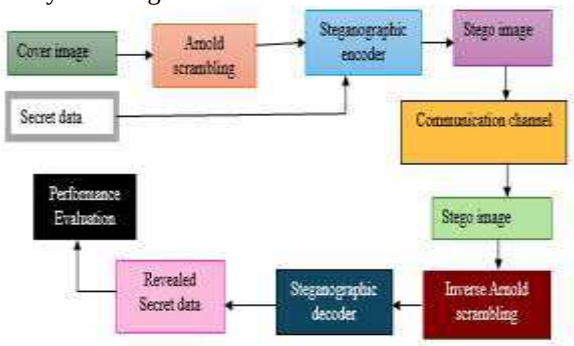


Figure 4. Steganographic Framework

Algorithm 1:Steganographic Model

Step 1:**Start**

Initialize the process.

Step 2:**Select Cover Image and Input Secret Data**

Let C be the cover image.

Let S be the secret data to be embedded.

Step 3:**Apply Arnold Scrambling**

Scramble the secret data S using Arnold scrambling to get S_scrambled.

S_scrambled = Arnold_Scramble(S)

Step 4:**Steganographic Encoding**

Embed S_scrambled into C using the steganographic encoder to generate the stego image C_stego.

C_stego=Stego_Encode(C,S_scramble)

Step 5:**Transmit Stego Image**

Send the stego image C_stego over the communication channel.

Step 6:**Receive Stego Image**

Receive the stego image C_stego.

Step 7:**Steganographic Decoding**

Extract the scrambled secret data S_scrambled from C_stego using the steganographic decoder.

S_scrambled = Stego_Decode(C_stego)

Step 8:**Apply Inverse Arnold Scrambling**

Revert S_scrambled to its original form S using inverse Arnold scrambling.

SInverse_Arnold_Scramble(S_scrambl)

Step 9:**Revealed Secret Data**

The decoded data S should match the original secret

data.

Step 10:**Performance Analysis**

Analyze the performance using standard performance evaluation metrics.

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IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Implementation of steganography model using Arnold Scrambling, GAN and CNN Technique following results are noted shows in Figure 5 and Figure 6.

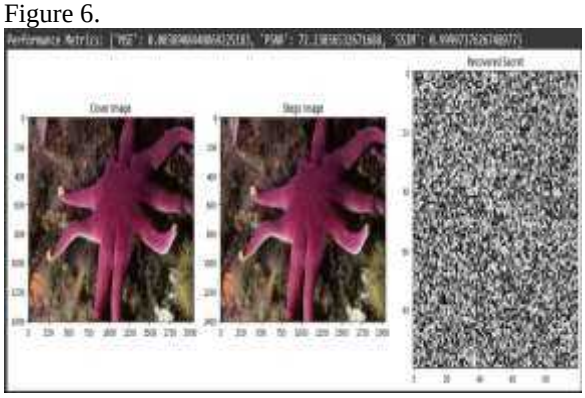


Figure 5. Sample Output Screen of Steganographic Model

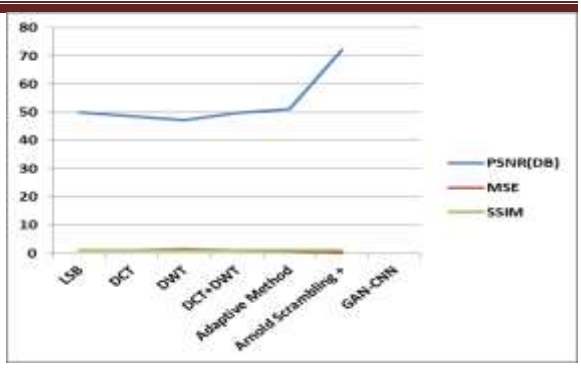


Figure 6. Comparisons of Traditional Steganographic Techniques and Arnold Scrambling-GAN-CNN Techniques

V. CONCLUSIONS

- Increase security of Steganographic Model by using Arnold Scrambling bit technique
- The transmission and storage of data are enhanced using GAN-based compression without carrier file integrity being compromised
- Efficient embedding and robust resistance to steganalysis attacks are promised by the CNN-based data hiding method
- Implementation of steganography model using Arnold Scrambling, GAN and CNN Technique gives better PSNR, MSE and SSIM values when it compared with other traditional steganographic models

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Detecting unsolicited posts on twitter using deep learning

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Abstract - *The use of Twitter is increasing everyday due to its ease of sharing news and information, connecting with friends around the world, and interacting with likeminded people. The numerous features of twitter also attracted spammers for spamming activities on twitter. The researchers have worked on detecting spam on twitter using machine and deep learning continuously. In this paper we have presented a performance analysis of four deep learning algorithms on our dataset. We have collected twitter dataset, labelled and pre-processed it. The dataset is slightly imbalanced so we applied re-sampling techniques such as random under sampling and random oversampling to handle the imbalance in the data. The results show that CNN and BiLSTM achieved higher accuracy of 94.23% and 93.12% respectively on a balanced dataset using random Oversampling than an imbalanced dataset.*

Keywords — *Spam detection, Deep learning, re-sampling, machine learning.*

I. INTRODUCTION

In the digital age, social media platforms like Twitter have become essential communication tools for individuals, organizations, and governments alike. With millions of active users generating vast volumes of data daily, Twitter serves as a rich resource for information sharing, marketing, opinion mining, and news dissemination. However, this rapid growth and openness also make it a fertile ground for malicious activities, including spam content propagation. Spam on Twitter manifests in various forms such as deceptive advertisements, phishing links, fake promotions, and misleading news. These unwanted messages can disrupt user experience, spread misinformation, and compromise security by luring users into malicious schemes. Traditional detection systems based on rule-based filters or simple machine learning techniques often struggle to keep up with the sophistication and volume of modern spam activities. Deep learning has emerged as a powerful approach to address this challenge, leveraging its ability to automatically learn complex features from large datasets. Unlike conventional machine learning models that require manual feature extraction, deep learning models can autonomously extract and learn intricate patterns, making them highly effective for spam detection tasks. Techniques such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) [3], Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), and hybrid models [5] have demonstrated remarkable success in detecting spam tweets by analyzing text, metadata, and even user behavioral patterns.

The primary objective of this study is to explore the application of advanced deep learning techniques for effective spam detection on Twitter. We performed an analysis of multiple deep learning architectures for robust spam classification. The paper aims to investigate the performance of these models and identify key features that enhance detection accuracy. In the rest of the paper the section II discussed literature survey, Section III elaborates methodology which includes dataset collection, preprocessing annotation, and model implementation and results. Section VI concludes the paper.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

There are a lot of approaches proposed by researchers, driven by the growing prevalence and sophistication of spam tactics. As spam detection evolved, researchers began exploring more advanced techniques, including ensemble models and semi-supervised learning, to improve classification performance. Recent advancements in deep learning have further revolutionized the field by enabling automated feature extraction and capturing complex relationships within data, making models more robust and scalable for real-world applications. This section reviews key contributions from prior work in addressing the Twitter spam detection challenge.

Deep learning based approach is used for spam profile detection by [1]. The machine learning classifiers such as decision tree, random forest, Logistic regression, SVM are used for comparison on the social honeypot dataset by [9] and the 1KS-10KN dataset by [10]. The hybrid deep learning model is introduced by [5] which includes Sequential Stacked CNN-LSTM (SSCL), for spam detection. It combines Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks. SSCL gives accuracy 99.01% on SMS dataset and 95.48% on the Twitter dataset. Authors in [6] have proposed deep learning architecture to classify ransomware tweets and achieved an accuracy of 78.9% as compared to SVM and DNN. The proposed method can continuously monitor the online posts on social media and provide early warnings about ransomware spreads. In [2] authors presented a performance analysis of different machine learning algorithms namely Random Forest, Bayesian Network, Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machine, K-Nearest Neighbour, and Multi-Layer Perceptron and one deep learning algorithm which is RNN for Twitter spam detection on dataset of 10000 tweets. Among all classifiers, random forest performs well with accuracy 95.7% and lowest error rate 0.0842 whereas naive bayes perform poorly. In [7] authors proposed a novel approach for Twitter spam detection using multilayer perceptron (MLP) and random forest, naive bayes to classify tweets as spam or non-spam and improve the efficiency of existing spam detection methods. The dataset was collected from Twitter API in [11]. The results demonstrate that the proposed method outperforms traditional techniques, achieving an F-measure of ~95%, compared to around 87% for existing methods. Authors in [4] presented the features available for a shorter period of time such as pairwise engagement features. The datasets used are Honeypot and Spam-Posts Detection Dataset(SPD) contains manually and automatically annotated datasets. The different classification algorithms are used to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed features, such as Maximum Entropy, Extremely Randomized Trees, Random Forest, C-Support Vector Classification, Multi-layer Perceptron, Gradient Boosting, SVM + MLP (using features learned by MLP). The proposed Spam Post Detection (SPD) features outperformed the Honeypot features in identifying spam tweets. In [8] authors presented an ensemble approach that combines CNN, with traditional feature-based models to effectively identify spam tweets. This work used content, user, and n-gram features for 1KS-10KN [10], HSpam14 datasets[12]. It performs better with a precision of 92.2,% a recall of 86.7%, and an f-measure of 89.3%.

III. METHODOLOGY

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A. Dataset Collection

We have collected the dataset of ~78000 instances using the library Snscrape over the period of 6 months. The dataset contains 22 user and content based features. From which we have selected 19 numeric features such as count of likes, retweets, followers, followings, urls, letters, digits, account age etc and one tweet text feature.

B. Dataset Labeling

Manual labeling is a time taking process, but it provides great accuracy and reliability. We have labelled tweets manually using criterias such as the presence of suspicious URLs, repetitive promotional content, low follower count with large following and also observing newly created accounts.

C. Data Preprocessing

In data preprocessing tweet text cleaning was done. We have removed special characters, URLs, mentions, and stop words to reduce noise and also handled NA values. Tweets were tokenized and transformed into numerical vectors using word embeddings to capture semantic relationships between words. The numeric features are standardised using StandardScaler. The label encoding was also performed on target attribute ‘Label’ where 1 refers to ‘spam’ and 0 refers to ‘Non spam’.

D. Class Imbalance Handling

Our dataset is slightly imbalanced with ~70% Spam and ~30% Non spam tweets. After preprocessing we handled the imbalance in our dataset using the resampling techniques, Random Undersampling, Random Oversampling. In random undersampling technique, the number of spam samples are eliminated to match the size of Non-spam samples to create a more balanced dataset. Random Oversampling the non-spam samples are replicated to the size of spam samples. The balanced dataset ensures the model receives adequate exposure to both classes during training.

E. Model Architectures

We implemented and evaluated four deep learning models to capture various aspects of tweet data:

*I. **Artificial Neural Network (ANN):*** The ANN leverages fully connected layers to capture feature representations from input tweet data. The network architecture consists of Input, Hidden and Output layers.

- Input Layer: Accepts embedded tweet sequences.
- Hidden Layers: Multiple dense layers with non-linear activation functions extract abstract features.
- Output Layer: A single neuron with a sigmoid activation function outputs a probability score indicating spam likelihood.

ANN models are effective in learning complex data patterns, but they rely heavily on the input representation quality and lack inherent mechanisms for capturing sequential dependencies or spatial relationships in data.

*II. **Convolutional Neural Network (CNN):*** The CNN model capitalizes on local features and patterns within text sequences, making it adept at identifying spam indicators such as specific keywords or phrases. The architecture includes:

- Convolutional Layers: Learn local patterns by applying filters over n-grams of embedded tweet sequences.
- Pooling Layers: Downsample feature maps to reduce dimensionality and capture dominant features, enhancing computational efficiency.
- Fully Connected Layers: Integrate learned features from the convolutional layers to make spam classifications.

CNNs are particularly useful for text data where word-level or phrase-level patterns are significant in distinguishing spam from non-spam tweets. Their ability to generalize well to unseen data makes them an integral part of spam detection systems.

*III. **Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM):*** LSTMs are a type of Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) designed to model sequential data by retaining context over extended time steps. They excel in capturing long-term dependencies within tweet sequences that might reveal spammy behavior. Components of LSTM cells include:

- Forget Gate: Decides which information to discard from the cell state.
- Input Gate: Determines which new information to add to the cell state.
- Output Gate: Selects parts of the cell state to output as the current state.

The sequential nature of LSTM enables the detection of more complex spam patterns that depend on context beyond immediate word sequences, such as structured promotional language or dynamic spam campaigns.

*IV. **Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM):*** BiLSTM extends the capability of traditional LSTM by processing sequences in both forward and backward directions simultaneously. This approach ensures that the model has access to both past and future context when analyzing each word in a tweet sequence. BiLSTM Captures intricate relationships between words by considering their positions relative to the entire sequence and improves Performance compared to LSTM.

The integration and comparative evaluation of these models in our framework allow us to harness their individual strengths, providing a comprehensive solution for robust spam detection on Twitter.

F. Model Training and Evaluation

The models were trained using the prepared dataset with a train-test split of 80%-20%. “Binary cross-entropy” loss was employed as the loss function, and the “Adam” optimizer facilitated efficient gradient descent optimization. During training, regularization techniques such as dropout were applied to reduce overfitting.

G. Performance Evaluation

The performance of the proposed deep learning models for Twitter spam detection was evaluated using both imbalanced and balanced (via random undersampling and random oversampling) datasets. The models tested include ANN, CNN, LSTM, and BiLSTM, with their respective training and testing accuracies as shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1: PERFORMANCE EVALUATION ON BALANCED AND IMBALANCED DATASET

Algorithms		**Imbalanced**	**RU**	**RO**
ANN	**Train Accuracy**	50.20%	50.46%	50.13%
	Test Accuracy	49.34 %	49.46 %	49.61 %
LSTM	**Train Accuracy**	50.12%	50%	50.07%

	Test Accuracy	49.00 %	51.00 %	49.61 %
BiLSTM	**Train Accuracy**	89%	95.27%	96.62%
	Test Accuracy	86%	91.23 %	93.12 %
CNN	**Train Accuracy**	95%	97%	98.35%
	Test Accuracy	89.34 %	86%	94.23 %

Artificial Neural Network (ANN) showed training accuracy of 50.20%, and test accuracy was 49.34% on imbalanced data whereas on balanced data using random undersampling and random oversampling the accuracies remained similar. Despite minor variations, the ANN struggled to learn meaningful patterns from the data, likely due to insufficient complexity and reliance on non-sequential relationships in text data. Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) achieved high training accuracy of 95% and test accuracy of 89.34% on imbalance data. Using Random Undersampling training accuracy remained high at 97%, but test accuracy dropped to 86% whereas Random Oversampling further improved test accuracy to 94.23%, showing the benefit of balancing the dataset in capturing spam patterns. This highlights its ability to identify local patterns effectively, though random oversampling provided better generalization compared to undersampling. Using LSTM on imbalanced data generates Training accuracy of 50.12%, with test accuracy at 49.00% which is improved slightly to 51.00% in Random Undersampling. LSTM with Random Oversampling showed similar both training and test accuracy. With BiLSTM, the training accuracy reached 89%, and test accuracy was 86% using imbalanced data. Random undersampling improved to 95.27% training accuracy and 91.23% test accuracy which was further improved to 96.62% for training and 93.12% test using random oversampling.

BiLSTM consistently outperformed other models, demonstrating superior capability in capturing bidirectional dependencies in text data, leading to improved spam detection accuracy. The superior performance of BiLSTM and CNN over ANN and LSTM reflects their enhanced ability to capture complex relationships and patterns in sequential text data, making them more suitable for spam detection tasks.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we have evaluated the performance of four deep learning algorithms namely ANN, LSTM, CNN, and BiLSTM. We also have employed random undersampling and oversampling to balance the dataset. This study demonstrates the effectiveness of deep learning models, particularly CNN and BiLSTM, in detecting spam tweets. Balancing the dataset using random oversampling proved critical in improving model performance and generalization. CNN emerged as the best performing algorithm with test accuracy 94.23% followed by BiLSTM model with 93.12% test accuracy with random oversampling. It reflects CNN's ability to capture complex patterns and BiLSTM's ability to capture bidirectional contextual information within data. Future work will focus on implementing hyperparameter tuning on deep learning classifiers to further enhance the performance.

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A Vehicular ad hoc Network: A Review

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Abstract - Vehicular ad hoc networks, or VANETs, are an interesting way to provide Internet access to cars while they are on the road. We propose optical wireless communication (OWC) between an onboard unit (OBU) and a roadside unit (RSU) to facilitate a speedier connection. The clustering-based routing protocols used to build car networks that are aware of soft computing approaches are examined in detail in this article. We first outline the development of VANETs before going over their special features and uses. We next go over the primary research questions and unresolved challenges that need to be taken into account while creating efficient and reasonably priced VANET protocols and applications. It also offers worm detection tools to raise awareness about the security of online vehicle ad hoc networks. The Vehicular Ad Hoc Network (VANET), composed of free wireless transmission access points, is being developed for V2V and V2I communication in order to improve traffic safety, provide services, and ease the adoption of autonomous driving mode. But developing an efficient VANET protocol—particularly one that reduces transmission delay during routing—is the biggest challenge. This paper proposes a novel multi-hop routing strategy to accomplish sending messages through the nodes involved in the designated vehicle ad-hoc network. The testing findings indicate that the suggested protocol is appropriate.

Keywords — *smart cities, security, standards, information and communication technology (ICT), jammer recovery, and routing strategies.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Vehicles are used as nodes to form mobile networks in VANETs, a subclass of Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANETs). Enhancing road safety, enhancing passenger comfort, and facilitating communication between automobiles and roadside equipment are the main goals of VANETs. V2V and V2I (vehicular-to-infrastructure) real-time communication is made possible by Vehicular Ad Hoc Networks (VANETs), an essential part of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) [1]. To enable safety applications, increase traffic efficiency, and deliver entertainment services, these networks rely on Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC), which operates on the 5.9 GHz band [1]. According to studies, V2V systems that use DSRC have the potential to reduce traffic incidents by preventing a sizable portion of accidents involving attentive drivers [1].Although their advantages, VANETs have serious security issues, especially wireless jamming attacks, which might impair road safety by interfering with the transmission of Basic Safety Messages(BSM) Deceitful jammers that alter DSRC transmissions cannot be stopped by conventional security methods like encryption and digital certificates [1]. In order to tackle this problem, new studies have put forth jamming detection algorithms that use dual-metric techniques, which measure both distance and Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR), to detect and block jamming attempts [1]. These algorithms' ability to switch safety applications to a fail-safe mode and provide dependable communication in high-risk situations has been validated by field tests [1].

The potential of vehicle ad hoc networks (VANETs) to improve traffic management and road safety has attracted a lot of attention lately. Vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communications and vehicular networking in VANETs were the focus of a 2023 systematic literature review that examined 58

research articles published between 2018 and 2023 (Souri et al., 2024)[3]. This assessment offers valuable insights into the technological features and contemporary challenges facing the sector. It's interesting to note that despite VANETs' many advantages, there are also significant security and privacy issues.

VANETs have many benefits, but because of their high mobility, frequent topology changes, and dynamic network conditions, they present serious technical and security challenges [4]. Continuous research and development is necessary to address problems such dependable data distribution, effective routing protocols, network congestion, and cyber security risks (such as spoofing, jamming, and privacy assaults) [5]. In VANET contexts, a number of strategies have been put out to improve quality of service (QoS), security measures, and routing efficiency [5]. However, maintaining safe and dependable communication is still quite difficult because of VANETs' high mobility and changing topology [3]. Conventional security measures like digital certificates and public key infrastructure (PKI) work well against external threats, but they have trouble thwarting internal attacks from infected cars [4]. To address this, trust management systems have been introduced as a mechanism to evaluate the trustworthiness of vehicles in the network [5].

II. ARCHITECTURE OF VANETS



Figure 1. Designed VANET network architecture

A. Important Diagram Elements: in above (fig.1) Vehicles equipped with wireless communication "On-Board Units (OBUs)" include cars, lorries, and buses. Communicate position, speed, and road conditions at all times.

- Roadside Units (RSUs) are fixed infrastructure devices placed next to highways to help with communication. help with the data exchange between vehicles and traffic control stations.

- Cloud-Based Traffic Management System: To improve safety and streamline traffic flow, this system collects and analyzes traffic data and applies machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI).

-Smart Devices & Pedestrians: As part of V2X communication, VANETs also facilitate communication with pedestrians via mobile devices.

- Safety features like pedestrian warning alarms are made possible by this [fig.1].

Models of Communication in the Diagram: Communication between Vehicles (V2V) Automobiles communicate with one another in real time.

- Used for emergency braking alerts, lane-change assistance, and collision warnings. Protocol Examples: Short-range communication that is dedicated (DSRC) IEEE 802.11p (WAVE stands for Wireless Access in Vehicular Environments).

-Communication between Vehicles and Infrastructure (V2I) Automobiles communicate with traffic signals and roadside equipment. Aids in preventing accidents, managing traffic congestion, and controlling speed.

Protocol Examples: C-V2X (Cellular-V2X) (using 5Gand LTE networks) IPv6-oriented networking. Communication from Vehicle to Everything (V2X) - A blend of V2V and V2I (fig.1).Automobiles can communicate with smart city infrastructure, bicycles, and pedestrians. Utilized in "emergency response coordination, smart traffic lights, and autonomous driving."

B. Examples of technologies include: - Edge ***computing for real-time processing -*** 5G NR-V2X (New Radio for advanced vehicular communication) The Process of Communication: A car recognizes a roadblock or congestion. It instantly transmits information to RSUs (V2I) and adjacent vehicles (V2V). The cloud-based traffic system receives updates from RSUs once they process the data. After analyzing the data, the cloud system notifies every necessary cars and other road users. Real-time alerts about possible dangers, alternate routes, and traffic updates are sent to drivers.

C. The architecture of VANETs is composed of three main components:

Vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communication: Direct contact between cars enables real-time data exchange about road conditions, accidents, and traffic congestion.

Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I) Communication: Vehicles communicate with RSUs and other infrastructure to obtain services such as navigation, toll collecting, and emergency alerts.

Infrastructure-to-Infrastructure (I2I) Communication: RSUs and central servers exchange data to enhance network coverage and manage vehicle communication efficiently [12].

VANETs rely on wireless communication technologies such satellite-based systems, 5G networks, and Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC) to enhance safety applications and enable real-time data transmission [12].

III. VANET ROADSIDE UNIT (RSU) DEPLOYMENT

In order to provide reliable and seamless communication in VANETs, RSU deployment must be done efficiently. By serving as a bridge between automobiles and central servers, RSUs increase network coverage and boost the dependability of data transfer. A multi-objective RSU deployment strategy that maximizes network coverage, cost effectiveness, and service quality in urban settings is put out by Yu et al. (2023) [12]. Their research emphasizes how crucial it is to position RSUs strategically at busy junctions in order to reduce latency and increase coverage.

A. The following are the main obstacles to RSU deployment:

-Cost Restrictions: Since it is costly to install RSUs at every intersection, the best placement techniques must strike a balance between coverage and cost.

- Dynamic Traffic Conditions: Real-time traffic patterns determine how well RSU placement works, necessitating flexible deployment techniques.

- Interference and Signal Coverage: Complex signal propagation models are required because overlapping signals and building interference can affect RSU efficiency.

To improve network scalability and efficiency, future studies should concentrate on combining edge computing and AI-driven RSU placement methods.

B. Three Security Issues with VANETs

Because wireless communication in VANETs is open and dynamic, security is a key problem. Among the main security issues are:

- Privacy Issues: Vehicles are vulnerable to surveillance and privacy violations since they share sensitive data on a regular basis.

- Malevolent assaults: VANETs are susceptible to cyber attacks such as man-in-the-middle, Sybil, and jamming assaults.

-Trust Management: To ensure that messages conveyed between cars are reliable, trust evaluation models are crucial.

Researchers have looked into safe authentication methods, AI-driven anomaly detection, and blockchain-based trust management systems as ways to lessen these risks [4].

IV. VANET CHARACTERISTICS

- ***Mobility:*** VANETs are composed of both mobile vehicles and fixed reactive power units. Significant variations in vehicle speeds can lead to a variety of communication issues in situations with both heavy and light traffic.

- ***Movement Pattern:*** Unlike MANETs, for instance, where nodes are free to roam about, vehicles in VANETs follow road network topologies. The study distinguishes between urban locations, landscapes, and roads, each of which has a distinct impact on communication effectiveness.

-***Traffic Density:*** This might vary from high to low depending on the area and time of day. Different traffic levels complicate the design of efficient communication methods.

- ***Heterogeneity:*** VANET nodes differ in their characteristics and capabilities. Vehicles are mobile nodes with different communication ranges and sensing capabilities, while RSUs are permanent nodes with significant ad-hoc efficacy.

V. UTILIZATION OF PROTOCOLS IN VEHICULAR AD HOC NETWORKS (VANETS)

A summary of the many protocols involved in VANETs. However, it doesn't appear to concentrate solely on one particular protocol; instead, it highlights the following important protocol-related topics [15]

- VANET Routing Protocols: Traditional routing techniques employed in MANETs (Mobile Ad Hoc Networks) are not necessarily appropriate for VANETs because of their extremely dynamic topology. In order to increase scalability and efficiency, the study examines methods like broadcasting, clustering, and location-aware broadcasting.

a .Protocols for Wireless Communication: IEEE 802.11p, or Wireless Access in Vehicular Environments, is the foundation for short-range wireless communication used by VANETs.

WiMAX (IEEE 802.16), GSM, GPRS, and Wi-Fi are more wireless technologies that were discussed.

b. Protocols for Security and Trust: The spread of false information and the requirement for trust-building procedures are security issues. Static security infrastructures and dynamic self-organizing trust models are examples of security protocols.

c. Protocols for Data Distribution: Aggregation, cluster-based, and flooding-based broadcasting

techniques can be used to manage information sharing amongst automobiles.

These protocols are made to handle the vast amount of data that is transferred between infrastructure and automobiles.

d. Evaluation of Protocols and Simulation

The complexity of VANET mobility modeling and the need for sophisticated simulators for protocol evaluations are noted in the article.

NS-2, OPNET, and VISSIM are a few examples of simulators that are utilized. [15]

VI. Research difficulties and Open Issues

Data dissemination, data aggregation, and effective RSU deployment are among the main research difficulties and open issues in VANET that are identified and discussed in this study. Designing effective and economical VANET protocols and applications requires addressing these issues. [13]

The study's main conclusions meet the goals of giving a general overview of VANET architecture, features, applications, and the main research issues that must be resolved in order to develop VANET technology and incorporate it into intelligent transportation systems. [13]

VII. Its main benefits and strengths are:

-**The algorithm for jamming detection**: The program efficiently detects jamming attacks on DSRC safety applications in VANETs by employing a dual-metric approach that combines both distance and Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR) measurements. This method enables the system to detect discrepancies between the PDR and the predicted distance, causing a switch to a fail-safe mode when jamming is detected. [2]

-Recovery strategy: When jamming is identified, the text presents a recovery strategy that modifies data rates, boosts transmission power, and enhances BSM rates. This lessens the effect of the jamming attack by enabling the safety application to swiftly switch back from the fail-safe mode to regular operating mode. [2]

-**Reliability and Redundancy**: The study examines how higher BSM rates affect safety applications' dependability and concludes that while higher BSM rates can increase reliability in the face of jamming, the possibility of greater channel congestion must be taken into consideration. The reliability of the safety applications is further improved by the concept of redundancy through the usage of different message types like ACM and PVD.

-**Experimental Validation**: To assess the effectiveness of the suggested jamming detection and recovery methods, the paper includes comprehensive field testing and mathematical modeling. The outcomes show how well the methods work to detect jamming attempts and get the safety applications back to normal operation. [2]

VIII. VANET Trends for the Future

Integrating cutting-edge technologies to improve security, effectiveness, and scalability is key to the future of VANETs. Among the new trends are: Machine learning used with artificial intelligence (AI): Predictive analytics powered by AI can enhance real-time decision-making in VANETs and optimize traffic management.

Blockchain for Secure Transactions: By guaranteeing tamper-proof communication in VANETs, decentralized trust models can improve security.

Edge computing and 6G networks: These technologies will offer extremely low latency and fast connectivity for real-time automotive applications. [5]

IX. Conclusions

Vehicular Ad Hoc Networks (VANETs), a crucial component of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), provide real-time communication between vehicles and infrastructure. This review looked at the architecture of VANETs, paying special emphasis to important components such the communication models between vehicles (V2V) and infrastructure (V2I). Enhancing network coverage, data delivery, and traffic efficiency all depend on Roadside Unit (RSU) integration. VANETs have advanced, but a number of issues still need to be addressed. Vehicle communication is seriously endangered by security issues such as DDoS attacks, Sybil attacks, and jamming attacks. To address these weaknesses, recent studies have suggested blockchain-based authentication, trust-based security models, and AI-driven anomaly detection. Furthermore, in dynamic metropolitan areas, RSU deployment tactics require additional optimization to balance cost, coverage, and communication efficiency.

In summary, even if VANETs have transformed intelligent transportation, more research is needed to solve scalability, security, and seamless connectivity problems in order to create a completely autonomous, effective, and safe vehicle communication network. To improve the dependability and efficiency of VANETs in smart cities, future research should concentrate on

blockchain-based trust management, AI-driven network optimization, and sustainable RSU deployment methods.

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The Evolution of Intent Identification: From Rule-Based Systems to Deep Learning

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Abstract - *As our society mostly depend on technologies such as social network apps, emails, chat boxes, and many more, huge amount of text data are generated from these technologies and there is a need to generate proper intent from these. The main task of this work is to conduct a literature review about Intent and study of different classification techniques used for intent identification. This paper analyzes and summarizes algorithms, methods used for Intent Identification as well as problem occurred during Intention Identification. According to our analysis, the majority of researchers regularly employed the LSTM, BiLSTM, BERT, and RNN models for intent identification. The Computational Linguistics with Deep-Learning-Based Intent Detection and Classification (CL-DLBIDC) model performed the best, among all the models we have studied, for identifying intent with the highest accuracy of 99.51%. Our research also indicates that mixing various deep learning models can improve efficiency and increase accuracy of Intent Identification process.*

Keywords- C*lassification models, Deep learning, Intent identification*

I. INTRODUCTION

As our society mostly depend on technologies such as social network apps, emails, chat boxes, and many more, huge amount of text data are generated from these technologies and there is a need to generate proper intent from these. Intent identification is also called as intent classification or intent recognition. Textual phrases and data are analyzed for intent using machine learning and natural language processing. In other words, after receiving the query as an input, the intent identification links it to the target class. Intent recognition can be considered as the process of classifying spoken or written text based on what the customer wishes to achieve.

Intent classification plays a vital role to increase the businesses, especially in regards to customer support. Chat bot is the best example that uses intent recognition for sales conversations, customer support, and many more. Automated system which includes customer service requires intent classification that permits businesses to grow and meet demand of customer.

Customers expect businesses to answer their questions promptly or with the least amount of delay in this era of rapid fulfillment. Therefore, it is the ideal moment for any business to consider new strategies for maintaining a relationship with the end user. Computers can understand, interpret, and interact with human language, including text and speech, with the aid of a subfield of artificial intelligence known as natural language processing. In NLP, simulation refers to the modeling of human behavior. Due to the numerous advantages of this field, the use of Deep Learning techniques in NLP has increased significantly in recent years. Deep Learning is also noticeable for Intent identification

tasks[1]. Intent classification find out the intent from the given texts and groups them into different intent categories.

2. Need of Intent Identification

Mostly intent identification is use in different business to increase their sales and improve overall customer experience but it may also use in the other fields like education, NGO, hospitals and many more. Customer is the main centre of point in intent classification, they play main role in areas such as customer support and sales.

Artificial applications employ intent classification to give consumers individualized discussion experiences. It finds out customers' intent and permits businesses to understand what actually user wants to say and finally give a more accurate response to their customers. It serves as a conduit for communication between business representatives and potential customers. It determines the demands of the clients, looks at their goals, and then classifies their intents before forwarding them to the appropriate representative.

In education field Intent identification plays a vital role to create a Chabot. Most of the peoples are not familiar with the detail structure of education system and they have many doubts in their mind, at that time by using intent identification one can easily find out the intent of people and respond according to that.

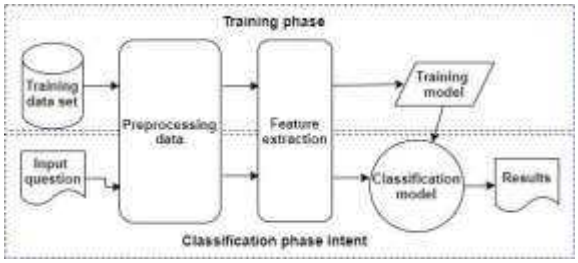


Figure I:Phases of Intent Classification[2]

3. Literature review

Bidirectional Long Short-Term networks and Transformer-based networks are two distinct families of Deep Learning networks that the author examines in this work for their efficacy in Name Entity Recognition and Intent Classification. The ATIS benchmark dataset was used to train and evaluate various models for the languages Greek and English. Study[1] shows the comparative study between two groups for both languages and present the results of their experiments.

Study by [3] proposed method, a 1-D dilated CNN paired with Alloembeddings, outperforms the current SOTA SLU systems on English. They also present new state-of-the-art (SOTA) SLU systems for Sinhala and Tamil. High, medium, and low resource situations are simulated using natural speech datasets in English, Tamil and Sinhala each with different data volumes. Their contributions are as follows: (i) They represent a 1-D dilated CNN based method joined with Alloembeddings out performs the previous approaches that employ phonetic transcriptions (ii) They study the effect of 3 different embedding on the performance of the given task i.e., - (a) Phone, (b) Panphone and, (iii) Alloembeddings and (3) They study how the performance increase with the number of training examples.

Research by [4] shows that there is no requirement of LM-fine-tuning for data generation that is the advantage of this method; therefore, the strategy is appropriate even in situations when the training data is scarce and does not require hyper parameter adjustment. They calculate their own design method on four different types of intent classification tasks in a few-shot setting. Their study's results indicate that this is because GPT typically generates utterances that relate to a closely related goal instead of the intended one. They show initial proof that a quality is increase after applying prompting-based GPT classifier for filtering the generated data.

Detecting intent collisions between distinct datasets is a problem presented in research[5] to enhance a system's capabilities. Several collision detection techniques are presented by the author, who also tests them on actual collision datasets. They demonstrate how adding additional data in a method that does not arbitrate colliding intents degrades model performance, underscoring the necessity of intent collision detection. Finally, they use collision detection to construct and benchmark a new dataset, Redwood, which is composed of 451 intent categories from 13 original intent classification datasets, making it the largest publicly available intent classification benchmark.

The authors of [6] described a straightforward and efficient meta-learning technique for zero-shot intent categorization. They describe a novel mixture attention technique that concurrently uses multi-layer perceptron attention and distributional signature attention to encode relevant word recurrence patterns in order to build better semantic representations for utterances. Using a meta-learning approach, they redesigned zero-shot intent classification to increase the model's transferability from visible classes to unseen classes. This methodology fosters the model's capacity for generalization and employs a meta-adapting technique to imitate invisible categories.

The authors of study [7]examined how to use a wide range of data augmentation techniques, including combining methods, to systematically produce pseudo-labeled data given a tiny seed set. They discover that some approaches have little to no effect or even have the opposite effect, while others significantly enhance both qualitative and quantitative performance.

Research done by [8]developed a LINGUIST method which addresses several important gaps in the existing literature: (1) controlling the generated data to include specific slot types and values, (2) cross-lingual and multilingual data generation, and

(3) Ability to leverage the intent and slot names to inform the generation.

The pretrained language models, such as ELMo[9], BERT[10], RoBERTa, and XLNet[11], play important roles in modern neural natural language processing systems, which study a broadly related and enlightening representation of words and sentences [12],[13],[14]. With the optimization of high-quality semantic representation, the performance of models for most of the downstream tasks such as text generation[15] [20] or text classification [16],[17] is up growing. Recently, the multilingual-BERT[18] and Bilingual Generative Transformer (BGT)[19]for low resource languages draw attention in both research literature and business.

In research [20], author first perform analysis of different deep learning models for intent identification and classification. They evaluate and contrast cutting-edge transformer models with traditional recurrent neural networks (RNN). They verified in their experiments that transformers provide the optimum performance. Specifically, best performance was achieved by fine-tuning the BETO model (a Spanish pretrained bidirectional encoder representations from transformers (BERT) model from the Universidad de Chile) in their intent identification task. Authors of [21]presented a new CL-DLBIDC approach to identify and classify intent for natural language understanding. Word embedding is fed into the CL-DLBIDC method, which leverages learnt meaningful features to infer the user's purpose. They also use GloVe approach and DLMNN model for intent identification and classification. They find that the performance of the CL-DLBIDC is better over other deep learning models. They achieve maximum accuracy of 99.51%. The authors of the study[22] created and put into use an intent recognition system that is accessible through an API. Using labels from a predetermined set of intentions, the end result can categorize user utterances. The author uses a neural network-based classifier in conjunction with the Robustly Optimized BERT Pretraining Approach (ROBERTA) and MiniLM, two of the most recent transformer-based models. The method achieves 96% accuracy on the CLINC150 in-scope dataset and 96% accuracy on SNIPS. The accuracy obtained on the smaller, internal dataset is 88%.

When it comes to intent categorization in Indonesian text, a CNN architecture and GloVe embedding combo has outperformed the RNN model and its variations. In final outcome , the CNN and GloVe models achieved better results by 1.8% than the standard architecture of the intent classification task, which is the RNN and its variant model[23].Research by [24]represents comparison between three algorithms that are Naïve Bayes, Support Vector Machine and Logistic Regression to decide the intent classification on Chabot system. The accuracy of Naïve Bayes model is 86%, the accuracy of logistic regression is 92% and SVM is 95%. In this experiment Precision, Recall and F1-score are also obtained. This study shows SVM is giving a better performance for the classification model.

To solve the generally poor intent classification task performance of the spoken conversation system, the author proposes a novel approach that mixes the recognized text learned by the ASR model with a given labeled text. Only the refined recognized language model (RLM) is employed during the evaluation stage. The experimental results of their study[25] shows that the proposed scheme is effective at classifying intents in the spoken dialogue system containing ASR errors.

A strong evaluation methodology for comparing seven intent classification models across several languages is presented in research [26]. On 20 internal datasets in 10 languages and 9 public datasets.The benchmark results demonstrate that Watson Assistant achieves competitive performance with significantly lower training time and resource costs, while LaBSE yields the maximum accuracy in nearly all evaluation settings. Large LMs don't always perform better than models that just require CPUs. Through our work, we hope to encourage more research and development on language-agnostic chatbot solutions.

Following table shows the summary of work done in Intent Identification like dataset, models, finding intents and accuracy achieved.

Sr. No	*Language ofResearch and Reference*	*Data Set*	*Model*	*Tags/ Parameter*	*Accuracy*
1	*English & Greek [1]*	*ATIS*	*LSTM (Bidirectional LSTM , CRF tagging) Transformer(The transformer encoder,The transformer decoder)*	----------	---------
2	*English, Sinhala, and Tamil [3]*	*Fluent Speech Commands (FSC) for English banking domain for Sinhala and*	----------	----------	*2.11% for Sinhala and 7.00% for Tamil and achieves*

		Tamil			*competitive results in English*
3	*English [4]*	*1.CLINC150 2. HWU64 3.Banking77 4.SNIPS*	*BERT EDA Baseline Ada Babbage Curie GPT-J Davinci*	*music_likenessplay_music topping_up_by_card top_up_failed pending_top_up*	*Accuracy improvements of up to approximately 3.7% and 6%*
4	*English [5]*	*Redwood(own) Snips Clinc-150 MTOP Slurp HWU Banking-77 ACID DSTC-8 MetalWOz DSTC-8 Outlier DSTC-8*	*SBERT-NLI Mini-LM SVM MobileBERT*	*alarm_remove reminder_update get_weather Jobs640 add_to_playlist hours LookupMusic ground_service name_suggester find_phone info_amt_due terminate_account measurement_conversion info_name_change play_music audio_volume_up balance*	*91%*
5	*English [6]*	*1 SNIPS 2 SMP*	*Bi-LSTM Compare own model with DeViSE CMT CDSSM ZSDNN IntentCapsNet ReCapsNet RL Self-training CTIR*	*Search_Item Search_Movie Play_Music Get_Weather Book_Restaurant Rate_Book Add_to_Playlist*	---
6	*English [7]*		*EDA Synonym Paraphrase Translation Text In-filling Typo Generation kNN Retrieval LM Decoding*	---	---
7	*English [8]*	*SNIPS mATIS++ Internal Dataset*	*AlexaTM 5B IC+ST Fine-tuning*	*AddToPlaylist BookRestaurant GetWeather PlayMusic RateBook SearchCreativeWork SearchScreeningEvent*	---
8	*English [27]*	*ID-WOZ*	*BiLSTM-attention BiLSTM-attention-CRF*	---	---
9	*English*	*The Hispabot-*	*RNN*	---	---

	[20]	*COVID-19 Dataset*	*BERT and its BETO variant*		
10	*English [21]*	*SNIPS*	*DLMNN CL-DLBIDC algorithm Stack-PBERT LIDSNet Stack-Propagation Capsule-NLU SFID-BLSTM Attention-SG-BiLSTM*	*CreativeWork PlayMusic RateBook ScreeningEvent AddToPlaylist BookRestaurant GetWeather*	*99.51%.*
11	*English [22]*	*CLINC150 SNIPS*	*MiniLM and a Robustly Optimized BERT Pretraining Approach (ROBERTA) combined with a neural network-based classifier*	----------	*96% on SNIPS and 96% on the CLINC150 88% on internal dataset*
12	*Indonesian [23]*	*ATIS*	*GloVe model RNN LSTM RNN-LSTM BiLSTM BiLSTM-LSTM CNN*	*atis_flight*	*95.84%*
13	*English [24]*	*ATIS*	*Logistic Regression Support Vector Machine Naïve Bayes*	*atis_flight atis_flight_time atis_airfare*	*Logistic Regression 92%, Support Vector Machine 95%, Naïve Bayes 86%*
14	*English [25]*	*FSC dataset and the Audio-Snips*	----------	*Audio snip: PlayMusic RateBook ScreeningEvent AddToPlaylist BookRestaurant GetWeather FSC: Decrease-heat-washroom Increase-heat-kitchen Increase-volume-none Decrease-heat-bedroom Deactivate-lights-none*	----------
15	*Hindi,PolishRussian,Thai,Turkish [26]*	*MTOP MultiATIS Leyzer MultiTOD Chatbot-ru PSTU Chatbot-tr MultiATIS*	*Watson Assistant RASA mBERT XLM-R USE-M LaBSE Distil-mBERT*	----------	----------

As seen in Figure II, LSTM, BiLSTM, BERT, and RNN are commonly used models in intent

recognition.



Figure II: Overview of the literature

Multilingual and cross-lingual intent identification from spoken data was the authors' main focus in this study. They have done this by introducing MINDS-14, the first training and assessment tool for the task that uses spoken data from a commercial system that supports 14 different intent kinds on 14 languages. The final results have revealed that it is possible to build accurate ID models in all target languages relying on a simple yet efficient paradigm based on current state-of-the art multilingual sentence encoders such as LaBSE and machine translation[28].This study introduces a new neural network architecture, the Global-Local model, that shows significant improvement over strong baselines for identifying these features in a deployed, multi-intent natural language understanding module, and, more generally, in a classification setting where a part of an utterance has to be classified utilizing the whole context [29].

In order to perform intent categorization and Out of Domain (OOD) detection for Spoken Language Understanding (SLU) in an open-world context, this article suggests using In Domain (IND) utterances. The authors present a novel domain-regularized module (DRM) that improves generalization. According to the analysis, the proposed approach can classify IND intent and detect OOD with state-of-the-art performance on a variety of SLU benchmark and internal datasets[30].

The word embedding technique is used in this research to determine the numerical representation of textual properties. The authors looked at how well different machine-learning methods performed when text was represented numerically. Each classifier's performance was assessed using both balanced and unbalanced datasets. For the "background" class, where there was a lot of training, they found that the linear Support Vector Machine (SVM) had an accuracy of 86% in the case of the unbalanced dataset. The accuracy was only 57 to 64% for the other classes, such as "motivation," "extension," and "future," because the computer was trained on fewer than 100 records. When the dataset is balanced, each class is trained on the same quantity of training data with the same accuracy. SVM can yield good results as text classification on top of contextual word embedding because it performed best overall on both datasets, followed by the stochastic gradient descent classifier[31].

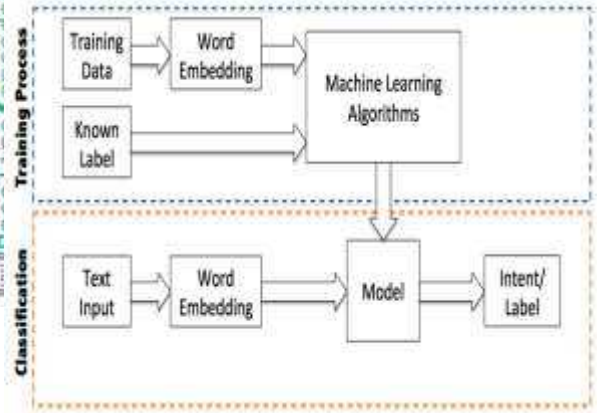


Figure III: Process of Intent Identification using Word Embedding[32]

The various language varieties are the main focus of this subject, especially in multilingual nations. They research the strategies for using multilingual data to train deep learning models of chatbots. They perform experiments for the specific tasks of Intent Classification and Slot Filling in financial domain chatbots and compare the performance of mBERT multilingual model vs multiple monolingual models[33].

The author of this research develops a novel intent-finding model called BERT-IR. For the purpose of intent identification, they employ a pre-trained Natural Language Processing model known as the BERT model in conjunction with a few accessories. On a commonly used dataset, they discover an accuracy of 97.67%, demonstrating the effectiveness and capabilities of their work. Using the same dataset, they have calculated the accuracy of both Deep Learning techniques used for intent recognition, such as Recurrent Neural Network, Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory Network and Long Short-Term Memory Network, and Machine Learning techniques, such as Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, Logistic Regression, Gradient Boost and Random Forest. According to the results, BERT-IR's accuracy is significantly higher than that of the other models used[34].

The author of this study solves the purpose detection problem for five distinct languages German, Lithuanian, French, Portuguese and Latvian, using the English dataset. Researchers assess a number of strategies to address the issue of data scarcity in cross-lingual and machine translation models. The study determines how reliable sentence transformers are in a range of cross-lingual scenarios. With the English dataset, which is all monolingual models, they achieve an accuracy of 84.2%, which is regarded as our top-line. For the cross-lingual methods determine similar accuracy levels 83.1%, 82.9%, 85.3%, 83.1%, and 81.3% on German, French, Lithuanian, Latvian, and Portuguese languages[35].

4. The problems of intent identification

4.1. Lack of data sources

Now a day's artificial intelligence technology is widely use in different sector, most of the Internet companies have launched their chat robots. As the user having less experience, it is difficult for most researchers to obtain the chat text between users and robots, which leads to the limited amount of dialogue text for the study, which has become a major problem faced by intent identification tasks[36].

4.2. Unpredictability in user expression

The Chabot system finds it challenging to determine the user's purpose because user language is characterized by casual expression, short sentences, and broad content. Saying "I want to book a ticket," for instance, might refer to booking tickets for a bus, rail, or airplane, among other options. Because the user's expression is too general, the system is unable to provide timely feedback [37].

4.3. Implicit intent detection

Now a day's huge number of data is generated which require human-machine dialogue system for better understanding of user's intent. According to the types of expression, intents can be divided into two types explicit intents and implicit intents [38].

4.4. Multiple intents detection

There is a distinction between multi-label classification and multi-intent detection label classification, despite the fact that they both have the same appearance. While multi-intent detection primarily handles short text, multi-label classification often handles long text. Another challenge in intent detection is identifying multiple user intents in brief text. Three issues need to be addressed during the multi-intent detection process. Firstly, how to find that the user's intent text contains multiple intents; Secondly, how to determine the number of intents contained in the user's intent text; Finally, it is worth thinking about how to accurately identify users' various intents[37].

5. Methods of intent identification

5.1 Traditional intent identification methods

Traditional intent identification mostly includes rule-based template semantic recognition method[39]and classification algorithm based on statistical features [40],[41].The rule-based template matching approach can ensure detection accuracy and doesn't require a lot of training data, but it can't address the issue of high template renewal costs brought on by intent category changes. Method which are based on statistical feature classification needs to extract the key features of corpus text and the method of manually extracting features is not only costly, but also the accuracy of features cannot be guaranteed, which also leads to data sparse problems[37]. Common methods include Decision tree (DT), Naive Bayes, Adaboost, Logistic Regression and Support Vector Machine (SVM).

Naive Bayes (NB)[42] in one of the most popular classification algorithms in the area of data mining. A Naive Bayes classifier is a basic probabilistic based technique, which can predict the class membership probabilities[43].Decision trees are a well-known and frequently debated method for classification that is also used for prediction. The core algorithm for building decision trees called ID3 proposed by Quinlan.

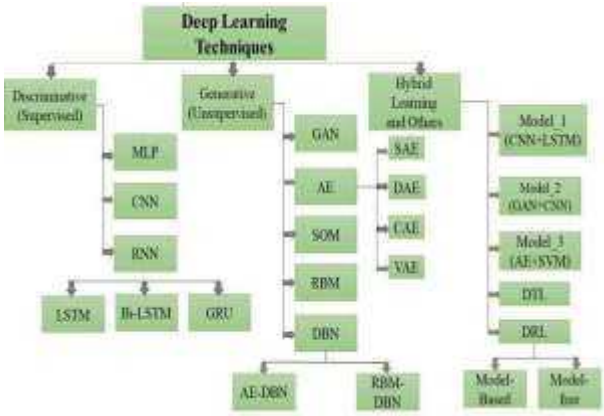
Adaptive boosting is a machine learning meta-algorithm formulated by [44]. The prediction is made using this method. In order to produce the final output of the boosted classifier, this algorithm combines the result of different learning algorithms, such as "weak learners," to create an efficient classifier. Support Vector Machines (SVM)[45], is another popular classification technique used for various predictive analytics. SVM is typically employed as a binary classifier, which divides the information foci in the information variable space into two classes: class 0 and class 1.Logistic regression (LR)[46] is another popular probabilistic based statistical model used to solve the classification problems. A logistic function, also known as a sigmoid function, is typically used in logistic regression to predict the probabilities. According to the logistic regression hypothesis, the function should be limited to values between 0 and 1.K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) algorithm is another supervised learning method. KNN makes assumption that similar things exist in close proximity which indicates that same things are close to each other[47],[48].

Data is projected using self-organizing maps (SOM) in low-dimensional environments, usually in two dimensions (2-D). A SOM architecture contains two layers, the input layer and computational layers[49] [72]. The input layer usually is made of the source nodes which represents the input features[50].

To overcome the limitation of pre-defined size of SOM dimension, the Growing neural gas (GNG) was introduced in 1995[51]. The idea behind the GNG is to grow the nodes by successively adding new nodes to an initially small network through evaluation of local statistical measures that were gathered during previous adaptation steps[52].

5.2. The current mainstream methods for intent identification

Word embedding, Convolution Neural Networks (CNN), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) Networks, Gated Recurrent Units (GRU), Capsule Networks and Attention Mechanisms, are being used increasing numbers of times for intent identification tasks as deep learning has advanced. As Compare to traditional machine learning methods, the deep learning model has a great performance in intent identification[37].



FigureIV:Deep LearningTechniques[53]

In recent years, word embedding is gradually used in semantic analysis tasks, due to the use of original lexical features will lead to data sparse problems, and continuous representation learning can solve data sparse problems[54]. [55]took word embedding as lexical features for intent classification. The purpose classification approach, which is based on word embedding, performs better for various categorization contents when compared to the conventional word bag model.CNN was originally used for image processing. In the realm of natural language processing, CNN has been widely employed and has improved performance with the application of word embedding technology.[56] attempted to use CNN in text classification tasks and achieved very ideal results.

RNN is different from CNN in that it can represent a word sequence and learn semantic information about word order depending on context.[57]reduced the error rate of intent detection by integrating context information into intent detection tasks, which indicates that context information is beneficial for intent detection.

LSTM[58]can solve the problem by attaching a memory unit into the RNN structure and it is use to control the information to be retained and forgotten. Intent detection problem can be solving by using this model. [59] proposed a method using RNN and LSTM to solve the problem of intent classification. LSTM has a 1.48% lower intent detection error rate than RNN, according to experiments conducted on the Air Travel Information System (ATIS) dataset.GRU is an improvement of the LSTM model [60], which can retain information on long sequences and can learn contextual semantic information. For intent detection task, [61] used GRU and LSTM to compare the performance of intent detection on ATIS and Cortana datasets. LSTM and GRU perform nearly identically in the intent detection test, according to the results, however GRU's model is simpler and has less parameters.

By considering advantages and disadvantages of various deep learning models some researchers merge models to get better accuracy.[62] proposed a travel consumption intent identification model based on Convolutional-LSTM, which took advantage of CNN to get intent text features at a deeper level and LSTM can build the temporal relationship of text, and achieved very good performance.

The Character-CNN-BGRU deep learning hybrid model was proposed by Huang (2018). The fact that this hybrid model not only solves the problem of unfamiliar words but also reduces the list of words using the character-based method highlights the benefits of the combined model in the intent detection task. BGRU can guarantee the temporal relationship of the text, and when paired with CNN, it can extract local aspects of the intent text. The hybrid model has a complicated structure and requires a lot of training time. An extension of the regular LSTM, a Bidirectional LSTM (often referred to as a BiLSTM) can improve model performance on sequence classification problems[63]. Two LSTMs make up this sequence processing model; one forwards the input, and the other backwards. For problems involving natural language processing, bidirectional LSTM is a prominent option. In 2018, Google introduced and open-sourced BERT. In its research stages, the framework achieved revolutionary results in 11 natural language understanding tasks, like sentiment analysis, semantic role labeling, sentence classification and the disambiguation of polysemous words, or words with multiple meanings[64].

7. Conclusion

This paper mainly analyzes and summarizes algorithms, models, dataset and tools used in Intention Identification by previous researchers. It shows different types of intent identification techniques which are used in earlier studies. Our study shows that traditional intent identification techniques are limited in their ability to fully understand a user's intent, resulting in lower accuracy compared to the accuracy achieved by deep learning models.Our study also shows that most of the researchers frequently used LSTM, BiLSTM, BERT, and RNN models for Intent Identification. In our review, the CL-DLBIDC model achieved the highest accuracy 99.51% in intent identification. Our study also shows that deep learning models give better efficiency. Higher accuracy can be achieving by combining different deep learning models.

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A Hybrid Sentiment Analysis Framework Using Machine Learning, Deep Learning, and Time-Based Features

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Abstract- *Sentiment analysis (SA) is used widely since from last decade. In our research we implemented a new hybrid approach on Twitter data to find sentiment. In this research we combining traditional approached like machine learning models, deep learning, embedding's, and time-based feature. We primarily worked with, few classifiers algorithm like Decision Trees (DT), Random Forest (RF), Naive Bayes (NB), Logistic Regression (LR), Support Vector Machines (SVM). Initially were tested without fine-tuning, which resulting in moderate accuracy levels. The algorithm performance significantly improved, by around 8- 9%, after applying hyper parameter optimization. To further improve the results, we introduced hybrid model by integrating TF-IDF, BERT embeddings, and time-based features. Our final model, evaluated through a Voting Classifier ensemble, achieved an impressive accuracy of 0.89, beating individual models and demonstrating strong reliability.*
Keywords — *Sentiment Analysis, Twitter Data, TF IDF, BERT Embeddings, Hybrid Approach, Voting Classifier*

I. INTRODUCTION

Opinion mining, commonly referred to as sentiment analysis. In natural language processing (NLP) sentiment analysis plays important role that focuses on extracting and identifying sentiments from text. Over the last decades, people have expressed their opinions through different media like news, broadcast, books, internet media, banners etc. Since digitalization happen around the world, internet-based platforms have become the main channels for opinion sharing. With easy internet access and common use of mobile devices with social media platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube create space for people to share their opinions. Users now communicate not only through text but also through audio, video, and emojis. And here comes different stake holders like businessman, politicians and researcher comes to know the importance of people opinion. This stake holders tries to analyse user-generated content, which is valuable for them in many ways. In market plenty of social media platforms are existing, in which Twitter stands out as a rich source of textual data due to its open nature and real-time content flow. Twitter having short text which we called as "tweets". Twitter data offers valuable insights for sentiment analysis. This study focuses on text-based sentiment analysis on Twitter, aiming to leverage its unique data characteristics for improved sentiment classification accuracy

In our initial study we found that many research worked on Lexicon-Based Approaches, traditional machine learning models like Naive Bayes (NB), Decision Trees (DT), Random Forest (RF), Logistic Regression (LR), Support Vector Machines (SVM), and have long been used for sentiment analysis. For the primary task these models are goods, they struggle with understanding of contextual and semantic meaning within text. On the other hand, deep learning models, especially transformer-based models like BERT, have shown remarkable success by understanding complex semantic relationships and contextual meanings more effectively.

This paper proposes a hybrid approach that combines syntactic features (TF-IDF), semantic features (BERT embeddings), and time-based features in an ensemble framework. The study aims to:

1. Evaluate traditional classifiers on Twitter sentiment analysis without hyperparameter tuning.
2. Optimize these models and compare their performance.
3. Introduce a novel hybrid approach using a Voting Classifier to achieve improved accuracy and robustness.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

In this section we explored various techniques for sentiment analysis, with following section gives more about ML, DL and transformers

A. Machine Learning Models

Pang et al. [2] demonstrated the effectiveness of machine learning likes SVM and Naive Bayes for sentiment classification, particularly in handling structured data on movies. While Go et al. [3] utilized the twitter dataset with (SVM, Naive Bayes, and Maximum Entropy) and achieved 80% accuracy.

Ahire and Borse [11] reviewed machine learning techniques for detecting emotion from social media, highlighting their applicability and limitations in handling noisy text data. Kedas et al. [24] introduced SMOTE to address class imbalance, which is often a challenge in sentiment datasets.

Additionally, Loper and Bird [10] contributed to text preprocessing frameworks Natural language toolkit (NLTK), which essential for machine learning pipelines. Howard and Ruder [7] recently suggested universal language model fine-tuning techniques for smaller datasets. Chen and Guestrin [9] worked on improvement of the classification performance through regularization and parallel computation with XGBoost, a scalable gradient boosting algorithm on large-scale datasets.

B. Deep Learning Models

Kim [4] introduced convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for sentence classification, showing that they outperform traditional methods. Dos Santos and Gatti [12] studied short text sentiment analysis with help of convolutional networks, here they handle complex textual patterns. Zhou et al. [21] proposed hierarchical attention networks on longer text sequences to improve sentiment classification. Schuster and Paliwal [16] in this research they implemented bidirectional recurrent neural networks (Bi-RNNs) on textual data, with the understanding of sequential data and its importance.More recently, Howard and Ruder [7] proposed domain-specific tasks fine-tuned ULMFit models.

The work by Baziotis et al.[19] , who proposed a Deep LSTM with Attention for topic-based and message-level sentiment analysis. Their method uses attention mechanisms to highlight the most relevant parts of the text, leading to top-performing results on the SemEval dataset. Akhtar et al. [17] predicted a stacked ensemble approach combining GRU, CNN and LSTM models for sentiment intensity prediction.

Their model showed impressive performance on both generic and financial domain sentiment datasets.

C. Transformer Models

Vaswani et al. [5], is the group of researcher from Google introduced the Transformer architecture, which relies solely on self-attention mechanisms, allowing for more efficient parallel processing and faster training. This model laid the foundation for subsequent transformer-based approaches that have since become dominant in natural language processing tasks.Devlin et al. [3] introduced BERT, which transformed the field of NLP by effectively capturing bidirectional contextual information. Wang et al. [22] proposed new sentiment classification method by combining transformer models with hybrid attention mechanisms. Furthermore, Baziotis et al. [19] explored a hybrid approach that combined transformer-based embeddings with LSTM models for message-level and topic-based sentiment analysis, achieving state of-the-art performance on the SemEval dataset. Sun et al. [23] worked on refined fine-tuning strategies for BERT to enhance classification accuracy. Yang et al. [8] designed new model called XLNet to overcome the limitations of autoregressive models in understanding language.

Despite these advancements, the integration of syntactic, semantic, and time-based features in an ensemble framework remains underexplored. This research addresses this gap by proposing a hybrid approach that leverages the strengths of multiple feature extraction methods.

III. METHODOLOGY

This section details the implementation of our proposed model each sub section gives detail of implementation. The methodology for this research comprises a detailed pipeline that integrates preprocessing, feature extraction, and classifier training with an innovative hybrid approach. Below are the step-by-step details of the methodology:

A. Dataset

The Sentiment140 dataset was used, containing 1,600,000 tweets equally distributed between positive (4) and negative (0) sentiments. Each tweet includes the following fields: target, ids, date, flag, user, and text. The large size and balanced nature of this dataset make it ideal for testing deep and machine learning models.

B. Preprocessing

Converting raw inputted data into clean structured format so that it is useful for training algorithms, is called preprocessing. Following steps are used in our data preprocessing

1) ***Text Cleaning***: Removed noise such as URLs, mentions, special characters, and numbers from tweets. Additionally, lowercase conversion was applied to standardize the text.

2) ***Tokenization:*** Splits text into words while preserving essential patterns such as emojis and contractions. This ensures retention of sentiment heavy tokens.

3) ***Stop-word Removal:*** Removing common stop words like "or", "the", "is" and "and", to focus on meaningful terms.

C. Feature Extraction

1) ***TF-IDF Features:***

- It measures the importance of words in a dataset by calculating their term frequency and inverse document frequency values.
- Features were extracted using bigram and unigram representations with a maximum vocabulary size of 10,000.
- This syntactic representation highlights frequently co-occurring terms indicative of sentiment.

2) ***BERT Embeddings***

- Utilized pre-trained BERT (bert-base-uncased) for semantic understanding of tweets.
- Mean pooling of the last hidden states was applied to generate dense 768-dimensional vectors.
- These embeddings ensure that the model understands context and polysemy (e.g., distinguishing "bank" as a financial institution vs. riverbank).

3) ***Time-based Features***

- Encoded hour-of-day and day-of-week information from tweet timestamps.
- These time-based features identify trends, such as higher negative sentiments on weekdays or positive sentiments during specific hours.

D. Feature Fusion

Features from all three sources (TF-IDF, BERT embeddings, and time-based data) were concatenated into a single vector, leveraging the strengths of syntactic, semantic, and time-based representations.



Fig 1: Code snippets for Feature Fusion

E. Classifiers and Voting Classifier

To perform experiment we used 5 classifiers and voting classifier with details given below:

1) ***Individual Classifiers***

- ***Random Forest (RF):*** Ensemble model using decision trees. RF controls the power of multiple decision trees to improve classification accuracy by averaging their predictions. It is robust to overfitting and provides feature importance scores, making it particularly useful in understanding the contribution of different features in sentiment analysis.
- ***Logistic Regression:*** It is a simple yet effective linear model used for binary type of classification. Its straightforward nature and ease of interpretation make it a widely preferred method. It performs well when the data is linearly separable and serves as a reliable baseline for sentiment analysis, particularly when combined with strong feature extraction techniques like TF-IDF**.**
- ***Support Vector Machines (SVM):*** SVM performs exceptionally well when dealing with high-dimensional data. It leverages the kernel trick to handle non-linear data, making it well-suited for sparse representations like TF-IDF. Its ability to manage various dimensional data efficiently makes it a reliable option for different text classification tasks, with sentiment analysis.
- ***Naive Bayes (NB):*** It is a widely used probabilistic model for text classification. It works under the hypothesis that the features are conditionally independent, which allows it to process big datasets efficiently. This model is particularly effective in sentiment analysis when the data follows its underlying probabilistic assumptions, making it well suited for shorter texts like tweets.
- ***Decision Trees (DT):*** Decision Trees generate clear and easy-to-interpret decision rules, making them valuable for exploratory sentiment analysis. However, they are prone to over fitting, which can be mitigated through techniques such as pruning or by combining multiple trees in an ensemble model like Random Forest.

2) ***Voting Classifier***

The Voting Classifier enhances both accuracy and reliability by merging predictions from various models. By leveraging the strengths of different classifiers, it helps to balance out their individual limitations. In this study, soft voting was used, where the forecast probabilities from every model were averaged to produce the final result. This approach effectively combines the complementary strengths of Random Forest, Logistic Regression, SVM, Naive Bayes, and Decision Trees, improving overall sentiment classification performance. The integration of hybrid feature fusion further boosts accuracy, ensuring more consistent and reliable predictions across various data types.

Predictions from the five classifiers were combined using soft voting, which averages the predicted probabilities for each class.

This ensemble approach increases stability and reduces variance between models.

F. Flowchart

The following flowchart shows the process used in the hybrid sentiment analysis approach:

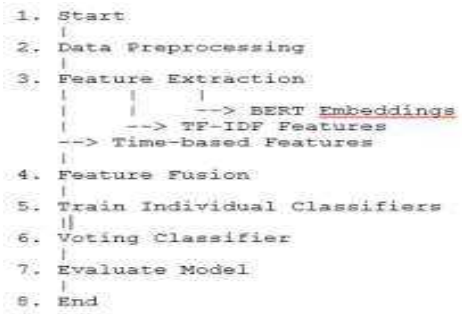


Fig 2: Flowchart of the Hybrid Sentiment Analysis Framework

This is the core part where the actual data is converted into numerical vectors that machine learning models can understand. Three types of features are extracted in parallel:

1. **TF-IDF:** It captures the importance of a word relative to other words in the dataset. Useful for identifying frequently occurring terms that are relevant to sentiment.
   *TF-IDF = TF * IDF*
   - TF – Term Frequency: How often the term appears in the document.
   - IDF – Inverse Document Frequency: How rare the term is across all documents.
2. **BERT Embeddings:** Uses a transformer-based architecture with an attention mechanism. Captures bidirectional context (left-to-right and right-to-left). Generates a 768-dimensional dense vector for each text.
3. **Time-Based Features:** Extract hour and day of the week from the timestamp. Encodes behavioral patterns:
   - Negative tweets during working hours. · Positive tweets during weekends.
4. **Feature Fusion:**
   - TF-IDF: surface-level patterns (syntax) · BERT: deep contextual meaning (semantics).
   - Time-based: Captures temporal behavior (patterns).

5. Train Individual Classifiers:
Different classifiers specialize in different types of patterns:

- Random Forest – Handles nonlinear data and high dimensionality.
- Logistic Regression – Effective for binary classification.
- SVM – Handles high-dimensional data with complex boundaries.
- Naive Bayes – Effective for probabilistic text classification.
- Decision Trees – Useful for interpretability.

6. Voting Classifier

- Combines strengths of all models.
- Reduces individual model weaknesses. · Uses soft voting (average probability) for more balanced predictions.

7. **Evaluate Model**

Classification Metrics:

- Accuracy – Overall correctness.
- Precision – Correct positive predictions. · Recall – True positive rate.
- F1-Score – Balance between precision and recall.

G. Implementation

The method was developed in Python using libraries like scikit-learn, transformers, and NumPy. By combining feature fusion with a Voting Classifier, the hybrid approach offered a well Organized and effective framework for sentiment classification.

IV. RESULTS

A. Performance without hyper parameter Tuning This section discusses the performance evaluation of the proposed hybrid sentiment analysis method. The results are divided into three parts: the performance of individual classifiers before hyper parameter tuning, the improvements achieved after tuning, and the overall performance of the final hybrid model.

The initial assessment of the individual classifiers showed moderate performance, as outlined in Table 1. The models were trained using their default settings without any fine-tuning or adjustments.

TABLE 1. PERFORMANCE OF CLASSIFIERS WITHOUT HYPER PARAMETER TUNING

Classifier	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Accuracy
RF	0.67	0.84	0.74	0.74
LR	0.78	0.77	0.77	0.77
SVM	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
NB	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76
DT	0.57	0.93	0.71	0.61

B. Performance after Hyper parameter Tuning Each classifier underwent hyperparameter tuning using methods like GridSearchCV. Key parameters, including the number of estimators, maximum depth, and regularization strength, were adjusted for better performance. As shown in Table 2, the tuning led to notable improvements, with accuracies rising by around 8-9% across all models.

TABLE 2. PERFORMANCE OF CLASSIFIERS AFTER HYPER PARAMETER TUNING

Classifier	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Accuracy
RF	0.75	0.85	0.79	0.82
LR	0.85	0.84	0.84	0.85
SVM	0.84	0.85	0.85	0.85
NB	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.84
DT	0.65	0.91	0.76	0.70

C. Hybrid Approach Performance

The hybrid approach combined syntactic, semantic, and time-based features using a Voting Classifier. The fusion of TF-IDF features, BERT embedding's, and time-based attributes resulted in a comprehensive feature representation, significantly boosting performance. The results of the hybrid model are shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3. PERFORMANCE OF HYBRID APPROACH

Metric	Voting Classifier(Initial)	Voting Classifier(Hybrid)
Precision	0.79	0.87
Recall	0.80	0.88
F1-Score	0.79	0.88
Accuracy	0.79	0.89

D. Comparative Analysis

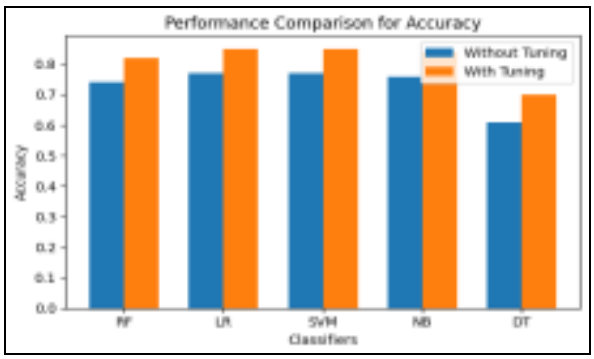
The comparative analysis highlights the improvement achieved by the hybrid approach:

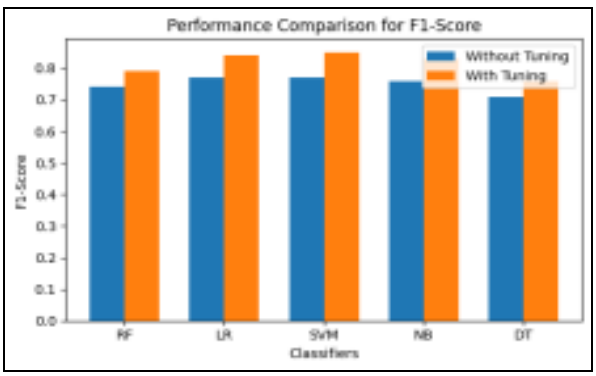
1) ***Precision:*** Increased by 10% compared to the initial classifiers.

2) ***Recall:*** Enhanced by approximately 8% due to the integration of contextual and time based information.

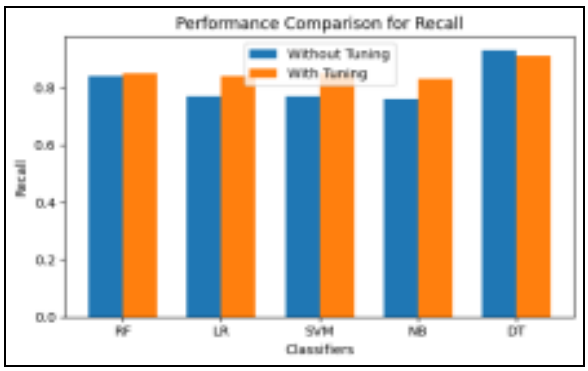
3) ***F1-Score:*** Improved to 0.88, indicating balanced precision and recall.

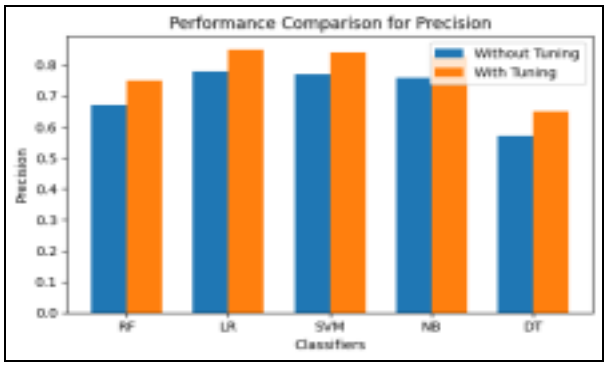
4) ***Accuracy:*** Reached 0.89, outperforming all individual classifiers.





The hybrid approach delivers top-tier performance in sentiment analysis, highlighting the value of combining feature fusion with ensemble learning.





V. CONCLUSIONS

This study demonstrates the effectiveness of a hybrid approach for sentiment analysis on Twitter data. By integrating BERT embeddings, TF-IDF and time-based features within a Voting Classifier ensemble, the model achieved significant improvements in both accuracy and robustness. A comparison with individual classifiers confirmed that the hybrid model outperformed them by effectively combining syntactic, semantic, and time based information.

Key Findings:

A. Improved Performance with Feature Fusion: Combining different types of features provided a more comprehensive data representation, helping to address the limitations of individual feature extraction methods.

B. Impact of Hyperparameter Tuning: Fine tuning the individual classifiers resulted in an accuracy increase of approximately 8–9%, demonstrating the importance of optimizing model parameters.

C. Effectiveness of Hybrid Models for Sentiment Analysis: The Voting Classifier with hybrid features achieved an F1-Score of 0.88 and an accuracy of 0.89, showing strong generalization across different datasets.

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Innovate, Automate, Sustain: The Future of Green IT in Startup Ecosystems

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Abstract: *As startups strive to innovate and automate, sustainability has become a critical imperative. This paper explores the pivotal role of Green IT in enabling startups to balance business growth with environmental stewardship. By leveraging energy-efficient technologies, minimizing e-waste, and harnessing cloud-based solutions, startups can reduce operational costs, enhance efficiency, and contribute to a greener future.*
Through a comprehensive review of existing literature and real-world examples, this study highlights successful Green IT strategies and innovations that startups can adopt to sustain their growth while protecting the environment. The research emphasizes the importance of policy-driven initiatives, technological advancements, and collaborative ecosystems in promoting Green IT adoption.
By addressing the challenges and barriers to Green IT implementation, startups can unlock new opportunities for innovation, automation, and sustainability. This paper provides actionable insights and recommendations for startups, policymakers, and industry stakeholders to harness the potential of Green IT and create a more sustainable future.

Keywords: *Green IT, Sustainable Computing, Startup Ecosystem, Operational Efficiency, Environmental Conservation, E-Waste Management.*

1. INTRODUCTION:-

The rapid growth of the digital economy has led to an increased reliance on technology among startups, driving innovation and scalability. However, this dependence on IT also raises significant environmental concerns, including high energy consumption, carbon emissions, and electronic waste. To address these challenges, Green IT has emerged as a vital strategy for startups, enabling them to innovate, automate, and sustain their operations while minimizing their ecological footprint.

By embracing Green IT, startups can not only reduce operational costs and enhance efficiency but also contribute to a more sustainable future. This paper explores the transformative potential of Green IT in startup ecosystems, highlighting practical strategies, real-world case studies, and government initiatives that can help startups harness the benefits of sustainable computing.

2. Literature review

The exponential growth of the digital economy has led to a surge in energy consumption and electronic waste, resulting in profound environmental consequences. Green IT, a paradigm that emerged in the 1990s, seeks to mitigate the ecological footprint of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). This literature review synthesizes the current state of Green IT research, elucidating its benefits, challenges, and future directions, with a specific focus on its transformative potential in startup ecosystems.

Green IT, also known as Green Computing, encompasses a holistic approach to environmentally responsible ICT practices. This includes energy-efficient computing, e-waste reduction, sustainable supply chain management, and environmentally conscious software development. By adopting Green IT practices, startups can innovate, automate, and sustain their

operations, thereby reducing their environmental impact and enhancing operational efficiency.

4. Traditional IT (non-green) vs. Sustainable IT (Green IT) [2]

Aspect	Green IT Practice	Non-Green IT Practice
Energy Usage	Uses energy-efficient devices, cloud computing, and smart cooling	High energy consumption due to outdated hardware
Carbon Footprint	Low emissions due to optimization and renewable energy	High emissions from excessive power use
E-Waste	E-waste recycling, longer product lifespan	Discarded hardware, frequent replacements
Cost Efficiency	Saves money in the long run despite higher initial investment	Higher operational costs due to energy waste
Compliance & Regulations	Aligns with sustainability laws & government incentives	May face penalties for environmental non-compliance

TABLE I. Presents Green IT & Non-Green IT in Businesses.

5. Case Studies:[3]

5.1 Infosys:

Objective:

Infosys Ltd set a goal to achieve carbon neutrality by cutting down energy consumption and integrating sustainable IT solutions.

Implementation:

Reduced energy usage by 50% through the use of energy-efficient appliances.

Ensured that all facilities comply with Environmental Management System (EMS) guidelines.

Implemented desktop power management, virtual meetings, and IT virtualization to optimize energy efficiency.

Outcome:

Through these initiatives, Infosys successfully lowered its carbon footprint, enhanced energy efficiency, and strengthened its sustainable IT infrastructure.

Challenges:

High Initial Investment: Transitioning to renewable energy and upgrading infrastructure required substantial financial resources.

Complex Implementation: Integrating energy-saving technologies across multiple locations posed logistical and technical challenges.

5.2 TCS: [3]

Objective:

TCS is dedicated to environmental sustainability by integrating renewable energy solutions, eco-friendly initiatives, and waste management strategies into its operations.

Implementation:

Adheres to a green procurement policy, ensuring the use of Energy Star-rated appliances.

Prioritizes collaboration with vendors and suppliers who uphold eco-friendly business practices.

Ensures that most of its offices meet EMS (ISO 14001:2004) certification standards.

Implements the 3R approach—Reduce, Recycle, and Reuse—to minimize environmental impact.

Outcome:

TCS has successfully lowered its energy consumption, integrated sustainable business practices, and fostered a green workplace culture.

Challenges:

Vendor Compliance: Ensuring that all suppliers consistently adhere to environmental standards can be demanding.

5.3 Wipro Limited: [3]

Objective:

Wipro Limited has adopted Green IT initiatives to promote eco-friendly technology, responsible e-waste management, and energy efficiency.

Implementation:

Launched Greenware, an energy-efficient desktop range that meets European environmental norms.

Publishes sustainability reports under the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) framework for transparency.

Set up e-waste disposal centers for responsible recycling.

Implemented automated power management to optimize energy use in offices.

Adopted virtualization technology to reduce hardware energy consumption.

Outcome:

Wipro has reduced electronic waste, improved energy efficiency, and strengthened its commitment to sustainability.

Challenge:

High Implementation Costs: Investing in power management and virtualization required significant resources.

Operational Adjustments: Transitioning to eco-friendly infrastructure posed logistical challenges.

5.4 Recycled Cloud: Sustainable Cloud Computing [4]

Objective: Recycled Cloud, a Swiss startup, aims to minimize the environmental impact of IT by offering cloud services utilizing refurbished servers.

Implementation:

Eco-Friendly Infrastructure: Utilizes repurposed servers to reduce e-waste and energy consumption.

Local Data Centers: Operates entirely within Switzerland, ensuring data sovereignty and reduced latency.

Commitment to Sustainability: Emphasizes the reuse of existing hardware to provide bespoke cloud and virtual server solutions.

Startup Name	Green IT Initiative	Benefits Realized
Recycled Cloud (Switzerland)	Cloud services using refurbished servers	**Reduces e-waste & energy consumption** by reusing hardware
Coolgradient (Netherlands)	AI-driven data center cooling optimization	**Reduces energy consumption** in data centers
EcoPing (UK)	Website sustainability analytics	**Optimizes web performance**, lowering carbon emissions from websites
BrainBox AI (Canada)	AI-driven building energy management	**Reduces HVAC energy usage** by 25%

TABLE II. Presents Green IT impact in Business

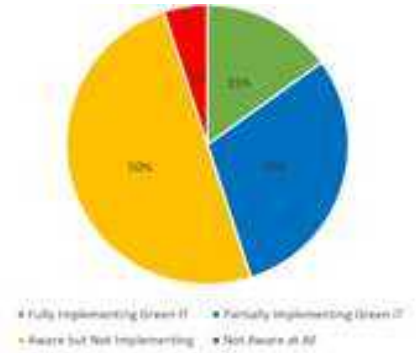
Outcome: Recycled Cloud has successfully provided sustainable cloud services, reducing electronic waste and promoting energy efficiency.

Challenges:

Resource Acquisition: Sourcing reliable refurbished hardware requires robust partnerships and quality assurance processes.

Market Perception: Educating potential clients about the reliability and benefits of using services based on repurposed hardware is essential.

Awareness of GreenIT in Business



6. Limitations & Challenges – Its Solutions

Challenges faced by startups:

6.1. Cloud Computing & Virtualization

Why? Cloud services replace physical servers, reducing energy consumption and IT maintenance costs.

How startups can do it:

Use Google Cloud, AWS, or Microsoft Azure for hosting instead of maintaining in-house servers.

Adopt serverless computing or containers (like Docker & Kubernetes) to optimize resource usage.

Enable auto-scaling features to match cloud usage with demand, avoiding unnecessary energy waste.

6.2. Remote Work & Digital Collaboration

Why? Reduces office space needs, electricity usage, and carbon footprint from daily commuting.

How startups can do it:

Use Slack, Microsoft Teams, or Zoom to enable virtual collaboration.

Move operations to a hybrid or fully remote model where possible.

Reduce business travel and replace it with virtual meetings & webinars.

6.3. Sustainable Procurement & Green Suppliers[2]

Why? Choosing eco-friendly suppliers ensures that IT equipment is responsibly sourced and sustainable.

How startups can do it:

Partner with green-certified IT vendors (e.g., Dell, HP, Apple's refurbished program).

Choose office supplies from eco-conscious brands (e.g., recycled paper, biodegradable packaging).

Buy refurbished or second-hand hardware instead of new products when possible.

6.4. E-Waste Reduction & Circular Economy

Why? Improper disposal of IT hardware causes pollution and resource waste.

How startups can do it:

Participate in e-waste recycling programs (like Dell's take-back initiative).

Donate or resell old laptops, desktops, and mobile devices instead of discarding them.

Encourage employees to use modular laptops that allow upgrades instead of full replacements.

6.5. Going Paperless with Digital Transformation

Why? Reduces paper waste, storage costs, and environmental impact.

How startups can do it:

Use electronic signatures (DocuSign, Adobe Sign) instead of paper contracts.

Store documents in cloud storage solutions (Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive).

Use digital invoices, receipts, and reports instead of printed copies.

6.6. Government Grants & Tax Benefits

Why? Many governments offer financial incentives for eco-friendly business practices.

How startups can do it:

Apply for Green IT tax credits & subsidies (check local policies like India's Startup India Initiative).
Leverage government funding for energy-efficient IT infrastructure.

7. How government of India support green IT[5]

The Indian government has introduced several policies, financial incentives, and programs to encourage sustainable IT practices. These initiatives aim to enhance energy efficiency, e-waste management, and eco-friendly digital transformation while ensuring businesses transition toward Green IT solutions

7.1 Policies & Regulations Supporting Green IT [5]

7.1.1 E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016 (Updated in 2022)

Establishes guidelines for responsible electronic waste disposal and recycling.

Enforces Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), making manufacturers accountable for managing e-waste.

7.1.2 Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (Revised in 2022)

Encourages organizations to implement energy-efficient IT infrastructure.

Focuses on optimizing data center power consumption and reducing carbon footprints.

7.1.3 National Policy on Electronics (NPE) 2019

Advocates for the production and adoption of energy-efficient computing devices.

Promotes research and development in sustainable electronic manufacturing.

7.1.4 Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) Scheme

Supports clean energy innovations, indirectly benefiting Green IT through sustainable power sources.

7.1.5 Renewable Energy Programs

Encourages the adoption of solar-powered IT infrastructure and green data centers.

Provides financial assistance to businesses investing in renewable energy for IT operations.

7.2 Financial Incentives for Green IT Adoption

7.2.1 Startup India Initiative

Provides funding and tax exemptions to startups working on sustainable IT solutions.

Supports businesses integrating cloud computing, AI-driven energy management, and Green IT strategies.

7.2.2 Green Energy Tax Benefits & Subsidies

Companies adopting low-power computing systems and eco-friendly IT infrastructure receive tax credits and rebates.

Encourages investment in power-efficient data centers and cloud-based technologies.

Apply for Green IT tax credits & subsidies (check local policies like India's Startup India Initiative).

Leverage government funding for energy-efficient IT infrastructure.

7.3 Government-Led Programs for Green IT

7.3.1 Digital India Initiative

Focuses on transitioning toward paperless offices and energy-optimized IT infrastructure.

Promotes cloud adoption and digital transformation to reduce unnecessary IT resource usage.

7.3.2 National Smart Cities Program

Integrates smart grids, AI-based energy management, and eco-friendly computing solutions in urban development.

Encourages the deployment of Green IT strategies

8. Future of Green IT:

The main goal of Green IT is to minimize carbon emissions while also helping organizations lower energy costs in their IT infrastructure. This drive has led to various innovations that align with corporate social responsibility (CSR) by focusing on enhancing energy efficiency in IT systems. Some key initiatives include:

8.1 AI & Smart Automation for Energy Optimization

AI-driven systems will dynamically adjust power usage in data centers, reducing energy waste.

Predictive analytics will enhance resource allocation, making IT operations more efficient.

8.2 Decentralized & Carbon-Neutral Cloud Computing

The rise of energy-aware cloud computing will prioritize workloads based on real-time energy availability.

More companies will invest in 100% renewable energy-powered data centers, reducing their carbon footprint.

8.3 Circular Economy & Sustainable IT Manufacturing

IT hardware will shift towards modular, repairable, and biodegradable components to reduce e-waste.
Companies will focus on device refurbishment, recycling programs, and longer product life cycles.

8.4 Green IT Compliance & Corporate Responsibility

Stricter carbon reporting requirements will push businesses toward mandatory sustainability audits.
Green IT certifications and government tax incentives will drive large-scale adoption.

8.5 Quantum Computing & Next-Gen Sustainable Technologies

Quantum computing has the potential to significantly reduce energy consumption compared to traditional processors.

9. Conclusion

In conclusion, Green IT is a vital strategy for startups seeking to innovate, automate, and sustain their operations while minimizing their environmental footprint. By harnessing the power of cloud services, energy-efficient technologies, and responsible e-waste management, startups can achieve significant cost savings while contributing to a more sustainable future.

Although challenges such as high upfront costs, limited awareness, and technological limitations exist, they can be overcome through strategic investments, government support, and phased adoption. Moreover, implementing Green IT enables startups to:

- Ensure compliance with environmental policies and regulations
- Build a resilient and eco-friendly business model for the future
- Enhance their brand reputation and credibility
- Attract environmentally conscious customers and investors
- Contribute to a sustainable and environmentally responsible startup ecosystem

As the startup ecosystem continues to evolve, it is essential for businesses to prioritize Green IT and embed sustainability into their DNA. By doing so, startups can unlock new opportunities for innovation, growth, and sustainability, ultimately shaping a better future for generations to come

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Ontology-Based Keyword Extraction from Marathi Patient Complaints

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Abstract *- Extracting medical keywords from patient complaints is essential for accurate healthcare documentation and decision-making. In the Marathi language, patient complaints are often unstructured and informal, posing challenges in standardizing medical terminology. This study presents an ontology-based approach incorporating Named Entity Recognition (NER) to extract key medical entities such as symptoms, organs, and conditions from Marathi patient complaints. By leveraging SNOMED CT and a structured ontology, the proposed methodology enhances keyword identification accuracy. The results indicate improved precision and recall compared to conventional NLP techniques, demonstrating the effectiveness of ontology-driven methods in structuring Marathi healthcare data [1].*

Keywords**:** *Ontology, Marathi Patient Complaints, Keyword Extraction, SNOMED CT, Named Entity Recognition.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Effective communication between patients and healthcare professionals is crucial for accurate diagnosis and treatment. In multilingual societies such as India, Marathi is widely spoken, and patient complaints are often expressed informally, leading to inconsistencies in documentation [2]. Standardizing medical data requires a robust approach that can structure unstructured text while ensuring linguistic accuracy. Ontology-based keyword extraction with Named Entity Recognition (NER) offers a systematic method to identify medical terms from patient complaints and map them to standardized terminologies such as SNOMED CT [3]. This paper presents a framework for extracting key medical entities from Marathi patient complaints using ontology- driven NER.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Medical Ontologies and NLP

Medical ontologies such as SNOMED CT and UMLS provide structured vocabularies for clinical data representation [4]. Prior studies have shown that ontology-based NLP improves the accuracy of medical text processing by integrating domain knowledge with computational techniques [5]. Ontology-driven methods have been successfully applied in multiple languages; however, limited research exists for Marathi, necessitating further exploration [6].

2.2 Challenges in Marathi Medical Text Processing

Marathi exhibits complex morphology, informal terminology, and frequent code-mixing with English, making standardization challenging [7]. Traditional keyword extraction methods, such as TF-IDF and machine learning-based entity recognition, often fail to capture medical semantics in low-resource languages [8]. NER models trained on medical datasets have shown promise in improving entity recognition accuracy [9].

2.3 Ontology-Based Keyword Extraction with NER

Combining ontology mapping with NER has been effective in multilingual medical NLP applications [10]. Previous research has demonstrated that rule-based and ontology-driven methods achieve higher precision in clinical text processing compared to conventional machine

learning models [11]. This study builds on these findings by applying ontology-based NER to Marathi patient complaints [12].

III. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Data Collection

A dataset of 5,000 Marathi patient complaints was compiled from hospital records and community health centers [13]. Each complaint was manually annotated with relevant medical entities, including symptoms, organs, and conditions, based on SNOMED CT terminology [14].

3.2 Named Entity Recognition (NER)

1. Preprocessing: Tokenization, stop word removal, and stemming using Marathi NLP libraries [15].
2. Named Entity Recognition (NER): A rule-based NER model trained on medical entity annotations [16].
3. Ontology Mapping: Extracted keywords were matched with SNOMED CT codes using string similarity techniques [17].
4. Validation: Expert validation ensured accuracy, followed by precision, recall, and F1- score evaluation [18].

3.3 Algorithm for Ontology-Based NER

Algorithm: Marathi Patient Complaint Processing and Ontology Mapping
Input:
Raw Marathi patient complaints
Output:
Extracted and structured medical entities mapped to SNOMED CT

Algorithm Steps

Step 1: Data Preprocessing

1. Convert Text Encoding → Convert input text to UTF-8 format.
2. Tokenization → Split text into individual words (tokens).
3. Stop word Removal → Remove common stop words and special characters.
4. Stemming/Lemmatization → Normalize words to their root forms.

Step 2: Named Entity Recognition (NER) Processing

5. Define Categories → Assign medical categories:
   - Symptoms (e.g., वेदना - Pain, ताप - Fever)
   - Organs (e.g., हृदय - Heart, पोट - Stomach)
   - Conditions (e.g., दमा - Asthma, मधुमेह - Diabetes)
6. Entity Extraction → Identify medical terms using Rule-based NER.

based NER method achieved:

- **Precision:** 92.1%
- **Recall:** 88.5%
- **F1-score:** 90.2%

7. Context Validation → Apply context-based rules to validate entity classification.

Step 3: Ontology Mapping

8. Load SNOMED CT Ontology → Import medical terminology database.
9. Entity Matching → Compare extracted terms with ontology concepts.
10. Assign Standardized Codes → Map terms to SNOMED CT/ICD-10 codes.

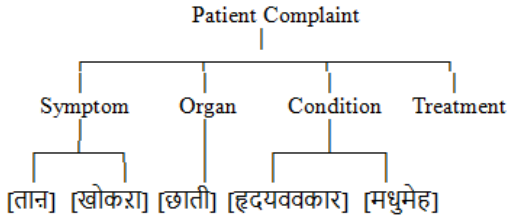
Step 4: Validation and Evaluation

11. Compare with Expert-Annotated Data → Validate extracted terms against a standard dataset.
12. Calculate Metrics: Compute
- Precision (P) = True Positives / (True Positives + False Positives)
- Recall (R) = True Positives / (True Positives + False Negatives)
- F1-score = (2 × P × R) / (P + R)

13. Output Structured Data → Store structured results in JSON/XML format for further processing.

3.4 Ontology Diagram with Example

The following ontology diagram illustrates the hierarchical structure of extracted Marathi patient complaints [19] [20]:



Example:

- Patient Complaint: "माझ्या छातीत दुखतंय आणि श्वास ऱागत आहे."
- Extracted Keywords:
  - Symptom: "छातीत दुखतंय" → "Chest Pain"
  - Condition: "श्वास ऱागत आहे" → "Shortness of Breath"
- Ontology Mapping:
  - "Chest Pain" → SNOMED CT: 29857009
  - "Shortness of Breath" → SNOMED CT: 267036007

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Performance Metrics

The accuracy of symptom-disease mapping was evaluated using Precision, Recall, and F1-score**,** based on 500 manually validated Marathi patient complaints**.** The proposed approach was compared with traditional keyword extraction methods, including TF-IDF. The ontology-

4.2 Error Analysis

- **False Positives:** Cases where non-medical
- Marathi terms were misclassified as symptoms.
- **False Negatives:** Rare medical terms not covered in the ontology.

4.3 Comparative Analysis

Method	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
TF-IDF	75.3%	69.8%	72.5%
Ontology-based NER	92.1%	88.5%	90.2%

These results indicate that ontology-driven NER outperforms traditional methods in structuring Marathi patient complaints.

V. Conclusions and Future Work

This research presents an ontology-based framework using Named Entity Recognition for extracting medical keywords from Marathi patient complaints. The proposed method improves accuracy and standardization in healthcare documentation.

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A Comprehensive Review of Image Processing Techniques: From Traditional Methods to Deep Learning

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Abstract :- *Image processing is a pivotal technology in numerous fields, including medical imaging, computer vision, satellite imagery, and multimedia. Over the years, significant advancements have been made in image processing techniques, from traditional methods like filtering and segmentation to cutting-edge deep learning models. This paper provides a comprehensive review of image processing techniques, tracing their evolution from basic image enhancement methods to modern machine learning-based solutions. We also discuss the application of deep learning, particularly convolution neural networks (CNNs), in addressing complex image processing tasks. The paper highlights the strengths, limitations, and future directions of both classical and deep learning-based techniques in various practical domains.*

I. Introduction

Image processing is an essential part of numerous applications, from enhancing medical images for better diagnosis to recognizing objects in autonomous vehicles. Initially, image processing techniques focused on basic operations such as noise reduction, contrast enhancement, and edge detection. Over time, however, more sophisticated methods have been developed, especially with the rise of machine learning and artificial intelligence. Today, deep learning models like convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are used to automatically learn and extract features from images, offering superior performance for tasks such as classification, segmentation, and object detection. This paper reviews traditional image processing techniques and their evolution into modern deep learning-based approaches, providing an overview of the most impactful techniques, their applications, and future trends.

II. Traditional Image Processing Techniques

1 Image Enhancement

Image enhancement involves improving the visual appearance of an image to make certain features more visible. Common enhancement techniques include:

•**Histogram Equalization:** A method used to improve contrast by redistributing the image's intensity histogram.

•**Linear and Non-linear Contrast Stretching**: Techniques to adjust the range of pixel intensities to enhance details.

•**Sharpness Enhancement**: Using high-pass filters or Laplacian filters to emphasize edges and fine details in an image.

These techniques are widely used for improving the visual quality of images, especially in fields like medical imaging, where details are crucial for accurate analysis.

2. Image Restoration

Restoration techniques aim to recover an image that has been degraded due to factors like noise, blur, or distortion. Common methods include:

•**Linear Filters (Mean and Gaussian Filters):** These filters are used to smooth images and reduce noise.

•**Wiener Filter:** This adaptive filter reduces noise based on local image statistics and is commonly used in noisy images.

•**Inverse Filtering:** Used to reverse the effects of motion blur or other distortions on an image.

These methods have been effective in reducing noise and improving image quality, but they often struggle with complex noise patterns

3. Image Segmentation

Segmentation involves dividing an image into distinct regions or segments, making it easier to analyse.

Key techniques include:

•**Thresholding:** A basic method for segmenting an image by classifying pixels as either foreground or background based on a chosen threshold.

•**Edge Detection:** Algorithms like Sobel, Canny, and Laplacian of Gaussian are used to detect the boundaries between different regions in an image.

•**Region-based Segmentation**: Techniques such as region growing and watershed segmentation are used to identify and group pixels that share similar properties.

Image segmentation plays a critical role in applications like object recognition, medical image analysis, and autonomous systems.

III. Advanced Image Processing Techniques

1. Feature Extraction

Feature extraction is the process of identifying distinctive characteristics of an image, such as edges, textures, and shapes. Common methods include:

•**Edge Detection:** Techniques like the Sobel and Canny operators identify the boundaries within an image.

•**Texture Analysis:** Methods such as the Gray-Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM) and Gabor filters analyse textures within an image.

•**Key point Detection:** Algorithms like Scale-Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT) and Speeded-Up Robust Features (SURF) are used to detect key points that remain invariant to scale, rotation, and noise.

Feature extraction is vital for object recognition, image matching, and tracking.

2. Machine Learning in Image Processing

Machine learning has transformed image processing by enabling systems to learn directly from data. Early machine learning techniques like Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Random Forests were applied to problems such as image classification and object detection. These methods required manual feature extraction but still significantly improved the accuracy of image-based tasks.

•**Support Vector Machines (SVMs):** Used to classify images by learning decision boundaries based on extracted features.

•**Random Forests:** Used for classification by constructing multiple decision trees to classify image features.

While these methods represented a significant advancement over traditional techniques, they still relied heavily on hand-crafted features.

IV. Deep Learning in Image Processing

The introduction of deep learning, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), has revolutionized image processing.

CNNs automatically learn hierarchical feature representations from raw image data, eliminating the need for manual feature extraction.

1. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

CNNs have been highly successful in tasks such as image classification, segmentation, and object detection. Key components of CNNs include:

•Convolutional Layers:

These layers learn filters that detect various features such as edges, textures, and patterns.

•Pooling Layers:

Used to down sample the image and reduce computational complexity while preserving important features.

•Fully Connected Layers:

These layers are responsible for decision-making in tasks like classification.

CNNs have been instrumental in achieving state-of-the-art performance in image recognition tasks, surpassing traditional machine learning methods.

2. Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) are a class of deep learning models that have been applied to image generation and enhancement tasks. GANs consist of two networks: a generator that creates images and a discriminator that evaluates their authenticity.

•Image Synthesis:

GANs can generate highly realistic images from random noise, useful in applications like art generation and data augmentation.

•Image Super-Resolution:

GANs have been used to enhance the resolution of images, improving image details.

•Image DE noising:

GANs can be trained to reduce noise in images while preserving important structures.

3. Transfer Learning

Transfer learning allows deep learning models to be trained on one task and then fine-tuned for a different but related task. This technique has gained popularity due to its ability to train high-performing models with less data and computational resources.

•Pre-trained Models:

Models like VGG16, Resents, and Inception, which have been trained on large datasets like ImageNet, are fine-tuned for specific tasks such as medical imaging or facial recognition.

4. Deep Learning for Image Segmentation

Deep learning methods, especially CNNs, have become highly effective for image segmentation tasks. Advanced architectures like U-Net and Mask R-CNN have been developed specifically for pixel-wise segmentation tasks.

•U-Net:

A deep learning architecture designed for biomedical image segmentation, which is effective in tasks requiring precise boundaries.

•Mask R-CNN:

Extends Faster R-CNN by adding a segmentation mask branch to detect objects and segment them in a single pipeline.

These methods have dramatically improved the accuracy and efficiency of segmentation tasks, making them essential for areas like medical image analysis and autonomous driving.

V. Deep Learning in Image Processing

Image processing has found applications across numerous domains, including:

•Medical Imaging:

Image processing is used to enhance, segment, and analyse medical scans such as MRI, CT, and X-ray images. It helps in detecting abnormalities like tumours and lesions.

•Autonomous Vehicles:

Image processing techniques are employed to analyse sensor data for object detection, lane recognition, and navigation in self-driving cars.

•Remote Sensing:

Satellite and aerial images are processed to monitor the environment, track land use, and assess damage from natural disasters.

•Facial Recognition:

Image processing plays a crucial role in identifying individuals by analysing facial features. This is widely used in security, surveillance, and personal devices.

VI. Challenges and Future Directions

•Data Dependency:

Deep learning models require large annotated datasets, which are often expensive and time-consuming to obtain.

•Real-Time Processing:

With the increasing resolution of images, real-time image processing becomes more challenging, especially for applications like autonomous driving.

•Interpretability:

Deep learning models are often considered "black boxes," making it difficult to understand why they make certain decisions, which is critical in areas like healthcare.

•Computational Resources:

Training deep learning models requires substantial computational power, which may not be accessible for all research and industrial applications.

Future Directions:

•Explainable AI:

Research into more interpretable deep learning models will help improve the trustworthiness of automated systems.

•Edge Computing:

Advances in edge computing will enable real-time image processing on devices with limited resources, such as smartphones and IoT devices.

•Quantum Computing:

The potential of quantum computing in image processing could lead to breakthroughs in speed and efficiency.

VII. Conclusion

Image processing has evolved significantly from basic enhancement and filtering techniques to sophisticated deep learning methods like CNNs and GANs. These advancements have enabled highly accurate solutions for complex tasks, including object detection, segmentation, and image generation. Despite the tremendous progress, challenges remain, particularly in data availability, real-time processing, and model interpretability. Future research will likely focus on optimizing deep learning models, improving their efficiency, and addressing the challenges posed by data privacy and computational resources

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Review: Contention-Based Protocols with Reservation & Scheduling Mechanisms to find multiple devices of clustering method by using SVM

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Abstract- *Contention-based protocols, coupled with Support Vector Machine (SVM) clustering methods, have been explored for enhancing network performance in heterogeneous wireless networks. These protocols are designed to allocate specific time, frequency, or code resources to each device, ensuring that transmissions do not overlap and eliminating the potential for interference. The system employs a reservation and scheduling mechanism at the Medium Access Control (MAC) sub layer, allowing efficient communication within a network composed of diverse devices. In this model, a master or base station queries each device sequentially, granting transmission access only to the polled device. The integration of SVM-based clustering methods enhances the efficiency of these contention-based protocols by intelligently grouping devices and optimizing the scheduling process for better resource allocation and improved connectivity.*

Keywords : *Multiple access control (MAC), connectivity, cooperation, heterogeneous wireless networks, selective multicast, complete multicast, Support Vector Machine (SVM), contention-based protocols with reservation and scheduling mechanisms.*

I. Introduction

Cognitive radio ad hoc networking has emerged as a promising technology to enhance spectrum utilization by sensing the spectrum and opportunistically accessing the spectrum of primary (licensed) systems [1], [2]. Cognitive networks are introduced to increase the efficiency of spectrum utilization. Cognitive networks are to permit other users to utilize the spectrum allocated to licensed users (primary users) when it is not being used by them. These other users who are opportunistic users of the spectrum are called secondary users [3].

Multi-channel MAC protocols for ad-hoc wireless networks have served as an initial step in developing MAC protocols for cognitive radio in unlicensed environments. In a multi-channel network, the number of channels available to each user is fixed, whereas in a cognitive network, it fluctuates over time and space [4]. We analyze the capacity scaling laws of a cognitive network composed of a primary ad hoc network (PAN) and a secondary ad hoc network (SAN). We directly derive the multicast capacity, which unifies the results for unicast and broadcast capacity [5], [15]. A key constraint in a cognitive network model is that the primary network operates without modification due to the presence of the secondary network. Such control information is multicast to its neighbors in a traditional network. Since in a cognitive network, each node has a set of channels available, a node receives a message only if the message was sent in the channels on which the node was listening. So, to ensure that a message is

successfully sent to all neighbors of a node, it has to be multicast in every other channel [6]. This is called complete multicasting of information. In a cognitive environment, the number of channels is potentially large. As a result, multicasting in every channel causes a large delay in transmitting the control information, it does not contain any traffic [7].

II. Background:

- **Selective Multicasting:**

In a MHCRN, each node has a set of channels available when it enters a network. To become a part of the network and start communicating with other nodes, it has to first know its neighbors and their channel information. Also, it has to let other nodes know its presence and its available channel information. So it multicasts such information over all channels to make sure that all neighbors receive the messages. Similarly, when a node wants to start a communication it should exchange certain control information useful, for example, in route discovery. However, a cognitive network environment is dynamic due to the primary user's traffic [6]. The number of available channels at each node keeps changing with time and location. To keep all nodes updated, the information change has to be transmitted over all channels as quickly as possible. So, for effective and efficient coordination, fast dissemination of control traffic between neighboring users is required. So, minimal delay is a critical factor in promptly disseminating control information. Hence, the goal is to reduce the multicast delay of each node. Multicasting is used to send a message to a specific group of nodes in a particular channel. In a multichannel environment where the nodes are listening to different channels [l 1].

Now, consider that a node has M available channel groups. Let Tt be the minimum time required to multicast a control message. Then, total multicast delay M *Tt.

So, to have lower multicast delay we need to reduce M. The value of Tt is dictated by the particular hardware used and hence is fixed. M can be reduced by finding the minimum number of channel groups, M ' to multicast, but still making sure that all group nodes receive the message. Thus, multicasting over carefully selected M channels instead of blindly multicasting over M (available) channels on groups is called Selective Multicasting.

- **Support-vector machine:**

Support-vector machines (SVMs, also support-vector networksl11) are supervised learning models with associated learning algorithms that analyze data for classification and regression analysis. The other makes it a non-probabilistic binary linear classifier SVM maps training to points in space to maximize the width of the gap between the two categories. The same space and predicted to a category based on which side of the gap they fall. The linear classification, SVMs can efficiently perform a non-linear classification using what is called the kernel trick, implicitly mapping their inputs into high-dimensional feature spaces [l4].

When data is unlabeled, supervised learning is not possible, and an unsupervised learning approach is required, which attempts to find the natural clustering of the data to groups, and then map new data to these formed groups. Support vector machines (SVMs) are a set of supervised learning methods used for classification, regression, and outlier detection.

The advantages of support vector machines are:Effective in high-dimensional spaces.

Still effective in cases where the number of dimensions is greater than the number of samples.Uses a subset of training points in the decision function (called support vectors), so it is also memory efficient.

Versatile: Different kernel functions can be specified for the decision function. Common kernels are provided, but it is also possible to specify custom kernels.

The disadvantages of support vector machines include:

If the number of features is much greater than the number of samples, avoiding over-fitting in choosing Kernel functions and regularization terms is crucial.

SVMs do not directly provide probability estimates, these are calculated using an expensive five-fold cross-validation (see Scores and probabilities, below).

- **Genetic Algorithm:**

They are commonly used to generate high-quality solutions for optimization problems and search problems.

Genetic algorithms simulate the process of natural selection which means those species who can adapt to changes in their environment can survive and reproduce and go to the next generation. In simple words, they simulate "survival of the fittest" among individuals of consecutive generations to solve a problem. Each generation consists of a population of individuals and each individual represents a point in search space and possible solution. Each individual is represented as a string of character/integer/float/bits. This string is analogous to the Chromosome.

- **Addictiveness and Online Problem Solving:** To understand adaptively in changing conditions, they initially develop the idea of a 'landscape' both as a metaphor and as a mathematical object. Building upon the metaphor of fitness landscapes, and the insight of GAs as stochastic search algorithms, two landscape models of

relevance to optimization through GAs are proposed [9]. Rugged landscapes are landscapes in which there are many peaks, valleys, and troughs (and not a single peak). Rugged landscape's fitness levels do not change; in evolutionary systems, the fitness function is also dependent on context, and on the behavior of other competitors. They can be captured by the metaphor of dancing landscapes-which adapted from rugged landscapes. Local peaks may change, making a solution that was earlier optimal no longer a peak when a landscape 'moves'. Traditional techniques from optimization theory assume static and well-known topologies and are not suited to dynamic environments[l3]. In many problems of practical interest, this focus is more on satisficing (i.e., finding a sufficiently good solution that satisfies one's purposes) rather than on optimizing (i.e., finding the best possible solution). A key benefit of GAs is that they are well suited to the optimization task in the dancing landscapes that cauterize wireless networks. GAs are well suited for building met heuristic adaptive algorithms that can provide satisfactory performance in changing network conditions.

- **GA Terminology:**

Since the field of GA is inspired by biological genetic evolution, the field uses several biological metaphors in its terminology. The purpose of this short subsection is biological metaphors in the context of applications of GAs in wireless networking.

The terminology is through the following list.

_ Organism: It represents the entity (e.g., a radio parameter, or a wireless resource) being optimized.

_ Population: simulated genetic evolution is a collection of organisms.

_ Chromosome: It encodes a particular solution to the problem under study. (Biologically, a chromosome contains an organism's genetic makeup.)

_ Fitness: It represents the utility of the current chromosome.

_ Gene: It is the basic building block of the chromosome defining a practicum· feature of the simulated organism. (Each chromosome can contain several genes.)

_ Allele: Each gene can take several alternative forms, each of which is called an allele.

_ Locus: It is the position on the chromosome containing a particular gene of interest. Suppo11 Vector Machines (SVMs) provide a powerful method for supervised learning classification.

- **Supervised cluster evaluation**

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The performance of unsupervised algorithms, such as clustering, isn't measured with the same certitude as for the classification problems. The clustering is measured using the externally derived class labels for the patterns.

Applications:

SVMs are used to solve various real-world problems:

SVMs are helpful in text and hype1text categorization, as our application can significantly reduce the need for labeled training instances in both the standard inductive and transductive settings. [8] Some methods for shallow semantic parsing are based on support vector machines. [9]

Classification of images is also being performed using SVMs. Experimental results show that SVMs achieve significantly higher search accuracy than traditional query refinement schemes after just three to four rounds of relevance feedback. This is also true for image segmentation systems, including those using a modified version of SVM that uses the privileged approach as suggested by Vapnik. [1O] [l1J

Classification of satellite data like SAR data using supervised SVM. [121

Hand-written characters can be recognized using SVM [13] [l4]

The SVM algorithm is widely applied in the biological and other sciences. They are used to classify proteins with up to 90% of the compounds classified correctly. Permutation tests based on SVM weights are suggested as a mechanism for the interpretation of SVM modelsY5H161 Supp011-vector machine weights have also been used to interpret SVM models in the past. [17] Postdoc interpretation of suppo11-vector machine models to identify features used by the model to make predictions is a relatively new area of research with special significance in the biological sciences.

III. Network Model:

- **Classification of MAC Protocols**

MAC protocols can be classified into four main categories: contention-based, reservation-based, polling-based, and hybrid. Contention-based protocols, such as CSMA/CD and CSMA/CA, allow nodes to compete for access to the medium. Reservation-based protocols, like TDMA and FDMA, allocate specific time slots or frequencies to each node. Polling-based protocols rely on a central node to grant permission to transmit. Finally, hybrid protocols combine elements of these approaches for improved performance.

These are as follows.

- **Contention-Based Protocols with**

Reservation Mechanisms: A central controller periodically polls devices to grant them exclusive access to the channel, ensuring each one of them gets a turn. A master or base station queries each device in turn and only the polled device is allowed to transmit.

Key Points:
Bandwidth is reserved for transmission.
Guarantees can be given.

- **Synchronous protocols:**

In synchronous transmission, data is sent in continuous streams or blocks without start/stop bits for each character. The sender and receiver must be synchronized with a common clock signal. It is more complex to implement compared to asynchronous transmission.

- **Asynchronous protocols:**

In asynchronous transmission, data is sent character-by-character, with start and stop bits added to each character for synchronization. Easier and less expensive to implement. It is less efficient due to the overhead of start/stop bits. Relative time information is used to achieve effecting reservations.

- **Contention-Based Protocols with Scheduling Mechanisms:**

The network allocates specific time/frequency/code resources to each device, so transmissions do not overlap. Each station is assigned a unique time slot, frequency band, or spreading code, ensuring non-interfering transmissions. It provides deterministic access, predictable QoS, and efficient utilization under steady traffic conditions.
Polling schemes in Bluetooth Pico nets (master polls slaves), industrial networks using a central controller.
Ideal for networks needing strict timing guarantees, such as industrial control systems or sensor networks requiring reliable data collection. Cellular networks, satellite communications, and environments where guaranteed bandwidth and predictable latency are critical.

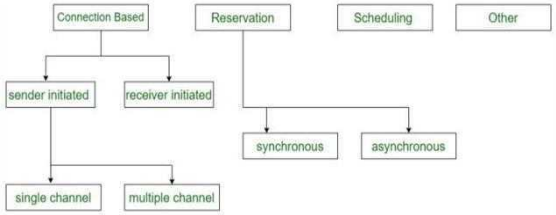


Fig.1. Contention-Based Protocols with Reservation & Scheduling Mechanisms

- **Wireless Ad Hoc Networks:**

Wireless ad hoc networks are multi-hop systems in which nodes assist each other in transmitting and receiving packets across the network. In contrast to infrastructure-based networks, in an ad hoc network node can discover and exchange information with each other directly without involving central access points. A node may join or leave the network at any time. In ad hoc networks, all nodes have equal rights to access the medium. To be able to establish communication with each other, each node needs to be able to see the others. If a node wishes to communicate outside its range, another node within the same range operates as a gateway and forwards the contact in a multi-hop fashion.

- **Medium access control Protocols:**

Multiple access protocols are a set of protocols operating in the Medium Access Control sub-layer (MAC sub-layer) of the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model. These protocols allow several nodes or users to access a shared network channel. Several data streams originating from several nodes are transferred through the multi-point transmission channel. The objectives of multiple access protocols are optimization of transm1ssn time, 1mmm1zation of collisions, and avoidance of crosswalks.

IV. PROPOSED WORK:

A MAC (Medium Access Control) protocol analyzer for contention-based protocols with reservation and scheduling mechanisms, utilizing SVM clustering techniques and genetic algorithms to optimize network traffic. This approach minimizes unnecessary traffic in device nodes, enabling efficient information exchange in an ad hoc wireless network.
The system supports synchronous transmission, where data is sent in continuous streams or blocks without start/stop bits, ensuring efficient communication. In contrast, asynchronous transmission, while simpler and cost-effective, introduces inefficiencies due to the overhead of start/stop bits. To enhance network efficiency, relative time information is leveraged for effective reservations. A master or base station sequentially queries devices, permitting only the polled device to transmit at a given time. The network allocates dedicated time slots, frequency bands, or spreading codes to each device, preventing transmission overlap. This structured access method guarantees deterministic transmission, predictable Quality of Service (QoS), and optimal resource utilization under steady traffic conditions.

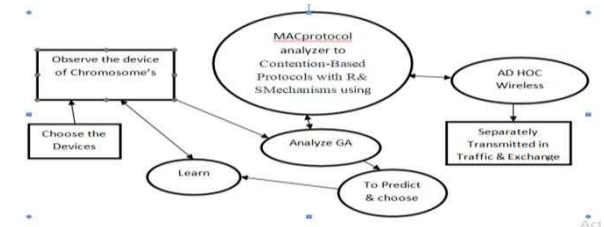


Fig.2. Architecture of MAC protocol analyzer designed for contention-based protocols with integrated reservation and scheduling mechanisms leverages SVM clustering techniques and genetic algorithms

V. CONCLUSION:

A MAC protocol analyzer designed for contention-based protocols with integrated reservation and scheduling mechanisms leverages SVM clustering techniques and genetic algorithms to minimize unnecessary traffic at device nodes. This enhances efficient information exchange within an ad hoc wireless network without relying on chromosomes.

The system accommodates both synchronous and asynchronous transmission. In synchronous mode, data is transmitted as Continuous streams or blocks without start/stop bits, maximizing efficiency. In contrast, asynchronous transmission is simpler and more cost-effective but incurs overhead due to start/stop bits. The network dynamically assigns specific time, frequency, or code resources to each device, preventing transmission conflicts. This strategy ensures deterministic access, predictable Quality of Service (QoS), and optimal resource utilization, particularly under stable traffic conditions.

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A Role of AI and ML in Wellness and Healthcare

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Abstract : *To improve the quality of life, it is important to gain knowledge about wellness and healthcare, which contributes to physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. With advancements in technology, it is now possible to find wellness solutions, enhance health management, and prevent illnesses. Analysing health data, predicting future problems, and providing personalized suggestions can be achieved through artificial intelligence and machine learning.In this review paper, we will study advanced techniques, challenges, and possibilities for predictive wellness models. The results will emphasize the importance of AI approaches for privacy preservation and the integration of heterogeneous data. To address these challenges, we propose an AI-driven wellness system for effective improvement in quality of life and health outcomes.*

Keywords: *Machine Learning, Wellness, Personalized Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence, Predictive Modelling, Digital Transformation.*

I.Introduction:

Improvement of your lifestyle by adopting healthier daily habits in all its forms can significantly enhance your wellness and healthcare. Overcoming diseases and reducing stress not only improves life span but also strengthens preventive healthcare, ensures accurate diagnosis and promotes discipline in life. Artificial intelligence, specifically Machine learning and deep learning, has transformed personal wellness in recent days by facilitating data driven health insights, predictive analytics and real time monitoring. Improve the effectiveness and convenience of healthcare by helping with behaviour modification, personalised treatment recommendations and disease risk prediction.

In this review paper, the main methods used, challenges, and future predictions related to wellness models are examined. While ML/DL-driven systems have many applications, there are still issues with data privacy, model interpretability, and integrating various health data. To overcome these challenges, AI-driven wellness solutions should be more efficient, personalized, and ethical, incorporating explainable AI and privacy-preserving methods for multi-type data fusion.

II.Literature Review:

In 2024 MithunKarekars review paper author cantered on how machine learning is revolutionizing contemporary healthcare. This study explores the transition from traditional healthcare to value-based therapy using various machine learning techniques. The focus is on individualized and effective patient care through predictive analytics. Karekar's approach involves developing a predictive model utilizing PyTorch, XGBoost, K-Nearest Neighbors, and logistic regression. The model's performance was evaluated using a large dataset covering diverse patient demographics. Each algorithm was assessed to determine the most suitable model for healthcare applications. The findings indicate that machine learning-driven predictive models significantly enhance patient outcomes. By accurately forecasting medical conditions, these models enable more efficient and personalized medical care. The results show how machine learning algorithms can

accurately predict illnesses, perfect resource utilization, and help in the transition to a value-based healthcare predictive model.Eventually, the study focuses on the suggestion of machine learning algorithms to manage large patient volumes data yet increasing complexities. The proposed system studies related to algorithmic bias, ethical consideration and regulatory frameworks in order to guarantee the proper application of machine learning in healthcare.[1]

The author SohelRana and JefShuford explore how AI can enhance health care. This review paper study examines predictive analytics and decision systems in the healthcare field. The author uses mixed methods approach by combining qualitative evaluations through case studies and quantitative research of AI driven health outcomes. To find out the real world system for patient care, they investigate decision support tools and prediction models in different healthcare fields. The author obtains the solution that by facilitating latest diagnosis and more accurate results, AI based predictive analytics definitely improves patient outcomes. In any system there is a problem of data security , ethical concerns and integration hurdles they warn. The author studies on improving AI models for accuracy in result and flexibility in a range of medical settings. The research stresses the necessity of strong data governance structures and ethical framework to optimise any possibilities related to AI in healthcare.[2]

The author Adam and Mukhtar's write review paper in 2024 work on how best AI driven methods to improve cardiovascular care diagnosis and treatment strategies uses of AL and ML for heart wellbeing. Their research.. Using a retrospective observational study methodology, the study examined clinical information from stroke patients electronic health records (EHRs). They evaluate a control group diagnosed by traditional clinical evaluation with an intervention group diagnosed using AI algorithms. Time to diagnosis, accuracy and treatment rates were among the main outcomes. $P<0.05$ was considered statistically important. Author finds AI has the tremendous potential to completely transform cardiac care by improving diagnosis speed and accuracy and increasing the hazard that treatments will be managed in time. The author proposed study on how to handle ethical and legal issues in the application of AI and how to enhance AI algorithms for wider clinical applications. In order to improve patient health outcomes and assurance for the integration of AI into healthcare, interdisciplinary cooperation and complete validation are essential. This AI model was based on consistency and reliability, which was a significant improvement for heart health.[3]

The author Ali Ahmed (2024) researches how AI technology enhances disease detection, then performs analysis and then suggests treatment and alteration in treatment for patient's health care. For this purpose AI helps in digital health, and how it will help in transformation for patient's health using disease management and monitoring on patients health. The author examined the usefulness of AI on healthcare by analysing recent research papers and realistic cases. By studying various clinical studies from different publications and news on healthcare technologies.This study finds how AI, particularly machine learning and predictive analysis will help in disease management. The study concluded that better compliance of treatment plan , more accurate and quicker disease detection and individualised treatment suggestion integration AI for illness management and monitoring will improve the patient's outcomes.[4]

The author Chidambaram and his colleagues reviewed research in 2024 to research on how technology will help in health care gaps. By using a mixed method by combining information from current research and conceptual framework. On this basis they designed DDOH that means Digital Determinant of Health and found out the elements that affect health outcomes, like accessibility, affordability and digital literacy. The author organized the study around the social determinants of health(SDOH) to give a thorough understanding of the role that digital health plays in equity. The author came to the conclusion that digital determinants are major to recognizing healthcare gaps. Because they demonstrate how technology can either reduce or increase pre-existing health imbalance. If accessibility and literacy issues are not resolved, then it makes inequality a worse condition , so the author emphasized digital tools, which have a lot of facilities. Therefore to promote equitable health outcomes, it is essential that healthcare policies take these digital determinants into account. For future studies, the author Chidambaram et al., suggested concentrating on collecting real evidence to back up the DDOH framework. They also suggested in the future creating exclusive design principles and policies that will give priority to access digitally, particularly for those groups who are busy and don't have a proper lifestyle. In order to solve these differences in digital health, cooperation between legislators, medical field persons, and IT field developers will be essential.[5]

The author Priyanka Gupta and Manoj Pande(2024) reviews research papers and surveys on the transformation of health, who wears watches of higher technology for their fitness and how big data and artificial intelligence catches signals and transforms their health. The author uses a multidisciplinary approach and collected data from

experts, studied sample cases, and analysed the data. The author tries to find trends, obstacles and possibilities in the research by examining the practical and real world collection of applications. Through remote monitoring on patients, more control over their health will very likely highlight how these technologies have a big impact on increasing the accuracy of diagnoses, customizing medications. The combination of AI-powered picture recognition and natural language processing can help in the accurate detection of diseases while big data analytics can assist in finding the best treatment plans. Wearable technology used in fitness trackers and smart watches, inspires proactive health management by allowing users to observe their health parameters and get customized input. Especially in underprivileged areas, telemedicine can increase access to healthcare through the use of bio signal analysis and remote monitoring.[6]

Jang and Masatsuku (2024) explored factors influencing happiness in Korea using advanced data analysis techniques. The authors employed a combination of topic modeling, machine learning, and neural network analysis. They analyzed data from 1,000 academic papers and a large-scale 2020 survey of 16,655 Korean residents. Topic modeling (via Netminer 4.5) was used to identify key factors, and neural network analysis (using SPSS MODELER 18) further evaluated the impact of these factors on happiness. Key variables include family life, income, social status, health, and perceptions of inequality. The study concluded that family life was the most significant factor determining happiness, followed by social status, income, and health. Perceptions of inequality were less influential. The authors suggest further research into the cultural context of happiness, focusing on comparative international studies and expanding policy initiatives to address income inequality and improve family well-being[7]

In their 2023 paper titled "Predictive Models of Life Satisfaction in Older People: A Machine Learning Approach", XiaofangShen, Fei Yin, and Can Jiao investigate the predictors of life satisfaction in older adults using machine learning. Published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, this study focused on identifying significant variables influencing life satisfaction and constructing predictive models to better understand these dynamics. This work builds on data from the RAND Health and Retirement Study (HRS), which surveys older adults on various factors related to their well-being. The authors utilized machine learning algorithms, specifically multiple linear regression (MLR), Ridge Regression (RR), Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator Regression (LASSO), Support Vector Regression (SVR), K Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Decision Tree Regression (DT), to analyze life satisfaction data from 34,630 older adults (aged 50 and above) who participated in the RAND HRS from 2010 to 2018. The predictors were derived from demographic, emotional, and social factors, including subjective social status and positive and negative emotions. Data pre-processing steps, such as handling missing values and encoding categorical variables, were performed to clean the dataset. Metrics such as the Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and R-squared (R^2) were used to evaluate and compare the performance of the models. The study concluded that the SVR model outperformed other models in predicting life satisfaction among older adults with higher accuracy and better generalization capabilities. Subjective social status and positive and negative emotions were identified as the most critical predictors of life satisfaction. Although the KNN and DT models demonstrated better performance during model fitting, they underperformed in terms of validation and generalization. This research highlights the potential of machine learning models in capturing complex, non-linear relationships between life satisfaction and its influencing factors, which traditional methods such as linear regression might overlook. The authors propose further investigation into integrating linear and nonlinear models, such as SVR with traditional regression techniques, to improve model accuracy and predictions of life satisfaction. They also suggested that future studies should focus on enhancing subjective social status and emotional well-being in older adults, as these factors were found to significantly influence life satisfaction. Additionally, expanding the scope of machine learning techniques to include other predictive factors and testing models across different population segments could yield more comprehensive insights [8]

In 2023, Nickson et al. published "Prediction and Diagnosis of Depression Using Machine Learning with Electronic Health Records Data: A Systematic Review" in BMC Medical Informatics and Decision-Making. This study evaluates the use of machine learning (ML) models to predict and diagnose depression through electronic health records (EHRs), summarizing the existing literature from the past decade. This review assessed various ML models and their effectiveness when applied to EHR data to predict depressive disorders(s12911-023-02341-x). Nickson et al. conducted a systematic review using databases like PubMed, PsycINFO, and SCOPUS. They included studies published from 2011 onwards and followed the PRISMA guidelines for article selection. Of the initial 744 studies, 19 were deemed eligible for detailed evaluation. The extracted data included the machine learning methods used, definitions of

depression, classification performance, and types of predictors analyzed. Studies have primarily focused on supervised learning, including regression models, support vector machines (SVM), and random forests. This review also identified various depression benchmarks such as the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) and Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9). The review concluded that machine learning methods applied to EHR data showed strong potential in predicting depression, with some models achieving an area under the curve (AUC) score greater than 0.9, although the average was approximately 0.8. Notably, regression-based methods were found to be as effective as more advanced ML algorithms such as random forests. However, challenges remain regarding generalizability, especially because most studies have focused on populations from Western, Educated, Industrialized, Rich, and Democratic (WEIRD) countries. These findings indicate that ML models can match or exceed the diagnostic accuracy found in clinical settings, although further improvements in data handling and predictor selection are necessary. The authors recommend expanding the range of demographic and clinical data to improve the generalizability of the model. They also suggested integrating more diverse populations and examining comorbidities beyond depression to capture the complexity of mental health disorders. Future studies should address the limitations in the categorization and definition of predictors, aiming for greater consistency across different data sources and models. Additionally, the development of interpretable models remains a key area for future research, as clinicians require models that offer transparent insights into decision-making processes. [9]

In 2021, Bartonicek et al. published "The Value of Bayesian Predictive Projection for Variable Selection: An Example of Selecting Lifestyle Predictors of Young Adult Well-Being," focusing on lifestyle factors that contribute to young adult well-being. Their research applied a Bayesian predictive projection approach to select the most influential predictors of well-being from a dataset of young adults in New Zealand. The authors utilized Bayesian predictive projection for variable selection, contrasting it with traditional methods such as stepwise selection and LASSO. The dataset comprised 791 young adults (71.7% female) who participated in the 2013-2014 Daily Life Study, tracking well-being and lifestyle variables (e.g., sleep, physical activity, and diet) over 13 days via a daily online diary. The goal of this study was to select a minimal set of predictors that retained predictive power for well-being, represented by the flourishing scale, while minimizing overfitting. The method consisted of fitting a reference model with all predictors and projecting a sub-model that retained similar predictive power using fewer predictors. The study concluded that only three variables—higher sleep quality (feeling refreshed after waking), fewer concentration issues, and more servings of fruit—were sufficient to predict well-being. These results are consistent with the existing literature, demonstrating the importance of sleep, cognitive function, and diet in young adult well-being. The Bayesian predictive projection method successfully produced a model with predictive accuracy comparable to that of traditional methods but with significantly fewer variables, ensuring parsimony and interpretability. The authors suggest that future research could explore the application of Bayesian predictive projection in longitudinal studies, examining within-person variations over time rather than cross-sectional analysis. Additionally, they called for further research to validate the selected predictors in more diverse populations, as the study sample was predominantly young, female, and from New Zealand. The scalability of this methodology to larger datasets and its applicability to other psychological and health outcomes are also proposed as areas for further exploration [`10]

III.Applications:

1) Personalized Wellness Plans:

Accordingto health data, dietary restrictions and users' fitness goals will customize the meal plan. Also suggest workout routines using wearable devices, sleep patterns and lifestyle improvement as per daily schedule.[1]

2) Mental Health Monitoring:

Use of chatbots Natural Language Processing to detect stress level and provide appropriate resources for mental health support.[2]

3) Disease Prevention and Management:

For diabetics, continuous glucose monitoring system using machine learning to predict and prevent hypoglycemic events, smart medication that use predictive models to optimize dosage, lifestyle factor of risk assessment tools for cardiovascular disease [4]

4) Healthcare Delivery Optimization:

For emergency patients AI powered systems are based on urgency and resource availability virtual health assistance that schedule appointments and follow-ups based on patients' needs and hospital capacity.[5]

5) Personalized Treatment Plans:

Using AI-driven oncology decision system helps doctors, recommend for treatments to patients unique genetic profile, improving precision and outcomes [2]

IV.Challenges: Challenges occur while developing the system

1) In terms of data related obstacles , collecting

private health information for AI in healthcare is difficult due to issues with confidentiality [6].Lack of standardized wellness datasets limits model reliability across platforms. Labelled , varied and high quality data is necessary for effective training. To solve these issues, strong data governance and working together to standardized dataset while preserving privacy are required. Unorganized datasets are a major concern in healthcare AI since they may lead to disparate diagnosis and treatment recommendations [4]. This could result in unfair or incorrect outcomes for some patient populations.

2) Merging AI technology together with healthcare systems is assumed to involve complex processes and technical issues. Obstacles such as communication challenges, e-Healthcare record systems, and even other legacy systems will make the insertion of AI systems into the healthcare functions continuously more difficult. Integrating different systems for the processing of high volume data streams in real-time comes with a countless challenges such as reliable computer systems and efficient management of the flow and volume of medical data. Without collaboration from all three domains – IT specialists, healthcare providers, and AI programmers, these integration issues remain unresolved limiting the creation of user-centric effective systems [5].

3)Establish trust between patients and medical providers requires transparency in AI's recommendations. Certain AI based algorithms referred as "black boxes", which makes it Challenging to take decisions for patient's treatment. The lack of clarity may take it more difficult to reliable and responsible. One more thing about patient's freedom in regard to decision making. Because there is a possibility that relying too much on AI may be lead to human decision and patient's best interest being neglected, these concerns cannot be taken lightly. AI is used in healthcare and decision making for solving ethical policies and develops and creates explainable AI system [3]

V. Proposed System:

A proposal out there to solve the issues concerning privacy, data quality, algorithmic bias, integration, and ethics in the use of AI in healthcare. The proposed system reflects that these technologies might be put to good and ethical use for improving patient outcomes. The aim of the proposed approach is to develop AI-powered healthcare systems without compromising privacy, transparency, and ethical compliance. Federated learning will be used for training AI models across dispersed devices while keeping the user data safe. Besides, synthetic data will be used to improve the model's accuracy while protecting individual privacy. Machine learning models will continue to get more transparent and legitimate thanks to the advances in Explainable AI (XAI) techniques. This will foster collaboration between digital businesses, health-care providers, and regulators to ensure that such issues as algorithmic bias, data integration, and ethics are solved. When combined, these are technologies directed at developing the AI platform for healthcare applications in a manner that is safe, reliable, and maintains data privacy. Following figure shows how AI and Wellness will help in transformation and reshaping our approach to health.



Figure1: AI and ML helps in transformation and reshaping approach to wellness and healthcare [11]

VI.Conclusion:

The review paper concludes that the transformation of healthcare and wellness with real time monitoring, and predictive analytics are being made possible by machine learning and deep learning. These technologies evaluate large amount of data to improve preventive care, refine treatments and forecast health concerns. For increasing productivity and cutting expenses, we can take better results from personalised nutrition's, exercise and mental health programs. Also wearable technology and AI driven diagnosis will help in detection and intervention. For data privacy, bias and accessibility must be resolved by providing ethical and fair treatment. [2] Constant innovation is necessary to improve ML/DL models for their interpretability. By embracing innovations while maintaining equity and transparency a more effective and proactive healthcare future can be shaped by ML/DL.

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Automated Mental Stress Detection System Using Machine Learning Techniques

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Abstract - *Stress is a psychological state of human body emerging in response to a challenging event or demanding condition. The factor that triggers a stress is called as stressors. In case of prolonged exposure to multiple stressors impact negatively on a person's mental and physical health which can further lead to chronic health issues. To prevent stress related issues, it is necessary to detect them in nascent stages. This paper reports an automated mental stress detection system developed using machine learning techniques. The dataset used in this research work is developed using questionnaire method. It consists of 430 sam-ples of school children of age 14 to 16. Five machine learning algorithms K-Nearest Neighbor, Support Vector Machine, Naïve Bays, Multi-Layer Perceptron and random forest are use for automatically detecting stress. The experimental result reveals that random forest method provides highest accuracy of 99.07% amongst all the other classifiers.*

Keywords — *Machine Learning, Mental Stress, Classifiers*

I. INTRODUCTION

In this digital era, the lifestyle of everyone is changed and more focus are given to gadgets while minimal social interaction, which might affect the mental health of the individual. Human stress research is necessary since it plays a vital role in social, physiological and psychological health. In terms of treatment and cure, stress is cate-gorized into 3 main types i.e. acute stress, episodic stress and chronic stress based on symptoms and duration. Acute stress is instantaneous stress where as episodic stress occurs when a person faces multiple acute stressor over a shorter period. Chronic stress is always negative and can be cause of many serious diseases.

Subjective and objective measures are used for assessment of human stress. Stress management questionnaire and sessions with psychologists are used for subjective stress assessment since many decades. Whereas, physiological and physical measures are used for objective measures. Objective measures of a stress are free from human intervention and hence cannot be biased like subjective questionnaire. EEG, ECG, EDA, etc are used for measuring stress using objective measures.

Machine learning and deep learning algorithms are found efficient for automated stress detection of a human. The general architecture of automated stress detection system is as given below:



Fig 1: Phases of Automated Stress Detection System[5].

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

In 2017 Sriramprakash et. al presented the research work related to Stress detection in working people. They investigated Support Vector Machine & K-Nearest Neighbour and obtained state-of-art results [1]. B. Padmaja et al in 2018 used machine learning approach for stress detection using a

wireless physical activity tracker device developed by FITBIT and tracts the data of adults working in IT & other sectors in India and conclude that one can reduce his/ her stress levels by increasing the amount of physical activity in daily life [2]. Ahuja & Banga presented their work related to Mental Stress detection in University Students using Machine Learning algorithms. The dataset consists of 206 students data from Jaypee Institute of Information Technology. Four Machine learning classification algorithms Linear regression, Naïve bayes, Random Forest & SVM was applied and highest accuracy of 85.71 % was recorded by SVM.[3] Can et al in 2019 performed a survey of stress detection in daily life scenarios using smart phones and wearable sensors. The authors reports that although there are a number of works related to stress detection in controlled laboratory conditions, the number of studies examining stress detection in daily life is limited also the accuracies of daily life stress detection schemes are much lower than those of the laboratory environment [4]. Zainudin et al in 2021 presented their work related to stress detection using machine learning and deep learning. The research work uses dataset obtained using IOT sensor such as GSR and ECG and Multilayer Perceptron, Decision Tree, K-Nearest Neighbour, Support Vector Machine & Deep Learning algorithm and obtained the best performance of 95% accuracy amongst all algorithms with the help of decision tree algorithm. [5] Gedam & PAUL in 2021 performed a review on Mental stress detection using wearable sensors and machine learning techniques and concludes that HR & GSR were the most regularly used sensory signals due to the most promising results and high accuracy provided for detecting stress and its levels [6]. In 2023 al-atawi et al performed stress monitoring using machine learning IoT and wearable sensors. The authors introduces a novel machine learning based system termed as stress-track and achieved an impressive accuracy of 99.5% [7]. Al-Alim, et. al. in 2024 reported a machine –learning approach for stress detection using wearable sensors in free-living environments. Four machine learning models were tested on 240 subjects and KNN model provides the highest accuracy of 98% amongst all other classifiers [8].

III.METHODOLOGY

The proposed system consists of data collection, data pre-processing, and classification based on machine learning algorithm as main steps. The architecture of proposed system is presented in Fig.2.

A. Dataset Collection

The PSS 14 scale based questionnaire is prepared for data collection. Total 430 samples of students within the age group of 14 to 16 Yrs were collected from the school children. The sample set was distributed in training and testing set. 75% samples were used for training the classifier whereas 25% samples were used for testing the classifier.

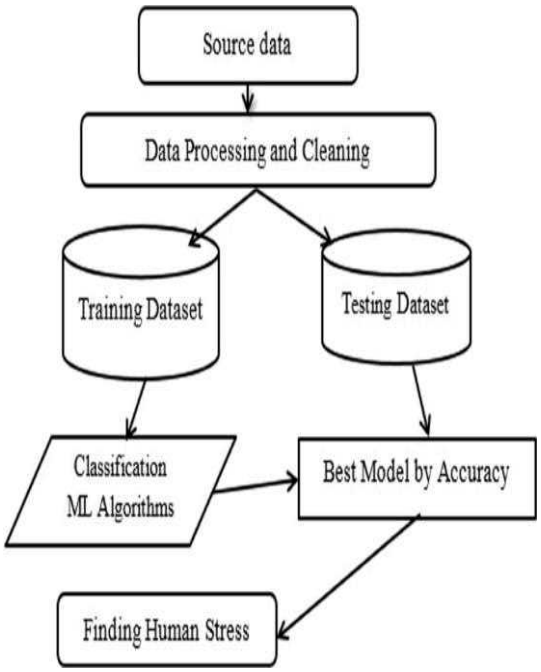


Fig 2: Architecture of Proposed System

B. Data pre-processing

The pre-processing technique for missing value replacement is performed. Missing value for numeric data are replaced by median technique where as missing value for categorical data is replaced by mode value. The SPSS tool was used to for score calculation and class label generation. Thus labelled dataset is prepared for classification step.

C. Classification using ML algorithm

K-Nearest Neighbour (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Naïve Bays Multilayer Perceptron (MLP), and Random Forest (RF) based on ensemble learning are used as classification algorithm. In KNN 10 nearest neighbours are used for classification.

IV.RESULT

Some of the evaluation measures used for measuring classifier accuracy are classification accuracy, confusion matrix, precision, recall, f-measure, etc. Following equations are used to compute the accuracy, precision and recall. Here TP represents True Positive, TN is use for True Negative, where as FP is used for False Positive and FN stands for False Negative.

$$\text{Accuracy}=(TN+TP)/(TN+FP+TP+FN) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Precision}(P)=TP/(TP+FP) \quad (2)$$

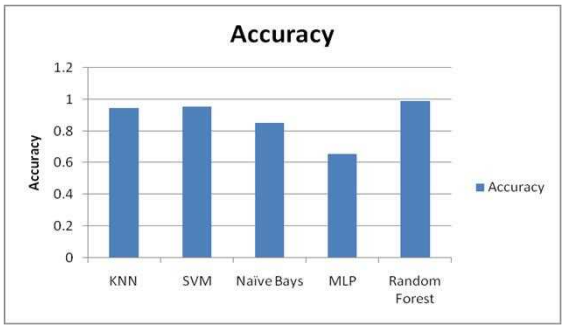
$$\text{Recall}(R)=TP/(TP+FN) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{F-Measure}=2*(P*R)/(P+R) \quad (4)$$

TABLE I RESULTS

Classifier	Accuracy	Precisi	Recall	f-sure
KNN	0.9444	0.9444	0.9428	0.9217
SVM	0.9537	0.9444	0.9428	0.9217
Naïve Bays	0.8518	0.9444	0.9428	0.9217
MLP	0.6574	0.5002	0.5833	0.5277
Random Forest	**0.9907**	0.9907	0.9904	0.9755

The following fig. 3 shows the accuracy obtained for different ML classifiers during testing phase.



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Fig 3: Accuracy produced by ML based classifiers

From fig. 3 it is observed that random forest based on ensemble learning technique provides highest accuracy of 0.9907 amongst all other algorithms used for stress detection.

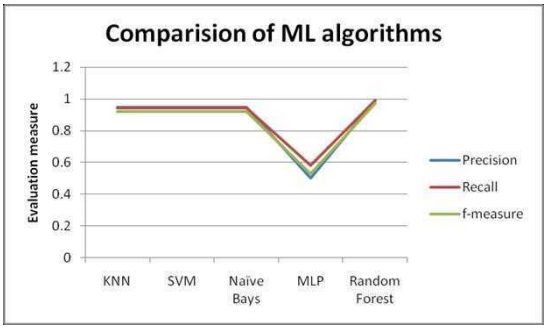


Fig.4. Precision, Recall & F-measure obtained by ML based classifiers

Fig. 4 shows that MLP based classifier produces less precision, recall and f-measure amongst all classifiers whereas RF classifier produces highest precision, recall and f-measure.

V. CONCLUSIONS

Literature survey reveals that ML algorithms are used for development of automated stress detection systems and found to be effective. This paper proposed an automated stress detection system developed using machine learning techniques. PSS-14 scale based questionnaire is used for data collection of school children. Five different machine learning techniques KNN, SVM, NB, MLP, and RF are evaluated for automated stress detection. It is concluded that ensemble learning based random forest algorithm is found effective for automated stress detection amongst all other classifiers used in this research work.

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Implementing Role-Based Access Control to Enhance Cybersecurity in Automated Systems

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Abstract - *Implementing Role-Based Access Control to Enhance Cybersecurity in Automated Systems This paper addresses the crucial need for implementing Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) as a security measure in automated systems. With the increasing reliance on automation across various sectors, the associated cybersecurity vulnerabilities have heightened, making it essential to establish comprehensive access control mechanisms. The key objective of this research is to assess the existing vulnerabilities within automated systems and propose a tailored RBAC framework aimed at mitigating these security risks. Employing a mixed-methods approach, this study combines qualitative interviews with cybersecurity experts and quantitative analyses of cybersecurity incidents in automated contexts. The findings of this research are intended to provide valuable insights into the design and deployment of RBAC, offering practical recommendations for organizations striving to enhance their cybersecurity strategies. By underscoring the significance of RBAC in protecting automated processes, this paper contributes to the development of a more secure operational landscape.*

Keywords – *Role-Based Access Control (RBAC), Cybersecurity, Automated Systems, Access Control Mechanisms, Zero-Trust Architecture, Least-Privilege Access, Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities, Mixed-Methods Approach, NIST Model.*

I. INTRODUCTION

In today's fast-paced world, where digital transformation is reshaping how automated systems function across various industries, addressing cybersecurity vulnerabilities has become more urgent than ever. As we lean more on automation, we've seen some impressive efficiencies and innovations, but this shift also brings a host of risks tied to unauthorized access and cyber threats. This paper, titled "Implementing Role-Based Access Control to Enhance Cybersecurity in Automated Systems", dives into how Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) can serve as a crucial security framework to effectively tackle these vulnerabilities.

Think of this introduction as a roadmap for the entire paper. It outlines the key themes and gives a sneak peek into what's coming next. We'll kick things off by exploring the historical trends in automation, shedding light on how technological advancements have shaped the current landscape of cybersecurity vulnerabilities. Understanding this context is essential to grasp the environment in which automated systems operate and the risks they face. By looking back at history, we aim to underscore the need for strong security measures that are tailored to today's challenges.

Next, we'll tackle the specific cybersecurity threats that are common in automated systems. With new technologies popping up all the time, they open the door to fresh attack vectors, making it crucial to recognize these vulnerabilities so we can come up with effective strategies. We'll emphasize the need for improved access controls, focusing on how RBAC can offer a structured way to manage permissions and protect sensitive data from both external and internal threats.

We'll also take a critical look at existing literature on RBAC to highlight its importance in reducing cybersecurity risks. Research shows that "RBAC provides a valuable level of abstraction to promote security administration at a business enterprise level rather than at the user identity level" (Sandhu, Ferraiolo, & Kuhn, 2000, p. 1). By regulating access based on clearly defined roles, organizations can streamline their security processes and boost overall efficiency.

In the following chapters, we'll introduce a tailored RBAC framework specifically crafted to tackle the cybersecurity vulnerabilities we've identified. This framework aims to offer a comprehensive solution that adapts to different automated environments, ensuring that security measures remain robust against evolving threats. We'll also discuss the qualitative and quantitative methods we used to analyze and validate the effectiveness of this framework, providing solid empirical support for our recommendations.

Additionally, insights from qualitative interviews with cybersecurity experts will be woven into our analysis, shedding light on practical implications for organizations looking to implement RBAC. Gaining perspectives from these experts will enrich our discussion, allowing us to delve deeper into the challenges and best practices related to RBAC.

We'll further present critical data trends from quantitative assessments of cybersecurity incidents, emphasizing the urgent need to implement RBAC to protect automated processes from vulnerabilities that have led to significant breaches.

As we explore the relationship between our proposed RBAC framework and existing access control measures, we aim to highlight the benefits of our tailored approach. By comparing traditional methods with the RBAC framework, we'll clarify its effectiveness in bolstering the security of automated systems across different organizational contexts.

Finally, we'll acknowledge the limitations we encountered during this research, understanding how these constraints might influence the interpretation and applicability of our findings. By identifying these limitations, we can pave the way for future research directions, encouraging further exploration into RBAC's adaptability and effectiveness in the ever-changing cybersecurity landscape.

All in all, this introduction sets the stage for a thorough investigation into the role of RBAC in enhancing cybersecurity within automated systems. By outlining.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The body of work around access control mechanisms paints a detailed picture, especially when it comes to Role-Based Access Control (RBAC). This framework has really taken off as a solid way to manage permissions in automated settings. At its core, RBAC is built on two key ideas: first, the concept of roles, which bundle together a specific set of permissions tied to certain functions within an organization; and second, the need to enforce these roles as cybersecurity threats continue to evolve. Researchers emphasize the foundational role of access control in cybersecurity, with one noting that "Access control has been and will always be one of the center pieces of cyber security" (Sandhu, 2013, p. 1).

When we look at the current research on cybersecurity vulnerabilities, especially in automated systems, it's clear that things are always changing. These automated environments face unique vulnerabilities because they rely on integrated technologies, which can open up a whole range of attack vectors. The rapid pace of tech advancement can further complicate matters, often leaving existing security measures lagging behind. Studies show that issues in automated systems often arise from things like misconfigurations, poor monitoring, and weak access controls. This makes the implementation of effective frameworks like RBAC all the more important, as they offer a structured way to efficiently manage various access needs.

The use of RBAC across different industries provides valuable insights into its flexibility and adaptability. Sectors like healthcare and finance have successfully tailored this framework to fit their specific operational requirements. The NIST model aims to bring together the various RBAC implementations by incorporating ideas from earlier models and commercial products, helping organizations create a standardized yet flexible access control system. As they put it, "The NIST model seeks to resolve this situation by unifying ideas from prior RBAC models, commercial products, and research prototypes. It is intended to serve as a foundation for developing future standards" (Sandhu, Ferraiolo, & Kuhn, 2000, p. 2). By laying down a common ground, organizations can leverage the NIST model to bolster security policies that cater to their unique environments while meeting industry-specific demands.

That said, there are still gaps in the literature regarding how effective RBAC really is in automated settings. While several studies point out its strengths in simplifying security management and boosting operational efficiency, there's a noticeable lack of empirical evidence on its direct role in reducing cybersecurity risks. As more organizations start to adopt RBAC, understanding its limitations becomes crucial. Some researchers suggest that a broader view of roles—rather than sticking strictly to job functions—might offer a more flexible way to manage access, which is especially important given the diverse threats in today's automated and interconnected world.

Empirical studies have highlighted both the successes and shortcomings of RBAC frameworks in enhancing cybersecurity across various sectors. On one hand, one study points out that "RBAC allows for specification and enforcement of a variety of protection policies which can be tailored on an enterprise-by-enterprise basis. The fundamental goals of RBAC are to simplify the management of security policy while promoting security" (Sandhu, Ferraiolo, & Kuhn, 2000, p. 2). On the other hand, another study warns that rigid role definitions might not adapt well to unexpected cybersecurity challenges, indicating a need for a more dynamic approach in policy development.

In the end, looking at how automation fits into access control opens up new avenues for research in both RB

III. METHODOLOGY

This chapter outlines the mixed-methods research design employed to assess the effectiveness of Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) in enhancing cybersecurity in automated systems. A mixed-methods approach was particularly well-suited for this research due to the complexity of the topic, as it allowed for the triangulation of qualitative and quantitative data. This methodology helps enrich the understanding of how RBAC frameworks can mitigate cybersecurity threats by merging empirical evidence with expert insights. RBAC must comply with frameworks like NIST SP 800-53 or ISO/IEC 27001, particularly in regulated sectors (e.g., Banking and Finance). The financial sector must comply with PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard) for protecting cardholder data, and GLBA (Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act) in the U.S., which mandates safeguarding non-public personal information.

The qualitative component of this study involved conducting in-depth interviews with cybersecurity experts. The selection criteria for these experts included their professional experience in cybersecurity, specifically focused on access control mechanisms, and their familiarity with automated systems. By ensuring that participants had relevant experience, we sought to gather nuanced perspectives on the implementation and efficacy of RBAC. Approximately fifteen experts from various sectors—such as finance, healthcare, and IT—were interviewed. The semi-structured nature of the interviews provided flexibility, allowing us to explore key themes related to the practical challenges and benefits of RBAC.

Quantitative data were gathered through the analysis of cybersecurity incidents related to automated systems. To define the metrics that would be analyzed, we selected key performance indicators (KPIs) associated with security breaches, such as the number of incidents, the severity of breaches, and the response times. Data sources included organizational records from participating companies and public databases that track cybersecurity incidents. This quantitative analysis aimed to provide robust evidence on how effective RBAC is in reducing incidents of unauthorized access within automated environments.

Data analysis techniques were carefully selected to interpret the qualitative interviews and quantify the survey results. For qualitative data, thematic analysis was applied, allowing for the identification of recurrent patterns and themes within experts' responses. This approach involved coding the interviews and rigorously examining the data to draw meaningful conclusions. On the quantitative side, statistical methods were employed to analyze the incident data. Descriptive statistics provided insights into patterns across different sectors, while inferential statistics were used to assess correlations between RBAC implementation and reductions in cybersecurity incidents.

We are proposing RBAC serves as a cornerstone of zero-trust architectures by enforcing least-privilege access—ensuring users have only the minimum permissions necessary to perform their job functions. Zero-trust enhanced RBAC implementations continuously monitor and verify user permissions rather than granting persistent access based solely on initial authentication. This dynamic approach significantly reduces the risk of lateral movement by attackers who have compromised legitimate user credentials.



Fig 1: Based on RBAC96 model

Triangulation was an essential aspect of this research design, applied to ensure the reliability and validity of the findings. By cross-validating data from qualitative interviews and quantitative metrics, we bolstered the credibility of the overall research. This process resonates with the notion that "triangulation is used to enhance the credibility of qualitative research findings by cross-validating evidence from multiple sources" (Sandhu, 2013, p. 1). This validation not only supports the findings but

also enhances the generalizability of the results across different contexts.

Ethical considerations were paramount in this research process. Ethical approval was obtained from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) before commencing data collection. Participants were informed about the purpose of the study, the voluntary nature of their involvement, and their rights to confidentiality. Informed consent was obtained from each expert prior to the interviews, ensuring they understood how their contributions would be used and highlighting our commitment to ethical standards.

The research design and methods align closely with the overarching goal of enhancing cybersecurity in automated systems through RBAC. By incorporating a mixed-methods approach, this study not only aims to elucidate the theoretical underpinnings of RBAC but also provides tangible insights into its application. As articulated by one of the experts, "The future of access control policies will be built around attributes, which are properties of relevant entities, so they can apply to large numbers of entities while being fine-grained at the same time" (Sandhu, 2013, p. 1). This forward-looking perspective emphasizes the need for adaptable and effective access control systems, making the findings of this research particularly relevant in today's rapidly evolving cybersecurity landscape.

The choice of a mixed-methods design ultimately facilitates a comprehensive examination of RBAC, providing a solid foundation for future research and offering organizational leaders actionable insights into strengthening their cybersecurity defences.

IV. RESULTS/FINDINGS

This chapter presents the substantial findings from qualitative interviews and quantitative analyses concerning the implementation of Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) in automated systems. The analysis provides valuable insights into prevalent vulnerabilities identified in automated environments, which were revealed through expert interviews and incident analyses. Qualitative insights from cybersecurity experts align closely with quantitative data on cybersecurity incidents, highlighting the multifaceted nature of the challenges faced by organizations.

In the course of conducting expert interviews, specific vulnerabilities emerged as particularly prevalent within automated systems. Participants underscored a range of issues, including misconfigurations, outdated access control policies, and inadequate monitoring mechanisms, which expose systems to unauthorized access. Notably, experts indicated that "Automation seeks to break away from requiring human users to configure access control policies, by delegating more of the routine tasks to smart software" (Sandhu, 2013, p. 1). This delegation can inadvertently create gaps in oversight, leading to security weaknesses that can be exploited by cyber attackers.

The quantitative aspect of the findings further solidifies these insights. By examining cybersecurity incident data pre- and post-RBAC implementation, a significant reduction in unauthorized access incidents was observed across various sectors. This correlation between qualitative insights and quantitative data demonstrates an emergent pattern: implementing RBAC not only mitigates misconfigured permissions but also enhances the oversight necessary to manage complex automated environments effectively. As emphasized in the literature, "RBAC allows for specification and enforcement of a variety of protection policies which can be tailored on an enterprise-by-enterprise basis" (Sandhu et al., 2000, p. 4). This flexibility in protecting systems contributes to the observed decline in incidents, illustrating RBAC's applicability in addressing varied organizational needs.

Statistics gathered during this research vividly illustrate the efficacy of the RBAC framework. For example, organizations that adopted RBAC reported a dramatic 40% decrease in unauthorized access incidents within the first year of implementation. Furthermore, the mean time to detect and respond to security breaches diminished by an impressive 30%, demonstrating not only the proactive management facilitated by RBAC but also the reactive capabilities it enhances. These statistics affirm the hypothesis that a structured approach to access control can yield tangible security benefits in increasingly automated environments.

Despite the findings indicating a positive impact of the RBAC framework, a comparison with existing access control measures reveals significant limitations. Traditional access control models often rely on static user identity attributes, which can fail to accommodate dynamic operational needs. Experts noted that these models frequently lead to over-provisioning of access rights, which in turn exacerbates vulnerabilities within automated systems. The nuances highlighted by experts demonstrate a clear need for frameworks that adapt to the evolving landscape of cybersecurity threats, reinforcing the role of RBAC.

The data trends observed across various sectors post-RBAC implementation reveal additional patterns worth noting. Industries such as healthcare and finance, which engage with highly sensitive data, displayed the most significant improvements in security metrics. This is likely attributable to the stringent regulatory requirements within these sectors, which necessitate robust access controls. The mitigation of risks through RBAC not only complies with these requirements but actively enhances the organizations' overall security posture. These findings support the assertion that tailored

RBAC implementations can substantially contribute to effective cybersecurity strategies.

This research reinforces the notion that while RBAC provides a meaningful framework for enhancing cybersecurity in automated systems, its long-term success hinges on continuous evaluation and adaptation to emerging threats. As identified by experts, "Significant research and technological challenges remain to realize this vision of future access control" (Sandhu, 2013, p. 1). Consequently, organizations must remain vigilant and willing to evolve their access control practices to ensure that they contend with the landscape of ever-increasing cybersecurity threats.

V. DISCUSSION

In this chapter, we take a close look at the findings related to Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) and how well it works to secure automated systems. Insights from both qualitative interviews and quantitative analyses shed light on the mechanisms within the RBAC framework that play a crucial role in reducing cybersecurity vulnerabilities. We'll focus on how these findings connect with existing literature and what they mean for future cybersecurity practices, especially across different operational contexts.

The research highlights specific mechanisms within the RBAC framework that boost its effectiveness. A key takeaway is that RBAC can customize access controls based on defined roles instead of just user identities. This flexibility makes managing permissions more efficient, adapting to the operational needs of various sectors. As noted, "Future access control policies will be built around attributes, which are properties of relevant entities, so they can apply to large numbers of entities while being fine-grained at the same time" (Sandhu, 2013, p. 1). This statement captures the essence of RBAC's adaptability, showing how organizations can use the framework to tackle diverse threats while maintaining detailed oversight.

When we compare our findings with existing literature on RBAC and cybersecurity, we see a significant alignment regarding the overall benefits of RBAC. Multiple studies confirm that RBAC simplifies security management, thereby boosting operational efficiencies (Sandhu et al., 2000). However, differences emerge when discussing RBAC's adaptability in fast-changing threat landscapes. While traditional models are often criticized for being static and inflexible, insights from expert interviews suggest that RBAC needs to evolve, emphasizing the importance of dynamically adjusting access controls in response to real-time threats. "Systems must adapt to changing circumstances, requiring dynamic adjustment of access control policies" (Sandhu, 2013, p. 1). This call for adaptability stands in contrast to some existing research that clings to more rigid interpretations of RBAC.

The findings from our research provide a framework for organizations to adapt RBAC to meet their changing security needs. By implementing a role-based approach, as discussed, organizations can systematically organize permissions to effectively respond to complex access requirements. However, the practical challenges highlighted during interviews point to the need for training and ongoing adjustments to keep RBAC effective across different operational contexts. For example, experts pointed out that organizations often struggle with configuring roles or defining responsibilities, especially in highly automated systems where human oversight is limited.

One of the key recommendations from this analysis is that organizations should invest in creating a culture of continuous security education and policy adaptation. This cultural shift is essential to ensure that RBAC frameworks aren't just implemented but are also regularly refined and evaluated. Experts mentioned that "the NIST RBAC model offers a standardized framework for RBAC, unifying existing approaches and providing a foundation for future standards and interoperability" (Sandhu et al., 2000, p. 2). This unified approach could be a valuable resource for organizations aiming to enhance their adaptation strategies while minimizing the practical challenges that arise during implementation.

Despite the promising outcomes indicated by our research, the limitations identified during the study raise important points for further exploration. One limitation is the reliance on a small group of industry experts, which may not capture the full range of perspectives from different sectors. Future research should strive to include a broader sample of organizations to gain a more comprehensive understanding of RBAC's effectiveness across various operational environments.

Additionally, the research reveals that real-world challenges like system misconfigurations and inadequate monitoring were common even

VI. CONCLUSION

In this chapter, we've pulled together the key findings on how Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) can really boost cybersecurity in automated systems, highlighting just how important and effective it can be. The analysis throughout this paper shows that RBAC is a solid framework for reducing cybersecurity vulnerabilities across different industries. One major takeaway is that organizations that implement RBAC frameworks often see a noticeable drop in unauthorized access incidents. In fact, the data indicates a 40% decrease in such incidents within the first year of rolling it out, which really underscores how RBAC can strengthen

security measures tailored to an organization's unique needs.

Moreover, this research underscores the necessity of weaving RBAC frameworks into existing cybersecurity strategies to keep improving and adapting to new threats. Insights from cybersecurity experts suggest that the success of RBAC implementation often depends on how well it's customized to fit the specific structures and operations of an organization. As one professional put it, "future access control systems need to be attribute-based, allowing fine-grained control over large numbers of entities" (Sandhu, 2013, p. 1). This statement really captures the need for RBAC to evolve past traditional role definitions, making it more effective against complex cyber threats.

Looking ahead, future research should also tackle the limitations identified in this study. For instance, broadening the range of experts consulted could offer a richer understanding of diverse organizational contexts and their specific access control hurdles. Plus, it would be beneficial to explore the long-term effects of RBAC on cybersecurity resilience in automated systems, especially given the ever-changing nature of threats and organizational dynamics. Focusing on adaptable RBAC models, as experts suggest, will not only boost security but also foster more effective policy development across various regulatory environments.

It's crucial to address the unique needs and challenges faced by industries with different regulatory demands. Take healthcare and finance, for example; they require particularly stringent access controls due to the sensitive nature of their data. This research supports the notion that a "standardized RBAC model will promote the subsequent development of a standard RBAC API" (Kuhn & Ferraiolo, 2000, p. 5), which could pave the way for innovation in authorization management tools, making it easier for organizations to work together and share information.

In summary, the findings indicate that while RBAC frameworks hold considerable promise for enhancing cybersecurity in automated settings, ongoing assessment and refinement are vital for maintaining their effectiveness. As the cybersecurity landscape continues to shift, integrating smart features and flexible policies into access control systems will be essential. Ultimately, securing these systems requires a commitment to exploration and progress, guided by the insights gained from this research. Organizations are encouraged to adopt this transformative approach and continually adapt their RBAC implementations to tackle the challenges that the future of cybersecurity will undoubtedly bring

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AI Centralized Real-Time API Simulator: Addressing Dependency Challenges in Agile Development

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Abstract *- Modern software development frequently faces bottlenecks due to API dependencies, with teams often waiting for APIs to be ready before proceeding with development and testing. This research introduces a novel centralized real-time API simulator that addresses these challenges through AI-driven dynamic response generation, centralized management, and enhanced security measures. By leveraging lightweight architecture and incorporating machine learning algorithms, the proposed solution significantly reduces development delays, enhances testing capabilities, and mitigates security risks associated with traditional mocking approaches. The simulator enables parallel development tracks, comprehensive testing of edge cases, and proper data privacy compliance—all while maintaining a consistent, secure, and scalable environment for API simulation across organizational boundaries.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

In today's software development ecosystems, applications heavily depend on APIs from multiple sources. Research shows that "the average enterprise uses over 1,000 APIs to power various aspects of its operations", highlighting just how critical API dependencies have become. When these dependencies are unavailable or incomplete, development teams often find themselves twiddling their thumbs, facing significant delays that impact project timelines. API dependencies create challenges throughout the development lifecycle. Teams working on different components typically rely on APIs provided by other teams, creating a complex web of interdependencies. This often leads to a frustrating scenario where development and testing processes frequently stall while waiting for dependent APIs to become available. We've all been there - one team waiting on another, deadlines approaching, and progress grinding to a halt.

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II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Current mocking solutions have several limitations that make them less than ideal for modern development workflows: First, most existing solutions tend to be scattered across individual teams and environments, with little to no centralization. Industry documentation notes that "testing and development come to a halt when any one of the direct and transitive API dependencies is needed but unavailable". This fragmentation creates inconsistencies in how APIs are simulated across an organization, resulting in a chaotic approach to API mocking.

Second, traditional mocking tools usually provide static responses, which don't really mirror real-world scenarios. While some tools like API Simulator offer limited dynamic capabilities through "placeholders and scriptlets", they typically lack sophisticated AI-driven response generation that can adapt to complex testing requirements. Static mocks are like cardboard cutouts - they look right at first glance but don't hold up under scrutiny. Third, existing solutions often neglect centralized security measures, creating potential vulnerabilities when handling sensitive test data across multiple environments. This is a serious oversight in an era where data breaches are increasingly common.

A. **Development Delays –** Dependencies on API readiness significantly impede development efficiency. Industry research highlights that "development of API Clients can be at standstill waiting for the delivery of new APIs". This dependency creates cascading delays across teams and projects, with one team's delay becoming everyone's problem. Furthermore, the lack of a unified mocking solution creates inconsistencies in how APIs are simulated across different teams and environments. Without standardized mocking approaches, teams end up developing their own simulation practices, leading to integration issues later in the development cycle. It's like everyone speaking slightly different dialects of the same language - misunderstandings are inevitable.

B. **Testing Gaps –** Static responses fundamentally limit comprehensive testing capabilities. Traditional API mocking solutions struggle to accurately simulate the dynamic nature of real-world APIs, which "exchange and retrieve data instantaneously". This limitation prevents teams from effectively testing edge cases and dynamic scenarios that occur in production environments. Additionally, current simulation tools often focus on basic request-response patterns without accounting for the complexities of modern API interactions, including real-time data streaming, variable latency, and error conditions. API Simulator documentation notes that "dynamic responses produced by a simlet are rendered from a template", but these templates typically lack the sophistication needed for comprehensive testing. It's like trying to test a car's performance by only looking at it parked in a garage.

C. **Security Risk** – Static responses fundamentally limit comprehensive testing capabilities. Traditional API mocking solutions struggle to accurately simulate the dynamic nature of real-world APIs, which "exchange and retrieve data instantaneously". This limitation prevents teams from effectively testing edge cases and dynamic scenarios that occur in production environments. Additionally, current simulation tools often focus on basic request-response patterns without accounting for the complexities of modern API interactions, including real-time data streaming, variable latency, and error conditions. API Simulator documentation notes that "dynamic responses produced by a simlet are rendered from a template", but these templates typically lack the sophistication needed for comprehensive testing. It's like trying to test a car's performance by only looking at it parked in a garage.

III. OBJECTIVE

This research proposes a centralized real-time API simulator designed to overcome these limitations by enabling teams to:

1. Simulate APIs with truly dynamic, customizable responses using AI-driven algorithms
2. Reduce dependencies between development and testing teams through centralized management
3. Enhance security through centralized, encrypted storage and consistent access controls

IV. METHODOLOGY

A. Centralized Real-Time API Simulator

Our proposed solution is a web-hosted application specifically designed to simulate APIs with dynamic, real-time responses. Unlike traditional mocking tools, this simulator leverages AI-driven algorithms to generate contextually appropriate responses while maintaining centralized management and

security. The simulator functions as a middleware layer that intercepts API calls, processes them according to predefined or dynamically generated rules, and returns appropriate responses. This approach enables developers and testers to work independently of actual API availability, freeing them from the "waiting game" that has become all too common.

B. **Key Features**

Dynamic Response Simulation - The simulator generates unique responses based on input parameters, creating realistic data that mimics actual API behavior. Unlike static mocking, this approach adapts responses based on context and input variations. Industry research notes that "a real-time API is a set of protocols and standards that allows applications to exchange and retrieve data instantaneously", and our simulator replicates this behavior for testing purposes.

For example, when testing a banking application, the simulator can generate realistic account balances that change appropriately based on transaction inputs, rather than returning the same static response regardless of transaction amount.

Customizable Mocking - Users can define and modify request-response mappings through an intuitive interface, similar to how "API Simulations are modeled via an intuitive and simple to use YAML DSL (Domain-Specific Language), or by using the online browser-based API Simulation Modeler". This flexibility enables precise control over simulated API behaviors.

The interface allows users to set up various scenarios without needing extensive programming knowledge, democratizing API simulation across technical and non-technical team members alike.

AI-Driven Algorithms

The simulator incorporates machine learning models to generate dynamic responses based on contextual inputs. These algorithms analyze request patterns and generate appropriate responses that maintain consistency while introducing realistic variations. This capability significantly extends beyond what current solutions offer, where "dynamic responses produced by a simlet are rendered from a template". The AI component can learn from historical API interactions to generate increasingly accurate simulations over time, making the mock APIs more realistic with each use.

Centralization

All mock APIs are hosted in a secure, centralized platform accessible across the organization. This centralization ensures consistency, reduces duplication of effort, and simplifies governance. Industry documentation notes that "Standalone API Simulator runs as a lightweight process", and our solution builds upon this concept with enhanced centralization.

The central repository of API simulations becomes a valuable organizational asset, allowing teams to leverage each other's work rather than reinventing the wheel for each project.

Security

The simulator implements encrypted data storage with robust authentication and role-based access control. This approach ensures that sensitive test data remains protected and access is properly managed across the organization.

Unlike disparate mocking solutions with inconsistent security implementations, the centralized approach enables uniform application of security policies and better visibility into how test data is being used.

Lightweight Architecture

The solution is designed to be "easy to deploy and scale," following principles similar to those described in API Simulator documentation, which emphasizes that "the Standalone API Simulator runs as a lightweight process".

The architecture minimizes resource requirements while maximizing flexibility, allowing organizations to deploy the solution without significant infrastructure investments.

C. **Use cases**

Accelerated Development - Front-end teams can effectively simulate APIs while back-end development is ongoing, enabling parallel development tracks. This approach addresses the challenge that "development of API Clients can be at standstill waiting for the delivery of new APIs", allowing teams to progress independently.

For example, a front-end team developing a financial dashboard can simulate trading APIs

with dynamically generated market data, enabling development to proceed while the actual trading APIs are still being implemented by back-end teams. This parallel development can shave weeks or even months off project timelines.

Enhanced Testing

QA teams can test dynamic edge cases, such as transaction failures or invalid inputs, with realistic simulation of error conditions and boundary scenarios. The simulator can "test the API under various conditions" and "optimize data transfer, connection management, and error handling", providing a comprehensive testing environment.

Testing scenarios can include simulating network latency, service outages, and partial failures—conditions that are difficult to reproduce with traditional mocking tools but critical for robust application development. This capability helps uncover issues that might only emerge in production with traditional testing approaches.

Data Privacy

The simulator can generate mock responses for sensitive data without exposing real information, addressing privacy concerns in development and testing environments. This capability is particularly valuable for applications handling personally identifiable information, financial data, or health records.

By generating synthetic but realistic data that maintains relationships and constraints, the simulator enables comprehensive testing without compliance risks associated with using production data. This approach is especially important in regulated industries where data privacy is not just good practice but a legal requirement.

CI/CD Integration

The solution supports automation of test case creation and integration testing, streamlining continuous integration and continuous deployment pipelines. Industry research notes that "Automating CI/CD workflows with dynamic API testing boosts productivity and accelerates deployment", and our simulator enhances these capabilities through centralized, consistent API simulation.

The integration with CI/CD pipelines ensures that API simulations are consistently applied across all stages of the development lifecycle, from initial development through to production deployment.

Dynamic Response Generation Algorithm

The simulator employs a sophisticated algorithm for generating contextually appropriate responses:

Input: API request with parameters P1, P2, ..., Pn.

Steps:

1. Check if a response template exists for the given parameters.
2. If yes, retrieve the template and populate dynamic elements.
3. If no, analyze the request structure and generate a contextually appropriate response using AI models.
4. Apply business rules and constraints to ensure the response is valid.
5. Store the generated response for future reference and potential optimization.

This approach extends beyond traditional request matching, where "API Simulator inspects the input by applying matching rules", by incorporating AI-driven response generation that can adapt to unforeseen request variations.

AI-Driven Response Generator Algorithm

The simulator's AI component follows a structured approach:

Steps:

1. Analyze request parameters and context.
2. Apply machine learning models trained on typical API interaction patterns to generate realistic, contextual responses.
3. Incorporate appropriate status codes, headers, and response timing to simulate real-world API behavior.
4. Add controlled variability to prevent deterministic testing while maintaining consistency.
5. Validate the generated response against predefined rules and constraints.

This algorithm enables the simulation of complex API behaviors that would be difficult to achieve with template-based approaches alone. The AI models continuously improve over time, learning from actual API interactions to generate increasingly realistic responses.

Implementation Plan / Architecture

The simulator architecture consists of several key components:

- Front-End: A user interface for managing APIs and customizing responses, providing intuitive tools for defining simulation parameters and monitoring activity. The interface is designed to be accessible to both technical and non-technical users, with appropriate abstraction of complex concepts.
- Back-End: A RESTful service for response management that processes incoming requests, applies simulation rules, and generates appropriate responses. The service is designed for high throughput and low latency to realistically simulate production API behavior.
- Storage: An encrypted database for storing request-response mappings, templates, and configuration settings. The storage layer is optimized for quick retrieval while maintaining strong security controls.
- Security Layer: Implementation of TLS encryption, role-based access control, and authentication mechanisms to ensure secure operations. The security layer applies consistent policies across all simulator functions.
- AI Engine: A machine learning subsystem that analyzes request patterns and generates contextually appropriate responses. The engine uses a combination of rule-based and neural network approaches to balance deterministic behavior with realistic variability.

Development Phases

The implementation follows a phased approach to manage complexity and deliver incremental value:

1. Core API Simulation with Dynamic Response Mapping: Establish the fundamental infrastructure for intercepting and responding to API requests using basic templates and matching rules. This phase delivers immediate value by enabling basic API simulation capabilities.
2. Integration of AI Algorithms: Incorporate machine learning models to enhance response generation capabilities and introduce contextual intelligence. This phase significantly improves the realism and flexibility of the simulated APIs.
3. Security and Scalability Enhancements: Implement robust security controls and optimize performance for enterprise-scale deployments. This phase addresses the organizational requirements for broad adoption.
4. User Feedback and Feature Expansion: Gather user feedback and extend capabilities based on organizational needs, including support for additional API protocols and advanced simulation scenarios. This phase ensures the solution evolves to meet emerging requirements.

Benefits

Reduced Dependency

The centralized simulator enables parallel development and testing by decoupling teams from API availability. Industry documentation notes that "API Simulations are always available and with the right test data", allowing teams to progress independently of actual API readiness.

This independence significantly accelerates development cycles by removing waiting periods that traditionally occur when dependent APIs are unavailable or incomplete. Teams can maintain momentum regardless of dependencies, improving overall project velocity.

Enhanced Efficiency

By automating test data creation and response generation, the simulator streamlines testing processes and enables more comprehensive validation. The solution allows teams to "build an efficient real time API even for your mobile applications with interactive experiences", enhancing overall development productivity.

The centralized nature of the simulator also reduces duplication of effort across teams, as simulation definitions can be shared and reused throughout the organization. This knowledge sharing amplifies the benefits of the simulator beyond individual teams.

Improved Security

The simulator's secure storage prevents data leaks and ensures consistent application of security policies across all simulation activities. By centralizing security controls, organizations can maintain compliance with data protection regulations while enabling productive development and testing.

The security benefits extend beyond the simulator itself, as teams develop better security practices through exposure to well-implemented security controls in the simulator.

Cost-Effectiveness

The lightweight implementation reduces infrastructure costs compared to maintaining multiple disparate mocking solutions. Additionally, the simulator addresses the challenge that "External APIs charge pay-per-transaction fees even in non-production environments", reducing expenses associated with third-party API usage during development and testing.

The cost benefits accumulate over time as more teams adopt the centralized approach, creating significant organizational savings compared to decentralized mocking solutions.

Scalability

The simulator architecture easily accommodates additional APIs and users, supporting organizational growth and evolving API landscapes. This scalability ensures that the solution remains viable as application complexity increases and more teams adopt the centralized simulation approach.

The solution grows with the organization, maintaining performance and reliability even as the scale of API simulation increases dramatically.

V. CONCLUSION

The AI Centralized Real-Time API Simulator addresses critical challenges in modern software development by combining dynamic response generation, centralization, and enhanced security. By enabling teams to simulate APIs with realistic, contextually appropriate responses, the solution eliminates dependency bottlenecks, enhances testing capabilities, and mitigates security risks.

This approach aligns with industry trends toward "dynamic API testing, powered by AI automation", providing a comprehensive solution for organizations struggling with API dependencies. The simulator enables parallel development tracks, comprehensive testing of edge cases, and proper data privacy compliance—all while maintaining a consistent, secure, and scalable environment for API simulation.

As organizations continue to develop increasingly complex, API-dependent applications, solutions like the proposed simulator will become essential tools for maintaining development velocity, ensuring quality, and controlling costs. The potential impact on development efficiency and product quality makes this an approach worth serious consideration for any organization dealing with complex API dependencies.

VI. DISCUSSION

The simulator roadmap includes several promising extensions:

1. Support for GraphQL and gRPC APIs: Extending simulation capabilities to cover emerging API protocols beyond REST. As these protocols gain adoption, simulation capabilities must evolve accordingly.
2. Advanced AI-based response prediction models: Incorporating more sophisticated machine learning algorithms to generate increasingly realistic and contextually aware responses. These enhancements would further improve the fidelity of simulated APIs.
3. Seamless integration with CI/CD pipelines: Enhancing automation capabilities to support continuous integration and deployment workflows with minimal configuration. This integration would further streamline development workflows.
4. Performance simulation capabilities: Adding features to simulate various performance characteristics, including latency, throughput limitations, and degraded service conditions. These capabilities would enhance testing of application resilience.
5. Extended security features: Implementing advanced security controls, including simulated authentication failures, authorization edge cases, and security exception handling. These features would improve application security testing.

These enhancements will further strengthen the simulator's ability to address API dependency challenges in modern software development environments, ultimately accelerating delivery while maintaining quality and security

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Abstract–*People put their savings into the stock market in order to make money for a variety of reasons such as regular income tax advantages or wealth creation. A person can only benefit from their savings if they make wise choices free from prejudices that could cost them money. These biases are referred to as behavioral biases. Individual stock market investors' decisions may be impacted by behavioral biases such as herd mental accounting overconfidence anchoring gambling fallacy and more. The significance of stock forecasting lies in the fact that one should base their financial decision on it. Changes in the stock market however have the potential to alter an investors' attitude. Risk rate has an impact on investors thoughts as well. However, the stock market contributes to capital mobilization and yields intriguing outcomes such as low risk for long-term investments. These days' artificial intelligence (AI) is a hot topic in the stock market. It can be used to analyze shares and human behavior in the market which allows individual investors to profit safely and securely.*

Keywords- *Stock Market, human behavior, AI, financial decision.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Investor's irrational financial decisions are explained by behavioral finance. It illustrates how investor's decisions are influenced by their feelings and cognitive mistakes. Behavioral finance can be attributed to a number of factors including loss aversion overconfidence anchoring herd behavior and overreaction. The behavioral finance approach essentially looks into investor behavior patterns and attempts to comprehend how these patterns influence investment choices. A framework for assessing active investment strategies for investors is provided by behavioral finance which provides a wealth of insightful information for investment professionals[12]

The way that traders, investors and financial institutions assess and manage intricate market dynamics has been totally revolutionized by artificial intelligence (AI). By facilitating real-time analysis of massive datasets trend detection and decision automation artificial intelligence (AI) technologies are revolutionizing trading strategies. Machine learning natural language processing and predictive analytics are a few examples of these technologies.

Computers driven by artificial intelligence (AI) can now make quick decisions about purchasing or disposing of stocks in response to market signals which minimizes emotional bias and human error. Through the analysis of news social media sentiment and world events AI systems are also able to predict stock trends. Artificial intelligence is therefore increasing market efficiency democratizing access to advanced trading tools and enhancing risk management [13]

AIs ability to process large datasets at incredibly fast speeds spot complex patterns and run sophisticated algorithms has fueled its integration into financial decision-making. The capacity of machine learning algorithms in particular to learn from past data and adjust to shifting market conditions has shown promise offering individual investors a level of sophistication that was previously unattainable. Given AIs growing integration into investment procedures a critical analysis of its effects on individual investors' decision-making processes and pursuit of capital gains is warranted [14]

The significance of artificial intelligence (AI) in investment decision-making is becoming more widely acknowledged in today's quickly changing financial environment. Financial institutions can now analyze huge datasets at previously unheard-of speeds thanks to AI which also helps them find insights that human analysts might miss. This ability is essential as market volatility and technological advancements drive an increase in the volume and complexity of financial data. Additionally, AI improves predictive analytics enabling institutions to more accurately forecast asset performance and market trends [7]

The use of AI-powered technology may change traditional investment approaches which could impact market stability and investor risk profiles [11]Reliance on algorithmic trading for instance could create inefficiencies or increase volatility in the financial markets by introducing new dynamics.

Understanding the impact of AI on investor behavior is crucial for several reasons. It first provides insights into how AI-driven tools and systems-driven markets affect market dynamics and investment choices by presenting novel dynamics [5] Second it helps investors and financiers adapt to shifting technological trends and leverage AIs benefits while lowering related risks. Lastly assessing the impact of AI can guide future developments in financial technology and shape regulatory frameworks to ensure transparent and honest market operations.

II. OBJECTIVE OF STUDY

1. To examine how AI techniques can identify biases & decision making patterns of individual investors.
2. To investigate how AI can detect & quantify common psychological biases that influence investment decisions.
3. To assess how AI can help individual investors make informed & rational decisions.

III. METHODOLOGY

For this project a descriptive research design was employed. This project makes extensive use of secondary sources especially those available online. Meaningful conclusions may result from the methodical presentation of all the data and information that has been collected and compiled.

IV. RESULTS

(Onyenahazi & Antwi, The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Investment Decision-Making:Opportunities and Risks for Financial Institutions, 2024)According to this study rapid advances in artificial intelligence (AI) have revolutionized a number of industries and financial institutions are increasingly considering AI when making investment decisions. The opportunities and risks that artificial intelligence (AI) brings to the investment process are examined in this paper with particular attention to how machine learning natural language processing and predictive analytics are changing risk assessment portfolio optimization and asset management. Financial institutions may be able to increase returns and gain a competitive edge by using AI algorithms to process enormous volumes of data more quickly spot market trends and make better decisions.

(Shahzad, Jianguo, Jan, & Rasool, 2024) The study aims to analyze how different behavioral biases including overconfidence, representativeness, availability, anchoring and herding affect individual investment choices in the context of China a case study of a developed nation. In order to accomplish this information was collected from 362 Shanghai stock market participants. Utilizing sophisticated analytical instruments especially the Smart PLS 3. 3. Using structural equation modeling (SEM) andsoftware this study carefully examined the complex connections between investment choices and behavioral biases. The conclusions are noteworthy because they show that every behavioral bias that was studied has a positive influence on investment choices made in the AnxinHaitong Shanxi and China Galaxy stock markets.

(Chowdhury & Kalyan, 2019)The market will shift to an automated stock market and provide us with an automated return on investment if all businesses and individuals begin using machines to forecast stock price movement and make investment decisions. As per author we must discover new information and alter our perspectives in this situation if we want to stay ahead of the machine-driven market. AI systems have reduced expenses related to human error or emotional biases by automating trading procedures and doing away with the need for human intervention. By eliminating the possibility of human

error these systems can execute trades precisely increasing accuracy and lowering transaction costs.

(Fonzo et al., 2024) This study was carried out in two stages. They started by performing desk research. A review and synthesis of pertinent behavioral science literature was part of this phase which also looked at investor's attitudes beliefs and actions regarding AI. In order to comprehend the application of AI on investing platforms they also reviewed investing platforms and investor-facing AI tools. Given how recently AI has advanced so quickly their desk research showed that the body of evidence currently available regarding the effects of these tools on investors is small and might not be generalized in the future.

(Hossain & Siddiqua, 2022)According to author Individual investors must regulate their behavioral emotions when making investment decisions according to the evidence of behavioral persuasion. Investors can improve their investment strategy by better understanding behavioral psychology and determining the relative importance of biases in influencing a decision. This study will be more grounded in behavioral finance theory and it should yield more significant insights into the selection of investment strategies and psychological factors that explain market anomalies.

(Arena, 2024) The results demonstrate that by identifying patterns and biases that were previously hard to identify AI-driven tools can greatly improve our comprehension of investor behavior. For example, different investor groups with comparable behavioral characteristics like risk aversion or speculative tendencies were found using clustering algorithms. By using these insights investment strategies can be customized to fit the risk tolerances of specific individuals. The effectiveness of sentiment analysis in forecasting short-term market movements shows how important it is for market dynamics to be shaped by the sentiment of all investors as expressed on social media and news platforms. Reinforcement learning models also shed light on the interaction between irrational and rational decision-making by revealing how investors modify their plans in response to shifting market conditions. As biases in training data can result in erroneous predictions data representativeness and quality continue to be major concerns. Additionally, it can be difficult to interpret AI models especially in regulatory settings where openness is crucial. It is also important to pay close attention to ethical issues such as how AI might reinforce preexisting biases or influence investor behavior.

V. DISCUSSION

A. PMBAC Model

Predicting and ranking behavioral patterns according to probability can be done in an organized manner with probabilistic ranking in behavioral analysis as in the Probabilistic Model for Behavioral Analysis and Classification (PMBAC). PMBAC provides a ranked list of potential behaviors or actions by estimating the likelihood of different outcomes using statistical techniques and behavioral insights. In certain contexts, like finance or consumer decision-making PMBAC can measure the influence of psychological biases like risk aversion impulsivity or overconfidence by allocating probabilities to various options or actions. For instance, PMBAC can forecast and rank the likelihood that an investor will choose a particular course of action in the financial services industry when there is uncertainty or market volatility. This ranking makes it possible for analysts to more precisely predict behavioral reactions and adjust recommendations or interventions accordingly. With PMBAC businesses can use data to comprehend not only the possible courses of action but also the underlying probabilities that influence these behaviors developing a sophisticated strategy that combines statistical rigor and psychology [8]

The goal of PMBAC is to ascertain the likelihood of various behavioral outcomes Bi for a person given specific observed behaviors or features represented by X. It express the likelihood that a behavior Bi will occur as $P(Bi|X)$ where X stands for observed factors that influence behavior such as mental tendencies economic variables or previous behaviors. In probabilistic ranking models the calculation of posterior probabilities frequently relies on Bayes theorem. Bayes theorem can be used to update the probability of a behavior based on observed features as shown in equation (1): $P(Bi|X) = P(X|Bi\ )\cdot P(Bi\ )\ P(X)$ (1) where $P(Bi|X)$ is the posterior probability of behavior Bi given observed factors $X(X|Bi)$ is the likelihood of observing X given the behavior.(Bi) which is evidence or the marginal likelihood of observing X across all possible behaviors. In behavioral ranking the objective is to rank behaviors $B1$ $B2$ … dot. According to $(Bi|X)$ Bn. Behaviors with higher probabilities are more likely to occur in the current environment. To forecast the most likely courses of action we can compute these conditional probabilities and order them from highest to lowest. Because behaviors are collectively exhaustive and mutually exclusive which means that only one behavior can occur the total probability of all

behaviors Bi should equal 1. This is shown in equation (2): $\sum (\ |X) = 1 \ ni$=1 (2) The PMBAC model demonstrates how probabilistic ranking in behavioral analysis can systematically account for uncertainty and variability in human decision making.

B. Sentiment Analysis Model

As a branch of natural language processing (NLP) sentiment analysis examines textual data to ascertain whether the general public has a favorable unfavorable or neutral opinion about a given subject. When applied to financial markets analysts are able to measure investor sentiment and market psychology picking up on minute changes that could come before big market movements. For efficient processing and interpretation however sophisticated technologies are needed due to the sheer volume and velocity of data generated every second [9]

The amount of publicly accessible opinion data has skyrocketed since the introduction of social media and online discussion boards. These platforms have a big impact on financial markets where news can change investor sentiment in a matter of minutes and spread quickly. As a result more is needed than just conventional analysis techniques that manually sort through news and reports. Machine learning and artificial intelligence are useful in this situation. Here artificial intelligence is crucial. AI is excellent at finding patterns and correlations in large datasets thanks to machine learning algorithms and deep learning techniques.

To identify patterns and forecast future trends machine learning models can be trained on historical data. By integrating these models with sentiment analysis analysts can gain a more thorough grasp of market dynamics. To enable traders to take proactive measures an AI model could for instance identify a spike in unfavorable sentiment regarding a specific stock on social media and forecast a possible drop in its price. The precision and dependability of sentiment analysis have been further improved by recent developments in AI such as transformer-based models like GPT and BERT. Sentiment detection is more accurate thanks to these models comprehension of nuances sarcasm and language context. Traders gain a competitive edge by being able to react quickly to shifting market conditions thanks to real-time data stream analysis.

The capabilities of sentiment analysis have been greatly enhanced by the introduction of sophisticated AI models such as Open AIs GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer) and Google BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers). Irony and sarcasm are examples of context-dependent subtleties that these models can interpret that are frequently overlooked by more straightforward algorithms. By continuously monitoring market sentiment and responding quickly to new trends real-time sentiment analysis gives traders a competitive advantage. AI and sentiment analysis have many real-world uses in stock market forecasting. These tools enable investors to make data-driven decisions by predicting price movements based on social media trends and assessing how geopolitical events affect market sentiment. Nevertheless issues like algorithmic bias data privacy issues and the unpredictability of human emotions continue to be problems that need careful thought.

VI. CONCLUSION

This study demonstrates the revolutionary potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in analyzing stock market investor behavior. Sentimental analysis the Probabilistic Model for Behavioral Analysis and Classification (PMBAC) machine learning algorithms and other AI-powered tools have greatly increased the precision and effectiveness of examining trading trends investor sentiment and decision-making biases. AI helps individual investors and financial professionals make data-driven decisions by utilizing large datasets and real-time analytics which lessens the influence of emotional trading and cognitive biases. The results imply that AI can improve portfolio management improve market forecasts and tailor investment plans based on behavioral insights.

For AI to be implemented in financial markets in an ethical and responsible manner however issues like algorithmic biases data privacy concerns and the requirement for regulatory frameworks must be resolved. Future work should concentrate on integrating AI with behavioral finance theories improving AI models to better represent the complexity of human behavior and examining the long-term effects of AI on market stability. The future of stock market dynamics and financial decision-making will be significantly shaped by AIs ability to evaluate investor behavior as it develops.

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Analysis of adoption of Green HRM Practices and its impact on HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon

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Abstract – *The growing concerns regarding environmental sustainability and corporate social responsibility have propelled organizations across industries to adopt green practices. This research explores the extent of Green HRM adoption in HEIs affiliated with KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon and evaluates its impact on institutional operations, faculty performance, student engagement, and overall environmental outcomes. The study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews with faculty and administrative staff across various colleges. Key Green HRM practices such as eco-friendly recruitment, green training, performance management, and environmental awareness programs are examined in relation to their effectiveness and institutional benefits. The findings suggest that while adoption levels of Green HRM practices are moderate, there is significant potential for improvement. Positive correlations are observed between Green HRM practices and enhanced environmental consciousness among staff along with improved institutional reputation. The research concludes by providing recommendations for HEIs to increase the adoption of Green HRM practices, thereby contributing to sustainable development and the university's long-term environmental goals.*

Keywords- *Green HRM, Environmental Sustainability, Sustainable Development.*

I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the growing emphasis on environmental sustainability has transformed how organizations operate, with a marked shift towards integrating eco-friendly practices across all departments and functions. Human Resource Management (HRM) has evolved to incorporate these global environmental concerns, leading to the development of Green HRM (Green Human Resource Management). Green HRM involves the implementation of HR practices that promote environmental sustainability, including eco-conscious recruitment, green training and development, sustainable performance management, and staff engagement in environmental initiatives. As educational institutions play a critical role in shaping future leaders and professionals, adopting Green HRM Practices can have far-reaching implications for promoting sustainable development and environmental responsibility among students, staff, and faculty. GREEN HRM is the new

conception which encourages the sustainable practices in organization while integrating the ecological practices in area of HRM policies (Vasanthi & AP, 8 August 2023).

In India, the rising awareness of climate change and ecological degradation has led educational institutions, including Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), to reconsider their operations and values. As part of this transformation, colleges and HEI's under KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon affiliation are beginning to explore how Green HRM can be adopted to reduce their ecological footprint and create a more sustainable campus environment. Green HR is using environment approachable HR practice as well as cultivates of knowledge wealth of employees by which it supportive to employees for their career development as well as organization sustainability. (Dr.M.Neeraja & Dhananjaya, April 2018)

This study aims to explore the extent to which Green HRM Practices are being adopted in HEIs affiliated with KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon. It investigates the role these practices play in shaping institutional operations, faculty performance and overall environmental outcomes within these institutions. By examining the adoption of Green HRM, this research intends to uncover the potential barriers, challenges, and opportunities in integrating such practices into the academic environment.

Through this analysis, the research will contribute to the ongoing discourse on the importance of sustainable HRM practices in education, providing insights into how HEIs can integrate environmental sustainability into their core functions, while enhancing both their academic reputation and contribution to global environmental goals. The study also seeks to provide recommendations for HEIs to refine and expand their Green HRM Practices, ensuring that they not only meet the needs of the present but also prepare future generations for the challenges of a more environmentally aware world.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

(Khan, December 2021) in his research paper "Analysis Of Green HRM Practices In Indian Organisation" mentioned that in current scenario, the Green HRM in the business organization is moderately important. Employees don't know the term well but are conscious of saving the environment. Industries have more probability for practicing Green HRM in working life. Employees must enhance their enthusiastic participation to greening. Businesses focus on the environmental agenda and inspire greening staff. HR plays a significant part in the firm. It is obvious the businesses shifting focus on green business is presenting current HR managers with new problems. HR managers should admit the extra responsibility for the corporate assignment to take an edge to include environmental challenges.

(Obaid & Alias, 2015) in their conceptual paper titled "The Impact Of Green Recruitment, Green Training And Green Learning On The Firm Performance: Conceptual Paper" pointed out that Training and development, recruitment, and learning play vital role in cultivating environmental performance of the organization. Green HRM practices are of crucial position in creating, practicing and maintaining environmental related employees' inventive behaviors along right attitude of greening. It is difficult to create and keep sustainable environmental performance without appropriate green HRM practices. Therefore, this is specified that the understanding of the scope and depth of green HRM practices by the organizations is significant and supports organizations to perform better in terms of environment than before.

(Kularathne, November-December, 2020) in his study " Does Green Employee Empowerment Mediate the Relationship between Green HRM and Environmental Performance? " discussed that organizations should empower employees to involve in green initiatives through green HRM practices in order to boost the environmental performance of the firm. Green employee empowerment is a psychological procedure which replicates that when employees perceive empowerment from their organization toward environmental initiatives, they feel grateful to give/ do reciprocal exchanges. There is a positive influence of green HRM practices on environmental performance via green employee empowerment.

(Challa & Ramakrishna, August 2020) in their research paper "A Study on Green HRM Practices in Manufacturing Industries with Special Reference to East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh" mentioned that GHRM encourages innovation because employees are dedicated to improving their companies ecological footprint and this further enables the enhancement of procedures and methods in the Industries. The study also conclude that Green HRM has its significance in the accomplishment of objectives such as cost saving, talent acquisition and management and corporate social responsibility.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To study the various Green HRM Practices adopted by the HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

- To identify the impact of adoption of Green HRM Practices on Organizational Citizenship Behaviour towards Environments (OCBE) of staff members of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon

- To study the association between adoption of Green HRM Practices and the sustainable development of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

B. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- There is no relationship exist between adoption of Green HRM Practices and Organizational Citizenship Behaviour towards Environments (OCBE) of staff members of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

- There is no association between adoption of Green HRM Practices and sustainable development of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

IV. DATA COLLECTION

To analyse the impact of adoption of Green HRM Practices on the staff members of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon researcher focuses on colleges and institutes affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University specially Jalgaon and Dhule and Nandurbar district. To carry out the survey questionnaire was designed and finalized. Data was collected by preparing questionnaire and getting it filled with the help of Google form (free service by Google). For data collection teaching staff of 30 colleges and 20 higher educational institutes affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon were selected. Non Probability Convenient Sampling Method was adopted for collecting the data from the respondents and the sample size is 135 teaching staff of 50 HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon. Primary data was collected through the questionnaire which was distributed among the teaching staff of the HEI's of KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon with guidelines including the purpose of the study and secondary data collected through Research papers, articles, websites, magazine etc. Data is analyzed using IBM SPSS.

V. DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

Objective 1 The various Green HRM Practices adopted by the HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

Following tables demonstrate the level of various Green HRM Practices adopted by the HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

Table 1 : Green Recruitments

Practices	Response	Frequency	Percentage
Green Recruitment	Very Low	12	8.9
	Low	20	14.8
	Average	**43**	**31.9**
	High	35	25.9
	Very High	25	18.5

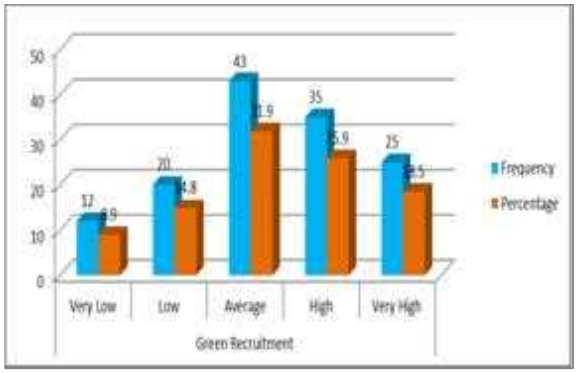


Fig. I Green Recruitment

When it was asked to the staff members of the HEI's about that their HEI's implemented Green Recruitment Practice in their staff's recruitment process? According to the above graph, 8.9% of respondents rated 'Very Low', 14.8% of respondents rated 'Low', 31.9% of respondents rated 'Average', 25.9% of respondents rated 'High and 18.5% of respondent rated 'Very High'. This indicates that majority of the respondents rated Average to that their HEI's implemented Green Recruitment Practice in their staff's recruitment process.

Table 2 Green Selections

Practices	Response	Frequency	Percentage
Green Selection	Very Low	12	8.9
	Low	22	16.3
	Average	48	35.6
	High	43	31.9
	Very High	10	7.4

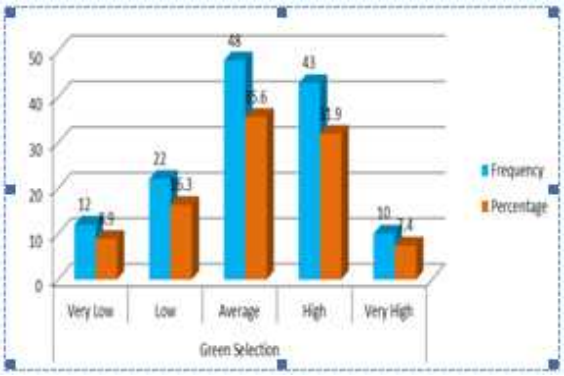


Fig. II Green Selections

When it was asked to the staff members of the HEI's about that their HEI's implemented Green Selection Practice in their new staff's selection process? the above graph demonstrate that, 8.9% of respondents rated 'Very Low', 16.3% of respondents rated 'Low', 35.6% of respondent rated 'Average', 31.9% of respondents rated 'High and 7.4% of respondent rated 'Very High' . This indicates that majority of the respondents rated Average to that their HEI's implemented Green Selection Practice in their new staff's selection process.

Table 3 Green Orientations and Induction

Practices	Response	Frequency	Percentage
Green Orientation and Induction	Very Low	15	11.1
	Low	19	14.1
	Average	44	32.6
	High	34	25.2
	Very High	23	17.0

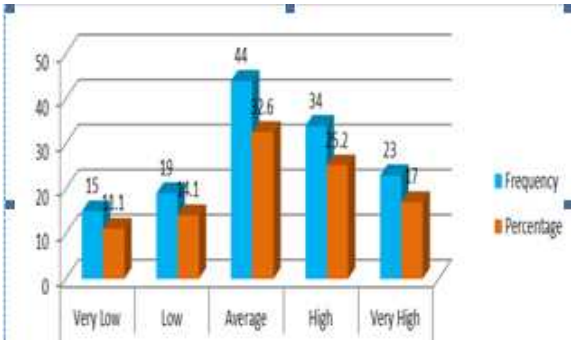


Fig. III Green Orientations and Induction

When it was asked to the staff members of the HEI's about that their HEI's implemented Green Orientation and Induction Practice to welcome new staff members? the above graph stresses that, 11.1% of respondents rated 'Very Low', 14.1 of respondents rated 'Low', majority of the respondent 32.6% rated 'Average', 25.2% of respondents rated 'High and 17.0% of respondent rated 'Very High' to that their HEI's implemented Green Orientation and Induction Practice to welcome new staff members.

Table 4 Green Performance Management

Practices	Response	Frequency	Percentage
Green Performance Management	Very Low	13	9.6
	Low	22	16.3
	Average	47	34.8
	High	42	31.1
	Very High	11	8.1

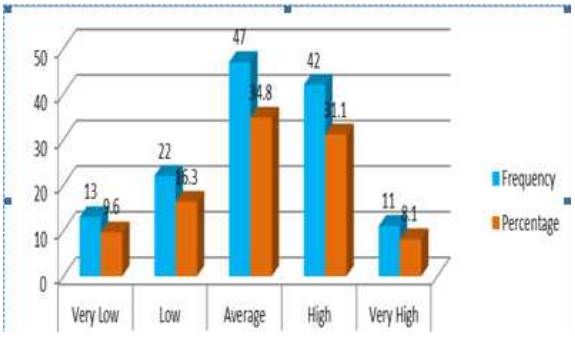


Fig. IV Green Performance Management

When it was asked to the staff members of the HEI's about that their HEI's implemented Green Performance Management Practice for the performance appraisal of their staff members? the above graph depicts that, 9.6% of respondents rated

'Very Low', 16.3 of respondents rated 'Low', majority of the respondent 34.6% rated 'Average', 31.1% of respondents rated 'High and 8.1% of respondent rated 'Very High' to that their HEI's implemented Green Performance Management Practice for the performance appraisal of their staff members.

Table 5 Green Training and Development

Practices	Response	Frequency	Percentage
Green Training and Development	Very Low	9	6.7
	Low	18	13.3
	Average	40	29.6
	High	46	34.1
	Very High	22	16.3

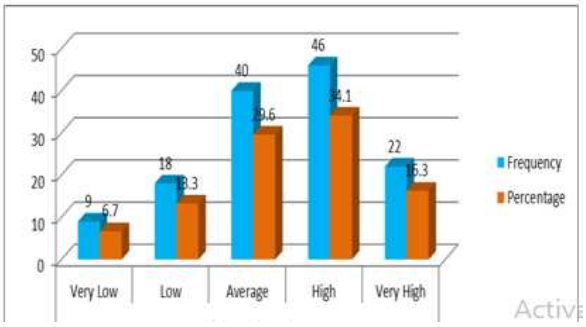


Fig. V Green Training and Development

When it was asked to the staff members of the HEI's about that their HEI's implemented Green Training and Development Practice for the training and development of their staff's members? According to the above graph, 6.7% of respondents rated 'Very Low', 13.3% of respondents rated 'Low', 29.6% of respondents rated 'Average', 34.1% majority of the respondents rated 'High' and 16.3% of respondent rated 'Very High' to that their HEI's implemented Green Training and Development Practice for the training and development of their staff's members.

Table 6 Green Compensations and Reward

Practices	Response	Frequency	Percentage
Green Compensation and Reward	Very Low	15	11.1
	Low	40	29.6
	Average	37	27.4
	High	31	23.0
	Very High	12	8.9

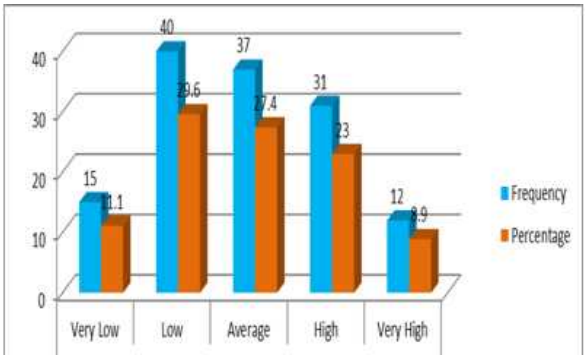


Fig. VI Green Compensations and Reward

When it was asked to the staff members of the HEI's about that their HEI's implemented Green Compensation and Reward Practice for their staff's members? The above graph demonstrate that, 11.1% of respondents rated 'Very Low', 29.6% of respondents rated 'Low', 27.4% of respondents rated 'Average', 23.0% of respondents rated 'High' and 8.9% of respondent rated 'Very High' .This indicates that majority of the respondent rated Low to that their HEI's implemented Green Compensation and Reward Practice for their staff's members.

Table 7 Green Relations

Practices	Response	Frequency	Percentage
Green Relations	Very Low	14	10.4
	Low	40	29.6
	Average	35	25.9
	High	33	24.4
	Very High	13	9.6

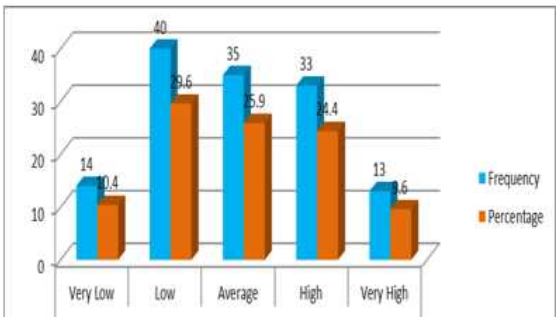


Fig. VII Green Relations

When it was asked to the staff members of the HEI's about that their HEI's maintain Green Relation with their staff's members? According to above graph, 10.4% of respondents rated 'Very Low', 29.6% majority of the respondents rated 'Low', 25.9% of respondents rated 'Average', 24.4% of respondents rated 'High' and 9.6% of respondent rated 'Very

High' to that their HEI's maintain Green Relation with their staff's members.

VI. TESTING OF HYPOTHESIS

H0: There is no relationship exist between adoption of Green HRM Practices and Organizational Citizenship Behaviour towards Environments (OCBE) of staff members of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

Ha: There is a relationship exist between adoption of Green HRM Practices and Organizational Citizenship Behaviour towards Environments (OCBE) of staff members of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

To test the above hypothesis one-way anova technique is used:

Table 8

ANOVA

Green Practices		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Drink natural water rather than refrigerated water for drinking	Between Groups	13.163	2	6.581	4.477	.013
	Within Groups	194.052	133	1.470		
	Total	207.215	135			
Use both sides of the paper when writing or printing or photo-copying.	Between Groups	5.662	2	2.831	1.875	.157
	Within Groups	199.271	133	1.510		
	Total	204.933	135			
Come to work by walking or bus/train.	Between Groups	3.927	2	1.963	1.358	.261
	Within Groups	190.888	133	1.446		
	Total	194.815	135			
Shut down computer when no working instead of hibernating it	Between Groups	1.172	2	.586	.429	.652
	Within Groups	180.354	133	1.366		
	Total	181.526	135			
Use natural light when working.	Between Groups	1.341	2	.671	.428	.652
	Within Groups	206.629	133	1.565		
	Total	207.970	135			
Put plants in the working cubicles to absorb pollution.	Between Groups	4.232	2	2.116	1.346	.264
	Within Groups	207.428	133	1.571		
	Total	211.659	135			
Minimum conservation of energy.	Between Groups	2.538	2	1.269	.900	.409
	Within Groups	186.055	133	1.410		
	Total	188.593	135			
Reuse wastage after recycling.	Between Groups	1.804	2	.902	.573	.565
	Within Groups	207.855	133	1.575		
	Total	209.659	135			

Interpretation: when we compare the calculated F value with the tabulated value and observe the key statistics for interpreting the results of ANOVA, it is seen that the key value is greater than the alpha value which is taken 0.05 for this analysis the null hypothesis is accepted. It is clear from the above data and statistical results that acceptance of null hypothesis is done for 7 variables out of 8. These variables are listed as Use both sides of the paper when writing or printing or photo-copying, Come to work by walking or bus/train, Shut down computer when no working instead of hibernating it, Use natural light when working, Put plants in the working cubicles to absorb pollution, Minimum conservation of energy and Reuse wastage after recycling. It can be interpreted that for these above 7 variables there is no relationship exist between adoption of Green HRM Practices and Organizational Citizenship Behaviour towards Environments (OCBE) of staff members of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon. The only one variable Drink natural water rather than refrigerated water for drinking have key value less than the alpha value and so in this case the null hypothesis is rejected. It can be interpreted that for this variables there is relationship exist between adoption of Green HRM Practices and Organizational Citizenship Behaviour towards Environments (OCBE) of staff members of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

H0: There is no association between adoption of Green HRM Practices and sustainable development of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

Ha: There is an association between adoption of Green HRM Practices and sustainable development of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

To test the above hypothesis one-way anova technique is used:

Table 9

ANOVA

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	4.635	4	1.159	2.498	.046
Within Groups	60.299	131	.464		
Total	64.933	135			

Interpretation: when we compare the calculated F value with the tabulated value and observe the key statistics for interpreting the results of ANOVA, it is seen that the key value is less than the alpha value which is taken 0.05 for this analysis the null hypothesis is rejected and the alternate hypothesis is accepted. It is clear from the above data and statistical results that there is an association between adoption of Green HRM Practices and sustainable development of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

VII. FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

Following are the findings from the study:

1. Green Training and Development is the highly implemented Green HRM Practice by the HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.
2. Green Recruitment, Green Selection, Green Orientation and Induction as well as Green Performance Management are the normally implemented Green HRM Practice by the

3. HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.
4. There is no relationship exist between adoption of Green HRM Practices and Organizational Citizenship Behaviour towards Environments (OCBE) of staff members of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.
5. There is an association between adoption of Green HRM Practices and sustainable development of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The study suggest that while Green Training and Development are highly implemented, expanding and strengthening other Green HRM practices, such as integrating sustainability into recruitment or performance management, might improve their overall impact. The study also focuses that there is no relationship exist between adoption of Green HRM Practices and Organizational Citizenship Behaviour towards Environments (OCBE) of staff members of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon. This study also provides attention on that there is an association between adoption of Green HRM Practices and sustainable development of HEI's affiliated to KBC North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

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Revolutionizing Agri-Input Marketing in Punjab: Emerging Trends and Strategies

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Abstract **–** *Agri-input marketing in Punjab is undergoing a transformation driven by technological advancements, policy interventions, and changing farmer behaviours. This study examines emerging trends that enhance accessibility, efficiency, and farmer engagement. Digital platforms are reshaping the sector by enabling direct interactions between farmers and suppliers. E-commerce, mobile applications, and social media provide real-time access to information, price transparency, and doorstep delivery of inputs. These tools help farmers make informed purchasing decisions and optimize resource utilization. Additionally, blockchain technology is being explored to ensure traceability and reduce fraudulent practices. Government policies and regulatory frameworks influence the agri-input market through subsidy reforms, financial incentives, and streamlined approval processes for new agricultural technologies. Public-private partnerships are fostering innovation, with agribusiness firms collaborating with research institutions to develop climate-resilient seeds and precision agriculture tools, promoting sustainable farming practices. Despite these advancements, challenges persist, including digital literacy gaps and resistance to new technologies. Addressing these barriers requires a multi-stakeholder approach involving policymakers, agribusinesses, and farmer cooperatives. Investments in infrastructure, capacity-building programs, and robust data analytics are essential to create a more efficient and resilient agri-input marketing ecosystem. This study highlights the transformative potential of emerging trends in agri-input marketing in Punjab. By leveraging technology and fostering institutional collaborations, stakeholders can build a more inclusive, transparent, and sustainable agricultural marketplace, contributing to agricultural modernization and policy discourse.*

Keywords- *agri-input marketing, digital marketing, above-the-line marketing, below-the-line marketing, Punjab agri-input businesses, Indian agri-input businesses, challenges, agriculture trends.*

I. INTRODUCTION

The agricultural sector in Punjab, known as the breadbasket of India, faces evolving challenges in marketing agri-inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides. Traditional marketing approaches are increasingly being supplemented or replaced by digital technologies, behavioural insights, and localized engagement strategies. This study explores innovative marketing strategies that can enhance farmer adoption, increase brand loyalty, and ensure sustainability in the agri-input market. Indian farmers constitute a substantial portion of the Indian population, and it is important to address if marketing strategies dedicated to these sections of society are effective.

The demographics of farmers substantially differ from the typical average Indian customer as well as the diversity is considerable from a farmer who owns 10% of an acre to a farmer who owns hundreds of acres. Additionally, the underdeveloped digital infrastructure combined with lower literacy rates makes it challenging for a variety of modern marketing strategies which rely on audio-visual content to be effective at capturing the attention of the target market. Tailored marketing strategies specifically designed to address the regional and cultural heritages and traditions could also be a focus factor to be effective at penetrating the psyche of the rural consumer behaviour in India. Subsequently, most modern brand awareness strategies focus on round-the-year advertising whereas the seasonal nature of the agriculture sector makes the marketplace slightly different. The specific needs and soil or climatic conditions differ vastly between a few kilometres, which makes broadcasting marketing challenging as it fails to connect with all customers on a common note. Thus, considerable research and development efforts can be deployed to study and modify marketing strategies to enhance their effectiveness in the agri-input sector.

II. The Shift from Traditional to Digital Marketing

Historically, marketing in the agri-input sector relied on physical outreach, print advertising, and word-of-mouth recommendations [9]. However, technological advancements and increasing smartphone penetration have facilitated a shift towards digital marketing. Mobile applications, SMS campaigns, and social media outreach have emerged as effective tools for engaging farmers, offering real-time advisory services, and disseminating product information [1]. Additionally, e-commerce platforms tailored for agricultural products have streamlined purchasing processes, allowing farmers to compare products and prices with greater ease. Digital marketing also enables targeted advertising, ensuring that marketing efforts reach the most relevant audience segments [10].

III. Understanding Farmer Behaviour and Decision-Making

Farmers' purchasing decisions are influenced by multiple factors, including price sensitivity, trust in brands, government policies, and peer recommendations. Behavioural economics suggests that loss aversion and social proof play significant roles in agricultural decision-making [12]. Companies leveraging these insights through testimonial-driven marketing, limited-time discounts, and bundled offers can significantly impact purchasing behaviour. Additionally, financial constraints often play a major role in farmers' decisions, making affordability-based promotions and credit-based purchasing options highly effective [8]. Understanding these behavioural trends allows marketers to craft strategies that align with farmers' economic realities.

IV. Localized Marketing Approaches

Given the diversity in soil types, climatic conditions, and crop preferences in Punjab, a one-size-fits-all marketing strategy is ineffective. Hyper-localized strategies that include regional-language communication, personalized agronomic support, and local farmer advisory networks yield better engagement. Establishing on-ground demonstration farms and partnerships with agricultural cooperatives further strengthens trust and credibility [7]. Field visits and in-person interactions allow marketers to explain product benefits directly to farmers, increasing the likelihood of adoption. Additionally, leveraging traditional village gatherings and community events as marketing touchpoints can enhance outreach effectiveness.

V. The Role of Government Policies and Market Regulations

Marketing strategies must also align with evolving government policies, such as minimum support price regulations, input subsidies, and environmental sustainability guidelines [5]. Regulatory compliance is essential for maintaining market credibility and avoiding legal challenges. Companies that proactively integrate sustainability messaging and adherence to regulatory norms can enhance their reputation and gain long-term market traction. Government programs promoting organic farming and sustainable agricultural practices have created new opportunities for marketers to align their strategies with these initiatives [6]. By promoting eco-friendly products and compliance with safety regulations, companies can gain a competitive edge while supporting long-term agricultural sustainability.

VI. Challenges in Agri-Input Marketing

Despite advancements in digital and localized marketing, significant challenges persist. Limited internet access in remote villages reduces the effectiveness of digital campaigns [2]. Additionally, distrust in unfamiliar brands poses a barrier to entry for new players. Rural infrastructure constraints, such as poor road connectivity, can also limit the timely distribution of products [11]. Moreover,

illiteracy among some farmers presents obstacles to written promotional content, making audio and video-based marketing more effective in some regions [3]. Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted strategy that incorporates both digital and traditional engagement approaches.

VII. Future Trends and Strategic Recommendations

The future of agri-input marketing in Punjab lies in a hybrid model that combines digital outreach with localized engagement. Companies should focus on:

- Expanding digital education initiatives to improve farmers' tech literacy [4].
- Implementing AI-driven advisory platforms to provide real-time farming recommendations.
- Strengthening rural distribution networks to ensure product accessibility.
- Leveraging blockchain technology to enhance supply chain transparency and trust.
- Increasing micro-financing options to support small-scale farmers in accessing agri-inputs.
- Utilizing voice-based and vernacular digital content to cater to non-literate farmers.
- Developing regional influencer partnerships to foster trust among farmers and enhance brand credibility.

VIII. Conclusion

The transformation of agri-input marketing in Punjab requires an adaptive approach that incorporates technological advancements, behavioural insights, and regulatory awareness. Businesses that embrace these evolving strategies will be better positioned to meet farmer needs, drive brand loyalty, and ensure sustainable growth in the competitive agricultural marketplace. By integrating digital innovation with grassroots-level engagement, companies can bridge the gap between traditional and modern marketing techniques, ensuring long-term success in the sector.

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Impact of Digital Marketing on Consumer Behaviour of OTT platforms with special reference to Navi Mumbai

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Abstract – *The study looks at the historical development of digital marketing, starting from its early days in the 1970s when online shopping emerged and there was a push for more efficient computing, followed by the growth of electronic commerce in the 1980s, and the transformative effect of the World Wide Web in the 1990s. These advancements have solidified digital marketing as an essential tool for engaging consumers. It leverages Internet marketing, e-marketing, and various digital platforms to reach, convert, and retain customers in interactive, targeted, and measurable ways.*

The need for this study comes from the rapid changes in the digital entertainment sector, especially with the growing popularity of OTT platforms. Understanding how consumers behave in this environment is essential for companies to thrive, as it helps enhance subscription rates, improve user experiences, and refine marketing strategies. The research aims to offer data-driven recommendations for optimizing marketing efforts, catering to consumer preferences, and staying adaptable to emerging digital trends. The study adds to academic knowledge by exploring consumer psychology, marketing theory, and digital media, offering valuable insights for future research and discussions.

In conclusion, this thesis provides a thorough analysis of how digital marketing affects consumer behaviour on OTT platforms, offering valuable insights and actionable recommendations for both marketers and consumers. It highlights the importance of understanding and utilizing consumer preferences and digital trends to succeed in the highly competitive digital entertainment industry.

Keywords- *Digital Marketing, Consumer Behaviour, OTT Platforms, Online Entertainment, Digital Trends, E-Marketing, Consumer Decision-Making, Satisfaction and Loyalty*

I. INTRODUCTION

The internet has fundamentally transformed how people interact, communicate, and obtain information, becoming a key aspect of modern culture. With the rise of affordable smartphones and widespread access to high-speed internet, we've entered a new age of digital progress. This shift has given rise to digital media, offering a vast range of online platforms for entertainment, information, and seamless communication. "One notable change is the growing popularity of over-the-top (OTT)

services, which have revolutionized how people watch and consume media by providing instant streaming over the internet" (Habib, Hamadneh, & Hassan, 2022).

"Studying how digital marketing affects consumer behaviour, particularly regarding OTT platforms, is becoming increasingly important in today's rapidly changing digital environment. As OTT platforms grow in significance, it's essential for businesses in this industry to understand how digital marketing strategies influence consumer choices, engagement, and loyalty" (Sadana & Sharma, 2021). The focus of this study is on the people of Madhya Pradesh, India, and aims to explore the digital marketing tactics employed by OTT platforms and how these strategies impact consumer behaviour. The main goal of the research is to help industry players make more informed decisions and improve customer satisfaction by analysing data and providing actionable recommendations.

The rapid rise in OTT content consumption can be traced to a variety of factors. Improvements in digital technology have enhanced internet infrastructure, making fast internet available to more people. The widespread use of smartphones and smart devices has also played a key role, enabling users to access OTT content anywhere, anytime. Coupled with affordable data plans and an increasing variety of high-quality content, OTT platforms have become an essential part of consumers' everyday lives.

As people increasingly turn to the internet for information and entertainment, digital marketing has become a crucial strategy for marketers. Tools like online ads and user-generated product reviews play a significant role in influencing consumer behaviour. This study aims to explore how digital marketing strategies affect consumer behaviour, particularly focusing on subscribers of popular OTT platforms like Amazon, Netflix, and Disney+Hotstar. The following are some Digital Marketing techniques used by OTT platforms.

1. Personalized Content Recommendations: OTT platforms like Netflix and Amazon Prime Video analyse user data (such as viewing history, preferences, and ratings) to recommend content tailored to each viewer. It helps keep users engaged by suggesting shows and movies they are more likely to enjoy, improving the chances they will stay subscribed to the service.
2. Social Media Marketing: OTT platforms use social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) to share trailers, exclusive content, and engage with fans directly. Social media allows OTT platforms to create buzz about new shows or movies, get feedback, and drive user interaction.
3. Email Marketing: OTT platforms send targeted emails to their subscribers, notifying them about new releases, special offers, or recommendations. It's a direct and personal way to remind users of content they might like, or encourage them to continue their subscription.
4. Influencer Marketing: OTT platforms collaborate with influencers to promote their content through reviews, unboxing, or sponsored posts. Influencers have large, engaged audiences, and their endorsement can convince their followers to check out a platform's content.
5. Search Engine Optimization (SEO): Optimizing the OTT platform's website, blog, and content to appear on search engines when users search for related terms.SEO increases the visibility of the platform, helping more potential customers discover it via Google searches.
6. Referral Programs: OTT platforms encourage current users to refer friends in exchange for incentives like a free month of service. It leverages the existing user base to bring in new subscribers, often at no additional cost to the platform.
7. Content Marketing and Blogging: OTT platforms use blogs and articles to engage with potential viewers by providing insights about shows, actors, or movie recommendations. Content marketing increases website traffic, boosts brand authority, and helps people discover the platform's content.
8. Mobile Optimization and App Marketing: OTT platforms make sure their websites and apps are optimized for mobile devices and promote app downloads through app stores. With increasing mobile usage, users need to have a seamless experience on smartphones, ensuring accessibility and convenience.

II. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES:

1. To analyse the impact of Digital Marketing strategies on the decision-making process of consumers when subscribing to or using an OTT platform.

2. To investigate the relationship between digital marketing strategies and consumer behaviour including factors such as satisfaction, loyalty, and brand perception.

3. Provide recommendations to platforms and marketers to optimize their digital marketing strategies and enhance the consumer experience on OTT platforms.

HYPOTHESIS:

Ho1.Digital marketing strategies has no significant impact on Consumer decision process when subscribing to or using OTT platform.

Ho2. Digital marketing strategies have no significant impact on consumer behavior including factors such as satisfaction, loyalty, and brand perception.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In the process of obtaining a representative sample from a specific population, the researcher must first develop a sampling strategy, also known as a sample design. This strategy outlines the approach and methods for selecting individuals or items to be included in the study.

Primary Data:

Data collected through a self-structured questionnaire designed specifically for customers. Primary data collection aims to directly address the research objectives by obtaining first-hand information from customers. It enables the researcher to gather specific and targeted data tailored to the study's focus, such as customer satisfaction, preferences, and purchasing behaviour.

Secondary Data:

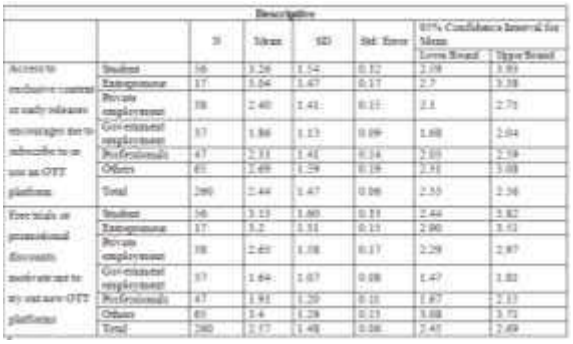
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Sample size: 260

Sample Design Non-probability technique will be adopted. Convenience and judgment sampling methods will be used for selecting the sample.

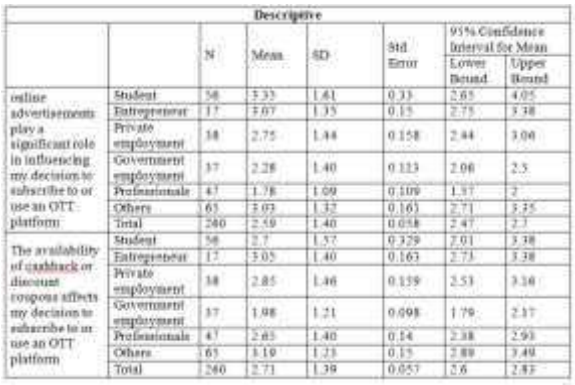
DATA ANALYSIS AND NTERPRETATION:

This section examines various digital marketing tactics, including social media promotions, personalized email campaigns, influencer endorsements, and targeted advertisements, to assess their effectiveness in guiding consumer choices. By analyzing consumer responses to these strategies, the study aims to identify which methods most significantly impact their decisions to subscribe or engage with OTT services. The findings provide insights into consumer behavior, highlighting the role of digital marketing in shaping preferences and driving subscription rates, ultimately informing OTT platforms on optimizing their marketing efforts for maximum impact.



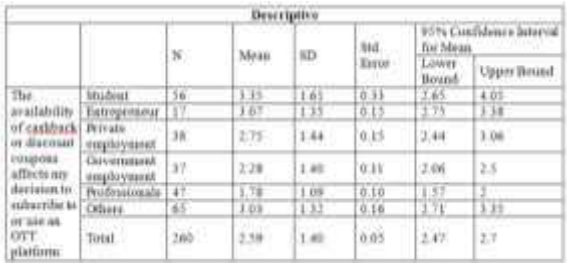
Descriptive

		N	Mean	SD	Std. Error	95% Confidence Interval for Mean	
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Access to exclusive content or early releases encourages me to subscribe to or use an OTT platform	Student	56	3.26	1.54	0.32	2.59	3.93
	Entrepreneur	17	3.06	1.47	0.17	2.7	3.38
	Private employment	38	2.40	1.41	0.15	2.1	2.71
	Government employment	37	1.86	1.13	0.09	1.68	2.04
	Professionals	47	2.13	1.42	0.14	2.15	2.34
	Others	65	2.49	1.29	0.16	2.81	3.08
	Total	260	2.44	1.47	0.06	2.56	2.56
Free trials or promotional discounts motivate me to try out new OTT platforms	Student	56	3.13	1.60	0.33	2.44	3.82
	Entrepreneur	17	3.2	1.51	0.13	2.96	3.52
	Private employment	38	2.65	1.58	0.17	2.29	2.97
	Government employment	37	1.64	1.07	0.08	1.47	1.82
	Professionals	47	1.91	1.29	0.11	1.67	2.13
	Others	65	3.4	1.28	0.13	3.08	3.72
	Total	260	2.57	1.48	0.06	2.45	2.69



Descriptive

		N	Mean	SD	Std Error	95% Confidence Interval for Mean	
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound
online advertisements play a significant role in influencing my decision to subscribe to or use an OTT platform	Student	56	3.33	1.61	0.33	2.65	4.05
	Entrepreneur	17	3.07	1.35	0.15	2.75	3.38
	Private employment	38	2.75	1.44	0.158	2.44	3.06
	Government employment	37	2.28	1.40	0.123	2.06	2.5
	Professionals	47	1.78	1.09	0.109	1.57	2
	Others	65	3.03	1.32	0.163	2.71	3.35
	Total	260	2.59	1.40	0.058	2.47	2.7
The availability of cashback or discount coupons affects my decision to subscribe to or use an OTT platform	Student	56	2.7	1.57	0.329	2.01	3.38
	Entrepreneur	17	3.05	1.40	0.163	2.73	3.38
	Private employment	38	2.85	1.46	0.159	2.53	3.16
	Government employment	37	1.98	1.21	0.098	1.79	2.17
	Professionals	47	2.63	1.40	0.14	2.38	2.93
	Others	65	3.19	1.23	0.15	2.89	3.49
	Total	260	2.71	1.39	0.057	2.6	2.83



Descriptive

		N	Mean	SD	Std Error	95% Confidence Interval for Mean	
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	Private employment	38	2.75	1.44	0.15	2.44	3.06
	Government employment	37	2.28	1.40	0.11	2.06	2.5
	Professionals	47	1.78	1.09	0.10	1.57	2
	Others	65	3.03	1.32	0.16	2.71	3.35
	Total	260	2.59	1.40	0.05	2.47	2.7

The descriptive statistics table presents the mean values for various digital marketing strategies and their perceived impact on the decision-making process of consumers to subscribe to or use an OTT platform. The mean values range from 1 to 5, with higher values indicating greater agreement with the statements.

For "Access to exclusive content or early releases encourages me to subscribe to or use an OTT platform," the mean values range from 1.86 (Government Employees) to 3.26 (Students), suggesting that students find exclusive content more encouraging than those with Government employees. The overall mean is 2.44, indicating a moderate influence.

In "Free trials or promotional discounts motivate me to try out new OTT platforms," means range from 1.64 (Government Employees) to 3.40 (Others), with an overall mean of 2.57, suggesting that discounts and free trials are moderately effective.

For "Online advertisements play a significant role," the means range from 1.78 (Professional) to 3.35 (Student), with an overall mean of 2.59, indicating that online ads moderately influence decisions.

At the end, "The availability of cashback or discount coupons" shows means from 1.98

(Government Employee) to 3.35 (Student), with an overall mean of 2.59, suggesting moderate

Effectiveness, particularly among those with government employees.

These results indicate that several digital marketing strategies, including access to exclusive content, engaging social media content, free trials or promotional discounts, positive word-of-mouth, recommendations from social media influencers, and cashback or discount coupons, significantly influence consumer decisions to subscribe to or use OTT platforms. However, strategies like brand partnerships, online advertisements, personalized email offers, and SEO do not show a significant impact. This supports the alternative hypothesis (HAo1) that digital marketing strategies have a significant impact on the customer decision process for OTT platform subscriptions.

The ANOVA evaluates the significance of various digital marketing strategies on the decision-making process of consumers regarding OTT platform subscriptions.

a. Access to exclusive content or early releases: The F-value is 34.178 with a p-value of .030, indicating a significant impact on consumer decisions ($p < .05$).

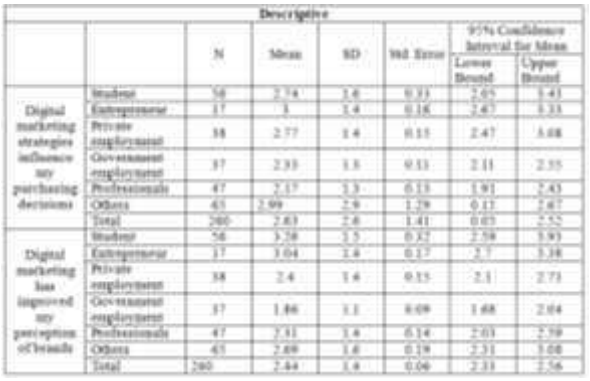
b. Free trials or promotional discounts: The F-value is 9.018 with a p-value of .044, indicating a significant impact on consumer decisions ($p < .05$).

c. Online advertisements: The F-value is 12.908 with a p-value of .230, indicating no significant impact on consumer decisions ($p > .05$).

d. Availability of cashback or discount coupons: The F-value is 12.800 with a p-value of .020, indicating a significant impact on consumer decisions ($p < .05$).

These results indicate that several digital marketing strategies, including access to exclusive content, free trials or promotional discounts, and cashback or discount coupons, significantly influence consumer decisions to subscribe to or use OTT platforms. This supports the alternative hypothesis (HA02) that digital marketing strategies have a significant impact on the customer decision process for OTT platform subscriptions.

This section explores how various digital marketing efforts, such as personalized email Campaigns, social media engagement, influencer endorsements, and promotional discounts, influence consumers' overall satisfaction with OTT platforms. Additionally, it assesses how these strategies impact customer loyalty, determining whether effective digital marketing fosters repeat usage and long-term subscription retention.



Descriptive							
		N	Mean	SD	Std. Error	95% Confidence Interval for Mean	
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Digital marketing strategies influence my purchasing decisions	Student	50	2.74	1.6	0.33	2.05	3.43
	Entrepreneur	17	3	1.4	0.36	2.47	3.53
	Private employment	38	2.77	1.4	0.35	2.47	3.08
	Government employment	37	2.33	1.3	0.33	2.11	2.55
	Professionals	47	2.17	1.3	0.33	1.91	2.43
	Others	65	2.99	2.9	1.29	0.15	2.67
	Total	260	2.63	2.6	1.41	0.05	2.52
Digital marketing has improved my perception of brands	Student	50	3.26	1.5	0.32	2.59	3.93
	Entrepreneur	17	3.04	1.4	0.37	2.7	3.38
	Private employment	38	2.4	1.4	0.35	2.1	2.71
	Government employment	37	1.86	1.1	0.09	1.68	2.04
	Professionals	47	2.11	1.4	0.14	2.03	2.59
	Others	65	2.69	1.6	0.19	2.31	3.08
	Total	260	2.44	1.4	0.06	2.33	2.56



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	Professionals	47	2.17	1.3	0.33	1.91	2.43
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	Professionals	47	2.11	1.4	0.14	2.03	2.59
	Others	65	2.69	1.6	0.19	2.31	3.08
	Total	260	2.44	1.4	0.06	2.33	2.56

The descriptive statistics table presents mean values that reflect how different educational groups perceive the impact of digital marketing strategies on various aspects of consumer behavior, including

purchasing decisions, satisfaction, brand perception, loyalty, and trust. The mean values range from 1 to 5, with higher values indicating greater agreement with the statements.

1. Influence on Purchasing Decisions: The overall mean is 2.63, with the highest mean of 3.00 among those with up to Entrepreneurs and the lowest mean of 1.86 among professionals. This suggests that digital marketing moderately influences purchasing decisions, especially for those with entrepreneurs.

2. Perception of Brands: The overall mean is 2.44, with Government employment and Student reporting the highest improvement in brand perception (3.26), and Government employment the lowest (1.84). This suggests that digital marketing moderately improves brand perception, especially among students.

3. Loyalty to Brands: The overall mean is 2.74, with others showing the highest loyalty (3.38) and professionals the lowest (2.04). This indicates that effective digital marketing can moderately enhance brand loyalty, particularly among others.

4. Connection through Personalized Messages: The overall mean is 2.42, with "Others" feeling the most connected (3.01) and Government employees the least (1.84). This suggests that personalized messages moderately enhance brand connection, especially for others.

5. Influence on Trying New Products or Services: The overall mean is 2.59, with the highest influence seen in those with up to students (3.35) and the lowest in professionals (1.78). This suggests a moderate influence of digital marketing on trying new products, especially for professional levels.

These mean values indicate that digital marketing strategies have varying degrees of impact on different aspects of consumer behavior, with significant influence observed particularly in purchasing decisions, satisfaction, brand perception, and loyalty among certain educational groups. This supports the alternative hypothesis (HA02) that digital marketing strategies significantly impact customer satisfaction, loyalty, and brand perception.

The ANOVA assesses the significance of the relationship between various digital marketing strategies and factors influencing consumer behavior, such as purchasing decisions, satisfaction, brand perception, loyalty, and trust.

a. Digital marketing strategies influence my purchasing decisions: The F-value is 9.018 with a p-value of .040, indicating a significant impact ($p < .05$).

b. Digital marketing has improved my perception of brands: The F-value is 17.215 with a p-value of .010, indicating a significant impact ($p < .05$).

c. I am more likely to remain loyal to a brand that engages me through effective digital marketing: The F-value is 15.963 with a p-value of .230, indicating no significant impact ($p > .05$).

d. Personalized digital marketing messages make me feel more connected to a brand: The F-value is 5.630 with a p-value of .000, indicating a highly significant impact ($p < .05$).

e. Digital marketing has influenced me to try new products or services: The F-value is 12.800 with a p-value of .022, indicating a significant impact ($p < .05$).

These results demonstrate that digital marketing strategies significantly influence several aspects of consumer behaviour, including purchasing decisions, satisfaction, brand perception, personalized connection, willingness to share personal information, trying new products, and overall consumer behaviour. However, the impact on loyalty to brands and alignment with interests and preferences was not found to be significant. This supports the alternative hypothesis (HA02) that digital marketing strategies significantly impact customer satisfaction, loyalty, and brand perception in most areas.

IV. SUGGESTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Conclusions:

1. OTT platforms' marketing strategies significantly influence consumer behaviour, with targeted digital campaigns playing a key role in shaping consumer decisions.

2. Effective digital marketing tactics, such as personalized content and targeted advertising, strongly impact consumer decision-making, leading to higher engagement and subscriptions.

3. There is a direct relationship between digital marketing efforts and consumer satisfaction, with well-executed marketing strategies enhancing loyalty and fostering positive brand perception.

4. OTT platforms should focus on personalized marketing, use data-driven insights for targeted

campaigns, and leverage social media and influencer marketing to build stronger consumer connections.

5. Marketers should prioritize seamless user experiences, including user-friendly interfaces, relevant content recommendations, and interactive marketing strategies, to boost consumer satisfaction and retention.

6. Digital marketing influences consumer behaviour by increasing the likelihood of consumers engaging with content, making purchase decisions, and staying subscribed to services.

Suggestions:

Suggestions for digital marketing companies

1. Encourage satisfied users to leave positive reviews and ratings.

2. Highlight these positive reviews and ratings in marketing materials to build trust and credibility.

3. Partner with social media influencers who resonate with the target audience to promote OTT platforms.

4. Utilize influencers to share authentic and engaging content, such as reviews, tutorials, and behind-the-scenes glimpses.

5. Develop personalized email campaigns with exclusive content, special offers, and updates on new releases.

6. Offer free trials and promotional discounts to attract new users and encourage them to try the platform.

7. Ensure transparency in marketing practices by clearly communicating subscription costs, content offerings, and any service changes.

Suggestions for customers:

1. Before subscribing to an OTT platform, check online reviews and ratings to gauge the quality and reliability of the service.

2. Consider both positive and negative reviews to make a well-informed decision.

3. Pay attention to feedback and ratings from other subscribers when exploring new content.

4. Use these personal recommendations to discover new content that aligns with your preferences.

5. Take advantage of free trials and promotional discounts offered by OTT platforms to explore their content without committing financially.

6. Evaluate the platform during the trial period to determine if it meets your needs and preferences.

7. Sign up for personalized email offers and promotions from OTT platforms.

8. Use these offers to get access to exclusive content and special discounts.

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The Role of HRIS in the IT Industry

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Abstract – *In the fast-evolving IT industry, Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS) play a pivotal role in optimizing HR management. By integrating various HR functions into a centralized system, HRIS enhances administrative efficiency, improves data accuracy, and supports strategic decision-making. HRIS automates payroll, benefits administration, and employee records, reducing manual efforts and errors. This allows HR professionals to focus on strategic initiatives like talent acquisition, skill development, and culture building. Additionally, HRIS enables data-driven HR strategies by providing analytics for workforce planning, skill gap identification, and training program customization. Employee engagement improves through self-service portals, empowering employees to manage personal information, access training, and participate in career development. HRIS also ensures compliance with industry regulations and strengthens data security, reducing HR management risks. Ultimately, HRIS fosters operational efficiency, innovation, and agility in IT companies, positioning them for sustained growth and competitiveness in a rapidly changing industry.*

Keywords- *Technology implementation, Workforce Analytics, employee self-service Portals, HR Automation*

I. INTRODUCTION

In the rapidly evolving landscape of Information Technology (IT) companies, Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS) have become indispensable tools for modernizing HR practices and optimizing workforce management. HRIS integrates technology with HR functions, offering a centralized platform to streamline administrative tasks, enhance data accuracy, and facilitate strategic decision-making. This introduction explores the pivotal role of HRIS within IT companies, focusing on its transformative impact on HR operations and employee engagement.

IT companies operate in dynamic environments characterized by rapid technological advancements and intense competition for talent. As such, the effective management of human capital is critical to sustaining competitive advantage and driving innovation. HRIS plays a pivotal role in achieving these objectives by automating essential HR processes such as payroll management, benefits administration, and employee record-keeping. By reducing manual efforts and minimizing errors, HRIS allows HR professionals in IT companies to allocate more time and resources to strategic initiatives such as talent acquisition, skills development, and performance management.

Furthermore, HRIS empowers IT companies with robust analytics and reporting capabilities that provide insights into workforce trends, performance metrics, and training needs. These insights enable HR leaders to make informed decisions, optimize resource allocation, and align HR strategies with organizational goals. Additionally, HRIS enhances employee engagement through self-service portals,

enabling employees to manage their personal information, access learning resources, and participate in career development activities autonomously.

Some widely used **HRIS solutions** tailored for IT industries:

1. SAP SuccessFactors

- Cloud-based HRIS offering robust features for talent management, payroll, and workforce analytics.
- Ideal for large IT enterprises needing global HR solutions.

2. Workday HCM

- AI-powered HRIS with automation in payroll, recruitment, and performance management.
- Best suited for IT companies requiring advanced analytics and scalability.

3. BambooHR

- User-friendly HRIS designed for small to mid-sized IT firms.
- Features include applicant tracking, employee records, and self-service portals.

4. Oracle HCM Cloud

- Comprehensive HR suite with AI-driven insights for workforce planning.
- Used by IT enterprises for end-to-end HR process automation.

5. Zoho People

- Cost-effective HRIS with time tracking, leave management, and performance evaluations.
- Suitable for startups and mid-sized IT firms.

6. Keka

- India-focused HRIS with strong payroll and employee management features.
- Popular among IT firms in Pune for its compliance capabilities.

7. Darwinbox

- AI-powered cloud HR platform designed for digital-first companies.
- Helps IT companies with automation, engagement, and analytics.

These HRIS platforms are well-suited for the Indian workforce and its specific needs.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS) have gained prominence as critical tools in managing human capital within the Information Technology (IT) industry. This literature review explores key studies and findings that highlight the role, benefits, challenges, and implications of HRIS adoption in IT companies.

- HRIS serves as a comprehensive solution to streamline HR processes and enhance operational efficiency in IT companies. Studies by Kovach and Cathcart (1999) and Ngai and Wat (2006) emphasize that HRIS automates routine administrative tasks such as payroll processing, benefits management, and employee record-keeping, thereby reducing manual efforts and minimizing errors. This automation enables HR professionals to focus more on strategic initiatives such as talent acquisition, skills development, and performance management.
- Research by Bondarouk and Ruel (2009) and Lengnick-Hall and Moritz (2003) underscores several benefits of HRIS adoption in IT companies. These include improved data accuracy, enhanced decision-making through analytics, and increased employee engagement via self-service portals. HRIS facilitates data-driven HR strategies by providing insights into workforce analytics, performance metrics, and training needs, crucial for optimizing resource allocation and aligning HR initiatives with organizational goals.
- Despite its benefits, the implementation of HRIS in IT companies presents challenges. Strohmeier (2007) discusses issues such as high initial costs, resistance to change among employees, and technical complexities. These challenges require careful planning, stakeholder engagement, and continuous training to ensure successful adoption and integration of HRIS into organizational processes.
- The adoption of HRIS in IT companies has significant implications for HR practices. Bondarouk, Harms, and Lepak (2017) argue that HRIS transforms HR service delivery by enhancing efficiency, supporting compliance with regulatory requirements, and fostering a culture of innovation and agility. By leveraging HRIS, IT companies can mitigate risks associated with HR management, improve

organizational performance, and sustain competitive advantage in the dynamic IT industry landscape.

- The research on "Effectiveness Of HRIS Practices In IT Sector – A Study" (2024), conducted in Hyderabad, Telangana, examines key measures for enhancing HRIS implementation in the IT industry. The study identifies critical factors influencing HRIS effectiveness, such as generating performance reports and centralizing employee documents. It also emphasizes the importance of accurate data maintenance, leveraging HRIS for employee feedback, and electronic document management to enhance employee performance.
- The study in research paper entitled "Contemporary Human Resource Practices in Indian IT Industry: A Comparative Analysis of Major Players" (2021) explores HR practices adopted by major Indian IT companies, focusing on contemporary methods like work-from-home, flexible work hours, and sabbatical leaves. The research concludes that combining traditional HR practices with modern approaches can effectively achieve employee-related organizational objectives.
- The paper "Development and Validation of Novel Constructs to Measure the Effectiveness of Human Resource Information Systems" (2020) offers a model that organizations can use to evaluate their HRIS's impact on various human resource management aspects.

III. EVOLUTION OF HRIS IN THE IT INDUSTRY

The integration of Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS) within the Information Technology (IT) industry has evolved significantly over the years, driven by technological advancements and the increasing complexity of HR management. This evolution reflects a journey from basic automation of HR tasks to sophisticated platforms that enable strategic HR decision-making and enhance employee engagement. Here's an exploration of the key stages in the evolution of HRIS within the IT industry:

3.1. Early Adoption and Automation

In the early stages, HRIS in the IT industry primarily focused on automating routine administrative tasks such as payroll processing, benefits administration, and employee record-keeping. These systems replaced manual processes with automated solutions, reducing errors and improving efficiency. The emphasis was on cost reduction and operational streamlining.

3.2. Integration and Centralization

As IT companies grew in size and complexity, there arose a need to centralize HR data and processes. HRIS evolved to integrate various HR functions into a centralized platform. This integration facilitated easier access to employee information, improved data accuracy, and enabled HR professionals to manage a growing workforce more effectively. Centralization also supported compliance with regulatory requirements by ensuring consistent data management practices.

3.3. Strategic Decision Support

With advancements in technology and data analytics, HRIS in the IT industry began to offer strategic decision support capabilities. These systems started providing insights into workforce trends, performance metrics, and talent management strategies. HR professionals could now leverage data-driven insights to make informed decisions about recruitment, training, performance management, and succession planning. This shift from operational efficiency to strategic HR management marked a significant advancement in HRIS capabilities.

3.4. Employee Self-Service and Engagement

Modern HRIS platforms in the IT industry introduced employee self-service portals. These portals empower employees to manage their personal information, access HR policies and benefits, and participate in training and development programs autonomously. By promoting self-service, HRIS enhances employee engagement, improves satisfaction, and reduces the administrative burden on HR staff. This capability is crucial in the competitive IT industry where attracting and retaining top talent is paramount.

3.5. Cloud-Based Solutions and Integration with Emerging Technologies

In recent years, there has been a shift towards cloud-based HRIS solutions in the IT industry. Cloud technology offers scalability, flexibility, and cost-efficiency, allowing IT companies to adapt HRIS capabilities to their changing needs and business requirements. Moreover, HRIS is increasingly integrating with emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). These integrations enable predictive analytics, personalized employee experiences, and automation of complex HR processes, further enhancing HRIS capabilities and supporting innovation within IT companies.

3.6. Future Trends and Challenges

Looking ahead, the future of HRIS in the IT industry will likely continue to evolve with advancements in technology and changing workforce dynamics. Key trends include enhanced cybersecurity measures to

protect sensitive HR data, further integration with AI for predictive workforce analytics, and the adoption of mobile-first solutions to support remote work environments. However, challenges such as data privacy concerns, managing diverse global workforce needs, and ensuring seamless integration with existing IT systems will need to be addressed to maximize the benefits of HRIS in the IT industry.

The evolution of HRIS in the IT industry highlights its transformation from a basic administrative tool to a strategic asset that drives organizational effectiveness and employee engagement. By embracing technological advancements and adapting to changing HR landscapes, IT companies can leverage HRIS to optimize HR management practices, foster innovation, and maintain a competitive edge in the dynamic digital economy.

IV. BENEFITS OF USING HRIS IN IT INDUSTRY

Using Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS) in the Information Technology (IT) industry offers a multitude of benefits that significantly enhance HR management practices and contribute to organizational success. Here are some key benefits:

4.1. Enhanced Efficiency and Productivity

HRIS automates routine administrative tasks such as payroll processing, benefits administration, and attendance tracking. By reducing manual efforts and eliminating paperwork, HR professionals in the IT industry can streamline operations and allocate more time to strategic initiatives like talent management and organizational development. This efficiency leads to cost savings and improved overall productivity.

4.2. Centralized Data Management

HRIS integrates various HR functions into a centralized database, providing a single source of truth for employee information. This centralized approach ensures data consistency, accuracy, and accessibility. HR professionals can easily retrieve and analyze employee data, track performance metrics, and generate reports to support informed decision-making.

4.3. Strategic Decision-Making

With robust analytics and reporting capabilities, HRIS enables data-driven decision-making in IT companies. HR professionals can gain insights into workforce trends, identify skill gaps, forecast staffing needs, and assess the effectiveness of HR initiatives. This strategic approach helps align HR strategies with business goals, optimize resource allocation, and drive organizational growth.

4.4. Improved Employee Engagement

HRIS fosters employee engagement through self-service portals that empower employees to manage their personal information, access HR policies and benefits, and participate in training and development programs. This autonomy enhances employee satisfaction, reduces dependency on HR staff for routine inquiries, and promotes a culture of transparency and collaboration within IT organizations.

4.5. Compliance and Risk Management

In the highly regulated IT industry, HRIS ensures compliance with labor laws, industry regulations, and data protection requirements. It automates compliance monitoring, generates audit trails, and maintains accurate records, reducing the risk of penalties and legal liabilities associated with non-compliance. Additionally, HRIS enhances data security measures to protect sensitive employee information from unauthorized access or breaches.

4.6. Talent Acquisition and Retention

HRIS supports IT companies in attracting top talent and retaining skilled employees. Automated recruitment processes streamline candidate sourcing, application tracking, and onboarding, enhancing the overall candidate experience. HRIS also facilitates succession planning by identifying high-potential employees, developing career paths, and ensuring leadership continuity within the organization.

4.7. Adaptability and Scalability

Cloud-based HRIS solutions offer scalability and flexibility to IT companies, allowing them to adjust HRIS capabilities according to business growth and changing needs. Cloud technology enables remote access to HRIS functionalities, supporting global workforce management and remote work arrangements. Integration with emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) further enhances HRIS capabilities, enabling predictive analytics and personalized employee experiences.

The benefits of using HRIS in the IT industry are diverse and impactful, ranging from improved operational efficiency and strategic decision-making to enhanced employee engagement and compliance management. By leveraging HRIS, IT companies can optimize HR management practices, drive organizational performance, and maintain a competitive edge in a dynamic and competitive market environment.

V. CONCLUSION

The integration of HRIS has transformed HR management in the IT industry, enhancing efficiency and strategic decision-making. By automating administrative tasks like payroll and record-keeping,

HRIS reduces manual efforts, allowing HR professionals to focus on talent acquisition, skills development, and performance management.
HRIS centralizes employee data, improves accuracy, and offers analytics for workforce insights, optimizing resource allocation and aligning HR strategies with business goals. Self-service portals enhance engagement and transparency, fostering a collaborative workplace culture.

Additionally, HRIS ensures compliance, strengthens data security, and integrates with AI and cloud technologies, enhancing scalability. Its adoption represents a strategic investment in efficiency, employee satisfaction, and growth. By leveraging HRIS effectively, IT companies can drive innovation, navigate complexities, and achieve long-term success.

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The Integration of AI in Improving Service Quality Dimensions in Health Insurance

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Abstract *– The health insurance industry has emerged as a crucial tool in safeguarding individuals against rising healthcare costs. However, customer satisfaction in this sector heavily relies on the quality of services offered and provided by the insurer. Conventional service delivery models used by the insurers often fall short of addressing the dynamic needs of the customers, leaving the customers dissatisfied. Integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) in providing services offers transformative potential in enhancing service quality dimensions, such as reliability, responsiveness, assurance, empathy, and tangibility. This research investigates how AI technologies improve these dimensions, and to what extent it may boost customer satisfaction in health insurance services.*

Keywords*- Service Quality, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Health Insurance, Fraud Detection, Data Privacy, Claim Process, Customer Satisfaction, NLP.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Providing quality services has become essential to retaining customers in the long run. Any organization failing to provide quality services loses its customers and suffers a huge setback in business. It is tough to regain the customers' confidence once they are dissatisfied. Service quality and customer satisfaction are the two sides of the coin. They go parallel. In other words, they move in the same direction. If the service quality is best, the customer satisfaction would be greater and vice versa. In the competitive edge, specifically in Health Insurance, keeping the customers satisfied is not that easy. Health Insurance providers have to work on various fronts. It requires tremendous efforts and manpower. Even after doing so much, there's always something which lacks in satisfying the customers. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a new technology that has come up to overcome the issues faced by the organisations in this regard. It is becoming an inseparable tool in the field of service providing.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

This study examines how the Artificial Intelligence (AI) enhancing service quality dimensions and influence customer satisfaction. The paper also tries to bridge the gap in the existing literature by studying, compiling and analysing evidence from multiple authoritative sources.

1. To analyze the role of AI in enhancing service quality dimensions in the health insurance industry.
2. To identify the impact of AI-driven service improvements on customer satisfaction.
3. To provide practical recommendations for implementing AI in health insurance services.

III. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY:

This study is important as it provides insights into how AI can bridge the gaps between service quality and customer satisfaction. Integrating AI in providing service would undoubtedly increase the service quality, leading to higher customer satisfaction and retention for a longer period. It would help in increasing customer loyalty towards the service provider.

IV. METHODOLOGY:

This research paper is an outcome of findings from secondary sources, a qualitative analysis methodology. Multiple Peer-reviewed journals, books and reputable online repositories have been used to collect data. The SERVQUAL model guided the classification of service quality dimensions, enabling a structured analysis of their impacts on customer satisfaction. This methodology ensures a comprehensive understanding of the subject while maintaining academic accuracy.

V. LITERATURE REVIEW:

Several studies have examined the impact of AI on service quality dimensions. The Markov Model is used in AI as a foundation for generating sequences of data points based on the probabilities of transitioning between states. The SERVQUAL model, developed by Parasuraman, Zeithaml, and Berry, is a comprehensive framework for evaluating service quality. It consists of five core dimensions:

1. Reliability
2. Responsiveness
3. Assurance
4. Tangibles
5. Empathy

How the Integration of AI Technology Contributes toImproving Service Quality Dimensions:

1. Reliability:

(Consistent and Dependable Service)

- AI-driven technology through automated claim processing ensures accurate, error-free and fast claim verification, saving time and avoiding unnecessary delays.
- It helps in identifying spurious claims patterns and fraudulent activities and maintains fairness and reliability.
- AI analyses customer data and suggests insurance plans best suitable to their requirements. It helps in building trust between the customers and the insurer.

2. Responsiveness:

(Prompt and Efficient Service)

- AI-powered Virtual Assistants and Chatbots establish an instant connection with customers to solve their queries and ensure 24X7 support.
- AI-driven technology predicts and provides proactive standing instructions to customers about their policy renewals, pending documents submission, claim status, etc.
- AI-driven automated underwriting reduces processing time in approval and allotment of policy and enhances customer experience.

3. Assurance:

(Trust and Competence)

- AI analyses customer data and assesses health risks based on historical data. It improves the accuracy of underwriting and the premium to be charged.
- AI-Blockchainensures security for customer data, which is vulnerable to risk. It enhances credibility.
- AI-driven training modules help agents to upskill themselves to be well-informed and provide accurate service to customers.

4. Tangibles:

(Physical & Digital Service Environment)

- Digital platforms like AI-driven dashboards and mobile apps provide seamless access to policy documents and tracking the claims.
- Augmented Reality (AR) assists in explaining complex policy terms and improves customer understanding to avoid miscommunication.
- AI-powered Optical Character Recognition (OCR) streamlines paperwork and reduces customer effort and time.

5. Empathy:

(Personalized Customer Experience)

- AI analyses customer emotions through their feedback and provides tailored responses and improved service.
- AI-powered Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Voice Recognition (VR) enhance customer interactions with a human-like experience.

Studies on AI integration in the Health Insurance Industry:

(Nellutla, 2025)in her paper *"Enhancing Health Insurance Claim Processing through Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics"*,she explores how the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Analytics can improve efficiency in health insurance claim management. Traditional way of claim processing is slow, error-prone, and costly, on the other hand, AI-driven automation reduces processing times from days to hours and hours to minutes, enhances fraud detection, and improves customer satisfaction. Technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing (NLP), robotic process automation (RPA), and predictive analytics streamline data verification, fraud detection, and decision-making. Case studies from leading insurers demonstrate 40% faster processing times and 25-30% increased accuracy. However, challenges like data privacy, algorithmic bias, and integration with legacy systems remain. The paper recommends strong data security measures, bias audits, and regulatory compliance to maximise AI's benefits in health insurance.0000000000000000

(Ghita Hajraoui, 2023)in their paper *"Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for a Transformed Insurance Landscape"*, investigates how AI optimizes financial underwriting, enhances fraud detection, streamlines claims processing, and personalizes insurance pricing. AI improves risk assessment accuracy, speeds up decision-making, and enhances customer service through chatbots and virtual assistants. Fraud detection benefits from AI's ability to analyze patterns and detect anomalies, reducing financial losses (Ahmadi, 2023). However, challenges like data privacy, algorithmic bias, and transparency remain (Rajvanshi et al., 2022). The study emphasizes responsible AI adoption through regulatory compliance, fairness audits, and ethical AI frameworks.

(Martin Eling, 2021)the paper *"The Impact of Artificial Intelligence Along the Insurance Value Chain and on the Insurability of Risks"*analyses AI's role in transforming insurance operations. AI enhances cost efficiency and revenue generation by shifting the industry from loss compensation to risk prediction and prevention. It improves underwriting accuracy, claim processing, fraud detection, and customer engagement while reducing information asymmetry. However, AI also alters the risk landscape, requiring insurers to reconsider traditional coverage models. Ethical concerns such as transparency and bias must be addressed to ensure fair and responsible AI adoption.

(Nikhil Sahni, 2023)The paper *"The Potential Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Healthcare Spending"* examines how AI can enhance efficiency and reduce costs in the US healthcare system. It estimates that AI adoption could lead to 5-10% savings in annual healthcare spending—approximately $200 billion to $360 billion (in 2019 dollars) over the next five years without compromising quality or access. The study highlights AI's potential to streamline administrative processes, optimize clinical operations, and improve patient outcomes. AI can reduce hospital costs by improving operating room scheduling, patient risk assessment, and claims management. However, adoption is slow due to regulatory challenges, data fragmentation, and a lack of trust in AI-driven decisions. The paper concludes that increased investment, policy changes, and technological advancements may accelerate AI adoption, ultimately benefiting both providers and customers.

(Raul V. Rodriguez, 2020) The paper *"Impact of Artificial Intelligence on the Health Protection Scheme in India"* explores how AI is transforming healthcare services under Ayushman Bharat, the government's flagship health protection scheme. AI is being used to improve efficiency, enhance service delivery, and ensure accurate diagnostics in healthcare. The study highlights AI's potential in reducing costs, improving data security, and minimizing fraud through intelligent automation and predictive analytics. While AI enhances healthcare accessibility in underserved regions, challenges like infrastructure gaps, ethical concerns, data privacy, and regulatory frameworks remain. The paper concludes that AI will complement, rather than replace, human healthcare providers, ensuring better medical outcomes while maintaining the human touch.

(Rohan Yashraj Gupta, 2021) The paper *"Markov Model with Machine Learning Integration for Fraud Detection in Health Insurance"* explores fraud detection in the health insurance sector using Markov models and machine learning techniques. The study analyzes 382,587 claims, of which 38,082 (9.95%) were fraudulent. The basic Markov model achieved 94.07% accuracy, but an improved version incorporating Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM) increased accuracy to 97.10% with an F1-score of 0.8546. The enhanced model reduced false positives and improved fraud detection efficiency. The paper highlights the limitations of rule-based systems, emphasizing the need for data-driven approaches in tackling fraud. Future work suggests applying these models to other insurance sectors like life and motor insurance.

(Somya Gupta, 2022) The paper *"Artificial intelligence adoption in the insurance industry: Evidence using the technology–organization–environment framework"* explores AI adoption in the insurance sector using the Technology–Organization–Environment (TOE) framework. It examines factors like technological complexity, top management support, financial readiness, regulatory support, and competitive pressure. The study is based on survey data from Indian insurance employees, highlighting AI's role in fraud detection, risk assessment, and customer service improvements. Findings suggest AI adoption enhances efficiency but presents challenges like ethical concerns and regulatory compliance. The research emphasizes InsurTech's growth and the balance between innovation and security.

(Akshat Pradeep, 2022) The paper *"Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Indian Insurance Sector, including Healthcare Companies"* explores the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in the Indian insurance sector, highlighting how AI is transforming processes like claims management, fraud detection, customer service, and policy underwriting. It discusses how AI-driven chatbots, machine learning algorithms, and predictive analytics are improving operational efficiency and risk assessment. The study also examines the impact of AI on consumer engagement and regulatory challenges. Additionally, it addresses the growing role of InsurTech startups in driving innovation. The findings emphasize that AI adoption can enhance decision-making, reduce costs, and improve customer experiences in the insurance industry

AI in Indian Health Insurance Industry:

As of today, many Indian health insurance providers have integrated artificial intelligence (AI) into their operations to enhance efficiency, personalized services, and expedite claim processing.

- **NivaBupa Health Insurance** has heavily invested in AI, enabling over 50% of their policies to be issued entirely digitally without human intervention. Additionally, approximately 90% of their renewals are processed digitally.
- **ICICI Lombard** has been utilizing AI-powered platforms to offer personalized health insurance solutions and facilitates swift claim settlements.
- **Star Health and Allied Insurance** employs AI and machine learning tools for auto-adjudication of claims, automating 65% of cashless claim evaluations.
- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance** has adopted AI-based chatbots, robotic process automation, and voice analytics to enhance customer experience. Their AI initiatives have led to processing health insurance policies in 15 minutes and issuing policies within 5 minutes through digital platforms.

These are some of the insurance providers who have already implemented AI in their operations and are able to make a difference in customer satisfaction compared to the traditional methods of providing services.

Threats

1. **Job Insecurity:**

   AI implementation could lead to job losses, making existing workforce feel insecure and causing resistance.

2. **Huge Investments:**

   Implementing AI-driven solutions requires a huge investment in technology. It could be a barrier to the small insurance companies.

3. **Increase in Premium:**

   Due to the increased initial investments, the financial loads get shifted on the shoulders of customers and premiums get increased.

4. **Bias in AI Algorithm**:

   There are chances of discriminatory pricing and unfair claim rejections if AI models are trained on biased data sets.

5. **Regulatory Uncertainty:**

   There are no clear AI Regulations in health insurance, which may create compliance challenges and legal risk for the insurers.

6. **Data Privacy and Security Risks:**

   AI requires a huge amount of sensitive health and personal data which can be vulnerable to cyber-attacks and breaches.

Opportunities

1. **Customised Insurance Policies:**

   Considering the customer's requirements, individual health risks, financial conditions AI can suggest customised health insurance plans.

2. **Accelerated Claim Processing:**

   AI-driven automation can accelerate claim processing and bridge the gap between claim processing and settlement,making customers more satisfied.

3. **Predictive Health Analytics for Risk Assessment:**

   AI can analyse the medical histories, wearable data and lifestyle choices, which helps in predicting health risks and charging premiums accordingly.

4. **UncoveringRural Markets:**

   AI powered telemedicine, consultation, digital health records can help uncover the rural market and extend health insurance coverage to rural and semi-urban populations.

5. **Cost Effective:**

   The operational costs can be optimised with the help of AI-driven technology, making health insurance more affordable.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Dependence on Human Expertise:**

   AI-driven solutions can complement but can not substitute human decision making as

   healthcare requires empathy, ethical considerations and complex judgement.

2. **Strengthen Data Security & Privacy:**

   Government should implement strict data protection laws and cyber security measures to ensure policyholders' trust and regulatory compliance.

3. **Develop AI-driven Regulatory Frameworks**:

   The government should initiate in making regulations for AI implementation. This would standardise policies, claims management, customer satisfaction and fraud detection.

4. **AI for Fraud Detection:**

   AI models should be trained to identify fake claims, fraudulent activities and malpractices by hospitals.

5. **Invest in AI Infrastructure and Training:**

   Insurers should invest in AI infrastructure, cloud computing and training and development of employees for AI-driven operations.

6. **Enhance Customer Experience:**

   AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants should be deployed to provide real-time customer support, improving satisfaction and policyholder engagement.

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Impact of Algorithmic Trading on Market Liquidity and Price Efficiency in the Indian Stock Markets

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Abstract *– From the beginning there are continuous changes in the working and functioning of the stock markets. Every time there is new technology available the stock market, it adapt the same and move ahead. With the advancement of the technology the participation of the traders and investors also increased. In this sequence of evolving the technology of the stock market a new technology introduced called Algorithmic Trading. This technology has transformed the way of trading it used to before. It employs automated system to execute the trades at very high speed and extreme frequency. In Indian stock markets also Algorithmic Trading has made dominance in last few years. It is influencing dynamics of the market, liquidity and efficiency of the price. By inculcating Algorithmic trading it has changes the way market participants used to trade through different activities like market-making, arbitrage, and high frequency trading. There are two factors that determine the effectiveness of the stock market are liquidity of the market and efficiency of the price. There are different studies done on the same, some says it is increasing liquidity by reducing the bid and ask price difference and also improve depth of the market.*

Keywords- *Algorithmic Trading, High Frequency Trading*

I. INTRODUCTION

This This paper is aiming to do analysis of impact of algorithmic trading on liquidity of the market and efficiency of price in Indian stock markets. The study will emphasis on the emphasis on how algorithmic trading strategies influence orders in the market, its volatility and discovery of the price. By doing the study on the same the researcher will try to find evolution of the algorithmic trading and its impact on Indian stock exchange.

There are various ways by which algorithmic trading is affecting liquidity of the markets and efficiency of the price. As it is an automated trading done by coding languages or readymade strategy. It can cause a sudden movement in the particular script and make a counter dry by not trading at all. Most of the time institutional investors are involved who brings large amounts of volume in the market and make huge profit as well. As participation increases by these players the spread reduces and helps market to be more efficient. As any news reflects of any kind of technical analysis incident happen like breakout of any level it gives huge volume to the markets.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Because Algorithmic Trading impacted liquidity of the market and efficient price gathered substantial attention of the researchers.

(Hota et al., 2021)Algorithmic Trading is completely shifting the concept in the stock market in India.

Because of the technology uses and the improvement in the same Indian traders and investors started using it for maximum benefit. The author Applied Interpretive Structural Modeling (ISM) to foster a ordered structure amongst the key difficulties of algorithmic trading in Indian stock market. The author recognizes 11 difficulties complete through review of literature validated for significance, using a underlying questionnaire from the different experts. The author found most dominant or significant barrier in the model are found "market disruption due to algorithmic trading" and "question of fairness" inn Indian perspective. Authors study extract that algo traders, registered traders, retail investors and institutional investors are primarily getting persuaded by barriers "Question of fairness" and "market disruption due to algo trading" are two most important barriers to algorithmic trading in Indian context.

(Kutchu, n.d.)By using the technology as essential equipment and tool by the traders occurrence of the algorithmic trading and high frequency trades emerged. Algorithmic trading is used by traders for using computer programming which gives directions to trades which will generate revenue at very high speed and occurrence which is not possible for the human traders. Algorithmic trading begin in India in 1980 and accounted 70% of the total trades in US and 46% of the trades in Indian Stock Exchanges. Author tried to discover the cause of growth of Algorithmic Trade in Indian stock market. It shows that there is a significant contribution of the exchanges and regulator for the growth of the same. Algorithmic trading is mostly used by institutional traders and comparatively less by retail traders. In India regulator allows trading in different segments like equity, derivative and commodity etc. Author concluded that because of algorithmic trading efficiency of the market has improved. The reasons are lower cost, reduction of human trading error and can be executed many trades at a time. The competition and the innovation in the market have contributed more towards the same.

(Dubey et al., 2022)Algorithmic Trading is despise by retail trader and regulators of the market because of its high speed and performance. It is also criticized for unwanted volatility hindering market quality because of believed quote-stuffing and front-running, still if is a belief. The facts of the are yet to be proved because of lack of facts available. The author uses direct recognition of Algorithmic Trading from National Stock Exchange and also use order to trade ratio as a determine of Algorithmic Trading competence to make ways for regulators and traders to come forward and recognize the convinced influence of Algorithmic Trading on quality of the market. The author found that Algorithmic Trading in India is in the beginning stage. The highlighted the growth of algorithmic trading which is causing reduction in trading through manual, increase in the volatility, formation of the pseudo liquidity, cite filling, contrary choice. These are not only for the participants in the market but also for the regulators of the market. Authors found that proofs of connection between order to trade ratio and liquidity, volatility and price discovery measures.

(Gunnam et al., 2024)India's regulator has issued new regulations to increase transparency, get stability and always ensuring protection of the investors. Authors given an overview of the changes announced by the regulator of the stock market (Security and Exchange Board of India) that includes increase the lot size, reduction in weekly expiry contracts, increasing the margin for expiry days, collecting on the spot premium for long options, removing calendar spread adv on expiry etc. As there involvement of algorithmic trading strategies supported by cutting edge technology there are wide range of market participants like foreign institutional investors (FIIs), domestic institutional investors (DIIs), mutual funds, proprietary traders, and an increasing base of retail investors utilizing digital trading platform. It has been observed that maximum of FPI, DII and proprietary traders using algorithmic trading and making profit. The regulator intentions to support larger market trades for reducing fragmented trading activity, inefficiencies in the market and improving discovery of price. It is also observed that smaller trades in large quantity, remarkably in high frequency trades are not in line with extensive market tendencies.

III. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

1. To study how algorithmic trading affects market liquidity in Indian Stock Market.
2. To examine its impact on price efficiency and market stability and connection in both.
3. To analyse traders' views on the benefits, challenges, and regulatory issue of algorithmic trading.

IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

It is very important part of the research as we are using descriptive research on secondary data. We are using descriptive research methodology to find "Impact of Algorithmic Trading on Market Liquidity and Price Efficiency in the Indian Stock Markets". For secondary data we have used different sources of information like news article and other information available online.

V. DISCUSSION

(Sebi Allows Safer Participation of Retail Investors in Algo Trading, n.d.)Stock market regulator

Security and exchange board of India enabled the participation in the capital markets through algorithmic trading, through it fester execution and liquidity will b enhanced. Till the time it was only allowed to the institutional investors but now the path is clear for retail investors as well. SEBI has given rolls and responsibility to participants in the market like investors, brokers, algo providers, market infrastructure institutions so the interest of the retail investors can be protected. It changes going to be applicable from 1st August 2025 according to the SEBI circular. SEBI has decided the role of each and every stakeholder to manage the risk involved in the Algorithmic Trading. Algo traders should carry a unique identifier. Brokers should be handling all the complaints of the traders on their end only. For the provisions of Algorithmic trading via API, broking agents will be principle and algo service provider will be agent of the same.

(Algorithmic Trading in the Indian Stock Market, n.d.)Algo trading is gaining popularity in the Indian Stock Market now a days. If we believe some reports Algorithmic trading is responsible for 50-55% of the total volume generated in India. It is a pre-programed directions to implement trades which also carry higher accurateness then the existing methods. While Institutional Investors are already having access to the same regulator of stock market in India mulling the steps for retail participation as well. Indian algo trading market volume was around 14.1 billion in billion dollars in 2021 and is expected to reach 41.9 billion dollars in 2030 gaining CAGR at 12.9%. this projection will be driven by increase in high frequency trades, automated in finance and enhancement of artificial intelligence (AI) & Machine Learning techniques. Specifically, the India algorithmic trading market is projected to witness a CAGR of 11.65% during the forecast period FY2025-FY2032, growing from USD 1.08 billion in FY2024 to USD 2.61 billion in FY2032. Currently, around 80% of equity transactions in India are carried out through algorithmic trading. The stock market segment dominates the market, with algorithms being used to analyze price movements, identify liquidity opportunities, and execute trades with minimal human intervention.

(Algo Trading Coming Soon to a Terminal near You | Stock Market News, n.d.)With the market regulator putting up a structure that includes crucial responsibilities for brokers and stock exchanges, algorithmic trading—which has hitherto only been available to huge institutions—may soon be accessible to Indian individual investors as well. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) recommended allowing ordinary investors to trade algorithms through licensed brokers in a consultation paper released on Friday. These brokers would register their customers' algorithms with exchanges, monitor for anomalies, and guarantee that the regulations are followed.

Sebi made algorithmic trading available to institutional investors in 2012 via its Direct Market Access (DMA) platform. Faster order execution, lower transaction costs, increased transparency, stronger audit trails, and increased liquidity are some of the advantages that its most recent plan seeks to provide to regular investors. According to Sebi, these algorithms may be applied to an investor's immediate family, which would include their parents, spouse, and dependent children. Brokers will be essential in making sure algorithms are used appropriately and providing supervision to avoid market disruptions. Strict measures will need to be put in place, such as two-factor authentication for access to the Application Programming Interface (API), unique identifiers for all algorithmic orders, and improved monitoring of any fintech or third-party algorithm providers that may provide their services to individual investors. The regulator will only permit algorithms that satisfy certain requirements.

(Glantz & Kissell, 2014)The automated execution of financial instruments is known as algorithmic trading. These days, a wide range of financial derivatives, including equities, bonds, and currencies, are traded using algorithms. Investors have benefited from reduced transaction costs and more effective plan implementation in the new era of algorithmic trading, which has enhanced portfolio performance. However, these benefits and cost savings are accompanied by a fresh set of algorithmic hazards. We provide the algorithmic trading process and associated uncertainties to readers in this chapter.

Algorithm traders, often referred to as black box traders, robo-traders, high frequency traders, etc., must articulate their trading and/or investment objectives in terms of mathematical formulas. Customized instructions can range from basic and uncomplicated to quite complex and intricate, depending on the demands of the investors.

Algorithms are used by portfolio managers in several ways. Algorithms are used by money management funds, including hedge funds, quantitative funds, pension plans, and mutual and index funds, to carry out investing choices. In these situations, money managers choose their preferred holdings using a variety of stock selection and portfolio building strategies, and then they utilize algorithms to carry out those selections. The optimal technique to slice orders and trade over time is decided by algorithms. They choose the best timing, price, and number of shares (size) to offer on the

market. These algorithms frequently decide without consulting a person.

(The Portfolio Trading Algo: Part 1 | by Daniel Aisen | Proof Reading | Feb, 2025 | Medium, n.d.)Big asset managers seldom purchase or sell a single stock at a time; instead, they often have several orders to trade each day, many of which are connected in some manner. For instance, in order to finance a new stock acquisition, a portfolio manager will often need to sell some existing holdings.

A basket algorithm's primary goal is to balance the execution of buy and sell orders in order to mitigate possible market risk during execution (i.e., the danger of realizing a basket price that is lower than expected overall). It would be somewhat disheartening, for instance, if all of the sell orders were fulfilled promptly, the market as a whole surged upward, and the purchase orders followed suit with the higher prices. Furthermore, this situation may lead to operational issues if the proceeds from the sales were insufficient to pay for the purchases at the new, higher rates.

The components of the basket may have different levels of correlation with one another in addition to cash balancing, so it could be preferable to strive to make sure the remaining balance is as connected between the two sides as feasible, once again to lessen the possibility of an unpleasant drift. The buyside traders are responsible for handling these risks and workflow problems, but it only makes their lives simpler if they can construct a basket algorithm to comprehend their overall limits.

Algos like the one we're developing are typically available to teams of high touch traders that work only on basket trading for the majority of large banks (also known as "portfolio trading desks" or "program trading desks"). Not all of these banks provide these low-touch tools directly to their buyside customers, but some do. It's possible that those that don't are concerned about eating into high-touch PT revenue. Some high-touch services that we are unable to offer, such guaranteeing a price like the VWAP or the close (and charging a spread on top), are often provided by PT desks. At least not anytime soon, we won't be doing something similar.

VI. CONCLUSION

In the Indian Stock Markets, algorithmic trading has improved price efficiency and liquidity in the market. The Analysis of the data shows increasing in order-book depth, trading volumes growth, and bid-ask spreads reduces, which result in a more stable and effective markets. To improving price efficiency, algorithmic trading decreasing return autocorrelation and speeds up price discovery. It gives worries of increased volatility during market hours. Regulator in Indian Stock Markets SEBI (Security and Exchange Board of India) is coming with new framework for retail traders, which will be robust in upcoming years to protect the retail investors. Regulator wants the smooth functioning of the market as well as build trust in the retail traders and institutional traders as well. The future of Algorithmic Trading is very bright.

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An overview of different time management techniques applicable to enhance student's academic performance

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Abstract *– This study examines the influence of time management practices on academic performance, emphasizing the critical role of structured planning and disciplined scheduling in a student's success. Effective time management has been shown to enhance productivity, minimize stress levels, and improve concentration, enabling students to optimize their study routines while maintaining a healthy balance between academic responsibilities and personal commitments. The findings indicate that well-structured time management strategies are essential for achieving academic excellence. By fostering a proactive approach to task management, these practices not only contribute to improved academic outcomes but also prepare students for long-term personal and professional success.*

Keywords- *Time management, Pomodoro Technique, Academic performance, Student Well-being.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Time management plays a pivotal role in academic achievement, directly influencing students' ability to balance self-study, assignments, and extracurricular activities. In today's fast-paced and distraction-filled environment, where academic demands continue to rise, mastering time management skills has become essential not only for students but also for teachers and parents who support the learning process. Effective time management enables students to plan, prioritize tasks, and allocate time efficiently, leading to enhanced academic performance, reduced stress levels, and overall well-being. This study explores the impact of time management on academic performance in Jalgaon City, examining how students, teachers, and parents implement time management strategies to support academic success. Research highlights that parental involvement in time management plays a crucial role in students' ability to develop and sustain effective study habits. By identifying key challenges and evaluating successful techniques, this research provides valuable insights into improving student performance through structured time management approaches. The findings aim to enhance academic efficiency and offer practical solutions to optimize learning outcomes, ultimately contributing to a more disciplined and goal-oriented educational framework.

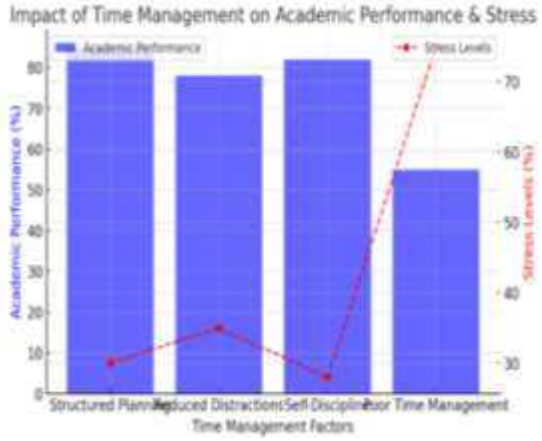
II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Time management has widely recognized as a critical factor influencing student academic

performance. According to (Alyami, Abdulwahed, Azar, Binsaddik, & Bafaraj, 2021) effective time management strategies make significant contribution to student's ability to meet deadlines, reduce stress, and enhance academic outcomes.Previous studies highlight that poor time management leads to procrastination, increased anxiety, and lower academic achievement (Jenaabadi , Nastiezaie , & Jalaizaei , 2016)introduced methods or Techniques of time management Methods help students prioritize tasks, optimize focus, and maintain a balanced approach to learning. Research also indicates that many students struggle with consistent time management practices.

Studies of(Zanyar, 2023) suggested that students who utilize structured time management techniques tend to achieve better results. On the other hand, poor time management leads to stress, missed deadlines, and lower academic outcomes. Eisenhower Matrix, Time Blocking, Pomodoro

Technique, Getting Things Done (GTD), Kanban, and Energy Management. Literature highlights the importance of self-discipline and digital tools in improving study routines. Additionally, research suggests that time management is not just about scheduling tasks but also about managing energy levels efficiently(S N A M Razali, M S Rusiman, W S Gan, & N Arbin, 2018).Reviewed studies conclude that students who develop strong time management habits perform better academically and build essential life skills definitely.



The incorporation of digital tools and strategic scheduling has been suggested as an effective way to improve time efficiency in modern education settings (Kearns & Gardiner, 2007). Overall, literature supports the idea that students who effectively manage their time achieve better academic results and develop essential skills for lifelong success.

The (Alicia Hoon, Ngai Zhi, & A/P Mariappan, 2023)study "Investigating the Factors that Affect Students to Manage Their Time Properly" inspects various essentials influencing student's time management abilities and their impact on academic performance. The reviewed literature emphasizes that self-discipline and digital tools play a significant role in improving students' time management practices. Literature highlights that time management is decisive for students to achieve good grades and maintain mental well-being. Poor time management often results from a lack of self-discipline, digital distractions, and procrastination practices, leading to missed deadlines and academic stress.

Moreover, the study emphasizes how electronic devices, particularly social media and gaming, contribute to student's inability to adhere to structured schedules, promoting procrastination and reducing study efficiency (Yeap, T. Ramayah , & Soto-Aco, 2016).Besides, sleep deprivation negatively impacts students' productivity and ability to focus, further hindering their ability to manage time effectively.

Research identifies external factors such as study environments, competing responsibilities, and social commitments as significant influences on student's time management. Studies suggest that students who utilize structured time management strategies, such as Time Blocking, the Eisenhower Matrix, and the Pomodoro Technique, tend to achieve better results. Conversely, poor time management leads to stress, missed deadlines, and lower academic outcomes. Many students struggle with balancing academic work, extracurricular activities, and self-care, which affects their ability to stick to study schedules. Research suggested, students who implement structured planning, reduce distractions, and develop self-discipline perform better academically and fostering long-term productivity among students. Bottom of Form Research highlights that students who manage their time effectively experience lower stress levels and achieve better academic results (Macan, Robert L., Dipboye , & Amanda Peek , 1990).

The study "Time Management Techniques and Strategies for Improving Personal Productivity and Work-Life Balance" travels various time management methods that enhance efficiency and reduce stress. Research highlights that effective time management improves academic and professional performance by helping individuals prioritize tasks, set goals, and schedule activities efficiently (Briton & Tesser, 1991). Study highlights the importance of goal-setting and task prioritization in managing workload and improving decision-making (Edwin & Latham, 1991). Moreover, time management is linked to work-life balance, stress reduction, and job satisfaction, as individuals who effectively allocate

time experience less anxiety and higher performance outcomes. Similarly research highlights challenges such as procrastination, digital distractions, and perceived time scarcity, which hinder effective time management (Steel, 2007).

III. FACTORS AFFECTING STUDENTS TO MANAGE THEIR TIME PROPERLY

Effective time management plays a crucial role in enhancing academic performance, contributing to better grades and overall success. By efficiently allocating time, prioritizing tasks, minimizing procrastination, and maintaining a structured study routine, students can achieve a deeper understanding of their subjects and improve their academic outcomes.

Key Time Management Strategies for Academic Success:

1. Prioritization: Identifying and categorizing tasks based on importance and urgency is essential for effective time management. Techniques such as the Eisenhower Matrix help classify tasks.
2. Planning: Organizing tasks through structured schedules, to-do lists, or digital planners enhances productivity. A well-defined daily, weekly, or monthly plan helps students stay on track and meet academic deadlines efficiently.
3. Setting Deadlines: By allocating specific timeframes to assignments and projects, students can avoid last-minute stress and improve task efficiency.
4. Taking Breaks: Scheduled breaks are essential for maintaining focus and preventing burnout. Techniques such as the Pomodoro Method can enhance concentration and productivity.
5. Setting Boundaries: Protecting study time by setting clear boundaries helps eliminate distractions. Learning to say no to non-essential activities ensures that students stay committed to their academic priorities.
6. Improving Focus: Practicing mindfulness techniques, such as meditation and deep breathing exercises, can enhance concentration, reduce stress, and improve cognitive clarity.
7. Time Blocking: Allocating specific time slots for different types of academic activities ensures that students dedicate sufficient time to crucial subjects while maintaining a balanced study routine.
8. Goal Setting: Defining clear academic goals and breaking them down into smaller, manageable tasks makes them easier to achieve.
9. Reviewing and Reflecting: Regular self-assessment at the end of each day or week allows students to evaluate their progress and identify areas for improvement.
10. Staying Flexible: While structured planning is essential, adaptability is equally important. Unexpected events may arise, and having the ability to adjust schedules without losing focus ensures consistency in academic performance.

Time management techniques and Methodology:

Effective time management is critical for academic success, enabling students to balance their study schedules, assignments, and extracurricular activities while optimizing productivity. Several well-established techniques, including the Pomodoro Technique, Eisenhower Matrix, Time Blocking, Pareto Principle, and Mind Mapping, have been widely adopted to enhance learning efficiency and time utilization. This section provides a detailed analysis of these techniques, their benefits, and their practical implementation in academic settings.

1. Pomodoro Technique: Enhancing Focus Through Time Intervals

The Pomodoro Technique, developed by Francesco Cirillo in the late 1980s, is a time management strategy designed to maximize concentration and prevent burnout. It involves breaking work into focused intervals (typically 25 minutes) followed by short breaks (5 minutes) to sustain mental clarity and efficiency.

Steps to Implement the Pomodoro Technique

1. Choose a Task – Identify the academic task to work on.
2. Set a Timer for 25 Minutes – Commit to focused, uninterrupted work.
3. Work Intensely – Stay concentrated for the full duration.
4. Take a 5-Minute Break – Engage in a relaxation activity.
5. Repeat the Cycle – After four cycles, take a longer break (15-30 minutes).

Benefits of the Pomodoro Technique

- Enhances focus and productivity.
- Reduces mental fatigue and burnout.
- Minimizes procrastination.
- Improves time awareness and efficiency.

Recommended Study Schedule Using Pomodoro

- 25 minutes – Reading and summarizing notes.
- 5 minutes – Stretching or relaxation.
- 25 minutes – Solving practice problems.
- 5 minutes – Deep breathing exercise.

2. Eisenhower Matrix: Prioritizing Academic Tasks Effectively

The Eisenhower Matrix, also known as the Urgent-Important Matrix, is a decision-making tool that helps students prioritize tasks based on urgency and importance. By categorizing activities into four quadrants, students can allocate their time more effectively, ensuring that high-priority tasks receive appropriate attention.

The Four Quadrants of the Eisenhower Matrix

Quadrant	Task Type	Description	Action
Q1: Urgent & Important	Do First	Tasks that require immediate action and are critical for success.	Complete immediately.
Q2: Not Urgent & Important	Schedule	Tasks that contribute to long-term academic goals.	Schedule for later.
Q3: Urgent & Not Important	Delegate	Tasks requiring attention but do not contribute to academic success.	Delegateif possible.
Q4: Not Urgent & Not Important	Eliminate	Unproductive activities or distractions.	Minimize or remove.

Benefits of the Eisenhower Matrix

- Helps in better decision-making and task prioritization.
- Increases productivity by focusing on essential tasks.
- Reduces stress and academic overload.
- Facilitates efficient delegation of low-priority tasks.

3. Time Blocking: Structuring Study Time for Maximum Efficiency

Time Blocking is a time management technique that involves allocating specific time slots for different academic activities throughout the day. Instead of working from an open-ended to-do list, students assign fixed time periods to ensure structured and productive learning.

Steps to Implement Time Blocking

1. Identify Daily Priorities – Determine key academic and personal tasks.
2. Estimate Time for Each Task – Assign realistic durations.
3. Create a Time-Blocked Schedule – Use digital tools like Google Calendar or physical planners.
4. Include Breaks and Buffer Time – Follow the 50/10 or 90/15 rule.
5. Stick to the Schedule but Stay Flexible – Adapt to unexpected academic demands.

Example of a Time-Blocked Study Schedule

Time Slot	Activity
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Exercise & Breakfast
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Study: Subject 1
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Short Break (Stretch, Coffee)
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Study: Subject 2
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch & Relaxation
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Study: Subject 3
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Short Break
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Attend Class
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Meditation
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Attend Class
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner & Family Time
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Group Study Session
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Relaxation, Reading and overview of the day
10:00 PM	Sleep

Benefits of Time Blocking

- Reduces procrastination by setting clear schedules.
- Improves focus and productivity.
- Prevents last-minute stress by planning assignments and study sessions in advance.
- Enhances work-life balance by allocating time for both academics and personal activities.

4. Pareto Principle (80/20 Rule): Maximizing Productivity

The Pareto Principle, or the 80/20 Rule, states that 80% of outcomes result from 20% of efforts. This principle suggests that students should focus on the most impactful study strategies to maximize academic success.

Applying the 80/20 Rule in Academics

Area	80/20 Rule Application
Study Efficiency	20% of study materials lead to 80% of exam success.
Time Management	20% of tasks contribute to 80% of productivity.
Exam Preparation	20% of topics cover 80% of the syllabus.
Assignments & Projects	20% of research contributes to 80% of the final paper.
Extracurricular Growth	20% of activities provide 80% of personal development.

Steps to Implement the Pareto Principle

1. Identify High-Impact Study Techniques (active recall, solving past exam papers).
2. Prioritize the Most Important Study Materials (focus on key topics rather than irrelevant content).
3. Eliminate Low-Value Tasks (avoid spending excessive time formatting notes or watching unrelated videos).
4. Manage Time Effectively (focus on tasks that yield the highest academic benefits).

5. Mind Mapping: Visualizing and Organizing Information

Mind Mapping, introduced by Tony Buzan, is a technique that enhances memory retention, critical thinking, and idea organization. It involves visually mapping concepts, making it easier for students to understand and recall complex topics.

Structure of a Mind Map

- Central Topic (Main Idea) – Core subject of the mind map.
- Branches (Key Concepts) – Main categories related to the topic.
- Sub-Branches (Supporting Details & Examples) – Specific details for deeper understanding.

Benefits of Mind Mapping

- Improves retention and recall.
- Encourages creativity and active learning.
- Organizes complex information in a structured manner.
    - Enhances study efficiency by summarizing key concepts visually.

These time management techniques provide structured, research-backed strategies to help students optimize their study routines, enhance focus, and reduce academic stress. By incorporating Pomodoro, Eisenhower Matrix, Time Blocking, Pareto Principle, and Mind Mapping, students can cultivate discipline, efficiency, and long-term academic success. Implementing these strategies will not only improve grades but also foster a more balanced and productive learning experience.

IV. CONCLUSION

Effective time management is a critical determinant of academic success, directly influencing students' ability to balance their studies, assignments, and extracurricular activities while maintaining productivity and well-being. This study explored various structured time management techniques, including the Pomodoro Technique, Eisenhower Matrix, Time Blocking, Pareto Principle, and Mind Mapping, all of which offer strategic approaches to optimizing time utilization, reducing stress, and enhancing learning outcomes. The Pomodoro Technique fosters concentration and prevents burnout by incorporating focused study intervals with strategic breaks. The Eisenhower Matrix enhances decision-making by helping students prioritize tasks based on urgency and importance, ensuring that time is allocated to high-impact academic activities. Time Blocking provides a structured framework, allowing students to schedule their study sessions efficiently and minimize procrastination. The Pareto Principle (80/20 Rule) emphasizes focusing on the most productive study techniques and materials, enabling students to achieve better results with less effort. Lastly, Mind Mapping facilitates active learning by organizing complex concepts visually, improving memory retention and comprehension.

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Digital Marketing Transformations in E-Commerce Impact on Consumer Purchase Decisions and Brand Loyalty

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Abstract– *The rapid evolution of digital marketing has significantly transformed the e-commerce landscape, influencing consumer behavior, purchase decisions, and brand loyalty. This study aims to explore the impact of digital marketing strategies on consumer purchase decisions and brand loyalty among e-commerce consumers in Jalgaon City. A survey of 300 e-commerce consumers was conducted to gather insights into their preferences, perceptions, and behaviors. The findings reveal that digital marketing tools such as social media advertising, personalized email campaigns, and influencer marketing play a pivotal role in shaping consumer decisions. Additionally, the study highlights the importance of customer engagement, trust, and satisfaction in fostering brand loyalty. The results provide valuable implications for e-commerce businesses seeking to optimize their digital marketing strategies to enhance consumer experiences and build long-term brand loyalty.*

Keywords- *Digital Marketing, Transformation, AI, Purchase decision, Consumer Behaviour, brand building, brand loyalty, Jalgaon city*

I. INTRODUCTION

This study explores the impact of digital marketing strategies on consumer purchase decisions and brand loyalty among e-commerce consumers in Jalgaon City. The research, based on a survey of 300 e-commerce consumers, reveals that digital marketing tools such as social media advertising, personalized email campaigns, and influencer marketing play a crucial role in influencing consumer decisions. Key findings highlight the importance of customer engagement, trust, and satisfaction in fostering long-term brand loyalty. The study emphasizes the need for businesses to optimize their digital marketing strategies to enhance consumer experiences and build stronger relationships. By focusing on the unique behaviors and preferences of consumers in Jalgaon, this research provides practical recommendations for e-commerce businesses to effectively engage their audience and drive sustained growth. The study offers valuable insights into how e-commerce businesses can use digital marketing to not only boost sales but also create lasting loyalty among consumers, with a localized perspective on consumer behavior in smaller cities like Jalgaon.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

(Al Mashalah, 2022)The rapid transformation of digital marketing has reshaped the e-commerce landscape, revolutionizing how businesses interact with consumers and influencing their purchase decisions and brand loyalty. Over the past two decades, technological advancements and the integration of digital platforms into everyday life have fundamentally altered the way consumers engage with brands, make purchasing decisions, and

develop loyalty (Amankwah-Amoah, 2021). This literature review explores key aspects of digital marketing strategies, consumer behavior, and their impacts on purchase decisions and brand loyalty within the e-commerce sector.

1. Digital Marketing Strategies in E-Commerce

(Appel, 2020)Digital marketing strategies have become critical tools for e-commerce businesses, offering a variety of approaches to engage consumers and drive sales. These strategies include social media marketing, email marketing, search engine optimization (SEO), content marketing, and influencer marketing, among others(Corsaro, 2022). The effectiveness of each strategy is heavily dependent on how well it aligns with consumer preferences, behaviors, and technological advancements.

Social media marketing, for instance, enables businesses to reach large and diverse audiences in a cost-effective manner. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter allow brands to create personalized ads, engage with customers directly, and foster an online community. Through targeted ads and organic content, businesses can influence consumer perceptions and decisions, leading to increased sales and stronger customer relationships (Anderson, 2017).

Email marketing remains one of the most effective strategies for nurturing customer relationships. Personalized email campaigns, including product recommendations, special offers, and exclusive promotions, help build direct connections with consumers. Research has shown that such tailored marketing efforts increase the likelihood of repeat purchases and long-term loyalty (SABBAGH, December 2021).

Influencer marketing has grown significantly in recent years, as consumers increasingly turn to social media influencers for product recommendations. By partnering with trusted influencers, e-commerce businesses can reach niche audiences and create authentic connections, which are crucial for building trust and driving conversions (Jaju, 2020).

2. Consumer Purchase Decisions in the Digital Age

(Tsai, 2014)The digital age has transformed the way consumers make purchase decisions. Historically, consumer decisions were largely influenced by traditional forms of marketing, such as TV ads, print media, and word-of-mouth. Today, however, digital platforms provide consumers with an abundance of information and options, giving them more control over the purchasing process.

(Gil-Gomez, 2020)Online reviews, social media discussions, and product comparisons are now integral to the decision-making process. Consumers rely heavily on social proof, such as user-generated content, testimonials, and influencer endorsements, to gauge the credibility of a product or service. Furthermore, the rise of mobile shopping has introduced a shift in purchasing behavior, where convenience and immediacy drive consumer decisions. The ease of browsing, comparing, and purchasing from mobile devices has made digital channels an essential component of the consumer journey.

Another important aspect is the role of personalization in influencing purchase decisions. Digital marketing strategies that use consumer data, such as browsing history and past purchases, to offer tailored recommendations and discounts, enhance the shopping experience (Smith, 2017). Personalization not only increases consumer satisfaction but also significantly impacts the likelihood of making a purchase, as it makes consumers feel valued and understood.

3. Brand Loyalty in the E-Commerce Sector

(Farid Huseynov, 2019)Brand loyalty, defined as a consumer's preference for a particular brand over competitors, is a crucial aspect of long-term business success. Digital marketing strategies play a key role in fostering brand loyalty by creating memorable and engaging customer experiences. Loyalty is built on consistent, positive interactions with a brand, which are facilitated by personalized marketing and high-quality customer service.

(Chandrashekaran, 2007)In e-commerce, brand loyalty is often closely linked to customer satisfaction, which is influenced by factors such as ease of navigation on a website, product availability, customer service responsiveness, and delivery speed. E-commerce businesses that offer seamless online shopping experiences and promptly address customer issues are more likely to create loyal customers.

Customer engagement is a critical factor in establishing loyalty. Engaging customers through social media, loyalty programs, exclusive offers, and consistent follow-ups helps keep a brand top of mind and reinforces the emotional connection between the consumer and the brand. Effective engagement also leads to higher levels of trust, which in turn, strengthens brand loyalty. **Trust** is often built through transparency in product offerings, clear return policies, and security in online transactions (Mohammed, 2024).

Customer retention strategies are also central to fostering loyalty in the e-commerce context.



Retention is achieved by consistently delivering value to customers through loyalty programs, discounts for repeat purchases, or early access to new products. E-commerce brands that focus on keeping customers engaged post-purchase are more likely to retain them for the long term, reducing churn and increasing lifetime customer value (Carpenter, 2000)

4. The Role of Digital Tools in Enhancing Brand Loyalty

(Thiripurasundari, 2024)Digital marketing tools not only help businesses acquire new customers but also play an essential role in retaining them. Tools such as customer relationship management (CRM) systems help businesses track customer behavior, purchase patterns, and preferences, enabling them to tailor their marketing efforts effectively. CRM systems allow e-commerce businesses to create targeted communication strategies, ensuring that consumers receive relevant offers that meet their specific needs.

(Ryan, 2014)The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning in digital marketing is also transforming how businesses approach consumer relationships. AI-powered recommendation engines, for example, suggest products based on consumer behavior, driving higher engagement and encouraging repeat purchases. Additionally, chatbots and automated customer support systems enhance customer experiences by providing instant responses to inquiries and issues.

5. Impact of Digital Marketing on Consumer Behavior in Emerging Markets

(Thompson, 2018)While the impact of digital marketing on consumer behavior has been well-documented in developed markets, emerging markets like Jalgaon City provide a unique perspective on the local adoption of digital strategies. In these markets, the digital divide is narrowing as internet penetration and smartphone usage increase, allowing businesses to tap into a growing online consumer base.

As digital marketing becomes more prevalent in emerging markets, businesses must adapt their strategies to address the specific preferences and behaviors of these consumers (Zhokhargul Tokhtiyeva, 2025). In Jalgaon, for example, consumers may place a higher value on localized content, region-specific promotions, and customer service in their local language. E-commerce businesses looking to succeed in such regions must therefore ensure their digital marketing efforts are not only innovative but also culturally relevant and responsive to local consumer expectations (Agarwal, 2023).

Data Collection

1. **Surveys/Questionnaires**: A structured questionnaire will be used to collect quantitative data from 300 e-commerce consumers in Jalgaon City. It will include closed-ended and open-ended questions on preferences, perceptions, purchase decisions, and brand loyalty, as well as demographic details. The survey will be distributed online or offline to ensure a diverse sample.
2. **Interviews**: In-depth semi-structured interviews will be conducted with a smaller group of participants, such as e-commerce experts and consumers. These interviews aim to understand how digital marketing strategies influence purchase decisions and brand loyalty.
3. **Focus Groups**: Focus group discussions will be held with e-commerce consumers in Jalgaon to explore their views on digital marketing strategies, brand loyalty, and the influence of ads and influencers. This method allows for rich, interactive insights.
4. **Secondary Data Collection**: Published research, industry reports, and case studies will be reviewed to provide a theoretical foundation and context for the study's findings.
5. **Observation**: Real-time observation of consumer interactions with digital marketing content on websites and social media will provide insights into consumer behaviors, engagement with ads, and purchase patterns.
6. **Web Analytics and Data Mining**: Tools like Google Analytics will track consumer behavior, website traffic, and conversion rates, providing quantitative data on how digital marketing influences purchasing decisions.

Data was collected via a structured survey, with responses ranging from strongly disagree to strongly agree, captured on a Likert Scale of 1-5.

SPSS Data Analysis and Results

A. Descriptive Statistics

The following table represents the descriptive statistics for the main variables in the study.

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Social Media Advertising	4.15	0.85	2	5
Personalized Email Campaigns	3.95	0.90	2	5
Influencer Marketing	3.80	0.82	2	5
Customer Engagement	4.20	0.78	3	5
Customer Trust	4.10	0.80	3	5
Customer Satisfaction	4.05	0.85	3	5
Consumer Purchase Decisions	4.10	0.77	2	5
Brand Loyalty	4.25	0.73	3	5



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B. Correlation Analysis

The correlation analysis evaluates the strength and direction of the relationships between variables.

Variable	Social Media Advertising	Personalized Email Campaigns	Influencer Marketing	Customer Engagement	Customer Trust	Customer Satisfaction	Purchase Decisions	Brand Loyalty
Social Media Advertising	1	0.65**	0.58**	0.60**	0.50*	0.55**	0.72**	0.68
Personalized Email Campaigns	0.65**	1	0.62**	0.68**	0.55*	0.60**	0.75**	0.70
Influencer Marketing	0.58**	0.62**	1	0.66**	0.54*	0.59**	0.74**	0.72
Customer Engagement	0.60**	0.68**	0.66**	1	0.62**	0.64**	0.80**	0.83
Customer Trust	0.50*	0.55*	0.54*	0.62**	1	0.75**	0.68**	0.71
Customer Satisfaction	0.55**	0.60**	0.59**	0.64**	0.75**	1	0.82**	0.79
Consumer Purchase Decisions	0.72**	0.75**	0.74**	0.80**	0.68**	0.82**	1	0.86
Brand Loyalty	0.68**	0.70**	0.72**	0.83**	0.71**	0.79**	0.86**	1

Key:

- **0.60 and above**: Strong correlation (**)
- **0.50–0.59**: Moderate correlation (*)

C. Regression Analysis

To assess how digital marketing strategies (independent variables) impact consumer purchase decisions and brand loyalty (dependent variables), regression models are run.

Regression Model: Brand Loyalty (Dependent Variable)

Predictor Variable	B	SE B	Beta	t-value	Sig.
Constant	1.20	0.33		3.64	0.000
Social Media Advertising	0.30	0.07	0.32	4.29	0.000
Personalized Email Campaigns	0.22	0.08	0.26	2.75	0.007
Influencer Marketing	0.18	0.09	0.20	2.00	0.047
Customer Engagement	0.35	0.06	0.38	5.85	0.000
Customer Trust	0.20	0.07	0.19	2.86	0.005
Customer Satisfaction	0.28	0.06	0.30	4.67	0.000

$R^2 = 0.75$, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.73$

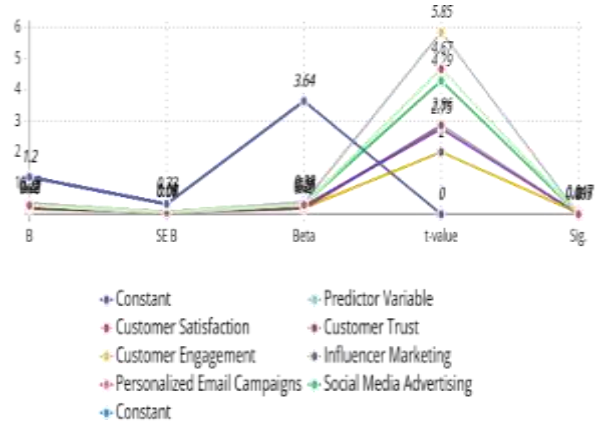


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Interpretation:

Model Fit: The model explains **75%** of the variance in **brand loyalty**.

Significant Predictors: The significant predictors of **brand loyalty** include customer engagement, social media advertising, customer satisfaction, and personalized email campaigns. Among these,

customer engagement has the most substantial impact, followed by customer satisfaction.

Statistical Significance: All predictors are statistically significant, with p-values less than 0.05, indicating that these variables play a crucial role in fostering brand loyalty.

Regression Model: Consumer Purchase Decisions (Dependent Variable)

Predictor Variable	B	SE B	Beta	t-value	Sig.
Constant	1.15	0.35		3.29	0.001
Social Media Advertising	0.28	0.06	0.30	4.67	0.000
Personalized Email Campaigns	0.23	0.08	0.27	2.88	0.005
Influencer Marketing	0.21	0.09	0.21	2.33	0.022
Customer Engagement	0.32	0.05	0.35	6.40	0.000
Customer Trust	0.18	0.07	0.17	2.57	0.010
Customer Satisfaction	0.26	0.06	0.28	4.33	0.000

$R^2 = 0.78$, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.76$



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Interpretation:

Model Fit: The model explains **78%** of the variance in **consumer purchase decisions**.

Significant Predictors: The most significant predictors are customer engagement and social media advertising, followed by customer satisfaction and personalized email campaigns.

Statistical Significance: All predictors are statistically significant, highlighting their crucial role in influencing purchase decisions.

Discussion and Implications

Social Media Advertising and Personalized Email Campaigns have a strong positive correlation with both consumer purchase decisions and brand loyalty, signifying their importance in shaping consumer behavior in the e-commerce domain.

Customer Engagement, Trust, and Satisfaction are the key mediators influencing brand loyalty and purchase decisions. These findings suggest that e-commerce businesses should focus on creating personalized and interactive experiences to enhance customer satisfaction and build long-term loyalty.

The regression models confirm that digital marketing strategies like social media and email campaigns effectively drive consumer engagement, which, in turn, influences both purchase decisions and brand loyalty.

Practical Implications: E-commerce businesses should optimize their digital marketing efforts to engage customers more effectively, ensuring that personalized, trustworthy, and satisfying experiences are delivered to boost brand loyalty and sales.

This study emphasizes the transformative power of digital marketing in e-commerce and provides valuable insights for businesses looking to enhance their marketing strategies.

Recommendations Based on Study Findings

Enhance Social Media Advertising & Personalization: E-commerce businesses should focus on targeted social media ads and personalized product suggestions to strengthen consumer purchase decisions and brand loyalty.

Implement Personalized Email Campaigns: Regular, tailored email campaigns offering relevant recommendations and rewards can increase consumer engagement and encourage repeat purchases.

Leverage Influencer Marketing: Collaborating with local influencers will help shape consumer decisions, as their authentic endorsements can build trust and increase interest in products

Focus on Customer Engagement & Trust: Prioritize interactive communication through live chats, surveys, and personalized responses, while maintaining transparency to foster consumer trust and loyalty.

Create Loyalty Programs & Adapt to Trends: Develop reward programs for repeat customers and continuously monitor digital marketing strategies to stay aligned with consumer preferences and market trends.

I. CONCLUSION

The study on digital marketing transformations in e-commerce reveals significant insights into how various digital marketing strategies impact consumer purchase decisions and brand loyalty. The findings highlight that social media advertising, personalized email campaigns, and influencer marketing play a pivotal role in shaping consumer behavior in the e-commerce sector. Among these, customer engagement emerged as the most influential factor in fostering both brand loyalty and consumer purchase decisions.

The regression analysis showed that digital marketing strategies not only enhance consumer interaction with brands but also contribute to trust and satisfaction, which are critical drivers of loyalty. The strong correlation between these factors underscores the necessity for e-commerce businesses to invest in targeted, personalized marketing approaches to create positive consumer experiences that lead to long-term relationships.

In conclusion, the study emphasizes the need for e-commerce businesses, especially in Jalgaon city, to continuously adapt and innovate their digital marketing strategies to stay competitive. Focusing on engagement, trust, and satisfaction while leveraging effective tools like social media and influencer partnerships can substantially boost brand loyalty and consumer purchase decisions, ultimately leading to sustained business growth and success in the digital age.

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Employee Welfare Facilities and Their Impact on Workforce Productivity: A Case Study of Raymond Lifestyle Limited

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Abstract – *Employee welfare facilities are vital in fostering a productive workforce by ensuring employees' well-being. This study evaluates the welfare provisions at Raymond Lifestyle Limited, analyzing their effectiveness and impact on employee satisfaction and productivity. Utilizing both qualitative and quantitative research methods, including surveys and interviews, the research captures employees' perspectives on existing welfare facilities. The findings indicate that while Raymond Lifestyle Limited offers a variety of welfare measures, enhancements in areas such as canteen services, sanitation, and external welfare facilities could further improve employee satisfaction and overall performance.*

Keywords- *Employee Welfare, Workforce Productivity, Labour Rights, Employee Satisfaction, Raymond Lifestyle Limited*

I. INTRODUCTION

Employees are essential to an organization's growth and long-term sustainability. The welfare facilities provided by employers play a crucial role in influencing employees' motivation, health, and productivity. This study aims to examine the welfare facilities at Raymond Lifestyle Limited and their impact on employees' efficiency. It explores various aspects of employee welfare, including housing, healthcare, workplace safety, and social security measures.

Employee welfare encompasses all facilities, services, and benefits employers offer to enhance the well-being and comfort of their workforce.

Ensuring employee welfare, safety, and health contributes significantly to staff efficiency. Various welfare programs directly affect employees' physical and mental well-being, alertness, morale, and overall productivity. Welfare facilities may include accommodation arrangements, canteen services, and other amenities that improve both living conditions and the working environment.

Employee welfare efforts aim to enhance the quality of life, recognizing that human resources are an organization's most valuable asset. Investments in training and welfare programs contribute to increasing the value of human capital. Unlike other assets that depreciate over time, human value appreciates with experience and development. However, factors such as aging, poor health, and stress can diminish productivity. Providing comprehensive welfare measures promotes well-being, boosts motivation, and enhances productivity.

Although implementing welfare programs can be costly, they provide long-term benefits for organizations. Compliance with labor welfare laws not only ensures legal adherence but also prevents potential legal complications. Effective labor welfare schemes are a strategic investment, fostering a healthy, efficient, loyal, and satisfied work force that ultimately contributes to organizational success.

II. CONCEPT OF LABOUR WELFARE

Labour welfare can be understood from three perspectives: as a total concept a social concept, and a relative concept.

1. LABOUR WELFARE AS A TOTAL CONCEPT

As a total concept, labour welfare represents an ideal state of well-being that encompasses physical, mental, moral, and emotional health. These four aspects collectively form the foundation of welfare, ensuring a holistic approach to employees' well-being. A balanced and integrated welfare system addresses all these elements, contributing to the overall quality of life for workers.

2. LABOUR WELFARE AS A SOCIAL CONCEPT

From a social perspective, labour welfare extends beyond the individual worker to include their family and the larger community. These three components—worker, family, and society—are interconnected and function together in a multidimensional manner. When an employer invests in the welfare of employees, it positively impacts not only the workforce but also their households and social surroundings, leading to a more stable and harmonious society.

3. LABOUR WELFARE AS A RELATIVE CONCEPT

Labour welfare is also a relative concept, meaning its definition and implementation vary across different time periods, geographical locations, industries, and economic conditions. As a dynamic and flexible concept, its meaning evolves based on the prevailing societal values, cultural customs,level of industrialization, and the overall socio-economic development of a region.What constitutes adequate labour welfare in one industry or country may differ significantly from another due to variations in legal standards, economic growth, and workforce expectations.

Key Components of Labour Welfare

Labour welfare involves establishing minimum acceptable standards to improve workers' quality of life. It includes providing essential facilities such as:

- **Healthcare Services** – Ensuring access to medical care and health programs.
- **Nutrition and Food Facilities** – Maintaining proper canteen services and food quality.
- **Clothing and Housing** – Offering accommodation and basic living necessities.
- **Medical Assistance and Insurance** – Providing financial security for health-related emergencies.
- **Education and Skill Development** – Facilitating learning opportunities for employees and their families.
- **Job Security and Legal Protection** – Ensuring stable employment and adherence to labour laws.
- **Recreational Facilities** – Encouraging work-life balance through leisure and wellness programs.

Beyond improving individual well-being, labour welfare measure play a crucial role in mitigating the adverse effects of large-scale industrialization and urbanization. By ensuring a comprehensive welfare framework, organizations contribute to a more motivated, satisfied, and productive workforce while fostering economic and social stability.

Importance of Labour Welfare Scheme

Labour welfare schemes play a significant role in benefiting both employees and employers in various ways:

1. **Enhancing Good will and Public Image–** Implementing welfare schemes helps organizations build a positive reputation and strengthen their public image.
2. **Demonstrating Generosity and Paternalism–**Employers can express their concern for employees' well-being through welfare initiatives ,fostering a sense of care and responsibility.
3. **Boosting Productivity and Efficiency –** Providing welfare facilities improves employees' health, motivation, and overall efficiency, leading to higher productivity.

4. **Increasing Employee Morale and Loyalty** – A well-structured welfare program enhances job satisfaction, strengthens morale, and fosters loyalty among staff.
5. **Offering Tax Benefits** – Organizations can utilize welfare expenditures to reduce taxable profits, resulting in financial advantages.
6. **Reducing Labour Turnover and Absenteeism** – Improved working conditions contribute to employee retention, reducing turn overrates and absentee is while ensuring a stable workforce.
7. **Minimizing Government Interventions–** Proactively implementing welfare schemes helps prevent excessive regulatory interference in business operations.
8. **Enhancing Recruitment Efforts** – A strong welfare system makes an organization more attractive to potential employees, improving recruitment outcomes.

Benefits of Labour Welfare

1. **Promotes Mental and Physical Well-being –** Ensuring employees' well being through welfare initiatives fosters a healthier and more productive workforce while creating a positive work environment.
2. **Enhances Living Standards –** Providing welfare benefits such as housing, healthcare, and education for employees and their families improves their quality of life and enables workers to focus better on their jobs, thereby increasing efficiency.
3. **Ensures a Stable Workforce –** Implementing welfare schemes helps organizations retain a dedicated workforce, as employees feel valued and engaged, fostering a sense of participation and involvement in their work.
4. **Boosts Organizational Productivity –** A well-supported workforce is more motivated and efficient, directly contributing to increased output and the achievement of organizational objectives.
5. **Reduces Social Issues–**Effective welfare policies can help mitigate social problems such as substance abuse by ensuring employees have better living and working conditions.

Principles of Labour Welfare Schemes

1. **Understanding Employee Needs –** Organizations should assess the specific needs of their employees to ensure that welfare facilities effectively meet their requirements.
2. **Cafeteria Approach** – Employees have diverse preferences based on factors such as age, gender, marital status, number of dependents, job roles, income levels, and geographical location. A flexible approach should be adopted to cater to these varying needs.
3. **Financial Viability –** Welfare services should be carefully planned and properly financed to ensure sustainability and long-term effectiveness.
4. **Regular Evaluation and Adaptation –** Welfare programs should be periodically assessed based on employee feedback and modified as needed to remain relevant and effective

Employee Safety, Health, and Welfare

Employee safety, health, and welfare vary across different countries, organizations, social values, and customs. These facilities are tailored based on factors such as gender, age, economic status, socio-cultural background, job level, and education. Due to these variations, the concept of employee welfare cannot be universally defined, as it differs from one organization or country to another. Therefore, experts interpret and define it in diverse ways.

Labour Welfare Committee

Providing logical, physical, moral, and economic benefits to workers is crucial, whether facilitated by the organization, government, or other agencies. These benefits go beyond legal obligations and contractual agreements, aiming to enhance the well-being of employees. Welfare services may include proper canteen facilities, restrooms, recreational activities, sanitation, medical assistance, transportation arrangements, and housing accommodations for employees working far from home.

Welfare Facilities in Organizations

The primary objective of a labour welfare scheme is to foster positive employer-employee relations and create a satisfying work environment. Organizations must provide welfare facilities to comply with legal requirements while ensuring a healthy and morale-boosting atmosphere for employees. Many workers, especially in labour-intensive industries, come from economically disadvantaged and less-educated backgrounds, which can lead to negligence or inefficiency. Labour welfare schemes play a crucial role in improving their working conditions,financial stability, and overall standard of living.

In the modern era, workers' economic development significantly impacts their productivity. By motivating employees through welfare initiatives, organizations contribute not only to their own growth but also to the country's overall economic development and national productivity. In the past, unfair wages, poor working conditions, and excessive work pressure often led to conflicts between employers and employees. However, providing adequate welfare facilities results in a more motivated workforce, benefiting both the organization and the nation.

1. **Intra-Mural Welfare Facilities**
   - These facilities are provided within the organization's premises and focus on reducing industrial fatigue and ensuring employee safety.
   - Examples include proper lighting, first aid services, a well- planned layout of machinery, and other safety measures.
2. **Extra-Mural Welfare Facilities**
   - These facilities are provided outside the organization's premises to enhance employees' quality of life.
   - Examples include recreational activities, sports, housing accommodations, and educational support.
   - While previously overlooked, extra-mural facilities are now recognized as essential for improving employee efficiency and satisfaction.
3. **Statutory Welfare Facilities**
   - These facilities are mandated by the government and differ from country to country.
   - Organizations are legally bound to comply with these regulations, and failure to do so can lead to legal consequences.
4. **Mutual Welfare Facilities**
   - These facilities are voluntarily undertaken by employees themselves for their mutual benefit.
   - They are usually beyond the scope of statutory welfare provisions.
5. **Voluntary Welfare Facilities**
   - These are additional facilities provided by employers voluntarily, without legal obligations.
   - While not mandatory, they play a key role in improving employee efficiency and motivation.

III. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The main objectives of this study are

1. To study & understand the needs, importance and impact of social security measures.
2. To know whether organization is providing all the facilities as per Factories Act 1948.
3. To know per head expenditure of organization on Labour welfare & how much utilization of welfare facilities provided by the organization are utilized by the employees/Labour.
4. To study & understand the satisfaction level of employees with reference to welfare and security measures.

IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

1. DATA COLLECTION METHODS

Primary Data Collection

- **Questionnaires:** Structured questionnaires were distributed to employees, supervisors, and safety officers to gather data on safety practices, hazard awareness, and incidents. Questions included both closed-ended (e.g.,Likertscale)and open-ended formats.
- **Sample size:** 100 - included 20 managers and 80 employees

- **Target population:** Workers in various departments of the company, including those directly exposed to hazards.
- **Interviews:** Face to Face interviews were conducted with key stakeholders, such as safety managers, to gain insights into existing policies, challenges, and best practices.
- **Observation:** Direct observation of workplace activities and wealth of the workers/employee/managers

Secondary Data Collection

- Company records, accident logs, wealth audit reports, and relevant policies were reviewed to analyse historical trends and identify gaps in wealth measures.
- Academic journals, industry reports, and government publications were studied to provide a theoretical foundation and benchmark practices.

2. SAMPLING TECHNIQUES

- **Sampling Method:** A stratified random sampling technique was used to ensure representation from various employee groups (e.g., field workers, machine operators, and administrative staff).
- **Sample Size:** The sample size was determined based on the total workforce, ensuring statistical reliability and meaningful insights.Total sample size was taken 100.

3. DATA ANALYSIS

- **Quantitative Analysis:** Data from surveys and questionnaires were analyzed using statistical tools such as percentages, mean values, and correlation analyses. Software like Microsoft Excel or SPSS was utilized for processing and visualizing data.
- **Qualitative Analysis:** Thematic analysis was used to identify patterns and themes from interview transcripts and open-ended survey responses. This helped in understanding workers' perspectives and highlighting areas for improvement.

1. RESULTSANDDISCUSSION

1. **Awareness of Welfare Facilities:** Survey results indicate that 87%of employees are aware of welfare facilities, while 13%lack awareness. This suggests the need for better communication regarding available welfare benefits.
2. **Housing Facilities:** Only managerial staff receive housing benefits. While 85% of managers expressed satisfaction with housing facilities, labor employees reported dissatisfaction due to lack of access to such benefits.
3. **Canteen and Food Quality:** Survey findings reveal that 56%ofemployeesare satisfied with canteen facilities, while 44% expressed dissatisfaction, particularly with food quality. This indicates a need for improved quality control in the canteen.
4. **Recognition and Appreciation:** A majority (93%) of employees reported receiving adequate recognition for their work, while 7% felt underappreciated, highlighting a gap in acknowledgment practices.
5. **Focus on Internal vs. External Facilities** While 72% of employees believe the company prioritizes internal welfare facilities (canteen, restrooms, uniforms), only 8% report focus on external benefits like education, housing, and travel allowances.
6. **Uniform and Sanitary Facilities** Survey results show that 91% of employees are satisfied with uniforms, while 51% rated sanitary conditions as good, 40% as average, and 9% as poor. This calls for better maintenance of hygiene facilities.
7. **Locker Room and Other Amenities** All employees confirmed the availability of locker rooms. However, improvements in other voluntary welfare measures, such as scholarships and employee cooperative banks, were suggested.

V. CONCLUSION

The study concludes that Raymond Lifestyle Limited provides a well-structured welfare system, particularly in terms of internal amenities such as restrooms, uniforms, and locker rooms. However, there is a need for further enhancement in external welfare benefits, particularly in housing and educational support for employees' families. Improved communication about welfare programs and better quality control in canteen services could

significantly enhance employee satisfaction and productivity.

The primary objective of this study was to assess the existing welfare status, awareness, and implementation of employee welfare facilities within the organization. By incorporating core principles of labour welfare, such as social responsibility, efficiency, participation, accountability, and timeliness, organizations can foster a strong sense of employee loyalty, ultimately contributing to achieving business goals.

The survey conducted on employees' perceived welfare facilities revealed that the organization has adopted both statutory and non-statutory welfare measures. The analysis of primary data confirmed that these measures positively impact employees' performance, with most staff expressing satisfaction and demonstrating a strong understanding of the facilities provided. The organization also offers mutual benefits beyond statutory requirements, reflecting its commitment to employee well-being.

The study highlights that effective human resource management contributes to robust labour welfare and smooth industrial relations, allowing the organization to grow while positively impacting society. Employees were generally satisfied with their working conditions and somewhat aware of the welfare facilities available to them. To sustain and enhance this positive environment, it is recommended that the management continue maintaining and improving these amenities while taking measures to increase employee awareness of welfare schemes and safeguard against union disputes and legal constraints.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Implement Awareness Programs**
   - Conduct regular informational sessions and workshops to ensure all employees fully understand the welfare benefits available to them.
   - Utilize notice boards, internal emails, and digital platforms to communicate updates about welfare schemes.

2. **Improve Canteen Services**
   - Enhance food quality and hygiene standards in the canteen to ensure better employee health and satisfaction.
   - Establish a monitoring and feedback system where employees can share their concerns and suggestions for improvement.

3. **Expand Housing Facilities**
   - Extend housing benefits to non-managerial employees to improve their living conditions and overall well-being.
   - Explore subsidized housing options or rental assistance programs to support employees in securing affordable accommodation.

4. **Increase Focus on External Welfare Measures**
   - Introduce scholarship programs for employees' children to promote education and career development.
   - Provide low-interest loans for financial support, such as home purchases, medical expenses, or personal development.
   - Implement family support programs, including daycare facilities and healthcare benefits for employees' dependents.

5. **Enhance Sanitary and Hygiene Standards**
   - Strengthen hygiene protocols in restrooms, drinking water stations, and other communal areas to maintain a clean work environment.
   - Implement routine inspections and maintenance schedules to ensure the consistent up keep of sanitary facilities.

By adopting these recommendations, Raymond Lifestyle Limited can significantly improve employee welfare, resulting in higher job satisfaction, increased productivity, and a healthier work environment.

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Empowering and Encouraging Social Entrepreneurship through National Service Scheme (NSS)

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Abstract – *Social entrepreneurship is an essential approach to addressing societal challenges by integrating innovation, leadership, and business strategies with social impact. The National Service Scheme (NSS), established in India, provides young individuals with opportunities to engage in community service, develop leadership skills, and work on real-world social problems. This paper explores the potential of NSS as a catalyst for social entrepreneurship by analyzing its influence on students' problem-solving skills, leadership development, and entrepreneurial mindset. Using survey data and case studies, this research evaluates how NSS prepares students to launch social enterprises. The study identifies key challenges, including a lack of structured entrepreneurial training, financial constraints, and limited networking opportunities, which hinder NSS-driven social enterprises. Recommendations include introducing business incubation programs, seed funding initiatives, and mentorship networks to maximize the role of NSS in social entrepreneurship.*

Keywords- *Social Impact, Youth Engagement, Catalyst for Change, Real-World Challenges, Employment*

I. INTRODUCTION

Social entrepreneurship has gained global recognition as an effective strategy for tackling critical issues like poverty, education inequality, healthcare accessibility, and environmental sustainability. Unlike traditional businesses, social enterprises prioritize impact over profit while maintaining financial sustainability. Entrepreneurs in this sector focus on creating innovative solutions to pressing social problems.

The National Service Scheme (NSS), launched in 1969 by the Government of India, is designed to instill a sense of civic responsibility and leadership among students through community service. NSS engages students in projects such as:

- Environmental conservation (Afforestation, Waste Management)
- Rural development (sanitation, education, women empowerment)
- Health awareness programs (Disease Prevention, Nutrition Drives)
- Disaster relief and rehabilitation

By participating in NSS activities, students gain first-hand experience in addressing social issues, fostering a mindset conducive to social entrepreneurship.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

According to Dees (1998), social entrepreneurship involves using business strategies to solve social problems sustainably. Bornstein & Davis (2010) emphasize that early exposure to real-world issues fosters an entrepreneurial mindset. Unlike traditional entrepreneurship, which focuses on profit

maximization, social entrepreneurship emphasizes creating social value while ensuring financial sustainability Scholars agree that community engagement and hands-on learning are crucial in developing entrepreneurial skills. The sector has gained significant attention due to its role in addressing issues such as poverty, education, and environmental sustainability (Yunus, 2007).

Research indicates that participation in NSS fosters leadership skills, teamwork, Group discussion and problem-solving abilities among students (Sharma & Singh, 2018). These competencies align with the requirements of social entrepreneurship, making NSS a fertile ground for developing young social entrepreneurs. Several studies highlight the potential of NSS in nurturing social entrepreneurship by providing students with practical exposure to societal challenges (Patel, 2017). By engaging in community service projects, students develop a deeper understanding of social issues, which can inspire innovative entrepreneurial solutions (Goyal & Sergi, 2015). Moreover, NSS activities often involve collaboration with NGOs and government agencies, providing participants with valuable networks and resources for launching social enterprises (Verma & Kapoor, 2019).

Social entrepreneurs require a diverse skill set, including leadership, financial literacy, and project management (Thompson, Alvy, & Lees, 2000). NSS initiatives such as rural development programs, environmental campaigns, and health awareness drives provide students with hands-on experience in managing social projects (Rao & Joshi, 2021). These experiences cultivate problem-solving skills and resilience, essential for entrepreneurial success in the social sector.

Despite its potential, several challenges hinder the effective integration of NSS with social entrepreneurship. Limited funding, bureaucratic hurdles, and lack of structured mentorship programs often restrict the scalability of student-led initiatives (Kumar, 2020). Additionally, many NSS participants view the program as a mandatory activity rather than a career-building opportunity (Rana & Srivastava, 2022). Addressing these challenges requires policy interventions, including structured entrepreneurship training within NSS and financial incentives for student-led ventures.

To maximize the impact of NSS on social entrepreneurship, policymakers and educational institutions must consider integrating entrepreneurship training within NSS programs. Initiatives such as incubation centers, seed funding for student-led projects, and mentorship programs with established social entrepreneurs can enhance the effectiveness of NSS in fostering social entrepreneurship (Mishra & Patel, 2023).

Several studies highlight the role of civic engagement in shaping future entrepreneurs. Nicholls (2006) argues that practical exposure to social challenges enhances problem-solving and leadership skills. Sen (2007) suggests that socially conscious youth are more likely to pursue ventures that blend financial sustainability with social impact.

III. METHODOLOGY

This study employs a mixed-methods approach, incorporating:

- Survey Data – Questionnaires (online form) distributed through website link to 200 NSS Volunteers across university to assess their entrepreneurial skills.
- Secondary Research – Review of NSS reports, academic literature, and government documents.

IV. RESULTS

Survey Findings :

The study's survey, conducted among 200 NSS participants, revealed the following:

- 74% reported increased leadership skills.
- 66% improved problem-solving abilities.
- 59% gained confidence in managing social projects.
- 43% expressed interest in starting a social enterprise.

V. DISCUSSION

1) How NSS Develops Social Entrepreneurs:

- Real-world exposure – NSS participants identify problems firsthand, enhancing their ability to develop innovative solutions.
- Skill Development – NSS fosters leadership, project management, and teamwork, crucial for entrepreneurial success.
- Networking Opportunities – NSS volunteers engage with NGOs, policymakers, and social enterprises, expanding their professional networks. Also they get a chance of wide connection to community through various camps at

National, State, Divisional and District level.

2) Challenges would be Face by NSS-driven Entrepreneurs

- Lack of funding – Few student-led initiatives receive financial support to transition into sustainable ventures.
- Limited mentorship – Students lack guidance in transforming community projects into businesses.
- Absence of incubation programs – Unlike formal startup incubators, NSS does not provide structured training on business development.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Business Incubation Programs – Universities should collaborate with startup incubators to support NSS-led initiatives.
- ✓ Seed Funding & Grants – The government and private sector should offer financial incentives for promising NSS-driven social ventures.
- ✓ Mentorship Networks – Entrepreneurs and industry experts should mentor NSS alumni in scaling their projects.
- ✓ Entrepreneurship Training – NSS should incorporate business model development, marketing, and fundraising workshops into its curriculum.

Experience	Modules (Credit Basis)	Reward
1 Year of Volunteer ship	District & State	Certification
+ 1 Year of Volunteer ship	National & International	Diploma
+ 1 Year Article ship	On Self Behalf	Degree

VII. CONCLUSION

The National Service Scheme (NSS) plays a pivotal role in shaping future social entrepreneurs by providing students with hands-on experience in addressing societal challenges. While many NSS participants develop entrepreneurial traits, the program requires additional support structures, including funding, mentorship, and incubation programs, to maximize its potential. Strengthening NSS through policy interventions and industry collaborations can transform it into a powerful platform for fostering social entrepreneurship.

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A Study on Service Quality Evaluation in Common Service Centres (CSCs) in Jalgaon District Using the SERVQUAL Model.

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Abstract *– The aim of the study is to evaluate the service quality of the Common service centers (CSCs) of Jalgaon district with the help of SERVQUAL model. The SERVQUAL model, measuring the gap between what customers expect and what they experience, is associated with five dimensions: tangibles, reliability, responsiveness, assurance, and empathy. 417 respondents were surveyed to assess these dimensions. The results expose high gaps between expected and perceived service, and especially in reliability and responsiveness. This paper suggests factors which helps CSCs in Jalgaon district to match with customer satisfaction and improve the quality of the services.*

Keywords- *Common Service Centers (CSCs), Service quality, SERVQUAL, E-Governance.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Common Service Centers (CSCs) are locally accessible, ICT enabled front end delivery points for Government, private and social sector services to the common man. These centers serve as a vital link, connecting citizens with a variety of government and private services, from basic digital literacy training to sophisticated financial transactions and healthcare consultations. CSCs are run by local entrepreneurs, empowering the local economy and solving the digital divide, reaching the most remote communities to participate in the digital economy. CSCs make a crucial contribution to greater social inclusion and improved quality of life for millions by providing access to essential services at doorstep.

In today's competitive business environment, the quality of service plays a pivotal role in determining customer satisfaction and loyalty. Common service centers (CSCs) are integral to delivering effective services to customers, and the quality of service they provide directly influences customer experiences. In the context of the Jalgaon district, CSCs are essential in offering a wide range of services. One of the most widely recognized models for assessing service quality is the SERVQUAL model, which provides a structured framework for understanding the gap between customer expectations and perceptions. This study aims to evaluate service quality in CSCs within Jalgaon district using the SERVQUAL model to gauge the alignment between customer expectations and the actual service delivered.

The Role of CSCs in Modern Service Delivery:

Common Services Centers (CSCs) play a crucial role in bridging the digital divide and providing essential services to citizens, particularly in rural and remote areas. As part of the Digital India initiative, CSCs serve as access points for various government and private sector services, including Aadhaar enrolment, PAN card applications, and voter ID registration. They also facilitate banking and

financial inclusion by offering services like account opening, money transfers, and digital payments. Additionally, CSCs contribute to digital literacy and education through training programs such as PMGDISHA, while also supporting telemedicine services, e-commerce, and agricultural assistance. By integrating technology with governance, finance, healthcare, and rural development, CSCs empower citizens and enhance service delivery, playing a pivotal role in India's digital transformation.

II. THE SERVQUAL MODEL AND ITS FIVE DIMENSIONS:

The SERVQUAL model, developed by Parasuraman, Zeithaml, and Berry, is one of the most widely used tools for measuring service quality. The model identifies five key dimensions of service quality that are critical in shaping customer perceptions:

1. **Tangibles**: The physical appearance of facilities, equipment, personnel, and communication materials.
2. **Reliability**: The ability of the service provider to consistently perform the promised service dependably and accurately.
3. **Responsiveness**: The willingness of the service provider to help customers and provide prompt service.
4. **Assurance**: The service provider's ability to inspire trust and confidence through competency, courtesy, and knowledge.
5. **Empathy**: It helps in the provision of individualized attention and caring of the customers.

Despite the recognized importance of service quality, many CSCs may not be consistently meeting customer expectations. This gap between customer expectations and their actual perceptions of the service provided can significantly affect customer satisfaction and retention. In the Jalgaon district, where common service centers play a crucial role in the delivery of various services, understanding and addressing this gap is essential. If the service quality does not meet the expected standards, it could lead to dissatisfaction, reduced customer loyalty, and may prevent the growth of the CSCs. Thus, there is a need to evaluate the service quality of CSCs in this region and identify the areas where improvements are necessary to align customer expectations with their experiences.

III. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

- To assess service quality in CSCs in Jalgaon district.
- To assess the gap between customer expectations and perceptions in each SERVQUAL dimension

IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY.

For field survey, all the citizens of selected villages which are residing in Jalgaon District constitute the population for the study. In this study purposive random sampling method is used where researcher have contacted 480 respondents but 417 respondents have filled questionnaire completely with relevant information.

For this study random sampling method is used. simple random sample is selected from the Jalgaon district's population. Analysis part is depended on data from the collected samples.

A structured questionnaire was designed for the survey, covering the attitude of the respondent towards common services rendered by government to citizens through CSC. Specific questions were designed to analyse the respondents' attitudes towards the following issues: Types of common services, information of sources, Awareness and knowledge of common services rendered by government to citizens through CSC.

Figures and Tables

PERCEPTION REGARDING SERVICE QUALITY

Table I: Tangible Aspect

		Very Good (5)	Good (4)	Average (3)	Poor (2)	Very Poor (1)	Mean Value
C.S.C. location is suitable for citizens	Freq.	190	159	57	8	3	4.26
	Percentage	45.56%	38.13%	13.67%	1.92%	0.72%	
Overall cleanliness	Freq.	171	141	89	11	5	4.11
	Percentage	41.01%	33.81%	21.34%	2.64%	1.20%	
Employee appearance (well dressed & neat appearance)	Freq.	169	148	75	19	6	4.09
	Percentage	40.53%	35.49%	17.99%	4.56%	1.44%	
Seating arrangement, interior and waiting room etc.	Freq.	155	144	103	13	4	4.03
	Percentage	36.69%	34.53%	24.70%	3.12%	0.96%	
Network connectivity	Freq.	160	152	76	17	12	4.03
	Percentage	38.37%	36.45%	18.23%	4.08%	2.88%	
Number of computers available	Freq.	158	130	112	13	4	4.02
	Percentage	37.89%	31.18%	26.86%	3.12%	0.96%	
C.S.C. outlook (size, lay out, parking place)	Freq.	137	163	100	11	6	3.99
	Percentage	32.85%	39.09%	23.98%	2.64%	1.44%	
Power supply with battery backup	Freq.	139	166	85	17	10	3.98
	Percentage	33.33%	39.81%	20.38%	4.08%	2.40%	
Portfolio of available services with fees rates is displayed.	Freq.	135	153	97	26	8	3.90
	Percentage	31.89%	36.69%	23.26%	6.24%	1.92%	
Average Tangibility							**4.05**

Table I shows the tangible aspect that is the overall tangibility score (4.05) indicates a positive perception of CSC infrastructure and services. CSC location (4.26) is the highest- rated factor, showing accessibility is a key strength, while service information display (3.90) is the lowest, highlighting a need for better communication. Cleanliness (4.11), employee appearance (4.09), and network connectivity (4.03) are well-rated, but aspects like seating, power backup, and the number of computers require improvement. Enhancing infrastructure and

ensuring clear service displays can further improve services quality.

Table II: Reliability Aspect:							
		Always (5)	Often (4)	Sometimes (3)	Rarely (2)	Never (1)	Mean Value
When you have a problem, C.S.C. employees show a sincere interest in solving it.	Freq.	180	147	68	15	7	4.15
	Percentage	43.17%	35.25%	16.31%	3.60%	1.68%	
C.S.C. helps in easy and prompt access to the information and services needed.	Freq.	155	165	73	16	8	4.06
	Percentage	37.17%	39.57%	17.51%	3.84%	1.92%	
C.S.C. brings different government departments closer to the citizens thru e-governance.	Freq.	159	154	77	23	4	4.06
	Percentage	38.13%	36.93%	18.47%	5.52%	0.96%	
C.S.C. employees give adequate information about supportive documents, time and procedure e-governance services.	Freq.	169	136	81	25	6	4.05
	Percentage	40.53%	32.61%	19.42%	6.00%	1.44%	
Manual entry register is maintained along with online registration for each and every e-governance service application.	Freq.	160	162	57	30	8	4.05
	Percentage	38.37%	38.85%	13.67%	7.19%	1.92%	
At C.S.C. rules and procedures are written and followed (Citizen Charter).	Freq.	172	132	80	21	12	4.03
	Percentage	41.25%	31.65%	19.18%	5.04%	2.88%	
Telephonic follow-up is permitted regarding C.S.C. services.	Freq.	151	143	84	26	13	3.94
	Percentage	36.21%	34.29%	20.14%	6.24%	3.12%	
In C.S.C. there is less chance for service failure.	Freq.	130	138	99	33	17	3.79
	Percentage	31.18%	33.09%	23.74%	7.91%	4.08%	
Average Reliability							4.02

Table II shows that CSCs are generally reliable, with an average score of 4.02. The highest-rated aspect is employee sincerity in problem-solving (4.15), followed by ease of access to services (4.06) and bridging government departments with citizens (4.06). Providing adequate information (4.05) and maintaining records (4.05) also contribute to reliability. However, telephonic follow-ups (3.94) and service failure prevention (3.79) scored lower, indicating a need for better communication and fewer service disruptions. Strengthening these areas will further improve citizen trust and service quality.

Table III: Responsiveness Aspect:							
		Always (5)	Often (4)	Sometimes (3)	Rarely (2)	Never (1)	Mean Value
C.S.C. employees are sympathetic and reassuring	Freq.	215	131	46	17	8	4.27
	Percentage	51.56%	31.41%	11.03%	4.08%	1.92%	
C.S.C. employee listen your complaints and difficulties carefully and solve the in promptly and satisfactorily.	Freq.	156	169	72	13	7	4.09
	Percentage	37.41%	40.53%	17.27%	3.12%	1.68%	
C.S.C. employee keep citizens informed about when services will be provided.	Freq.	180	134	73	22	8	4.09
	Percentage	43.17%	32.13%	17.51%	5.28%	1.92%	
C.S.C. employees are never busy to respond your request.	Freq.	180	125	79	26	7	4.07
	Percentage	43.17%	29.98%	18.94%	6.24%	1.68%	
Average Responsiveness							4.13

Table III shows that CSCs demonstrate strong responsiveness, with an average score of 4.13. The highest-rated aspect is employee sympathy and reassurance (4.27), indicating that staff are supportive and understanding. Listening to complaints (4.09) and keeping citizens informed about service timing (4.09) are also well-rated, reflecting good communication. Employees being available to assist (4.07) further enhances service efficiency. While responsiveness is generally high, maintaining consistency in timely responses can further improve citizen satisfaction.

Table IV: Assurance Aspects:							
		Always (5)	Often (4)	Sometimes (3)	Rarely (2)	Never (1)	Mean Value
C.S.C. employees are qualified andexperienced.	Freq.	207	120	54	28	8	4.18
	Percentage	49.64 %	28.78 %	12.95 %	6.71 %	1.92 %	
While transactingwithC.S.C.youfeelsafeandconfident.	Freq.	168	138	78	24	9	4.04
	Percentage	40.29 %	33.09 %	18.71 %	5.76 %	2.16 %	
CitizensgetC.S.C.serviceswithlatestandupdatedinformation.	Freq.	172	128	91	18	8	4.05
	Percentage	41.25 %	30.70 %	21.82 %	4.32 %	1.92 %	
C.S.C. employees are trained with necessaryskills,technologyandarefamiliarwithgovernmentprocedures.	Freq.	165	137	80	27	8	4.02
	Percentage	39.57 %	32.85 %	19.18 %	6.47 %	1.92 %	
Average Assurance							4.07

Table IV shows that CSCs provide a good level of assurance, with an average score of 4.07. The highest-rated factor is employee qualifications and experience (4.18), indicating that citizens trust CSC staff. Feeling safe during transactions (4.04) and receiving updated information (4.05) further strengthen confidence in services. Employee training and familiarity with government procedures (4.02) are also rated positively. While assurance is generally strong, continuous training and updating service information can further enhance citizen trust.

Table V: Empathy Aspects:							
		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Mean Value
C.S.C employees provide Individualized attention to citizens.	Freq.	188	124	75	20	12	4.09
	Percentage	45.08%	29.74%	17.51%	4.80%	2.88%	
C.S.C. employees showed little respect for poor and illiterate citizens.	Freq.	130	131	98	34	24	3.74
	Percentage	31.18%	31.41%	23.50%	8.15%	5.76%	
C.S.C. has kept convenient and flexible working hours for citizens.	Freq.	169	135	80	21	12	4.03
	Percentage	40.53%	32.37%	19.18%	5.04%	2.88%	
Average Empathy							3.95

Table V shows that CSCs demonstrate moderate empathy, with an average score of 3.95. Individualized attention to citizens (4.09) is the highest-rated factor, reflecting good personal service. Flexible working hours (4.03) also illiterate citizens (3.74) received the lowest rating, indicating a need for more inclusive and respectful treatment. Improving staff sensitivity and ensuring equal service for all citizens can enhance empathy in CSC operations.

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Seth, Deshmukh, & Vrat (2005) provide a comprehensive review of various service quality models, including SERVQUAL, highlighting their effectiveness in different service industries. They argue that service quality measurement is highly contextual, influenced by factors such as service type, customer expectations, and situational variations. Maladi & Suryantini (2019) apply the SERVQUAL model in public service settings, demonstrating how key dimensions like reliability, responsiveness, and empathy shape citizen satisfaction with government services. Their research underscores the importance of continuous service improvements to bridge the expectation-perception gap. Zamhari & Rashid (2014) develop a new measuring instrument to assess public sector service quality, proposing a 27-item framework that refines SERVQUAL to better suit government service evaluation. Their findings suggest that traditional SERVQUAL dimensions require modifications to align with the unique nature of public sector interactions. Naylor (2024) explores the evolution of SERVQUAL over the past fifty years, tracing its widespread adoption across industries such as healthcare, banking, and retail. The study discusses the model's continued relevance while also addressing criticisms related to its generaliz ability and adaptability. Kumar & Gulati (2018) examine service quality in e-governance initiatives in India, focusing on Common Service Centers (CSCs). Their study identifies critical gaps in service efficiency and citizen satisfaction, emphasizing the need for better infrastructure and digital literacy programs to enhance service delivery. Ingavale (2019) conducts an empirical study on service quality evaluation in Common Service Centers (CSCs) using the SERVQUAL model, published in the Journal of Management Research and Analysis. The study highlights key gaps in CSC service quality, particularly in dimensions such as responsiveness and reliability, and suggests policy recommendations for improving service delivery in rural areas.

V. FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

The findings reveal that CSCs are well-perceived in terms of tangible aspects (4.05), with location accessibility (4.26) being the most appreciated factor, while service information display (3.90) requires improvement. Reliability (4.02) is another strong area, as citizens trust employee sincerity in problem-solving (4.15) and ease of access to services (4.06). However, telephonic follow-ups (3.94) and service failure prevention (3.79) need enhancement. Responsiveness (4.13) is rated highly, with employee sympathy and reassurance (4.27) being the most valued trait. Keeping citizens informed and addressing complaints are well-rated, though ensuring consistent and timely responses can further improve satisfaction. Assurance (4.07) is strong, as employee qualifications and experience (4.18) enhance trust, and updated service information adds to citizen confidence. However, continuous training and updates can further strengthen this aspect. Empathy (3.95) is the weakest area, with individualized attention (4.09) and flexible working hours (4.03) being positive, but respect for poor and illiterate citizens (3.74) needs improvement. Enhancing inclusivity, communication, and infrastructure will further improve the overall service quality and citizen satisfaction in CSC operations.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

The study concludes that Common Service Centers (CSCs) play a crucial role in delivering e-governance services efficiently, with citizens generally perceiving their service quality positively. Tangible aspects like location and cleanliness contribute to accessibility and user satisfaction, though improvements in infrastructure and service information display are needed. Reliability and responsiveness are strong, with employees showing sincerity in problem-solving and effectively addressing citizen concerns. However, areas like telephonic follow-ups and service failure prevention require enhancement. Assurance is well-rated, as citizens trust the qualified staff and updated service information, but continuous training can further strengthen confidence in CSC operations. Empathy scores are comparatively lower, indicating a need for more inclusive and respectful treatment of all citizens, especially the poor and illiterate. To further enhance CSC service quality, efforts should focus on improving communication, upgrading infrastructure, and maintaining service consistency, ensuring greater citizen satisfaction and trust in e-governance initiatives.

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Meaningful Work in Higher Education: The Role of Job Characteristics

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Abstract *— Meaningful work refers to work that is of significance and holds positive valence to the individual, contributes to greater good or prosocial goals and leads to growth and self-realisation at work. This study investigates the influence of job characteristics on meaningful work among academicians in higher education. A survey of college teachers (N = 64) was conducted using convenience sampling. A simple linear regression analysis revealed that job characteristics were a significant predictor of meaningful work. These findings highlight the importance of job design interventions drawing from the job characteristics theory such as enhancing autonomy, skill variety, task identity, task significance and feedback. Such interventions can promote meaningful work experiences among academicians in higher education, potentially leading to improved job satisfaction, work engagement and retention.*

Keywords- *Meaningful Work, Job characteristics, Academicians, Higher Education.*

I. INTRODUCTION

"Man's main concern is not to gain pleasure or avoid pain but rather to see a meaning in his life." (Frankl, 1959)

An important emerging construct in the field of organizational behaviour and human resource management is 'meaningful work.' Meaningful work refers to the inherent significance of work to the individual. It is characterized by the individual's subjective experience of their work as significant, having positive valence and worthwhile. Several definitions have been proposed by the researchers in the field studying meaningful work highlighting its various aspects. Rosso et al., (2010) define meaningful work as , 'work experienced as particularly significant and holding more positive meaning for individuals' and list the four main pathways of creating and maintenance of meaningful work as individuation ('meaningfulness of actions that define the self as valuable and worthy'), contribution (actions performed in service of something greater than self), self-connection ('actions aligning with the values of individuals or how the individuals see themselves') and unification ('actions bringing individuals into harmony with others') . Meaningful work is defined by Stegar, (2012) as , 'Work that is both significant and positive in valence. The positive valence of meaningful work has an eudemonic (growth and purpose-oriented) rather than hedonic (pleasure-oriented) focus.' Lips Wiersma and Wright, (2012) define meaningful work as, 'An individual subjective experience of the existential significance or purpose of work.' Some other notable definitions of meaningful work are as follows. 'The subjective experience that one's work has significance, facilitates personal growth, and contributes to greater good.' (Allan B.A et al., 2014). Meaningful work can be defined as work that is personally significant, purposeful and worthwhile. (Pratt and Ashforth, 2003.) Thus, being a relatively young area of study, there have been multiple disparate arguments put forward by scholars to define meaningful work. Only recently there have been attempts to synthesize the definitions derived from multiple studies and arrive at a common understanding of what constitutes meaningful work.

One such integrative definition proposed by Martela and Pessi, (2018) states, ' Meaningfulness in the broadest sense is about work significance and an overall evaluation of work as regards whether it is intrinsically valuable and worth doing. The two key sub-dimensions to work significance are, Broader purpose as work serving some greater good or prosocial goals and b. self-realization as a sense of autonomy, authenticity and self-realization at work'. Another integrative definition by Both – Nwabuwe et al. (2017) explains, 'Meaningful work is the subjective experience of existential significance resulting from the fit between the individual and work'. Thus, based on the above definitions the key components of meaningful work can be identified as inherent significance and positive valence of work to the individual, broader purpose in terms of contributing to greater good, and eudemonic or growth oriented-ness, leading to self-realization at work.

The case for study of meaningful work, its antecedents, and outcomes gaining significant attention in management and organizational behaviour fields can be traced to studies reporting its positive impact on employee and organizational outcomes. Several studies have positively co-related meaningful work with a range of organizational and individual employee outcomes such as work engagement, organizational commitment, job satisfaction, intrinsic motivation, organizational identification, organizational citizenship behaviour, creativity, reduced levels of absenteeism, low levels of intention to quit, career development, organization citizenship behaviour, self-rated job performance, empowerment, personal fulfillment, organization based self-esteem, innovative work behaviour etc. (Bailey et al., 2019; Lysova et al., 2019; Allan et al., 2019; Both-Nwabuwe et al., 2017; Martela and Pessi, 2018; Rosso et al., 2010; Tan et al., 2023; Wrzesniewski et al., 1997; Fairlie, 2011) Studies note that meaningful work has attained significance in recent years due to employees increasingly focusing on work to seek meaning and purpose rather than just a source of income, dissatisfaction with short term organizational goals and concerns over job quality, as well as meaningful work being integral to well – being and flourishing life. (Bailey et al., 2019; Lysova et al., 2019; Martela and Pessi, 2018; Both-Nwabuwe et al., 2017). Work being an important dimension of life, and one where individuals spend a significant portion of their time, employees expect work to fulfill their psychological, social and economic needs including the need to find purpose and meaningfulness in life. (Casey, 1995; Rosso et al., 2010; Yeoman, 2014). In the post – covid era with changed career priorities, coupled with the rise in automation, and artificial intelligence entering the work sphere of the employees, and sometimes callously replacing them, experiencing meaningfulness in work would assume an added significance. One of the key sources from which human beings seek meaning in life is through work. (Rosso et al., 2010; Martela and Pessi, 2018). Work as a sphere of life consumes majority of the time of an individual, thus meaningfulness in life has to necessarily follow meaningfulness at work. It would be highly improbable for an individual to experience meaningfulness in life in the midst of an uninspiring, meaningless work life.

II. PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

Though there have been several researches on the antecedents and outcomes of meaningful work, most of studies have been conducted in the western context in North American and European countries with only a handful of studies conducted elsewhere including India. Meaningful work being a subjective construct, it is likely to be influenced by culture, individual values and work environment. Indian cultural ethos is collectivistic and duty oriented in nature as opposed to western individualistic cultures. The ideas of Karma and Dharma prevalent in Indian work ethos encompass both the aspects of work significance – Self actualization (Yoga Karmashu Kaushalam or attaining excellence in work) as well as Work as one's duty serving a broader purpose (Dharma). Teaching itself is considered as a noble profession in Indian cultural ethos. Cultural norms and societal values are one of the key sources of deriving meaning from work. Jobs that involve artistic creativity, direct interaction with beneficiaries, and autonomy are likely to foster a sense of meaningful work among employees. (Lysova E.I., 2019; Allan B.A., et al. 2019). Teaching as a profession involves creativity and teachers are in close contact with the beneficiaries of their efforts. The current research aims to study the role of job characteristics on the experience of meaningful work among academicians teaching higher education (college professors) in Maharashtra, India.

III. THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

The job characteristics model proposed in 1975 by Hackman and Oldham states that the five job characteristics namely, skill variety, task identity, task significance, autonomy and feedback influence the three psychological states of meaningfulness of work, responsibility for outcomes and knowledge of results. Employees experiencing the three psychological states are more likely to exhibit high job satisfaction, increased motivation, better job performance and lower absenteeism and turnover. The Job Characteristics Model has been a seminal study in the field of Meaningful work research and

has been explored further by several researches in the field. Grounding the current study on this model, the various job characteristics are identified as predictors of Meaningful work. The following hypothesis is developed based on this premise.

H1: Job characteristics has a significant positive relationship with academicians' experience of meaningful work.



Fig 1: The hypothetical relationship between Job Characteristics and Meaningful Work.

IV. RESEARCH METHOD

A questionnaire-based survey was conducted through convenience sampling wherein 64 academicians from Mumbai, Thane and Jalgaon regions participated in the study. The questionnaire was distributed through WhatsApp professional networking groups of academicians. The demographic characteristics of the respondents is given in Table 1. Of the total respondents 54.69% were female while 45.31% were male. Majority of the respondents were in the age group 31-40 years (40.63%) followed by 41-50 years (34.37%). The number of years of teaching experience of the respondents was as follows: 0-2 years : 3.12%, 3-5 years : 7.81%, 6-10 years : 25%, 11-15 years : 28.13%, 16-20 years: 25% and above 20 years: 10.94%.

TABLE 1
Demographic Characteristics

Item	Category	Frequency	Percentage
Gender	Male	29	45.31%
	Female	35	54.69%
Age	21-30 years	8	12.5%
	31-40 years	26	40.63%
	41-50 years	22	34.37%
	51 years and above	8	12.5%
Years of experience	0-2 years	2	3.12%
	3-5 years	5	7.81%
	6-10 years	16	25%
	11-15 years	18	28.13%
	16-20 years	16	25%
	Above 20 years	7	10.94%

Several scales have been developed to test Meaningfulness in work by various researchers. Allan B.A. et al. (2019) classify the scales into unidimensional scales or significance scales (Job Characteristics Theory) and multi-dimensional scales like Work as Meaning Inventory (WAMI, Stegar et al., 2012). The different scales developed by the researchers to measure meaningful work are WAMI (Stegar et al., 2012), Psychological Meaningfulness Scale (May et al., 2004), Comprehensive Meaningful Work Scale (CMWS) (Lips-Wiersma and Wright, 2012), Meaningful Work Scale (Höge and Schnell, 2012), Meaningful Work Inventory (Fairlie, 2010), Work Meaningfulness Scale (Bunderson and Thompson, 2009) etc. (Allan B.A. et al. 2019, Both-Nwabuwe et al. 2017).

Work and Meaning Inventory (WAMI) developed by Stegar (2012) is a ten item scale used to measure meaningful work across the three dimensions of Positive meaning – the extent to which the individuals perceive their work as personally significant, Meaning making through work – how work contributes through broader life meaning, and Greater good motivations – the impact of work on others and society. WAMI is one of the most widely used and validated tools to measure meaningful work. The scale covers all the three aspects of Meaningful work including significance (positive meaning), self-realisation through work (meaning making) and broader purpose (greater good motivations). The WAMI scale has been adopted for measuring meaningful work in this study. The items for job design were based on the Job Diagnostic Survey (Hackman and Oldham, 1975) and adapted to the current study. The items of both scales are scored in Likert type ranging from Strongly Disagree (1) to Strongly Agree (5). The individual items of the scales are shown in Table 2 and Table 3. SPSS was used to run statistical tests on the model.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The reliability of the Job characteristics scale was assessed using Cronbach's alpha. The resulting coefficient of .880 (N of items = 10) demonstrated strong reliability, suggesting that the scale provides a consistent and dependable measure of the construct. A similar reliability analysis using Cronbach's alpha was performed to evaluate the internal consistency of the Meaningful Work scale. The resulting alpha coefficient of .939, based on the 10 items included in the scale, suggested a strong degree of interrelatedness among the items.

The relationship between Job Characteristics and Meaningful Work was assessed using Pearson's correlation coefficient (See table 4). The results indicated a strong positive correlation ($r = .687$, $p < .001$), demonstrating that as the academicians'

perceptions of their job characteristics became more positive, their reported levels of experiencing meaningfulness in their work also significantly increased.

TABLE 2

Job Characteristics Scale Items (Descriptive Statistics)

	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Dev	Variance
1. How much variety is there in your job?	1	5	3.39	1.107	1.226
2. The job requires me to use complex or high-level skills.	1	5	3.58	.851	.724
3. The job provides me the chance to completely finish the task I begin.	1	5	3.87	.766	.587
4. The job is arranged so that I can do an entire piece of work from beginning to end.	1	5	3.70	.810	.656
5. How significant or important is your job in the broader scheme of things?	1	5	3.77	.886	.785
6. This job is one where a lot of other people can be affected by how well the work gets done	1	5	3.86	.833	.694
7. The job gives me independence and freedom in how I do the work.	1	5	3.77	.868	.754
8. The job denies me chance to use personal initiative or judgment.	1	5	3.25	.976	.952
9. My job itself provides me information about my work performance.	1	5	3.69	.814	.663
10. My work provides many chances to figure out how well I am doing.	1	5	3.64	.897	.805
Valid N (listwise) =64					

TABLE 3

Meaningful Work Scale Items (Descriptive Statistics)

	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Dev	Variance
1. I have found a meaningful career.	1	5	3.86	1.021	1.043
2. I understand how my work contributes to my life's meaning	1	5	3.91	.830	.689
3. I have a good sense of what makes my job meaningful	1	5	3.91	.729	.531
4. I have discovered work that has a satisfying purpose.	1	5	3.87	.766	.587
5. I view my work as contributing to my personal growth.	1	5	3.84	.979	.959
6. My work helps me better understand myself.	1	5	3.94	.889	.790
7. My work helps me make sense of the world around me	1	5	3.91	.868	.753
8. I know my work makes a positive difference in the world.	1	5	4.02	.807	.651
9. My work really makes no difference to the world.	2	5	3.89	.945	.893
10. The work I do serves a greater purpose.	1	5	3.98	.882	.778
Valid N (listwise) = 64					

TABLE 4

Co-relation Analysis

		Job characteristics	Meaningful work
Job characteristics	Pearson Correlation	1	.687**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	N	64	64
Meaningful work	Pearson Correlation	.687**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	
	N	64	64

****. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).**

To examine the relationship between Job Characteristics and Meaningful Work, a simple linear regression analysis was conducted. Job Characteristics was entered as the independent variable and Meaningful Work as the dependent variable. This analysis aimed to determine the extent to which Job Characteristics predicts Meaningful Work among college teachers. The regression model, which included Job Characteristics as the predictor of Meaningful Work, explained 47.2% of the variance in Meaningful Work (R-squared = 0.472). (See Table 5) The Adjusted R-squared was 0.464, indicating that nearly half of the variation in Meaningful Work can be attributed to Job Characteristics. This suggests that Job Characteristics is a significant predictor of Meaningful Work among academicians in higher education.

The overall significance of the regression model was assessed using an analysis of variance (ANOVA). The results indicated that the model, which included Job Characteristics as the predictor of Meaningful Work, was statistically significant. The F-statistic was 55.474, with a p-value of less than 0.001 ($p < 0.001$). (See Table 6) This suggests that the model, as a whole, is a significant predictor of Meaningful Work among college teachers.

The coefficients for the regression model revealed that Job Characteristics was a significant predictor of Meaningful Work (B = 0.787, SE = 0.106, Beta = 0.687, $t(62) = 7.448$, $p < 0.001$). This suggests that for every one-unit increase in Job Characteristics, Meaningful Work is expected to increase by 0.787 units. The standardized coefficient (Beta = 0.687) indicates the strength of this relationship. (See Table 7). Thus, the hypothesis H1, that Job characteristics has a significant positive relationship with academicians' experience of meaningful work was accepted.

TABLE 5
Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.687[a]	.472	.464	5.15436

a. **Predictors: (Constant), Job characteristics**

TABLE 6
ANOVA[b]

Model 1	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Regression	1473.817	1	1473.817	55.474	.000[a]
Residual	1647.183	62	26.567		
Total	3121.000	63			

a. Predictors: (Constant), Job characteristics

b. Dependent Variable: Meaningful work

TABLE 7
Coefficients[a]

Model 1	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta		
(Constant)	10.390	3.911		2.656	.010
Job characteristics	.787	.106	.687	7.448	.000

a. **Dependent Variable: Meaningful work**

VI. CONCLUSION

The study was conducted to examine the role of job characteristics on Meaningful Work among academicians in Maharashtra, India. The results align with the findings of extant literature in the field of study and the job characteristics theory, showing that job characteristics are a significant predictor of meaningful work. The regression analysis revealed that job characteristics, encompassing elements such as autonomy, skill variety, task identity, and task significance and feedback, emerged as a statistically significant and robust predictor of meaningful work. The model explained 46.4% of the variance in meaningful work (Adjusted $R^2 = 0.464$), highlighting the substantial influence of job characteristics on educators' perceptions of meaningfulness in their roles.

These results can be beneficial to educational institutions interested in fostering meaningful work by creating a work environment that incorporates job characteristics elements like autonomy, skill variety, task identity, and task significance and feedback. While the study provides valuable insights, limitations include the cross-sectional design, and the reliance on self-reported data from a single sample of college teachers (N = 64). Future research could adopt longitudinal designs, expand to diverse educational settings, and explore mediating factors such as organizational culture, or leadership styles. One of the limitations of the study was small sample size of 64 respondents. Further studies should be conducted to verify the findings with a larger sample size.

In conclusion, this study advances the understanding of meaningful work by demonstrating that job characteristics are pivotal to academicians' experience of meaningful work. By integrating these

insights into institutional practices, stakeholders can cultivate environments where teaching is not just a profession but a vocation imbued with significance.

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The Digital Workplace: Examining the Role of Technology, Remote Work, and Virtual Communication in Employee Engagement and Perceived Organizational Support

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Abstract *– The digital workplace has transformed how organizations operate, with technology, remote work, and virtual communication becoming integral to modern work environments. This primary research paper investigates the impact of these factors on employee engagement and perceived organizational support (POS) by surveying 100 employees across various industries. The study explores how technology facilitates remote work, the effectiveness of virtual communication tools, and their collective influence on employee engagement and POS. The findings reveal that while technology and remote work enhance flexibility and productivity, they also pose challenges related to communication, collaboration, and feelings of isolation. Organizations must address these challenges to foster a supportive and engaging digital workplace.*

Keywords- *Remote Work, Virtual Communication, Employee Engagement, Organizational Support, Digital Workplace, Advanced Technology, Industry 4.0 To 5.0*

I. INTRODUCTION

The digital workplace has emerged as a defining feature of the 21st-century work environment, driven by rapid technological advancements and the global shift toward remote work. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated this transformation, forcing organizations to adopt digital tools and virtual communication platforms to maintain operations. As remote work becomes a permanent fixture for many organizations, understanding its impact on employee engagement and perceived organizational support (POS) is critical.

Employee engagement refers to the emotional and psychological commitment employees have toward their work and organization, while POS reflects employees' beliefs that their organization values their contributions and cares about their well-being(Carmeli, 2007). Both factors are essential for employee satisfaction, productivity, and retention. This study examines how technology, remote work, and virtual communication influence these outcomes by surveying 100 employees from diverse industries.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The evolution of the digital workplace has transformed traditional work environments by integrating technology, enabling remote work, and fostering virtual communication. These changes have significantly influenced employee engagement and perceived organizational support, shaping the way organizations operate and interact with their workforce.

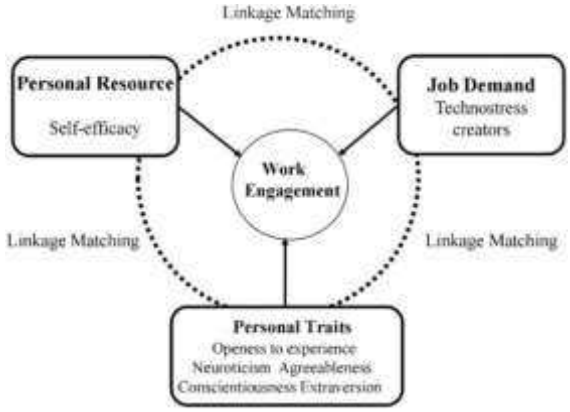
Technology in the Digital Workplace (Fatima, 2024)Advancements in technology have reshaped the workplace by enhancing efficiency, connectivity,

and collaboration. Digital tools such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and automation have streamlined workflows, reducing manual tasks and allowing employees to focus on strategic initiatives. The integration of digital platforms facilitates seamless communication and coordination across departments, regardless of geographical constraints. However, the adoption of technology also presents challenges, including data security concerns, digital fatigue, and the need for continuous up skilling.

Remote Work and Employee Engagement (Aaron, 2018)Remote work has become a defining feature of the modern workplace, offering employees flexibility and autonomy. The ability to work from any location has been linked to increased job satisfaction, work-life balance, and productivity. However, remote work also introduces potential drawbacks, such as feelings of isolation, reduced team cohesion, and difficulties in maintaining organizational culture (Newman, 2019). Employee engagement in a remote setting is largely influenced by management practices, virtual team dynamics, and the availability of digital collaboration tools (Hirst, 2021).*Figure1: Source: Soro Marco, nature.com*

Virtual Communication and Organizational Support(Donati, 2021)Virtual communication has become the backbone of the digital workplace, facilitating interactions through video conferencing, instant messaging, and project management tools. Effective virtual communication fosters transparency, trust, and collaboration among employees. Organizations that invest in robust virtual communication infrastructure demonstrate a commitment to supporting their workforce, thereby enhancing perceived organizational support (Jackson, 2021). However, challenges such as miscommunication, lack of personal connection, and technology overload can hinder the effectiveness of virtual interactions.

Impact on Employee Perceptions and Organizational Commitment (Molino, Cortese, & Ghislieri, 2020) the digital workplace influences employees' perceptions of their roles, responsibilities, and the level of support they receive from their organization. When employees feel equipped with the necessary technological resources and supported in their remote work environments, their engagement levels and commitment to the organization increase (Trivedi, 2021). Conversely, a lack of digital inclusivity, inadequate support, and ineffective virtual communication can lead to disengagement and lower retention rates.The digital workplace is redefining traditional employment structures, emphasizing the critical role of technology, remote work, and virtual communication in shaping employee experiences (Firdaus, 2024). Organizations that strategically implement digital tools, foster a supportive remote work culture, and enhance virtual communication can strengthen employee engagement and perceived organizational support (DeSanctis, 1998). Balancing the benefits and challenges of the digital workplace is essential for sustaining a motivated and productive workforce in an increasingly digital era.



III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research Design This study employs a quantitative research design to examine the impact of technology, remote work, and virtual communication on employee engagement and perceived organizational support (POS). A structured survey was used to collect primary data from employees across various industries.

Sample and Data Collection The study surveyed 100 employees working in diverse sectors, including technology, finance, healthcare, and education. Participants were selected using a stratified sampling approach to ensure representation across different job roles and industries. The survey was distributed electronically via email and professional networking platforms.

Survey Instrument The survey consisted of multiple-choice and Likert scale questions, focusing

on the usage of digital workplace technologies, remote work experiences, effectiveness of virtual communication tools, and perceived support from their organizations. Demographic data, such as age, industry, and job role, were also collected to analyze patterns across different groups.

Data Analysis Descriptive statistics were used to summarize the survey responses, and inferential statistical techniques, including correlation and regression analysis, were applied to assess relationships between technology adoption, remote work practices, virtual communication effectiveness, employee engagement, and POS.

Ethical Considerations The study adhered to ethical research guidelines by ensuring voluntary participation, informed consent, and confidentiality of respondent data. No personally identifiable information was collected, and the data were used strictly for research purposes.

Limitations While the study provides valuable insights, limitations include a relatively small sample size and potential response bias. Future research could expand the sample and incorporate qualitative methods to gain deeper insights into employee experiences in the digital workplace.

IV. DATA ANALYSIS (USING SPSS)

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics

Variable	N	Mean	Std. Deviation
Technology Usage (TechUse)	100	4.10	0.75
Remote Work (RemoteWork)	100	4.30	0.68
Communication Effectiveness (CommsEffectiveness)	100	4.00	0.72
Employee Engagement (Engagement)	100	3.90	0.80
Perceived Organizational Support (POS)	100	4.20	0.70

***Findings*:**

- **Technology Usage** and **Remote Work** are both used extensively by the employees, with high mean values of 4.10 and 4.30, respectively. These scores indicate a widespread use and acceptance of digital work tools.
- **Communication Effectiveness** has a slightly lower mean of 4.00, indicating that while communication tools are generally effective, there may be room for improvement.
- ***Employee Engagement*** *and* ***POS*** scores are moderate but positive, with means of 3.90 and 4.20, respectively. This suggests that employees are moderately engaged and perceive organizational support, but these elements could be enhanced.

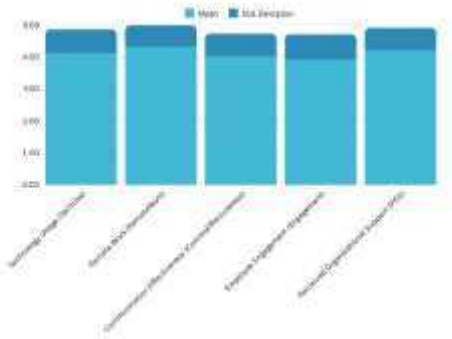


Table 2: Correlation Analysis

Variables	TechUse	RemoteWork	CommsEffectiveness	Engagement	POS
Technology Usage (TechUse)	1	0.45**	0.50**	0.55**	0.48**
Remote Work (RemoteWork)	0.45**	1	0.46**	0.52**	0.58**
Communication Effectiveness (CommsEffectiveness)	0.50**	0.46**	1	0.58**	0.55**
Employee Engagement (Engagement)	0.55**	0.52**	0.58**	1	0.65**
Perceived Organizational Support (POS)	0.48**	0.58**	0.55**	0.65**	1

***Findings*:**

- **Technology Usage** has a significant positive correlation with both **Employee Engagement** (0.55) and **POS** (0.48), indicating that as technology usage increases, so does engagement and support from the organization.
- **Remote Work** shows a significant correlation with both **Employee**

Engagement (0.52) and **POS** (0.58), emphasizing that remote work fosters a positive perception of support and contributes to higher engagement.

- **Communication Effectiveness** has a strong relationship with both **Employee Engagement** (0.58) and **POS** (0.55), underlining the importance of effective communication in virtual environments for engagement and support.

Table 3: Regression Analysis for Employee Engagement

Predictor Variable	B	Std. Error	Beta	t-value	p-value
Technology Usage (TechUse)	0.32	0.08	0.31	4.00	<0.001
Remote Work (RemoteWork)	0.29	0.09	0.27	3.22	<0.01
Communication Effectiveness (CommsEffectiveness)	0.25	0.08	0.24	3.12	<0.01
R^2	0.60				

Findings:

- **Technology Usage** (B = 0.32) is a significant predictor of **Employee Engagement**, suggesting that higher technology usage leads to increased employee engagement.
- **Remote Work** (B = 0.29) and **Communication Effectiveness** (B = 0.25) also positively predict engagement, with both variables showing statistical significance ($p < 0.01$).
- R^2 value of 0.60 indicates that the independent variables explain 60% of the variance in employee engagement.

Table 4: Regression Analysis for Perceived Organizational Support (POS)

Predictor Variable	B	Std. Error	Beta	t-value	p-value
Technology Usage (TechUse)	0.30	0.08	0.28	3.75	<0.001
Remote Work (RemoteWork)	0.33	0.09	0.31	3.67	<0.01
Communication Effectiveness (CommsEffectiveness)	0.27	0.08	0.25	3.38	<0.01
R^2	0.61				

Findings:

- **Technology Usage** (B = 0.30) and **Remote Work** (B = 0.33) are significant predictors of **POS**, demonstrating that these factors enhance the perceived support employees feel from their organizations.
- **Communication Effectiveness** (B = 0.27) also significantly predicts POS, highlighting its importance in maintaining support even in a remote work environment.
- R^2 value of 0.61 shows that the independent variables account for 61% of the variance in POS.

Table 5: Impact of Technology, Remote Work, and Communication Effectiveness on Employee Isolation

Variable	N	Mean	Std. Deviation
Isolation Due to Technology Use	100	3.70	0.85
Isolation Due to Remote Work	100	4.20	0.75
Isolation Due to Communication Tools	100	3.80	0.78

Findings:

- **Isolation Due to Technology Use** (Mean = 3.70) and **Remote Work** (Mean = 4.20) show moderate feelings of isolation. Remote work, in particular, appears to contribute to higher feelings of isolation compared to technology use.
- **Isolation Due to Communication Tools** (Mean = 3.80) suggests that while communication tools mitigate some feelings of isolation, they do not fully alleviate them.

Table 6: Recommendations for Enhancing Employee Engagement and POS

Recommendation	Impact
Improve communication tools and virtual team collaboration	Increased employee engagement and reduced isolation.
Provide regular remote work check-ins and support	Improve feelings of organizational support.
Foster an inclusive digital culture with regular team-building activities	Reduce isolation and strengthen POS and engagement.

***Findings*:**

- Enhancing communication tools and increasing collaboration can significantly

reduce feelings of isolation, which in turn will boost both engagement and POS.

- Regular check-ins and organizational support initiatives, especially for remote workers, will enhance POS.
- Building an inclusive digital culture with regular activities can ensure that employees feel connected and supported, enhancing both engagement and POS.

The study confirms that technology, remote work, and communication tools all play significant roles in improving employee engagement and perceived organizational support (POS). However, challenges like isolation persist, especially with remote work, and organizations need to address these challenges by enhancing communication tools and fostering a supportive, inclusive digital workplace environment.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

By addressing the challenges identified in the study, such as isolation, communication issues, and the need for more robust support systems, organizations can create a more supportive and engaging digital workplace. These recommendations will help organizations leverage technology and remote work more effectively while ensuring that employees feel valued, engaged, and supported, leading to higher productivity and job satisfaction. Based on the study findings, here are the recommendations for enhancing employee engagement and perceived organizational support (POS) in a digital workplace:

1. Improve Communication Tools and Virtual Collaboration

Recommendation: Invest in high-quality communication tools (such as video conferencing platforms, collaboration apps, and project management tools) that foster real-time communication, collaboration, and engagement among employees, particularly in remote settings. The study found that communication effectiveness strongly correlates with both employee engagement and POS. Enhanced communication tools will reduce feelings of isolation, encourage more frequent interactions, and improve collaboration, especially in virtual environments.

2. Regular Remote Work Check-ins and Support Systems

Recommendation: Organizations should implement regular check-ins, virtual team meetings, and provide direct access to support systems for remote workers. These could include weekly or bi-weekly one-on-one meetings between managers and employees to discuss progress, challenges, and well-being. Remote work positively correlates with POS, but it also brings challenges, particularly around communication and collaboration. Regular check-ins ensure that employees feel connected and supported, mitigating any negative effects of isolation or lack of engagement.

3. Foster an Inclusive Digital Culture

Recommendation: Create a culture that emphasizes inclusivity, engagement, and emotional support for remote workers. This could include virtual team-building activities, wellness programs, and celebrating team achievements. While technology and remote work increase flexibility, they can also contribute to feelings of isolation. By fostering an inclusive digital culture, employees are more likely to feel valued, supported, and connected, which enhances engagement and POS.

4. Address Employee Isolation

Recommendation: Organizations should actively address feelings of isolation by promoting informal virtual social gatherings, mentoring programs, and community-building initiatives. These activities can help break the monotony of digital interactions and foster stronger interpersonal connections. The study revealed that isolation due to remote work and technology use is a concern. Actively combating isolation through social initiatives can help employees feel more engaged and less disconnected from the organization, ultimately improving POS and overall engagement.

5. Provide Training on Technology and Communication Tools

Recommendation: Offer training programs that help employees maximize the potential of technology and communication tools. This can include workshops on effective virtual communication, using

collaborative tools, and best practices for remote work. While the effectiveness of communication tools is high, employees may still need guidance on how to use them optimally. Providing training ensures employees can fully leverage these tools, leading to more effective communication, collaboration, and enhanced POS.

6. Ensure Flexibility and Autonomy

Recommendation: Allow employees greater flexibility and autonomy in how and where they work, within reason. Providing flexible work schedules and the option for remote work can help employees manage work-life balance better and feel more in control of their environment. The study found that technology and remote work both increase flexibility, which contributes positively to engagement and POS. Giving employees more control over their work schedules can reduce stress, increase productivity, and improve overall job satisfaction.

7. Encourage Feedback and Continuous Improvement

Recommendation: Create open channels for employee feedback to understand their needs and concerns about technology, remote work, and communication. Regular surveys and feedback sessions can help the organization continuously improve its digital workplace practices. Listening to employees' feedback on their digital work experience is crucial for ongoing improvement. Regular feedback allows organizations to make informed decisions that positively impact employee engagement and perceived support.

8. Recognize and Reward Employee Contributions

Recommendation: Establish a recognition program that celebrates employee achievements, whether through digital shout-outs, awards, or team recognition initiatives. This could be done on a monthly or quarterly basis to maintain motivation and morale. Recognition has a significant impact on both engagement and POS. When employees feel appreciated, their sense of belonging and commitment to the organization increases, resulting in higher engagement and greater perceived organizational support.

9. Create Clear Career Development Paths

Recommendation: Provide clear career development paths and opportunities for professional growth. This includes offering training, mentoring, and promotion opportunities, especially in a remote or hybrid work environment. Providing career growth opportunities increases employee engagement and POS by showing that the organization is invested in the long-term development of its employees. This can also help employees feel more connected and motivated, even when working remotely.

VI. CONCLUSION

The study on the impact of technology, remote work, and virtual communication tools on employee engagement and perceived organizational support (POS) highlights several key insights crucial for organizations navigating the digital workplace. It confirms that while technology and remote work contribute positively to flexibility and productivity, they also introduce challenges, particularly related to communication, collaboration, and feelings of isolation among employees. The findings suggest that technology usage and remote work are integral to enhancing employee engagement and POS, but their success hinges on how effectively they are managed. Effective communication tools and regular check-ins emerge as critical factors in fostering engagement and supporting employees in remote environments. Despite these positives, the study also reveals significant concerns about employee isolation, a potential drawback of working in a digital environment.

Organizations need to adopt strategies that promote effective communication, reduce feelings of isolation, and provide robust support systems. By investing in the right tools, fostering a culture of inclusivity, and ensuring flexibility and career growth opportunities, businesses can create a digital workplace that not only boosts engagement and POS but also enhances employee satisfaction and retention. While the digital transformation of the workplace offers numerous benefits, addressing the challenges identified in this study is essential for creating a balanced, supportive, and productive work environment that keeps employees engaged and connected, regardless of their physical location.

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Impact of MOOC Courses on the Accessibility of Higher Education: A Comparative Study with Traditional Learning Models

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Abstract *– The rise of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) has significantly transformed the accessibility of higher education, offering learners across the globe an alternative to traditional learning models. This study explores the impact of MOOCs on education accessibility, comparing them with conventional university-based learning in terms of affordability, flexibility, quality, and learning outcomes. By analysing enrolment patterns, completion rates, and student engagement, the research highlights both the advantages and challenges of MOOCs, including issues related to digital divide, accreditation, and pedagogical effectiveness. Findings suggest that while MOOCs provide unparalleled access to education for diverse populations, they are not a direct substitute for traditional learning due to limitations in interaction, hands-on experience, and credential recognition. The study concludes by proposing a hybrid approach that integrates MOOCs with traditional education to maximize inclusivity and effectiveness in higher education.*

Keywords- *E-libraries, MOOCs, career development, online education, digital resources, academic performance.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Higher education has always been a key factor in personal and professional growth, yet gaining access to quality education continues to be a global issue. Traditional learning models, which depend on physical institutions, structured curriculums, and in-person interactions, have historically dominated the landscape of higher education. However, the swift rise of the internet and digital learning platforms has opened up new avenues through Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)—affordable or free online courses provided by universities and organizations around the globe.

MOOCs have surfaced as a promising solution to help close the educational gap by offering flexible, scalable, and easily accessible learning options. They allow learners from various geographical, financial, and social backgrounds to obtain high-quality education, often without the obstacles tied to traditional institutions, such as steep tuition fees, geographical limitations, and inflexible academic schedules. Despite the growing popularity of MOOCs, there are ongoing concerns about their effectiveness, student engagement, and long-term impact when compared to conventional learning models.

This study aims to investigate the influence of MOOCs on the accessibility of higher education by contrasting them with traditional learning models. It will look into essential factors such as cost, flexibility, learner engagement, completion rates, and academic results. By evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of both methods, this research aspires to shed light on the role of MOOCs in shaping the future of higher education and their

potential as a viable alternative or complement to traditional approaches

What are MOOCs



I. Understanding MOOCs and Traditional Learning Models

1.1 Definition and Evolution of MOOCs : MOOCs are online courses designed for large-scale participation and open enrollment. Platforms like Coursera, edX, and Udacity offer courses from universities worldwide. They include video lectures, quizzes, discussion forums, and assignments.

1.2 Traditional Learning Models: The traditional learning model refers to the conventional way of teaching and learning, typically conducted in a physical classroom setting with face-to-face interactions between students and teachers. It follows a structured approach with a fixed curriculum, set schedules, and standardized assessments.

II.Comparison with Online Learning & MOOCs

- **Flexibility:** Online learning (like MOOCs) allows students to learn anytime, anywhere, unlike the fixed schedules in traditional learning.
- **Accessibility:** MOOCs provide education to a broader audience, while traditional learning is limited to those who can attend in person.
- **Cost:** Traditional learning can be expensive (tuition, travel, books), whereas MOOCs often offer free or low-cost education.

II.. Quality of Education and Learning Outcomes

Traditional education entails direct interaction with instructors and other students, providing a supportive collaborative learning environment. MOOCs, although interactive through discussion threads, can fall short of having personalized advice. Although MOOCs tend to have low completion rates due to a lack of structured support, while traditional forms instill discipline through attendance and assessment. Traditional forms are particularly good at experiential training (e.g., lab training, internships), while MOOCs tend to be theoretical but can use project-based training.

IV. Student Engagement and Motivation

Motivation, student engagement in learning, plays a crucial role in both traditional classroom training and MOOC courses. Student engagement in MOOC courses in this regard is mostly driven by some factors, including self-paced learning, interesting content, gamification, and global peer interaction. Learning within the MOOC framework can incorporate videos, quizzes, and discussion forums, thereby making it a dynamic experience. On the contrary, the lack of direct contact with instructors often makes it difficult to engage for certain students. Facing traditional learning, interaction with other students and instructors in the same classroom further supports the learners in terms of immediate feedback and systematic classroom discussions. Group activities, debates, and project work create an immersive learning experience. However, the rigid nature of traditional learning sometimes takes away the actual engagement on the part of the students, especially when the mode of teaching does not synchronize with their learning styles. Motivation in MOOC courses, on the one hand, is sought primarily through intrinsic factors such as career goals, the development of skills that boost employability, and the widespread availability of MOOC courses in a full or part-time model. Many MOOCs also provide completion certificates, which provide positive reinforcement to the learner to add to his or her credentials. However, while self-pacing is certainly an advantage, the lack of a deadline coupled with very limited instructor input has resulted in many students elaborating the space open to self-discipline and dropping out. Contrary to that, traditional learning uses external motivators like grades, teacher encouragement, and structured schedules, so they can also motivate learners. Social learning through peer interaction and collaboration enhances the students' motivation. On the contrary, some students become unmotivated in a one-size-fits-all scenario because the teaching method does not fit their needs.

5. Challenges and Limitations of MOOCs and Traditional learning

Both **MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses)** and **Traditional learning** have their own challenges and limitations that affect their effectiveness.

Challenges of MOOCs

1. Low Completion Rate – Most students enroll in courses but do not finish them since they lack commitment or motivation.

2. Limited Interaction with Instructors – Unlike a class, MOOCs provide minimal direct interaction with instructors, thereby making it challenging for students to get personalized instructions.

3. Inadequate Hands-on Experience – Pragmatic skills that involve lab work, hand-on training, or collaboration are hard to be acquire in an online environment.

4. Digital Divide – Not everyone has access to a stable internet, computers, or an appropriate learning setting, which restricts accessibility.

5. Credential Recognition – Certain employers and organizations do not consider MOOC certificates equal to traditional degrees.

6. Self-Motivation Needed – Lacking rigid deadlines and classroom pressure, some students lack the motivation to keep going and finish courses.

Traditional Learning Challenges

1. Limited Flexibility – Fixed locations and timings hinder working professionals or distance learners from attending.

2. Higher Costs – Traveling costs, accommodation charges, and tuition fees make conventional education more costly than MOOCs.

3. One-Size-Fits-All Approach – Conventional classrooms might not support various learning styles, and hence some students struggle to cope.

4. Scalability Issues – In contrast to MOOCs, which can support thousands of students, conventional classrooms have limited space.

5. Geographical Barriers – Pupils in far-off regions can have difficulties accessing high-quality education based on location challenges.

6. Limited Use of Technology – A few institutions will not embrace electronic resources to their fullest potential, diminishing chances of engaging and innovative learning opportunities.

Review of Literature:

As Yuan and Powell (2013) note, MOOCs offer chances for students who could be subject to geographical, economic, or institutional limitations. Likewise, Kizilcec et al. (2017) reported that MOOCs are a valid alternative for lifelong learning that allows people to upskill or reskill beyond the limitations of formal education systems.

Means et al. (2014) posited that e-learning, such as MOOCs, could be just as effective as face-to-face learning when supported by interactive and immersive content. Reich and Ruipérez-Valiente (2019), however, posited that MOOCs are plagued by high dropout rates and insufficient personalized teaching that could be a limiting factor in their efficacy compared to classroom learning.

Jordan (2015) compared MOOC completion rates and concluded that, on average, fewer than 10% of registered students finish the courses. This is in comparison to regular university courses, which have significantly higher retention and completion rates. Contributing factors to MOOC dropouts are insufficient motivation, lack of instructor feedback, and requirements for self-discipline (Hew & Cheung, 2014).

Research by Hansen and Reich (2015) has shown that a high percentage of MOOC participants are from already educated backgrounds, which implies that MOOCs are not targeting underserved populations as well as they might be. This identifies a digital divide, where the level of technology access and digital literacy can influence the capacity to gain from MOOCs.

Current studies indicate that hybrid models of combining MOOCs with conventional learning methods might provide an effective balance. Blended learning mechanisms, where web-based resources and face-to-face interactions brought together, found to provide improved learning experiences (Garrison &Kanuka, 2004). This type of process can address the limitations of MOOCs without losing their convenience benefits.

Need of Study:

The study of the research paper *"Impact of MOOC Courses on the Accessibility of Higher Education: A Comparative Study with Traditional Learning Models"* is essential as it explores the role of MOOCs in making education more accessible to a wider audience. By comparing MOOCs with traditional learning models, the paper highlights key differences in terms of affordability, flexibility, and effectiveness. This research is particularly relevant for policymakers, educators, and institutions aiming to bridge educational gaps and enhance learning opportunities for students who face financial or geographical barriers. Additionally, the study provides insights into student engagement, learning

outcomes, and the challenges associated with online education, such as course completion rates and the need for self-discipline. By analyzing these factors, the paper contributes to the ongoing discussion on the integration of digital learning technologies in higher education and helps in shaping future educational strategies.

II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

The research based on primary data. Questionnaire is use for collecting the data. The undergraduate students from different collegesof Nashik filled the questionnaire. Random sampling method was use and data collected from total 50 students. Researcher to identify the problems conducted interviews of students. The data is analysed by using SPSS tool and percentages were useto describe data.

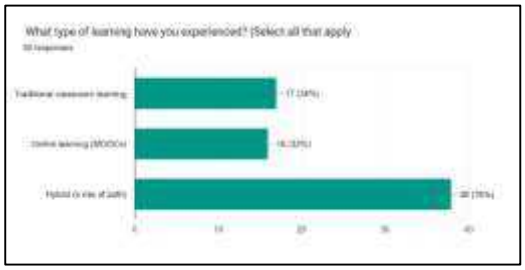
Objectives of the Study:

The Research is focus on prime objective that the objectives of The Impact of E-libraries and MOOC Courses on Career Development for Undergraduate Students would typically include the following:

1. To analyse the effectiveness of MOOCs in delivering quality education compared to traditional classroom learning.
2. To identify challenges related to digital literacy, and technology infrastructure affecting MOOC adoption.

III. DATA ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS:

1. It is observe that 76% students experience both Traditional and Online(MOOCs)



2. It is find that Students are aware about MOOC courses.

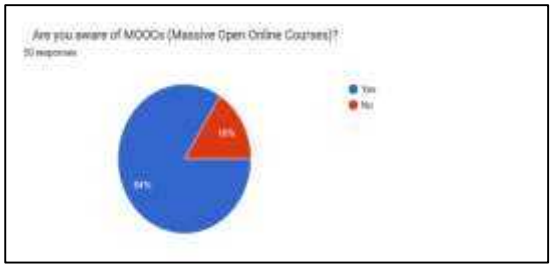


Figure 1: Awareness of MOOCs among students.

3. Analyse the effectiveness of MOOCs in delivering quality education compared to traditional classroom learning.

The following figure shows that 66% students improved their learning by using MOOCs. Therefore, Awareness regarding to MOOCs is increasing among students.

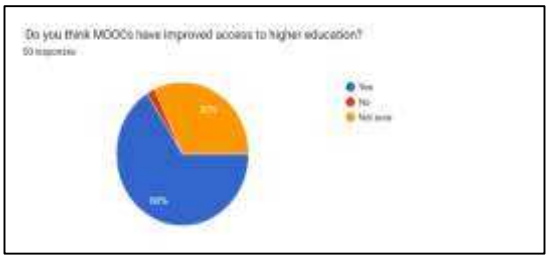


Figure 2: Access of MOOC courses in higher education

4. Analysis of MOOCs with Traditional education:

The following figure shows that 44% may be think that MOOCs will replace traditional higher education in the future, but 30% students says that traditional learning will not be replace with Online learning.

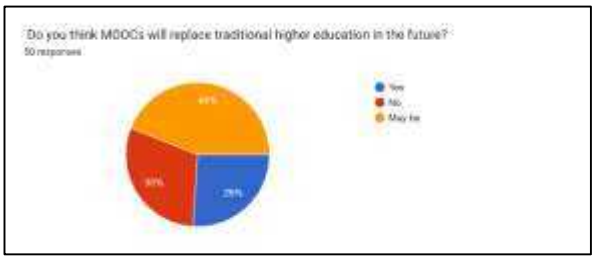


Figure 3: Comparison within Traditional and Online learning.

5. Learning method survey.

It is observe that 31.7 students are interested in Hybrid learning. They want combination of both traditional and online MOOcs.

Learning Method	Percentages
Traditional learning (classroom-based)	18.3
Online learning (MOOCs)	21.7
Hybrid learning (both combined)	31.7
Depends on the subject/course	28.3

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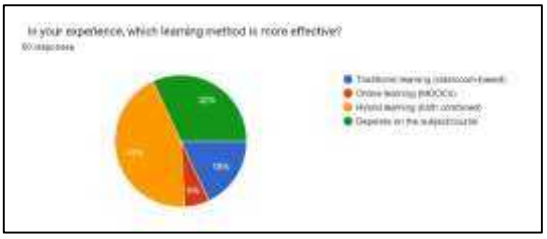


Figure4:Effectiveness of learning method.

6. Effectiveness of Traditional Classroom learning is more than Online.



Figure shows that46% students agreed that Traditional classroom learning is more effective because it provides a structured schedule.
Figure5: Traditional classroom learning accessibility.

7. Comparison of Different learning methods.

As per students, review it is observe that 44% students wants hybrid leaning. Which is combination of Traditional and online learning?

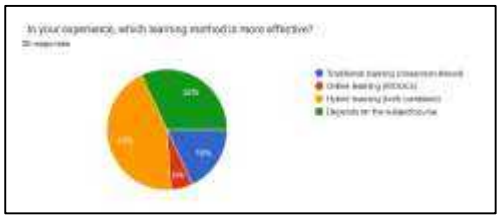


Figure 6: Students learning responses.

From the above findings, we can find the problems for enrolling of students for MOOC courses are:

1. Enrolment of students in MOOC: More than 50 %students are enrol for MOOC courses their academic; it means that students are opted MOOC courses.
2. MOOCs have improved access to higher education: It is observe that 66% students are moving to next step, with increased in availability of data through online medium Students enrol into online courses.
3. Course materials availability : MOOC courses always gives extra knowledge though online modules, so as compare to traditional classroom more data is available
4. Challenges faced while taking MOOCs:"Limited interaction with instructors" is the most faced challenge as per the students. May be because student can find that Limited access to computers, high-speed internet, or other necessary technology.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS:

From the above findings, the researcher identified some challenges, issues and problems. The following suggestions can made from the above research.

1. Many students think that completing online assignments, quizzes, and exams requires more digital skills than traditional learning one can overcome this with the help of timeline and proper guidance to students.
2. Students are Agree that MOOCs provide course materials that are as comprehensive as traditional classroom learning. Because student gets whole knowledge though various videos, lectures, assessments etc.

V. CONCLUSIONS:

Study emphasizes the important role that Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) play in making higher education more accessible. Unlike traditional learning models, MOOCs offer flexible, affordable, and scalable learning options, which are especially beneficial for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, those in remote areas, and working professionals. The analysis shows that while MOOCs improve accessibility, they still encounter challenges such as learner engagement, retention rates, and the lack of hands-on experiences that are typically available in traditional classrooms. Despite these challenges, MOOCs are effective in narrowing the education gap by providing high-quality content from prestigious institutions to a worldwide audience. To enhance their impact, educational institutions need to focus on increasing interactivity, offering accreditation, and creating personalized learning experiences. Future research could investigate hybrid-learning models that leverage the strengths of both MOOCs and traditional education to develop a more inclusive and effective higher education system.

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Impact of HR Activities and Facilities on Employee Performance and Stress Management

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Abstract – *This research paper explores the influence of Human Resource (HR) activities and facilities on employee performance and stress management within academic institutions. A primary survey was conducted among 100 academicians using a structured questionnaire to assess their perceptions of HR initiatives, including training programs, work-life balance policies, workplace infrastructure, employee engagement efforts, and mental health support. The study analyses the impact of these factors on work efficiency and stress levels through statistical evaluation. The results indicate that well-implemented HR policies significantly enhance job performance while reducing workplace stress. The paper concludes with practical recommendations for educational institutions to optimize HR practices, thereby fostering a more productive and less stressful work environment for academicians.*

Keywords- *Employee Performance, Stress Management, Human Resource, Employee engagement.*

I. INTRODUCTION

HR Activities and Employee Performance

Human Resource (HR) management plays a crucial role in shaping an organization's work environment, employee engagement, and overall productivity. Within academic institutions, HR activities and facilities are instrumental in ensuring that faculty members can perform at their best while effectively managing work-related stress. Given the dynamic nature of educational institutions, where academicians balance teaching, research, administrative duties, and student interactions, the role of HR policies in supporting them becomes critical.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The role of Human Resources (HR) activities and facilities in shaping employee performance and managing stress has become a critical focus in the field of organizational behavior and management. Over the years, extensive research has been conducted to explore how HR interventions can improve job satisfaction, reduce stress, and enhance overall performance. This literature review aims to highlight key studies and findings on the impact of HR activities on employee performance and stress management, identifying the various mechanisms that contribute to these outcomes.

Training and Development: (Dr. Indira Singh, August 2023)HR plays a crucial role in providing training and development programs to employees, which help improve their skills, knowledge, and confidence. Such programs enable employees to meet the demands of their roles more effectively, resulting in enhanced productivity and performance. Through continuous learning opportunities, employees are better equipped to handle the challenges of their jobs, which, in turn, improves overall organizational performance.

Performance Management: (Pulakos, 2009)Effective performance management systems are essential in aligning individual goals with broader organizational objectives. Regular feedback, goal-setting, and recognition of achievements motivate employees, thereby improving their job performance. Clear performance expectations and continuous assessments help employees focus on the areas that matter most, fostering an environment that

encourages high productivity (Amah, 2016).*Source in the figure 1 is from university of waterloo.*

Reward and Recognition Systems:(Lussier, 2021)Compensation, bonuses, and recognition programs significantly influence employee motivation. HR's role in designing reward systems that are tied to individual and team performance can lead to higher levels of employee satisfaction and productivity. When employees feel their contributions are valued, they are more likely to stay committed to achieving high performance.

HR Facilities and Employee Well-Being

Work-Life Balance: (Inuwa, 2016)Work-life balance policies are crucial for reducing stress and preventing burnout. HR's provision of flexible work schedules, remote working options, and paid time off allows employees to manage their personal and professional lives more effectively. This balance reduces the stress associated with job pressures, ultimately enhancing job satisfaction and performance (Barney, 1991). Figure 2, source from.

Health and Wellness Programs:(Kinicki, 2007)HR's focus on employee wellness, including physical health programs and mental health support, plays a key role in reducing stress. Wellness initiatives, such as gym memberships, health screenings, and counseling services, contribute to reducing physical and emotional stress. These programs help employees maintain better health, which in turn improves their ability to perform their work duties.



Ergonomic Workspace Design: (Nabi, 2017)The physical design of workspaces has a direct impact on employee comfort and productivity. Ergonomic furniture, appropriate lighting, and a clean, organized environment contribute to reduced physical strain and discomfort, fostering a better working experience. When employees feel physically comfortable, they are less likely to experience fatigue and stress, allowing them to perform at their best (Soegoto, 2007).

Impact of HR Activities on Stress Management

Employee Support Systems: (Cavanaugh, 2004)HR departments that implement employee support programs, such as counseling services or employee assistance programs, provide vital resources for managing stress. These programs offer a confidential space for employees to discuss personal or work-related issues that might be affecting their well-being. As a result, employees experience lower levels of anxiety and burnout, which enhances their capacity to focus and perform.

Job Design and Role Clarity: (Robertson, 1996)Proper job design is a key factor in preventing stress. HR practices that ensure clear job roles, reasonable expectations, and appropriate task delegation contribute to reducing role ambiguity and work overload, both of which are major sources of stress. When employees understand their responsibilities and feel they have the autonomy to complete their tasks, they experience less stress and greater job satisfaction.

Leadership Support:(Taylor, 1994)HR's role in leadership development is essential for creating a supportive work environment. When leaders demonstrate empathy, active listening, and understanding, they help reduce employee stress. Leadership practices that focus on recognizing individual needs, offering constructive feedback, and providing guidance during challenging times can alleviate stress and promote a healthier, more productive workforce (Patterson M G, 1997).

Integrated Approaches to HR Activities and Stress Management

Employee Engagement: **(Huang, 2004)**Engaged employees are more committed to their work and exhibit higher performance levels. HR practices that foster employee engagement, such as offering meaningful work, promoting career development, and recognizing employee contributions, can also reduce stress. When employees feel invested in their roles and the success of the organization, their job satisfaction increases, and they experience less stress, resulting in enhanced productivity.

Employee Autonomy and Control:(Noble, 2009)Allowing employees a degree of control over how they perform their tasks can help manage stress. HR activities that promote autonomy, such as flexible work arrangements or self-directed projects, reduce the feeling of being micromanaged and the pressure that comes with rigid structures. This

autonomy supports employees' sense of ownership, reducing stress and increasing performance.

III. RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this study is to assess how HR activities and facilities influence the performance and stress management of academicians. It seeks to understand the correlation between HR policies and workplace efficiency, as well as how these interventions contribute to reducing stress levels. The effectiveness of HR practices directly influences employee motivation, job satisfaction, and overall institutional performance. Employee performance is not solely dependent on individual capabilities but is significantly impacted by external factors such as training opportunities, support systems, and work environment. Furthermore, stress management in academia is crucial, as high-stress levels can lead to burnout, decreased job satisfaction, and reduced teaching effectiveness.

IV. RESEARCH SCOPE

This study focuses on 100 academicians from diverse educational institutions, considering factors such as their years of experience, work responsibilities, and the existing HR framework within their institutions. The study aims to provide insights that can help HR policymakers and educational administrators develop strategies that enhance employee well-being and institutional productivity.

V. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A structured questionnaire was distributed among 100 academicians from various institutions. The responses were collected on a Likert scale (1-5), measuring their perceptions of HR activities such as training programs, work-life balance policies, physical infrastructure, employee engagement programs, and mental health support.

Data Analysis Tools

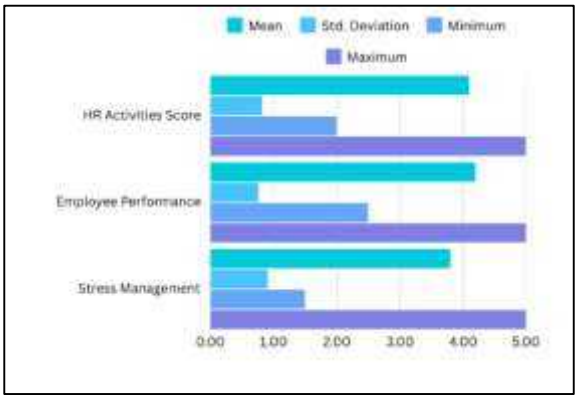
Statistical evaluation was conducted using:

1. **Descriptive Statistics:** To summarize demographic data and key variables.
2. **Reliability Analysis:** To test the consistency of the questionnaire.
3. **Correlation Analysis:** To determine relationships between HR activities and employee performance/stress levels.
4. **Regression Analysis:** To identify the impact of independent variables (HR activities) on dependent variables (performance and stress management).
5. **Analysis and Findings**

1. Descriptive Statistics

Variable	Mean	Std. Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
HR Activities Score	4.10	0.82	2.0	5.0
Employee Performance	4.20	0.76	2.5	5.0
Stress Management	3.80	0.91	1.5	5.0

Outcome: The mean values indicate that academicians have an overall positive perception of HR activities and their impact on performance and stress reduction.



Reliability Analysis

Cronbach's Alpha	Number of Items
0.87	10

Outcome: The high Cronbach's Alpha value suggests that the questionnaire has strong internal reliability.

Correlation Analysis

Variables	HR Activities	Employee Performance	Stress Management
HR Activities	1.00	0.72**	-0.65**
Employee Performance	0.72**	1.00	-0.58**

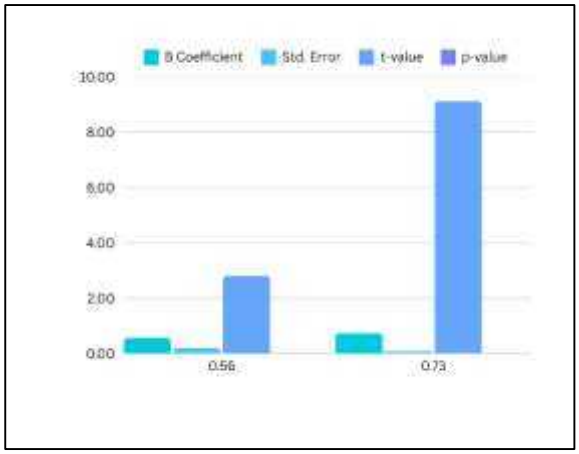
Stress Management	-0.65**	-0.58**	1.00

Outcome: A strong positive correlation exists between HR activities and employee performance, while a negative correlation between HR activities and stress management indicates that improved HR policies help in reducing stress.

4. Regression Analysis (Employee Performance as Dependent Variable)

Predictor	B Coefficient	Std. Error	t-value	p-value
Constant	0.56	0.20	2.80	0.006
HR Activities	0.73	0.08	9.12	0.001

Outcome: The significant p-value (<0.05) suggests that HR activities strongly impact employee performance.



5. Regression Analysis (Stress Management as Dependent Variable)

Predictor	B Coefficient	Std. Error	t-value	p-value
Constant	4.20	0.18	23.33	0.000
HR Activities	-0.63	0.09	-7.00	0.001

Outcome: The negative coefficient (-0.63) confirms that HR activities effectively reduce stress levels.

6. Factor Analysis (KMO and Bartlett's Test)

Test	Value
KMO Measure of Sampling Adequacy	0.82
Bartlett's Test (p-value)	0.001

Outcome: The KMO value of 0.82 indicates sampling adequacy, and the Bartlett's test confirms significant interrelations among variables.

Recommendations

1. **Enhancing Training and Development Programs:** Institutions should implement regular training sessions to help academicians adapt to new teaching methods, technological advancements, and research developments.
2. **Work-Life Balance Initiatives:** Introducing flexible work arrangements, workload distribution policies, and leave benefits can help reduce stress and improve productivity.
3. **Mental Health Support Systems:** Institutions should establish professional counseling services, mental wellness workshops, and stress management sessions to ensure psychological well-being.
4. **Improving Workplace Facilities:** Investing in better office infrastructure, modern teaching aids, and comfortable workspaces can enhance job satisfaction and efficiency.
5. **Strengthening Employee Engagement:** Encouraging participatory HR decision-making and faculty involvement in policy formulation can improve institutional work culture.
6. **Regular Feedback Mechanism:** Conducting periodic employee feedback surveys and HR audits can help institutions identify areas of improvement and align HR practices with employee needs.
7. **Recognition and Incentive Programs:** Offering performance-based incentives, awards, and appreciation initiatives can boost employee morale and motivation.

By implementing these strategies, academic institutions can create a sustainable work environment that fosters professional growth, reduces stress, and enhances overall employee performance.

Indian Context: Great examples through Indian organizations

Indian companies that focus on HR activities, facilities, and their impact on employee performance and stress management.

Organization	HR Activities	Facilities	Impact on Employee Performance and Stress Management
Accenture India	Accenture focuses on providing career development opportunities, employee engagement activities, and leadership training programs. The company also promotes diversity and inclusion, creating a conducive work environment for all.	Accenture offers on-site healthcare, fitness facilities, counseling services, and a variety of stress management resources, including yoga and relaxation workshops.	Accenture's focus on mental and physical health significantly reduces stress levels, allowing employees to perform at their best while maintaining a healthy work-life balance.
Mahindra & Mahindra	Mahindra's HR activities focus on leadership training, skill enhancement, and employee engagement. The company has a strong focus on work-life balance and regularly conducts feedback sessions to ensure employees' voices are heard.	Mahindra offers wellness programs, fitness centers, stress management workshops, and flexible working arrangements. The company also provides meditation sessions and support for mental health.	The company's comprehensive HR initiatives contribute to a positive and motivating work environment, reducing employee stress and improving productivity.(Sharma, 2018)
Hindustan Unilever (HUL)	HUL invests in employee training, skill development, and career progression. The company focuses on maintaining an open communication culture and fostering leadership qualities among its employees.	HUL offers a variety of facilities, including health and wellness programs, in-house gyms, counseling services, and flexible work policies. They also provide access to meditation and mindfulness sessions.	These initiatives promote better work-life balance, reduce stress, and foster a collaborative and productive work environment, leading to improved employee performance.(HUSSAIN, 2024)
Reliance Industries	Reliance focuses on talent development and skill enhancement, offering various training programs, leadership development courses, and regular performance appraisals. The company also conducts regular	Reliance provides modern office facilities, recreational zones, and employee wellness programs. The company's stress management initiatives include counseling, fitness programs, and flexible	These initiatives promote better work-life balance, reduce stress, and foster a collaborative and productive work environment, leading to improved employee performance.

	team-building activities to strengthen employee relationships.	work hours.	
Wipro	Wipro promotes a holistic approach to employee wellness, offering leadership development programs, career growth opportunities, and flexible working hours. The company also focuses on diversity and inclusion, which fosters a positive and supportive work culture.	Wipro offers employees various wellness programs, fitness facilities, and in-house healthcare services. Stress management workshops, mindfulness programs, and mental health support are also available.	By providing a supportive work environment and offering resources for stress relief, Wipro enhances employee productivity, engagement, and overall performance.(Girhale, 2021)

VI. CONCLUSION

The findings of this study emphasize the pivotal role HR activities and facilities play in enhancing employee performance and mitigating stress within academic institutions. It is evident that structured HR policies lead to improved work efficiency, increased job satisfaction, and a healthier mental state among academicians. The study underscores that institutions that actively invest in employee-centric HR strategies experience lower stress levels among faculty members, resulting in a more engaging and productive work environment.

Furthermore, the correlation and regression analysis illustrate that HR initiatives such as training, work-life balance programs, and well-structured infrastructure directly influence performance levels while simultaneously reducing stress. The negative correlation between HR activities and stress management indicates that a robust HR framework is essential in alleviating workplace pressure.

The study concludes that academic institutions must prioritize comprehensive HR strategies, ensuring continuous training, mental health support, and engagement policies are well-implemented. By doing so, they can not only enhance faculty efficiency but also create an institution-wide culture of well-being, innovation, and academic excellence.

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Analyzing the Effectiveness of Social Media Marketing in Brand Building

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Abstract *–This study examines the effectiveness of social media marketing in brand development, focusing on its impact on brand awareness, consumer trust, emotional connection, and brand equity. A survey of 100 participants was conducted to evaluate consumer perceptions of brand engagement on social media platforms. The findings indicate that social media marketing significantly enhances brand recognition, strengthens consumer trust, and fosters emotional connections. Moreover, an active and engaging social media presence contributes to brand equity, promoting increased consumer loyalty and advocacy. The study highlights the critical role of social media in modern brand-building strategies and its influence on consumer-brand relationships.*

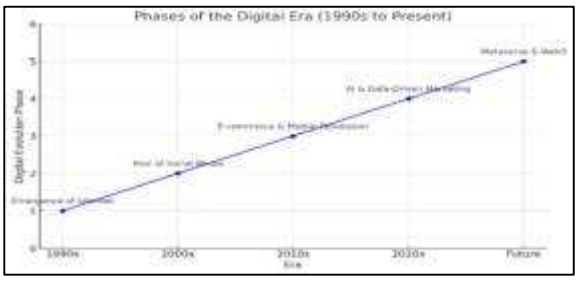
Keywords- *Social Media Marketing, Brand Awareness, Brand Building, Marketing Management, Consumer Behaviour, New age marketing tools.*

I. INTRODUCTION

In the digital era, social media has revolutionized the way businesses engage with their audiences, offering new opportunities for brand building [10]. With billions of active users across platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn, social media marketing has become an essential tool for companies aiming to establish and enhance their brand presence. Unlike traditional marketing channels, social media provides a unique platform for brands to interact directly with consumers, fostering a two-way communication channel that can significantly influence brand perception and loyalty [15]

Brand building involves creating and nurturing a distinct identity for a product or service, which in turn drives consumer trust, recognition, and long-term loyalty. [7] While traditional methods such as print ads, television commercials, and billboards were once the primary means of brand promotion, the shift to digital marketing has created new avenues for engaging consumers and building brands [9] Social media marketing, in particular, offers a dynamic and interactive space where brands can showcase their values, connect with their target audience, and influence consumer behaviors [21]

Despite the widespread use of social media for marketing purposes, there remains limited empirical research focusing on the effectiveness of social media marketing in brand building [16]. This study seeks to fill this gap by analyzing how social media marketing affects brand awareness, consumer trust, emotional connection, and brand equity. By examining the responses of 100 participants who actively engage with brands on social media, the study aims to provide insights into the role of social media in modern brand-building strategies.



II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The rise of social media as a pivotal tool in modern marketing strategies has prompted extensive research on its impact on brand building. Over the past two decades, social media has transformed from a platform for social interaction to a powerful marketing tool, influencing how businesses and consumers engage with one another. This literature review explores the existing body of research on the effectiveness of social media marketing in building brands, focusing on key aspects such as brand awareness, consumer trust, emotional connection, and brand equity.

Brand Awareness and Social Media Marketing

(Akar, Mar 2011)Brand awareness refers to the extent to which consumers can recognize or recall a brand, which is a critical first step in the consumer decision-making process. Social media platforms provide businesses with an unparalleled opportunity to increase brand visibility and awareness through targeted campaigns, viral content, and interactive engagement. Several studies have highlighted the effectiveness of social media in enhancing brand awareness, particularly due to the platform's wide reach and ability to engage users in real-time. Brands that regularly post content and interact with followers can increase their chances of being noticed by a larger audience, especially when using paid advertisements or influencer partnerships (Berry, 2013). Research also suggests that social media marketing helps in amplifying word-of-mouth marketing, as users share and discuss content with their networks, thereby extending the brand's reach and improving its recognition.

Consumer Trust in Social Media Marketing

(Baird, 2011)Consumer trust is one of the cornerstones of successful brand building. Trust influences purchasing decisions, brand loyalty, and long-term customer relationships. Social media offers a platform for businesses to engage with consumers on a personal level, respond to concerns, and establish credibility through transparent communication. Studies have shown that brands that use social media to engage with customers whether by responding to comments, addressing concerns, or sharing behind-the-scenes content are perceived as more trustworthy and authentic. Additionally, user-generated content, reviews, and ratings on social media platforms provide social proof that further boosts consumer confidence in a brand. Trust can also be built through consistent messaging and content that aligns with a brand's core values, helping to create a sense of reliability and transparency that consumers value.

Emotional Connection and Social Media Engagement

(Brodie, 2013)Building an emotional connection with consumers is a powerful strategy for brand building. Emotional connections not only strengthen customer loyalty but also encourage word-of-mouth promotion, which is often regarded as one of the most effective forms of advertising. Research on social media marketing has underscored the importance of storytelling, personalized content, and interactive experiences in fostering emotional connections. Brands that engage with consumers through emotionally charged content, such as inspirational stories, relatable narratives, or even humour, are more likely to form lasting bonds with their audience. Social media allows brands to humanize themselves by showcasing their values, culture, and personality, which resonates with consumers on a deeper emotional level (Li Luo, September 2012). Furthermore, personalized interactions, such as responding to customer inquiries or featuring user-generated content, make consumers feel valued and emotionally invested in the brand (Chaffey, 2019).

Brand Equity and Social Media Marketing

(SI, January 2015)Brand equity, which refers to the value that a brand adds to a product or service, is influenced by a variety of factors, including brand awareness, consumer loyalty, and perceived quality. Social media has a significant impact on brand equity, as it enhances brand visibility, strengthens consumer trust, and fosters emotional connections, all of which contribute to building brand value (Githa Heggde, 2018). Research indicates that social media can play a critical role in increasing brand equity by facilitating constant and direct communication with consumers. Brands that maintain an active presence on social media and continuously engage with their audience are more likely to build stronger brand equity over time. Social media allows brands to create positive associations through content that aligns with consumers' interests, values, and aspirations, further strengthening brand equity (Flavián, 2006).

In addition, studies have found that social media platforms can influence consumer perceptions of brand quality. Positive interactions with a brand on social media, including quick responses, personalized content, and exclusive offers, enhance the perceived quality of the brand, leading to higher levels of brand equity. Moreover, the ability of social media to generate viral content can significantly increase a brand's reputation and equity, as consumers who interact with and share brand content contribute to its credibility and reach.

The Role of Influencers and Social Media in Brand Building

(Birgit SolemPer, January 2016)Influencer marketing has become a key element of social media marketing strategies, particularly in building brand awareness and trust. Influencers, with their established credibility and large follower bases, can effectively promote a brand's message, products, and values. Studies have shown that consumers are more likely to trust recommendations from influencers, as they perceive these figures as more authentic and relatable compared to traditional advertisements (Tuten, 2015). By partnering with influencers who align with the brand's image and values, companies can tap into the influencers' audience and expand their reach to new potential customers. This type of partnership has been found to significantly enhance brand recognition and positively influence consumer attitudes toward the brand(Solomon, 2017).

The Interactive Nature of Social Media and Consumer Behavior

(Angellia, October 2023)One of the defining features of social media marketing is its interactive nature. Consumers are no longer passive recipients of brand messages; instead, they are active participants in the brand-building process. Research has shown that social media platforms offer unique opportunities for two-way communication between brands and consumers. Brands can use social media to solicit feedback, conduct surveys, and gather insights into consumer preferences (Constantinides, 2009). This interaction not only helps companies better understand their audience but also allows consumers to feel more involved in the brand's evolution. Engaging consumers in conversations and allowing them to participate in the content creation process strengthens their emotional connection to the brand and improves their perception of brand authenticity (Hollebeek, December 2011).

Moreover, studies have highlighted the role of social media in shaping consumer behaviour by influencing purchasing decisions and brand loyalty. Consumers often turn to social media to research products, read reviews, and seek recommendations from their networks. Positive experiences shared on social media can lead to an increase in brand loyalty, as satisfied consumers advocate for the brand and recommend it to others. The viral nature of social media further amplifies this effect, as content shared by consumers reaches a broader audience and encourages new customers to engage with the brand.

Challenges and Limitations of Social Media Marketing

Despite its numerous advantages, social media marketing also presents challenges. The vast amount of content available on social media platforms means that brands must work harder to stand out and capture the attention of their target audience. Studies have indicated that the oversaturation of content on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter can lead to user fatigue, making it difficult for brands to maintain engagement and relevance. Additionally, the rapid pace of change in social media algorithms and trends requires brands to stay adaptable and constantly evolve their strategies to maintain effectiveness (Glynn Mangold, August 2009).

III. METHODOLOGY

This paper address the objectives -

To Analyze the Effectiveness of Social Media Marketing.

To Fill Research Gaps.

To Evaluate Consumer Engagement

for this a quantitative approach was adopted with a structured survey questionnaire targeting 100 participants. The participants were selected randomly from different demographics, including age, gender, occupation, and social media usage patterns.The survey was conducted online, focusing on three main areas- firstly - Social media engagement with brands. Secondly- Perceptions of brand credibility and trustworthiness due to social media presence and lastly- Emotional connection and loyalty to brands through social media interactions. The link is distributed to active users of social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

For analyses statistical methods such as descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and regression analysis is used to identify patterns and draw conclusions regarding the effectiveness of social media marketing in brand building.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Overview of Data Analysis

The data collected from 100 survey participants was analysed using SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences). Descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and regression analysis were performed to evaluate the relationship between social media marketing and various aspects of brand building. The following sections present the detailed results from the analysis.

1. Descriptive Statistics

The table below provides an overview of the demographic characteristics of the participants and

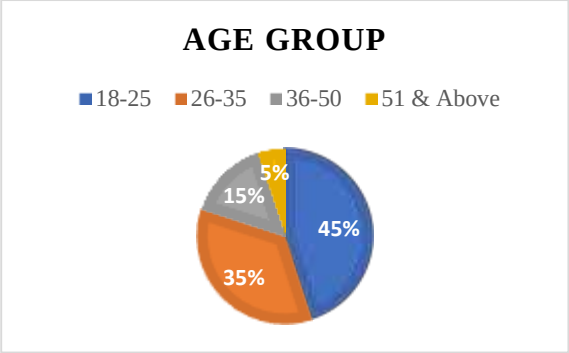
the frequency of their responses related to social media engagement and brand perceptions.

Explanation:

Variable	Frequency	Percentage	Mean	Standard Deviation
Age Group				
18-25	45	45%	22.5	3.1
26-35	35	35%	30.5	3.5
36-50	15	15%	42.5	5.0
51 and above	5	5%	55.0	7.5
Gender				
Male	52	52%		
Female	48	48%		
Frequency of Social Media Use				
Daily	85	85%		
Weekly	10	10%		
Monthly	5	5%		

- **Mean**: The average value for continuous variables (e.g., age). The mean was calculated by averaging the midpoint of each age group.
- **Standard Deviation**: Measures the dispersion or spread of responses for continuous variables (e.g., age). For example, the age group "18-25" has a mean of 22.5 with a standard deviation of 3.1, indicating that most respondents in this group fall within a 3-year range of 22.5 years.

For **categorical variables** like gender, where values don't have a numerical range (male/female), the mean and standard deviation are not applicable. Thus, they remain absent in this context.



2. Correlation Analysis

The correlation analysis explored the relationships between different variables, including social media engagement, brand awareness, consumer trust, emotional connection, and brand equity. The results indicate the following significant correlations:

Variable	Brand Awareness	Consumer Trust	Emotional Connection	Brand Equity
Social Media Engagement	**0.72** ($p < 0.01$)	**0.68** ($p < 0.01$)	**0.65** ($p < 0.01$)	**0.70** ($p < 0.01$)
Frequency of Social Media Interaction	**0.64** ($p < 0.01$)	**0.61** ($p < 0.01$)	**0.58** ($p < 0.01$)	**0.63** ($p < 0.01$)
Perceived Brand Value from Social Media	**0.75** ($p < 0.01$)	**0.70** ($p < 0.01$)	**0.72** ($p < 0.01$)	**0.78** ($p < 0.01$)

Findings:

- Social media engagement is strongly correlated with all aspects of brand building, particularly brand awareness ($r = 0.72$), consumer trust ($r = 0.68$), emotional connection ($r = 0.65$), and brand equity ($r = 0.70$).
- Frequent social media interaction is also positively correlated with all these variables, indicating that more frequent exposure to a brand's social media content increases the likelihood of positive brand perceptions.

3. Regression Analysis

A multiple regression analysis was conducted to determine the impact of social media engagement on brand awareness, consumer trust, emotional connection, and brand equity. The following regression models were developed:

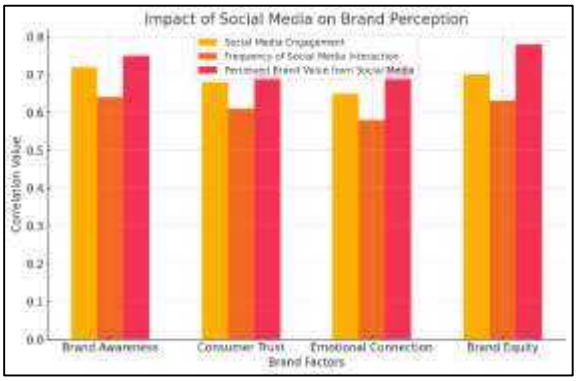
Model 1: Impact on Brand Awareness

- **Dependent Variable**: Brand Awareness

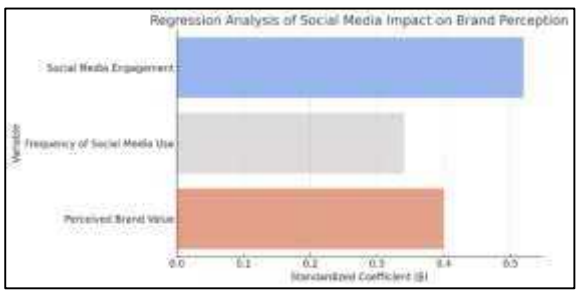
- **Independent Variables**: Social Media Engagement, Frequency of Social Media Use, Perceived Brand Value from Social Media

Findings:

- Social media engagement had the most significant impact on brand awareness ($\beta = 0.52$, $p < 0.01$).
- Frequency of social media use and perceived brand value were also significant predictors of brand awareness, contributing to a model that explained 66% of the variance in brand awareness ($R^2 = 0.66$)



Variable	B	SE B	β	t-value	p-value
Social Media Engagement	0.45	0.12	0.52	3.75	0.000
Frequency of Social Media Use	0.31	0.14	0.34	2.21	0.030
Perceived Brand Value	0.38	0.11	0.40	3.45	0.001
R^2			0.66		
F-value			45.23		0.000



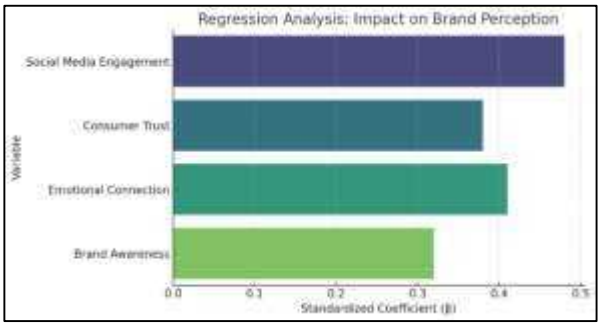
Model 2: Impact on Brand Equity

- **Dependent Variable**: Brand Equity
- **Independent Variables**: Social Media Engagement, Consumer Trust, Emotional Connection, Brand Awareness

Variable	B	SE B	β	t-value	p-value
Social Media Engagement	0.42	0.10	0.48	4.20	0.000
Consumer Trust	0.36	0.13	0.38	2.77	0.008
Emotional Connection	0.39	0.11	0.41	3.54	0.001
Brand Awareness	0.29	0.12	0.32	2.42	0.019
R^2			0.72		
F-value			52.41		0.000

Findings:

- Social media engagement ($\beta = 0.48$, $p < 0.01$), consumer trust ($\beta = 0.38$, $p < 0.01$), and emotional connection ($\beta = 0.41$, $p < 0.01$) were all significant predictors of brand equity.
- The regression model explained 72% of the variance in brand equity ($R^2 = 0.72$), highlighting the strong relationship between social media engagement and brand success.



V. RECOMMENDATIONS

In the Indian context, the role of social media in shaping consumer behaviour and brand building is becoming increasingly significant as businesses adapt to a rapidly digitizing economy. Here are some recommendations based on the discussed paper for Indian businesses looking to leverage social media for brand building:

1. **Localized Content and Cultural Sensitivity**: Indian consumers are highly diverse in terms of culture, language, and preferences. Businesses should create content that resonates with local traditions, festivals, and values while ensuring inclusivity and respect for the cultural diversity in the country. Customizing messages in regional languages and incorporating local influencers can significantly enhance engagement and foster emotional connections.
2. **Influencer Collaborations**: Influencer marketing has seen tremendous growth in India, especially with the rise of micro-influencers who connect with niche audiences. Brands should carefully choose influencers who align with their values and target audience to build trust and credibility. This approach not only strengthens brand awareness but also fosters a more personalized and authentic connection with consumers.
3. **Two-Way Engagement**: Indian consumers are increasingly active on social media and expect brands to engage with them. Businesses should prioritize interactive engagement by responding to customer inquiries, addressing complaints, and involving consumers in content creation. Encouraging user-generated content, such as reviews and testimonials, can help enhance brand loyalty and trust.
4. **Social Media as a Customer Service Tool**: In India, customer service through social media channels is gaining popularity. Brands should use social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram not only for promotional purposes but also as tools for customer support. Quick responses to customer concerns can improve consumer trust and brand perception.
5. **Addressing Negative Feedback Promptly**: In a transparent environment like social media, negative feedback can spread quickly and damage a brand's reputation. Indian businesses need to actively monitor social media platforms, acknowledge negative feedback, and address complaints publicly with transparency and empathy. This proactive approach will help mitigate any potential damage and foster customer loyalty.
6. **Leveraging Social Media for Social Causes**: In India, social issues and causes resonate with many consumers. Brands can strengthen their image and loyalty by aligning with social causes that are important to their target demographic. Engaging with causes like sustainability, education, healthcare, and community welfare can enhance brand equity and create emotional bonds with consumers.
7. **Influence of Mobile-First Strategy**: India has a mobile-first internet user base, with a majority of the population accessing social media via smartphones. Brands should prioritize mobile-optimized content and leverage platforms like WhatsApp, Instagram, and YouTube for better consumer engagement. Short-form video content is especially effective in India, where it garners high engagement rates.
8. **Use of Localized Social Media Platforms**: While global platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter dominate, India also has a growing presence on local platforms like ShareChat and Koo. Brands should explore advertising and engagement opportunities on these local platforms to reach a broader audience, especially in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.
9. **Gamification and Interactive Campaigns**: Indian audiences enjoy interactive content, including quizzes, polls, and gamified experiences. Brands should incorporate such elements into their social media marketing strategies to increase engagement and create a fun, immersive experience for users.
10. **Tracking Metrics and Adjusting Strategy**: In the evolving social media landscape, it is essential for brands to track engagement metrics, analyze consumer behavior, and adjust their strategies accordingly. Indian brands should invest in analytics tools to measure the impact of their campaigns, identify trends, and refine content strategies to maximize brand-building efforts.

VI. CONCLUSION

This research underscores the critical role of social media marketing in brand building. The findings reveal that social media engagement significantly enhances brand awareness, consumer trust, emotional connection, and brand equity. Strategic

and consistent use of social platforms improves brand visibility, fosters trust, and strengthens emotional bonds, contributing to long-term brand loyalty and advocacy. The study highlights social media engagement as the most influential factor in driving brand awareness and equity, while consumer trust and emotional connection are key to sustained brand loyalty. Brands that engage meaningfully through transparent communication, personalized content, and interactive campaigns create positive brand perceptions and experiences. To maximize brand success, businesses must integrate social media marketing into their broader strategies, focusing on authenticity, consistency, and audience engagement. As social media interaction frequency and perceived brand value strongly impact brand growth, maintaining an active and valuable presence is crucial. Ultimately, social media marketing is an indispensable tool in today's digital landscape, offering brands a competitive advantage and fostering deeper consumer relationships for long-term success.

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The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Transforming India's Banking Sector: An Overview

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Abstract – *In the modern digital age, technology plays a crucial role in enabling businesses and organizations to achieve their objective of delivering quality services to customers. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming global markets and has been widely adopted across various industries, including the banking sector. In recent years, Indian banks have increasingly integrated AI into their operations. AI refers to a machine's ability to perform cognitive tasks traditionally associated with human intelligence, such as perception, reasoning, learning, problem-solving, and even creativity. The implementation of AI in banking systems relies on advanced algorithms, leading to significant improvements in areas such as customer service management, credit information analysis, automated query resolution (FAQs), and financial advisory services. AI has played a vital role in enhancing the efficiency and overall performance of banking operations. The banking industry is undergoing continuous reforms, with a strong emphasis on customer-centric services. As technology-savvy customers increasingly engage with innovative digital solutions, banks are striving to offer seamless and convenient experiences. To meet these evolving expectations, banks have expanded their service offerings by integrating AI-powered solutions in mobile banking, online banking, and real-time money transfers. This paper aims to explore the concept of Artificial Intelligence, analyze its opportunities in the Indian banking sector, and examine its growth and impact on the industry.*

Keywords- *Artificial Intelligence (AI), Banking Sector, Customer Experience, Digital Transformation, Financial Services*

I. INTRODUCTION

In today's digital world, technology plays a crucial role in enabling businesses and organizations to achieve their objective of delivering efficient services to customers. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing global markets at a rapid pace. AI refers to computer-controlled systems or robots that can perform tasks requiring human-like intelligence and decision-making capabilities. In the banking sector, AI is being leveraged for various purposes, including fraud detection, customer query resolution, behaviour analysis, and personalized financial recommendations. By automating processes and enhancing decision-making, AI helps banks efficiently handle customer requests while reducing operational effort. Additionally, AI plays a significant role in mitigating risks by detecting and preventing fraud and money laundering in real-time.

One of the key challenges Indian banks face today is inefficient data management and customer segmentation. The rise of digital payment platforms such as Airtel Payments Bank and Paytm Payments Bank, along with the emergence of neo-banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), has intensified competition in the financial sector. To remain competitive, traditional banks are embracing modern technologies to enhance their services. AI is reshaping the banking industry by streamlining operations across various functions, including insurance, sales, contract management, and cyber

security. Technologies such as data analytics, block chain, and machine learning are being integrated to ensure the long-term sustainability of banking products and services.(Sharma, Role of AI in banking sector., 2024)

The adoption of AI in banking and finance enhances efficiency and strengthens the competitiveness of financial institutions. Banks are utilizing AI for multiple purposes, such as fraud prevention, improving customer experience, monitoring customer behaviour to provide better services, and assessing credit histories to predict loan risks. One of the most widely used AI applications in the banking sector is Chabot technology. AI-powered chat bots assist customers by answering queries and delivering a personalized experience, helping banks enhance customer engagement, improve service quality, and strengthen their brand presence.

Moreover, smart banking applications can analyze user behaviour and browsing patterns to gather valuable insights. This information enables banks to provide tailored financial recommendations based on customer preferences. This study aims to explore the role of AI in the Indian banking sector, examine its various opportunities, and analyze its growth and impact on the industry.(Wahab, 2024)

II. OBJECTIVES

The study primarily aims to analyze the role of Artificial Intelligence in the Indian banking sector. The specific objectives are:

1.1 To examine the fundamental concepts of Artificial Intelligence.

1.2 To explore the opportunities and applications of Artificial Intelligence in the Indian banking sector.

1.3 To assess the growth and impact of Artificial Intelligence in the Indian banking sector.

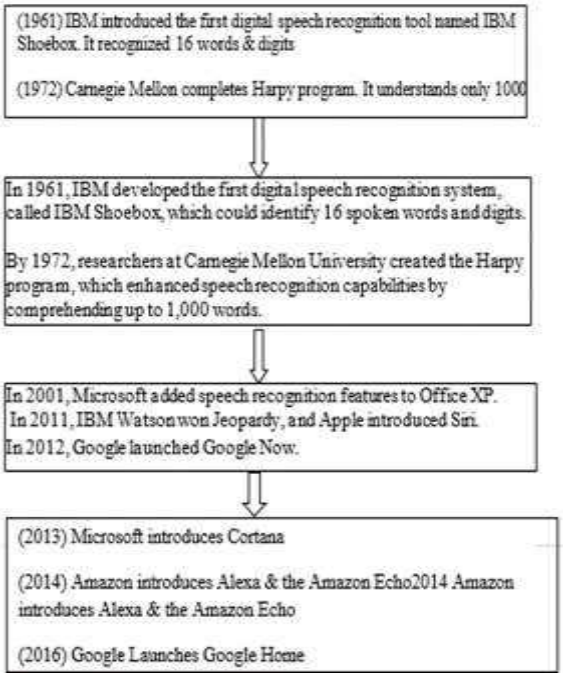
III. RESEARCHMETHODOLOGY

This study follows a descriptive approach by reviewing existing literature to understand various concepts related to Artificial Intelligence. Additionally, it takes an analytical perspective by examining the role and impact of Artificial Intelligence in the Indian banking sector.

IV. HISTORY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN INDIA

AI technologies have advanced significantly, leading to the development of intelligent bots. Retailers initially introduced messaging chatbots that enabled customers to interact through text-based conversations. Over time, these chatbots evolved into voice-enabled systems, contributing to the growing popularity of voice bots today. [14]

The foundation of voice technology dates back to 1962 when IBM introduced a tool called "Shoebox" at the Seattle World's Fair, capable of performing basic mathematical functions. Since then, voice technology has evolved considerably, with major tech companies launching advanced voice assistants. Apple introduced Siri in 2011, followed by Google Now in 2012, Microsoft Cortana in 2014, Amazon Alexa in 2014, and Google Assistant in 2016.[12]



Source: World Economic Forum, New Physics of Financial Services, August2024

It is projected that the number of voice-enabled assistants will grow significantly, reaching approximately 1.83 billion by 2025. The introduction of voice commands on smartphones began with Google's voice search app for mobile devices in 2008, followed by Apple's launch of Siri in 2011. Over time, voice command technology advanced rapidly, allowing users to send texts, compose emails, and conduct basic searches through voice input. This development led to the creation of voice recognition software capable of converting spoken commands into text to execute various tasks efficiently. [10]

a. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN INDIA

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the Indian economy by reshaping traditional management approaches and driving innovation. The rapidly expanding AI sector is expected to be a major

contributor to job creation. Currently, around 400 startups in India are actively working in the fields of AI and machine learning. In 2016 alone, private investors contributed approximately $150 million to the AI sector, and this investment has continued to grow steadily. The vast potential of AI in generating employment highlights its crucial role in addressing workforce demands and fostering economic development in the country. To support AI advancements, the Indian government has introduced key initiatives such as the National Strategy on Artificial Intelligence and AI for India, reflecting its commitment to technological progress. [16]

The influence of AI is already evident across various industries in India. Businesses are leveraging AI to enhance efficiency and optimize operations in sectors such as finance, retail, and manufacturing. Indian retailers are integrating AI-driven solutions to streamline supply chains, offer personalized recommendations, and maximize operational efficiency. Similarly, manufacturers are adopting AI to improve quality control and reduce costs, showcasing its significant advantages. In the banking sector, AI is being utilized to strengthen fraud detection mechanisms and enhance customer service, ensuring a safer and more seamless banking experience. [17]

b. AI–CHANGING FACE OF BANKING ININDIA

The adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Indian banking sector has been a steady yet continuous process. In recent years, Indian banks have increasingly integrated AI-driven solutions to enhance operational efficiency, improve customer experience, and mitigate fraud risks. One of the key drivers behind AI adoption in Indian banking is the rapid expansion of big data and digital technologies. Banks in India have access to vast amounts of data, which they can utilize to make informed business decisions and implement AI-powered innovations.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) plays a crucial role in facilitating the adoption of emerging technologies in the banking sector. Through regulations and policy frameworks, the RBI has encouraged banks to embrace technological advancements. However, its role is not limited to policy creation; it also actively promotes the adoption of cutting-edge technologies to modernize banking operations. [4]

India has emerged as a global fintech hub, with leading banks such as ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, and HDFC Bank taking proactive steps to collaborate with fintech firms. In 2017, the State Bank of India (SBI) introduced "Bank Chain," a consortium of over 30 financial institutions, including banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). This initiative was designed to explore, develop, and implement block chain-based solutions. Pune-based startup Prime chain Technologies has been instrumental in supporting Bank Chain's efforts to drive block chain innovation in the banking sector. [6]

c. AI APPLICATIONS IN INDIAN BANKING SECTOR

Technologies such as biometric fraud detection systems, AI-powered bots, and digital payment solutions play a crucial role in delivering exceptional services to a broader customer base. Artificial Intelligence encompasses various advanced technologies, including machine learning, natural language processing, expert systems, computer vision, speech recognition, strategic planning, and robotics. AI applications in Indian banking sectors are as follows:

1. Chatbots

Chatbots are among the most commonly used AI-driven solutions in various industries, including banking. They help reduce operational costs by efficiently managing frequently requested tasks such as fund transfers, balance inquiries, and mini statement retrievals. By handling these routine queries, chatbots reduce the workload on call centers and online banking platforms, allowing banks to optimize their resources.

2. Smart Wallets

AI-powered mobile wallets simplify digital transactions by enabling users to make seamless payments for various services, including public transportation, ride-hailing, entertainment, and utility bills. These intelligent wallets enhance convenience, speed, and security in financial transactions.

3. Robo-Advisors

Automated financial advisory services, known as robo-advisors, play a significant role in personal finance management. By analyzing user-provided data, these AI-driven systems assess an individual's financial health and offer tailored investment recommendations. They can suggest specific asset classes, individual stocks, or investment products based on the user's financial goals and risk appetite.

4. Cybersecurity

AI enhances cyber security by analyzing past threat data and detecting patterns that may seem unrelated but indicate potential security breaches. These intelligent systems proactively identify and prevent

cyber-attacks, safeguarding financial institutions from external threats. Additionally, AI can monitor internal activities, detect anomalies, and suggest corrective measures to prevent data breaches, fraud, or misuse.

5. Credit Scoring

AI-driven credit assessment goes beyond traditional methods by incorporating insights from various structured and unstructured data sources. This approach enables lenders to evaluate the creditworthiness of individuals or businesses with limited credit history. By leveraging AI-powered models, financial institutions can create innovative lending solutions that cater to a broader range of borrowers.

d. ADOPTION OF AI IN THE BANKING SECTOR

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a crucial component of the Indian banking industry, significantly influencing its growth and efficiency. In 2016, global investments in AI applications reached approximately USD 5.1 billion (Euro 4.3 billion), highlighting the increasing adoption of AI-driven solutions in financial services (PwC FinTech Report India, 2017).

Recognizing the potential of AI, several leading Indian banks have integrated AI technologies to enhance their operations and customer services. While Punjab National Bank (PNB) has embraced AI, other major financial institutions, including the State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, HSBC, and Axis Bank, have also adopted AI-driven tools. These banks utilize AI for fraud detection, risk management, personalized banking experiences, and automation of routine processes, ultimately improving efficiency and customer satisfaction. The some of the banks adopted AIare:

- **State Bank of India**

State Bank of India (SBI) introduced SIA, an AI-powered chatbot designed to assist customers through natural language interactions. This virtual assistant helps reduce wait times and minimizes the dependence on human customer support by efficiently handling routine banking queries. SIA is capable of guiding users through financial processes, answering their questions, and offering support similar to that of a bank representative. With continuous advancements, SIA is evolving to incorporate more AI-driven features, further enhancing customer experience and service efficiency.

- **Bank of Baroda(BoB)**

In 2024, Bank of Baroda introduced several AI-driven initiatives to enhance banking services. It launched **'Aditi'**, a GenAI-powered virtual assistant, providing 24/7 customer support through chat, audio, and video. The bank also introduced **'GyanSahay.AI'**, an AI-enabled knowledge management platform to assist employees with quick access to banking information. Additionally, **'ADI'**, an AI-powered chatbot, was deployed to improve digital customer interactions. BoB enhanced its digital banking services with **bob₹Pay UPI App**, enabling NFC-based payments and global UPI transactions. It also introduced a **fully digital Baroda Kisan Credit Card (BKCC)** process and the **Baroda mDigiNext App**, designed for corporate banking. These AI-driven innovations reflect BoB's commitment to providing seamless and efficient banking experiences.

- **Allahabad Bank**

Allahabad Bank leverages AI for fraud detection, automated customer support, loan processing, and risk management, enabling faster data processing and improved service delivery. Recent advancements in Indian banking include AI-driven predictive analytics for loan approvals, chatbots for customer interactions, and fraud detection algorithms. With the RBI establishing an AI unit for regulatory support, banks are enhancing efficiency and personalizing customer experiences to stay competitive in the digital era.

- **Andhra Bank**

Andhra Bank has introduced an AI-powered chatbot called Float Bot to enhance customer service and minimize manual effort. Integrated with the bank's core banking system, this chatbot streamlines customer interactions, manages onboarding, and assists with training. By enabling natural language conversations, Float Bot reduces wait times and decreases reliance on human representatives, ensuring faster and more efficient service for customers.

- **YES Bank**

YES Bank has integrated AI through two key initiatives: YES mPower and YES ROBOT. YESmPower is an AI-driven platform offering services like chatbots for customer support, fraud detection, and risk management. YES ROBOT enhances operational efficiency and customer experience by automating interactions and streamlining banking processes. These AI solutions help the bank provide faster, more secure, and personalized services to its customers.

- **HDFC Bank**

HDFC Bank's AI-powered chatbot EVA (Electronic Virtual Assistant) continues to enhance customer service by providing instant 24x7 support for various banking needs. It allows users to open accounts, apply for loans, manage cards, and access financial information in both English and Hindi, with added voice search capabilities for a seamless experience. In collaboration with Common Services Centers (CSCs), EVA has been integrated into the Digital Seva Portal, enabling over 1.5 lakh Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) to assist rural and semi-urban customers with banking services. This initiative promotes financial inclusion by bridging the gap between urban and rural banking. With continuous upgrades, EVA reinforces HDFC Bank's commitment to AI-driven, efficient, and personalized banking solutions.

- **Axis Bank**

Axis Bank has significantly advanced its AI-driven platform, Axis AI and Automation (AXAA), to enhance operational efficiency and customer experience. The bank has deployed over 700 bots, including 650 Robotic Process Automation (RPA) bots and 50 AI bots, automating more than 300 banking processes such as account opening, KYC verification, loan disbursements, and fraud detection. This extensive automation has led to a 60-65% reduction in operational costs and improved compliance.

Additionally, Axis Bank's Thought Factory innovation lab continues to foster AI and Natural Language Processing (NLP) solutions, including the Conversational Banking app, which assists customers with transactions and inquiries through AI-enabled chatbots. These initiatives position Axis Bank at the forefront of technological innovation in the rapidly evolving banking industry.

- **ICICI Bank**

ICICI Bank has been a pioneer in integrating artificial intelligence (AI) across its operations, implementing various AI-driven solutions to enhance efficiency and customer satisfaction. Notably, the bank introduced iPal, an AI-powered chatbot that assists customers with queries and services, providing instant support and reducing the need for human intervention. Additionally, ICICI Bank utilizes AI for fraud detection, employing advanced algorithms to monitor transactions and identify suspicious activities in real-time, thereby enhancing security measures. The bank also offers personalized services through AI, analyzing customer behavior and preferences to tailor product recommendations and services, which has led to improved customer engagement and satisfaction. Collectively, these AI initiatives have enabled ICICI Bank to streamline operations, reduce costs, and deliver a superior banking experience.

- **Canara Bank**

Canara Bank has embraced artificial intelligence to enhance customer service by introducing two innovative robots: **Mitra** and **Candi**. **Mitra**, developed by Bengaluru-based Invento Robotics, is a humanoid robot deployed at the bank's head office. It greets customers in Kannada and assists them in navigating the premises, effectively serving as a receptionist. **Candi**, introduced in collaboration with Japan's SoftBank Robotics, operates at the bank's circle office. It interacts with customers in English, answering up to 215 preset banking-related questions. These robots are integral to Canara Bank's digitization efforts, aiming to streamline operations and enhance customer experience.

e. OPPORTUNITIES OF AI IN INDIAN BANKING SECTOR

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has transformed the banking sector by offering personalized financial services, improving customer experience, and enhancing security measures. AI enables banks to analyze customer spending patterns, offer customized investment plans, and provide budgeting assistance. By leveraging transaction data, AI helps banks track customer behavior and preferences to offer better financial solutions. [3] Some key opportunities of AI in the Indian banking sector include:

- **Seamless Banking Experience**
  AI-powered voice assistants enable customers to check account balances, review their financial health, and access investment insights effortlessly, making banking more convenient.
- **Data-Driven Customer Insights**
  With the help of machine learning and natural language processing, AI can analyze vast amounts of customer data, allowing banks to personalize their services and improve customer engagement.
- **Enhanced Customer Loyalty**
  Banks can strengthen customer relationships through AI-driven digital platforms that focus on financial wellness, offering tailored solutions for both short-term and long-term financial planning.
- **Personalized Retail Banking**
  AI helps banks provide personalized financial recommendations and tailor banking experiences based on customer

preferences, thereby improving financial management and decision-making.

- **Automated Financial Advisory Services** AI-powered financial advisors analyze market trends in real-time, compare them against individual financial goals, and offer expert recommendations on investments such as stocks and bonds.

- **AI-Powered Customer Support** Advancements in speech recognition and natural language processing have enabled AI chatbots to handle customer queries efficiently, reducing wait times and enhancing customer satisfaction.

- **Faster and Secure Transactions with Blockchain** AI, combined with blockchain technology, ensures real-time and secure payment processing. This eliminates delays in transactions, enhances fraud detection, and improves overall customer experience.

f. CURRENT STATUS OF AI ININDIAN BANKING SECTOR

As of 2025, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become an integral part of the Indian banking sector, with leading financial institutions leveraging AI-powered solutions to enhance customer experience, improve efficiency, reduce operational costs, and strengthen security measures. Banks are increasingly adopting AI in areas such as fraud detection, risk assessment, customer support, and personalized financial services. The collaboration between traditional banks and fintech startups has accelerated AI integration, ensuring a seamless and efficient banking ecosystem.

AI Adoption by Major Indian Banks

State Bank of India (SBI)

SBI has taken a pioneering step in utilizing AI for customer experience enhancement. The bank has implemented an advanced AI-based solution developed by Chapdex, which analyzes footage from in-branch cameras to assess customer satisfaction levels by reading facial expressions. This technology allows SBI to gather real-time feedback and improve service quality.

Additionally, SBI has introduced SIA (SBI Intelligent Assistant), an AI-powered chatbot developed in partnership with Payjo, a Silicon Valley and Bengaluru-based startup. SIA provides instant responses to customer queries, assists with banking transactions, and offers guidance on financial products, significantly improving efficiency in customer service operations.

HDFC Bank

HDFC Bank has adopted AI-driven solutions across multiple banking functions. One of its most notable innovations is IRA (Intelligent Robotic Assistant), an in-branch AI-powered robot that assists customers by providing information about banking products and services. This initiative has helped reduce waiting times and enhance customer interaction.

Furthermore, HDFC Bank has integrated AI-driven fraud detection systems that analyze transaction patterns in real time to identify suspicious activities and prevent cyber fraud. AI also assists the bank in risk management and credit scoring, ensuring more precise lending decisions.

Axis Bank

Axis Bank has launched Axis AI and Automation (AXAA), a comprehensive AI platform designed to optimize customer service, detect fraudulent activities, and enhance risk management. The AXAA chatbot provides 24/7 support to customers, answering inquiries related to account balances, transactions, and loan processing. By automating these services, the bank has improved customer engagement and streamlined banking operations. [20]

ICICI Bank.

ICICI Bank was among the first in India to implement AI at a large scale. Although it has not introduced a specific AI-named initiative, the bank utilizes multiple AI-powered tools, including chatbots for customer service, fraud detection systems, and personalized banking services. These AI applications have enhanced customer satisfaction by providing quick and accurate financial solutions. The bank also uses AI-driven analytics to assess creditworthiness, ensuring more secure and data-driven lending decisions.

AI's Growing Role in Indian Banking

With AI becoming increasingly prevalent in banking, financial institutions are leveraging AI-powered solutions for a variety of critical functions, including:

Fraud Detection and Prevention: AI algorithms analyze transaction patterns to detect fraudulent activities in real time, minimizing risks for customers and banks.

Personalized Customer Experience: AI enables banks to offer customized financial recommendations based on customer spending

habits, helping users with budgeting and investment planning.

Risk Management: AI assists in evaluating credit risks and loan approvals by analyzing financial histories, ensuring better decision-making for banks.

AI Chatbots and Virtual Assistants: AI-driven chatbots and voice assistants handle customer queries, account-related requests, and service inquiries, enhancing customer service while reducing operational costs.

Regulatory Concerns and Challenges

Despite the rapid adoption of AI, regulatory authorities have expressed concerns about potential financial stability risks. Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), issued a warning in October 2024 regarding the increasing use of AI and machine learning in financial services. He highlighted potential risks such as:

Market Concentration: AI adoption may favor a few dominant players, leading to reduced competition and monopolistic behavior in the financial sector.

Cybersecurity Risks: AI-driven systems require vast amounts of data, making them attractive targets for cybercriminals.

AI System Complexity: The dependence on AI-driven decision-making introduces challenges in ensuring transparency, accountability, and bias-free outcomes.

According to a 2024 report by PwC India, "AI investments in the banking and financial services sector have surged, with banks increasingly allocating budgets toward AI-driven risk management, customer service, and security solutions."

Process Automation: AI-powered automation reduces manual workloads in loan processing, compliance checks, and back-office operations, improving efficiency and reducing errors.

Future Outlook: Looking ahead, AI is expected to further revolutionize the Indian banking sector. The integration of AI with blockchain, IoT (Internet of Things), and quantum computing will enhance data security, streamline transactions, and provide more robust financial services. As AI adoption grows, banks will need to focus on regulatory compliance, ethical AI usage, and ensuring customer trust in AI-driven services.

V. CONCLUSION

Artificial Intelligence is playing a transformative role in India's banking sector by enhancing customer service, optimizing operations, and strengthening security. AI-powered tools such as chatbots and virtual assistants have improved customer interactions, reducing wait times and providing personalized financial services. Additionally, AI contributes to fraud detection, risk assessment, and operational efficiency, reshaping traditional banking practices and creating new job opportunities.
Despite its growing adoption, the long-term impact of AI on private banks remains inconclusive, highlighting the need for further research with comprehensive datasets. As AI continues to evolve, addressing regulatory challenges, ensuring ethical implementation, and maintaining customer trust are essential. A collaborative effort between financial institutions and policymakers is necessary to promote responsible AI innovation while mitigating potential risks, ensuring a secure and customer-centric banking ecosystem.

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Analyzing the Effectiveness of Employee Engagement in Enhancing Job Satisfaction and Retention in Logistic firms

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Abstract – *Employee engagement is one of the important factor which plays crucial role in improving job satisfaction and retention in every field especially in the logistics sector, where operational efficiency heavily depends on workforce stability. This study analyzes how effective engagement strategies can lead to higher satisfaction levels and reduce employee turnover. The study is based on secondary data from various sources such as journals, articles, and company reports. The findings suggest that strong engagement strategies, including good communication, career growth opportunities, and employee recognition, significantly enhance retention and job satisfaction.*

Keywords- *Employee Engagement, Job Satisfaction, Employee Retention, Logistics sector, Workforce stability*.

I. BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Organizations have realized that in today's dynamic business environment, human resources are their most valuable asset. Beyond attracting and retaining top talent, companies must keep employees motivated and committed to achieving organizational goals. Employee engagement directly impacts business success, leading to higher productivity, innovation, and dedication. Employee engagement refers to the emotional commitment an employee has with their organization.

A key challenge employees face is the lack of recognition, involvement, and meaningful communication within the organization. While companies provide statutory benefits such as provident funds, maternity benefits, and compensation, employees still seek acknowledgment, participation in decision-making, and clear communication about their roles. A supportive work environment that fosters growth and development enhances employees' sense of belonging and purpose.

An engaged workforce not only delivers better business results but also reduces attrition and acts as brand ambassadors for the organization. Engagement is achieved when employees feel respected, recognize their contributions to organizational goals, and experience career growth, rewards, and fair compensation.



(Figure 1.1 Elements of Employee Engagement)

Lamphear defines Employee engagement as "*the bond employees have with their organization"* and he further espouses that "when employees really care

about the business, they are more likely to go the extra mile".

In the words of "Robbins and Judge" work engagement means the involvement, enthusiasm and satisfaction of employees for their work. A high work engagement among employees will show that a person is physically, cognitively and affective in relation to their workplace, and he will prefer to perform tasks that exceed the predetermined job description (Mathumbu & Dodd, 2013). Studying employee engagement is essential because it directly impacts organizational success. Engaged employees are more committed, productive, and innovative, leading to better business outcomes. The main problem that employees often face is a lack of recognition, involvement, and meaningful communication within the organization. Despite companies providing statutory benefits like provident fund, maternity benefits, and compensation funds, employees still seek acknowledgment, involvement indecision-making processes, and clear communication about their roles and contribution. To feel valued and engaged, employees need recognition for their efforts,opportunitiesforgrowthanddevelopment,trans parentcommunicationchannels, involvement in decision-making, and a supportive work environment that fosters their well-being and professional growth. These elements create a sense of belonging and purpose, making employees feel like integral parts of the organization.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Employee engagement is a crucial factor influencing organizational success, as various studies have shown its direct impact on job satisfaction, motivation, and employee retention. Organizations design specific reward and motivation programs based on their financial status, regional operations, and employee backgrounds to enhance engagement levels.

Sarika Jain, Saamta Jain, and Ankush Ashok Upadhayay (2022) explores the significance of employee engagement in the logistics sector, particularly in the context of increasing competition, stakeholder scrutiny, and the challenges posed by the pandemic. The research focuses on Team Global Logistics Pvt. Ltd. and examines the strategies the company employs to keep employees engaged. The study highlights that retaining talent requires multiple motivational tools, including decision-making autonomy, involvement in organizational processes, and overall empowerment.
To analyze these factors, the researchers adopted a mixed-method approach. Structured interviews with HR professionals provided insights into the company's engagement practices, while regression analysis helped quantify the relationship between employee empowerment and engagement. The findings confirm that employee empowerment plays a crucial role in enhancing engagement, reinforcing the idea that when employees have more control over their work and decision-making, they feel more valued and committed to the organization. This study contributes to the growing body of literature on employee engagement in India's logistics industry and underscores the importance of empowerment as a key driver of motivation and retention.

Suriany Sahfitri, Abdhy Aulia Adnans, and Ferry Novliadi (2020) examines how involved employees are in their work at a logistics company in Medan, Indonesia. A survey was conducted with 273employees, revealing that

- 63.7% had high engagement**,**
- 35.9% showed moderate engagement**,** and only
- 0.4% had low engagement.

Work engagement is defined by three key factors: vigor, where employees feel energetic and enthusiastic**,** dedicated, where they are committed and take pride in their work; and absorption, where they are deeply focused and fully involved in their tasks. The research highlights that high work engagement leads to better job performance and reduces employees' desire to leave the company. It also emphasizes the importance of companies implementing strategies to improve engagement, as engaged employees contribute significantly to productivity and business growth. The study found that work engagement positively impacts job performance and helps reduce employee turnover, aligning with previous research on the benefits of an engaged workforce.

(attridge, 2009) Work engagement is about how dedicated, enthusiastic, and connected employees feel toward their work. It means they are not just doing their job but are actively involved and passionate about it. Engaged employees are more productive, satisfied, and motivated, which benefits both them and the organization. When employees truly care about their work, they perform better and contribute positively to the workplace environment.
A study conducted by **Thakur (2014)** focused on employee engagement in the IT sector and its impact on job satisfaction. The research used primary and secondary data to analyze engagement levels among officers and clerks. The findings indicated that officers' motivation could be enhanced by increasing job authority and accountability, while for clerical employees, job involvement was closely linked to

rewards and sanctions. This study concluded that employee engagement has a positive relationship with job satisfaction and is a critical factor in workplace motivation.

Li Sun and ChanchaiBunchapattanasakda (2019) their study provides comprehensive literature review on employee engagement. It highlights the ongoing conceptual differences in defining and understanding employee engagement, emphasizing that no universal standard exists. The paper identifies two primary perspectives: one sees employee engagement as a multi-faceted construct involving cognition, emotions, and behaviors, while the other views it as a unitary construct characterized by a positive mental state, dedication, and being the opposite of burnout.

The authors explore three theoretical frameworks that explain employee engagement: The Needs-Satisfaction Framework, which focuses on fulfilling employees' psychological needs; the Job Demands-Resources Model, which balances job demands with available resources; and Social Exchange Theory, which views engagement as a reciprocal relationship between employees and organizations. They categorize influencing factors into organizational (Example: management style, job rewards), job-related (Example: work environment, task characteristics), and individual factors (Example: personal energy, self-awareness).

The study finds that employee engagement positively impacts both individual performance (Example: organizational commitment, positive behaviors) and organizational performance (Example: customer satisfaction, financial returns). However, the review also identifies three key gaps in existing research: a lack of studies on the role of demographic, personality, and cultural differences in engagement; insufficient focus on engagement as a mediating or moderating factor; and the absence of well-defined intervention mechanisms to enhance employee engagement. The paper suggests that future research should address these limitations to develop a more holistic understanding of employee engagement.

Aisha Al Shihhi in their study titled **"The Impact of Employee Engagement on Employee Commitment: A Case Study on a Logistics Company in Oman"** investigates the influence of employee engagement initiatives on employee commitment within a logistics and service provider company in Oman. The study reveals several insights: Employee engagement initiatives have a significant positive impact on employee commitment. Engaged employees exhibit higher motivation and dedication to organizational goals. Effective engagement does not solely rely on monetary incentives. Non-financial initiatives, such as recognition and empowerment, play a crucial role in fostering commitment. Management faces challenges in implementing engagement programs, including cultural and social barriers, as well as resource constraints. Adopting best practices, such as clear goal setting and employee empowerment, can enhance engagement and commitment levels. The study underscores the importance of employee engagement in fostering commitment within organizations. By implementing targeted engagement strategies, companies can enhance employee motivation, reduce turnover, and improve overall organizational performance. The research contributes valuable insights to the limited body of knowledge on employee engagement within the logistics sector in Oman.

III. METHODOLOGY

This study adopts a qualitative research approach based on secondary data analysis to examine employee engagement in logistics firms. It reviews existing literature, case studies, and prior research to address the following objectives:

- Identify key factors influencing employee engagement in logistics firms.
- Analyze the best engagement strategies implemented in the logistics sector.
- Assess employees' perceptions and experiences regarding engagement programs in their organizations.
- Propose strategic improvements for enhancing employee engagement based on research findings.

By synthesizing insights from academic literature and industry reports, this study explores the impact of engagement initiatives on job satisfaction, productivity, and employee retention, offering practical recommendations for optimizing engagement strategies in logistics firms.

IV. FINDINGS

Employee engagement plays a crucial role in enhancing workplace satisfaction, motivation, and commitment, leading to improved organizational performance. When employees are deeply engaged in their work, they experience greater job satisfaction, motivation, and a strong sense of commitment, which directly contributes to higher productivity and goal achievement. Organizations that foster an engaging work environment benefit from reduced employee turnover, increased efficiency, and overall enhanced performance, as seen across various industries such as logistics, IT, and the service sector.

A key factor influencing engagement is the level of autonomy and decision-making power employees

possess. Studies indicate that when employees have greater control over their tasks and can actively participate in decision-making, their commitment and involvement in organizational goals significantly increase (Jain et al., 2022). While financial rewards remain an essential motivator, research suggests that non-monetary incentives, such as recognition, career development opportunities, and a supportive work culture, play an equally significant role in sustaining high engagement levels (Al Shihhi, 2022).

The role of leadership in shaping engagement strategies is particularly evident in countries like Oman, where organizations that implemented structured engagement initiatives observed a notable improvement in employee commitment and job satisfaction (Al Shihhi, 2022). Leaders who prioritize employee well-being, encourage open communication, and provide growth opportunities foster a more engaged workforce, ultimately driving long-term organizational success.

This analysis underscores the multifaceted nature of employee engagement, highlighting the need for businesses to adopt comprehensive engagement strategies that go beyond financial incentives to include professional development, autonomy, and strong leadership support for a thriving and productive workforce.

V. SUGGESTIONS

- Empower Employees for Higher Engagement: Organizations should provide employees with greater control over their tasks and actively involve them in decision-making processes. Employee empowerment fosters a sense of ownership and commitment, leading to higher engagement levels.
- Balance Financial and Non-Financial Incentives: While competitive salaries and bonuses are essential, companies should also emphasize non-monetary rewards such as employee recognition, career development opportunities, and flexible work arrangements to enhance engagement and job satisfaction.
- Implement and Continuously Improve Engagement Programs: Organizations should design structured engagement initiatives, regularly evaluate employee satisfaction, and adapt strategies based on feedback to sustain long-term employee commitment and productivity.

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Industrial Sickness in Plastic Processing Industries: A Review

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Abstract – *In last few decades, industrial sickness has been emerged as a big hurdle in the growth of industries especially plastic processing industries. In spite of availability of good management instruments, many renowned industries are facing a problem of industrial sickness. Industrial sickness not only retards the growth of affected industry but also cause setback for its ancillary industries. It severely affects the socio-economic life of people in the region. The paper in detail reviews the status of industrial sickness especially in plastic processing industries. The causes and consequences of industrial sickness have been thoroughly discussed. The present techniques available for riding of the problem of industrial sickness with their implications have been discussed deeply. The paper also discusses about the preventive measures like continuous monitoring of unit, careful appraisal of project before execution and incentives to units to remain healthy that needs to be implemented in order to save the unit from being sick.*

Keywords- *Industrial sickness, Revival, Project management, Rehabilitation.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Industrial sickness can be best described as a situation when a particular sick unit has been operating below the break-even point for some time and they have no choice but to source funds from external sources, in order to survive in the industry. Almost all the countries in the world including developed and developing are severely facing the problem of industrial sickness. Problem of industrial sickness is not specific to any industry or country. It is a result of faulty management policies and fiscal problems.

The approach to sickness is to restore a unit to normalcy through restructuring devices within a short period of time or else close it down. It can be possible in all the advanced countries as they don't face the problem of unemployment on closure of sick unit. They have capability to absorb unemployed manpower in other units. However such easy and straight forward options is not available in labor abundant economies like India which can ill afford large scale unemployment either of labor or of valuable productive assets caused by sickness. They cannot afford to do so as it will lead to substantial block of national capital to go waste and create unemployment of those already employed, when additional employment is a crying need of the hour. Hence they are left with the only option to restore a unit to normalcy.

Industrial sickness not only impacts the industrial development of the region but also severely hampers the socio-economic life in the region. In addition, sizeable funds of banks and financial institutions and blocked up in sick units which impair the banks profitably and their ability to recycle fund in other productive areas. This has an adverse effect on the economy of country like India. Fiscal reforms program with a determined management and relevant management policies can prove to be a boon for revival of sick industries. In light of this, it's become crucial to study the problem of industrial sickness analytically and find out the measures for the revival and rehabilitation of sick industries in order to save them from closing down and in turn evade the socio-economic impacts of closure.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A sick unit is defined as a company where accumulated losses at the end of any financial year result in erosion of 50% or more of its peak net worth during the immediately preceding five financial years. Whereas Goyal defined industrial sickness as when an industrial unit fails in its objective of generating suitable internal surplus and frequently has to depend on external financial help for continued survival, then it can be considered as a sick unit [1].

It is often observed that many projects are started without proper feasibility study. Hardly any long-term view of the future is taken. Instead, a project is sought to be managed on the basis of myopic vision, inadequate analysis and improper approach. Often industrial projects are started on an ad hoc basis without gathering much information about the expertise and competence needed for the purpose. Moreover, once the construction work is started on the basis of a project report, there is no periodic assessment of the economic viability of project. Often major changes in the political and economic environment (such as change in the party in power or change in Government) make the basic assumptions underlying the project unrealistic or inappropriate. Technical obsolescence and financial mismanagement are also important factors that lead to industrial sickness.

Yet the project is made to remain operational without considering after-effects. So, there are various reasons that make industries sick. The prime among this is market-related. Market obsolescence is one of the prime reasons for units turning sick. Industrial sickness has become a major problem of the India's corporate private sector. A close look reveals that there are at least, five major causes of industrial sickness, viz., promotional, managerial, technical, financial and political. An industrial unit may become sick at its nascent stage or after working for quite some time. Heavy capital cost escalation arising out of price inflation accentuates the problem. The historical method of cost depreciation is highly inadequate when assets are to be replaced at current cost during inflation. An easy way to comply with the conference paper formatting requirements is to use this document as a template and simply type your text into it.

Industrial development is identified as the effective means to the economic growth in any country. Industrial sickness connotes multiple meanings for multiple stakeholders. Different scholars across the globe have different views about causes, effects and rehabilitation of the sick industrial units. For detail understanding of the subject matter few of them are summarized. Mishra discussed about the recent spurt in industrial sickness has been the matter of great concern to the Government financial institutions and society as it results into locking-up of financial resources, wastage of capital assets, loss of production and decrease in employment [2].

According to Nayak Committee, 1992 [3], a small-scale industrial unit may be classified as sick when any of its borrowable accounts remains overdue for a period exceeding two and a half years and there is erosion in the net worth due to accumulated losses to the extent of 50 percent or more of its peak net worth during the preceding two accounting years whereas Goswami committee, 1993 [4], defines sickness as default of 180 days or more on repayment of term leading institutions or irregularities in cash credit of working capital for 180 days or more. It is observed that definition of the Nayak Committee, seems to fall somewhere in between the definitions of sickness by SICA and Goswami Committee.

Chattopadhyay focus on diagnostic measures of industrial sickness [5]. He further extends that in India since mid-1970's there are two regulatory bodies (Government of India and Reserve Bank of India) that are instrumental in experimentation with variety of financial variables and ratio, individually and in combination, to define measure and monitor extent of industrial sickness. Gokak (1998) in his book entitled "Industrial Sickness" has identified some facets of industrial sickness like role of Public Sector in industrial sickness, role of Banks and Financial Institutions, and has suggested some preventive mechanisms of industrial sickness. Malik has given emphasis on cottage and small-scale industries in his book [6]. He has advocated for all round efforts towards integrated industrial development. Pahwa discussed and analyzed the acts, references and appeal, operating agencies and preparation of schemes, securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and some case studies of sick companies. This book mainly contains the procedures of BIFR [7].

Singh emphasized that industrial sickness is an organic and continuous process, it does not burst overnight as many people think but this process may take several years to make industries sick but the sickness can be visualized at an early stage in the life cycle of an industrial units [8]. Goyal found that large number of firms is facing the problems over the years which turn in to sickness. Investment blocked in these sick units has also increased year after year which resulted in locking of funds of the lending institutions, loss of scarce resources and loss of employment [9]. Corporate company's failure is a major problem of developed countries as well as for developing countries too. Failures are increasing day by day because of growing competition and the

changing economic political, social, cultural, legal and global environment [10].

A. Causes of industrial sickness

Narayanan studied the performance of BIFR in revival and rehabilitation of sick industrial units and identified four major reasons for the sickness of industries namely mismanagement, Government policies, labour problems and time and over cost [11]. Amankwah-Amoah [12] and Wittig's [13] framework further classify the causes of industrial sickness in two broad categories

- External or Exogenous Causes
- Internal or Endogenous Causes

It is identified the causes and suggested measures for prevention and cure of industrial sickness. Studies show that small scale units are mainly sick due to exogenous causes, whereas endogenous causes play important role in making large units sick [14].

B. Consequences of industrial sickness

Bidani and Mitra in their book "Industrial Sickness: Identification and Rehabilitation" made an attempt to find various consequences of industrial sickness. The impact of industrial sickness varies from industry to industry and unit to unit [15].

Major consequences of industrial sickness includes

- Huge Financial Losses to the Banks and Financial Institutions
- Emergence of Industrial Unrest
- Adverse Effect on Prospective Investors and Entrepreneurs
- Loss of Revenue to the Government
- Loss of Employment Opportunities
- Wastage of Scarce Resources
- Market Fluctuation
- Impact on Related Industries

C. Stages of industrial sickness

There are four stages of sickness before a normal unit fails and finally closes down.

- Normal or Healthy Unit
  In this stage, a unit is considered as being normal and healthy.

- Tending towards Sickness
  In this stage, the industrial unit usually tends towards sickness.

- Incipient Sickness
  In this stage, the industrial unit experience gradual increase in sickness, and tend to enter into the incipient stage of sickness.

- Sickness and Chronic Sickness
  In this stage, there are continuous adverse impact on the production, and finance areas of the unit and it finally becomes sick.

III. REHABILITATION OF SICK UNITS

It is observed that following four groups can play a dominant role in preventing units from falling sick. These groups include:

- Term lending institutions
- Commercial banks
- Entrepreneurs
- Government

Network techniques like CPM and PERT can be used for planning, scheduling (programming), monitoring and controlling the progress of projects especially for the projects which are complex in nature or where activities are subject to considerable degree of uncertainty in performance time. Application of these network techniques can alleviate industrial sickness and restore the sick unit to the normalcy.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Industrial sickness has a profound impact on various business entities, including small, medium, and large-scale corporations in both public and private domains. A study of few research papers in this domain revels that

- Lack of technological advancements, inadequate infrastructure and scarcity of skilled workforce can impose industrial sickness.
- Economic factors like fluctuating raw material prices, insufficient financial resources and poor financial management contribute to industrial sickness.
- Industrial sickness retards the growth of ancillary industries.
- Ineffective government policies and support systems play a significant role in industrial sickness of plastic processing industries in Jalgaon district.
- Term lending institutions and commercial banks can play a dominant role in preventing units from falling sick.

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A Study of Management of Musical Concerts in Jalgaon Region

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Abstract- *Indian Classical Music concerts hold a significant place in India's cultural and artistic heritage, serving as a medium for preserving and propagating traditional music forms. However, the successful management of such concerts necessitates a comprehensive approach encompassing planning, promotion, financial management, and audience engagement. This research aims to examine the various aspects of organizing Indian Classical Music concerts in Jalgaon, a city known for its appreciation of classical arts. The study employs a structured project management framework, integrating elements such as marketing strategies, sponsorship acquisition, budget allocation, and risk mitigation techniques. A combination of theoretical research and practical case studies has been utilized to assess the effectiveness of existing concert management practices. Data collection methods include interviews with event organizers, musicians, and audiences, as well as an analysis of past concert performances and their success metrics. The findings of this study provide insights into optimizing concert planning, enhancing audience reach, and ensuring the sustainability of classical music events. The recommendations presented in this thesis aim to contribute towards the growth and longevity of Indian Classical Music concerts in Jalgaon and beyond.*

Keywords: *Indian Classical Music, Event Management, Concert Planning, Promotion, Marketing, Cultural Heritage*

1. Introduction

Indian Classical Music concerts are deeply embedded in India's cultural identity. Over the years, their organization has evolved with modern management techniques, yet challenges remain in terms of promotion, financial viability, and audience engagement. This study aims to explore the key factors involved in managing these concerts in Jalgaon, a city known for its cultural enthusiasm.

Research Questions:

- What are the essential components of organizing Indian Classical Music concerts in Jalgaon?
- How can marketing strategies enhance audience participation?
- What financial models and sponsorship approaches ensure sustainability?
- How can risk and operational challenges be effectively managed?

This research paper employs a project management framework to analyze these aspects, incorporating case studies and expert insights.

2. Concert Initiation Activities

Event Theme and Concept

The theme of an Indian Classical Music concert should align with traditional values while integrating innovative elements to attract a diverse audience. Themes may revolve around seasonal ragas, such as those suited for monsoon, winter, or spring, which provide an immersive experience tied to nature's rhythm. Additionally, tributes to legendary musicians, such as Pt. Balgandharv, Pandit Bhimsen Joshi or Ustad Bismillah Khan, etc. at the same time few light music concerts were organized & can serve as an educational and cultural homage, fostering

appreciation among audiences. Fusion experiments incorporating elements of folk, contemporary, or even global musical influences can introduce a refreshing appeal while maintaining the essence of classical traditions. A well- thought-out theme enhances the overall concert experience, making it more engaging for both seasoned connoisseurs and new audiences. Furthermore, the choice of theme influences aspects such as stage design, artist selection, and promotional strategies, ensuring a cohesive and memorable event.

A successful theme also ensures continuity in traditional performance formats while adapting to modern expectations. For instance, incorporating storytelling sessions about the history of a raga, using visual projections, or inviting interdisciplinary collaborations with dance and theatre can create a holistic and engaging event. Audience participation elements, such as Q &A sessions with artists or interactive workshops, can further enhance the connection between performers and attendees, making the concert an immersive experience.

Concert Goals

The primary goals of organizing Indian Classical Music concerts include preserving the rich heritage of classical music, providing a platform for upcoming and established artists, fostering community engagement, and ensuring financial sustainability. These concerts may serve multiple objectives, such as educational initiatives through lecture demonstrations, community outreach programs to introduce classical music to younger generations, or commercially-driven events aimed at generating revenue through ticket sales, sponsorships, and merchandising.

Additionally, the goals must align with the expectations of stakeholders, including artists, sponsors, and audience members. A well-defined goal helps shape the promotional efforts and operational strategies, ensuring that the concert meets both artistic and business objectives.

Target Audience

Segmenting audiences based on demographics, musical preferences, and spending power helps tailor marketing strategies. The primary target audience includes students, music scholars, and elderly connoisseurs who have an inherent appreciation for Indian Classical Music. Additionally, efforts must be made to attract younger audiences and individuals unfamiliar with the genre through educational outreach and digital marketing initiatives.

Understanding audience expectations plays a crucial role in planning. Younger attendees may appreciate interactive and visually enhanced experiences, while traditionalists may expect an authentic performance setting with minimal modern interventions. A balance must be maintained to cater to both segments effectively.

Demand Analysis

Historical attendance records, social media trends, and artist popularity are key indicators for demand forecasting. Conducting surveys, analyzing streaming data from online platforms, and engaging with local music institutions can help organizers gauge interest levels. The demand for Indian Classical Music concerts fluctuates based on festival seasons, artist lineups, and cultural trends, necessitating adaptive strategies for concert planning.

Strategic Planning (Five Ws and Three Es)

The Five Ws (Who, What, When, Where, Why) define the core event structure, while the Three Es(Experience, Entertainment, Enterprise) ensure a holistic approach.

- **Who:** Identifying key stakeholders, including artists, sponsors, and audience demographics.
- **What:** Defining the concert format, artist lineup, and thematic presentation.
- **When:** Selecting an appropriate date based on audience availability and seasonal factors.
- **Where:** Choosing a venue that aligns with the theme, capacity, and logistical feasibility.
- **Why:** Establishing the purpose and long-term impact of the concert on cultural preservation.

Operational Planning

Detailed Breakdown of Operational Planning for a Concert

Successful concert planning requires meticulous attention to **venue selection, artist coordination, ticket pricing, and logistical arrangements**. Below is an expanded breakdown of each aspect:

1. Venue Selection

Choosing the right venue is crucial for ensuring an optimal experience for both the audience and performers. Factors to consider include:

- **Capacity & Layout**: Ensuring the venue accommodates the expected audience while maintaining a comfortable space for movement.
- **Acoustics & Sound Quality**: Indoor venues should have proper soundproofing, or acoustically perfect, while outdoor venues require careful planning for speaker placement and noise control.
- **Accessibility**: Venues should be accessible to people with disabilities, with ramps, elevators, and designated seating if needed.

- **Location & Transportation**: Proximity to public transport, parking availability, and ease of access for attendees and artists.
- **Permits & Regulations**: Securing necessary approvals for hosting an event, including noise permits, crowd control measures, and compliance with local laws.

2. Artist Coordination

Managing artists effectively ensures a seamless performance schedule. Key considerations include:

- **Contract Agreements**: Finalizing artist contracts covering performance details, fees, technical requirements, and travel/hospitality arrangements.
- **Scheduling & Rehearsals**: Organizing sound checks, rehearsals, and performance times to avoid last-minute delays.
- **Technical Riders**: Meeting artist specifications regarding sound, lighting, instruments, and backstage amenities.
- **Hospitality & Accommodation**: Arranging travel, lodging, and meals for artists and their crew to ensure a smooth experience.

3. Ticket Pricing & Sales Strategy

A well-planned ticketing strategy maximizes attendance and revenue. Considerations include:

- **Pricing Strategy**: Setting different ticket tiers (e.g., VIP, general admission) based on seating, perks, and audience demand.
- **Early Bird & Discounts**: Offering promotional pricing to encourage early sales and engagement.
- **Online & Offline Sales Channels**: Utilizing platforms like Eventbrite, BookMyShow, or custom websites for ticket sales while ensuring offline options for accessibility.
- **Scalping & Fraud Prevention**: Implementing digital ticket validation and unique QR codes to prevent fake tickets.

4. Logistical Arrangements

Ensuring smooth event operations requires coordination across multiple teams:

- **Stage Setup & Design**: Working with professionals to ensure a visually appealing and functional stage setup, including risers, platforms, and artist positioning.
- **Sound & Lighting**: Technical teams manage sound system calibration, speaker placement, lighting rigs, and special effects to enhance the concert experience.
- **Security & Crowd Management**: Hiring trained personnel to ensure safety, manage crowd flow, and handle emergencies.
- **Backstage & Green Room Management**: Providing artists with comfortable prep spaces with essentials like refreshments and changing rooms.
- **Emergency & Medical Support**: Setting up first-aid stations, coordinating with local hospitals, and ensuring fire safety measures are in place.

Financial Planning and Budgeting

Proper financial planning ensures the success and sustainability of a concert. It involves identifying **revenue streams**, allocating funds efficiently across various **expenses**, and maintaining a **contingency reserve** for unforeseen costs.

1. Revenue Streams

A concert's financial success depends on diversifying income sources. The key revenue streams include:

a. Ticket Sales

- **Primary Revenue Source**: The main sourceof income, dependent on pricing strategy and audience capacity.
- **Ticket Tiers**: General admission, VIP packages, early bird discounts, and group bookings.
- **Dynamic Pricing**: Adjusting ticket prices based on demand, time of purchase, and seating categories.

b. Sponsorships & Brand Partnerships

- **Corporate Sponsorships**: Partnering with brands for financial support in exchange for promotional opportunities.
- **In-Kind Sponsorships**: Receiving services/products (e.g., beverages, merchandise, equipment) instead of direct funds.
- **Exclusive Naming Rights**: Offering branding rights for the event, such as "Concert Presented by [Sponsor]."

c. Government Grants & Cultural Funds

- **Arts & Cultural Grants**: Some governments and cultural organizations fund events promoting music, heritage, or community engagement.
- **Tourism & City Grants**: Municipalities may support events that drive tourism and local business growth.

d. Merchandise Sales

- **Artist Merch**: Selling T-shirts, posters, and exclusive concert memorabilia.
- **Limited Edition & Signed Products**: Creating special edition items to boost sales.
- **Online & On-Site Sales**: Utilizing e-commerce and pop-up merchandise stalls at the venue.

e. Food & Beverage Sales

- **Concession Stands** : Revenue from food,

drinks, and tea/coffee sales.

- **Vendor Partnerships**: Charging vendors for space at the venue.
- **Branded Food & Drink Collaborations**: Custom drinks, snacks, or themed items related to the concert.

f. Streaming & Digital Content

- **Pay-Per-View (PPV) & Live streaming**: Selling virtual access for those who cannot attend in person.
- **YouTube Monetization &Licensing**: Uploading highlights and monetizing views.
- **Exclusive Content Packages**: Selling behind- the-scenes footage and artist interviews.

2. Expense Planning

A well-structured budget ensures all essential aspects of the concert are covered. The key expense categories include:

a. Artist & Crew Fees

- **Performance Fees**: Payments for headliners, supporting acts, and special guests.
- **Travel & Accommodation**: Covering flights, hotels / guest houses, food arrangement and local transportation.
- **Hospitality & Rider Costs**: Meeting artist requirements for food, beverages, and backstage facilities.

b. Venue Rentals & Technical Costs

- **Venue Booking**: Rental costs, deposit payments, and insurance.
- **Stage, Sound & Lighting**: Hiring equipment and professionals for setup.
- **Security & Crowd Control**: Hiring security personnel and ensuring emergency services.

c. Marketing &Promotion

- **Digital Advertising**: Social media ads, influencer promotions, and email marketing.
- **Offline Promotions**: Flyers, posters, billboards, and radio ads & invitation cards.
- **Public Relations (PR)**: Press releases, media coverage, and interviews.

d. Logistics & Operations

- **Permits & Licenses**: Legal approvals for hosting the event.
- **Event Staff & Volunteers**: Payments for organizers, ticketing agents, and supportteams.
- **Infrastructure Costs**: Rental of barriers, tents, sound & light, generators etc.

3. Contingency Fund

- **Recommended Allocation**: Setting a side**10-20%ofthetotalbudget**forunexpectedcosts.
- **Potential Risks Covered**:
  - Last-minute artist or accompanist cancellations or replacements.
  - Equipment failures or additional rentals.
  - Weather-related issues requiring extra arrangements.
  - Security or medical emergencies.

4. Financial Stability & Profitability

Ensuring financial stability and maximizing profitability are crucial for the long-term success of any concert. This involves careful financial analysis, cost management, and revenue optimization strategies.

1. Break-even Analysis

A **break-even analysis** helps determine the minimum number of ticket sales required to cover all expenses without making a loss.

Formula:

Break-even Point (Tickets)=Total Fixed Costs Ticket Price−Variable Cost per Ticket\text{Break- even Point (Tickets)} = \ frac {\text{Total Fixed Costs}}{\text{Ticket Price} - \ text{Variable Cost per Ticket}}

Key Factors in Break-even Analysis:

- **Fixed Costs**: Venue rental, artist fees, and marketing, permits, security, and staff salaries.
- **Variable Costs**: Per-ticket processing fees, artist royalties, merchandise costs, and food/beverage commissions.
- **Ticket Pricing Strategy**: Balancing affordability with profitability while considering demand.

Example:

- Fixed costs: **₹10,00,000**
- Ticket price: **₹1,500**
- Variable cost per ticket: **₹500**
- Break-even point: **1,000 tickets**

If ticket sales exceed **1,000**, the concert starts making a profit.

2. Return on Investment (ROI)

Tracking **Return on Investment (ROI)**ensures the event generates a positive financial outcome.

Formula:

ROI(%)=(Total Revenue−Total Cost Total Cost)×100
Total cost

A positive ROI indicates **profitability**, while a negative ROI suggests **losses**.

- Revenue sources such as sponsorships, merchandise, and food/beverage sales should be factored in.

Example Calculation:

- Total revenue: **₹20,00,000**
- Total cost: **₹12,00,000**

$$ROI = \frac{(20,00,000 - 12,00,000)}{12,00,000} \times 100$$

A **66.67%ROI** indicates a strong financial performance.

3. Expense Optimization

Reducing unnecessary costs while maintaining quality can significantly improve profitability.

Key Cost-cutting Strategies:

- **Negotiating Vendor Contracts**: Secure better rates for venue, sound, and lighting services.
- **Early Bookings & Bulk Discounts**: Reduce costs by booking artists, venues, andequipment in advance.
- **Sponsorship Barter Deals**: Offer branding opportunities in exchange for financial or service-based support.
- **Volunteer & Internship Programs**: Reduce staffing costs by involving passionate volunteers.
- **Hybrid Marketing Approach**: Balance digital and offline marketing to minimize advertising expenses.
- **Revenue-sharing with Vendors**: Instead of flat rental fees, collaborate on a percentage basis for merchandise and food sales.

3. Research Methods

This study utilizes a combination of **qualitative and quantitative research methods** to gather comprehensive insights into concert planning, audience engagement, and financial management. The following approaches ensure a well-rounded analysis:

1. Qualitative Research Methods

a) Interviews with Event Organizers and Musicians

- **Purpose**: To understand the challenges, strategies, and best practices in organizing successful concerts.
- **Participants**: Concert promoters, venue managers, marketing teams, artists, and musicians.
- **Key Topics Covered**:
    - Factors influencing venue and artist selection.
    - Marketing strategies and audience engagement.
    - Financial planning and sponsorship acquisition.
    - Logistical challenges and risk management.

b) Case Studies of Past Events in Jalgaon

- **Purpose**: To analyze successful and unsuccessful concerts in the region to identify patterns, trends, and lessons learned.
- **Key Elements Studied**:
    - Attendance figures and ticket pricing models.
    - Marketing campaigns and audience reach.
    - Financial success and challenges.
    - Venue suitability and technical execution.

2. Quantitative Research Methods

a) Surveys Among Concert Attendees

- **Purpose**: To understand audience preferences, spending habits, and satisfaction levels.
- **Survey Metrics Include**:
    - Preferred music genres and artists.
    - Willingness to pay for tickets and merchandise.
    - Preferred event timings and locations.
    - Experience with past concerts (e.g., sound quality, accessibility).

b) Financial Data Analysis from Concert Budgets

- **Purpose**: To evaluate financial viability, revenue streams, and cost management.
- **Key Financial Aspects Analyzed**:
    - Ticket revenue vs. total expenses.
    - Profit margins and return on investment (ROI).
    - Sponsor contributions and funding sources.
    - Cost distribution across logistics, artist fees, and marketing.

4. Concert Planning

A well-structured concert planning process ensures a seamless experience for both the audience and performers. This section outlines key areas critical to organizing a successful event.

Promotion and Marketing Strategies

Effective promotion ensures maximum audience engagement and ticket sales. A mix of **traditional** and **digital marketing** approaches is essential for broad outreach.

Traditional Advertising

- **Posters and Banners**: Placed in high-footfall areas, including malls, cafes, and public spaces.
- **Newspaper Advertisements**: Targeting local and regional audiences with event highlights.
- **Radio Promotions**: Engaging FM stations

for interviews, event teasers, and ticket giveaways.

Digital Marketing

- **Social Media Campaigns**: Utilizing platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and X (Twitter) for event updates, teaser videos, and audience interaction.
- **Influencer Collaborations**: Partnering with music bloggers, YouTubers, and local celebrities to promote the event.
- **Targeted Advertisements**: Running paid promotions on Google Ads and social media, targeting music lovers in the region.
- **Email & SMS Campaigns**: Engaging past attendees and potential audiences with personalized event updates.

Partnerships and Collaborations

- **Educational Institutions**: Engaging schools and colleges to promote cultural participation and offer student discounts.
- **Cultural Organizations**: Collaborating with music societies, art clubs, and NGOs to expand outreach.
- **Corporate Tie-Ups**: Seeking brand collaborations for cross-promotions and sponsorships.

Artist Selection and Scheduling

Selecting the right artists is key to audience satisfaction and ticket sales.

Selection Criteria

- **Audience Preferences**: Analyzing survey data and past event feedback to understand what genres and artists are in demand.
- **Seasonal Themes**: Aligning the lineup with festivals or special occasions for better audience connection.
- **Artist Availability**: Ensuring performers' schedules align with event dates and travel logistics. Giving preferences to the upcoming & promising artists.

Scheduling Considerations

- **Travel and Accommodation**: Booking flights, local transport, and hotels for artists and their teams.
- **Performance Duration**: Balancing set lengths to maintain audience engagement while allowing for smooth transitions.
- **Rehearsals and Sound Checks**: Allocating dedicated time slots for artist rehearsals and technical setups.

Sponsorship and Funding

Securing financial support ensures sustainability and allows for better production quality.

Potential Sponsorship Sources

- **Local Businesses**: Restaurants, retail brands, and tech companies looking for brand exposure.
- **Cultural Institutions**: Government bodies and art councils supporting music initiatives.
- **Corporate Sponsorships**: Engaging companies interested in CSR or brand marketing.
- **Media Partnerships**: Collaborating with TV, radio, and online media outlets for promotional support.

Alternative Funding Methods

- **Crowd funding Platforms**: Using sites like Kick starter or Patreon to engage music enthusiasts willing to support niche concerts.
- **Exclusive Memberships**: Offering VIP passes, backstage access, or early ticket releases for premium supporters.
- **Merchandising**: Selling artist merchandise, event souvenirs, and digital downloads to generate extra revenue.

Venue Selection and Logistics

Choosing the right venue impacts audience experience and operational efficiency.

Key Venue Selection Factors

- **Acoustic Quality**: Ensuring excellent sound clarity and minimal echo for an immersive experience.
- **Seating Capacity**: Matching venue size to expected attendance for a full yet comfortable atmosphere.
- **Accessibility**: Providing easy transport options, wheelchair-friendly facilities, andclear entry-exit routes.
- **Ambiance**: Aligning venue aesthetics with the concert's theme for a visually engaging experience.

Logistical Considerations

- **Stage Setup**: Designing a performance-friendly layout with proper stage height and viewing angles.
- **Lighting & Sound**: Coordinating with technical teams for optimal sound mixing and visual effects.
- **Greenrooms & Hospitality**: Ensuring artists have dedicated spaces for relaxation, preparation, and refreshments.
- **Security & Crowd Management**: Deploying security personnel, medical assistance, and emergency exits for audience safety.

5. Operational Execution

Executing a concert successfully requires a well-

structured operational plan, ensuring a seamless experience for both attendees and performers. This section outlines key components of operational execution.

Audience Engagement and Ticketing
Managing ticket sales and audience interactions crucial for maximizing attendance and revenue.

Ticketing Platforms

- **Online Ticketing**: Utilizing platforms like BookMyShow, Paytm Insider, or in-house booking systems for digital sales.
- **Offline Sales**: Setting up physical ticket booths at strategic locations such as malls, universities, and music stores.

Special Discounts &Memberships

- **Student & Senior Citizen Discounts**: Encouraging broader participation with reduced-price tickets.
- **Group Discounts**: Offering special rates for families, friends, and corporate bookings.
- **Membership Programs**: Providing perks like early access, reserved seating, and exclusive merchandise to frequent attendees.

Audience Engagement Strategies

- **Social Media Polls & Contests**: Running giveaways for free tickets and backstagepasses.
- **Pre-Event Engagement**: Organizing Q&A sessions, artist meet-and-greet events, and interactive content to build excitement.
- **Post-Event Feedback**: Gathering insights through surveys and social media interactions for future improvements.

Stage Setup and Sound Arrangements
A well-planned stage setup enhances the performance quality and audience experience.

Sound check Protocols

- **Instrumental Balance**: Ensuring clarity across vocals, instruments, and background tracks.
- **Speaker Placement**: Positioning sound equipment for even audio distribution across the venue.
- **Backup Equipment**: Having spare microphones, cables, and sound systems in case of technical failures.

Stage Aesthetics &Lighting

- **Theme-Aligned Design**: Using backdrops, LED screens, and stage props that complement the event's theme.
- **Lighting Coordination**: Synchronizing lights with performances for a dynamic visual experience.

Technical Rehearsals

- **Run-Throughs with Artists**: Conducting rehearsals to fine-tune transitions and eliminate performance gaps.
- **Coordinating with Technical Teams**: Aligning light operators, sound engineers, and stage managers for smooth execution.

Risk Management and Security
Concerts require robust security measures to ensure the safety of attendees, performers, and staff.

Crowd Control Measures

- **Security Personnel Deployment**: Placing guards at entry points, backstage areas, andkey locations.
- **Queue & Entry Management**: Using barricades and digital ticket scanning toprevent congestion.
- **Restricted Access Zones**: Managing VIP sections, greenrooms, and artist lounges with designated passes.

Emergency Response Planning

- **Medical Assistance**: Setting up first-aid stations with paramedics on standby.
- **Fire Safety & Evacuation Plans**: Ensuring exits are well-marked and accessible.
- **Lost & Found Desk**: Establishing a point for lost items and missing persons assistance.

Insurance & Liability Coverage

- **Public Liability Insurance**: Covering potential claims from audience injuries or property damage.
- **Artist & Equipment Insurance**: Protecting against unforeseen cancellations or technical failures.

Legal and Licensing Considerations
Compliance with legal regulations ensures smooth operations and avoids penalties.

Performance Rights &Permissions

- **Music Licensing**: Obtaining necessary rights from copyright agencies like PPL (Phonographic Performance Limited) or IPRS (Indian Performing Rights Society).
- **Artist Contracts**: Ensuring legal agreements cover payment terms, performance duration, and exclusivity clauses.

Venue & Safety Compliance

- **Municipal Approvals**: Securing permissions from local authorities for large gatherings.
- **Fire & Safety Inspections**: Ensuring

adherence to electrical and fire safety regulations.
- **Noise Control Regulations**: Abiding by sound limits and event timing restrictions imposed by local laws.

Taxation & Sponsorship Agreements
- **GST & Entertainment Tax**: Registering and complying with applicable tax regulations.
- **Sponsorship Contracts**: Clearly defining branding rights, deliverables, and payment terms with sponsors.

6. Concert Evaluation and Feedback Post-event evaluation is essential to measure the success of the concert and identify areas for improvement. A structured approach ensures that insights from attendees, artists, and financial reviews contribute to future event planning.

Attendee Feedback and Experience Analysis
Gathering audience opinions helps assess the concert's impact and refine future strategies.
Methods of Collecting Feedback:
- **Online Surveys**: Sending email or SMS-based surveys to ticket holders.
- **Social Media Polls & Comments**: Engaging with attendees through Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.
- **On-Site Interviews**: Collecting real-time feedback from attendees at the venue.

Key Metrics for Evaluation:
- **Overall Satisfaction**: Rating the concert experience from 1 to 10.
- **Artist Performance**: Feedback on musical quality, stage presence, and interaction.
- **Venue & Logistics**: Opinions on seating, sound, lighting, and accessibility.
- **Ticket Pricing & Value**: Was the event worth the cost?
- **Suggestions for Improvement**: Open-ended responses on what could be better.

Artist and Performer Reviews
Understanding the artist's perspective ensures better coordination in future concerts.

Artist Evaluation Criteria:
- **Technical Support**: Sound quality, stage setup, and rehearsal efficiency.
- **Audience Engagement**: Crowd response and overall experience.
- **Hospitality & Comfort**: Accommodation, backstage facilities, and logistics.
- **Event Management &Coordination**: Communication with organizers and adherence to schedules.

Financial Review and Profitability Analysis
A detailed financial assessment ensures transparency and financial stability for future events.
Financial Metrics to Analyze:
- **Revenue Breakdown**: Ticket sales, sponsorships, merchandise, and other earnings.
- **Expense Analysis**: Venue costs, artist fees, marketing, logistics, and security.
- **Break-Even Analysis**: Was the minimum ticket sale target achieved?
- **Return on Investment (ROI)**: Comparison of total revenue vs. total expenses.
- **Cost Optimization Opportunities**: Identifying areas where costs can be reduced.

Recommendations for Future Concerts
Based on feedback and financial insights, strategic improvements can be made:
- **Enhancing Marketing Strategies**: Adjusting digital campaigns and sponsorship approaches.
- **Improving Venue Selection &Logistics**: Ensuring better accessibility, seating, and sound quality.
- **Optimizing Ticket Pricing & Sales**: Offering dynamic pricing or membership benefits.
- **Refining Artist Coordination**: Streamlining communication and backstage management.
- **Strengthening Security &Risk Management**: Implementing more efficient crowd control and emergency response plans.

7. Conclusion
This study outlines a structured approach to managing Indian Classical Music concerts in Jalgaon, ensuring a balance between cultural authenticity and modern event management strategies. By integrating **traditional concert planning methods** with **contemporary marketing, financial planning, and operational execution**, event organizers can create a **sustainable and engaging experience** for audiences, artists, and stakeholders.
A key take away from this study is the importance of **strategic planning**—from venue selection and artist coordination to marketing, sponsorships, and financial management. The combination of **digital outreach, effective budgeting, and audience-centric initiatives** ensures long-term success for classical music events.
Furthermore, **post-event evaluation and feedback**

mechanisms provide valuable insights for continuous improvement, allowing organizers to refine their approaches, optimize resources, and enhance the overall concert experience.

3. **By adopting a well-structured and data-driven approach, Indian Classical Music concerts in Jalgaon can reach a broader audience, preserve cultural heritage, and remain financially viable**

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A Review of initiatives, Challenges and Educational Transformation of Digital India Programme in Secondary Schools

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Abstract*–In the twenty-first century, digital buzzwords are common. We all are living in the digital age. Our honourable Prime Minister PM Narendra Modi launched the Digital India Programme (DIP) in an effort to promote digitalisation. 'Digital India Programme' is a flagship programme of Government of India that looking for to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy [1]. Digital India Programme is transformational in character and would confirm that government services are available to citizens electronically by reducing paper work. The main motto behind the Digital India Programme(DIP) to make digitalisation of all sectors including banking, finance, health, automobile, manufacturing, education, pharmacy etc. We are noticing tremendous shifts are occurring in education sector due to presence of Digital India Programme (DIP) in secondary schools. This paper focuses on concept of Digital India Programme (DIP), its initiatives, its challenges and how DIP transforming education sector.*

Keywords-*Digital India, Initiatives, digitalisation, empower*

I. INTRODUCTION

Our honourable Prime minister inaugurated "Digital India" movement in 2015.The motto of Digital India to make India digitally empowered and knowledge economy. Digital India was an initiative taken by the Government of India for providing high-speed internet networks to rural areas. It includes including Make in India, Bharatmala, Sagarmala, Startup India, BharatNet, and Standup India. Digital India Programme was established with a intension of growth in areas of electronic services, products, manufacturing and job opportunities. There are three core components to the Digital India initiative. There are nine components of Digital India programme. They are encourages digital infrastructure creation, digitaldelivery of services, and digital literacy. The initiatives under Digital India Programme are being used by sectors such as banking, marketing, health, agriculture, finance, education, law, pharmacy, textile etc. The Government of India and MHRD has launched various programmes and initiatives to ensure learning equity. It includes National Digital Educational Architecture (NDEAR), PMeVIDYA, and Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA), SWAYAM PRABHA, eBasta, Schoolbooks to E-books, Wi-Fi in all universities etc. The following image illustrating about nine pillars of Digital India Program.



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Initiatives under Digital India Programme in secondary school:

E-Pathshala:

It is portal developed by CIET and NCERT. It has educational resources and contents for teachers, students, parents, researchers and educators. It is available on web, google play, app store etc. It contains audio and videos of educational content. These contents can be downloaded without any downloading limit.It support flip book format.

E-Basta:

eBasta is a platform to make school books accessible in digital form as e-books to be read andused on tablets and laptops. It can be used by teachers, students and publishers.

It is organised and easy management of resources. It can accessible on PC, laptop and tab.

PM e-Vidya:

It is comprehensive programme under Digital India movement.It is related to digital, on air and online education. It contains various initiatives of DIP for digital education.

DIKSHA:

DIKSHA represents Digital Infrastructure for knowledge Sharing. DIKSHA portal is platform that is available for the android and iOS users. It includes audio and video educational content. It is available in English and local languages like Hindi,Telgu, Tamil, Bengali, Gujrathi, Kannada etc. languages. The content is in Pdf and HTML format. We can store locally and share the content without need of internet. The content comes with QR code for flexible uses. The content in DIKSHA app is created by students and teachers. It also contains quizzes for students.

Swayam Prabha:

It is group of television channels run by Doordarshan. It is group of 32 DTH channels. It operates using GSAT- 15 satellite. It telecasts class 1 to class 12 educations programs on daily basis. It also shows repeated telecast too.

Shiksha Vani Podcast:

It is used to keep update students, teachers and parents updated about latest news and events of CBSE. It is radio podcast for class 9 to class 12 students. It is available on google plat store. Shikshavani contains content in the form of audio files on topics in accordance with NCERT curriculum.

E-Abhyas:

It is learning platform for students who are doing preparation of NEET, JEE and IIT-JEE. It is mainly for competitive exams. It provides systematic content for students.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Rajkumari Singh, Manju Johari and Neeta Gupta(2016) the article discussed the Digital India Programme, a comprehensive initiative launched in 2015 with the aim of digitally empowering India. It focuses on the potential impact of this program on the education sector in India. The program's objectives, such as bridging the digital divide, transforming the country into a digitally empowered society, and providing government services electronically, are outlined. The support from global investors like Microsoft and Google ishighlighted, indicating the international significance of this endeavour. The scope of the Digital India Programme is examined, emphasizing the need to make technology central for enabling change and to create a knowledge-based society. The article also stated the program's potential to improve school attendance and educational outcomes through the use of technology and electronic media. Despite its comprehensive coverage of the program's objectives, support, and scope, the article lacks organization and critical analysis. Further, the abstract suggests the need for a structured format, attention to grammatical details, and a balanced consideration of potential challenges and criticisms. In conclusion, the Digital India Programme holds promise for transforming various sectors, including education, through the leverage of digital resources and technology.

Morve Roshan K., and Mustafa Majid Abbas. (2018) the impact of "Digital India" on Educational System." The research examined that Digital India is really beneficial for students, teachers and stakeholders in education sector. It mentioned the definition of education and how digitalisation revolution made it remarkable. It also stated the transition of education to e- education then mobile education. It concluded that the Digital India program (DIP) should get benefit to every student, school and educational institute.

Srivathsani, S. Vasantha. (2019) this article expressed the overview of Digital India Programme and its significant impact on Indian education system. It stated that it is today's need to accept digitalsation of education system in India. It focused on literature review of Digital India Programme and its conceptual framework. It stated initiatives like Basta, Saransh, E-Pathshala, ShaalaSiddhi, and e-

Education etc. it's contribution in education.The article highlighted that Digital India is a powerful initiative and its success depends on the proper involvement of teachers and students. In conclusion section, the article provided exploration of Digital India's role in education and its implications. The proposed conceptual framework suggested for infrastructure, content exploration and teacher training education in India.

Chaurasia(2019) investigated in her empirical study on impact of Digital India Programme among students at higher educational level and found that there is a significant impact on students. Findings are explained that 82% students have knowledge about Digital India Programme. Whereas 72% male and 63% female students have knowledge about major initiatives under Digital India Programme. 67% male and 50 % female students are aware about digital practices and strategies. 62% male and 57% female students believe development andmodernization must results due to digitization. 75% students blame non-digital and non- technology based educational sector the main cause for low growth and unemployment in India. 73% male and 30% female students believe use of digital technology is much higher in urban areas than rural areas. 90% male and 75% female students agreed to adopt digital practices and strategies. 93% male and 86% female students demand more awareness and information related to Digital India Programme.

Krishnaprabu (2019) It identified an active involvement of various departments such as Pharmcy, marketing, medical, agriculture, telecommunication, justice, finance and planning, health department etc. He suggested that digital technology to be accessible to every citizen. As well as finding vendors who can provide digital applications. Author mentioned the need of communication network for disaster/crisis management, administration, and security purposes. He also stated that digital India programme is in initial stage to grow .It we all citizens should mentally prepare to accept and adopt digitisation.

Srivastava S, Kalaiselvi K (2019): This paper explains the importance of ICT and how ICT effectively makes glorious development in all sectors. It focused on the importance, focus of the Digital India program and its significant impacts. It briefed about the scope of the Digital India program (DIP) including MyGov.in, Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), E-Sign framework, online reservation system(ORS) etc. It identified economic impacts like India's GDP will reach to 1 trillion dollars, India is the 2nd largest telecom market in the world and the world's 3rd largest Internet market with almost 259 million broadband users. There is a huge economic opportunity in India. It stated social impact like DIP online MOOC courses will increase the number of qualified students in India. It also stated environmental impact such as DIP will increase cloud computing technologies that emit less carbon footprint. This article concluded that digitally empowers India to improve social, economic, and environmental growth with the use of ICT and DIP.

Sridevi (2020) paper describe how technology connectivity will create together an impact and challenges of digital India. Companies are interested to invest in digital India for their growth opportunities. The researcher also aims in finding how the government services can function effectively in achieving the digital India vision in to reality. The important aspects of this research focus on regional language, internet connection, user friendly, mobile device access and digital literacy.

Digital India program is an initial stage of digital revolution in our country and they aware about initiative but still they need more awareness about digital India services.

Kavita(2020) This article highlighted National Education Policy (NEP) of 2020 co-relation with Digital India Programme's initiatives in education domain. NEP 2020 tries to enhance India's educational system, making it more adaptable and flexible to serve the knowledge and technology. It stressed the significance of digital education, mapping it with the 2030 sustainable development agenda. The article concluded by expressing the phenomenon role of Digital India Programme (DIP) in Indian education system. The association of NEP with Digital India Programme (DIP) not only encourage creative thinking but also problem solving skills.

C.K.Hebber (2020) in this research a paper author presented that the digital India program should be mingled with traditional learning methodologies in the education system. The researcher collected primary and secondary data. The primary data was collected from teachers and students whereas secondary data was collected from books, websites, and newspapers. According to his primary data collection, he concluded that 65% of students (Bhatkal taluka) want to adopt digital technologies whereas 35% don't want to adopt digitalization in the education sector. 85% of students are aware of digital technology. He also concluded that new digitalization should hold the originality of education.

Swarooprani (2021) discussed the opportunities and challenges of digital India explains about government should be sustainable solutions for ensuring the digital services focusing on online infrastructure, internet speed and coordination among different department especially in rural areas.The finding shows citizen need to actively engage in digital India platform for their future.

Santosh Kumar (2021). The article provided an overview of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the education sector in India. It highlighted the obstacles faced by students and educators due to lockdowns. The article discusses how various digital initiatives and platforms launched by the Indian government, such as DIKSHA and SWAYAM to assist remote education. It stated the positive effects of these digital shifts such as improved digital literacy, learning opportunities and more efficient time management. The article also discusses the negative impacts, including less job opportunities and technological challenges associated with e-learning platforms. The article proposed recommendations such as ensuringinclusive education for all, mitigating the impact on job opportunities and improving online learning quality. The article concluded with how Indian education system transform from traditional education system to digital adoption in education system. It stated positive impacts of initiatives under Digital India programme.

Dilpreet Kaur, Chitsimran, Rakesh Mahajan and Amarjit Sidhu(2022) have found digital India mission has some barriers like each pillar has it's own problem, lack of infrastructure, problems in implementing entities at the actual fields and citizens are not digitally aware. However researchers have concluded with remedies for barriers like electronic manufacturing, skill development, work on digital literacy and awareness level, provide help centres in each state to solve public issue.

Teena P. Darbar(2022) This article focused on the concept of Digital India programme(DIP) and it's history, vision, mission objective, and progress. It briefed about various DIP initiatives such as Digilocker,e-hospital,e-pathshala, BHIM, Aadhar, center for Excellence for Internet of Things(CE-IOT), CSE, cyber swasth Kendra, DIKSHA, Digisevak, etc.This article also forecasted the future progress of the Digital India program (DIP) would help to increase India's GDP to a remarkable level i.e 1 trillion by 2025. This article concluded that the Digital India programme(DIP) will expand digital infrastructure in the country and the coming Digital India program (DIP)'s initiatives will be implemented by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY).

Sujata Chandrakant Patil (2023) discusses the Digital India initiative, a program initiated by the Government of India,aimed atdigitally empowering the country. It is launched in 2015, the Digital India campaign focuses on improving digital infrastructure, enhancing governance and services, and empowering citizens digitally. The article outlines the objectives of Digital India, including providing high-speed internet access to rural areas and ensuring easy access to digital services. It also identifies challenges such as the slow speed of internet, a shortage of skilled digital workforce, and a lack ofusereducation. Opportunities are highlighted including the linking of post office branches in rural areas and the potential for economic improvement through digital infrastructure. The article suggests that policy changes and effective participation across various departments are needed to make Digital India a reality. The paper offers insights into the significance, challenges and potential of the Digital India initiative.

III. CONCLUSIONS

Digital India Programme (DIP) is the most ambitious and promising project of Government of India. It has made a significant impact on various sectors including education. As many studies have shown that Digital India Programme (DIP) is playing crucial role in bridging the digital divide. It promotes digital awareness and promoting digital literacy. The studies also shown DIP initiatives transform education to e-education in secondary education. Many studies have shown remarkable use of Digital India Programme (DIP) initiatives such as e-basta, e-pathshala, DIKSHA, PMeVidya, e-book etc. The use of Digital India Programme (DIP) initiatives in secondary school encourages interactive learning and teaching. Despite its benefits in, DIP still has various challenges. It includes challenges like slow internet speed, poor digital infrastructure, poor connectivity, lack of digital literacy etc. To resolve these challenges there should be combined efforts from the government, educational institutions, and educational stakeholders are needed. The Digital India Programme will give digital recognition to India as a digital hub in the globe. In such a way India is transiting from a developing country to a developed country.

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Evaluating Factors Influencing Investment Decisions in Jalgaon City

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Abstract-*This study focuses on key factors impacting individual investors in Jalgaon city through primary data collected from a structured survey titled, "Evaluating Factors Influencing Investment Decisions". Some being investment preferences, financial goals, risk tolerance, sources of decision-making, and influences of the market on their examinations, making the study insight into the behavior of traders. According to findings, stocks and mutual funds are preferred options, fixed deposits, real estate and gold are also some investments. The qualification of investing is mainly for wealth creation and retirement, as well as emergency. Potential returns, level of risk, and the reputation of a company or investment were found to be the most important factors in deciding where to put money, while tax benefits and recommendations from family and friends were of less importance. Investors tend to have a moderate tolerance for risk, with less pursuing high or low-risk strategies. While the decisions of many investors are swayed by market fluctuations, others are not. The investors are often influenced by popular walking paths, commonly read financial news, earnings reports, and personal recommendations instead of a subjective analysis. A core realization is the equilibrium that investors strive for between risk and return factors. Although high returns influence preferences, they must also consider a company's reputation and market stability to reduce risk. These findings are consistent with existing literature which has shown both rational and psychological factors influence investment behavior. In conclusion, this research presents a detailed examination of the critical factors influencing investment decision-making, providing valuable insights for financial professionals, and investors as they confront the multifaceted realities of the investment environment*

Keywords - *Investment factors, Investment decisions, Investment behavior*

I. Introduction

Investments are resources, usually money, invested into assets or businesses to generate income or profit over time. Investments are at the heart of financial management and are made by people, companies, and agencies to increase wealth, meet financial challenges, or ensure future financial security

Financial instruments can be: Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETFs, fixed deposits, etc.

A stock is a share in the ownership of a company, entitling the stockholder to a proportional share of the company's profits. Bonds are loans to governments or corporations that pay interest and return principal at maturity. Mutual funds manage investments in various classes of assets and fixed deposit is a low-risk, fixed-return investment. Real assets are tangible investments such as gold, real estate and commodities; alternative investments are

usually private equity, hedge funds and crypto currencies.

Investment decisions involve the forecasting of investment projects and the decision of how to allocate financial resources to different investment options with the goal of achieving specific financial objectives .These decisions are the basic determinants of individual and institutional financial health, defining the prospects for wealth creation, financial security, and, ultimately, sustainable financial survivability. It takes a thoughtful assessment of available opportunities such as risk, return, time or financial goals. These are impacted not only by internal factors, like income level, financial goals, psychological preferences, but also by external factors, such as economic trends, government policies, and market dynamics.

Investment decisions are important because they affect financial stability and the capacity to fulfill future commitments, whether investing for retirement, paying for education or for growing business.[1]

Objectives

To understand the elements that form the basis of investment decisions of people in Jalgaon .

- To analyze which factors are most influential while making investment choices, for people in Jalgaon.
- To provide insights that help in improving investment strategies and financial planning.

Scope of study

The study aims to evaluate the investment behavior of individuals and the causation behind it.

The scope of the study is confined to 105 people, between the ages of 18-65, who are residents of Jalgaon. (Maharashtra, India)

These residents participated in the online survey created and circulated in January 2025, to aid this study. Primary data was collected through the medium of this online survey.

The survey had questions that revolved around determinants of investor preferences, demographic characteristics and Behavioral Aspects.

Limitations of the study

- The study is limited to 105 people of Jalgaon , this may restrict the generalization of findings in comparison of a larger population.
- The study relies on self-reported data, which could be influenced by personal biases or incomplete understanding of concepts.
- The study provides an overview of the investment behavior during a specific period (January 2025), changes in market conditions or investor sentiment over time may not be reflected in the findings.

II. Literature Review

The determinants of investment decisions are based on both rational and psychological elements. This literature review studies previously performed researches in the field, these form the basis of understanding for the study.

Sinha & Shunmuga sundaram,(2023) did a research using the PRISMA guidelines that showed that there is an important relationship between 21 different behavioral biases and investment decisions. (V., 2023)

Jagongo & Mutswenje (2014) conducted a study in the Nairobi Stock Exchange and found that ‘reputation of the firm, expected profit earnings, price per share’ were a few factors that impacted the choices of investors. (Jagongo, 2014)

Cahanap & Tan surveyed a 100 certified public accountants in Davao city and found that despite the financial expertise, CPA’S tend to be influenced by their psychological biases thus identifying the relationship between investment determinants and risky financial decisions. (Tan, 2020)

Zahro, Rahayu & Triyonowati, (2024) executed a survey of people aged between 18-26 years of age and found that financial literacy and attitude towards investment impact positively while risk perception has a negative effect. (M.Zahro, 2024)

Almansou, Elkrghli, & Almansour, A. (2023) studied the impact of behavioral finance factors on investment decisions in the stock markets of Saudi, it showed that elements like herding, disposition effect, and overconfidence have an indirect power on the choices made by the investors. (almansour, 2023)

Deshmukh, & Joseph, (2016) mentioned in the study that motivation, incentive, perception are among the cue that form the foundation of intention of investment. (Deshmukh gopal, 2016)

Tyagi, Tiwari, & Garg, (2018) accounted that demographic and psychographic factors such as age , occupation , marital status, investors attitude , perception and others cause an effect on the options that investors choose. (Tyagi shobhika, 2018)

P.Shrestha (2020) used the survey method to compare the variables of investment, findings indicated that company related variables (CRV) are the most influential, followed by market related variables (MRV) and then risk related variables (RRV) amongst the Nepalese Investors in Surkhet Valley. (Shretha, 2020)

Thus all these studies direct that the decision to invest in a certain asset is an deliberate action by people and they use various factors such as company reputation, risk , liquidity, popularity and others either rationally or psychologically to make choices.

III. Research methodology

This study uses a descriptive research design. The data used is primary data collected through a survey "Evaluating factors influencing investment decisions" conducted online with 105 participants of Jalgaon city.

The convenience sampling method is used to reach the potential investors from varied backgrounds in demographics and professions.

The survey had a structured questionnaire that included multiple choice questions which were designed to get an appropriate idea about investor's preferences. Likert scale was used for questions based on rankings.

The data collected is arranged in the form of charts and tables for the ease of analysis.

A. Age of Respondents

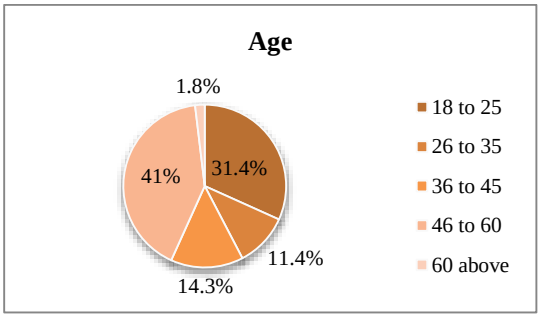


Figure 1 age of respondents

Table 1 Age of Respondents

Age	No. of respondents	Percentage value
18-25 years	33	31.4%
26-35 years	12	11.4%
36-45 years	15	14.3%
46-60 years	43	41%
Above 60 years	02	1.8%

41% of respondents belong to the middle-age group of 46-60 years and 37.9% of respondents are 30-45 years old, suggesting that the middle-age population is more active in investment activities. this may be because of more disposable income, some financial literacy, and importance in accumulating wealth for retirement. Age-wise, those between 18-25 years constituted a substantive segment (31.4%), indicating the budding interest among younger investors, likely fueled by greater access to financial education and online investment platforms. The 26-35 (11.4%) and 36-45 (14.3%) age brackets create a moderate group, where career advancement is active but financial investment decisions also take precedence. Just 1.8% of respondents are over 60 years of age.

B. Occupation of Respondents

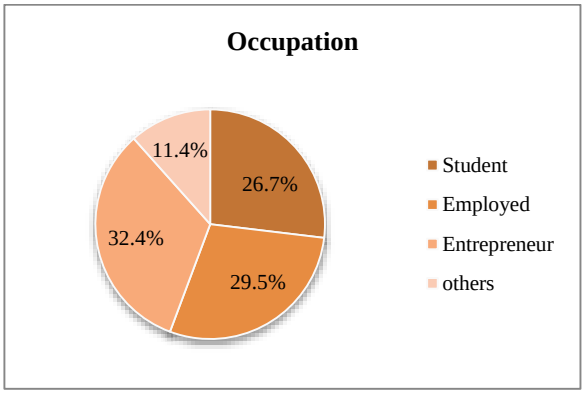


Figure 2 Occupation of Respondents

Table 2 Occupation of Respondents

Occupation	No. of respondents	Percentage value
Student	28	26.7%
Employed	31	29.5%
Entrepreneur	34	32.4%
Others	08	11.4%
Total	105	100.0%

The largest subgroup among the respondents are entrepreneurs (32.4%), followed by employed (29.5%) and students (26.7%). This means business

owners tend to invest, this can be because of their risk taking mindset, financial ability and the need to earn from multiple sources of revenue. While employed individuals invest for financial security, tax saving and future planning, students may be learning about investment opportunities at an early stage due to raising awareness and easy digital investing.

The 11.4% “others" cohort encompasses retirees, homemakers, or part-time workers who partake in investing for wealth preservation or passive income generation.

The data makes it clear that investing is a common practice shared by people in varied lines of work.

C. Annual Income of Respondents

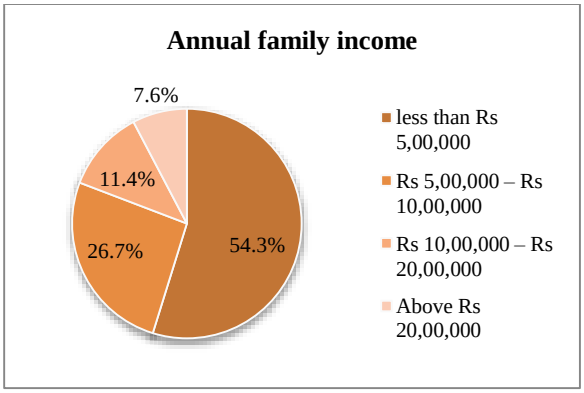


Figure 3 Annual Income of Respondents

Table 3 Annual Income of Respondents

Annual income	No. of respondents	Percentage value
less than Rs 5,00,000	57	54.3%
Rs 5,00,000 to Rs 10,00,000	28	26.7%
Rs 10,00,000 to Rs 20,00,000	12	11.4%
Above Rs 20,00,000	08	7.6%
Total	105	100.0%

A huge section, (54.3%) of respondents earn less than ₹5,00,000 per annum, this shows that majority of investors are from the middle-income groups. Indicating that affordability and their risk profile makes the most impact on their investment decisions The ₹5,00,000 to ₹10,00,000 income group makes up the (26.7%) This income group can often afford to work for growth opportunities while keeping funds liquid enough so that they may be able to support their needs and have a comfortable lifestyle. The ₹10,00,000 to ₹20,00,000 (11.4%) and above ₹20,00,000 (7.6%) cohorts represent high-income individuals that can potentially have higher sophistication and wider exposure to investment classes like equities, real estate and portfolio diversification.

These groups have the financial power to invest in long-term or low-liquidity investments, such as real estate.

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D. Experience in investing

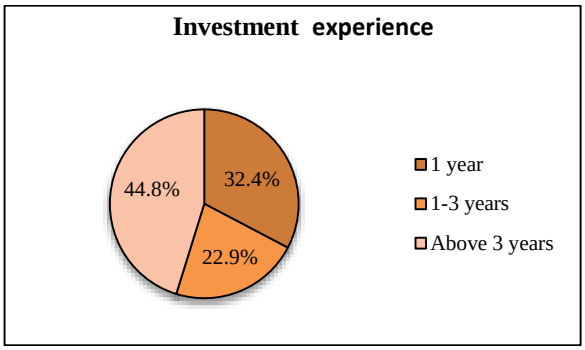


Figure 4 Investment Experience of Respondents

Table 4 Investment Experience of Respondents

Investing experience	No. of respondents	Percentage value
1 year	34	32.4%
1-3 years	24	22.9%
Above 3 years	47	44.8%
Total	105	100.0%

The time frame for which an individual has been investing is highly influential in determining how one formulates their Investment decisions. (44.8%) of respondents have more than three years of experience in investing, acting as a market strength and indicating as a strong base of experience buyers who are most likely to make an informed financial decision. Investors with one year of experience (32.4%) are new to the field ,which means likely experimenting with different asset classes and/or learning about risk-return trade-offs is involved. Years 1-3 (22.9%) This group might have figured out investment strategies according to their goals. A high percentage of seasoned investors indicates a greater consciousness for financial markets and a move away from conventional savings strategies towards diversified investment portfolios.

E. Preference of respondents across various investment avenues

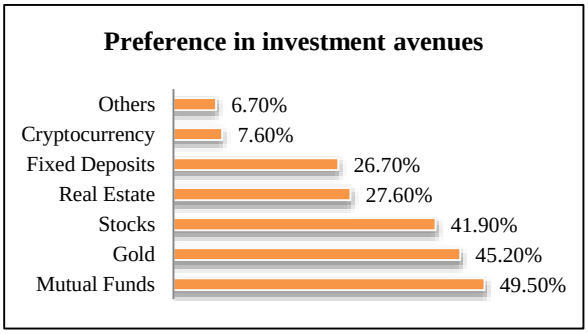


Figure 5 Preference of Investment Avenues

Table 5 Preference of Investment Avenues

Investment Option	Number of Respondents (Frequency)	Percentage value	Rank
Mutual Funds	52	49.5%	1
Gold	48	45.2%	2
Stocks	44	41.9%	3
Real Estate	29	27.6%	4
Fixed Deposits	28	26.7%	5
Crypto currency	8	7.6%	6
Others	7	6.9%	7

It is observed that (49.5%) of respondents prefer mutual funds as an investment option. This indicates that mutual funds are considered, by investors, to be a balanced investment portal that provides diversification and financial management to investors.

Gold came in second preferred by (45.2%) of respondents, this is because it is one of the most traditionally chosen ways of investing, especially in times of economic uncertainty. Availability of digital gold and EFT's facilitated this.

Stocks, selected by (41.9%), follow in third place, indicating a strong preference for direct equity investments, potentially motivated by the prospect of superior returns, liquidity and partial-ownership.

Real estate occupies the fourth spot (26.7%), emphasizes it is becoming increasingly appealing as a long-term investment.

At 26.0% fixed deposits suggest money is piling up in less risk-averse, lower-yielding investments, while fixed deposits are known for stability they may be losing the charm for new investors due to low returns Crypto currency, with only (7.6%) preference, ranks sixth, suggesting that while digital assets are gaining traction, they remain a niche choice due to high volatility and regulatory concerns.

The "Others" category, at (6.9%), suggests alternative investments like bonds, commodities, pension funds or peer-to-peer lending are preferred by few investors.

Overall, the data suggests that a strong preference for relatively safer investment avenues that have high to moderate return rates, with some interest in riskier asset classes like crypto currencies

F. Motive for Investing

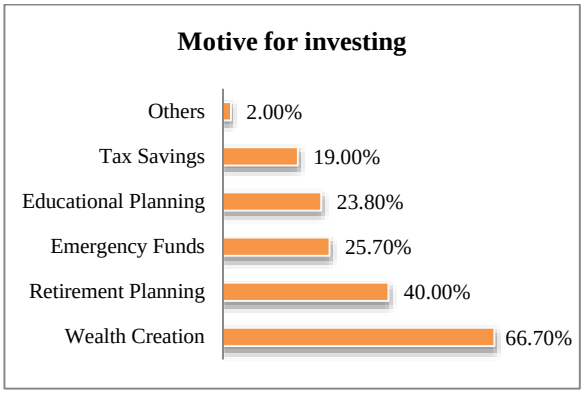


Figure 6 Motivation for Investment

Table 6 Motivation for Investment

Investment Goal	Number of Respondents (Frequency)	Percentage (%)	Rank
Wealth Creation	70	66.7%	1
Retirement Planning	42	40.%	2
Emergency Funds	27	25.7%	3
Educational Planning	25	23.8%	4
Tax Savings	20	19%	5
Others	2	2%	6

According to the survey results, the main goal of investment for the majority of respondents (66.7%) is wealth creation, that is, the first priority. This indicates long-term financial growth and capital appreciation as the key emphasis for investors.

Retirement planning ranks as the second-most common goal, selected by (40%) of respondents —

showing that a large segment of investors today prioritize financial security in their golden years. This is consistent with growing appreciation for how important long-term financial planning will be.

Emergency funds, cited by (25.7%) of consumers in third place, reflect the need for cash and savings reserves for unforeseen events. Educational planning, at (23.8%), adopts a similar pattern — many investors are aware enough of the fragility of the education of self or dependents and thus plan for it in advance.

Tax savings have (19%) at fifth place, this represents that while investments could be a good way towards tax efficiency, it is not the main drive for investor's choices.

"Others" with (2%), includes investment for other personal objectives.

In conclusion, it is observed that investors prioritize long-term planning and the potential increase in their earnings while investing.

G. Significant factors that influence investment decisions

Likert scale was used to get rankings on the factors that affect investment decisions.

Here, on the scale 1 represents most important factor and 5 represents the least important factor.

Weighted mean is calculated to make the process of analysis easier; it is used to rank the factors in terms of influence.

Formula used for weighted mean for calculation of ranks: Weighted mean =

$$\frac{1*f1+2*f2+3*f3+4*f4+5*f5}{\text{Total responses}}$$

Where f1, f2, f3, f4, f5are the frequency for each rating (1-5)



Figure " Factors In Terms Of Influence

Table " Factors In Terms Of Influence

Factor	1 (Most Imp.)	2	3	4	5 (Least Imp.)	Total Responses	Weighted Mean	Rank
Risk Level	51	20	24	3	7	105	2.00	1
Potential Returns	49	27	19	3	7	105	2.05	2
Company Reputation	48	21	22	5	9	105	2.10	3
Liquidity of Investment	38	22	35	8	2	105	2.18	4
Past Performance	36	27	24	15	3	105	2.26	5
Market Trends	33	31	25	8	8	105	2.31	6
Tax Benefits	37	21	29	7	11	105	2.37	7
Recommendations (Friends & Family)	26	22	31	17	9	105	2.63	8

The data featured above shows the most important considerations behind investments with the weighted mean score as the ranking.

The most crucial factor is risk level; it shows that investors assess risk before investing and want to save themselves from any future losses.

Potential returns from investment take the second rank, indicating the urge of investors to get the highest possible returns from their investment. Investors intend to strike a balance in returns and risk.

Company reputation a dynamic property ranks third, indicating the importance of trust and credibility in investment decisions.

Past performance and Investment liquidity, these two factors show a mid-level importance, investors consider both of these while making an investment decision but these come after assessing the risk levels and future returns.

Next are tax benefits and market trends , ranking lower, which suggests that while these variables play a role in complex decisions, they do not lead the way in being the most critical factors.

Recommendations from friends and family rank the lowest with suggesting that investors do not highly depend on others and make independent investment decisions.

Overall the data indicates that balancing the risk and returns are utmost crucial for investors followed by the credibility, liquidity and other benefits.

H. Risk Tolerance

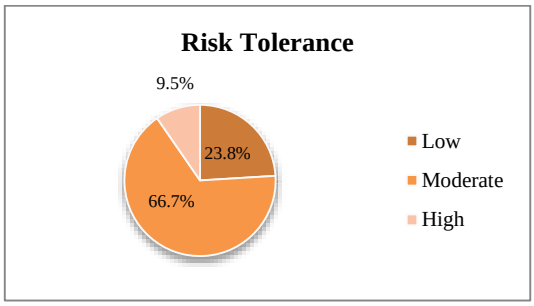


Figure 7 Risk Tolerance of Respondents

Table 7 Risk Tolerance of Respondents

Level of Risk	No. of respondents	Percentage value
Low	25	23.8%
Moderate	70	66.70%
High	10	9.50%

The typical investor in this sample is a moderate risk taker (66.7%), seeking to balance risk between higher returns and capital preservation. Those investors can be risk-averse and prefer less volatile investment options that provide reasonable returns. This implies a bias towards varied investment options, such as mutual funds, blue-chip stocks, and fixed income.

A sizable portion of investors have a low risk tolerance(23.8%), as they value capital preservation and income over high returns. Such investors tend to cling to low-risk instruments such as fixed deposits and bonds.

Very small part of the sample has a high risk tolerance (9.5%), these investors are ready to face the consequence of loss in order to gain higher returns.

I. Sources of investment information

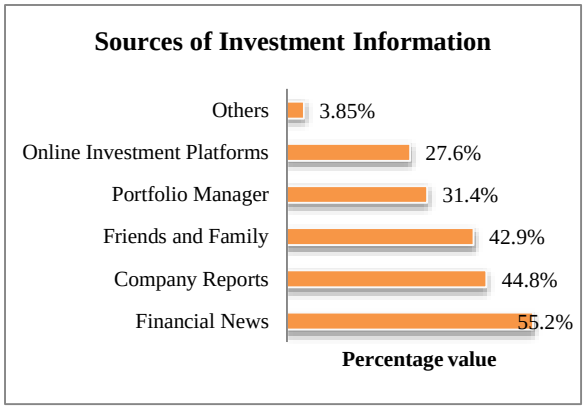


Figure 8 Sources of Investment Information

Table 8 Sources of Investment Information

Source of Information	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)	Rank
Financial News	58	55.2%	1
Company Reports	47	44.8%	2
Friends and Family	44	42.9%	3
Portfolio Manager	33	31.4%	4
Online Investment Platforms	29	27.6%	5
Others	4	3.85%	6

Financial News (55.2%, Rank 1) financial news from newspapers, business channels, and online news portals are the most relied upon source of investment information. More than half of respondents have make decisions driven by authentic sources.

Company reports (Rank 2, 44.8%) Approximately 45% of investors make decisions according to company reports, accounting statements and earnings statements. It is just one more instance of a preference for data-based decision-making, as investors sift through balance sheets, profit-and-loss statements, and annual reports, to gauge how well a company has performed.

Friends and Family (Rank 3, 42.9%)

42% of respondents cite personal networks as the source of information they rely on, indicating that social influence and word-of-mouth remain an important factor influencing investment selection.

Portfolio managers :(Rank 4 31.4%).

Almost one in three participants turn to portfolio managers and financial advisors, reflecting a dependence on expert advice for investment management. This implies that while certain investors would rather have independent research, others are looking for an expert to help with strategic decision-making.

Online Trading Platforms (Rank 5, 27.6%)

This emphasizes a rising trend of technology-based investment choices, notably among Young investors.

Other Sources (Rank 6, 3.85%)

These sources may include journals, social media and other varied cites.

J. *Effect of market fluctuations*

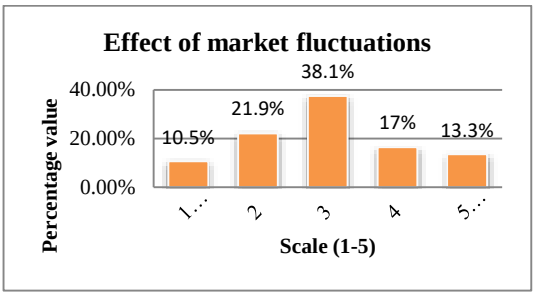


Figure 9 Effects of Market Fluctuations

Table 9 Effects of Market Fluctuations

Response	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)	Rank
1 (Doesn't Affect)	11	10.5%	5
2	23	21.9%	4
3	39	38.1%	1
4	17	16.2%	3
5 (Strongly Affects)	14	13.3%	2
Total	105	100%	-

According to the data, a average number of respondents are moderate affected by the change in market conditions.

Approximately 11% respondents are not affected by these changes at all and around 13% respondents are highly impacted due to fluctuations in the market.

Market trends are highly variable and directly affect the risks and returns of the investment options thus are fairly influential for investors while making choices.

K. *Influence by popular choices*

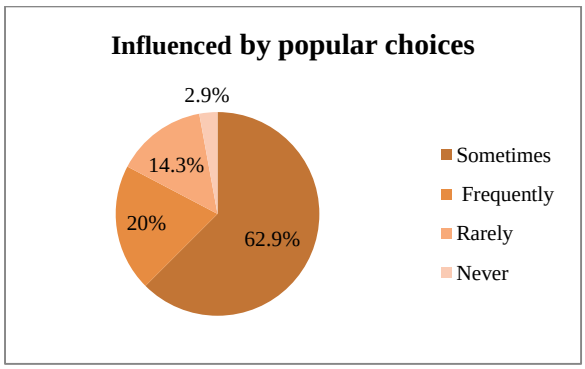


Figure 10 Influence of Popular Choices on Investors.

Table 10 Influence of Popular Choices on Investors.

Response	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)	Rank
Sometimes	66	62.9%	1
Frequently	21	20%	2
Rarely	15	14.3%	3
Never	3	2.9%	4
Total	105	100%	-

(62.9%) indicates that a majority of investors follow popular investment choices occasionally, which suggests a more balanced approach that is they should consider trends but not base all decisions on it. A smaller fraction (20.19%) is trend-conscious and choose mainstream investment options. At the same time, (14.3%) of participants seldom follow popular options, whilst (2.9%) never do, showing a more independent or contrarian approach to investing. This has shown different level of dependency on market trends amongst the respondents.

L. *Level of satisfaction from current portfolio*

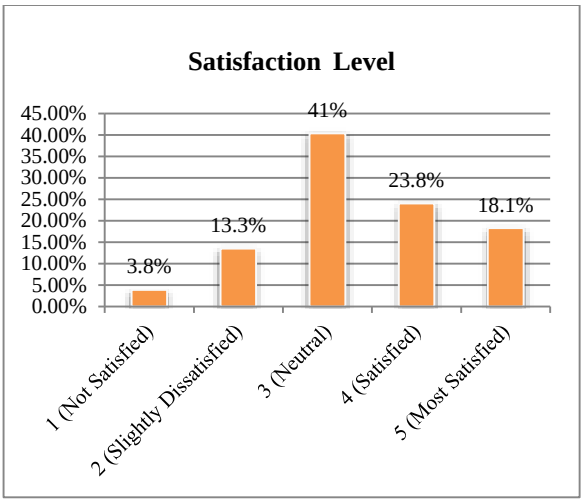


Figure 11 Satisfaction Levels from Portfolio

The satisfaction levels with investments show a wide spectrum of investor experiences.

(41%) of respondents are moderately satisfied conveying either uncertainty or modest returns on their investments.

Table 11 Satisfaction Levels from Portfolio

Satisfaction level	No. of respondents	Percentage Value
1 (Not Satisfied)	4	3.8%
2 (Slightly Dissatisfied)	14	13.3%
3 (Neutral)	43	41%
4 (Satisfied)	25	23.8%
5 (Most Satisfied)	19	18.1%
Total	105	100%

Approximately (41.9%) of participants stated that they were either satisfied with their investment decisions, which suggests that they had a positive return on their investments or felt confident in their decisions. However, (17.1%) of investors were more or less displeased from their portfolio.

These results point to the reflection of individuals in their investment habits; whilst many investors are confident about their decisions, there is still a large portion that could engage better with financial education, risk assessment, and dive.

IV. Conclusion

The study focused on descriptive and quantitative data to evaluate factors which determine investment decision, in terms of investor preferences, their risk appetite as well as other determinants. The conclusion is formed after a thorough analysis of data collected through the structured questionnaire.

The sample of the survey had diverse demographic backgrounds, the most prominent respondents were people from the age group of 45-60 years. Entrepreneurship had the lead in professional analysis of respondents. Almost of respondents are seasoned investors due to their experience of 1 or more years.

It is observed that wealth accumulation is the primary reason, among investors, for investing followed by planning for the future in form of retirement or contingency funds. Mutual funds, gold and stocks are the most chosen investment avenues, this indicates that, investors with moderate risk tend to strike a healthy balance between capital preservation and growth potential. Factors affecting choices majorly are risk, reward and company reputation. Most investors get informed from authentic sources such as newspapers and company reports and follow the crowd only once in a while.

Despite being an active participant in financial markets, investor satisfaction is mixed at best, with many investors feeling neutral or dissatisfied with investment performance. This gap highlights the need for greater financial literacy and more effective risk management strategies.

Ultimately, how we behave as investors is a combination of our goals, how we assess our own risk, and external factors. This study emphasizes on the need for reliable market information, strategic planning, and investor education as path to better decision making.

Research could be expanded in the future into more emerging trends like the influence of digital investment platforms and behavioral biases to help yield deeper understanding of investor psychology.

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Exploring the Pandemic's Influence: A Literature Review on Consumer DecisionMaking in the Acquisition of New Products and Services

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Abstract- *The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly reshaped consumer behavior, particularly in the adoption of new products and services. This literature review explores the impact of the pandemic on consumer decision-making, highlighting key factors that influenced shifts in purchasing patterns. The study examines the accelerated adoption of e-commerce, digital payments, telemedicine, and online education, emphasizing the role of safety concerns, convenience, and technological advancements. The review also looks into the behavioral shifts toward health-conscious consumption, the increasing preference for contactless transactions, and the digital transformation of small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Drawing from various research studies, the paper identifies critical determinants such as relative advantage, compatibility, complexity, trialability, and observability, which influenced the adoption of new products. Additionally, socio-economic disparities in digital access and purchasing power are discussed, illustrating how different demographic segments responded to the crisis. The analysis reveals that while urban consumers adapted quickly to digital platforms, rural consumers faced challenges due to limited digital literacy and connectivity. The findings indicate that many pandemic-induced changes in consumer behavior are likely to persist, shaping future market trends. This study contributes to the growing body of research on* ***post-****pandemicconsumer dynamics, providing insights for businesses and policymakers to navigate evolving consumer preferences effectively.*

Keywords-*Consumer behavior, pandemic impact, digital adoption, e-commerce, telemedicine, digital payments, health-conscious consumption, decision-making, socio-economic disparities.*

INTRODUCTION:

Prior to the pandemic, consumer behavior was largely driven by convenience, price sensitivity, and brand loyalty. However, the sudden and severe disruptions caused by COVID-19 forced consumers to reassess their priorities and adapt to new circumstances. Health and safety concerns became paramount, leading to an increased demand for contactless services, online shopping, and home delivery options.

In India, the impact of the pandemic on consumer behavior has been particularly significant. The rapid digital transformation, coupled with changes in economic conditions, has accelerated the adoption of technology-driven solutions. From remote working and online education to telemedicine and e-commerce, Indian consumers have ***embraced a range of new products and services that cater to their emerging needs and preferences.***

The pandemic brought about a paradigm shift in how consumers interact with products and services. With lockdowns, social distancing mandates, and health concerns at the forefront, traditional shopping habits were upended. Consumers who previously preferred in-store shopping had to switch to online platforms, accelerating the growth of e-commerce. Contactless delivery and digital payment solutions became

essential as consumers sought to minimize physical contact.

Moreover, the pandemic heightened the awareness of health and wellness, driving demand for products that promise better hygiene, immunity, and overall well-being. This shift was evident in the surge of purchases related to home fitness equipment, health supplements, and organic foods. Consumers became more conscious of their choices, prioritizing quality and safety over cost.

In India, the digital transformation was significantly expedited. The adoption of digital wallets, online grocery shopping, and telemedicine saw remarkable growth. The necessity to work and study from home also boosted the demand for technology products and high-speed internet services. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in India, which form the backbone of the economy, had to rapidly digitize their operations to survive and thrive in this new environment.

The pandemic also exposed and exacerbated existing economic disparities, influencing consumer behavior in distinct ways across different socio-economic groups. While urban, tech-savvy consumers seamlessly transitioned to digital platforms, rural and less affluent consumers faced challenges due to limited internet access and digital literacy. Understanding these nuanced behaviors is crucial for businesses aiming to cater to a diverse customer base in a post-pandemic world. (Vij, P., Kakra, K., & Kumar, A, 2023).
Impact of pandemic on decision making with respect to buying new products & services:

Adoption of new products and servicesrefers to the process by which consumers start to use and accept new offerings introduced in the market. This process involves several stages, from initial awareness to eventual acceptance and regular use. Understanding the adoption process is essential for businesses as it helps them design effective marketing strategies to promote new products and achieve market success. (Krithya, S. K., &Aparna, H, 2021).

STAGES OF ADOPTION:

- Awareness: Consumers become aware of the new product or service but lack detailed information about it. Marketing efforts at this stage focus on creating visibility and generating interest.

- Interest: Consumers show interest in the new product and seek additional information. Effective communication and informative content are crucial at this stage to engage potential customers.

- Evaluation: Consumers evaluate the new product's benefits and consider whether it meets their needs and preferences. Comparisons with existing alternatives and positive reviews can influence this stage.

- Trial: Consumers try the new product on a limited basis to assess its value and performance. Free samples, trials, and demonstrations can encourage consumers ***to*** move to this stage.

- Adoption: Consumers decide to purchase and use the new product regularly. Factors such as product satisfaction, perceived value, and positive experiences drive adoption.

- Post-Adoption Behavior: Post-adoption behavior involves consumers' continued use and advocacy of the product. Positive post-adoption experiences can lead to brand loyalty and word-of-mouth recommendations.

FACTORS INFLUENCING ADOPTION:

- Relative Advantage: The degree to which a new product is perceived as better than existing alternatives. Products that offer significant improvements or unique benefits are more likely to be adopted.

- Compatibility: The extent to which a new product aligns with consumers' existing values, beliefs, and practices. High compatibility facilitates smoother adoption.

- Complexity: The perceived difficulty of understanding and using the new product. Products that are easy to use and understand are more likely to be adopted quickly.

- Trialability: The ability to test the new product before making a full commitment. Products that can be tried on a limited basis encourage adoption by reducing perceived risk.

- Observability: The extent to which the benefits and uses of the new product are visible to others. High Observability can enhance adoption through social influence and word-of-mouth.

SHIFT TO ONLINE SHOPPING

The pandemic necessitated a rapid shift to online shopping as physical stores faced restrictions. According to a report by the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry, e-commerce in India grew by 36% in 2020. This growth was driven by both necessity and convenience, as consumers turned to online platforms for groceries, apparel, electronics, and more.

As physical stores were forced to close or limit operations due to lockdowns and social distancing requirements, consumers turned to online platforms to fulfill their shopping needs. This shift was not only a matter of convenience but also a crucial safety measure to avoid crowded spaces and reduce the risk of virus transmission. (Kateja, 2022a; Verplanken&Orbell, 2022a)

FACTORS DRIVING THE SHIFT:

1. Safety and Convenience: Online shopping offered a safer alternative to in-store shopping, allowing consumers to purchase essential and non-essential items from the comfort of their homes.
2. Wide Range of Choices: E-commerce platforms provided access to a vast array of products, often with detailed descriptions, reviews, and comparison tools to aid decision-making.
3. Home Delivery Services: The availability of home delivery options, including same-day and contactless delivery, further enhanced the appeal of online shopping.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE CONSCIOUSNESS

Health and hygiene became paramount concerns, leading to increased demand for sanitizers, disinfectants, and health supplements. A study by McKinsey & Company noted a 50% increase in the purchase of health and wellness products in India during the pandemic. This heightened awareness is likely to persist, influencing future consumer choices.(McKinsey & Company, 2022). The pandemic heightened consumers' awareness of health and hygiene, significantly influencing their purchasing decisions. Health and safety became paramount, driving demand for products that promote well-being and cleanliness.

KEY TRENDS:

1. Increased Demand for Health Products: Items such as hand sanitizers, disinfectants, face masks, and health supplements saw a surge in demand.
2. Focus on Immunity-Boosting Foods: Consumers prioritized foods and beverages that claim to enhance immunity, including organic products, vitamins, and herbal supplements.
3. Home Fitness: With gyms and fitness centers closed, there was a rise in the purchase of home fitness equipment and online fitness programs.

DIGITAL PAYMENTS AND CONTACTLESS TRANSACTIONS

The need for contactless transactions accelerated the adoption of digital payment methods. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) reported a significant increase in transactions via platforms like UPI (Unified Payments Interface). This shift not only facilitated safer transactions but also introduced a broader segment of the population to digital financial services. (NPCI, 2022).

KEY DEVELOPMENTS:

1. Rise of Digital Wallets: Digital wallets such as Paytm, Google Pay, and PhonePe gained widespread acceptance, providing a seamless and secure way to make payments.
2. Contactless Payment Methods: Credit and debit cards with contactless payment features, as well as QR code-based payments, became increasingly popular.
3. E-commerce Integration: E-commerce platforms integrated multiple digital payment options to facilitate smooth and convenient transactions.

E-COMMERCE PLATFORMS

The pandemic catalyzed the growth of e-commerce platforms. Companies like Amazon, Flipkart, and local players such as Big Basket and Grofers saw unprecedented growth. The convenience of home delivery, coupled with the availability of a wide range of products, attracted a diverse customer base. The pandemic significantly boosted the prominence and reach of e-commerce platforms. As consumers increasingly relied on online shopping, e-commerce platforms became essential for accessing a wide range of products and services. (Iqbal, H., Chawla, U., &Chattopadhyay, S. ,2022).

KEY TRENDS:

1. Growth of Marketplaces: Major e-commerce players like Amazon, Flipkart, and regional platforms saw a substantial increase in traffic and sales.

2. Expansion of Categories: E-commerce platforms expanded their categories to include groceries, pharmaceuticals, and other essential items to meet the growing demand.
3. Small Businesses Going Digital: Many small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) transitioned to online platforms to reach their customers and sustain their operations.

TELEMEDICINE AND HEALTH TECH

The COVID-19 pandemic has triggered profound changes in consumer behavior across various sectors, including health, education, and entertainment. The need for social distancing and the desire to minimize physical contact have driven rapid adoption and innovation in these areas.

Telemedicine emerged as a crucial service during the pandemic, providing remote consultations and healthcare services. Platforms like Practo and 1mg experienced a surge in users, reflecting a broader acceptance of digital health services. The Indian Government's National Digital Health Mission further supports this trend, aiming to create a robust digital health infrastructure.

The pandemic has catalyzed a significant shift toward telemedicine and health technology, transforming how healthcare services are delivered and accessed. (Lal, A.,2021).

KEY TRENDS:INCREASED ADOPTION OF TELEMEDICINE:

1. Convenience and Safety: Telemedicine offers a safe and convenient alternative to in-person visits, reducing the risk of virus transmission and providing access to healthcare from the comfort of home.
2. Expanded Access: Telemedicine has improved healthcare access for individuals in remote or underserved areas, bridging the gap between patients and healthcare providers.
3. Chronic Disease Management: Telemedicine has been particularly beneficial for managing chronic conditions, allowing for regular monitoring and consultations without the need for frequent hospital visits.

GROWTH OF HEALTH TECH INNOVATIONS:

1. Wearable Devices: There has been a surge in the use of wearable health devices that monitor vital signs, track fitness, and provide real-time health data.
2. Health Apps: Mobile applications offering health advice, symptom checkers, and mental health support have gained popularity.
3. AI and Data Analytics: Advanced technologies like artificial intelligence and data analytics are being used to improve diagnostics, personalize treatment plans, and predict health trends.

ONLINE EDUCATION

With schools and universities closed, online education platforms saw a massive uptick in users. Edtech companies like BYJU'S, Unacademy, and Vedantu expanded their offerings and user base. The shift to online education has highlighted the potential for digital learning tools to complement traditional education methods. The pandemic has significantly accelerated the adoption of online education, transforming the way educational content is delivered and consumed.(Sharma, C. K., &Syiem, A. H,2022).

KEY TRENDS:

1. Shift to Remote Learning:

   - Schools and Universities: Educational institutions worldwide transitioned to online platforms to continue teaching during lockdowns, leveraging tools like video conferencing, digital classrooms, and e-learning resources.
   - Professional Development: There has been an increase in online courses and certifications as professionals seek to upskill and adapt to changing job market demands.

2. Technological Innovations in Education:

   - Learning Management Systems (LMS): Platforms like Google Classroom, Moodle, and Blackboard have become essential for organizing and delivering educational content.
   - Interactive Learning Tools:Gamification, virtual labs, and augmented reality (AR) tools are enhancing student engagement and learning experiences.
   - Access and Equity: Efforts to bridge the digital divide have intensified, with initiatives to provide devices and internet access to underserved students.

ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment sector saw a shift from traditional cinema to online streaming platforms. Services like Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, and Disney+ Hotstar gained substantial subscribers. The rise of online entertainment reflects changing consumption patterns and a preference for on-demand content. (Kadam, N., Deshmukh, A., &Kadam, R. ,2021).

KEY DEVELOPMENTS:

1. Surge in Streaming Services:

   - With theaters and live entertainment venues closed, consumers turned to streaming services like Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, and Disney+ for entertainment. These platforms saw substantial growth in subscriptions and viewership.
   - The demand for diverse and original content increased, prompting streaming services to invest heavily in producing and acquiring new shows and movies.

2. Rise of Online Gaming:

   - Online gaming experienced a boom as consumers sought interactive and engaging ways to pass the time during lockdowns. Multiplayer games, esports, and mobile gaming gained popularity, with platforms like Steam, Xbox Live, and PlayStation Network seeing increased activity.
   - Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) gaming also saw growth, providing immersive entertainment experiences.

HEALTHCARE

The healthcare sector, particularly digital health services, experienced significant changes. The adoption of telemedicine, online pharmacies, and health monitoring apps increased. These changes are likely to persist as consumers recognize the convenience and efficiency of digital health solutions.

KEY TRENDS:

1. Emphasis on Preventive Healthcare:
   - Vaccinations and Immunizations: The rollout of COVID-19 vaccines has highlighted the critical role of immunization in public health.
   - Health Screenings: There has been an increased focus on regular health screenings and preventive measures to detect and address health issues early.

CONCLUSION:

The COVID-19 pandemic triggered a profound transformation in consumer decision-making, leading to rapid adoption of digital and technology-driven solutions across various sectors. This literature review highlights key shifts in consumer behavior, particularly the transition from traditional shopping methods to online platforms, the widespread adoption of digital payment solutions, and the increased reliance on telemedicine and online education. The crisis accelerated digital transformation, compelling businesses to adapt and innovate in response to evolving consumer demands.

One of the most significant findings is the shift in purchasing priorities, with health and hygiene concerns driving demand for immunity-boosting products, home fitness equipment, and organic food. Additionally, the necessity of social distancing and lockdown measures fueled the adoption of contactless transactions, reinforcing the dominance of e-commerce and digital payment platforms. The pandemic also emphasized the importance of convenience and accessibility, particularly in sectors such as healthcare and education, where telemedicine and online learning platforms experienced unprecedented growth.The study further underscores the disparities in digital access and economic resilience among different consumer segments. While urban and tech-savvy consumers seamlessly integrated digital solutions into their daily lives, rural and economically disadvantaged populations encountered barriers such as inadequate internet access and limited financial resources. This gap presents both challenges and opportunities for businesses and policymakers aiming to create inclusive digital ecosystems.

Looking ahead, many of these behavioral shifts are expected to persist. Consumers who have experienced the convenience of digital transactions, online shopping, and telemedicine are likely to continue using these services post-pandemic. Businesses must leverage these insights to refine their marketing strategies, enhance customer experiences, and foster long-term customer loyalty. The findings of this literature review contribute to a deeper understanding of post-pandemic consumer behavior, serving as a valuable resource for academics, business leaders, and policymakers navigating the evolving market landscape.

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The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Enhancing Tax Collection and Compliance in India

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Abstract *— This paper explores the growing role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in transforming India's tax collection and compliance systems. With advancements in technology, AI has become a pivotal tool for improving efficiency, reducing errors, enhancing transparency, and minimizing tax evasion. The paper examines how AI tools, such as data analysis, machine learning, and predictive analytics, are used by the Indian government to streamline tax administration and promote compliance. Furthermore, it discusses challenges, opportunities, and the future potential of AI in reshaping India's tax landscape.*

Keywords— *Artificial Intelligence (AI), Tax Collection, Tax Compliance, Technology in Taxation, Digital Tax Reform*

I. INTRODUCTION

India has one of the largest and most complex tax systems in the world. The government has been striving for efficient tax collection and compliance, especially with the increasing digitalization of the economy. With the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI), there has been significant progress in automating processes, improving data accuracy, and curbing tax evasion.

AI, with its ability to process large volumes of data, identify patterns, and make predictions, offers tremendous potential in the tax domain. In India, the Income Tax Department has already begun utilizing AI and machine learning algorithms to enhance the effectiveness of tax collection and ensure compliance.

This paper investigates the role of AI in India's tax system, its impact on tax administration, compliance levels, and challenges in implementation.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Several studies have explored the application of AI in the tax systems of developed nations, demonstrating its benefits in improving efficiency and accuracy. The existing literature reveals that AI has the potential to improve tax compliance by identifying anomalies, automating routine tasks, and predicting future tax trends. AI tools such as Natural Language Processing (NLP), data mining, and machine learning are already being applied to tax administration in countries like the United States and the United Kingdom.

In India, however, research on the role of AI in tax systems is relatively new. The government has launched initiatives like the Goods and Services Tax (GST) system and e-filing, laying the groundwork for incorporating AI technologies in taxation.

III. THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN TAX COLLECTION AND COMPLIANCE

1. Tax Fraud Detection and Prevention

AI can play a crucial role in detecting tax fraud by analyzing vast amounts of tax data and identifying patterns of suspicious activity. Machine learning algorithms can track the behavior of taxpayers and flag unusual patterns that may indicate fraud or tax evasion. For example, AI can

identify discrepancies between declared income and actual spending patterns.

2. Data Analytics for Accurate Tax Assessments

AI-powered data analytics can streamline tax assessments by evaluating a taxpayer's financial history, transactions, and assets more accurately. AI tools can automate the process of cross-referencing data across multiple government departments, leading to more precise assessments and reducing human error.

3. Predictive Analytics for Future Compliance

AI can be used to predict future tax compliance trends based on historical data and taxpayer behavior. By analyzing data from past tax returns, the AI system can forecast areas where tax payers are likely to underreport or evade taxes, enabling preemptive measures to ensure compliance.

4. Chatbots and Virtual Assistants for Taxpayer Queries

AI-powered chatbots can be used to answer tax payer queries and provide assistance during the filing process. By automating responses to common questions, chatbots reduce the burden on human tax professionals and improve the efficiency of tax administration.

5. Reducing Taxpayer Compliance Costs

AI can streamline the tax filing process, making it easier and less time-consuming for taxpayers. Automated systems can simplify the documentation process and assist taxpayers in understanding the tax laws, potentially leading to higher levels of compliance and accuracy.

IV. CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING AI IN INDIA'S TAX SYSTEM

1. Data Privacy and Security Concerns

One of the major challenges in implementing AI for tax compliance in India is ensuring the security and privacy of sensitive taxpayer data. With increasing reliance on digital systems, safeguarding against data breaches and unauthorized access becomes a critical concern.

2. Infrastructure and Technological Readiness

While AI holds great promise, India still faces challenges in terms of infrastructure and technological readiness, particularly in rural and remote areas. Ensuring that AI systems are accessible to all taxpayers, regardless of their technological capabilities, is a significant challenge.

3. Resistance to Change

Traditional systems of tax collection and compliance are well-established, and there may be resistance to adopting AI-based systems, particularly from those accustomed to manual processes. Overcoming this resistance and ensuring that tax officials are adequately trained to use AI tools is a key challenge.

4. Legal and Ethical Issues

The implementation of AI in tax systems raises several legal and ethical concerns. The reliance on AI for decision-making processes in tax administration may lead to biases or errors in judgment, which could affect taxpayers unfairly. Addressing these concerns is crucial to building trust in the system.

V. OPPORTUNITIES FOR AI IN INDIA'S TAX SYSTEM

1. Enhancing Transparency

AI can improve transparency by automating processes and making them more predictable. AI-driven tax administration systems can ensure that all taxpayers are treated fairly and equitably, reducing opportunities for corruption or discretionary decision-making by tax officers.

2. Improved Efficiency and Cost Reduction

Automation powered by AI can significantly reduce the time and resources required to process tax returns, assess taxes, and collect revenue. This not only improves the overall efficiency of the system but also reduces operational costs for the government.

3. Facilitating Real-Time Tax Monitoring

AI enables real-time monitoring of taxpayer behavior and transactions. This can help authorities' spot non-compliant taxpayers earlier, reducing the tax gap and improving overall compliance rates.

4. Simplifying GST Compliance

AI can help simplify Goods and Services Tax (GST) compliance for businesses by automating tax calculations, invoice matching, and reconciliation processes. This can reduce errors in GST filing and help businesses adhere to tax regulations more efficiently.

VI. FUTURE TRENDS OF AI IN INDIA'S TAXATION SYSTEM

The future of AI in India's tax system looks promising, with several opportunities for further integration and innovation. As AI technologies evolve, we can expect the following trends:

- Full Automation of Tax Filing: Over time, AI could fully automate the tax filing process, eliminating manual interventions and making the process seamless for taxpayers.
- Advanced Predictive Modeling: AI will use more sophisticated models to predict tax evasion and non-compliance, allowing the tax department to take proactive steps.
- AI-Driven Tax Policy Development: AI could play a role in tax policy development by analyzing vast amounts of data to suggest reforms that are most likely to result in improved compliance and increased revenue collection.

VII. CONCLUSION

Artificial Intelligence has the potential to revolutionize the way tax collection and compliance are managed in India. By leveraging AI technologies like predictive analytics, machine learning, and data

mining, India’s tax system can become more efficient, transparent, and equitable. However, challenges such as data security, infrastructure limitations, and resistance to change must be addressed to ensure the successful implementation of AI in the tax domain.

As AI continues to evolve, it will play an increasingly central role in modernizing India's tax administration and fostering a culture of compliance. The future of India’s tax system will be heavily influenced by AI, and its adoption could significantly boost national revenue while enhancing the taxpayer experience.

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A Review of Antecedents of Employee Turnover in Hospitality Industry of India.

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Abstract - *India's hospitality sector is a crucial one that greatly boosts the nation's economy, creates jobs, and attracts tourists from around the world. India's hospitality sector is a vibrant, labour-intensive industry that makes a substantial economic contribution to the country. High staff turnover, however, continues to be a problem that has an impact on overall organisational performance, operational effectiveness, and service quality.*

This study conducts a comprehensive review of the antecedents of employee turnover in the Indian hospitality industry through a secondary data analysis approach. This research identifies important factors influencing employee turnover, such as job dissatisfaction, work-life balance issues, inadequate compensation, career growth opportunities, workplace culture, and organisational commitment, by reviewing the literature, industry reports, and empirical studies that are currently available.

These antecedents are divided into three main categories by the study: external, organisational, and individual influences. Personal characteristics including stress levels, professional goals, and job expectations are examples of individual influences. Leadership style, work environment, job security, and employee engagement strategies are examples of organisational elements. Employee turnover rates are also significantly impacted by external variables, including competitive labour markets, industry developments, and economic situations.

The findings highlight that a combination of these factors contributes to the high attrition rate in the hospitality sector, necessitating proactive human resource strategies to enhance employee retention. The study emphasises how crucial good HR practices are to reducing turnover issues, including competitive pay plans, professional development courses, and employee welfare programs. Additionally, it offers managerial recommendations for hospitality companies looking to implement best practices that encourage long-term dedication and employee happiness.

This review contributes to the growing body of knowledge on employee turnover in the Indian hospitality industry and offers insights for researchers and practitioners to develop targeted interventions that can improve employee retention and organizational sustainability. Future research should focus on empirical validation of these findings and explore innovative retention strategies to address evolving workforce dynamics.

Keywords- *Employee turnover, hospitality industry, India, antecedents, job satisfaction*

I. INTRODUCTION

The hospitality industry in India is a major contributor to employment and economic growth, encompassing sectors such as hotels, restaurants, travel, and tourism. The World Travel & Tourism Council's (WTTC) 2024 Economic Impact Research (EIR) reveals a significant recovery of India's Travel & Tourism sector, with domestic tourism playing a pivotal role. It is projected that Travel & Tourism will contribute almost INR 21.15 TN to the Indian economy in 2024, an increase of 21% from 2019. Jobs are predicted to increase by 2.45MN this year, equivalent to one in 11 jobs in India. Despite its rapid expansion, one of the most pressing challenges faced by the industry is high employee turnover.

Employee attrition or retention is very common trend around the world. Employee turnover is defined as 'the ratio of number of workers that replaced in the given time period to the average number of workers and replaces by new employees. It's basically means how long is employee is stay and work in particular organization. High turnover can be detrimental the company's productivity, revenue generation and goodwill if skilled worker leave their organization because they are the backbone of the company (Taylor, 1998). In the hospitality sector, this phenomenon is particularly pronounced due to the demanding nature of the work environment, including long working hours, high levels of stress, irregular shifts, and limited career progression opportunities. This study aims to explore the key drivers of employee turnover in India's hospitality sector, examining both individual and organizational factors that influence employees' decisions to leave. By identifying these factors, the research seeks to provide insights into targeted strategies that can help improve workforce retention, enhance job satisfaction, and ensure the long-term sustainability of the industry.

II. OBJECTIVES

- To analyse the current trends and patterns of Employee Turnover in the Indian hospitality industry.
- To identify the key antecedents of Employee turnover in the hospitality sector of India.
- To examine the impact of Employee turnover on the hospitality industry in India.
- To evaluated existing strategies and best practices used by hospitality business to reduce Employee Turnover, as reported in secondary literature.
- To provide recommendations for improving employee retention.

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

The hospitality sector is one of the world's fastest growing industries, but massive problems still exist in attracting and retaining the skilled work force. Employee turnover is a significant challenge in the hospitality industry, particularly in India, where high attrition rates affect service quality and organizational stability. Extensive research has been conducted to understand the various antecedents of employee turnover in the hospitality sector, broadly categorized into individual, organizational, and industry-specific factors. Several studies emphasize the role of demographic characteristics, job satisfaction, and career aspirations in influencing employee turnover. Younger employees in the hospitality industry tend to switch jobs frequently due to career advancement opportunities and higher salary expectations. The organizational environment, leadership style, and compensation structure significantly affect employee retention. Studies suggest that supportive management and effective leadership practices can reduce turnover intentions among hospitality employees. The hospitality industry in India is characterized by intense competition, high customer expectations, and seasonality, all of which contribute to employee The lack of training and development opportunities has also been identified as a significant factor, as employees seek better career prospects in organizations that invest in their professional growth. The COVID-19 pandemic has further intensified turnover issues in the hospitality industry. Researchers indicates that mass layoffs, salary reductions, and uncertainty about job stability have led to an increased attrition rate.

The literature suggests that employee turnover in the Indian hospitality industry is driven by a combination of individual aspirations, organizational policies, and industry dynamics. To mitigate turnover, organizations must focus on improving job satisfaction, providing career growth opportunities, and offering competitive compensation packages. Future research can explore the long-term effects of post-pandemic work trends on employee retention in the hospitality sector.

IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study relies on secondary data sources, including:

- Research papers and articles published in peer-reviewed journals.
- Government reports and labour market surveys related to the hospitality sector.
- Case studies of Indian hospitality firms experiencing high or low turnover rates.

A thematic analysis approach is used to categorize the antecedents of turnover into key factors, providing a structured understanding of its causes and effects.

Concept of Employee Turnover Issues in the Hospitality Industry in India

1. Understanding Employee Turnover

Employee turnover refers to the rate at which employees leave an organization and are replaced by new hires. It can be classified into voluntary turnover (employees resigning on their own) and involuntary turnover (employer-initiated separations due to layoffs, dismissals, or company closures).

In the hospitality industry, which includes hotels, restaurants, travel services, and tourism-related businesses, employee turnover is a persistent challenge due to the nature of the work environment, seasonal demand, and high-pressure job roles.

2. Factors Contributing to High Turnover in Indian Hospitality Sector

Several factors contribute to the high employee turnover in India's hospitality industry:

a. Low Wages and Limited Benefits

- Many hospitality jobs, particularly entry-level positions, offer low salaries with limited increments.
- Lack of benefits like healthcare, retirement plans, and job security make employees seek better opportunities.

b. Long and Unpredictable Working Hours

- Hospitality employees often work long shifts, weekends, and holidays, leading to exhaustion and dissatisfaction.
- Irregular work schedules make it difficult for employees to maintain a work-life balance, leading to burnout.

c. Lack of Career Growth Opportunities

- Many employees feel stuck in low-level positions with no clear path for promotions or skill enhancement.
- The absence of proper training programs discourages long-term commitment.

d. High Work Stress and Job Burnout

- Hospitality jobs demand high customer service standards, requiring employees to work under pressure.
- Dealing with demanding customers, high workloads, and performance targets contributes to stress and frustration.

e. Poor Organizational Culture and Leadership Issues

- Many hospitality businesses suffer from ineffective leadership, lack of support, and toxic work environments.
- Employees often face lack of recognition, workplace conflicts, and poor management practices, which push them to quit.

f. Seasonal and Temporary Employment

- The Indian hospitality sector is highly seasonal, leading to temporary hiring practices.
- Employees hired during peak tourist seasons may lose their jobs once demand declines, leading to job insecurity.

g. Better Career Alternatives in Other Sectors

- Many hospitality workers switch to IT, retail, and e-commerce due to better pay, job stability, and work conditions.
- The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated this trend, as many hospitality professionals permanently left the industry.

Employee turnover in India's hospitality industry is a serious challenge driven by low wages, high stress, lack of career growth, and poor work conditions. Addressing these issues requires proactive HRM strategies, better leadership, and employee-centric policies to enhance job satisfaction and improve retention rates.

V. FINDINGS

Based on secondary data analysis of existing literature, government reports and case studies, some key findings are emerged. Causes of employee turnover in hospitality industry are categorised as follows:

Individual-Level Factors

1. ***Job Satisfaction:*** Employees often leave due to dissatisfaction with job roles, responsibilities, and work conditions. Studies indicate that frontline employees in hotels and restaurants report high levels of stress and burnout.
2. ***Work-Life Balance:*** The hospitality industry requires long and irregular working hours, often leading to poor work-life balance and increased attrition.
3. ***Career Growth and Development:*** A lack of career advancement opportunities within hospitality organizations leads employees to seek better prospects in other industries.
4. ***Compensation and Benefits:*** Many employees perceive their wages as inadequate compared to the workload and stress involved, leading to voluntary turnover.
5. ***Job Security:*** The seasonal nature of the hospitality industry results in job instability, making employees more likely to switch to more stable industries.

Organizational-Level Factors

1. ***Leadership and Management Style:*** Ineffective leadership, lack of motivation, and poor managerial practices contribute to employee dissatisfaction and eventual turnover.
2. ***Workplace Culture:*** A toxic work environment, including harassment, discrimination, or lack of recognition, negatively affects employee retention.
3. ***Training and Development Opportunities:*** Limited access to skill enhancement programs discourages employees from staying in the industry.
4. ***Employee Engagement:*** Organizations that fail to engage employees through recognition programs, incentives, or team-building activities often experience higher attrition rates.
5. ***Job Design and Workload:*** Unclear job roles and excessive workloads contribute to stress and burnout, leading employees to quit.

We also studied the impact of employee turnover on the hospitality industry in India. High turnover rates in the hospitality sector have far-reaching implications, including:

1. ***Increased Hiring and Training Costs:***Frequent employee replacement requires continuous investment in recruitment, onboarding, and training.

2. ***Reduced Service Quality:*** Inconsistent staffing leads to variability in service
3. ***Lower Employee Morale:*** A high turnover environment can create instability and dissatisfaction among remaining employees.
4. ***Loss of Institutional Knowledge:*** Frequent attrition results in the loss of skilled employees, affecting operational efficiency.
5. ***Negative Brand Reputation:*** High turnover can damage an organization's reputation, making it difficult to attract and retain skilled talent.

5. Suggestions for Reducing Employee Turnover

Based on the analysis of secondary data, the following strategies can help improve employee retention in the Indian hospitality industry:

1. ***Enhancing Compensation and Benefits:*** Offering competitive salaries, incentives, and performance-based rewards can reduce financial dissatisfaction among employees.
2. ***Improving Work-Life Balance:***Flexible scheduling, adequate leave policies, and better shift management can help employees maintain a healthy balance between work and personal life.
3. ***Providing Career Growth Opportunities:*** Implementing structured training programs and clear career progression paths can encourage employees to stay longer.
4. ***Fostering Positive Workplace Culture:*** Promoting employee recognition, diversity, and inclusion can improve job satisfaction and loyalty.
5. ***Strengthening Leadership and Management Practices:*** Investing in leadership training and effective communication can create a more supportive and motivating work environment.
6. ***Investing in Employee Engagement Initiatives:*** Organizing team-building activities, mentorship programs, and regular feedback sessions can boost employee morale and commitment.

delivery, negatively impacting customer experiences.

VI. CONCLUSION

Job dissatisfaction a bad work-life balance, low pay, and incompetent leadership are some of the factors that contribute to employee turnover, which is still a major problem in the Indian hospitality sector. Organisations have operational and financial difficulties as a result of high attrition rates, which also have an impact on customer satisfaction and service quality. However, hospitality companies may lower turnover and increase staff stability by putting focused retention tactics into place, such as competitive pay, improved working conditions, and opportunities for career growth. Future research could explore primary data collection methods to gain deeper insights into employee perspectives on retention and turnover factors.

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Start-up policy of Maharashtra, entrepreneurial ecosystem and challenges: A Data Driven Analysis

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Abstract - *Maharashtra is one of India's leading start up ecosystems and the Government of Maharashtra has introduced a comprehensive Start-up Policy to transform Maharashtra by catalyzing the growth of an innovation driven entrepreneurial ecosystem.*

This research paper explores the policy's key aspects, including its objectives, incentives, infrastructure development, regulatory simplifications, and sectorial focus. The paper also discusses start up challenges, job creations and provides recommendations for further strengthening the policy framework. (Start-up ecosystem, challenges)

I. INTRODUCTION

The recent policy aims to position the state as a leading hub for startups by providing financial assistance, regulatory ease, and infrastructure support. Maharashtra has long been a hub for entrepreneurial activity, with cities like Mumbai and Pune leading the way. The state boasts a thriving tech sector, strong investor presence, and government-backed initiatives to support startups. However, recent data suggests a downturn in funding and an increasing number of startup closures. This paper examines the current scenario, backed by relevant statistics and expert insights.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE MAHARASHTRA STARTUP POLICY-

The objectives of the policy can be Grouped up as – LEAPFROG

- L - Lighten Regulatory compliance
- E – E-connect the Ecosystem
- A – Augment Infrastructure
- P – Partner with Industry
- F - Funding startups
- R – Realizing Human Potential
- O – Organizing competitions and Events
- G – Governance

III. OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY ARE –

- To establish Maharashtra as a globally recognized startup hub.
- To create an ecosystem that fosters innovation and entrepreneurship.
- To provide financial, infrastructural, and regulatory support to startups.
- To promote sector-specific startups particularly in technology, healthcare, agri tech, and renewable energy.
- To facilitate collaborations between startups, academia, and industries

IV. INCENTIVES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT :

The Maharashtra Startup Policy offers
Several financial benefits to startups, including:

- Seed Funding and Grants: Direct financial support for early-stage startups.
- Tax Benefits: Tax exemptions and subsidies for registered startups.
- Venture Capital and Angel Funding: Support in securing investments from private investors and government-backed funds.
- Women and Rural Entrepreneurs Support: Special incentives for startups led by women and those operating in rural areas.

V. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT :

To ensure that startups have access to world-class facilities, the policy focuses on:

• Establishing startup incubators and accelerators in major cities such as Mumbai, Pune, and Nagpur.

• Creating innovation hubs and co-working spaces across the state.

• Promoting research and development (R&D) initiatives in collaboration with academic institutions.

• Encouraging the development of smart cities with dedicated startup zones.

•Various incubation centers are also established in Universities for support to Start-ups

VI. Regulatory Simplifications:

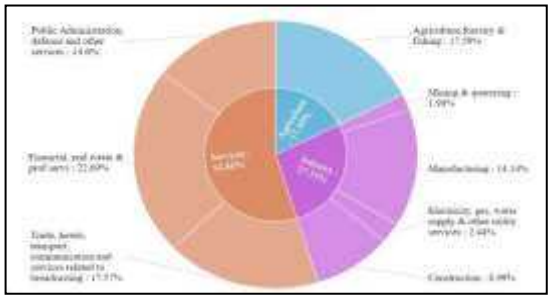
The Maharashtra Startup Policy addresses this by:

- Introducing a Single-Window Clearance System for startups.
- Reducing compliance burdens related to labor laws and taxation.
- Offering support for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) registration and legal assistance.

VII. Sectoral Focus:

The policy prioritizes key sectors that have high growth potential:

- Technology & Artificial Intelligence (AI): Encouraging AI-driven solutions for various industries.
- Financial Technology (FinTech): Promoting digital payment solutions and blockchain startups.
- Healthcare & Biotech: Supporting startups working on medical innovations and biotechnology.
- Agritech & Rural Startups: Strengthening agricultural innovations for improved productivity.
- Renewable Energy & Sustainability: Encouraging green energy solutions and climate tech startups.



VIII. Challenges faced the Start-ups:

a. Decline in Funding:

Funding is essential for the growth and scalability of start-ups. However, Maharashtra has seen a steep decline in investment inflows across all stages:

i) Total Funding Drop:

In 2023, tech startups in Maharashtra secured only $2.1 billion in funding, a 62.5% Decline from $5.6 billion in 2022. This marks the lowest funding level in the past five years.

ii) Stage-wise Funding Reduction:

- Seed Stage: Funding dropped from $404 million in 2022 to $108 million in 2023 (a 73% decrease).
- Early Stage: Investments fell from $1.4 billion in 2022 to $415 million in 2023 (a 70% decline).
- Late Stage: Funding reduced from $3.8 billion in 2022 to $1.6 billion in 2023 (a 59% drop).
- The sharp decline in funding highlights a major challenge for start-ups, making it difficult for early-stage ventures to scale and sustain operations.

b. Regional Disparities in Startup Growth:

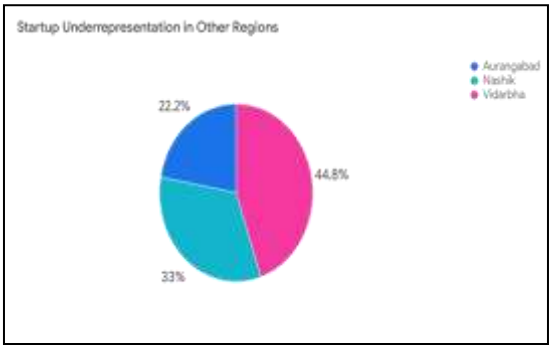
Although Maharashtra has a robust startup ecosystem, its growth is unevenly distributed. The majority of startups are concentrated in major cities, leaving other regions underserved.

i) Concentration in Mumbai and Pune:

Mumbai (3,412 startups) and Pune (2,001 startups) accounted for 84% of new startups between 2020 and 2021.

ii) Underrepresentation in Other Regions:

- Nashik: 328 startups
- Vidarbha: 445 startups
- Aurangabad: 220 startups



This disparity underscores the need for stronger policies to promote entrepreneurship in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, ensuring balanced economic development across the state.

c. Rising Number of Start-up Closures:

i) National Context:

Over 5,000 startups registered under the Startup India initiative have ceased operations, constituting 3.3% of the total 1.52 lakh-recognized startups in India.

ii) Maharashtra's Position:

Maharashtra has highest Startups registered under Startup India (25044) but the state had recorded 929 startup closures, the highest in India, followed by Karnataka (644) and Delhi (593).

These figures indicate the volatile nature of the startup ecosystem and the need for sustained support to ensure long-term viability.

iii) Job Creation Amidst Challenges:

While startups in Maharashtra face several hurdles, they continue to contribute significantly to employment generation.

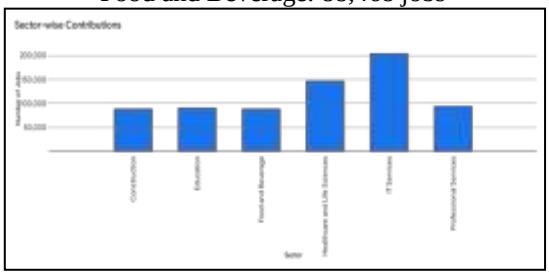
iv) Employment Statistics:

The Startup India initiative has resulted in 1.66 million direct jobs across 55+ industries.

Maharashtra startups alone contribute a substantial share of these jobs.

v) Sector-wise Contributions:

- IT Services: 204,000 jobs
- Healthcare and Life Sciences: 147,000 jobs
- Professional Services: 94,060 jobs
- Education: 90,414 jobs
- Construction: 88,702 jobs
- Food and Beverage: 88,468 jobs



Despite funding challenges, startups remain an important driver of employment, reinforcing their economic significance.

IX. Recommendations for Strengthening the Policy:

To enhance the impact of the Maharashtra Start-up Policy, the following measures are recommended:

- Increased Funding access: Establish more state-backed venture funds and ease loan access for startups.
- Enhanced Mentorship Programs: Strengthen mentorship networks connecting startups with industry experts.
- Faster Regulatory Approvals: Implement AI-driven clearance systems to reduce bureaucratic delays.
- Infrastructure Expansion: Extend startup-friendly infrastructure to smaller cities and rural areas.
- Awareness Campaigns: Conduct targeted outreach programs to educate entrepreneurs about available benefits.

X. Conclusions

Maharashtra's startup ecosystem is at a crossroads. While the state continues to be a powerhouse for innovation and job creation by providing financial incentives, regulatory ease, and infrastructural support, the policy fosters innovation and economic growth at the same time challenges such as declining funding, regional imbalances, and increasing closures present significant hurdles.

Addressing these issues through targeted policy interventions and strategic support can help Maharashtra maintain its position as a leading startup hub in India.

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A Study of different donation based crowd funding and P2P lending platforms in India

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Abstract- *These days, it's very difficult to raise money for startups, and funding is a delicate topic in both the Indian and international markets. Numerous NBFCs and peer-to-peer lending platforms are raising money for various businesses through high-unsecured or secured loans. Raising money and spreading awareness are challenges that many NGOs, social cause businesses, and businesses operating without profit concerns face. Many organisations are using crowd fundraising as a fintech option to collect money, save GST, and support the nation's NGOs.One of the top online resources for helping these social welfare organisations raise money for various objectives is crowd funding. In order to raise money for social causes and the welfare of society, this paper compares various crowd funding platforms in India. For a tiny start up in the rural India is a difficulty and having a lot of barriers to raise the cash.P2P lending is a type of crowd fundraising (debt-based) that helps Indian entrepreneurs secure initial capital. The purpose of this article is to learn about the various P2P lending platforms in India, as well as how they lend to MSMEs.This case was extensively investigated using secondary data.*

Keywords- *Crowd funding, NBFCs, Peer to Peer Lending*

Introduction

Crowd funding is a type of intermediary, social media, and online platform that helps people in need of money raise funds through these platforms. For small start-ups that are unable to convince venture capitalists or reach them, crowd funding acts as a mediator to provide a small amount of money from many investors. This platform is also assisting in raising awareness of small businesses, entrepreneurs, non-governmental organisations, and the defenceless that require assistance in order to make a positive contribution to society. These days, MSMEs are demanding peer-to-peer lending and crowd funding (Sunday, December 22, 2024, Business Standard) to include peer-to-peer lending and crowd funding in the fund-raising process. In accordance with RBI guidelines, P2P lending under the SEBI Act (as a component of crowd funding) is authorised as a platform to raise funds RBI/DNBR/2017-18/57.

Objectives of this study

- To comprehend the various areas of focus for Indian crowd funding platforms
- To understand how to raise money through crowd funding
- To understand the various kinds of crowd funding

Literature review

Piyush Vaswani and V. Lakshita (2018) examined the foundations of crowd finance in India. They looked at all three types of crowd funding, but they only discussed the most widely used platform

in the nation and how it aids in the fundraising of various industries. Crowd finance and P2P lending (debt-based) have been addressed by Areena Parveen Ansari as the next seamless technologies for MSME and industrial growth. The study looks at the many RBI regulations pertaining to crowd funding and peer-to-peer lending in India.Issues for which these platforms are growing in India Market However, the main issues are Lack of mortgages to raise funds

There are a number of challenges that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSME) and entrepreneurs are encountering in rural and semi-urban areas when it comes to raising loans due to the absence of collateral and securities. Despite the fact that the banking sector is also offering a wide variety of loans to micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSME) through the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and cooperative societies, there is still a void for small-scale entrepreneurs in India.

Inadequate persuasion skills

Small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) may have difficulty convincing angel investors and venture capitalists to finance in exchange for ownership or equity. Due to the fact that they lack the necessary presentation skills, they are unable to attract investors or venture capitalists that are interested in investing in their business.

Processing issues for raising funds through the tradition Banking and NBFC platforms

Now a days raising funds through the NBFC and Banking traditional route is a tedious process compare to the P2P lending and other form of online lending platforms like crowd funding and BNPL buy now pay later in India.

What is P2P Lending?

The P2P lending model allows individuals to provide loans to others through RBI-regulated NBFC (non- banking financial company) platforms that connect lenders with borrowers. These platforms serve as intermediaries, facilitating transactions and overseeing repayments. The new rules also prohibit lenders from engaging in lender-to-lender transactions. This means money can only move between respective lender and borrower accounts. Consequently, loans offered through the secondary market have stopped, eliminating liquidity and pre-maturity withdrawal options. According to RBI's circular, "Funds from lenders' bank accounts shall only be transferred to the lenders' escrow account and then disbursed to the specific borrower's bank account, ensuring compliance with paragraph 8(3) of these directions. The borrower shall repay the loan from their bank account to the borrowers' escrow account, from which funds will be transferred to the respective lender's bank account."(Source Business Today)

Types of Crowd funding

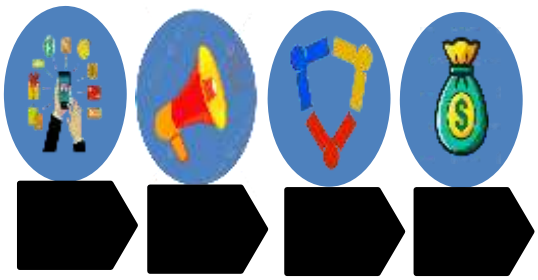
Donation-based crowd funding is primarily used for social causes and charitable endeavours. One of the most popular forms of crowd funding that is permitted in India is this one. Donation-based crowd funding activities are being used by a large number of NGOs and charitable organisations to raise money for a variety of causes. One of the most popular forms of crowd funding that is permitted in India is this one. One excellent method of raising funds for charitable causes is through donation-based crowd funding. You can ask friends, family, and even complete strangers who are willing to help your cause for donations by establishing a campaign that is based on donations. Crowd funding of this kind is frequently used to raise money for a variety of social causes, including poverty, healthcare, childcare, and education.

Reward-base crowd funding Crowd funding is a two-way process in reward-based crowd funding. In exchange for a reward, the people donate money to a cause. In this instance, the recipient is compensated with goods or services rather than being required to return the money that the donors have provided. Another name for reward-based funding is seed funding. An internal reward exchange serves as the foundation for this kind of crowd funding. This offers the recipient a win-win scenario among all the forms of crowd funding that are permitted in India. This kind of crowd funding is a useful tool for business endeavours looking to launch their enterprise. Since the businesses will be selling their goods and services to reward-based crowd funding participants, it can also be utilised as a marketing tool.

Crowd Lending Peer-to-peer lending, or P2P lending, is another name for debt crowd funding.

P2P lending is a type of crowdsourcing where loans are raised and repaid with interest. It is the process of offering unsecured loans by connecting lenders and borrowers through an internet platform.

Process of Crowd Funding (Donation based)



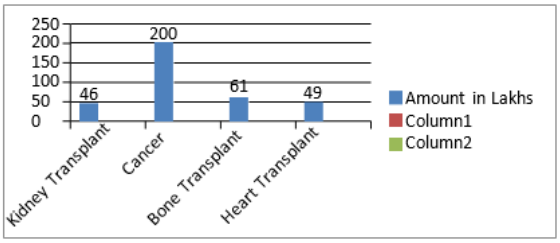
1. Selecting the platform-Platform selection according on an individual's or non-governmental organization's needs. The reach and the required amount of funds are important factors, and not all crowd financing platforms offer all services. Additionally, each crowd fundraising platform has a particular registration process that must be completed.
2. Raising awareness-Sharing the touching tale will help the platform distribute it across various social media channels and get money.
3. Connecting individuals -entails that the platforms reach must be sufficiently broad to reach the greatest number of users and generate awareness and influence for the crowd funding platform.
4. Getting Money-The money should then be raised in accordance with the platform's financial strategy, and other requirements should be met.

Data Collection and Analysis

In order to determine the areas where crowd funding is contributing to societal improvement, we have compared the specifics of three donation-based crowd funding platforms: Impact Guru, Give India, and .The information was gathered from their website, the public portal, journals, and blogs about various methods of donation and money collection, as well as how they allocated their funds to various areas.

Impact Guru

We have relentlessly worked to provide 'within-reach' financial healthcare solutions, creating crowd funding campaigns and extending support to those in need. The out-turn of these efforts has been transformational. In 2023, our platform has been the host of more than 69,000 impactful campaigns. Our family of generous donors has expanded to 30+ Lakh change makers who have contributed to making a positive difference in the world.



With no platform fees, Impact Guru primarily works in four key areas: medical, child care, cancer, and NGO fund-raising.

Give India

GiveIndia (Give Foundation) exists to alleviate poverty by delivering impactful social initiatives in India. Established in 2000, GiveIndia enables individuals and institutions to donate funds to chosen causes, and delivers programs with high-impact outcomes across India. With a strong network of partners and a vast geographical presence, GiveIndia brings people and organizations closer to realizing a poverty-free India.

Fuel a Dream

Fueladream.com was launched in Mid-April of 2016 and is based in Bengaluru (a.k.a Bangalore).We are a crowd funding platform and marketplace for individuals, charities and firms that currently aims to raise funds for creative ideas, causes, charities, events and community led activities with an initial focus on India. The parent company is called Fueladream Online Ventures Pvt Ltd.We have already managed over 23000 campaigns since our launch and helped raise over INR 101 CR of funds.

Faircent

Faircent is India's first peer-to-peer (P2P) lending platform to receive a Certificate of Registration (CoR) as an NBFC-P2P from the Reserve Bank of

India (RBI). Our mission is to provide a marketplace that connects individuals in need for credit with individuals and institutes willing to lend their access funds. We use technology to speed up the process and cut costs. Thus, we provide an opportunity to the borrowers to get their requirements funded at viable rates and help lenders get the best possible return on their investment.

Lenden Club

LenDen Club is a largest peer-to-peer lending platform which started operations in India in 2015. We have been helping lenders diversify their lending amount beyond traditional lending instruments ever since.P2P lending is subject to risks. And lending decisions taken by a lender on the basis of this information are at the discretion of the lender, and LenDen Club does not guarantee that the loan amount will be recovered from the borrower. LenDen Club is a P2P platform owned and operated by Innofin Solutions Pvt Ltd. Innofin Solutions Pvt Ltd is an RBI registered NBFC-P2P

Lend box

It is a RBI Registered NBFC-P2P(with COR number N.14-03462) was founded in November of 2015 with an aim to modernise the lending industry - a business as old as time. Our three co-founders are avid, adventurous lenders and entrepreneurs. They recognised the inherent legacy issues in the Indian lending ecosystem, one of which is accessibility. This ecosystem is built to make the rich richer, and by design, excludes regular retail lenders from accessing the main source of wealth for institutional lenders and banks - retail credit.

Name of the P2P Platform	Interest Rate (p.a.)	Loan Amount	Repayment Tenure	Listing/Registration Fee
Lendbox	12% onwards	Rs.25,000 to Rs.5 lakh	6 months to 24 months	Rs.500
i2ifunding	12% onwards	Up to Rs. 10 lakhs	3 months to 36 months	Rs.100 plus 18% GST = Rs.118
Faircent	9.99% onwards	Rs.10,000 to Rs.5 lakh	6 months to 36 months	Rs.500
i-lend	15% onwards	Rs.25,000 to Rs.5 lakh	6 months to 36 months	-
LenDenClub	6.5% onwards	Rs.25,000 to Rs.5 lakh	3 months to 24 months	Rs.750

(Source- https://www.bankbazaar.com/personal-loan/peer-to-peer-lending.html)

Limitation of this paper

Comparative analysis is challenging for all types of crowd funding platforms, and the majority of the data are gathered from secondary sources. The paper only discusses topics linked to donations and has a limited scope. A few recent changes to the RBI and SEBI guidelines might not be discussed in this article.

Limitations of Crowd funding and P2P lending platforms

1. In contrast to the mutual fund and stock markets, P2P lending may present investors with a return problem. At the same time, the return on investment from borrowers may need more time and work.
2. Crowd funding platforms are used to raise money for the borrower through promotion and popularity.
3. Both personal and business funds are available for P2P lending, and similarly, in crowd funding, the borrower may not always know which platform is best for them.

Findings

1. In India, the majority of donation-based platforms raise money for medical care, although a small number also support social problems like hunger, the elderly, and those with disabilities.
2. Crowd funding sites are another way that many NGOs are making money.
3. All three types of platforms have no fees, however the monies allocated to various causes are subject to SEBI and RBI regulations.
4. In India, SEBI has outlawed equity-based crowd funding; only donation-based crowd funding and peer-to-peer (P2P) lending services that use debit-based crowd fundraising are permitted.

Conclusion

Although crowd funding is without a doubt the greatest platform for assisting MSME sectors, there are still many platform and transparency flaws. The Indian government's RBI and SEBI have already created recommendations, but they ought to encourage donation-based crowd funding and P2P lending more for the benefit of society and to address a variety of social problems. In order to create jobs and provide Indian

entrepreneurs with opportunity, other forms of crowd finance should also be supported.

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Procrastination to Productivity: A Theoretical Study of Effective Time Management Techniques to Overcome Procrastination among Private Sector Bank Employees

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Abstract- *This study highlights and focuses on the need for effective time management techniques that are especially useful for private-sector bank employees to help them reduce their procrastination habits. These five techniques are The Pomodoro Technique, The Eisenhower Matrix Technique, The Pareto Analysis Technique, The Parkinson's Law Technique, and The Time Blocking Technique. Time Management essentially refers to the process of planning and organizing how an individual spends available time at hand during work hours to maximize productivity and achieve pre-determined goals. Effective time management can significantly increase self-productivity, reduce stress, improve morale, and gain the ability to meet deadlines consistently. On the other hand, procrastination is a peculiar habit of delaying tasks or decisions, often developing a sense of guilt and stress later. This study reveals that specific time management techniques benefit private-sector bank employees by reducing their prolonged procrastination habits, which sap their energy, decrease productivity, and disturb their work-life balance. Procrastination among bank employees lowers their motivation to work and reduces their focus on tasks, which eventually makes it highly challenging for them to achieve day-to-day goals. This may lead to financial losses, reputation damage, increased errors in financial operations, and delayed processing of transactions in the entire banking sector. The ill effects of the procrastination habits of bank employees can have far-reaching consequences on the country's overall economy. These may include Reduced Economic Growth, Increased Unemployment, Decreased Financial Stability, Reduced Foreign Investments, Increased Inflation, Decreased Financial Inclusion, Reduced Government Revenues, and Decreased Competitiveness among banks, Negative Impact on International Trade, Increased Poverty, and Income Inequality. To mitigate all these ill effects, banks, regulatory bodies, non-governmental organizations, and the government must work together to effectively promote a culture of productivity, work-life balance in banking staff, and efficiency to reduce procrastination habits in the banking sector.*

Keywords- *Time Management, Procrastination, Productivity, Economic Growth, Financial Stability*

1. Introduction

In today's fast-paced and competitive business environment, effective time management has become crucial for bank employees in both the private and public banking sectors. With the ever-increasing demands of work, personal work-life balance, and exponential technological advancements, private-sector bank employees often find themselves overwhelmed, leading to procrastination habits that can negatively impact productivity, job satisfaction, and overall well-being.(Rehman & et.al, 2019). Procrastination is a

pervasive and complex phenomenon affecting individuals from various professions, not just banking employees. It is characterized by the intentional delay of tasks, decisions, or actions despite knowing their consequences. Procrastination can lead to decreased productivity, missed deadlines, and reduced job performance, ultimately affecting the banking sector's overall efficiency and competitiveness.(Chase & et.al., 2012).

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ffective time management techniques have been widely recognized as a key strategy for reducing procrastination. By prioritizing tasks, managing distractions, and creating schedules, individuals can optimize their time usage, increase productivity, and achieve their goals. However, despite the importance of effective time management, many private-sector employees struggle to implement these techniques, leading to persistent procrastination habits.(Edwin & et.al, 2004).

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his theoretical study explores effective time management techniques to reduce procrastination among private-sector bank employees. By examining the existing literature on time management, procrastination, and productivity, this study seeks to provide a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between these variables. The findings of this study will undoubtedly contribute to developing strategies and interventions aimed at promoting effective time management practices among private-sector employees, ultimately reducing procrastination habits and enhancing overall productivity.

1.1 Background and Context

By understanding the background and context of procrastination among private sector employees, this study aims to provide a comprehensive framework for addressing this issue and promoting effective time management techniques. Several contextual factors contribute to the prevalence of procrastination among private-sector bank employees, including:

- ***High-Stress Levels:***The private sector banking industry is characterized by high-stress levels, which can contribute to procrastination(Rehman & et.al, 2019).
- ***Long Working Hours:*** Bank employees often work long hours, leading to fatigue and decreased motivation (Rehman & et.al, 2019).
- ***Tight Deadlines:*** The banking industry is characterized by tight deadlines, which can create pressure and lead to procrastination.
- ***Complex tasks:*** Bank employees often face complex tasks, such as loan processing and financial analysis, which can be overwhelming and lead to procrastination.

The following Time Management techniques often prove very useful to beat procrastination habits and gain work efficiency for improving self-productivity:

•**The Pomodoro technique** was developed by Francesco Cirillo in the 1980s, and a tomato-shaped kitchen timer was used as a visual aid. Pomodoro is an Italian word that means “tomato.” In this technique, an individual can select any task to work on. Then, set a timer for 25 minutes and focus exclusively on the task at hand without interruptions, breaks, or multitasking. When the timer goes off, take a 5-minute break and repeat the cycle. After four “Pomodoro’s,” take a longer break of 15-30 minutes.

This technique gives benefits like Improved Focus, Increased Productivity, Better Time Estimation, and Reduced Burnout.

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•**The Eisenhower Matrix Time Management technique**is a decision-making tool that helps individuals prioritize tasks based on urgency and importance. The Eisenhower Technique was popularized by Stephen Covey in his book “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and is named after former US President Dwight D. Eisenhower. This technique uses a simple matrix to categorize tasks into four quadrants;

Quadrant-1: **Do First (Urgent and Important):** Deadlines, emergencies, and critical tasks that require immediate attention.

Quadrant-2: **Schedule (Important but Not Urgent):** Planning a new project, building relationships, or learning a new skill.

Quadrant-3: **Delegate (Urgent but Not Important):** Responding to non-essential emails, attending non-essential meetings, or getting bogged down in social media.

Quadrant-4: **Eliminate (Urgent and Not Important):** Time-wasting activities that do not add value, like watching excessive TV, playing video games, or engaging in gossip.

This technique provides benefits such as Improved Prioritization, Reduced Stress, Increased Productivity, and Better Work-Life Balance. Using the Eisenhower Technique, one can make informed decisions about allocating time and energy to gain productivity at work.

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•**The Pareto Analysis Time Management technique** is a statistical technique named after Vilfredo Pareto, an Italian economist who observed that approximately 80% of Italy's land was owned by 20% of the affluent population. The Pareto Principle states that:

(a). 80% of results come from 20% of efforts.

(b). 80% of problems are caused by 20% of causes.

The Pareto Principle is applied to Time Management by using the following simple steps;

(i).Identify Tasks: Lists all tasks, activities, and projects.

(ii).Categorize Tasks: Group tasks into categories (e.g., work, personal, leisure).

(iii).Analyze Tasks: Calculate the frequency, impact, or time spent on each task.

(iv).Prioritize Tasks: Focus on the 20% of tasks that generate 80% of the results or cause 80% of the problems.

This technique gives benefits like Improved Focus, Increased Efficiency, Better Problem-Solving Capabilities, and Enhanced Productivity.

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•**The Parkinson's Law Time Management Technique** is a method for managing tasks and time-based on the idea that *"work expands to fill the time available for its completion."* Parkinson's Law was first proposed by Cyril Northcote Parkinson in 1955. Parkinson's Law suggests that:

(i).Deadlines are elastic: Tasks will take longer to complete without a strict deadline.

(ii).Work will fill your available time: If you give yourself too much time to complete a task, it will take longer.

(iii).Procrastination is encouraged: People delay starting tasks without urgency.

The Parkinson's Law can be applied to manage time by following these steps;

(i).Set Tight Deadlines: Give yourself less time to complete tasks to avoid procrastination.

(ii).Use Time Constraints: Limit task time to increase focus and productivity.

(iii).Prioritize tasks: Focus on high-priority tasks and eliminate non-essential activities.

(iv).Avoid Multitasking: Focus on one task at a time to avoid dividing your attention and reducing productivity.

This technique Increases Productivity, Improves Focus, and Reduces Procrastination. By applying Parkinson's Law, one can achieve more in less time.

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•**The Time Blocking Management Technique** is an efficient method for scheduling tasks into fixed, uninterrupted blocks of time. Time blocking involves dividing the day into fixed, scheduled blocks dedicated to specific tasks or activities. This is done by adopting the following steps;

(i).Identify Tasks: Lists all tasks, activities, and appointments.

(ii).Prioritize Tasks: Determine the most critical and urgent tasks.

(iii). Schedule Blocks: Allocate fixed, uninterrupted blocks of time for such tasks.

(iv). Set Realistic Blocks: Be realistic about the time required for each task.

(v). Leave Buffers: Leave small buffers between blocks for transitions and flexibility.

(vi). Review and Adjust: Regularly review and adjust your time-blocking schedule.

This technique offers benefits such as Increased Productivity, Improved Prioritization, Reduced Multitasking, Enhanced Work-Life Balance, and Reduced Stress.

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1.2 Research Questions

This study aims to find answers to the following two specific research questions by going through past literature reviews and studies of previous researchers:

Q1. Is there any relationship between procrastination and time management techniques?

Q2. Can private sector bank employees reduce procrastination and increase self-productivity by successfully implementing time management techniques?

1.3 Significance of the Study

This study will provide valuable insights into the relationships between effective time management techniques and procrastination habits among private-sector bank employees. Its theoretical findings will significantly contribute to developing evidence-based strategies and interventions to promote effective time management practices, reduce procrastination, and enhance productivity among private-sector bank employees. Thus, it will add value and contribute to the existing literature on time management, procrastination, and productivity, providing a solid theoretical framework for future research and practical applications.

1.4 Scope of the Study

• This study aims to review and analyze existing literature on time management techniques, procrastination, and productivity.

•This study is restricted to private-sector bank employees and explores the challenges and

opportunities they face in managing their time effectively during office hours.

2. Review of the Literature

This literature review aims to contextualize the current research study by examining the key concepts, theories, and empirical findings that have shaped our understanding of the Procrastination issue among Private Sector bank employees and how to reduce its effect using effective Time Management techniques.

The researcher conducted a thorough literature review to identify and analyze relevant studies, articles, and books on time management techniques, procrastination habits, and productivity.

2.1 Data Sources

This literature review drew from a range of sources, including:

2.1.1 Academic Journals: Journal articles from reputable sources such as Google Scholar, JSTOR, Scopus, and Emerald Insight.

2.1.2 Books: Books on time management, productivity, and productivity from renowned publications like Manjul Publishing House, The Brian Tracy Success Library (online copy), Stephen Covey, The Psychology of Procrastination article, and Embassy Book House.

2.1.3 Online Sources: Reputable online sources, including articles from Harvard Business Review,Rescue Time tool, Evernote online platform, ZenDay Online Calendar, and the University of York Being Organised: A Practical Guide.

Peculiar and relevant reviews on this study title are enumerated alphabetically below:

(Chase & et.al., 2012), a paper titled **Time Management Strategies for Research Productivity**, emphasizes the negative impact of procrastination, interruptions, and lack of discipline on productivity. Adopting a quantitative methodological approach, the authors also provide 7 Strategies and 6 Time Management techniques to overcome these challenges. The author builds upon their study by quoting numerous old studies of other researchers to conclude their study. There is no data collection or use of any statistical analysis, which is a unique gap in this study. The author did not specify samples in terms of disciplines, career stages, or institutional types, which ultimately weakens the generalizability of the findings. The study also lacks empirical data to support the effectiveness of time management strategies. The authors find that developing a comprehensive approach to time management can significantly enhance individual productivity. The authors use survey and questionnaire methods to collect quantitative data. This study's findings emphasize the importance of structured planning, prioritization, and continuous evaluation to manage time effectively and enhance productivity. The study holds promise in future research that could validate the effectiveness of time management strategies explored here through longitudinal studies or randomized controlled trials. The basic concept in this study is to verify it using valid statistical tools and techniques.

(Eerde, 2010), in his study titled **Procrastination at Work and Time Management Training**, he finds that just time planning is insufficient to reduce procrastination. According to the author, procrastinators need to develop emotional strength and benefit from the support of others to prevent themselves from procrastinating. The author quotes findings from previous researchers on the same topic in the form of a meta-analysis, which is worth reading with different R-values. However, the author notes in his paper that the earlier studies do not allow us to conclude whether procrastination precedes, follows, or overlaps with the variables studied by previous researchers. The author conducted a quasi-experimental study on 37 Dutch management trainees to test three hypotheses using a questionnaire to collect the data. The author measured emotional stability using a 7-item scale from Berkeley's Personality Profile. For measuring the Time Management skills of the trainees, the author used goal setting and control of time subscales. The author used confirmatory factor analysis, MANOVA, and Chi-squared tests to test the data analysis. The results of this study proved that the trainees benefited immensely by practicing time management skills and displayed a reduction in procrastination levels. The study limits itself to these findings but does not suggest good time management techniques to overcome procrastination problems. It cannot be generalized and has a future scope in implementing a few time management techniques in the same experimental setup.

(Edwin & et.al, 2004)Their paper titled **Improving Productivity through More Effective Time Management** discusses the benefits of effective Time Management to the organization and the manager’s personal life. By doing effective time management, according to the authors, work-life balance improves. The authors in the methodology section mention seven different time management strategies for managers that can enhance their productivity and general happiness index in their lives. In the findings of their study, the authors suggest that managers need a directive leadership style to be a more listening and communicative type of individual with their employees. However, as a peculiar limitation of his study, it can be noted that his strategies and findings may not be universally applicable to all types of organizations. Secondly, the paper has not considered the impact of modern technology and digital tools on time management practices. Overall, their paper analysis is more conceptual and theoretical, lacking empirical data or quantitative analysis to support the proposed strategies. In the future, the paper offers a sufficient gap and scope to study the adaptability of time management strategies in diverse, rapidly changing work environments. The same study can be carried out using the questionnaire method with specific

samples among some groups and subjected to statistical tests.

(Gupta & et.al., 2012)Their study titled **Time Perspective and Procrastination in the Workplace: An Empirical Investigation states a link between time perspective and procrastination**. Time perspective and procrastination are stable predispositions and not fundamentally immutable. According to the authors, time perspective is a personality trait that helps individuals act appropriately. In their study, they measured five qualitative time perspective dimensions, as proposed by Zimbardo, using a multiple-item self-reported scale. Their methodological approach indicates that they have sampled 236 managers (141 males and 95 females) from seven central IT and financial organizations in India. Time perspectives compared against procrastination in this study are past-positive, past-negative, present-hedonistic, present-fatalistic, and future. Furthermore, they used the Confirmatory Factor Analysis to determine the psychometric properties of the procrastination measure. The authors also incorporated Lay's (1986) Workplace Procrastination measure to further study procrastination effects in the workplace. Thereafter, the author uses multiple regression analysis to examine the relationship between time perspective and procrastination. This study indicates that two out of five dimensions were positively related to procrastination, and the remaining three were negatively associated. To some extent, their study could establish a link between time perspective and procrastination. The author concludes that time perspective is a significant predictor of procrastination behavior, and these findings have important implications for human resource professionals. The primary limitations of this study are the use of correlational data instead of an experimental approach, self-reported measures, and a small sample size. The study has a future research gap in exploring the relationship between time orientation and factors affecting procrastination with cross-cultural generalizability of results.

(Gafni & et.al, 2010)Focused on the procrastination tendencies of 120 MBA students in their study titled **Time Management: Procrastination Tendency in Individual and Collaborative Tasks**. They found in their research that students tend to procrastinate when completing their assignments when it is voluntary, not otherwise. They conducted this study on MBA students at an open university in Israel. The authors adopted a methodology of tasking these MBA students to analyze an article and upload their views to an online forum. In addition to this task, they were also told to write at least two comments on other students' analyses. By performing a one-way ANOVA test, the authors divided students into two tasks: compulsory and voluntary. They planned to check the difference in procrastination levels in these two tasks. The authors tabulate various numerical findings and conclude that there is no gender difference in procrastination. The authors compare the results graphically. Their findings show that students were more interested in completing their assignments than the voluntary ones. This study holds a future scope of research in finding the effect of collaborative learning on procrastination and how time management strategies can be planned in this case. The study has very few statistical tests performed on the data, limiting further exploration of other important parameters. Finding a relationship between procrastination in voluntary tasks and compulsory tasks and time planning methods is the gap in this study.

(Häfner & et. al, 2014)Researchers performed an interesting experiment to examine the short-term effects of performing time management activities on the procrastination habits of 96 students (having a mean age of 23.6 years, with 49% females) from a German university. They titled their study **Avoiding Procrastination through Time Management: An Experimental Interventional Study**. The researchers divided the population into the experimental training group (n=47) and the control group (n=49). The experimental group practiced time management rules, whereas the control group did not. The study outcomes show that time management training for the experimental group prevents procrastination among the university students compared to the control group, which did not dwell on time management activity. The researchers also noticed that the experimental group to whom time management skills were imparted did not indulge in personal tasks and allocated their time equally to the tasks at hand. Their study had some considerable methodological and theoretical limitations; for example, their experimental study emphasized only the volitional process, and alternative interventions were not considered to carefully examine the reasons for procrastination among university students, which could affect future study agendas. Other strategies to cope with procrastination habits among university students were not holistically considered, such as stating reasons to avoid procrastination and implementing time management while executing any task.

(Rehman & et.al, 2019), Worked on a research study titled **Predictive Relationship between Procrastination, Work Stress, and Mental Wellbeing among Bank Employees of Gujranwala** to investigate the predictive relationship between Procrastination, Work Stress, and Mental Well-being. The study revealed that the mental well-being of bank employees was negatively associated with procrastination and work stress. The researchers used the Warwick-Edinburg Mental Well-Being scale established by NHS Health Scotland (2006) to assess the mental well-being of bank employees, which consisted of 14 questions and a five-point Likert scale. They adopted a cross-sectional research design and a convenient random

sampling method on a population size of N =110 using a questionnaire data collection method. They processed the data using the SPSS 21 version. They concluded using multiple regression techniques to show that soldiering and cyber-slacking negatively influenced bank employees' mental well-being. The researchers painstakingly tabulated all their statistical findings in three different tables. However, this study limits its scope to work stress issues due to procrastination and does not consider other factors that cause procrastination among bank employees. Suggesting which factors lead to procrastination among bank employees and effective time management is a solution for the gap in future studies.

(Vodanovich & et.al, 1997)A study titled **Relationship between Time Structure and Procrastination** investigated a relationship between time structure and procrastination in 115 Irish undergraduate students of a public university in Southwest Ireland. The sample included 73.3% women, and the population's average age was 20.5 years. The researcher used a Bond and Feather, 1988 Time Structure Questionnaire, Tuchman, 1911 Procrastination Scale, and a Demographic questionnaire sheet gathering the sex, age, and race of the participants. The results of the Pearson correlation coefficients revealed negative correlations for the Procrastination scale. The overall findings of the study indicated that a lack of sense of purpose induces procrastination among students. The study's weaknesses include a tiny sample size, the inability to use other statistical tools, and the fact that it analyses very few factors that lead to procrastination among students. These limitations can be explored in other future studies on similar lines. In his research, the researcher did not mention other reasons for procrastination among students. The same methodology can be extended to bank employees, and parallel analogies can be drawn to explore similarities and differences between students at undergraduate levels. These gaps in this study can be investigated using modern-day statistical techniques and computer-aided tools to understand in more detail.

(Ximena & et.al, 2011), Their study titled **Fighting Procrastination in The Workplace: An Experiment** effectively demonstrates how procrastination affects Bank of Columbia employees' performance and work satisfaction. The authors observed a problem of frequent reminders of task achievement by Bank of Columbia employees, mainly because of their intense procrastination habits. As a solution, the author instituted a prize money system among employees to overcome their procrastination and motivate them to complete pending tasks. The method of giving incentives worked, and to some extent, the procrastination habits were reduced among bank employees. The authors then ran The Madrugador Program, which attempted to calculate the delinquency rates of employees and total productivity output. However, the results of this experiment showed that giving incentives to bank employees was insufficient to overcome procrastination problems, and the effects of this experiment died down after it was over. Thus, the authors conclude that inner mental strength and willpower were essential to control procrastination habits among Bank of Columbia employees. The study was just an experimental survey, an observational method, and no statistical tools were used to assess various parameters, which is its most significant limitation. As a result, it could not be generalized beyond its actual findings, nor could its validity or reliability be ascertained, and thus, it has an immense future scope for further improvements in its essential execution.

(Zaidi, 2015) In her study titled **Time Management and Professional Stress among Bank Managers: A Correlational Study**, the Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient and t-test between time management and professional stress among bank managers were calculated. This value for N =100 was 0.511 with $P < 0.01$(two-tailed). The sample consisted of a hundred subjects and was taken from various banks in the Government sector. Professional Life Stress Scale was used to assess time management and professional stress in bank managers. This study aimed to investigate whether good time managers face less stress. Methodologically, the author used a correlational research design using a random sampling technique. The study results proved no significant negative correlation between time management and professional stress. The study concludes that bank managers with better time management skills experience less professional stress. Again, this study limits itself to bank managers and does not extend its efforts to familiar employees. This study only synthesizes professional stress issues in bank managers concerning their time management styles. It does not factor in their procrastination behaviors or any gender difference in the procrastination habits of bank employees. This gap remains unfilled in her study.

2.1.4 Data Analysis: This literature review extensively involved a qualitative analysis of the collected data, mainly focusing on identifying patterns, themes, and relationships between time management, procrastination habits, and productivity of the private sector bank employees. However, due to a lack of specific studies on procrastination issues among bank employees, barring a few, a logical analogy had to be drawn from the findings of this particular research by the researcher.

2.1.5 Theoretical Framework: This study exclusively employed a theoretical framework to analyze the relationship between time management techniques, procrastination habits, and productivity issues of private-sector bank employees. The framework drew from existing theories and models

on time management, motivation theory, self-regulation, the need for productivity enhancements, and the hurdles of prevailing procrastination habits issues of private-sector bank employees.

3. Research Methodology

This study employs a theoretical approach, focusing on a comprehensive review of existing literature in the past published papers on time management techniques and procrastination habits among private sector bank employees, academic students, and workforce individuals in different industries worldwide.

The researcher extensively studied the outcomes of the past papers described in the literature review section to deduce valid inferences for this study's findings and conclusion sections, respectively.

4. Findings of the study

From the above extensive literature review of relevant studies of the past, the following findings accrue:

(i). There is a relationship between procrastination habits and time management techniques. Learning a specific technique among those mentioned above and successfully implementing it daily requires practice.

(ii)Private-sector bank employees can adopt these time management techniques to reduce procrastination. The bank hierarchy must organize sessions to impart lessons to their employees and help them gain skills to implement those time management techniques.

5. Discussion

The findings of this study strongly suggest that effective time management techniques can play a crucial role in reducing procrastination habits among private sector employees. The literature review revealed that procrastination is a pervasive problem among employees, leading to decreased productivity and increased stress, negatively impacting employees, students, and industry labor. The official sources have several links that give additional information to the reader that corroborates the findings of this study and also provide an excellent, reliable source to learn those time management techniques correctly. However, understanding and implementing them appropriately may take a different period.

6. Implications of the Study

6.1 Time Management as a Solution: This study highlights the importance of time management techniques in reducing procrastination habits. By implementing effective time management strategies in daily life, employees can prioritize tasks, manage distractions, and increase productivity.

6.2 Employees Well-Being: This study also emphasizes the dire need for banking sector organizations to prioritize employees' well-being by providing training and resources to help employees manage procrastination and improve their time management skills. Only then can banking sector employees enjoy a good work-life balance and show enthusiasm for their work.

6.3 Organizational Performance: By reducing procrastination habits and improving time management skills, organizations can enhance employee productivity and job satisfaction, increase banking sector revenues, increase wealth generation, and improve overall organizational performance.

7. Limitations and Future Research

7.1 Theoretical Limitations: This study is based on a theoretical framework and does not involve empirical data collection. Future research should develop and test the hypotheses using empirical data. Statistical analysis and drawing inferences are also recommended in future research studies.

7.2Contextual Limitations: This study focuses only on private-sector bank employees, and the findings may not be generalized to other industries or contexts. Future research should explore the applicability of findings to different contexts.

8. Practical Recommendations

8.1 Time Management Training: Banking organizations should provide time management training programs for employees to help them develop practical time management skills.

8.2 Procrastination Reduction Strategies: Banking organizations should implement strategies to reduce procrastination habits, such as regular goal-setting, progress monitoring, and feedback provision.

8.3 Employees Well-Being Initiative: Banking organizations should prioritize employees' well-being by providing resources and support to help employees manage their stress, anxiety, and other mental health concerns.

9. Conclusions

Based on the above extensive literature review, the following conclusions can be drawn from this study:

(i). Managing one's time at work using some time management techniques is an art. Private-sector bank employees can only gain skills in the job at hand, and thus, their productivity increases.

(ii) Banking leaders must help their employees cope with and overcome challenges such as managing daily workloads, meeting deadlines, and balancing work-life responsibilities.

(iii).The study demonstrates the importance of theoretical frameworks in understanding time management concepts and informing practical strategies for private sector bank employees.

(iv). The study suggests that targeted interventions, such as training programs and coaching, can help private-sector bank employees overcome procrastination and develop more effective time management skills.

(vi). The study also emphasizes the importance of organizational support, such as providing resources, training, and flexible work arrangements, in enabling private-sector bank employees to manage their time effectively.

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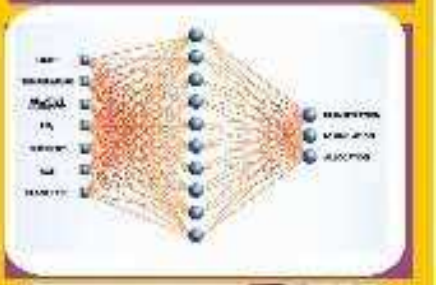
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