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Medical Image Diagnostics using Computer Vision and Artificial Intelligence

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ABSTRACT

AI is now heavily involved in the healthcare industry, and the industry's distinctive analytical capabilities have increased the ability to extract previously undiscovered patterns and insights from the massive volumes of data that are available. By using this strategy, we can increase the applicability and obtain accurate information. By using this technology, we can link resources with patients for better management, uncover previously undiscovered insights into medical decision-making, and benefit from previously undiscovered data assets. Today's medical specialists find it challenging to work with high resolution images from massive data sets like MRI, CAT scans, X-rays, or other testing components. Extracting information from the medical industry is a challenging endeavor. Nowadays healthcare professionals find it challenging to work with high resolution images from massive data sets like MRI, CAT scans, X-rays, or other testing components. Extracting information from the medical industry is a challenging endeavor. The potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in the diagnosis of cancer, musculoskeletal issues, neurological illnesses, and bone fractures is investigated in this study. It also demonstrates how an innovative AI technique is carefully examined from several angles, opening up interesting new avenues for medical imaging study. Qualitative and statistical study of secondary data has been useful in examining the details of AI's role in medical imaging. In this paper, the benefits of implementing AI in healthcare are also discussed.

Keywords: Deep learning, Artificial Intelligence, Image processing, Data, Information

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INTRODUCTION

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines that are designed to think and act like humans. AI systems can learn from data, recognize patterns and make predictions or decisions. It encompasses various technologies including machine learning, deep learning, natural language processing and computer vision. AI has wide-ranging applications in fields such as medicine, finance, transportation, and customer service. The term "artificial intelligence" (AI) refers to a technology that mimics human intellect but is computer-generated rather than natural. From the business sector to education and health, it has established a recognizable presence for itself everywhere. Because of its many advantages, artificial intelligence has established itself as an integral part of clinical practice within the healthcare sector. This article provides an overview of five distinct uses for AI in the medical imaging industry. Diagnostic imaging it includes a broad spectrum of ICT-based approaches to medical imaging, from standard clinical practice to cutting-edge research in human physiology and pathophysiology. Medical imaging data from X-rays, MRIs, CT scans, and other types of scans are managed, stored, and processed using information and communication technology. By giving medical professionals access to precise and timely medical imaging information, medical imaging informatics aims to enhance patient care[1]. It also strives to improve healthcare organizations' productivity and efficiency by optimizing operations and minimizing manual effort. This article explores not just the current usage of AI in medicine, but also its possible future applications (AI) technology. AI-powered medical imaging solutions are capable of improving the accuracy, speed, and efficiency of diagnoses and treatments. Here are a few ways AI is being used in the medical imaging industry:

Image analysis
AI algorithms can analyze medical images and highlight areas of concern for physicians, such as tumors or other anomalies.

Computer-aided diagnosis
AI systems can assist physicians in making a diagnosis by providing additional insights and recommendations based on the analysis of medical images.

Image-guided surgery
AI can assist in planning and guiding surgical procedures by providing real-time information and analysis of medical images during the operation.

Radiology workflow optimization
AI can help radiology departments to streamline their workflows and improve efficiency by automating routine tasks and reducing the workload of radiologists. The field of diagnostic healthcare has undergone a revolution due to artificial intelligence (AI) and computer vision technologies, which have provided fresh and creative approaches to medical imaging. Artificial intelligence (AI) systems can examine medical images and extract pertinent data, such as the presence of tumours or other irregularities, to help medical professionals make precise diagnosis. A patient's anatomy and physiology can be learned a lot about via medical imaging technologies including X-rays, CT scans, and MRI. This information can be processed and interpreted in fresh and creative ways to enhance patient care when paired with[2] AI and computer vision technology. To identify patterns and anomalies in medical images, such as cancers in X-ray or MRI scans, AI-powered computer vision algorithms can be developed, for instance. This data can be utilized to assist medical professionals in diagnosing patients or to track a condition's development over time. In summary, the use of AI and computer vision technologies in conjunction with medical imaging has the potential to significantly raise the precision and effectiveness of diagnostic healthcare. These technologies can contribute to better patient outcomes and more individualized and successful treatment options by giving healthcare providers more information and insights. In conclusion, AI has the potential to transform the medical imaging industry by enhancing the accuracy of diagnoses, reducing the workload of healthcare providers, and ultimately improving patient outcomes. The major objective of this paper is to explore future AI-related medical imaging applications.

Additionally, in this paper, we propose a method for researching AI's potential to revolutionize the healthcare industry. AI contains a wide potential to examine the many components of clinical research, and researchers are not too terrified of it; rather, they express the thoughts to embrace it[3]. The research presented in this article has uncovered a novel method using AI and discusses the upcoming possibilities for the field of medicine including the implementation of such a method with possible personnel.(Fromherz & Makary, 2022)

BACKGROUND

Medical imaging is an essential part of healthcare because it gives doctors precise visual data about a patient's anatomy and physiology. Among other things, medical imaging technologies include ultrasound, MRI, PET, CT scans, and X-rays. These technologies are essential for the identification, management, and treatment of a variety of medical diseases. Medical imaging supports healthcare professionals' decision-making regarding patient care, from early disease detection and diagnosis through the planning of surgical procedures. Additionally, it is crucial for tracking the effectiveness of drugs and gauging the success of medical procedures. M Medical physics, nuclear medicine, and radiology are three specialist professions that concentrate on the creation, analysis, and application of medical images. This wide-spread usage of medical imaging in healthcare has sparked the growth of these fields. Further enhancing the precision and effectiveness of diagnosis and treatments are technological developments and the incorporation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in medical imaging.Artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms are applied to medical imaging data in order to enhance patient care and healthcare procedures.

Objective

The research aimed to fulfill the following objectives:
* To study the Role of artificial intelligence in medical imaging
* potential applications of AI in diagnostic imaging in the future
* The use of artificial intelligence in medical imaging

METHODOLOGY

Many other disciplines rely heavily on image processing, such as image mining, medical imaging, scientific visualization, web mining, etc. Because they facilitate rapid searching and retrieval of medical pictures, Content-Based Mir Image Retrieval (CBMIR) technologies are crucial to the functioning of medical databases. This article provides in-depth details on the possibilities of deep learning algorithms for picture segmentation. This article is meant to serve as a primer on the many potential uses of deep learning in medical imaging, including picture mining. Methods for content-based picture retrieval and defect identification in medical images are also presented. The aforementioned methods are all examples of de-generative models; additional models, such as pattern-based methods, future-oriented methods, in-depth methodologies, and model-based approaches, are also highlighted in the literature[4]. However, success is often credited to model-based methods or generative approaches since, in such circumstances, analysis is dependent on an estimate of the parameters and the complete analysis is conditional on these estimates. New discoveries in machine learning have led to the development of additional methods, such as deep learning processes. This methodology has the potential to improve the analysis of therapeutic tissues in particular. In this research, we report the results of a comprehensive investigation of the subset of image-processing jobs that are amenable to deep learning techniques.

Role of artificial intelligence in medical imaging

It is utilized in medical imaging to diagnose a wide range of different illnesses; artificial intelligence may be of use to radiologists and pathologists. There have been many indications that AI tools and components are capable of performing the task of recognizing the characteristics in medical images in a more accurate and expedient manner. The following is a list of the five applications of artificial intelligence that can be found in the field of medical

imaging, as well as how AI is affecting the labor force by enhancing its ability to identify potentially deadly disorders.(Brag, 2020)

Recognizing cardiovascular abnormalities
The risk of developing cardiovascular illness and the presence of conditions requiring surgical or pharmacological intervention may be ascertained through measurements of cardiac architecture. Monitoring and controlling the process of identifying various problems utilising basic ordered image detection technologies, such as X-rays, may allow for more rapid treatment decisions. If an example doesn't make it clear, nothing will. After a patient arrives at the ER complaining of breathlessness, a chest x-ray may be the first image observation made[5]. As cardiomegaly is a potential indicator of serious heart disease, it may be utilised as a part of a preliminary screening process. Inaccurate diagnoses might be made by the radiologist if they relied too much on a short visual inspection. Artificial intelligence may help doctors spot bigger pulmonary nodules on chest x-rays, which might indicate other, more serious pulmonary or cardiac problems that need to be ruled out. In a similar vein, artificial intelligence might be beneficial in automating measuring activities such as the identification of the aortic valve, the carina angle, and the diameter of the pulmonary artery.(Sureka, 2021)

Identifying other fractures and musculoskeletal injuries
Musculoskeletal injuries and fractures, if not treated promptly, may lead to chronic pain and disability. Also on the list of problems that need to be resolved as soon as feasible are issues like hip fractures in the elderly. It is particularly advantageous to employ AI to identify the tiny but most significant fractures, which may be difficult to locate[6]. The use of artificial intelligence by surgeons makes it possible to treat soft tissue injuries and dislocations with more certainty. Following the accident, this particular sort of fracture is considered to be of minor significance and requires a quicker recovery. The findings are not easily discernible from the x-ray;thus, a comparison must be made with the results of the many previous tests in order to determine the abnormality's evolution over time. The medical experts discover the finest applications for AI in this setting, which assists them in making timely decisions about procurement.

Diagnosing neurological illnesses
Patients having degenerative neurological disorders like amyotrophic lateral sclerosis may get a devastating diagnosis (ALS). Artificial intelligence has a large and vital role in ALS diagnosis. Differentiating amongst primary lateral sclerosis (PLS) but also amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and identifying each ailment independently calls for imaging examinations. Recent studies on the identification of ALS and the use of AI to it demonstrate how important speed and accuracy are in this process.

Determining the Presence of Thoracic Complications
AI algorithms have access to pictures and x-rays, which enables them to provide evidence of opacities that suggest pneumonia and offer alerts for possible diagnoses. AI makes it possible to observe and treat patients more quickly. In this regard, artificial intelligence may seem capable of prioritizing both the nature of the problem and the severity of it, which may assist in making decisions in accordance with the sense of urgency.(Subasi, 2023)

Cancer screening and prevention
Imaging procedures performed in a hospital setting are often used to screen patients for common cancers. For example, it might be challenging to locate defects in the breast tissue, such as micro calcification, that are associated with breast cancer. Incorrect diagnosis, often known as a false positive, might result in needless deadly diseases, which is the worst possible consequence. Artificial intelligence (AI) may aid in providing the accuracy and optimal use of imaging features to detect micro calcifications on the basis of suspicion for "ductal carcinoma in situ" (DCIS), which may reduce the likelihood of unnecessary benign biopsies being conducted. In a similar vein, AI may also be beneficial for identifying cancers of the head and neck, colorectal cancer, prostate cancer, or cervical cancer.

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human eyes can easily spot issues because they have been educated and have prior experience, where the system for machine learning cannot detect issues with medical picture annotation except if the symptoms or concerns are mentioned[7]. Only by using that is it possible to diagnose the problem and provide an informed prediction based on the observable pattern. While there is consensus among experts that the AI application's accuracy much exceeds that of human sight, there are also many who disagree, but on the other hand, many academics believe that the AI application is less beneficial.

Training of AI models for use in medical imaging
The incorporation of key methods into MI is a kind of image marking used by experts to indicate the location of an issue and to draw a picture of it using computer vision. Image annotation is also known as image labeling. Image labeling is also known as image annotation. After the MI has been annotated with the problem, the training of the AI model may take place on a massive scale. Big data is fueled by AI and machine learning, which helps in providing acceptable data for evaluating medical pictures and making predictions about what sort of illness may arise probably in patients. This helps in producing relevant data for analyzing medical images. When it comes to diagnosing illness, artificial intelligence could prove to be more efficient than traditional methods.(Ayache, 2020)

Accurate automated management information
It has been suggested in a number of papers that once a good AI framework has been established, it would be able to detect a number of different diseases in a shorter amount of time than a radiologist can, while also being more accurate and effective. An article on AI in medical imaging was written after extensive secondary data analysis (both quantitative and qualitative). The numerous areas AI may be put to use in have been categorised via the use of statistics and an analysis of secondary data. Conversely, qualitative research on AI's advancements focuses on their accuracy and potential. Table diagrams have drawn attention to the basic analysis's skewed use of statistical measurement. In this qualitative follow-up, we discuss the potential further development of AI. Incorporating articles by other researchers has allowed for a deeper dive into the issue at hand. The growing use of AI to medical imaging is driven mostly by a desire to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of diagnostics and therapy. This is because AI can help diagnose and treat medical conditions faster and more accurately. Imaging by radioactivity is seeing tremendous expansion.

The effectiveness and efficiency of AI over the course of several years
The phrase "artificial intelligence" comes from the concept of a machine that simulates human cognitive processes, such as the ability to solve problems or acquire new skills[8]. To speak in more broad terms, we might say that it is the process of learning systematically by carrying out activities that depend on a certain algorithm or pattern in order to comprehend and recognize the conceptions. There are several automated methods, some of which even need human intellect in order to be useful in some fields [14]. Artificial intelligence, machine learning, and deep learning are all interrelated and have been used for some time now; they each stand for a different kind of learning methodology. This article discusses the use of AI to medical imaging, and it is noted that the use of these instructional material may be tracked over the course of several years. There has been much investigation concerning the use of AI in clinical diagnostic imaging. Over the course of several years, it has shown remarkable precision in the medical field. On the other hand, the increased sensitivity has arisen as a significant downside with the tiny changes in detecting techniques.(Wolterink&Mukhopadhyay, 2022)

Application of AI in the medical business
By the year 2024, it is anticipated that the global healthcare business for AI based on clinical applications would have reached almost $1.5 billion. Following the rise in its use, artificial intelligence is expected, according to market research and consulting, to take on a prominent role in the world's medical business. The expansion of the market is expected to quicken as a result of covid pan-demic subsidies in AIU-based medical treatment with high annual growth that is expected to rise by 44% by the year 2022. The use of artificial intelligence is developing noticeably, particularly in the diagnosis of different illnesses. It has assumed a prominent position in the treatment of illnesses

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such as lung cancer, breast cancer, neurological disorders, and cardiovascular diseases since it has approved the opportunity. With its dynamic characteristic, artificial intelligence has a wide range of potential applications in the healthcare fields of the future.

The Use of Artificial Intelligence In Medical Imaging
Enhanced health checks
AI-enhanced medical imaging helps physicians diagnose and treat faster.
AI has been shown by researchers at Tulane University to be as effective as human pathologists in spotting colorectal cancer in tissue scans. In order to determine whether artificial intelligence might assist pathologists in keeping up with demand, this research was conducted. According to the study's authors, a cancer diagnosis requires the analysis and interpretation of hundreds of histopathological pictures. Doctors who are overworked could make more blunders. Professor as well as Director of the Center for Biomedical Engineering and Genomics at Tulane University, Hong-Wen Deng, Ph.D., announced recent findings in a press release[9]., claimed that pathologists are kept occupied despite their repetitious labor. Deng noted that pathologists are few worldwide, particularly in poor nations. "This study is innovative since we efficiently exploited artificial intelligence to identify and diagnose colorectal cancer in a cost-effective method, which may someday lower the load of pathologists," the scientists said.(Nadkarni & Merchant, 2022)

- AI may also assess cardiovascular issues.
- Several cardiac structures may determine a patient's cardiovascular disease risk. Automating imaging test anomaly detection may improve diagnostic accuracy and speed[10].
- Artificial intelligence can identify left atrial enlargement on chest x-rays, enabling cliniciansto rule out cardiac or pulmonary concerns and improve patient care.
- Similar AI systems can automate aortic valve analysis, carina angle measurement, and pulmonary artery diameter assessment, among others.
- AI can determine muscle thickness and monitor heart and artery blood flow by analyzing imaging data. AI detects skin cancer[11].
- Medical imaging using AI may identify fractures, neurological abnormalities, and thoracic issues.

Precision medicine improvements
AI in medical imaging leads to more accurate treatment. Researchers from Stanford University discovered that computer science could distinguish between two forms of lung cancer. The machine learning aided pathologists in tumour staging and grading, which improved patient survival forecasting. Michael Snyder, Ph.D., head of the genetics department and a professor there, made this allegation in a news release[12]. In this case, the opinions of two seasoned pathologists are in agreement. In 60% of cases. This technique, which replaces subjectivity with sophisticated quantitative data, should improve patient outcomes. AI removes judgment. Precision medicine advances by identifying the patient's cancer kind and the best treatment option. Precision medicine lets physicians treat patients individually.

Signaling and assessing danger
AI with medical imaging can identify and predict health issues. AI imaging combined with clinical data may help physicians predict heart attacks. Complementary and strong predictors of heart attack risk in persons with established coronary artery disease were found to include 18F-NaF uptake on PET as well as quantitative coronary plaque features on CT angiography in an artificial intelligence model. Both methods have the potential to improve clinical data's capacity to predict heart attacks. This study investigated if AI may improve heart attack prediction using 18F-NaF PET and CT angiography data[12]. The research team found that AI techniques may accurately predict heart attacks by integrating multimodality imaging and clinical data. AI and machine learning may enhance health screenings, precision medicine, risk assessment, and doctor workloads.(Subasi & Qureshi, 2023)

CONCLUSION

After considering all that has been said about AI in the medical profession, one may get the conclusion that the potential range of applications for AI in the future is going to be quite large. Imaging in medicine is an essential procedure in the clinical sector that assists medical practitioners in making accurate diagnoses of a wide variety of diseases. The most significant medical pictures to have in order to diagnose an ailment are an X-ray, an MRI, a CT scan, and an ultrasound diagnostic. Because artificial intelligence makes it possible for technologies to exist and plays a more significant part in providing a correct analysis of these photos. In all honesty, the computerized vision software uses these photographs to train the machine, and then the artificial intelligence machine detection software assists in the analysis of these images. A standard machine will not be able to identify the sickness as well as other testing methods would. As a direct consequence of this, a vast quantity of medical pictures isutilized to train artificial intelligence models.

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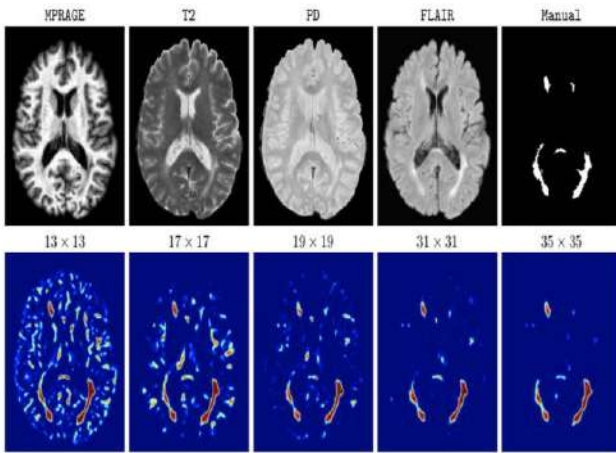
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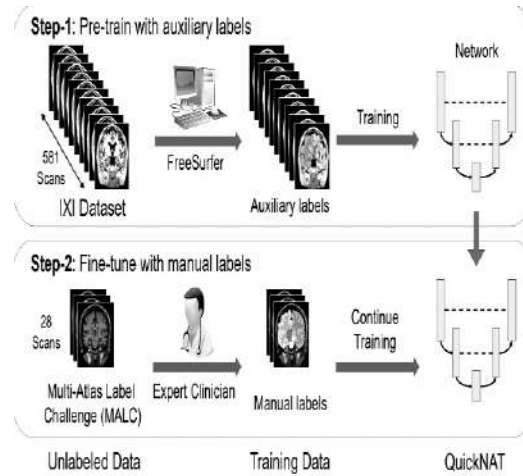**Figure 1. Medical Image Processing Using Artificial Intelligence**

Figure 2: - AI In The Medical Imaging

REVIEW ARTICLE

Gastroretentive Drug Delivery of BCS Class II Drugs - A Comprehensive Review

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ABSTRACT

The present article overviews the one of the innovative and prompt drug delivery system in the field of pharmaceuticals that is Gastroretentive drug delivery systems. These systems are designed to prolong the residence time of drugs in the stomach, providing a host of benefits for both patients and pharmaceutical companies. This innovative approach capitalizes on the unique properties of Class II drugs, which exhibit high permeability but low solubility, making them ideal candidates for addressing the challenges associated with prolonged drug retention in the stomach. By leveraging their inherent high permeability and combining them with innovative drug delivery strategies like mucoadhesion, floating systems, and swelling formulations, pharmaceutical researchers have the potential to transform these drugs into effective treatments for a wide range of conditions. As this field of research continues to advance, we can anticipate the development of more sophisticated and patient-friendly gastroretentive systems that utilize BCS Class II drugs to improve therapeutic outcomes and patient compliance.

Keywords: Gastroretentive drug delivery systems, BCS Class II drugs, prolong, permeability and solubility

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INTRODUCTION

The field of pharmaceuticals has witnessed remarkable advancements over the years, leading to the development of innovative drug delivery systems that offer increased efficacy and improved patient compliance[1, 2, 3]. Gastroretentive drug delivery systems (GRDDS) are one such innovation that has revolutionized the way drugs are administered and absorbed by the body. These systems are designed to prolong the residence time of drugs in the stomach, providing a host of benefits for both patients and pharmaceutical companies[4, 5]. Gastroretentive drug delivery systems have garnered significant attention in the pharmaceutical industry due to their ability to enhance the bioavailability and therapeutic efficacy of drugs[6, 7, 8]. One intriguing development in this field is the utilization of BCS Class II drugs as gastroretentive drug delivery systems. This innovative approach capitalizes on the unique properties of Class II drugs, which exhibit high permeability but low solubility, making them ideal candidates for addressing the challenges associated with prolonged drug retention in the stomach[9, 10]. This article explores the concept of using BCS Class II drugs as gastroretentive systems and the advantages they offer for improving drug delivery[11].

UNDERSTANDING GASTRORETENTIVE DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS:[12, 13, 14]
Gastroretentive drug delivery systems are specialized formulations designed to increase the retention of drugs within the stomach for an extended period. The stomach's natural ability to quickly empty its contents into the small intestine can limit the absorption and efficacy of some drugs. By employing GRDDS, the release of the drug can be sustained, ensuring a more controlled and prolonged drug release profile[15]. This technology is particularly valuable for drugs with a narrow absorption window, low solubility, and those that undergo significant degradation in the gastrointestinal environment[16, 17].

ADVANTAGES OF GASTRORETENTIVE DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS
Enhanced Bioavailability
GRDDS allows for increased drug absorption in the stomach, where the drug's solubility is typically higher[18, 19]. This results in improved bioavailability, which can reduce the required dose and minimize side effects.

Prolonged Drug Action
By maintaining the drug within the stomach, GRDDS extends the duration of therapeutic action[20, 21]. This is especially beneficial for drugs used to treat chronic conditions[22].

Improved Patient Compliance
Extended-release drug formulations reduce the frequency of dosing, leading to better patient compliance and improved quality of life for individuals with chronic diseases[23, 24].

Reduced Variability
Gastroretentive systems can help minimize interpatient variability in drug absorption, leading to more predictable therapeutic outcomes[25,26].

CHALLENGES IN GASTRORETENTIVE DRUG DELIVERY
While the potential advantages of GRDDS are evident, developing and implementing these systems present several challenges:
Gastric Emptying Variability
Individual differences in gastric emptying time can affect the performance of GRDDS, requiring careful consideration of patient-specific factors[27, 28].

Formulation Complexity
Designing GRDDS formulations often involves complex drug-carrier interactions and specific formulation techniques, making the development process more challenging[29, 30, 31].

Gastrointestinal Tolerability
Some patients may experience gastrointestinal discomfort or adverse effects due to prolonged drug residence in the stomach[32].

BCS Class II Drugs: Challenges and Opportunities in Drug Development
The Biopharmaceutics Classification System (BCS) is a vital tool in pharmaceutical sciences that classifies drugs based on their solubility and permeability properties. Among the four BCS classes, Class II drugs pose unique challenges and opportunities in drug development. In this article review, we delve into the characteristics of BCS Class II drugs, the issues they present in formulation and bioavailability, and innovative strategies employed to address these challenges[33].

CHARACTERISTICS OF BCS CLASS II DRUGS
BCS Class II drugs are characterized by high permeability but low solubility. These drugs have excellent potential for absorption across the intestinal membrane, but their low solubility can hinder their dissolution in the gastrointestinal tract[34, 35]. This unique combination of properties often leads to poor and variable bioavailability, making their formulation and development a complex endeavor[36].

CHALLENGES IN FORMULATION AND BIOAVAILABILITY
Limited Solubility
The low solubility of BCS Class II drugs can result in incomplete dissolution and reduced bioavailability. Formulating these drugs to enhance solubility while maintaining stability is a key challenge.

Inconsistent Bioavailability
Variability in drug absorption due to differences in food intake, pH, or gastrointestinal transit times can further complicate the predictability of drug efficacy.

Dose Escalation
To achieve therapeutic levels, higher doses of BCS Class II drugs are often required, increasing the risk of side effects and patient non-compliance.

INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS BCS CLASS II CHALLENGES
Amorphous Solid Dispersions (ASDs): ASDs involve the conversion of crystalline drug particles into amorphous forms, significantly improving solubility. Polymers, surfactants, and other excipients are often used to stabilize amorphous drugs in formulations[37].

Nanoformulations
Nanosizing BCS Class II drugs into nanoparticles enhances surface area, improving solubility and dissolution rates. Nanocrystals, liposomes, and micelles are popular choices.

Co-Crystals
Co-crystals are novel drug delivery platforms where the active pharmaceutical ingredient is combined with a coformer to enhance solubility and stability.

Prodrug Approaches
Prodrugs are chemically modified forms of the active compound, designed to improve solubility or stability. They are metabolically converted into the active drug once inside the body.

Complexation with Cyclodextrins
Cyclodextrins are cyclic oligosaccharides that can form inclusion complexes with BCS Class II drugs, increasing solubility and bioavailability[38].

Lipid-Based Formulations
Lipid-based drug delivery systems, such as lipid nanoparticles and lipid-based emulsions, can improve solubility and protect BCS Class II drugs from degradation.

pH-Dependent Release Systems
Some formulations are designed to release BCS Class II drugs in specific regions of the gastrointestinal tract, optimizing drug absorption.

ADVANTAGES OF BCS CLASS II DRUGS AS GASTRORETENTIVE SYSTEMS:[39, 40]
Utilization of Inherent Properties
BCS Class II drugs are inherently suited for gastroretentive systems because of their high permeability, which enables efficient absorption, and their low solubility, which can be utilized to prolong drug release in the stomach.

Enhanced Bioavailability
One of the primary goals of gastroretentive systems is to improve the bioavailability of drugs with absorption challenges. BCS Class II drugs, with their inherent high permeability, can benefit greatly from extended residence time in the stomach, leading to increased absorption[41].

Reduced Variability
Prolonged gastric retention helps minimize interpatient variability in drug absorption, making the therapeutic effects of BCS Class II drugs more predictable.

Lower Dosing Frequency
Gastroretentive systems can reduce dosing frequency by ensuring that the drug remains in the stomach for an extended period, thus improving patient compliance and convenience.

STRATEGIES FOR UTILIZING BCS CLASS II DRUGS AS GASTRORETENTIVE SYSTEMS:
Several strategies can be employed to transform BCS Class II drugs into effective gastroretentive systems:
Mucoadhesive Formulations
Mucoadhesive polymers can be incorporated into drug formulations to improve adhesion to the gastric mucosa, prolonging drug retention.

Floating Drug Delivery Systems
These systems are designed to float on the stomach's contents, ensuring extended gastric residence time. BCS Class II drugs can be combined with appropriate excipients to create such formulations[42].

Swelling and Expanding Systems
Formulations that swell or expand upon contact with gastric fluid can effectively prolong drug release in the stomach, enhancing the bioavailability of BCS Class II drugs.

Gastroretentive Devices
Innovative drug delivery devices, such as gastric balloons or other implantable systems, can be employed to retain BCS Class II drugs in the stomach for controlled drug release[44, 45]. Several gastroretentive drug formulations that were marketed or under development. Keep in mind that the availability of these formulations may have changed since then, and it's essential to consult the most recent sources for up-to-date information.

Here is a list of some of the marketed gastroretentive formulations[46]

Gleevec Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor Kit (GIST Kit)

Gleevec is used for the treatment of gastrointestinal stromal tumors. It is available as a gastroretentive kit for improved drug delivery in the stomach.

Sular (nisoldipine extended-release tablets)

Sular is used to treat high blood pressure. It is a calcium channel blocker formulated to have gastroretentive properties for sustained release[47, 48].

Glumetza (metformin hydrochloride extended-release tablets)

Glumetza is an extended-release formulation of metformin, used to manage diabetes[49]. It is designed to have a gastroretentive mechanism to improve drug absorption and reduce gastrointestinal side effects[50].

Toprol-XL (metoprolol succinate extended-release tablets)

Toprol-XL is an extended-release formulation of metoprolol, a beta-blocker used to treat various cardiovascular conditions. It is designed for sustained release in the stomach.

Sinemet CR (carbidopa/levodopa extended-release tablets)

Sinemet CR is used in the treatment of Parkinson's disease. It is formulated to have a controlled-release mechanism for prolonged gastric retention.

Protonix (pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets)

Protonix is a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) used to treat acid-related gastrointestinal conditions. While not strictly a gastroretentive formulation, it's designed to release the active ingredient in the stomach for optimal efficacy[51].

Florastor (Saccharomyces boulardiilyo)

Florastor is a probiotic supplement used to support gastrointestinal health. It may be designed to release the active ingredient in the stomach for targeted action.

Dexilant (dexlansoprazole)

Dexilant is a PPI used for acid-related conditions like gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). It is formulated for dual delayed-release, which includes an immediate release and a second delayed-release component for optimized acid suppression.

Renvela (sevelamer carbonate)

Renvela is a phosphate binder used in patients with chronic kidney disease. While not a gastroretentive formulation, it's designed to bind phosphate in the gastrointestinal tract to reduce phosphorus absorption.

Verelan PM (verapamil hydrochloride)

Verelan PM is a calcium channel blocker used for heart conditions. It is formulated with a controlled-release mechanism for prolonged gastric retention. Please note that the availability of these formulations may vary by region and could have changed since my last update. Additionally, new gastroretentive formulations may have been introduced to the market. Always consult with a healthcare professional or refer to the most recent pharmaceutical references for the latest information on marketed gastroretentive formulations.

CONCLUSION

BCS Class II drugs have emerged as promising candidates for the development of gastroretentive drug delivery systems, offering solutions to the challenges associated with low solubility and variable bioavailability. By leveraging

their inherent high permeability and combining them with innovative drug delivery strategies like mucoadhesion, floating systems, and swelling formulations, pharmaceutical researchers have the potential to transform these drugs into effective treatments for a wide range of conditions. As this field of research continues to advance, we can anticipate the development of more sophisticated and patient-friendly gastroretentive systems that utilize BCS Class II drugs to improve therapeutic outcomes and patient compliance.

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Table 1: List of some BCS class –II drugs which are good candidates for the GRDDS

Drug	Category	Bioavailability %
Amiodarone	Antiarrhythmics	35
Atorvastatin	HMG-coA reductase inhibitor	12
Azithromycin	Macrolide antibiotic	37
Carvedilol	Alpha and beta blocker	35
Erythromycin	Macrolide antibiotic	42
Cisapride	Gastroprokinetic agent	40
Rosuvastatin	HMG-coA reductase inhibitor	20
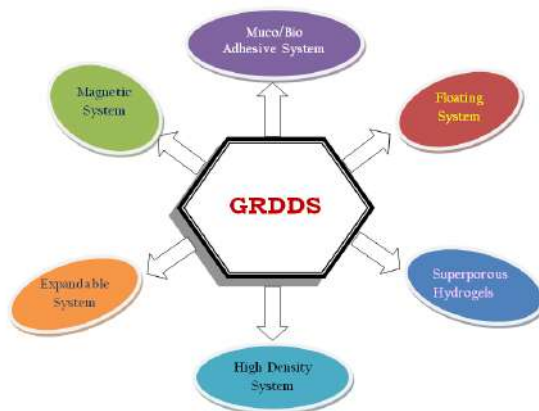
Fig 1: Approaches of GRDDS

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Green Synthesis and Characterization of Nanoparticles by using *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes and its Antibacterial Activity

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ABSTRACT

Since the beginning of time, people have used a variety of plants, herbs to promote health and treat illness. The great demand for herbal medicines and their potential health benefits offset the enormous need for study. Research on the various popular herbs medicinal efficaciousness, safety, and molecular effects is necessary. The aim of the study is to prepare Silver Nanoparticles using *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Extract and to check the Antimicrobial potential of prepared Nanoparticles. The *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Extract was prepared. Extraction was carried out by using various Solvents like Water, Ethanol, Hydroalcolic and Chloroform Extract. Phytochemical Screening of Extract was done to check the presence of secondary metabolite. Antimicrobial activity of the various extracts of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes was checked against Gram- positive and Gram- negative bacteria.Silver nanoparticles of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes extract was prepared by addition of Aqueous extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes. The prepared silver nanoparticles were characterized using Visual Observation, UV-Visible Spectroscopy, Percent Yield of Nanoparticles, Particle Size, Zeta Potential, XRD,FESEM, EDX, and TEM studies. The color Change from yellow to brown shows the formation of Nanoparticles. The synthesized yield was found 15.12%, 13.28%, 11.10%, 10.21%, respectively. Theaqueous extract shows greaterAntimicrobial activity than other extract against *E.coli* and *S.aureus.* The particle size of nanoparticles was found at 84.54 nm.Zeta potential of Nanoparticles was found at -11.6 Mv. The synthesized nanoparticles found to be spherical and crystalline in nature. The EDX pattern shows the presence of silver. The FESEM image shows the formation of nanoparticles. According to the antibacterial results, the produced AgNPs were successful in preventing the growth of *E. coli* and *S. aureus* bacteria.

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INTRODUCTION

Traditional medicine, often known as indigenous medicine, is a kind of healthcare developed by local ethnic groups using natural resources such minerals and herbs [1]. Green synthesis is the advancement in nanoparticles which uses plants, microorganisms as its reducing agents. Green synthesis method is the method which is eco-friendly, cost effective and high purification. The creation of nanoparticles has often been accomplished by one of three methods such as physical, chemical, or biological. A wound might arise from an accident or purposeful cause, or it can be part of a disease that compromises the integrity of the skin. Due to the fact that silver has antibacterial and anti-inflammatory qualities that aid in the healing of chronic wounds. AgNPs can also be utilized as an intrinsic therapeutic strategy. Every region of the world has a unique history of traditional medicine, such as ayurvedic Southeast Asian-born medical practitioners practice unani medicine [2]. Acupuncture, which has its roots in the Middle East and Arab nations and TCM, or traditional Chinese medicine, was first practiced in China [3]. Secondary metabolites found in herbal plants include alkaloids, glycosides, terpenes, steroids, flavonoids, tannins, and others. While some chemicals may contain Nitrogen or Sulphur, others may be phenols or their oxygen-substituted derivatives, such as tannins, which are biologically active and helpful for the treatment of illness and the prevention of health in both humans and animals. Antimicrobial activity of Tannins results in a variety of positive health effects [4]. Water lily, sacred lotus Rhizomes are other names for the lotus Rhizomes (*Nelumbo nucifera* G.). It is a perennial aquatic plant in the genus Nelumbo, which includes both farmed and wild species of *Nelumbo nucifera*. Family of *Nelumbo nucifera* is Nelumbonaceae. The genus can be found all throughout Asia (including China, India, and Russia), as well as in northern Australia and North America. Lotus has been grown for 7000 years in Asia for its nutrient-rich Rhizomes, leaves, and seeds. It is one of the most significant economic crops in China due to its significant nutritional qualities, generating 45,000 tonnes of lotus seed and 9 million tonnes of fresh Rhizomes [5]. AgNPs-treated wounds showed no signs of microbiological contamination, bleeding, or pus development after therapy. The biological features of silver nanoparticles, including their antibacterial activity, anti-inflammatory effects, and ability to promote wound healing, are drawing interest for possible therapeutic applications.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Nelumbo nucifera Rhizomes plant was selected for study (Figure1). The *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes was collected from Shreenath Agro Pvt. Ltd. Pune, Maharashtra, India. The plant was authenticated as *Nelumbo nucifera* (Family: Nelumbonaceae) from Botanical Survey of India, Western Regional Centre.

Drying and Pulverizing
After obtaining the *Nelumbo nucifera* rhizomes, they were dried for two weeks in the shade. To prevent microbiological contamination, ongoing monitoring was done. To create a fine powder, the dried plant materials were extracted and processed. To get even smaller particles, the powder was passed through a 2 mm sieve once more. Until they were required for the investigation, the powdered samples were kept in a clean glass container at a low temperature [6-7].

Extraction of Plant Material
Aqueous extract
Nelumbo nucifera Rhizomes were dried, ground, and placed in a 250 gram sample container. The sample was macerated in water for seven days. Following that, mark was removed by filtering, and then the marc was pressed. The solvent is evaporated using a rotating solvent evaporator. In the end the extract was weighed and its proportion of the plant material's air-dried weight was determined.

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Hydro alcoholic extract

Nelumbo nucifera Rhizomes were dried, ground, and placed in a 250 gram sample container. The sample was macerated in water: ethanol (6:4) for seven days. Following that, mark was removed by filtering, and then the marc was pressed. The solvent is evaporated using a rotating solvent evaporator. In the end the extract was weighed and its proportion of the plant material's air-dried weight was determined [8-10].

Chloroform extract

Nelumbo nucifera Rhizomes were dried, ground, and placed in a 250 gram sample container. The sample was macerated in Chloroform for seven days. Following that, mark was removed by filtering, and then the marc was pressed. The solvent is evaporated using a rotating solvent evaporator. In the end the extract was weighed and its proportion of the plant material's air-dried weight was determined.

Ethanol extract

Nelumbo nucifera Rhizomes were dried, ground, and placed in a 250 gram sample container. The sample was macerated in ethanol for seven days. Following that, mark was removed by filtering, and then the marc was pressed. The solvent is evaporated using a rotating solvent evaporator. In the end the extract was weighed and its proportion of the plant material's air-dried weight was determined [11].

Phytochemical Screening of Extract

The *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes extract was observed for the identification of various phytoconstituents by carrying out Phytochemical Tests.

Preparation of Stock Solution

The filtered extracts utilized as a test sample for primary identification of phytochemical constituents (Table 1).

Screening of Antimicrobial Activity of Extracts for Synthesis of Nanoparticles

The antimicrobial activity of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Aqueous, Hydro alcoholic, Chloroform & Ethanol extracts was tested using bacterial strains as *E. coil* and *S. aureus*. Pour plate assay was used. By autoclaving it at 120 ^{0}C (15 psi) the medium was made sterile. The extract which having greater antimicrobial activity that was taken for the formulation of nanoparticles [12].

Determination of Tannin Contents

The Folin-Ciocalteu method was used to measure the tannins. A volumetric flask (10 ml) was filled with 0.5 ml of Folin-Ciocalteu phenol reagent, 1 ml of 35% sodium carbonate solution, and approximately 0.1 ml of each sample extract. The flask was then diluted to a level of 10 ml using distilled water. Following a thorough shaking of the combination and a 30-minute room temperature period, a series of reference standard tannic acid solutions (20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 µg/ml) were made using the previously mentioned technique. A UV/visible spectrophotometer was used to measure the absorbance of the test and standard solutions at 700 nm in relation to the blank. Three separate three readings were performed to estimate the tannin content [13].

Synthesis of *Nelumbo nucifera* RhizomeMediated Green Silver Nanoparticles

Nelumbo nucifera Rhizome extracts were taken into a beaker and placed on Magnetic stirrer. Silver Nitrate solution further drop wise pored with continuous stirring. The concentration of extract, concentration of AgNO3, pH and reaction times were the variables for synthesis. The produced Silver NPs separated by centrifugation by means of REMI centrifuge at 5000 rpm for period of 15 minutes. The supernatant liquid thrown away and the pellets were collected and stored [14-15].

Characterization of Green Silver Nanoparticles

Characterization of Green Silver Nanoparticles was done by following techniques.
Visual Observation

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Visual examination of color change from yellowish brown to dark brown after addition of AgNO3 to extract was observed indicating the biosynthesis of Silver nanoparticles by reducing Ag+ ions with the extract as capping agents.

UV-Visible Spectroscopy

The synthesis and completeness of silver nanoparticles were assessed using UV-visible spectral analysis. By monitoring the reaction medium's UV-VIS spectra between 200 and 800 nm and using distilled water as a blank, the reduction of silver ions was tracked. A recurrent sampling was done at intervals of 0 minutes, 30 minutes, 60 minutes, 90 minutes, and 120 minutes. The UV-VIS spectra of these samples measured on a UV-2450s (Shimadzu) spectrophotometer operated at a resolution of 1 nm [16].

Percent Yield of Nanoparticles

The weight of dried nanoparticles recovered (W1) plus the total initial weight of starting material (W2) yields the percentage yield of nanoparticles [17].

Particle Size Analysis

The Particle Size of NPs evaluated on Nano Particle Size Analyzer (NANOPHO) Sympatec, Germany, DS-33 [18-19].

Zeta Potential

The sample placed in transparent polystyrene corvette (path length =1cm) which placed in the thermostatic sample chamber maintained at 25 °C. Zeta potential was measured automatically by the software [20].

X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)

To ensure a smooth upper surface, the sample was weighed, put on the sample holder, and evenly spread onto a glass slide. The XRD patterns were recorded with a BRUKER as-D8 ADVANCE x-ray diffractometer. Test samples of the nanoparticles aqueous solution made by centrifugation for 30 minutes at 10,000 rpm [21-22].

Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy (FESEM) and Energy Dispersive X-Ray Analysis (EDX)

FESEM was done to check the surface morphology of prepared nanoparticles. Samples underwent EDX analysis to determine whether silver loaded was present [23].

Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

An electronic transmission microscope (PHILIPS CM-200; London; functioning voltages: 20-200 kV) was used to analyze the morphology of the nanoparticles [24].

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

UV-VIS Spectroscopy

Analysis of UV-visible spectrums assessed the creation and performance of AgNPs. Using distilled water as a blank, the UV-Vis spectra of the reaction medium from 200 to 800 nm was measured in order to track the reduction of silver ions. Ag+ to Ag0 decrease in the *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes extract is verified by a shift in color from yellowish brown to dark brown when active biomolecules are present. Silver nanoparticles and extract from *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes were found to have highest absorption peaks between 420 and 430 nm.

Preliminary Phytochemical Screening

Carbohydrates, Proteins, Alkaloids, Flavonoids, Terpenoids, Phenols and Tannins are all present in Aqueous Extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes, according to the preliminary phytochemical screening (Table 3). Glycosides, Amino acids and Saponins are absent in Aqueous Extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizhomes. Amino Acids, Flavonoids, Alkaloids and tannins are present in hydro alcoholic extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizhomes. Carbohydrates and

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Alkaloids are present in Chloroform Extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizhomes. Carbohydrates, Amino Acids and Saponins are present in ethanol extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizhomes.

Preliminary Antimicrobial Activity

The antimicrobial activity of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes was done. The different extracts of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes were evaluated for antimicrobial activity by pour plate method. The diameter of the zone of inhibition against various Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria was found at 24 mm and 18 mm for *E.coli* and *S. aureus* respectively. The results indicate all the extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes have antimicrobial property. The Aqueous extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes shows better antimicrobial activityas compare to different extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes thus it was used for further formulation of nanoparticles (Table 4).

Determination of Tannin Contents

Plants include a huge number of phytochemicals that can reduce the risk of a number of diseases. Based on the calibration curve ($R2 = 0.9873$), the total phenolic content of the *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Extract sample (1 mg/mL) was determined. It was found that 41.42 µg/mL (Table 4), which is equivalents/g to Tannic acid(Table 5).

Particle Size Analysis

Particle Size Analysis was performed for *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes nanoparticles. The particles size of *Nelumbo nucifera* rhizomes nanoparticle was found at 84.54 nm. The size of nanoparticles confirms the formation of nanoparticles.

Energy Dispersive X-Ray Analysis (EDX)

Energy Dispersive X-Ray Analysis (EDX) was performed for *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes extract and its nanoparticles. *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Extract shows the presence of C, O, S, K, N, Na, Si, P, S nanoparticles shows presence of Ag, S, K, O, C and N Elements. With the use of EDX, the presence of silver was verified. The AgNPs produced by reducing silver ions with *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes nanoparticles are depicted in Figure 7 EDX pattern. The presence of metallic silver was confirmed by the peak at 3 KeV in the EDX pattern of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes nanoparticles. Certain elements that may have been contributed by plant extracts were observed, including C, O, N, S, and K. Hence EDX showed predominating quantity of Silver as evidence of nanoparticles formation. As shown in Figure.8, the *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes AgNPs diffraction pattern showed sharp peaks indicating highly crystallized AgNPs. Findings demonstrate that there is no peak for contaminants, indicating that the produced AgNPs were made entirely of silver metal.

Morphology of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Nanoparticles by Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy (FESEM)

Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy (FE-SEM) provided the morphology and size details of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Nanoparticles. Based on the obtained results, it was determined that the shape was spherical and the average diameter was 40.38 nm (Figure 9)

Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

Using HR-TEM analysis, the morphology and particle size of the nanoparticles were determined. It demonstrates that the AgNPs produced using the extract from *Nelumbo nucifera* rhizomes, as depicted in Figure 10, were primarily spherical and nanosized, with a diameter ranging from 25 to 60 nm. The images clearly show how the bio components from the extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* rhizomes cap the silver nanoparticles.

Zeta Potential

Zeta potential is an important parameter to analyse the long term stability of the nanofibers. Zeta potential for *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes nanoparticles was found to -11.6 mV (Figure.11) it means nanoparticles are moderately stable.

CONCLUSION

Compared to synthetically based medications, herbal pharmaceuticals have better therapeutic qualities and fewer adverse effects. *Nelumbo nucifera* is well-known for a variety of qualities, including antibacterial and antioxidant activity. To discover novel antibacterial medications given the rise of human resistance to existing ones, we have used a green chemistry technique in this work to synthesize silver nanoparticles utilizing extract from the rhizomes of *Nelumbo nucifera*. Thus, *Nelumbo nucifera* rhizomes inherent antibacterial qualities are strengthened by the addition of silver nanoparticles, which are known to have strong antibacterial capabilities. The produced AgNPs were successful in preventing the growth of both *S. aureus* and E. coli bacteria, according to the antibacterial results, and this suggests that they may find use in related fields.

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Table 1: Phytochemical Screening Test For various extracts of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes

Sr. No.	Test	Procedure of Test	Inferences
1.	**Tests for Carbohydrate** Molish's Test	2-3 drops of α-naphthol + 1 ml of conc. Sulphuric acid (Conc. H_2SO_4) + 2 ml of test sample from the sides of the test tube to form two layers.	The presence of carbohydrates was verified in a test tube by the formation of a violet-colored ring at the junction of two liquids. .
2.	**Test for Proteins** Biuret Test	2 ml of Sodium hydroxide (NaOH) (4 %) + few drops of Copper Sulphate ($CuSO_4$)(1 %) + 3 ml test sample.	The presence of proteins is indicated by the presence of violet or pink color.
3.	**Test for Amino Acid** Ninhydrin Test	3 ml test sample + 3 drops of Ninhydrin solution (5 %) + Boiling	Absence of Purple or bluish color specifies the absence of amino acids.
4.	**Test for Flavonoids** Shinoda Test	3 drops of hydrochloric acid (HCl) + 5ml ethanol (95%), + magnesium turnings (0.5 g) + dry extract.	Pink color formation indicated the flavonoids presence
5.	**Test for Alkaloids** Mayer's Test	Evaporated extract+, 2ml dilute hydrochloric acid (Dil. HCl) + Shaking + Filtration + Mayer's reagent	The Occurrence of alkaloid designated by the development of precipitate
6.	Wagner's Test	Evaporated extract + 2ml dilute hydrochloric acid (Dil. HCl) + Shaking +Filtration+ Wagner's reagent	Incidence of alkaloids specified by the formation of a reddish-brown precipitate.
7.	**Test for Terpenoids** Knoller's Test	0.5 mg Extract + 2 ml of 0.1% anhydrous stannic chloride in pure thionyl chloride	Noticed a deep purple color that turns red, signifying the presence of terpenoids.
8.	**Test for Saponins** Foam Test	Distilled water + extract up to 20 ml + Shaking	No formation of stable foam suggested the absence of saponins.
9.	**Test for Tannins and Phenolic Compounds**	2-3 ml of hydro alcoholic extract + Ferric Chloride ($FeCl_3$) 5 % solution 2-3 ml of hydro alcoholic extract+ Lead Acetate Solution	Showed deep blue-black color. Showed white precipitation.

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Table 2: Macroscopic observation of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes

Sr.No.	Parameter	Observation
1	Color	light brownish
2	Odour	Characteristic
3	Taste	Characteristic

Table 3. Preliminary Phytochemical Screening of various Extracts of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes

Sr. No	Phytochemicals (Secondary Metabolites)	Inference			
		Aqueous Extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizhomes	Hydroalcoholic Extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizhomes	Chloroform Extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizhomes	Ethanolic Extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizhomes
1.	Carbohydrates	+	-	+	+
2.	Proteins	+	-	-	-
3.	Amino Acids	-	+	-	+
4.	Flavonoids	+	+	-	-
5.	Alkaloids	+	+	+	-
6.	Terpenoids	+	-	-	-
7.	Saponins	-	-	-	+
8.	Tannins	+	+	-	-

+ Positive, -Negative

Table 4. Preliminary Antimicrobial Activity of Aqueous, Hydroalcoholic, Chloroform and Ethanolic Extract of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes

Microorganisms	Zone of inhibition in mm					
	Nelumbo nucifera Aqueous extract 200μg/ml	*Nelumbo nucifera* Hydroalcoholic extract 200μg/ml	*Nelumbo nucifera* Chloroform extract 200μg/ml	*Nelumbo nucifera* Ethanolic extract 200μg/ml	Standard 200 μg/1ml	*Nelumbo nucifera* Nanoparticles
Escherichia coli	24	17	19	8	21	27
S.aureus	18	20	17	18	19	29

Table 5: Total tannin Content of different extracts of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Extract

Sample (1mg/ml)	Absorbance	Calculated Concentration (μg/ml)
Hydroalcoholic Extract	0.11	16.93
Chloroform extract	0.19	33.26
Ethanolic Extract	0.21	37.34
Aqueous extract	0.23	41.42

Table 6: Percentage Yield of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Extract

Sr. No.	Part of plant	Solvent	Initial weight of powder	Final weight of powder	Weight of Crude Extract	Crude Extract %
1.		Water	100 gm	86.12 gm	15.12 gm	15.12%
2.		EtOH	100 gm	82.5 gm	13.28 gm	13.28%

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3.	Rhizomes	Water: EtOH (6:4)	100 gm	81.7 gm	11.10 gm	11.10%
4.		CHCl$_3$	100 gm	79.5 gm	10.21 gm	10.21%

Figure 1: *Nelumbo nucifera* **Rhizomes**

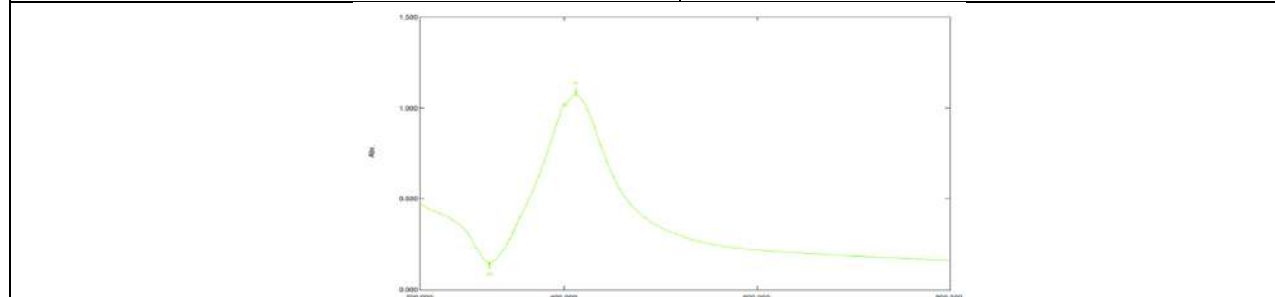**Figure 2: Colour change of extract from yellowish brown to Dark Brown**

Figure 3: UV- Visible absorption spectra of *Nelumbo nucifera* **Rhizomes extract**

(A) Antimicrobial Activity of Various extracts of *Nelumbo nucifera* **Rhizomes on** *E.coli*

(B)Antimicrobial Activity of Various extracts of *Nelumbo nucifera* **Rhizomes on** *S. aureus*

Figure 4: Antimicrobial Activity of Various extracts of *Nelumbo nucifera* **Rhizomes Extract (A)** *E. Coli* **(B)** *S. aureus*
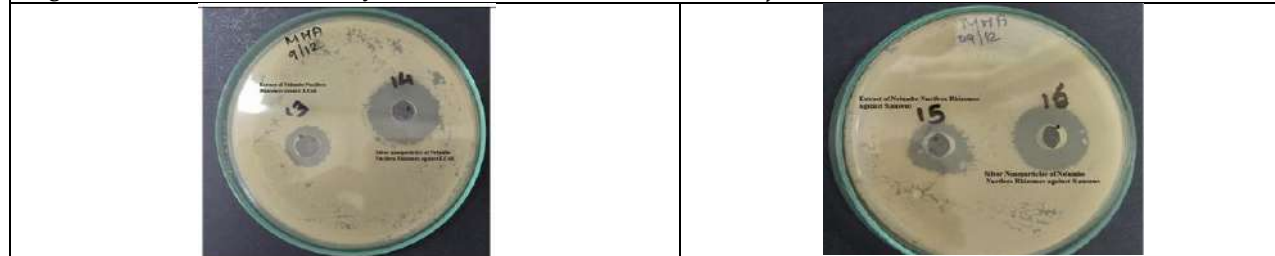
(A) Antimicrobial Activity of Aqueous extract and Silver nanoparticles of *Nelumbo nucifera* **Rhizomes on** *E.coli*

(B) Antimicrobial Activity of Aqueous extract and Silver nanoparticles of *Nelumbo nucifera* **Rhizomes on** *S. aureus*

Figure 5:Antimicrobial Activity of Aqueous extract and Silver nanoparticles of *Nelumbo nucifera* **Rhizomes on** *E.coli* **and** *S.aureus*
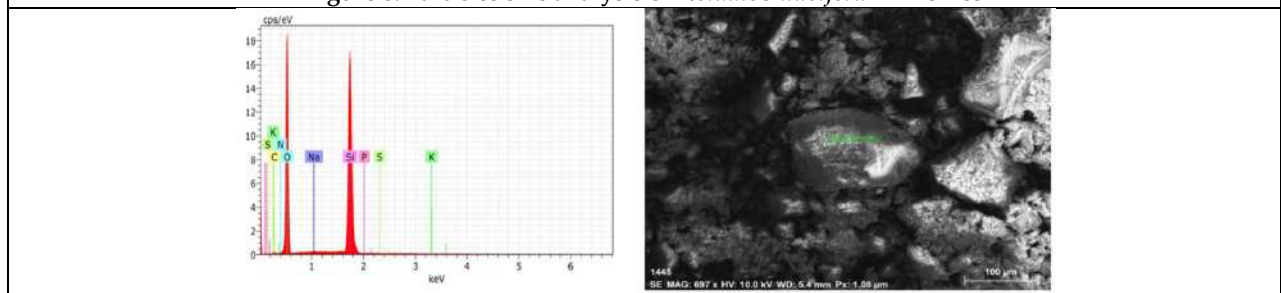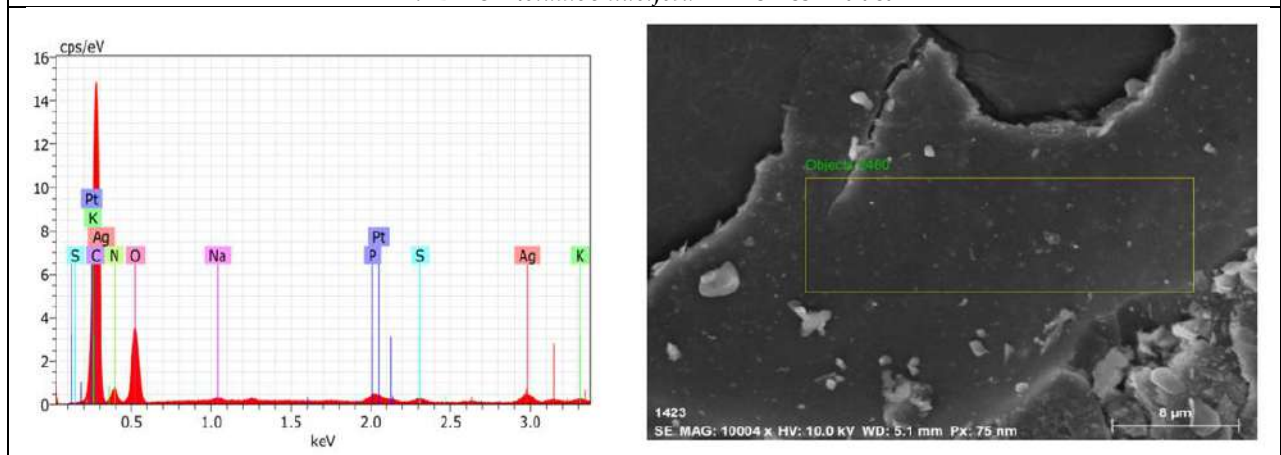
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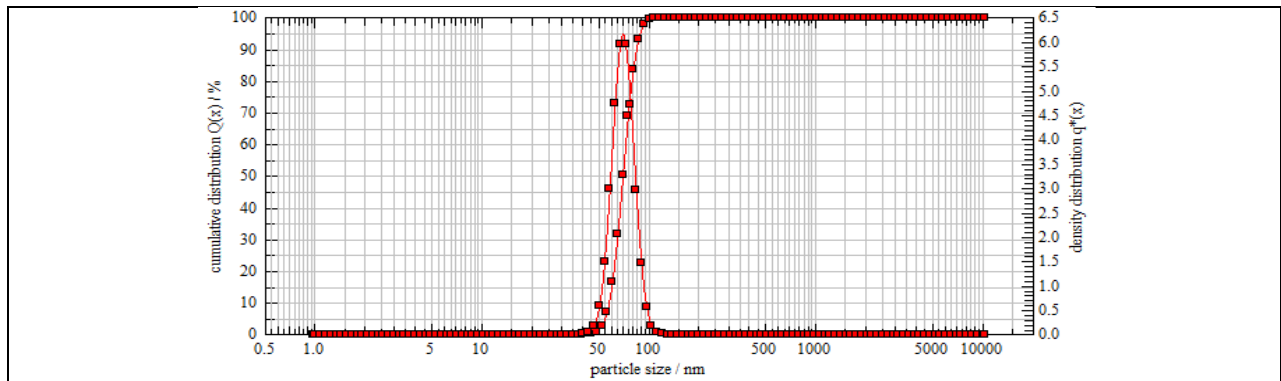
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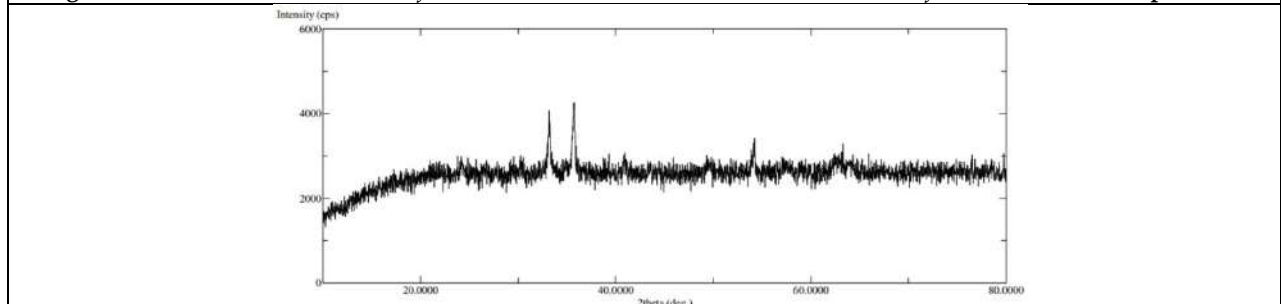

A.EDX of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Extract

B. EDX of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Nanoparticles

Figure 7: (A) EDX of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Extract (B)EDX of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Nanoparticles

Figure 8: XRD of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Nanoparticles
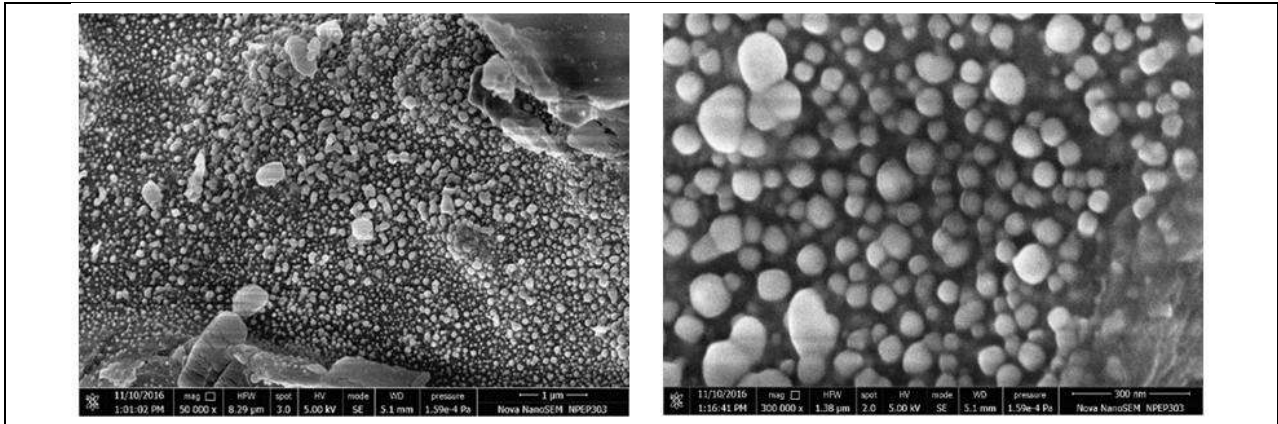
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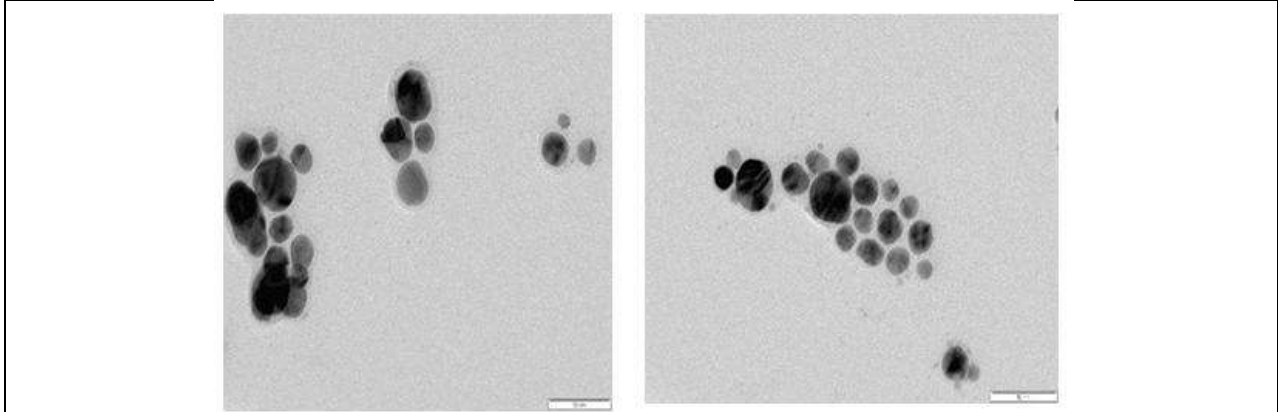

Figure 9: FESEM of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Nanoparticles

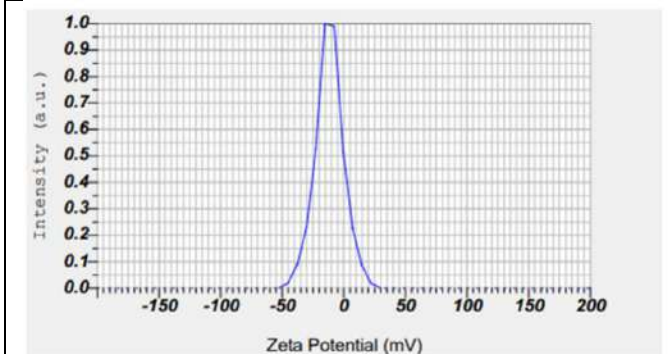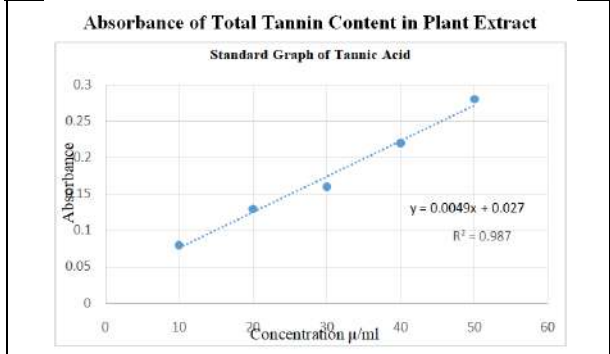**Figure 10: TEM of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Nanoparticles**

Figure 11: Zeta Potential of *Nelumbo nucifera* Rhizomes Nanoparticles

Graph 1: Standard Graph of Tannic Acid

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Effect of Reaction Time on Hydrothermal Synthesis of MoS₂ Nanoparticle for the Application of Super capacitor

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ABSTRACT

The increasing demand for the energy storage devices necessities the development of novel energy storage materials with high performance. Molybdenum disulfide (MoS₂) is a transition metal sulfide, has been looked intothe electro-catalysis and energy storage applications due to its unique layered structure and electronic property. MoS₂ nano materials were synthesized using hydrothermal process using ammonium heptamolybdate tetrahydrate as molybdenum source and thiourea as Sulfur source. The prepared sample structure and morphology was characterised by using XRD, UV, FTIR, SEM, EDAX. The electrochemical behaviour was studied by using Cyclic Voltammetry (CV).

Keywords: heptamolybdate tetrahydrate, hydrothermal, Voltammetry, storage.

INTRODUCTION

Two-dimensional (2D) materials have unique electrical and optical properties which make them suitable for a variety of practical applications in photonics and optoelectronics [1]. The inspection of bulk and thin layers of TMDs can be traced back decades but starting with the exposure of graphene, many additional techniques for producing, characterizing, and manipulating atomically thin flakes were developed. This led to express progress in the study of monolayers of other van der Waals systems like the TMDs[2].These materials have already been successfully implemented in solar cells[3,4] ultrasensitive photo detectors[5], sensors[6,7], optical modulators, light emitters and lasers[8,9,10],demonstrating even better performance than that of the devices based on graphene[11].Among

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different transition metal sulphides, MoS_2 having a layered structure of covalently bonded S-Mo-S units is mostly discussed compound because of exceptional chemical, physical and optical properties and it is a promising agent for novel diverse applications in the areas of electronics, optoelectronics, sensors and energy storage devices[12,13]. Various methods have been exploited to design and construct the frameworks of MoS_2 and MoS_2-based heterostructures such as chemical vapour deposition method (CVD)[14], hydrothermal method[15], intercalation method[16] and solid-phase-pyrolysis[17].

MATERIALS

Ammonium molybdate$((NH_4)_6Mo_7O_{24}.4H_2O)$ and thiourea (CH_4N_2S) were obtained from Merck life Science private Ltd. All the chemical reagents were of analytical purity and used without any purification.

Synthesis of MoS₂
In a typical process,2.06g of ammonium molybdate and 3.8g of thiourea were dissolved in 60ml of deionized water and stirred until the solution was clear and transparent. The solution was transferred into 100ml PTFE lined stainless steel autoclave and heated at 200℃ for different periods (12h,16h). The obtained $MoS_2$was fleshed with water and ethanol for several times and then dried at 70℃ for 12h. The MoS_2 nanoparticles were denoted MoS_2 -12 and MoS_2-16 according to the hydrothermal treatment time.

Material Characterization
The crystalline size of the samples was characterized by x-ray diffraction on a BRUKER binary-V4 diffractometer (X-Pert Pro PAnalaytic, Karaikudi) with Cu Kα radiation (λ=1.5418Å) operating at 40kv, 30mA. The morphology and microstructure of the samples were characterized by field emission scanning electron microscope (SEM-EVO-18). UV-Vis spectral data were recorded on a JascoV-770 spectrophotometer. The Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) spectral data were recorded on a IRAffinity-1 spectrometer with KBr Beam Splitter. The elements in the prepared samples were identified by using Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy on a Bruker nano Gmbh Berlin, Germany.

Electrode preparation and electrochemical characterization
 The electrochemical behaviour of MoS_2 nanoparticles were investigated in 2M Na_2So_4 solution using three electrode system in an electrochemical workstation (CHI660C, Pollachi). The electrochemical analysis was carried out in three electrode configurations with MoS_2 on graphite sheet as working electrode, platinum as counter electrode and Ag/AgCl as reference electrode. The working electrode was prepared by taking active material MoS_2, carbon black, and PVDF mixed together (weight ratio of 85:10:5) with ethanol as solvent. The resulting mixture was coated onto the graphite sheet and allowed to dry at 80℃ in an oven for 4 hrs. Cyclic Voltammetry (CV) in the range -0.8 to 0.8V was performed at different scan rates. Galvanostatic charge-discharge curve was recorded in the potential range -0.8 to 0.8V at different constant current density. The Specific capacitance was calculated according to the following equations:

$$C_m = \frac{\int I \, \Delta t}{m \times k \times \Delta v}$$

Where C_m is the specific capacitance, I is the current of the charge discharge, $\Delta t(s)$ is the discharge time, Δv is the voltage window, k is the scan rate, and m is the mass of the active materials.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Reaction Mechanism and Structure

X-ray Diffraction Measurement

X-ray diffraction data were collected from powder samples of MoS_2 nano particles by using X-ray powder diffractometer with monochromatic CuK_α radiation. The prepared nano particles was scanned in steps of 0.0486629 °/min over a 2θ range of 5– 90°.The diffractometer traces of two samples are shown in figure

From figure 1, the prepared molybdenum sulphide nanoparticles XRD results matched with JCPDS File NO:75-1539 and observed structure is hexagonal[18]and the crystallite size was calculated as 19.39nm and 20.38nm by using Debye Scherrer formula.

FTIR spectral studies:

Every compound has its own characteristics infrared spectrum and the infrared spectrometry involves examination of twisting, bending, and rotation and Vibrational modes of atoms in a molecule. Infrared spectra of the sample were recorded using a Fourier transform mathematical formulated spectrophotometer (Model: Cavy 630-FTIR, Brand name: Agilent) for the MoS_2-12, MoS_2-16 nanoparticles in the infrared region 4000-500cm^{-1} and they are presented in the figure.

The FTIR spectra for prepared sample was shown in fig. There are absorption bands at 478.35 cm^{-1}, 594.08cm^{-1},659.66cm^{-1},815.89cm^{-1},889.18cm^{-1},925.83cm^{-1},1026.13cm^{-1}, 1087.85cm^{-1},1165.cm^{-1}, 1408.04 cm^{-1}, 1602.85 cm^{-1} and 2978.09 cm^{-1} for MoS_2-12. The bands at 594.08cm^{-1} and 659.66cm^{-1} corresponding to Mo-S vibration and 815.89 & 889.18cm^{-1} band corresponds to S-S vibrations. The peaks formed at 1026.13cm^{-1},1087.85cm^{-1} and 1602.85cm^{-1}corresponded to hydroxyl stretching vibration resulting from water molecules absorbed. The peak at 1408.04cm^{-1} corresponded to C-C stretching. The peak at 2978.09 cm^{-1} corresponded to C-H stretching. For MoS_2-16, there are absorption bands at 466.77 cm^{-1}, 609.51cm^{-1},682.80cm^{-1},891.11cm^{-1},937.40cm^{-1},1080.14cm^{-1},1406.11cm^{-1}, 1597.06cm^{-1},2058.05cm^{-1}, 3147.83 cm^{-1}. The bands at 609.51cm^{-1} and 682.80 cm^{-1} corresponding to Mo-S vibration and 891.11cm^{-1} band corresponds to S-S vibrations. The peaks formed at 1080.14 cm^{-1},1597.06cm^{-1}, 2058.05$cm^{-1}$and 3147.83 cm^{-1}. corresponded to hydroxyl stretching vibration resulting from water molecules absorbed. The peak at 1406.11cm^{-1} corresponded to C-C stretching[19].

UV-Vis Studies

UV visible absorbance spectra of $MoS_2$12 and MoS_2-16 nanoparticles in the wavelength region 100-900nm are shown in figure.3. The absorption peaks are at 211nm and 259nm for MoS_2-12 nanoparticles and 212nm and 260nm for MoS_2-16 nanoparticles. The direct bandgap value of the prepared MoS_2 nanoparticles were calculated by the tauc plot which is shown in Fig.4. The direct bandgap value of MoS_2-12 nanoparticle was 2.37eV and MoS_2-16 nanoparticle was 2.023eV. The direct bandgap value reveals that the prepared samples had semiconductive nature[20].

SEM

It can be clearly observed from the fig. as prepared molybdenum disulphide materials has a nanoflower-like structure assembled from clear nanoflakes. Different hydrothermal treatment times had a great influence on the size of the molybdenum sulphide nanoflakes and the size of the three-dimensional pore structure. Fig.5. shows the SEM microstructures of the MoS_2-12 at low and high magnifications respectively. It can be seen the nanosheets are partially adhered together and contained a small amount of block like structures, resulting in inconspicuous pore structure.Fig.6. possesses an evenly distributed larger size of nanoflakes, and forms highly open and relatively deep porous nanostructures, making optical use of grain surface readily accessible to the liquid electrolyte and providing efficient channels for electron transport. [21,22]

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Energy Dispersive X-ray Analysis:

The elemental composition of as synthesized MoS_2 samples were analysed by EDAX as shown in figure 7. The weight percentage of Mo is 30.45 and S is 69.55 in MoS_2-12 nanoparticles and the atomic weight percentage of Mo 18.14 is and S 81.86 is in theMoS_2-16 nanoparticles. The recorded EDAX energy spectrum (fig.8) of the as synthesized MoS_2 exhibits two highest peaks which correspond to Mo ($K\alpha$) and$S(K\alpha)$elements that reflecting the main chemical composition of the samples. Furthermore, the quantification of the peaks indicates that the atomic ratio between Mo and S is about 1:2.28, which is close to the stoichiometric of MoS_2. These results confirm no impurities of as synthesized MoS_2 nanoparticles and the success of our hydrothermal synthesis approach.[23]

Electrochemical and energy storage performance

The electrical double layer capacitance (EDLC) has been analysed from the CV graph. The obtained nearly rectangular CV graph determines the good reversibility of the material. Fig3(a) shows the Cyclic Voltammetry (CV) curves of MoS_2 in 2M Na_2SO_4 solution, obtained over the potential range -0.8V and 0.8V for different scan rates such as $5mVS^{-1}$,$10mVS^{-1}$, $20mVS^{-1}$,$40mVS^{-1}$,$60mVS^{-1}$, $80mVS^{-1}$,$100mVS^{-1}$. On increasing the scan rate, the shape of CV curve does not change significantly, denoting that MoS_2 gave better rate performance and small polarization[24]. CV graph is used to calculate the specific capacitance of the prepared nanoparticles for different scan rates which is Shown in fig.8. The specific capacitance value decreases with the scan rate increases. The specific capacitance of MoS2-12 nanoparticle was calculated as $1080Fg^{-1}$,$952Fg^{-1}$,$783Fg^{-1}$,$672Fg^{-1}$,$662Fg^{-1}$,$626Fg^{-1}$,$596Fg^{-1}$ was obtained at the scan rates $5mVS^{-1}$,$10mVS^{-1}$,$20mVS^{-1}$,$40mVS^{-1}$,$50mVS^{-1}$,$80mVS^{-1}$,$100mVS^{-1}$.The specific capacitance of MoS2-16 nanoparticle was calculated as $622Fg^{-1}$,$505Fg^{-1}$,$370Fg^{-1}$,$362Fg^{-1}$,$368Fg^{-1}$,$367Fg^{-1}$,$357Fg^{-1}$ was obtained at the scan rates $5mVS^{-1}$,$10mVS^{-1}$,$30mVS^{-1}$,$40mVS^{-1}$,$50mVS^{-1}$,$60mVS^{-1}$,$100mVS^{-1}$[25].

CONCLUSION

In this work molybdenum disulphide nanoparticles were synthesized by hydrothermal method for two different reaction time 12h and 16h. the prepared nanomaterials were investigated by various instruments such as, XRD, FTIR, UV-Vis, SEM and EDAX.The XRD confirms the molybdenum disulphide nanoparticles formation and. The FTIR spectrum of molybdenum disulphide nanoparticles were recorded to find the functional groups.The bands at $594.08cm^{-1}$ and $659.66cm^{-1}$ corresponding to Mo-S vibration for MoS_2-12 and the bands at $609.51cm^{-1}$ and 682.80 cm^{-1} corresponding to Mo-S vibration for MoS_2-16 nanoparticles visible absorbance and reflectance spectra of $MoS_2$12 and MoS_2-16 nanoparticles in the wavelength region 300-900nm. The direct bandgap value was calculated as 2.37eV for MoS_2-12 nanoparticles and 2.032eV for MoS_2-16 nanoparticles. SEM microstructures of the MoS_2-12 at low and high magnifications respectively. It can be seen the nanosheets are partially adhered together and contained a small amount of block like structures, resulting in inconspicuous pore structure. MoS_2-16 possesses an evenly distributed larger size of nanoflakes, and forms highly open and relatively deep porous nanostructures, making optical use of grain surface readily accessible to the liquid electrolyte and providing efficient channels for electron transport. The recorded EDAX energy spectrum of the as synthesized MoS_2 exhibits two highest peaks which correspond to Mo ($K\alpha$) and S ($K\alpha$) elements that reflecting the main chemical composition of the samples. These results confirm no impurities of as synthesized MoS_2 nanoparticles and the success of our hydrothermal synthesis approach. From the cyclic Voltammetry, the specific capacitance value of the prepared nanoparticles calculated. MoS_2-12 nanoparticles have high specific capacitance of compared with MoS_2-16 nanoparticle for the scan rate $5mVS^{-1}$. The double layer behaviour of the nanoparticles shows the energy storage performance.

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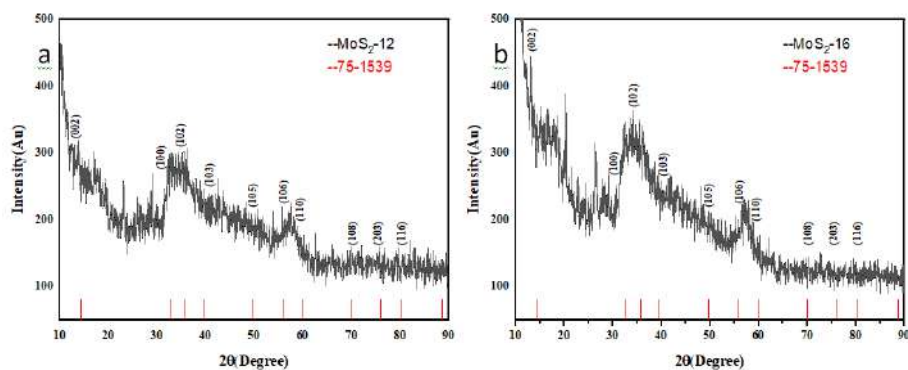
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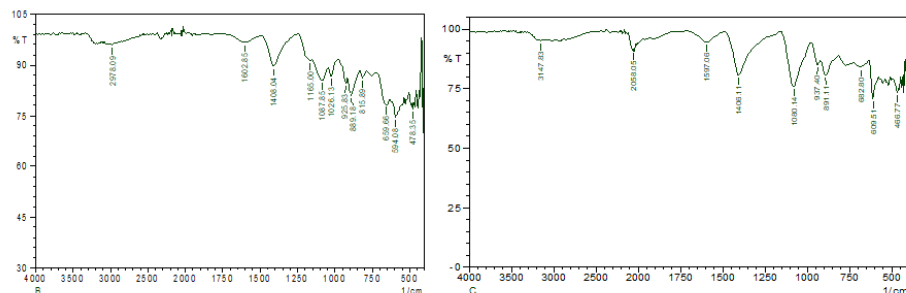
Fig.2. FTIR spectrum of MoS₂-12 and MoS₂-16 nanoparticles.

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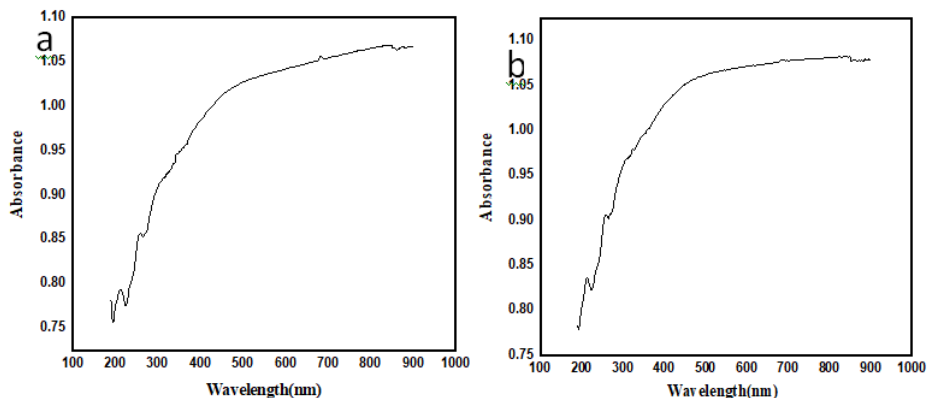**Fig.3. UV-Vis absorbance spectrum of MoS₂-12 and MoS₂-16.**
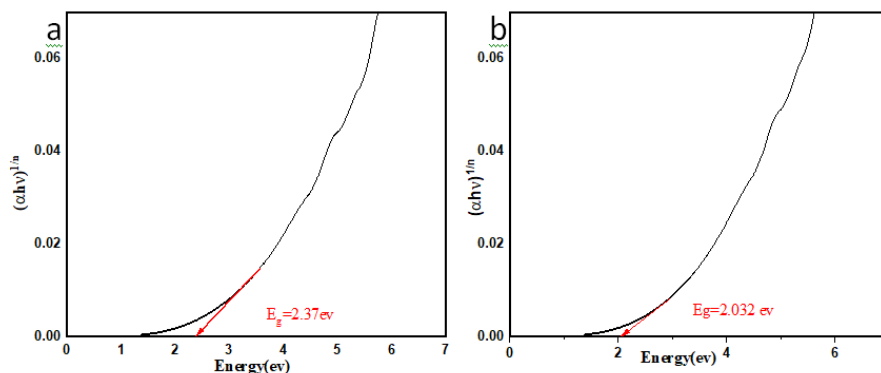
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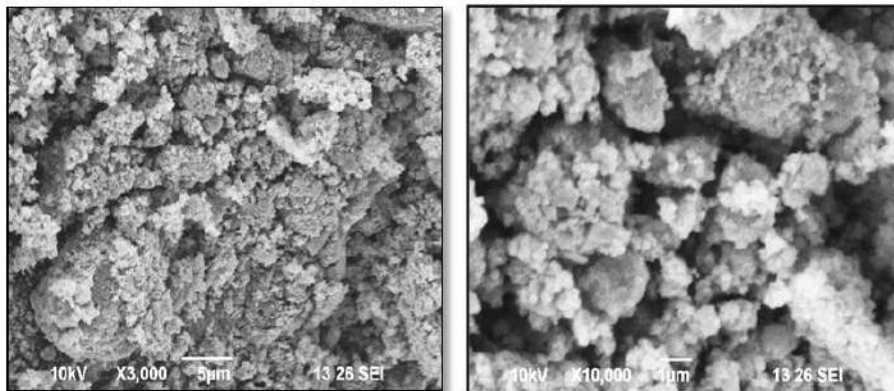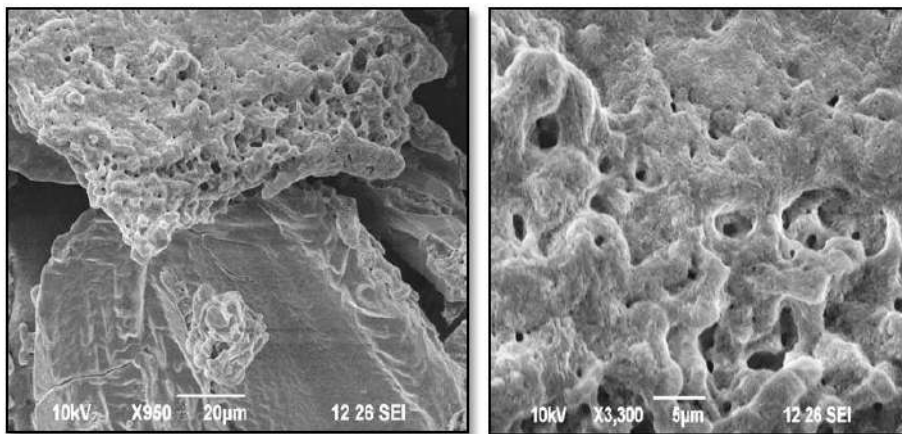**Fig.5. SEM image of MoS₂-12 nanoparticles.**

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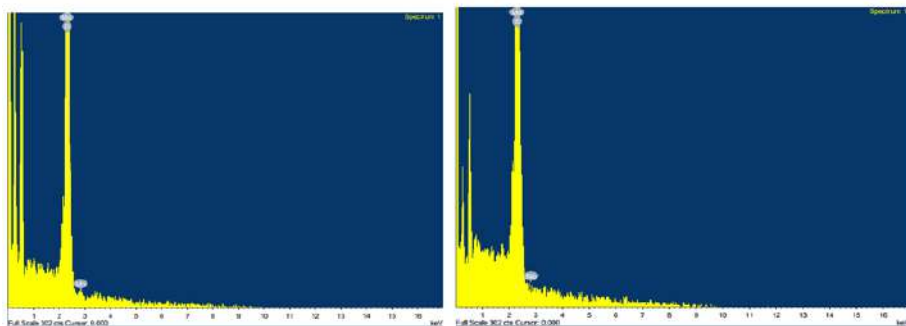
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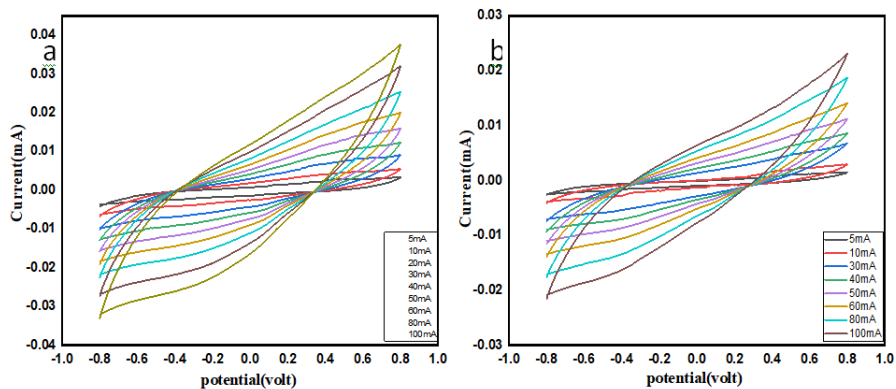
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Assessment of Edaphic Factors and its Influence on Distribution of Earthworm Species in Agricultural and Residential Habitats in Pandavapura Taluk of Mandya District, Karnataka, India

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ABSTRACT

Earthworms play a crucial role in soil health and fertility maintenance, making understanding their distribution essential for sustainable land management practices. The research employs a comprehensive survey approach, analysing soil samples collected from agricultural and residential sites representing different land use types. Edaphic factors including pH, electrical conductivity, moisture, organic carbon, NPK, heavy metals like Chromium, Copper, Nickel, Lead and Zinc are assessed to characterize the soil properties. Concurrently, the abundance of earthworm species is determined through field sampling and taxonomic identification. Statistical analyses are employed to identify correlations between soil properties and earthworm distribution patterns. The findings offer valuable insights into the intricate relationship between soil characteristics and earthworm habitat preferences, highlighting the importance of soil management practices in promoting earthworm diversity and ecosystem functioning in both agricultural and residential landscapes. Such knowledge is imperative for informing sustainable land use strategies aimed at enhancing soil health and productivity in the study area and beyond.
Keywords: Abundance, Agricultural, Earthworm, Edaphic factors, Heavy metals.

INTRODUCTION

In most soils, earthworms are a major part of the invertebrate community owing to their influence on soil ecological processes and their involvement in gross biomass[1].Earthworms as ecosystem engineers, they make up the largest portion of all living biomass in soil biological elements [2]. In many soil habitats earthworms are regarded as the most noticeable soil animal. They are taken into account because of their high density and significant impact on both beneficial to soil ecosystem. Further, the earthworms play an important role in the association of soil particles and in the transfer of decaying matter, which alters the physical and chemical aspects of the soil [3]. In order to create a productive and sustainable soil ecosystem across a range of habitats, it is much needed to taxonomically identify those species that can endure tropical agricultural farming systems and have a major impact on soil processes through substantial activity [4]. Numerous studies conducted worldwide and examined the connection among earthworm action with soil variables and factors related to the environment[5]. Several ecological studies have documented the strong correlation between the diversity of earthworm species existing and the patterns of land used [6]. Earthworms are typically found in a wide range of locations, and their density varies according to both abiotic variables and soil habits [7]. Earthworm distribution is typically diverse, and numbers fluctuate in response to changes in the abiotic factors of the soil [8,9]. The spatial distribution of earthworms is also influenced by environmental variables such as temperature, pH, Moisture, Electrical conductivity, NPK Content and Organic matter in soil [10]. The regional biodiversity and species dispersal pattern of earthworms are impacted by a combination of biotic and abiotic variables [11].

About 89% of the diversity of earthworms in India are native species [12]. Numerous land use systems, soil water content, soil organic matter, rainfall patterns, etc., all have an impact on the distribution of earthworm populations [13]. However, the distribution of earthworm species in various pedoecosystems is indicated by the existence or lack of a species, especially in one habitat and its non-appearance in other ecological systems[14].

Earthworm biomass and activity can be impacted by agricultural practices like crop rotation, irrigation, tillage, using lime, employing pesticides, drainage, and so on [15]. The use of solid materials and organic fertilisers derived from plants and animals, has been reported to boost earthworm populations[16]. Anthropogenic activities such as the addition of pesticides and toxic metals are the main causes of soil pollution and the primary causes of heavy metal pollution are mining and industrialization [17,18]. Soil contaminated with heavy metals will alter soil ecosystems by upsetting the activities of soil flora and faunal communities [19]. Among the soil fauna, the earthworms are highly susceptible to pesticide and heavy metal contamination[20].

Based on literature review, very little research work has been done on the earthworm populations in residential soil types. The activities of local human population in and around the residential areas will bring about changes in the soil physico-chemical characteristics in turn interfere with the concentration of earthworms within the vicinity [21]. Study of agricultural and residential soil habitats in this investigation is crucial to investigate and to determine the undiscovered earthworm fauna, to generate some important information about their diversity and distribution patterns across various soil habitats selected. Further, this investigation is the inaugural attempt to document how particular abiotic soil components affect the density and distribution of earthworm species in different soil habitats of Pandavapura taluk. Hence, this investigation has been undertaken to share the knowledge about the species composition and density of earthworm communities in different ecological regions of both residential and agricultural environments of Pandavapura taluk, Mandya district of Karnataka, India.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study site and sampling

Pandavapura Taluk is situated in Mandya district of state Karnataka (12°29'22"N and 76°40'40"E),which consist of differentagro-climatic zones. We have chosen two different land use types such as agriculture and residentialarea for analysis of soil parameters and earthworm population. Soil samples were collected from the study sites, and the earthworms were collected by the hand sorting method [22]. Morphological identification of earthworms has done using the standard protocols[22-23]. The collected earthworm samples with appropriate mass of soil were placed in polythene bags labelled with place name, date of collection, surrounding soil biota, etc. and brought to the lab for further study. The soil samples were transferred to enamelled tray, and were air-dried, grounded, and passed through 0.2 mm-mesh sieve for chemical analysis. Species identification of earthworms has been carried out under stereo-zoom binocular microscope.

Physico-chemical parameters of soil

Composite soil samples collected from each study site at the time of earthworm sampling. The soil temperature was recorded by using a standard soil thermometer at 0–10 cm soil depth. Soil moisture was analysed by the gravimetric method[24]. The soil pH has examined by using "Labman" pH meter LMPH-10 [25]. Electrical conductivity was tested using "Labman" Conductivity meter LMCM-20, [26].Organic carbon was carried out by the Walkley and Black method [27]. The available nitrogen was evaluated by the Kjeldahl method [26]. The available phosphorus was determined by Oleson's and Bray's method [28,29]. The available potassium was conducted by using a flame photometer [30]. Heavy metal are investigated using atomic absorption spectrophotometer [31].

Statistical analysis

Descriptive statistics for all soil parameters such as mean ($\bar{x}$) and standard deviation (S.D.) were calculated using Microsoft Excel. The PAST 4.03 software was used to calculate diversity indices like Dominance, Shannon, Simpson and Evenness. The Pearson correlation coefficient analysis between different soil physico-chemical variables and the density of earthworm species was performed using IBM SPSS 21 software.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Earthworm samples collected from agricultural and residential habitatsof Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district,areidentified and the list of earthworm species are shown in Table.1 for agriculture area andresidential area in Table.2. The important earthworm species reported in this investigation, includes*Drawida modesta*; *Drawida nepalensis* [Moniligastridae]; *Pontoscolex corethrurus* [Rhinodrilidae]; *Eudrilus eugeniae* [Eudrilidae]; *Eutyphoeus orientalis* [Acanthodrilidae]; *Eisenia fetida* [Lumbricidae]; *Perionyx anandalei*; *Perionyx excavates*; *Perionyx pulvinatus*; *Perionyx macintoshi*; *Metaphire anomala*; *Metaphire posthuma*; *Lampito mauritii*; *Amynthas alexandri* [Megascolecidae]. The morphological features suchas,colour, length, width, number ofsegments,prostomium,setae, type and position of clitellum,and location of male and female genital poresof different species of earthworm were examined andreported in Table.3.

In the present investigation, the*Perionyx macintoshi* was found to be the longest (150-320 mm) species, and *Pontoscolex corethrurus* was the smallest (50-85mm) in body length both were represented in agricultural area. The*Eutyphoeus orientalis* had comparatively greater number of segments (250-300)than *Eisenia fetida*which showed fewer number of segments (120). Further, the four earthworm species *i.e., Pontoscolex corethrurus, Eisenia fetida, Perionyx excavates, Perionyx macintoshi* were found to be most abundant in agricultural lands, while the *Drawida modesta, Eudrilus eugeniae,Perionyx excavates,Lampito mauritii*occurs abundantly in residential land. The populations of *Perionyx excavates* was found abundantly in both agricultural and residential lands (Table.3).

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There are many investigative evidences in support of the present study on earthworm population and soil physico-chemical parameters. For instance; changes in the structure and properties of the soil, kind of vegetation, and other abiotic variables might have affected directly the population of earthworm species of various ecological categories [32].Further, the decreased diversity and abundance of earthworm populations and other invertebrate communities in residential and agricultural environments were directly linked to soil damage [33,34-35]. Similar to the present finding high species richness of earthworms in agricultural lands is documented. Any variations in the populations of earthworms could be caused by the kinds of soil and farming methods used in various areas [13,36]. Similarly, the distribution and abundance of earthworms can be impacted by vegetation changes due to alterations in soil properties and litter quality [37]. The occurrence of earthworms within different soil ecosystems is indicated by the absence of a species in one habitat and its presence in another has been reported [38].The earthworm population's abundance and composition are being modulated by changes in the physical and chemical structure of the soil environment caused by modern agricultural practices [39].

The ecological diversity indices were calculated for the observed earthworm species (Table.4). Species richness, evenness and dominance were analysed using Shanon-Shimpson diversity index (Shannon H' Log Base 10) and Simpson diversity index (1/D). Present study indicated fourteen species of earthworm, with highest abundance has reported (0.127) in Agriculture habitat, whereas, lowest abundance (0.117) was noticed in residential habitat. The Shannon diversity index value and Simpson's diversity index value showed the highest in the Agricultural areas (2.217) and low in residential sites(2.168). Generally, the increased diversity index in agriculture soil may be due to high moisture content. because, theagricultural area selected in this study is located near the water bodies like River Kaveri, Visvesvaraya canal, Lakes, Ponds and Bore well, hence agriculture area has considered favourable for the growth of earthworms. Whereas, in residential area anthropogenic interference might be the reason for less abundance of earthworm in this habitat.

The presence of a species in one particular habitat and its absence in other habitats showed the species-specific distribution of earthworms. The significant correlation (P < 0.01) between earthworm abundance and the soil edaphic factors (P ≤ 0.01) between agriculture and residential area analysed is given in Table 6. Since, in this investigation, the earthworm abundance was showed significant correlation with the pH, Moisture, Electrical conductivity, OC, N, P, K and Heavy metals (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb and Zn). whereas, the temperature has negatively correlated with the earthworm density in both agriculture and residential habitats.

The temperature of the soil on an average of 26^0 C was documented in study area, earthworms need a temperature between 10^0C and 210^0C for growth and development [40]. In current study themeanpH is from 6.79and 6.73 in agricultural and residential site. These values fell within the typical range for earthworm activity [41]. Earthworm biomass was impacted by soil acidity[42].However, many earthworm species generally did not do well in environments with low or high pH levels, which led to population declines [43].An adequate amount of soil moisture determines the earthworm activity, population, and biomass [44,45]. In present investigation the soil moisture is Agricultural site (39.48) and Residential site (35.82) in mean. The percent and level of organic matter in the soil influenced the density and biomass of earthworms [46].Similarly, in the current investigation the soil organic carbon varied between 5.56% and 5.97%,and is significantly correlated with the earthworm density and biomassin both sites. Numerous studies revealed a positive relationship between the percentage of soil organic carbon and the density of earthworms [47,48]. Because poor soils do not hold much water, earthworms did not prefer habitats with low organic matter [15, 49].

Available nitrogen was 0.55% in agricultural site and 0.87% in residential site, which was considered to be an important edaphic parameter that played a significant role in determining the abundance and distribution of earthworms [50,51]. The populations of earthworms were also impacted by the availability of phosphorus. In current research the mean phosphorous 19.40 mg/Kg of in agricultural land and 19.89 in residential land. A positive relationship between the density of earthworms and available phosphorus was noted [13, 52]. Earthworm casting increases the phosphorus availability in soil dynamic which enhance plant growth and soil quality. Negative

correlation in density of earthworms and phosphorus was recorded [53]. However, in various pedoeco systems of the Cauvery delta in south India, both positive and negative correlations between phosphorus and earthworm biomass [54]. In current work the average potassium 143.84 mg/Kg (agriculture) and 155.94 mg/Kg (residential)was documented. Similar to the present investigation, positive and negative correlationof earthworm density and biomass were reported with available potassium [13, 54].On the other hand, it was found that, there is no connection between earthworm biomass and density with soil potassium [52].Heavy metals are very harmful because of their non-biodegradable nature, long biological half lives and their potential to accumulate in soil [55]. In this study the amount of Chromium in agriculture area is 87.20 mg/Kg and 79.47 mg/Kg in residential area was observed. Copper is essential element in soil, The mean Copper in agricultural site was 72.24 mg/Kg and 57.60 in residential site. The average quantity of Nickel is 67.78 mg/Kg and 65.91 mg/Kg in the study site was recorded and the mean lead was 73.81 mg/Kg (agriculture) and 44.84 mg/Kg (residential) also average zinc was 37.05 mg/Kg in agricultural site and 28.57mg/Kg was documented in residential area. (Table. 5) The amount of heavy metals recorded in present study do not exceed the permissible limit in soil [56].Potential bio-indicators of heavy metal pollution are earthworms. Because the growth, number of hatchlings per cocoon, survivability, and cocoon production of earthworms all showed declining trends with increasing concentrations of heavy metals, earthworms can serve as bio-indicators for heavy metal pollution in soil[57].

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, our study provides significant insights into the relationship between soil edaphic properties and the distribution of earthworm species in both agricultural and residential habitats within Pandavapura Taluk of Mandya District, Karnataka, India. Through comprehensive soil sampling and analysis, coupled with field surveys to identify earthworm species abundance, we have elucidated the intricate connections between soil characteristics and earthworm habitat preferences. Our findings reveal notable correlations between certain soil parameters such as pH, Organic carbon, moisture, Nitrogen, Phosphorous, Potassium and Heavy metals. These relationships underscore the importance of soil quality in shaping earthworm distribution patterns. Furthermore, our study highlights the significance of sustainable land management practices in promoting earthworm diversity and ecosystem resilience. By understanding the preferences of different earthworm species and their responses to soil conditions, land managers and farmers can implement targeted strategies to enhance the fertility, structure, and overall health of the soil. Moving forward, continued monitoring and research efforts are warranted to further explore the dynamic interactions between soil properties and earthworm communities, particularly in the context of changing land use patterns and environmental conditions. Such attempt will be essential for guiding effective soil conservation and management strategies aimed at ensuring agricultural sustainability and ecosystem resilience in the study area and beyond.

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Table 1: Earthworm species documented in Agricultural area of Pandavapura taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka, India

Family	Species
Moniligastridae	*Drawida nepalensis* (Michaelsen, 1907)
Rhinodrilidae	*Pontoscolex corethrurus* (Muller,1856)
Eudrilidae	*Eudrilus eugeniae* (Kinberg, 1867)
Acanthodrilidae	*Eutyphoeus orientalis* (Beddard, 1833).
Lumbricidae	*Eisenia fetida* (Savigny, 1826)
Megascolecidae	*Perionyx anandalei* (Michaelsen, 1907).
	Perionyx excavates (Perrier, 1872)
	Perionyx pulvinatus (Stephenson, 1916)
	Perionyx macintoshi (Beddard, 1883)
	Metaphire posthuma (Vaillant, 1868)

Table 2: Earthworm species documented in Residential area of Pandavapura taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka, India

Family	Species
Moniligastridae	*Drawida modesta* (Rao,1921)
	Drawida nepalensis (Michaelsen, 1907)
Eudrilidae	*Eudrilus eugeniae* (Kinberg, 1867)
Lumbricidae	*Eisenia fetida* (Savigny, 1826)
Megascolecidae	*Perionyx anandalei* (Michaelsen, 1907).
	Perionyx excavates (Perrier, 1872)
	Perionyx pulvinatus (Stephenson, 1916)
	Metaphire anomala (Michaelsen, 1907)
	Lampito mauritii (Kinberg, 1867)
	Amynthas alexandri (Beddard, 1900)

Table 3: Morphological characteristics of earthworm populations collected at Pandavapura taluk, Mandya district, Karnataka

Sl. No.	Species	Colour	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	No. Of Segments	Prostomium	Setae	Clitellum type &position	Male pore	Female pore
01	*Drawida nepalensis*	Reddish	75-131	3.5-4	142- 172	Prolobous	Lumbricine	Annular 9-14	Paired,1 0/11	Paired, atorposterior

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02	*Drawida modesta*	Creamy grey	75-100	4-5	207-230	Epilobous	Lumbricine	Annular 11-14	10-11With setae	Single in 14
03	*Pontoscolex corethrurus*	Unpigmented Yellowish	50-85	3-5	102-120	Prolobous	Lumbricine	Saddle shape, 15– 22	Pairedin 17	Paired in 14
04	*Eudrilus eugeniae*	Reddish brown to dark violet	90-185	5-8	145-196	Epilobous	Lumbricine	Saddle shaped, 14-18	Paired in 17With penialSe tae	Combined with spermatheca lpores, in 14
05	*Eutyphoeus orientalis*	Reddish brown	100-250	7-8	250-300	Epilobous	Perichaetine	Annular 13-16	Paired in 27 With penial Setae	Paired Minute in 24
06	*Eisenia fetida*	Reddish	35-130	4-5	100 -120	Epilobous	Lumbricine	Saddle shaped, 09 -11	Equatori al slits in 15th segment	Paired Minute in 14
07	*Perionyx anandalei*	Reddish brown	160-280	6-10	170-215	Proepilobic	Perichaetine	Annular 12-24	Paired in 18 Without penial Setae	Single in 14
08	*Perionyx excavates*	Bluish red to brown	40-62	1-2	124-130	Epilobous	Perichaetine	Annular 14-17	Paired in 18 Without penial Setae	Single in 14
09	*Perionyx pulvinatus*	Brownish	57-90	3-4	121-128	Epilobous	Perichaetine	Annular 11	Paired in 18 Without penial Setae	Single in 14
10	*Perionyx macintoshi*	Light blue to reddish	150-320	5-7	178-199	Epilobous	Perichaetine	Annular 13	Paired in 19 Without penial Setae	Single in 14
11	*Lampito mauritii*	Greyish black	47-82	2-3	142-160	Epilobous	Perichaetine	Annular 13-17	Paired in 18 Without penial Setae	Single in 14
12	*Metaphire posthuma*	Grey black with pink	120-200	4.5 - 5	130-257	Epilobous	Perichaetine	Annular 14-16	Paired in 18 upto ten penial Setae	Single in 14
13	*Amynthas*	Dark red	130-	4-6	115 – 137	Rudimentary	Perichaetine	Annular	Paired in	Single in 14

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alexandri	brown	175					14-16	18 With Setae	

Table 4: Ecological Diversity Indices of Earthworm species recorded at Pandavapura taluk, Mandya district, Karnataka

Sl. No.	Indices	Agricultural	Residential
01	Dominance_D	0.127	0.117
02	Simpson_1-D	0.883	0.872
03	Shannon_H	2.217	2.168
04	Evenness_e^H/S	0.917	0.873

Table 5: Summary of Physico-chemical variables of Agricultural and Residential land use systems during the study period (July 2021 – June 2022)

Physico-chemical Parameters of Soil	Agricultural		Residential	
	Annual (Mean ± SD)	Range	Annual (Mean± SD)	Range
Temperature (ºC)	26.25 ± 2.74	8.50	26.18 ± 2.85	9.10
Moisture (%)	39.48 ± 5.58	19.50	35.82 ± 4.06	11.80
pH	6.79 ± 0.50	2.00	6.73 ± 0.97	2.87
Electrical conductivity (dS/m)	0.56 ± 0.16	0.62	0.50 ± 0.20	0.66
Organic carbon (%)	5.56 ± 0.51	1.64	5.97 ± 0.43	1.48
Nitrogen (%)	0.55 ± 0.14	0.38	0.87 ± 0.36	1.26
Phosphorous(mg/Kg)	19.40 ± 2.10	8.03	19.89 ± 1.14	4.34
Potassium (mg/Kg)	143.84 ± 10.23	28.90	155.94 ± 13.44	36.13
Chromium (Cr) (mg/Kg)	81.20 ± 3.97	15.18	79.47 ± 4.60	17.31
Copper (Cu) (mg/Kg)	72.24 ± 6.41	19.68	57.60 ± 6.88	22.04
Nickel (Ni) (mg/Kg)	67.78 ± 2.91	8.11	65.91 ± 5.87	18.64
Lead (Pb) (mg/Kg)	73.81 ± 7.93	24.09	44.84 ± 4.75	13.27
Zinc (Zn) (mg/Kg)	37.05 ± 4.34	13.47	28.57 ± 5.77	20.17

Table 6: Correlation coefficient (r) of earthworm density with soil parameters in agricultural and residential land use systems

Physico-chemical properties	Agriculture land	Residential land
Temperature (ºC)	-.689[*]	-.661
Moisture (%)	.871[**]	-.852[**]
pH	.721[**]	.817[**]
Electrical conductivity (dS/m)	-.215	.160
Organic carbon (%)	.621[*]	.738[**]
Nitrogen (%)	.871[**]	-.599[*]
Phosphorous(mg/Kg)	.674[*]	-.599[*]

Potassium (mg/Kg)	-.339	.789**
Chromium (Cr) (mg/Kg)	-.689*	.563
Copper (Cu) (mg/Kg)	-.654*	.814**
Nickel (Ni) (mg/Kg)	.741**	.817**
Lead (Pb) (mg/Kg)	.721**	.841**
Zinc (Zn) (mg/Kg)	.723**	-.852**

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

**Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Figure 01: Map depicting Study area	**Figure 02: A. Agricultural study site; B. Residential study site**

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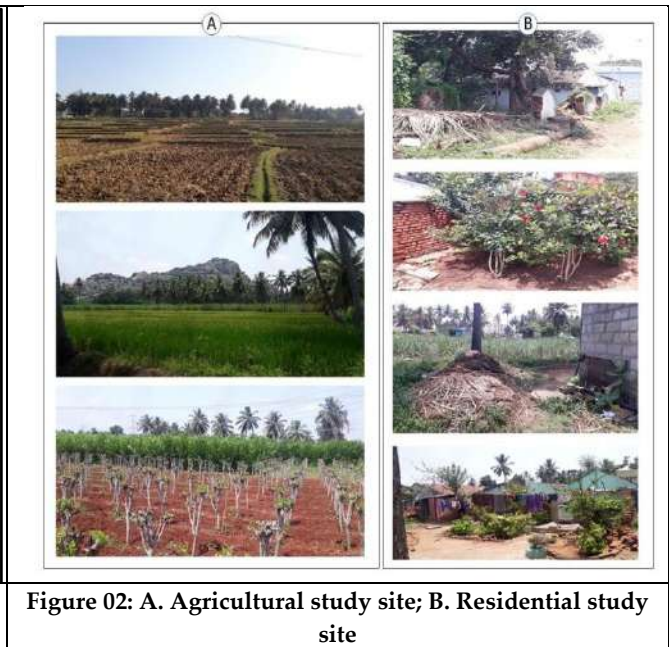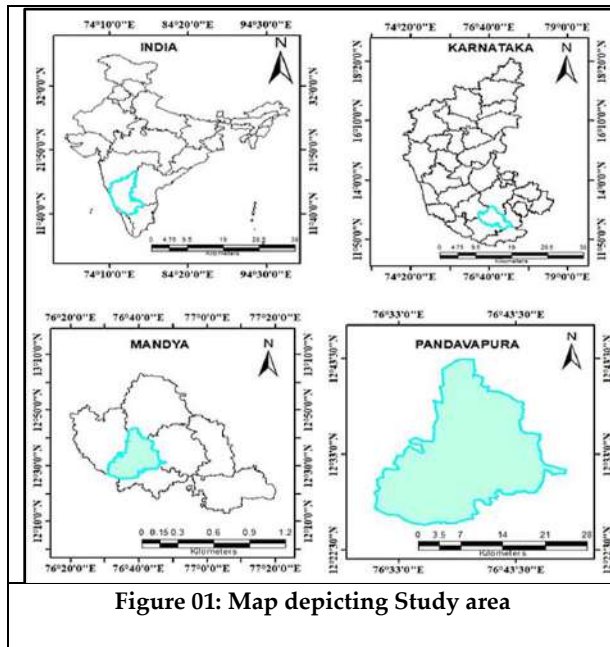
U-Net Architecture for Segmentation of Nucleus from Cell Image

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ABSTRACT

Segmentation of the image is important step in image analysis process. The instance segmentation method based on initially locates the area of the instance by applying the object detection technique. By using this, mask is predicted in the identified zone. This method shares a special bond with object detection. The swift growth of object detection technology endorses the development of this variant of instance segmentation technique directly. The nucleus segmentation from the cell is complex due to small size. The nucleus size and shape can help to identify the diseases. In this research work, U-Net approach is proposed which can segment the nucleus from the cell. Python is used for implementing the proposed model using google Colab on the Kaggle data set which contains approx. 30000 images. Accuracy and model loss is calculated for analysis of proposed model. The accuracy for the training is achieved up to 81.39 percentages and Model loss is reduced to below 1 percent for the segmentation.

Keywords: Cell Segmentation; U-Net; Nucleus; Model Loss;

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INTRODUCTION

Neural cell instance segmentation in microscopy imagery is a basic function in pathology work-flows which helps in extracting the nuclear morphology along with appearing attributes such as standard size, density and polymorphism. It also performs several genetic based analyses for example: classification of phenotypes and profiling remediation [1]. The cellular instrument engaged in the heredity pathway from one neural stem cell remains secretive in neuroscience. The development of real-world microscopy imaging frameworks has made it easy to record the description of neurons, atrocities and oligodendrocytes from one neural stem cell in the form of a time-lapse video. Being a crucial mechanism to discover the relationships between the cells and the neural cell instance segmentation algorithm has drawn considerable interest from the research community as it detects and fragments cells together [2]. Above all, a swift and accurate instance segmentation tool plays an important role in the analysis of large-scale video datasets. Nevertheless, many factors like cell mitosis, cell deformation, cell adhesion, indistinct cell shape and background inaccuracies increase the complexity of neural cell instance segmentation. In addition, small and thin configurations like filopodia and lamellipodia present in cell motion make the challenge yet more tough[3]. Deep neural network (DNN) techniques have led to significant improvements in object detection and segmentation in recent years. There are three types of solutions in the present object instance segmentation technique in the context of processing considerations. The task of Instance segmentation can be described as an assortment of object detection and semantic segmentation therefore two approaches occur for these two perceptions [4].

The first is the detection-based technique, which is equivalent to object detection process. This method first traverses the area of each instance and then splits the instance mask into each region. The second is a pixel clustering-based approach. This approach firstly predicts the class label assigned to every pixel and then produces instance segmentation outcomes by applying the clustering method to arrange them in a cluster. The above two schemes are two-stage segmentation techniques which are in big demand. Moreover, in current years, a single-stage instance segmentation method has been developed, which provides better results in terms of processing speed than the above two segmentation techniques[5]. Figure 1 exhibits the taxonomy of deep learning-based instance segmentation methods. The use of convolutional neural networks (CNN) in the object detection domain has considerably encouraged the development of object detection. The RCNN framework developed by Girshik in 2014 applies selective search strategy to construct a region proposal box on the photograph and then extracts features by using CNN. Lastly, a Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifier is trained for predicting the output. The advent of this algorithmic approach has significantly indorsed the emergence of object detection technology [6]. After this, the improved versions of RCNN called Fast RCNN and Faster RCNN came into existence. They not only provide solution of different problems such as iterated convolution computations but also improves the efficiency of object detection technology. The instance segmentation method based on detection initially locates the area of the instance by applying the object detection technique, and then predicts mask in the detection zone. Finally, each prediction result is outputted as a separate example. This method shares a special bond with object detection. The swift growth of object detection technology can directly endorse the development of this variant of instance segmentation technique. In the context of algorithmic research, it has substantial benefits over other variants of instance segmentation methods.

LITERATURE REVIEW

J. Yi, et.al (2019) suggested an attentive instance segmentation technique in order to predict the bounding box of every cell and its segmentation mask at the same time [7]. Generally, the suggested technique was developed on a joint network in which a SSD (single shot multi-box detector) was integrated with a U-net. Moreover, an attention mechanism was deployed on modules utilized to detect and segment the cells considering significant attributes. A dataset consisted of neural cell microscopic images was executed to evaluate the suggested technique. The experimental outcomes depicted that the suggested technique was effective for detecting and segmenting the neural

cell instances quickly and at higher accuracy as compared to the traditional techniques. S. Kaya, et.al (2019) introduced an MIL (multiple instance learning) mechanism for segmenting the cell [8]. To achieve this, SVM (support vector machine) was employed to model the classification. Afterward, the testing stage was executed to scan and classify the test images at pixel level, individual level and acquire the pre-segmentation images. The phase to post-process the data deployed a MRA (Markov random fields) technique for enhancing the outcomes of process in which the images were pre-segmented. At last, the introduced mechanism was compared with the traditional technique and proved effective. J. Yi, et.al (2019) discussed that the process to segment the neural cell instance was useful for analyzing the behaviors of neural cell [9]. Hence, a context-refined model of segmenting the neural cell instance was developed for learning the way of suppressing the background information. Particularly, the deep attributes were recalibrated using a light-weight context refinement module. The fundamental objective of this model was to consider the target cell within each cropped ROI (region of interest). These attributes illustrated the adaptability of the developed model in the study of neural cells. The experimental results indicated the efficacy and accuracy of the developed model and this model outperformed the existing techniques.

N. Khalid, et.al (2021) described that the individual cell behavior was analyzed effectively by segmenting the cell in microscopic images accurately which assisted in diagnosing the human diseases [10]. DeepCIS algorithm was established for detecting, segmenting, and classifying the culture of the cells and nucleus in the microscopic images. The established algorithm was quantified on the EVICAN60 dataset in which microscopic images generated through various microscopes with numerous cell cultures were involved. The experimental results revealed that the established algorithm offered the mAP (mean average precision) up to 24.37% while segmenting the cell and nucleus over 30 classes.T. Prangemeier, et.al (2020) projected an innovative attention-based CellDETR (cell detection transformer) to perform direct end-to-end instance segmentation [11]. This system was effective to segment the cell in micro-structured environments. The projected system performed better over the existing methods to segment the cells and predicting the individual object instances. The projected system performed 30% quicker to match the efficacy of segmenting the cell instances. The results confirmed the robustness of the projected system for detecting every cell instance and directly offering instance-wise segmentation maps which were adaptable for cell morphology and fluorescence measurements. Y. Chen, et.al (2021) designed a new approach in which process of segmenting the cell was integrated with process of tracking the cell into a unified E2E (end-to-end)-DL (deep learning) technique [12]. This technique was implemented to detect and segment the cell. The SN (Siamese Network) was combined with the pipeline to track the cell [12]. Moreover, the spatial information was utilized in the network and the spatial and visual prediction was fused to enhance the efficacy of tracking. DeepCell dataset was applied for the quantification of the designed approach. The efficiency and simplicity of the designed approach was proved over the traditional systems for segmenting and tracking the cell with regard to accuracy.

A. Chamanzar, et.al (2020) investigated an E2E (end-to-end)-DL (deep learning) algorithm with the objective of detecting and segmenting the single cell with the help of only point labels [13]. Various task orientated point label encoding techniques were put together with a multi-task scheduler to train the investigated algorithm. The PMS2 stained colon rectal cancer and tonsil tissue images were exploited to implement and validate the investigated algorithm. The investigated algorithm led to enhance the efficacy to detect and segment the cell as compared to the traditional algorithms. The results revealed the applicability of the investigated algorithm for cells with distinguishable nuclei. L. Zhu, et.al (2021) recommended a technique to segment the cell segmentation in which the boundary for each cell was tracked on the basis of result of the semantic segmentation [14]. This technique concentrated on discovering the radius of cell contour in each angle. The image pixels were partitioned into cell nucleus, cytoplasm, background, and overlapping regions using enhanced U-net network so that the cells were segmented. Additionally, every cell nucleus was employed as center for tracking the boundary point in diverse angle which provided the cell contour. The experimental results proved the effectiveness of the recommended technique for segmenting the overlapping cervical cells. M. F. Jamaluddin, et.al (2020) intended a methodology in order to detect and segment the cells in ER-IHC (estrogen receptor immune histochemistry)-stained breast carcinoma images [15]. The intended methodology assisted the physicians in deciding whether the patient was treated with hormonal

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therapy or other treatments. This methodology was planned on the basis of DCNN (deep convolutional neural network). The watershed-based technique was applied to post-process the data. A comparative analysis was conducted on the results to compute the intended methodology. The intended methodology offered the precision around 95% and recall of 91% while detecting the cell automatically. S. Lin, et.al (2021) devised a DL (deep learning) technique in which a Mask-RCNN (Region based Convolutional Neural Network) was integrated with Shape-Aware Loss for segmenting the cell instance [16]. This technique was effective for computing the cell instance segmentation masks taken from different microscopy images for which no additional post-processing was carried out. the devised technique yielded and IOU around 91.91% and 94.93% on the DIC-C2DH-HeLa and PhC-C2DH-U373 datasets respectively. The devised technique had potential for segmenting the cell instance with accuracy. The results obtained in segmenting the cell instance were useful to analyze the cell behavior and to track the cell. N. O. Loewke, et.al (2018) formulated a fully automated algorithm which assisted in iteratively segmenting the cells on the basis of observed distribution of optical cell volumes [17]. The quantitative phase microscopy had evaluated theses volumes [17]. The verification of every threshold was done from the observed data, thus, there was not any necessity to take them virtually from the user. The sex kinds of cell illustrating a range of morphologies were utilized to exhibit that the formulated algorithm was effective and several confluences were taken into consideration for evaluating these cultures. The accuracy obtained from the formulated algorithm was calculated 91.5% for detecting and segmenting the cells.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

U-Net
For semantic segmentation of biomedical image is planned by authors. The primary focus is to further develop the sliding window approach by simplifying it and more compelling. They build a robust network thatincludes the entire context of the imagefor calculation and straightforwardly creates the segmentation masks.

Network Architecture
The network has the SegNet design with a few upgrades. Figure 2 shows the design. In theencoder part, there are four down-sampling steps. At each step, there are two convolution layers with 3 x 3 kernels, ReLu activation, trailed by 2 x 2 max-pooling layers. The quantity of feature maps in the first layer is 64, andit pairs after each down-sampling step. The decoder topology is balanced to the encoder. There are four up-testing steps, each contains two convolutional layers. After each up-sampling step, the quantity of feature maps is split. There are likewise the skipping associations between relating encoder and decoder steps. The out- put layer utilizes I x I convolution, which for each pixel decreases data from all the component maps into a two-component vector.

Image Pre-processing
The U-Net is feasible to train likewise on the datasets with a couple of accessible training samples. In the firstarticle, the authors depict some augmentation strategies on the best way to expand the dataset size. New images are created by movements and revolutions. They likewise utilized elastic deformation of unique samples to simulate the shape variability of biomedical objects. The deformity was made by arandom displacement of vectors in 3 x 3 grid sampled from a Gaussian circulation with standard deviation of ten pixels. They likewise notice the issue of grey value variations of the input images.

Training
The cost function is pixel-wise soft-max function combined with the cross-entropy loss function. To get to the next level the network performance, authors guessed that pixels have various weights as per their significance in the final segmentation. Equation (1) signifies the formula of cost function:

$$(0) = -Lw(x)\log(11 - Pt(x;0)1) \tag{1}$$

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Where w(x) is a weight of the pixel x, tis the expected class of the pixel x and p(x; 0) is the probability given by the model that x belongs to the class 1. The weight of every pixel was pre-computed by the accompanying equation 2:

$$(x) = w_a(x) + w_0 \; exp\left(-\frac{(d_1(x)+d_2(x))^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \tag{2}$$

Where d_1 and d_2 mean the distance of the pixel x to the first and second nearest object, separately. The factors w_0 and a are constants. The original network was executed in Caffe programming. Every one of the calculations was finished on a graphical card. Because of the large size of the image sample and hardware constraints, it was unrealistic to train a mini-batch of size higher than one. As a learning algorithm, they utilized stochastic gradient descent with a momentum. U-Net is fruitful in the division of different biomedical images. It actually occupies the main spots in the ranking of the cell Tracking Challenge. The strategy is clear to comprehend. In late last years, a few another approaches inspired by the U-Net topology was published. Therefore, it is chosen to base GH£-research with respect to this network. The nucleus is the present in all type of cells and also in the human cells. The abnormal shape of the nucleus can help us to identify various diseases like cancer. To quantitative assessment of the cells is required so that it can identify the size and shape of the nucleus. The deep learning methods are best which can identify and also segment the nucleus from the image of cells. In this research work U-Net model is proposed which can segment the nucleus from the image. As shown in figure3, Segmentation models depend on a variety of the U-Net model, which employs a descending circular segment (contracting way) to increment feature information followed by a climbing curve (development way) to join feature and spatial data.

The model utilized here was made out of a conventional ResNet34 architecture for the descending arc path and a custom rising circular segment that pre-owned pixel rearranging during up sampling to reduce checkerboard artifacts. The network design has many similarities to that of a convolutional auto encoder, which consists of a contracting trail ("encoder") and an expansive trail ("decoder"). The skip connection between the encoder and the decoder is the basic characteristic of U-Net that differentiates it from a typical auto encoder. Skip connections are responsible for recovering the spatial information lost in down-sampling, which is important for segmentation operations. A typical U-Net architecture consists of three units: encoding, bridge, and decoding. The encoding unit involves converting the input into a compact representation through hierarchical learning. In contrast, the decoding process applies up-sampling and convolution operations in order to recover the pixel-wise output representation with the input of similar size. Bridge is important to form a bridge between encoding and decoding. Furthermore, the low-level description features in the encoding part are combined with the equivalent high-level semantic characteristics in the decoding unit, it forming a route for information dissemination and have been verified to be efficient for semantic labeling.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This research work is based on the image segmentation of nucleus from the human cell. The proposed architecture of segmentation is based on the U-Net. The dataset of cells is collected from the Kaggle which contains approx. 30000 images for the training. The training sample contains the image and also the number of mask images. The dataset also contains the true values of the training image. The approach of Gaussian filter is used for the pre-processing which can remove noise from the image. The pre-processing can help to identify nucleus more clearly and accurately. As shown in figure 4 (a), the original image is taken as input which is processed for the filtering and segmentation. As shown in figure 4 (b), the image which is taken as input is processed and noise is removed using Gaussian filter which can remove unwanted pixels from the image. As shown in figure 5, the training and test images are shown in the picture. The X-train images are images which are in the training dataset. The X test images are images which are in the test set. The predicted images are masked images after the segmentation.

Evaluation Metrics
Using the model's predictions, gathered the bounding box, the confidence score and the segmentation mask for each prediction. Repetitive predictions are suppressed using NMS, or non-maximum suppression. In order to ensure that

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the predictions with the highest confidence scores are considered first then sort them in descending order. A maximum loU between a segmentation mask and all of its ground truth masks is calculated for each prediction.

$$IoU = \max i \left(\frac{x \cap y_i}{x \cup y_i} \right) \tag{3}$$

Where $x \in R^{W*H}$ the anticipated segmentation mask is $y_{i \in R^{W \times H}}$ is the ith ground truth mask, W and H is the image width and height. A prediction is considered as a true positive instance if the maximum IoU is greater than a threshold $\propto$, the concurring ground truth is set apart as recognized. False-positive detections are those that occur over and over again. This is summarized by the AP metric, which provides an evaluation of both the detection accuracy and segmentation accuracy of an algorithm. In addition to average precision also measure the average loU at thresholds $\propto$.To be clear, define it using equation 4;

$$AIoU@ \propto = \frac{1}{N_C} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_\propto} (IoU)_i \right) \tag{4}$$

Where $N_\propto$ is the total number of predictions that satisfy $IoU \geq \propto$. The detection evaluation metric is the box-level average predicted bounding box and the ground-truth bounding box.

Where IoUc is the IoU for class c and C is the number of classes, while TP, FP, and FN respectively denote the number of 'true positive', 'false positive', and 'false negative'.

$$IoU_C = \frac{TP_c}{TP_c + FP_c + FN_c} \tag{5}$$

$$AIoU = \frac{1}{C} \sum_c IoU_C \tag{6}$$

As shown in figure 6, the accuracy and model loss of the proposed model is shown. The accuracy for the training is achieved up to 81.39 percent and test accuracy is achieved up to 86.17 percent for the segmentation. The model loss is reduced to below 1 percent for the segmentation. In this work, effectively constructed a neural network that settles the given task. The prerequisite for this work was a profound investigation of the task as well as the strategies utilized. During the work, likewise created calculations that assist us with preparing and test various organizations effectively. It is important to familiar with various methodologies how to manage with an insufficient size of the dataset. In this, several pre-processing and post-handling strategies are utilized, which assisted us to reach great outcomes. The proposed work is evaluated using model on public datasets and also gets official results from the Kaggle competition. The picked technique was strong in the given task. All the customary image processing methods on the given dataset are outperformed. Here one of the most troublesome datasets for challenge is utilized. So, it is expected that this technique would have great outcomes additionally in the other datasets. The strategy has a several downsides. It is difficult to ensure the expected performance on the unknown information. i.e., trained a network that was effective in both training and validation datasets. Unfortunately, the execution was a lot of more regrettable on the test dataset. The explanation was that light states of these successions were unique. Tackled this issue productively by histogram leveling of input images, yet it is difficult to predict these circumstances.

Different downsides are computational costs and requirement of adequate dataset. In the field of machine learning and neural network looking at changed models is difficult. The execution isn't given just by network architecture, it is impacted by a training dataset quality and the process of training as well. Thus, incorporated no more extensive examination between various methodologies. The correctness of such a comparison wouldn't be ensured on the grounds that models can be prepared in various circumstances, the as it were applicable measure with the exception of rehashing every one of the trials without help from anyone else is the CTC contest. During the research, trained and tried various models. They fluctuate in topology, in hyper parameter setting either in the learning algorithm utilized. It is likewise attempted multiple ways how to set up the dataset. This work experienced us; however, it isn't included in the final text. Not all of these experiments were done or assessed appropriately. Because of the wide assortment of potential settings, concluding any broad knowledge would be hard. Proposed model was fruitful in the Data Science Bowl 2018 challenge. It was not the essential objective of this work however it inspires us for future research. There are several possibilities, how the model can be gotten to the next level. First and foremost, trains a greater network is conceivable. It is attempted to hold model somewhat little because of the effectiveness of all tests. It is demonstrated the way that more mind-boggling model could work on the exhibition and on the equivalent dataset. It is too conceivable to essentially change the organization design more. Furthermore, there are numerous variations, that how to pre-process preparing images. We can utilize other expansion techniques to give a bigger

dataset. There are likewise a few choices, how to characterize preparing veils weight covers and can likewise zero in on post-handling. Thirdly, can tune all the hyper boundaries more exactly or attempt an alternate learning calculation. According to our perspective, the promising way is additionally to associate AI techniques with customary picture handling strategies. The two methodologies vary in their benefits and by appropriate blend can accompany new strategies.

CONCLUSION

In this paper, it is concluded that neural cell instance segmentation algorithm has drawn considerable interest from the research community as it detects and fragments cells together. A swift and accurate instance segmentation tool plays an important role in the analysis of large-scale datasets. The approach of U-Net is proposed for the segmentation of nucleus from the cell images. The U-Net architecture is proposed for the segmentation of nucleus. The proposed model is implemented in python and results are achieved up to86.17 percent for the segmentation.

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Table 1: IoU Metric for Result

Author	Method	IoU (in %)
Peng Shi et al, 2022 [18]	Feature Global Delivery Connection Network (FGDC-net)	62.97
Luo X et al, 2022 [19]	DB-UNet	68.16
Proposed Method		86.17
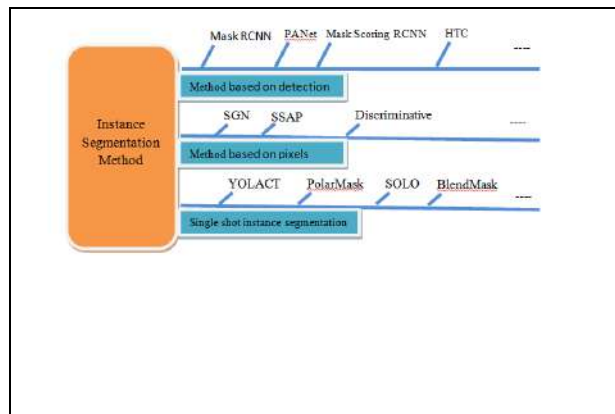
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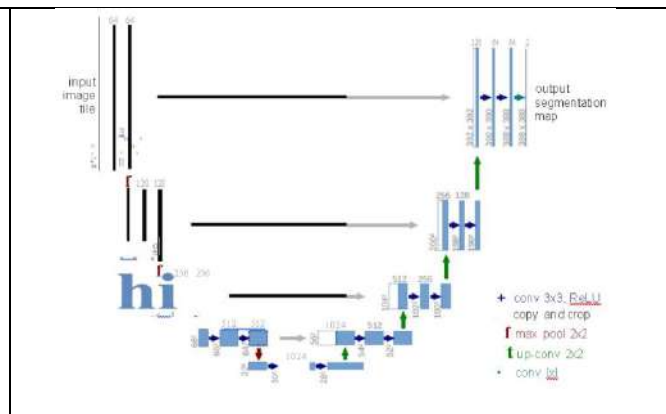
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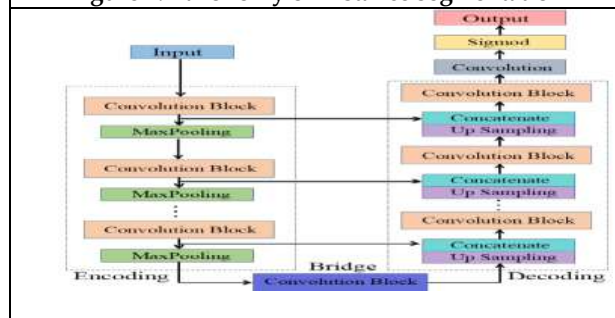
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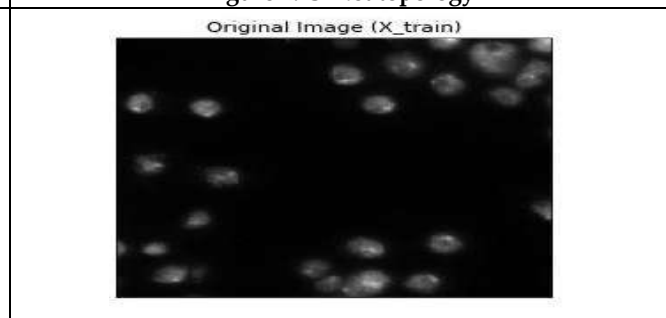
Figure 4: Image Filtration (a) Original Image

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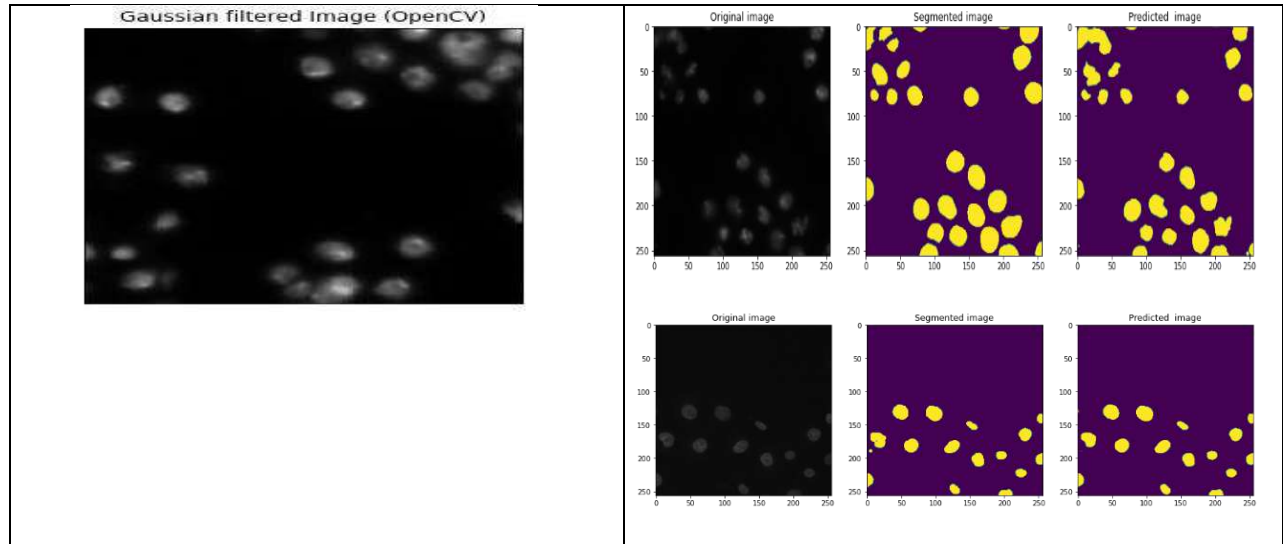
Figure 4: (b) Gaussian Filtered Image	**Figure 5: Segmentation Results**
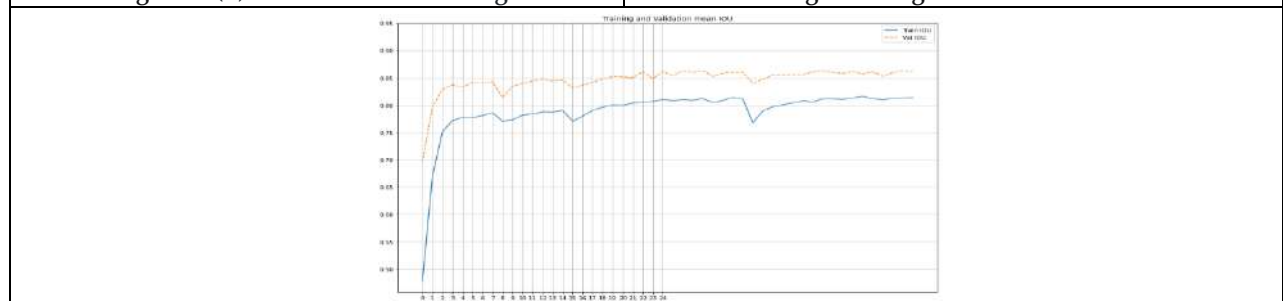
Figure 6: Accuracy and Model Loss

REVIEW ARTICLE

A Review on Phytosome as Therapeutic Agents

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ABSTRACT

Phytosomes are herbal formulations that are more easily absorbed and hence provide more bioavailability and activity than typical phyto particles or natural extracts. Phytosomes are a protected innovation created by a major manufacturer of medications nutraceuticals to consolidate normalised plant concentrates or water dissolvable phytoconstituents into phospholipids to create lipid viable atomic building called "phytosome" and thus work on their ingestion and bioavailability. The phytosome formula proved successful in delivering cytotoxic agents components such as quercetin, diosgenin, icariin, tocopherol, and others throughout its development. Some of these recipes have also been patented and commercialised. There are several uses for phytosomal products such as silymarin phytosome, grape seed phytosome, green tea leaf phytosome, and curcumin phytosome. This review describes the over view of phytosomes as therapeutic agent, preparation, properties, characteristics, and application of phytosome.

Keywords: Phytosome, Phytoconstituent, Bioavaiability, Cytotoxic, Herbal formulation.

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INTRODUCTION

Herbs are among the oldest treatments known to humans. According to history, India is widely regarded for having the oldest, richest, and folk knowledge of medicinal plant usage. Research discovered that people in different parts of the world tended to use the same or similar plant for the same purpose, which has increased scientific interest in medicinal plants and it appears that plant derived products will continue to play an important role in human healt [1]. Traditional medicine and phytomedicine have been used therapeutically for health maintenance purposes since ancient times[2]. The advantage in this sector of herbal medicine delivery began lately with the goal of effectively managing human illness. Every country seeks health treatment outside of modern medicine's usual bounds Turning to natural medicines for self-medication[2,3]. The bioactive constituents of phytomedicine are water-soluble compounds (e.g., phenolic, glycosides, flavonoids), and they are useful since they are poorly absorbed when taken orally or applied topically, and a technique to increase bioavailability is being developed [4].

Phytosomes are a form of enhanced delivery technology that improves plant-based drug bioavailability and effectiveness. Phytosomes are created by mixing a plant extract with a phospholipid, which creates a complex that enhances the solubility and absorption of the extract's active compounds[5].As a result, phytosomes have been studied as possible therapeutic agents for a variety of diseases such as liver disease, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. Phytosomes have been found to boost the delivery and effectiveness of chemicals including silymarin (from milk thistle) for liver health, curcumin (from turmeric) for inflammation and joint pain, and green tea catechins for weight reduction and metabolism [6]. Phytosomes are also used in cosmetics and skincare products because they promote the absorption and distribution of plant-based substances for better skin health and appearance[7].

Phytosome is a protected innovation developed by a major manufacturer of medications and nutraceuticals to fuse normalised plant concentrates or water dissolvable phytoconstituents into phospholipids to create lipid viable atomic structures known as phytosomes, which inexplicably work on their ingestion and bioavailability[8].The improvement in the area of home-grown mediation conveyance started recently with the goal of effectively managing human diseases. Each culture seeks medical treatment beyond the conventional bounds of existing pharmaceuticals, resorting to self-medication as natural therapies. The majority of phytoactive ingredients are water solvent atoms (for example, phenolics, glycosides, flavonoids, and so on). In any event, the survivability of water-soluble phyto components is limited because they are insufficiently digested when taken orally or applied topically[9].Many methodologies have been developed to work on oral bioavailability, such as the incorporation of dissolvability additionally, bio accessibility enhancers, transporters, and thus extensive research in the field of natural medication conveyance framework as a method for working on medication restorative files is unavoidable. The use of detailing innovation to convey natural items and medicine through improved retention and, as a result, offer superior outcomes than conventional natural concentrates. Phytosomes are not the same as liposomes; the two are unmistakably distinct.

The phytosome is made up of two particles that are reinforced together, while the liposome is made up of several phospholipid particles that surround other photodynamic atoms but do not expectionally bind to them. Phytosome innovation is an advancement model for confirmed improvement of bioavailability, basically more significant therapeutic benefit, ensured delivery to the tissue, and supplementation without compromising[9,10].The word "phyto" refers to a plant, while "a few" refers to cells. Phytosomes are innovative drug delivery frameworks that incorporate hydrophilic bioactive phyto-constituents of spices that are encased and confined by phospholipids. Because of the gastro-defensive quality of phosphatidylcholine, the phytosome invention generates a little tiny circle or small cell that protects the plant concentrate or its dynamic element from annihilation by stomach discharge and gut microscopic organisms. This phyto-phospholipid complex is modelled after a small cell, which has a superior pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic profile than the standard home-grown concentrate, resulting in higher bioavailability [11].

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The different vesicular phytosomes, composition and their applications are given in the following table.
DIFFERENT TYPES OF VESICULAR PHYTOSOMES[12]

STRUCTURE OF PHYTOSOME
Phyto-phospholipid complexes are formed when active components interact with the polar head of phospholipids. Interactions between active substances and phospholipids lead for the creation of phospholipid complexes, to which the phospholipid head group is connected but the two long fatty acid chains do not participate[13]. The two long fatty acid chains may move and surround the polar component of complexes to form a lipophilic surface. When phyto-phospholipid complexes are diluted in water, they form agglomerates that resemble a small cell and have some similarities to liposom

PROPERTIES OF PHYTOSOMES

Phytosomes are a complex combination of cutting-edge phytoconstituents and common phospholipids, such as soy phospholipids, which are mostly phosphatidylcholine. These confusing results derive from the stoichiometric reaction of phospholipids with phytoconstituents in an aprotic solvent[20,21,22]
1) Phytosomes may obey the dynamic rule that is fastened to the polar top of the phospholipids, which eventually develops into an important part of the film.
2) Phytosomes are an advanced sort of natural drug that is better kept, utilised, and results in better outcomes than increased bioavailability has been shown by pharmacokinetic experiments in experimental animals and human subjects.
3) Phytosomes are a lipophilic material with a characteristic softening point that is freely soluble in non-polar solvents and reasonably soluble in fats.
When handled with water, phytosomes develop a micellar shape, frame structure that resembles liposomes with central differentiation

ADVANTAGES[19, 51, 54, 55, 56, 57]
1) Phytosomes are little cells that protect the key components of herbal extracts from obliteration by stomach associated emission and intestinal microbes.
2) It ensures authentic pharmaceutical coverage to the specific tissue.
3) The supplement security of herbal extracts should not be jeopardised by using the herbal medication as a technique for phytosomes.
4) Portion needs have been reduced due to the highest retention of key elements.
5) Capture efficacy is great and furthermore predictable since the medicine is in formulation with lipids in the formation of vesicles.
6) Significant improvement in medicine bioavailability occurs.
7) Drug entanglement is not a concern when discussing phytosomes.
8) Because of the configuration of synthetic bonds between phosphatidylcholine atoms and phytoconstituents, phytosomes have a higher strength profile.
9) Phosphatidylcholine, which is used in phytosome measurement in addition to functioning as a transporter, also helps to nourish the skin since it is a component of a cell film.
10) Phytosomes are also superior than liposomes in healthy skin products.
11) Phytosomes end up being of far greater clinical benefit.
12) Phosphatidylcholine, which is used in the formation of phytosomes, in addition to acting as a transporter, also acts as a hepatoprotective, so it has a synergistic effect when other hepatoprotective substances are used.
13) The vesicular system is passive, non-invasive, and ready for commercialization right now[11]
14) Phosphatidylcholine, a key component of the cell membrane employed in phytosome technology, functions as a transporter as well as a skin nutrient.

15) Because of enhanced absorption of the major ingredient, the dosage need is lowered. They may also be administered in lesser doses to obtain the desired outcomes.

DISADVANTAGES[51]

Phytosomes, despite their obvious benefits as a medication delivery mechanism, are not widely used. According to Yamila B. Gándola et al. (2014), phospholipids (lecithin) may stimulate proliferation in the MCF-7 breast cancer cell line. The leaching of phytoconstituents from the 'some', which diminishes the target medication concentration, might be a significant disadvantage of phytosomes, suggesting their fragile nature.

COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE PHYTOSOME PRODUCTSANDTHEIRAPPLICATIONS[12, 14]
LIST OF SOME PATENTED TECHNOLOGIES WHICH ARE RELATED TO PHYTOSOME[12, 15]
METHOD OF PREPARATION
Phytosomes are vesicular-like structures formed by several methods such as anti-solvent precipitation, cosolvent, salting out, thin layer hydration, and solvent evaporation.

Anti- solvent precipitation method [25,26]

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Cosolvent method [27]

| Extract and phosphatidylcholine |

⬇ Dissolved

| In organic solvent like methanol |

⬇ Using a magnetic stirrer

| Mixed well |

⬇

| Mixing is done by stirring for around 1 hour |

Solvent evaporation method[29]

| Extract and phosphatidylcholine |

⬇ Dissolved

| In organic solvent like ethanol |

⬇ Using a vacuum rotary evaporator at 30°C for 2 hours at 120 rpm

| Refluxed |

⬇

| Hydrated with aquadest |

⬇

| Suspension of phytosome Obtained |
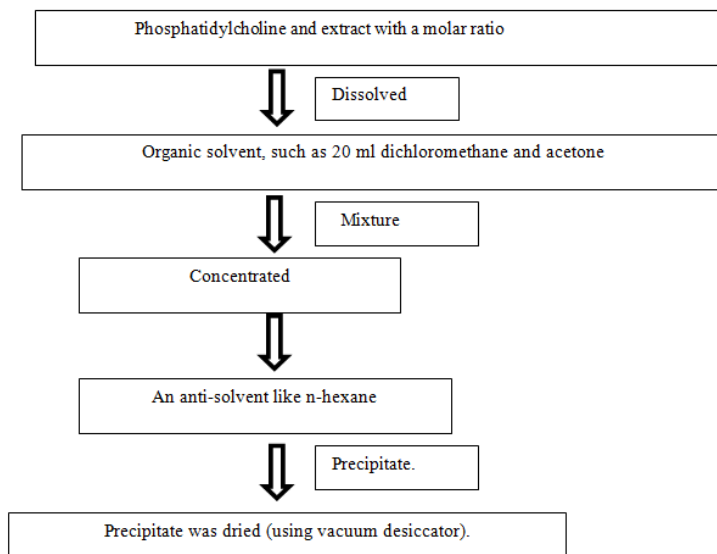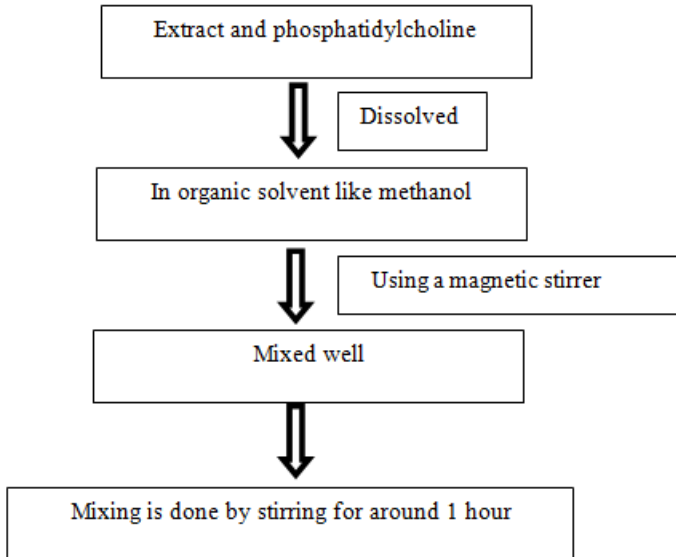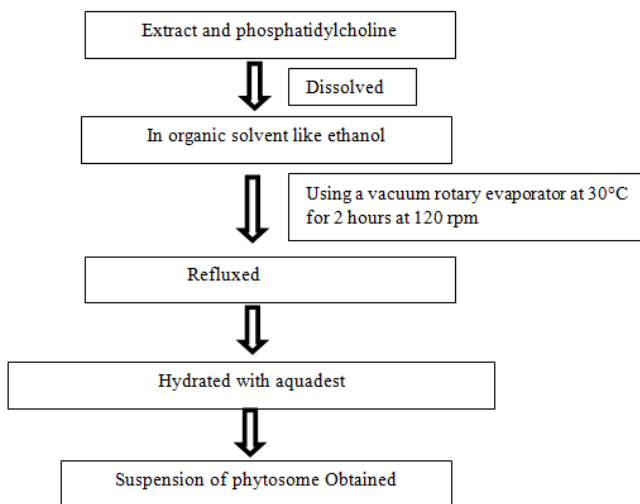
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Thin layer hydration method [29]

CHARACTERIZATION OF PHYTOSOME

Factors such as real size, film porousness, rate captured solutes, synthetic piece, quantity, and virtue of the starting material describe the behaviour of phytosomes in both physical and organic frameworks. As a result, the

phytosomes are defined in terms of their real properties such as form, size, dispersion, rate of drug capture captured volume, rate of drug delivery, and compound organization[19]. Complexation and atomic bonding between phytoconstituents and phosphatidylcholine in arrangement have been studied using 1H-NMR, 13C-NMR, and IR spectroscopy[20,21]. Thermal gravimetric analysis is used to locate and estimate thermal effects such as combination, strong alterations, glass advances, loss of dissolvable, and disintegration in order to characterise a strong phytosome[22,23]. Further NMR data available on the promoting phytosomes likewise show that the fatty chain signals are almost unchanged. The two long aliphatic chains are folded over the dynamic standards, resulting in a lipophilic envelope that envelopes the polar top of the phospholipids and the natural herbal extract[24]. Physical parameters of phytosomes, such as shape, size, dispersion, percentage of drug gathered, volume of entrapped drug, percentage of drug released, and chemical content[33], may be used to classify them. Another approach utilised for phytosome characterisation is visualisation by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM)[34]. The ultracentrifugation technique may be used to test how efficiently phytosomes catch medicines. Using photon correlation spectroscopy (PCS), dynamic light scattering (DLS), and differential scanning calorimetry, the transition temperature of vesicular lipid systems may be measured. DLS and TEM may be used to assess particle size and zeta potential. The product's stability may be determined by evaluating the size and form of the vesicle over time. The drug's surface te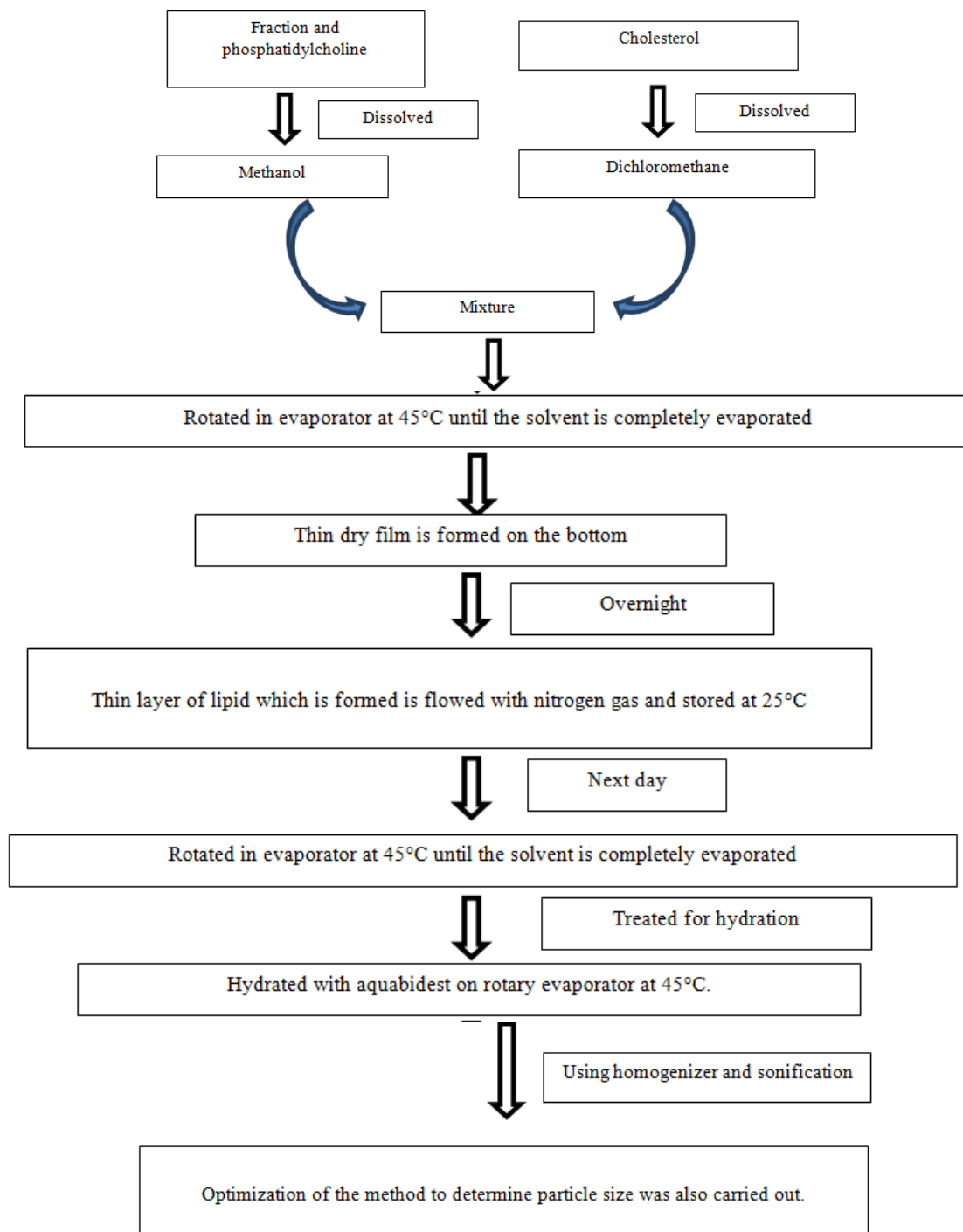nsion activity in aqueous solution can be determined using the ring method and a Du Nouy ring tensiometer. The amount of material may be evaluated using a modified high performance liquid chromatographic technology or a suitable spectroscopic technique[40]. Spectroscopic techniques such as 1H NMR, 13C-NMR, and FTIR are used to validate the development of a complex or to investigate the reciprocal relationship between the phytoconstituent and the phospholipids, and models of in vitro and in vivo assessments are chosen based on the anticipated therapeutic efficacy of the physiologically active phytoconstituents included in the phytosomes[41].

PHYTOSOME AS A CYTOTOXIC AGENT

Phytosomes are being developed as a delivery mechanism for cytotoxic chemicals derived from herbs and spices. An investigation revealed that the IC_{50} value of Terminalia arjuna bark concentrate and quercetin positive control had a significant decrease after being designed using phytosome. The IC_{50} of the concentrate decreased from 25 to 15 ug/ml, whereas the IC_{50} of quercetin decreased from 2 to 0.7 ug/ml. This suggests that using phytosomes as medication conveyance experts may increase bioavailability, allowing for MCF-7 disease cell line restraint at low doses[30]. Phytosome as a cytotoxic agent was investigated by combining it with a diosgenin subordinate (Di) and screening FU-0021-194 (P2) as one of its subordinates. P2 was then prepared using phytosomes (P2Ps) to develop P2's water solvency, exactly as Di was. It exerted its cytotoxic restraint activity on human non-small cellular breakdown in A549 and PC9 cells from the lungs. The results shown that P2Ps may prevent cellular disintegration in lungs cells more effectively than Di-phytosome after 72 hours of hatching by enlisting cell cycle capture and apoptosis [31].

When scientists separated a phytosome from Carica papaya. Carica papaya extract was combined with a phytosome complex, and its cytotoxic effect on human leukaemia cell line K-562 was investigated using Sulforhodamine B (SRB). The IG50 of the fluid concentrate and recipe were 75.2 ug/ml and 48.4 ug/ml, respectively. These findings indicate that the phytosome equation is superior as an anticancer agent than Carica papaya water concentrate[32]. In an experiment with mitomycin C-phytosome. Mitomycin C (MMC) is defined with complex phosphatidylcholine to form an MMC-stacked phytosome that is then expanded with a surface-useful kind of folate-Stake (FA-Stake). FA-Stake MMC-stacked phytosomes have been shown to increase cell take-up in HeLa cells and high accumulation in H22 cancer-bearing animals. This demonstrates an increase in anti-cytotoxic movement in vitro and in vivo as compared to MMC infusion[33].

After it was focused more on root details of Clerodendronpaniculatum Linn separate using phytosome and after it was completed and evaluations of its cytotoxic movement was noticed utilising Dalton's lymphoma ascites cell in vivo. The results indicated that phytosome detailing inhibited malignant development cells more strongly than extract[34].

It was discovered that phytosome characterised methanolic concentration of Allium sativa, which includes diallyl disulfide and other phenolic chemicals. Its equation yielded IC90 and IC50 values against the MCF-7 cell line of 108,5 ug/ml and 25,76 ug/ml, respectively. The diallyl disulfide was confirmed by HPLC and GC-MS analysis, and the phytosome complex was discovered by FTIR and SEM [35]. When phytosome investigated Icariin (flavonol glycoside), it was formed to work on its potential as a cytotoxic specialist. ICA- Phytosomal demonstrated completely disrupted mitochondrial film potential and caspase 3 cell. Aside from that, its definition improved the sensitive oxygen species and apoptosis. OVCAR-3 cells ovarian cancer cells were used in this review[36]. When it came to Thymoquinone (TQ, a kind of polyphenol). It was defined using phytosome and phospholipon® 90 H. TEM examination corroborated the size enhancement. Furthermore, cytotoxic activity (IC$_{50}$ value) was found in A549 human cellular breakdown in the lungs cells at 4,31 2,21 Um. Caspase 3 activation increased apoptosis and putrefaction while increasing the sensitive oxygen species in A549 cells[29]. They investigated and demonstrated the effect of Silipide (Sylibine complex) on human ovarian disease (HOC) in vivo. Downregulating and upregulating Facto Vascular Endothelial Development Factor (VEGF) and Angiopoietin-2 has been demonstrated to have antiangiogenic activity. After Silipide medication, there was an expected decrease in VGEF focus in the cancer scenario. It has been established that Silipideis a fantastic prospect for recurrent ovarian disease[37].

When focusing on the ESR statement on breast cancer following treatment with Sylibin (regular cytotoxic experts) and its phytosome. The research found that sylibin-phosphatidylcholine structures are 2.5-3 times more effective at suppressing cell growth on the T7D cell line, and ESR was reduced[38]. They evaluated Luteolin phytosome to improve Doxorubicin for suppressed MDA-MB 231cells (Human breast cancer cell line) by downregulated Nrf2 articulation. The presence of luteolin-phytosome may suffocate Nrf2 articulation, making cells more vulnerable to the drug (Doxorubicin)[39].

ENHANCING BIOAVAILABILITY

According to the study, evodiamine phytosomes exhibited a greater in vitro dissolution rate, better absorption, a longer action duration, and improved bioavailability. The drug's extended release from the phytosome resulted in a longer action period and higher bioavailability. Furthermore, by preventing direct contact between the medication and the liver's metabolic enzymes, these phytosomes may reduce evodiamine's first-pass metabolism. The T1/2 of evodiamine was 1.33 hours, and the bioavailability was 1772.35 g h-1 L-1. Furthermore, the enhanced bioavailability and T1/2 with phytosome were 3787.24 g h-1 L -1 and 2.07 hours, respectively[40]. The Oleaselect phytosomes were established due to the rich phytochemical profile of the purified olive fruit extract, which includes anti-hypertensive, diuretic, anti-atherosclerotic, anti-oxidant, and hypoglycemic properties. When compared to the uncomplexed extract group, the Oleaselect phytosomes group had a larger percentage of HT (hydroxytyrosol) and HVAlc (homovanillyl alcohol), suggesting an improvement in oral bioavailability[41].

ANTIOXIDANT PROPERTIES

A physically stable phytosomal formulation of quercetin with improved encapsulation efficiency and physical stability was developed to improve quercetin's efficacy in intestinal absorption and preservation from oxidation in meals [42]. One of the most recent studies, published in 2014 by B. Demir et al., examines the anti-oxidative characteristics of metal phytosomes formed by encapsulating Calendula officinalis extract. An in vitro anti-oxidant assay was used to analyse reactive oxygen species in Vero cell lines. According to the findings of this study, the cell viability of plant extract and Au-loaded phytosome was roughly 35% and 81%, respectively[43]

HEPATO-PROTECTIVE

The phytosomes of Ginkgo biloba (200 mg/kg) significantly decreased the myocardial necrosis caused by isoproterenol in a research on Ginkgo biloba leaf extracts (family: Ginkgoaceae). A histological study of the heart confirmed the cardioprotective advantages of phytosomes. Its cardioprotective effects are ascribed to reduced myocardial necrosis (as seen by lower AST, LDH, and CPK release as well as histoarchitectural changes) and enhanced endogenous antioxidants[44].

According to the literature, clinical hepatitis develops in 1.1% of people undergoing Rifampicin therapy. S.R. Naik et al. (2008) evaluated the protective effects of Ginkgoselect Phytosome® on Rifampicin (RMP)-induced hepatotoxicity in rats, as well as the likely mechanism(s) involved in this protection. The current data imply that Ginkgo select Phytosome®'s hepatoprotective impact on RMP-induced oxidative damage is related to its antioxidant and free radical scavenging activity[45]. Mangiferin (MF) demonstrated strong DPPH radical scavenging action, stimulating liver regeneration in a variety of liver lesions. An ex vivo investigation revealed that MF herbosomes significantly enhanced MF absorption as compared to ordinary MF. In vivo evaluation of the hepatoprotective potential of MF herbosomes revealed significantly lower levels of serum glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase (SGOT), serum glutamate pyruvate transminase (SGPT), total bilirubin, and alkaline phosphatase (ALP) in MF herbosomes compared to plain MF. When compared to ordinary MF, MF herbosomes revealed considerably lower levels of malonyl dehydrogenase and higher levels of reduced glutathione, superoxide dismutase (SOD), and catalase, which was similarly equivalent to the reference medication, Silymarin (SL) [46.]

Traditional applications of Andrographolide (AN) derived from Andrographis paniculata Linn include fever, inflammation, common cold, tonsillitis, pharyngitis, laryngitis, pneumonia, tuberculosis, pyelonephritis, and hepatic impairment, among others. When compared to the phytosome dosage, the equimolar dose of medication showed reduced absorption and higher levels of SGOT and SGPT in blood, showing its hepatoprotective nature[47].

TRANSDERMAL APPLICATION
Malay K Das et al. 2104 investigated Rutin, a common flavonoid (Ruta graveolens) used to treat capillary fragility, hypertension, ultraviolet radiation-induced cutaneous oxidative stress, hepatic and blood cholesterol, cataract, and cardiovascular disease, and it has antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antithrombotic, antineoplastic, and antiplatelet activity. Rutin phytosomes were shown to be more capable of penetrating the impenetrable stratum corneum than the free form. The skin absorption of Rutin phytosomes was 33 1.33%, whereas Rutin was 13 0.87%[48]. The phytosomal combination of saponins and plant extracts from Panax ginseng M. was shown to be more active in vasal protection, capillary permeability, and UV radiation protection. Also useful in the development of dermatological and cosmetic pharmaceutical formulations, as it has a moisturising effect on the cutis, making it more elastic as a result of dermal fibroblastic stimulation, with an increase in proteoglycan and collagen synthesis. The above-mentioned compositions can be used for oral administration in the form of tablets, capsules, syrups, granules, solutions (containing 1-500 mg dose of the complex) for treating conditions of inflammation, altered capillary fragility and permeability, and, in general, in all fields where saponin activity is currently recognized[49]

WOUND HEALING
A. Mazumder et al. 2016 investigated the wound healing potential of Sinigrin, one of the primary glucosinolates found in Brassicaceae plants, both alone and as a phytosome complex on HaCaT cells. The sinigrin-phytosome combination results in total wound healing (100%) but the phytoconstituent alone results in only 71% healing. Furthermore, sinigrin phytosomes have improved anti-cancer action on A-375 melanoma cells[50]. S. Lakshmi Devi and colleagues (2012) investigated the comparative effects of ethanolic extracts of Wrightia arborea leaves and phytosomes. The phytosomes displayed around 90.40% wound healing, but the ethanolic extract alone could only cure 65.63% of the lesion.29 As previously stated, the formed vesicles displayed improved wound healing activity (58.7%) and penetration in the cells, collecting near the nucleus in the research of Demir et al. 2014[51].

APPLICATION[58, 59, 60, 61]
1) Silymarin phytosome: The majority of phytosomes are concentrated in silybum marianum, which includes liver protection. Flavonoids found in the fruit of the milk thistle plant [S. marianum family-straceae] have hepatoprotective properties. Silymarin has been demonstrated to have good benefits in treating several types of liver illness, including hepatitis, cirrhosis, fatty infiltration of the liver, and bile duct inflammation. 2) Grape seed phytosomes: Grape seed phytosomes are made up of oligomeric polyphenols with various molecular sizes that are complexed with phospholipids. The major features of grape seed procyanidin flavonoids are a rise in overall antioxidant capacity and a stimulator of plasma physiological defence

3) Green tea phytosome: Green tea leaves are distinguished by the presence of the polyphenolic compound epigallocatechin-3-0-gallate as the primary component. These are plant modulators of numerous biochemical processes connected to homeostasis breakdown in major chronic degenerative diseases such as cancer and atherosclerosis. It has also provided us with a variety of bifunctional activities, including antioxidant, anticancer, antimutagenic, hypocholesterolemic, and cardioprotective effects

4) Curcumin phytosomes: Maiti et al created the phytosome curcumin (flavonoid derived from turmeric, Curcuma longa linn) and naringenin (flavonoid derived from grape, Vitisvinifera). With a longer duration of action, the phytosome of naringenin demonstrated stronger antioxidant activity than the free molecule.

BENEFITS OF PHYTOSOME[62, 63]

1. Herbal concentrates' bioavailability is dramatically increased due to complexation with phospholipids and improved retention in the intestinal plot.
2. They permeate the non-lipophilic plant concentrate to allow better intake through the intestinal lumen, which is difficult in any case.
3. The Phytosome plan is protected, and all of the pieces have been approved for medication and remedial usage.
4. They have been used to deliver liver-protective flavonoids because phytosomes can efficiently make them accessible. Furthermore, since phosphatidylcholine is hepatoprotective, it has a synergistic effect on liver protection.
5. This innovation provides cost-effective conveyance of phytoconstituents and synergistic benefits when used as utilitarian beauty care goods to safeguard the skin from exogenous or endogenous hazards in normal as well as unpleasant environmental situations.
6. They may also be used to improve medicine saturation via the skin for transdermal and dermal conveyance.
7. These are platforms for the administration of a wide range of medications (peptides, protein molecules).
8. The vesicular system is passive, non-invasive, and ready for commercialization right now
9. Phosphatidylcholine, a key component of the cell film used in phytosome invention, functions as a transporter while also sustaining the skin.
10. Drug capture is not a problem during definition planning. Similarly, the entanglement productivity is great and also predictable, since the real drug constructs vesicles after creation with lipid.

CONCLUSION

This review is an attempt to present a concise profile of phytosomes as a transport system. Phytosomes are innovative features that have improved the bioavailability of water-soluble herbal ingredients through the skin and gastrointestinal tract. numerous studies have shown that phytosomes are an effective delivery route for cytotoxic drugs and can be blocked by numerous ell lines more than pure cytotoxic chemicals. Its capacity to absorb natural substances while also being readily manufactured makes it an attractive commercial product. Phytosomes have a bright future in plan innovation, as well as the application of hydrophilic plant chemicals and the acceptance of cytotoxic products. Overall, phytosomes have shown medicinal potential, notably in terms of increasing the bioavailability and effectiveness of plant-based drugs. However, more research is needed to fully understand their potential benefits and limitations, as well as their safety and long-term effects.

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Table 1: Vesicular Systems And Their Applications :

Sl. No	Different Vesicular Phytosomes	Composition	Application
1.	Cryptosomes	Surface coat of a lipid vesicle constituted by PC and a suitable phosphatidyl ethanolamine, a polyoxyethylene derivative.	Ligand mediated drug delivery.
2.	Aracheosomes	Archeae glycerolipid-based vesicles having potent adjuvant action.	Less adjuvant action
3.	Colloidosomes	Hollow, elastic shells with precisely controllable permeability that are composed by colloidal particles, self-assemble at the interface of emulsion droplets.	Drug targeting
4.	Aquasomes	Noncrystalline calcium phosphate (ceramic diamond) particle core is encased in a polyhydroxyl oligomeric coating.	molecular shielding, precise targeting.
5.	Ufasomes	Long-chain fatty acids were produced by mechanically agitating the evaporated film in the presence of a buffer solution, resulting in vesicles with fatty acids around them.	Drug targeting mediated by ligands
6.	Erythrosomes	Liposomal system in which a lipid bilayer is covered using the cytoskeletons of chemically cross-linked human erythrocytes.	macromolecular drug targeting.
7.	Vesosomes	Nested bilayer made up of several bilayers around an aqueous core with a unilamellar vesicle.	Vesosomes with many compartments offer serum's internal components better protection..
8.	Hemosomes	Immobilising haemoglobin with polymerizable phospholipids results in the formation of liposomes containing haemoglobin.	large-scale oxygen transport system.
9.	Protostomes	Catalytically active high molecular weight multisubmit enzyme complexes	Catalytic activity turnover is improved compared to non-associated enzyme.
10.	Virosomes	Retrovirus-derived lipids serve as the foundation for liposomal bilayers that are loaded with virus glycoproteins.	adjuvant used in immunology
11.	Genosomes	Artificial macromolecular complex for functional gene transfer	Cell-specific gene transfer
12.	Photosomes	The contents of photolyase-encapsulated liposomes are released by photo-triggered charges in their membrane permeability properties.	A photodynamic treatment
13.	Enzymosomes	The liposomes' surface was covalently confined with the enzyme.	sent specifically to a cancer cell
14.	Emulsosomes	A polar group and a lipid assembly made comprised the nanoscale lipid particles.	Poorly water-soluble medication distribution via the

			parenteral route.
15.	Discosomes	non-ionic surfactants in combination with niosomes.	Poorly water-soluble medication parenteral administration.
16.	Cubosomes	Two distinct, continuous, but not crossing hydrophyllic zones are split by a lipid layer that has been bent into a periodic minimum surface with zero average curvature in bicontinuous cubic phases.	Drug targeting.

Table 2: Commercially Available Phytosome Products And Their Applications [12, 14]

SL No	Trade Name	Phyto-constituent Complex	Applications
1	Silybin phytosome	Silybin from *Silibium marianum*	Hepatoprotective, Antioxidant
2	Ginseng phytosome	Ginsenosides from *Panax ginseng*	Immunomodulator
3	Sericoside phytosome	Sericoside from *Terminalia sericea*	Skin Improver, Anti-Wrinkles
4	Hawthorn phytosome	Flavonoids from *Crataegus species*	Antihypertensive, Cardio Protective
5	Ginko select phytosome	Flavonoids from *Ginko biloba*	Anti-Aging, Protects Brain And Vascular Lining
6	Olea select phytosome	Polyphenols from *Olea europea*	Anti–Hyperlipidemia, Anti-Inflammatory
7	Green select phytosome	Epigallocatechin from *Thea sinensis*	Anti-Cancer, Antioxidant
8	Echinacea phytosome	Echinacosides from *Echinacea angustifolia*	Immunomodulatory, Nutraceuticals
9	Centella phytosome	Centella phytosome	Brain Tonic, Vein And Skin Disorder
10	Glycyrrhiza phytosome	18-β glycyrrhetinic acid from *Glycyrrhiza glabra*	Anti-Inflammatory, Soothing
11	Mertoselect phytosome	Polyphenols, Antcinoside from *Vaccinium myrtilus*	Antioxidant
12	PA2 phytosome	Proanthocyanidin A2 from horse *Chestnut bark*	Anti-Wrinkles, UV Protectant
13	Ruscogenin phytosome	Steroid saponins from *Ruscus aculeatus*	Anti-Inflammatory, Improve Skin Circulation
14	Curbilene phytosome	Curbilene from *Curcurbita pepo* seeds	Skin Care, Matting Agent
15	Zanthalene phytosome	Zanthalene from *Zanthoxylum*	Soothing, Anti-Irritant, Anti-Itching

		bungeanum	
16	Leucoselect® phytosome	Procyanidolic oligomers (PCOs) from grape seeds	Antioxidant, lungs, diabetes, varicose veins, and protection against heart disease.
17	Siliphos™ milk thistle phytosome	Silybin from silymarin	Good choice for liver or skin support
18	Panax ginseng phytosome	37.5% ginsenosides from roots of Panax ginseng	As a Food Product
19	Mirtoselect® phytosome	Anthocyanosides from an extract of Bilberry	These improve capillary tone, reduce abnormal blood vessel permeability & are potent antioxidants. They hold great potential for the management of retinal blood vessel problems and venous insufficiency
20	Sabalselect® phytosome	An extract of saw palmet to berries through supercritical CO2 (carbon dioxide) extraction	beneficial for non-cancerous prostate enlargement.
21	Polinacea™ phytosome	Polysaccharide from Echinacea angustifolia.	It enhances immune function in response to a toxic challenge.
22	Lymphaselect™ phytosome	A standardized extract of melilotus officinalis.	Indicated for venous disorders, including chronic venous insufficiency of the lower limbs

Table 3: List Of Some Patented Technologies Which Are Related To Phytosome [12, 15]

Sl.no	Title of Patent	Innovation	Patent Number	Reference
1	Phospholipids complexes of olive fruits or leaves extract having improved bioavailability	Phospholipids complexes of olive fruits or leaves extracts or their compositions containing it which imparts improved bioavailability	EP/1844785	[27]
2	Compositions comprising *Ginkgo biloba* derivatives	Compositions containing fractions derived from *Ginkgo biloba* useful for treating asthma	EP/1813280	[28]
3	Fatty acids monoesters of sorbityl furfural and compositions for cosmetic and dermatological use	Fatty acid monoesters of sorbityl furfural selected from two different series of compounds in which side chain is a linear or branched C3-C19 alkyl radical optionally containing at least one ethylenic unsaturation	EP1690862	[29]
4	Treatment of skin and wound repair with thymosin β4	Complexation of thymosin β4 along with phospholipids for treatment of skin disorder	US/2007 0015698	[30]
5	Soluble Isoflavone compositions	Isoflavone compositions exhibiting improved solubility, taste, color and texture characteristics	WO/2004/045541	[31]
6	An antioxidant preparation based on plant extracts for the	Preparations based on plant extracts which have an antioxidant effect and is particularly useful in	EP/12114084	[32]

	treatment of circulation and adiposity problems varicose veins, arteriosclerosis, high blood pressure and hemorrhoids	the treatment of circulation problems such as phlebitis		
7	Cosmetic and dermatological composition for the treatment of aging or photodamaged skin	Composition for topical treatment of the skin comprises a substance that stimulates collagen synthesis and a substance that enhances the interaction between extracellular matrix and fibroblasts Cosmetic or dermatological composition for topical treatment	EP1640041	[56]
8	Treatment of skin, and wound repair, with thymosin beta 4	Compositions and methods for treatment of skin utilizing thymosin β4	US/2007/ 0015698	[57]
9	Complexes of saponins with phospholipids and pharmaceutical and cosmetic compositions containing the	Complexes of saponins with natural or synthetic phospholipids have high lipophilia and improved bioavailability and are suitable for use as active principle in pharmaceutical, dermatologic and cosmetic compositions	EP0283713	[60]

Figure 1. Phytosome and liposome	**Figure 2: Technique for the characterization of phytosome**

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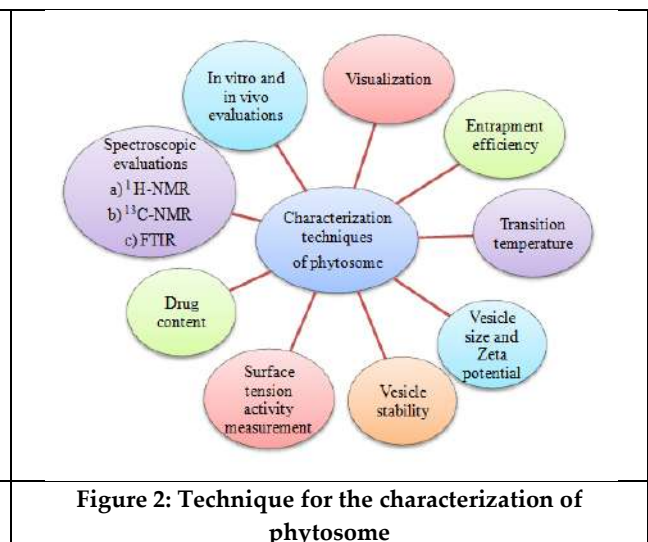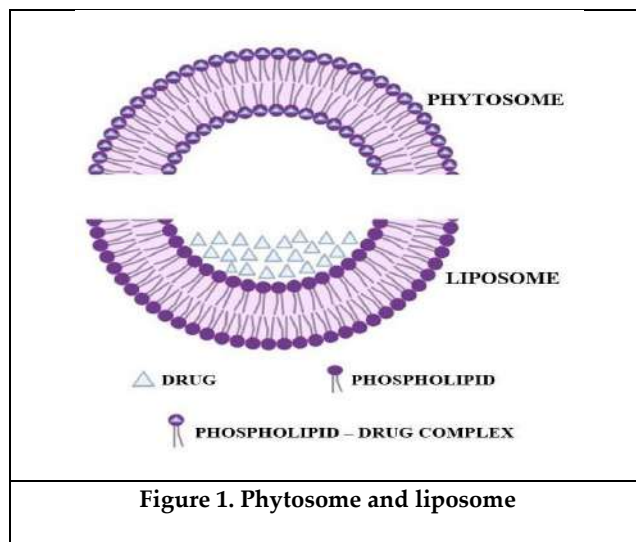
Performance Analysis of Different Feature Selection Methodologies in Classification of COVID-19 with Detail Feature Analysis

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ABSTRACT

In this study, data visualization and machine learning-based feature selection techniques have been used to examine the distribution and significance of certain COVID 19 influencing factors. The data distribution has been specifically determined by A/B testing, Anova F Test, Chi Square, Correlation Coefficient, and Extra Tree classifier are just a few of the feature selection methods that have been used to identify the most crucial features in the COVID 19 classification. Furthermore, several feature sets selected with different feature selection techniques have been examined for their effects in classification utilizing the Gradient Boosting Mechanism. The most important features on COVID 19 dataset used in the work have been demonstrated to be obesity, diabetes, hypertension, pneumonia, and age where as Extra Tree Classifier has been found to be the most competent feature selection mechanism for classifying the diseases.

Keywords: A/B Test, Anova F Test, Chi Square, Correlation Coefficient, COVID-19, Extra Tree classifier, feature selection, Mutual Information.

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INTRODUCTION

The area of computer science known as machine learning is where computers can develop artificial intelligence. For large-scale data processing and decision-making, intelligent machines are indeed very effective. Disease prediction and the analysis of medical data are important applications of machine learning that can help to address the problem of the shortage of high-quality medical treatment. Early detection, which is crucial for saving lives, is not always possible due to poor healthcare support, especially in remote areas. This issue can be resolved by applying machine learning to predict diseases early. The proposed work aims to investigate the impacts and affects of various COVID 19-related factors as well as the efficacy of various feature selection approaches when applied to a COVID19 dataset. In the phase 1 of the proposed work each feature has been subjected to an A/B test, and the distribution of each feature with regard to the determination of COVID 19 have been observed. In phase 2 Mutual Information Anova F Test, Chi Square, Correlation Coefficient, and Extra Tree classifier have applied over the collected dataset from kaggle to observe feature importance. Then, in phase 3, a model was developed using Gradient Boosting on each feature set chosen using the methods previously outlined. Section 2 has examined and analysed the research that is currently available on this subject. Details are provided in the model description in section 3. The outcomes of this work are reviewed in Section 4 and supported by the results; the conclusion and the work's future scope are then offered in Section5.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The use of diverse feature selection processes for disease categorization and prediction has already been the subject of numerous studies in the field of healthcare applications. A model to predict cardiac disease using a feature selection process has been presented by Saba Bashir at el. Rapid miner is the tool employed, and feature selection techniques such as Decision Tree, Logistic Regression, SVM, Naive Bayes, and Random Forest are applied. [1]. In [2] Lasso and Ridge Regression based model and importance of feature selection have analyzed. The accuracy of a novel feature selection method for heart disease prediction using a genetically based crow search algorithm is 94%[3]. A model to forecast cardiac disease utilizing an embedded feature selection method has been put forth by Dengqing Zhang et al. The model's accuracy score is 98.56%[4]. In [5], authors suggested a model to anticipate cardiac disease that included incorporated feature selection. In [6], authors chose features to predict heart disease using Fisher filtering (FF), reliefF algorithms, and stepwise regression models. The proposed model by Ebrahime Mohammed Senan et al. for the diagnosis of chronic renal disease also incorporates feature selection.

The most competent feature has been chosen using Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) [7]. Sequential feature selection mechanism has been applied in the model proposed by R. Aggrawal and S. Pal to predict heart disease [8]. Principal component analysis, Chi square testing, ReliefF, and symmetrical uncertainty have all been utilized in [9] to help choose the features that will go into the model for the prediction of heart disease. Using feature selection, Rasha H. Ali and WisalHashim Abdulsalam have suggested a model to forecast COVID 19. The Extra Tree Classifier (ETC) and Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) have been used [10]. Using a convolutional neural network and bi-stage feature selection, authors have developed a model in [11] for COVID 19 prediction. Jaishri Wankhede et al has proposed a model for heart disease prediction by applying decision function-based chaotic salp swarm (DFCSS) algorithm for selecting optimal feature selection achieved accuracy 98.7%.[12]. Another effective cardiac disease prediction model utilising recurrent neural network (RNN) and long short term memory (LSTM) has been proposed in [13]. For feature selection in the suggested model, Genetic Algorithm (GA) and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) have been applied. A fish swarm optimization technique and a hybrid kernel support vector machine classifier were employed in the heart disease prediction model that Keerthika and K. Premalatha suggested. [14]. The proposed model of heart disease prediction utilising ensemble methods has been implemented in [15] and employed a Heuristic Based Feature Selection (HBFS) strategy.

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PROPOSED WORK

Utilizing feature selection approaches and A/B testing, the suggested work has investigated at the distribution and relevance of a number of COVID19-related factors. A/B testing has been conducted on several features to observe the distribution of the various independent features in relation to the dependent feature. The Tableau data analytics tool has been used to conduct an A/B test for feature set visualization. A collection of key traits have been identified using Mutual Information, ANOVA F Test, Pearson Correlation coefficient, Chi Square, and Extra Tree Classifier. Then, after selecting each set of characteristics using the aforementioned techniques, Gradient Boosting has been applied on them and assessed the outcomes.

Dataset Description
In total, thirteen characteristics—sex, pneumonia, age, diabetes, copd, asthma, inmsupr, hypertension, other diseases, cardiovascular, obesity, renal chronic, and COVID res—have been taken into account where COVID res is the dependent variable.

a.   **Sex:** This is a categorical variable .1 represents female and 2 represents male. From the figure 2 it has been observed that most of the patients tested positive are male.
b.   **Age :** This a continuous variable and distribution of which is shown in the figure 3.
c.   Pneumonia: This is also a categorical variable where 1 represents presence of this disease and 2 represents absence of this disease. From figure 4 it is clear that most of the positive cases having pneumonia.
d.   **Inmsupr:** This categorical variable identifies immune suppression of patients with 1 means patients have immune suppression and 2 means no immune suppression. Distribution of the field is shown in figure 5
e.   **Diabetes:** This is another categorical variable with 1 identifies patients have diabetes and 2 identifies patients is not diabetic. From the distribution of diabetic shown in figure 6 it is observed that most of the COVID positive patients have diabetes.
f.   **Copd:** Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is chronic inflammatory lung disease by obstructed airflow from the lungs. Here 1 represents presence of the disease and 2 represents absence of the disease and distribution of which is shown in figure 7.
g.   **Asthma :**Indicators 1 and 2 are for patients with and without asthma, respectively. Figure 8 displays the distribution of features.
h.   **Hypertension:** In this categorical field 1 represents having the problem of hypertension where 2 represents normal. This is also clear from figure 9 that most of COVID positive patients have hypertension.
i.   **Presence of Other disease:** 1 represents presence of other diseases and 2 represents no other diseases have identified. This distribution is shown in figure 10.
j.   **Cardiovascular:** This categorical feature is also representing in same manner , 1 for Yes and 2 for No and the distribution is shown in figure 11.
k.   **Obesity:** In this field 1 for having obesity issue and 2 for no obesity problem and distribution of which in figure 12 indicates that most of positive cases have the issue of obesity.
l.   **Renal_Chronic:** 1 represents patients having chronic renal problem and 2 represents patients with with renal problem and the distribution is shown in figure 13.
m.   **Covid_res:** This is the dependent variable where 1 identifies patients identified COVID and 2 represent negative result of COVID.

Phase I Data Visualization with A/B Testing
A/B testing is an effective and straightforward experiment to examine the influence that various values of a feature play in decision-making. Not all features are equally important when making decisions. The objective of the study is to determine the distribution of various independent feature values in relation to the dependent variable, which is a patient's COVID status.

Phase II Observation through different feature selection methods

In this phase different feature selection methods have applied to observe feature importance.

Observation through Mutual Information

Mutual information is used to determine the interdependence of two variables. Claude E. Shannon first put out the idea in [16]. Robert Fano coined the phrase "mutual information". Considering two random variable M and N mutual information can be calculated as

$$MI(M,N) = MI(M;N) = DKL(P(M,N)||P(M) \otimes P(N)) \tag{1}$$

Where DKL=Kullback–Leibler divergence

P(MA)and P(N) are marginal distribution and P(M,N) is the joint distribution.

Mutual Information is a single-variable feature selection process used in machine learning that was applied to the COVID 19 dataset to determine the relative relevance of the features. The Python Sklearn library has been used to implement Mutual Information.

Observation through ANOVA F Test

ANOVA F Test is another feature selection technique that has been used in the proposed work. The F Test, named after Sir Ronald Fisher, uses F statistics to evaluate the variance ratio of two variables [17]. A prominent feature selection model based on F statistics is the Anova F Test. Anova is an acronym for analysis variance and is defined as

$$F = \frac{variation between samples mean}{variation wit hin sample} \tag{2}$$

Observation through Chi Square Test

Chi Square Test is another feature selection mechanism applied for this investigation for identifying significant features. Chi square test is used to find dependencies of two events. This is a statistical hypothesis test which can be represented by the equation no. 3.

$$X = \sum \frac{(Oi - Ei)}{Ei} \tag{3}$$

Where Oi=Observed value and Ei= Expected value.A higher Chi Square value indicates that the independent variable is more strongly influencing the strongly influencing decision-making.

Observations through Correlation Coefficient

Karl Pearson from a related idea by Francis Galton has introduced a method to measure linear correlation of variables is known as Pearson correlation coefficient. It is described by following equation number 4:

$$\rho = \frac{COV(A,B)}{\sigma A \sigma B} \tag{4}$$

Where COV=covariance

σA=Standard Deviation of A and σB=Standard Deviation of B

If the value is 1 and near to 1 it indicates the high correlation.

Observations applying Extra Tree Classifier

Extra Tree, also known as an excessively randomised tree, is another technique employed in the proposed study. It produces a big collection of unpruned decision trees. At every split point of a decision tree, it randomly samples the features [18].

Phase III Applying Gradient Boosting to observe feature set performance

In the phase Gradient boosting over the new datasets selected through aforementioned feature selection mechanisms has been applied. Gradient boosting is an ensemble of weak classifier that can be used for classification and regression both [19]. Gradient boosting uses loss function, weak learners for prediction and adaptive model to add weak learners

Loss function: $\sum_{i=1}^{n} L(yi, \delta)$ (5)

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$$rmi = \frac{\delta L(y, Mm-1(x))}{\delta Mm-1(x)} \qquad \text{For all i=1 to n} \qquad (6)$$

After adding m-1 weighted base learner Mm-1 model will be obtained.

The Mm can be determined by using following equation

$$Mm(x) = Mm - 1(x) + \delta hm(x) \qquad (7)$$

61.2%, 61.8%. 61.8% and 61.9% accuracy has been achieved applying Gradient boosting in this solution process on the dataset selected through Mutual Information, ANOVA, Chi Square, and Extra Tree Classifier, respectively

RESULT ALANYSIS AND DISCUSSION

Observation through A/B Testing

Through the A/B Test, it was discovered that 40.47% of female respondents and 47.66% of male respondents gave positive COVID response. In figure 2, the distribution of sexes is depicted. Age field has been grouped in beans of size 5. The main finding is that, up to a certain point, the COVID positive response rate increases proportionally with age. For example, only 24.26% of beans of a age bean 35 are COVID positive, while 43% of beans of a age bean 65 are COVID positive and the rest are COVID negative. The results of the A/B test are given in figure 3. One of the main indicators of a COVID patient is pneumonia. Using an A/B test on the dataset, it has been discovered that only 39.75% of those without pneumonia are COVID positive, compared to 67.42% of those with pneumonia. Figure 4 displays the response. It has been noted that patients with immune suppression exhibit a COVID positive response in 37.43% of cases, compared to patients without immune suppression who exhibit a COVID negative response in 44.22 % of cases. Distribution is displayed in figure 4. Applying an A/B test to diabetes patients revealed that 58.02% of diabetic patients has a COVID positive result, compared to 42.13% of non-diabetic patients. The result is given in Figure 6. It suggests diabetic patients are more vulnerable to COVID. A/B test has also been conducted on the copd population, and has observed that 46.85% of copd patients has COVID positivity, compared to 44.06% of non-copd patients. Figure 6 displays the results of the A/B test. Using an A/B test, Astham feature distributions has also been discovered. In contrast to the 44.33% of the population without asthma, 37.37% of those with asthma has a COVID positive report. In the instance of hypertension, 54.54% of patients who have the condition have been identified as having COVID, compared to 42.10% of those who do not have the condition. In figure 9, the results of the A/B test on hypertension is displayed. The main finding from the A/B test for other diseases is that 44.21% of the population without other diseases and 40.79% of the population with other diseases are COVID positive. Figure 10 depicts the distribution of this. In the case of cardiovascular disease, it has been noted that 45.19% of patients with cardiovascular disease and 44.80% of patients without cardiovascular disease are COVID positive. Figure 11 displays the feature distribution. The A/B test has also been used for obesity. Figure 12 shows that in the case of obesity, 52.75% of the obese and 42.41% of the non-obese are COVID positive. Figure 13 depicts the prevalence of renal chronic disease, showing that 44.03% of patients without renal chronic disease and 47.81% of patients with renal chronic disease have COVID positive results.

Observation through Feature selection methods

Different feature selection methods have applied to identify their significance in decision making of COVID 19 classification.

Result Analysis through Mutual Information

Applying Mutual Information feature importance has been identified which is depicted in the figure 14. Making Use of Mutual Information the five most significant traits that have chosen are: copd, chronic renal disease, pneumonia, and asthma. Figure 15 displays the selected feature distributions.

Result Analysis using ANOVA F Test

Using the Python Sklearn module, the ANOVA F Test has been implemented in the proposed model. It has been observed that pneumonia is also the most important factor identified by ANOVA like Mutual Information. Figure 16

displays the top features discovered using the ANOVA FTest are pneumonia, age, hypertension, obesity, and diabetes. Figure 17 displays the characteristics histogram.

Result Analysis through Chi Square Test
By using this approach, the top 5 features determined are age, pneumonia, sex, diabetes, and hypertension. Figure 18 illustrates the key characteristics through the Chi Square Test. Feature distribution is shown the figure 19.

Result Analysis through Correlation Coefficient
The associations between the qualities have been seen using this methodology. A high correlation score indicates that the features' effects on decision-making are almost identical; therefore some of these features can be ignored. Figure 20 displays the observation through correlation coefficient. Diabetes and pneumonia have been found to be closely connected. The association between diabetes and hypertension is likewise very high, while the correlation between age and hypertension is the least significant, as illustrated in figure 20.

Result Analysis through Extra Tree Classifier
Age has the greatest impact, followed by pneumonia, diabetes, sex, obesity, and hypertension, according to the Extra Tree classifier. Figure 21 illustrates feature importance as determined by the Extra Tree classifier. In the figure 22 distributions of sex, pneumonia, age, obesity, and diabetes are depicted. The significant outcome of the observations leads to Pneumonia, Age, diabetes, hypertension are being identified to be very relevant in decision making of whether a person has COVID or not .

Phase III Result Analysis through Gradient Boosting
Gradient boosting has been applied to the new feature sets, and it has discovered that the feature set chosen by the Extra Tree classifier, with a 62.9% accuracy rate, provided the best performance. The achieved accuracy of the model applied over the dataset selected through Mutual Information, is 61.2%. In figure 23, the attained accuracy is depicted. The accuracy of the model applied over the dataset selected through ANOVA F Test is 61.8 which is shown in figure 24. The model performance applying Chi Square has shown the below mentioned figures. The accuracy achieved was 61.8% which is shown in figure 25. The model applying Extra Tree classifier has achieved 61.9% accuracy which is shown in figure 26. The performances of the model on feature subset selected through Mutual Information, ANOVA F Test, Chi Square Test and Extra Tree Classifier have shown in the figure 27.

MAJOR OBSERVATION

Through A/B testing and various feature selection techniques, the feature relevance of a COVID 19 dataset obtained from Kaggle has been determined in this study. Furthermore, by developing a model using gradient boosting, the effectiveness of various feature selection methodologies in decision making has been evaluated. The top 5 pertinent traits, chosen using various feature selection techniques, are described in Table 1. Gradient boosting has been used as the final sub-component of our research on each feature subsets those have been chosen, along with Mutual Information, ANOVA F Test, Chi Square Test, and Extra Tree Classifier. Table 2 displays the model's achieved accuracies for each feature subsets.

CONCLUSION

The COVID 19 dataset, which was obtained from Kaggle, has been examined in this study to see how different factors affect the ability to recognise this disease. To track the distribution of each feature in terms of decision-making, an A/B test has been conducted. The analysis made use of Mutual Information, F Test, Chi Square Test, Correlation Coefficient, and Extra Tree classifier. Pneumonia, age, hypertension, and diabetes are important factors that influence decision-making, according to the research. On the dataset chosen by Extra Tree Classifier, the best

performance has obtained after applying gradient boosting. The COVID 19 disease prediction will be improved as a result of this observation. We plan to gather some local data in the future and use hybrid feature selection techniques for further in-depth observation.

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Table 1: Observations of different feature impact applying feature selection methods

Methods Used	Observation(Top 5 features)
Mutual Information	Pneumonia, Age, diabetes, hypertension, Obesity
F Test	Pneumonia, asthma, renal Chronic, Cardiovascular
Chi Square	Age, Pneumonia, sex, diabetes, hypertension
Correlation coefficient	Diabetes and pneumonia are highly correlated Diabetes and Hypertension is also highly correlated. Hypertension and age has the smallest value for correlation.
Extra Tree Classifier	Age, Pneumonia, diabetes, sex, obesity

Table 2: Observations of outcome of different feature selection methodologies in decision making

Methods Used	Observation(Top 5 features)	Performances with Gradient boosting
Mutual Information	Pneumonia, Age, diabetes, hypertension, Obesity	Accuracy : 61.2%
F Test	Pneumonia, asthma, renal Chronic, Cardiovascular	Accuracy: 61.8%.
Chi Square	Age, Pneumonia, sex, diabetes, hypertension	Accuracy : 61.8%
Extra Tree Classifier	Age, Pneumonia, diabetes, sex, obesity	Accuracy : 61.9%
Correlation coefficient	Diabetes and pneumonia are highly correlated Diabetes and Hypertension is also highly correlated. Hypertension and age has the smallest value for correlation.	

REVIEW ARTICLE

A Review on Microencapsulation

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ABSTRACT

Microencapsulation is defined as a process in which tiny particles or droplets are surrounded by a coating to give a small capsule with useful properties. The material enclosed in the microcapsule is known as core and the wall is called shell or coat. Materials generally used for coating are Ethyl cellulose, polyvinyl alcohol and gelatin. Microencapsulation may be achieved by a wide variety of techniques. Different factors like concentration of the polymer, solubility of polymer in solvent, rate of solvent removal, solubility of organic solvent in water, effect the encapsulation efficiency of microspheres or microcapsules. A medicinal ingredient is delivered to the target site in a prolonged, controlled release manner by using microspheres as drug carriers. This technology has been employed in a number of industries, including textile, printing, cosmetics, food, pharmaceutical, and agricultural. The methods of microencapsulation, variables that affect microencapsulation, the drug release mechanism, applications of microencapsulation, and microcapsule evaluation parameters are all covered in this article.

Keywords: sustained control release, encapsulation efficiency, microspheres, microencapsulation, and microcapsules

INTRODUCTION

One method that is employed in a variety of sectors, including food, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and agriculture, is microencapsulation. The process entails encapsulating minute particles or droplets of an active chemical in the protective shell of another material. The active component, which is encased in a second substance that serves as a barrier between it and the environment, can be a solid, liquid, or gas. Microparticles are particles with a dimension of 3–800 micrometers. Macroparticles are defined as particles bigger than 1000 micrometers. The end products of this procedure are microspheres, microcapsules, and microparticles. Microcapsules are made up of a coat or shell substance and a core material. An active element is present in the core material, which is covered by the coat or shell material. [1, 3, 12].

REASONS

The purpose of microencapsulation material is to prevent environmental degradation of the material once it reaches its site of action. There are several arguments in favor of microencapsulation. The problem could be as simple as hiding the flavor and smell of the core, or it could be more complex and involve increasing the extraction or adsorption process' selectivity. One of the main justifications for encapsulation is: -

- Dividing components that are incompatible
- Transformation of free-flowing solids into liquids;
- Enhanced stability (protecting the materials from oxidation or deactivation due to environmental reactions)
- It guarantees that the medication is supplied safely with sustainable release.
- It permits the sustained or controlled release of the drug's active ingredients, which should be released over an extended period of time. [2,3,9].

IMPORTANCE

Microcapsules' biggest benefit is their minuscule size, which enables them to have a huge surface area. For example, a hollow microcapsule with a diameter of 1mm has a total surface area of 1mm.The diameter and total surface area have an inverse relationship. Light scattering, adsorption, and desorption sites can be located on this greater surface area.[2]

TECHNIQUES OF MICROENCAPSULATION

Although a variety of techniques have been reported for microencapsulation and they are broadly classified into following:

CHEMICAL TECHNIQUES

POLYMERIZATION INTERFACIAL

By polymerizing the reactive monomers at or on the droplet or particle surface, this method will produce the capsule shell. Substances that are multifunctional monomers are employed. The most often used compounds are multifunctional acid chlorides and multifunctional isocyanates. This multipurpose monomer will be spread in an aqueous solution comprising dispersion agents after dissolving in liquid core material. As a co-reactant, a multifunctional amine will be added to the mixture. Saihiet al., for instance, encapsulated DAHP (di-ammonium hydrogen phosphate) by polyurethane-urea membrane utilizing the interfacial polymerization method.[1]

IN-SITU POLYMERISATION

This process produces the capsule shell by adding polymerization monomers to the encapsulation reactor, much as IFP. Polymerization only occurs in the continuous phase and the side of the continuous phase formed by the distributed core material and ongoing phase; no reactive compounds are added to the main substance during this process. Initially, a prepolymer with a low molecular weight will form; when it expands over time, it deposits on the dispersed surface.[1]

METHODS PHYSICO-CHEMICAL

PHASE SEPARATION AND COACERVATION

Phase separation, commonly known as the coagulation technique, is a widely used process for producing gelatin and gelatin-acacia microcapsules, as well as a wide range of products based on synthetic polymers and cellulose derivatives. Phase separation involves the use of both straightforward and complex coacervation techniques. Whereas complex coacervation involves two polymeric materials with opposing charges, such as gelatin and acacia, both of which are water-soluble media, simple coacervation involves the use of just one type of polymer, such as gelatin or ethyl cellulose in an organic or aqueous medium, respectively. Coacervation is caused in both situations by the fully solvated polymer molecules gradually desolving.[2,8,13].

POLYMERENCAPSULATION BY RAPID EXPANSION OF SUPERCRITICAL FLUIDS

Supercritical fluids, which are substantially compressed gases, have a number of benefits. They combine the properties of gases and liquids. Generally speaking, supercritical carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, and alkenes (C2 to C4) are the most often utilized supercritical liquids. The density of supercritical fluids close to the critical point varies greatly with even small changes in pressure or temperature. Supercritical carbon dioxide is commonly utilized due to its low critical temperature value, non-flammable and poisonous qualities, high purity, affordability, and ease of availability.

POLYMERISATION OF EMULSIONS

This process involves gently adding the monomer (alkyl acrylates) to a stirred water-based polymerization mixture that also includes an appropriate emulsifier and the material to be encapsulated (core material). Primary nuclei are created when polymerization commences and the first polymer molecules are precipitated in the water-based mixture. These nuclei progressively enlarge while concurrently enclosing the core material to form the final microcapsules as the polymerization process proceeds. This method of encapsulating works best with lipophilic compounds, which are either insoluble or have a poor solubility in water. Using this method, poly (alkyl cyanoacrylate) nanocapsules containing insulin have been created.[2]

INTERFACIAL POLYCONDENSATION

The condensation polymerization of two complimentary monomers at the interface of a two-phase system is the process known as "interfacial" polymerization. This two-phase system is combined under precisely regulated conditions to produce tiny droplets of one phase (dispersed phase) within the other (continuous phase/suspension medium) in order to make microcapsules. The substance to be encapsulated needs to be chosen such that it may exist (be dissolved or distributed) inside the droplets. Using this method, polyurea microcapsules containing osmium tetroxide have been synthesized.[2]

PROCESS OF PHYSICO-MECHANICS

Drying by spraying

Perfumes, oils, and tastes are often encapsulated using a low-cost commercial method called microencapsulation. The resulting chitosan microspheres exhibited a majority particle size of 4.1-4.7 mm and an encapsulation effectiveness of 95.12-99.17%, respectively. The particles of the core are dispersed using a polymer solution and then sprayed into a heated chamber. Polynuclear or matrix microcapsules are created when the solvent evaporates and the shell material hardens on top of the core particles. Three distinct cross-linking agents were used to cross-link chitosan microspheres: Formaldehyde (FA), gluteraldehyde (GA), and tripolyphosphate (TPP) were produced by spray-drying. The hot mixture is sprayed into a stream of cool air to accomplish this. Polymers like alcohols, fatty acids, and waxes are solid at room temperature but melt at higher temperatures.

Hydrostatic Bed Heater

The liquid coating is sprayed onto the particles, assisting them in the formation of an outer layer as it quickly evaporates. Any thickness and formulation can be used to create the coating. There are three types of fluid-bed coaters: tangential, bottom, and top spray. Above the tangential nozzle is the rotating disc that allows the coating material to be released. Even though the multilayer coating method takes time, it lowers particle defects. Once the particles enter the spraying zone and pass through the opening, they get encapsulated. Because they cover less ground, the yield of encapsulated particles is higher. [1, 9, 11, 15,]

Evaporation of a solvent

The process of solvent evaporation is divided into three stages. They are core, coat material, and liquid manufacturing vehicle (LMV). The initially costly material will be dissolved using a volatile solvent that is not soluble in the LMV phase. Phase of manufacturing that is agitated. Here, the coat material compresses to enclose the center. The drug content of the microspheres decreased with increasing stirring time, pH of the continuous phase, and volume of the internal and external aqueous phases, and increased with amounts of organic solvent, polymer, and polymeric stabilizer, according to Rainer and Bodmeier (1990). [1, 2, 13]

Pan coating

An atomized spray is used to apply the coating solution to the solid core material in the coating pan. To remove the coating solvent, the coated item is blasted with hot air. Larger-sized particles will be effectively covered by this technique. For the coating to be effective, the solid particles' size needs to be larger than 600 micrometers. Candy is usually coated with sugar using this technique. [1, 12, 16]

RELEASE SYSTEM

There are several ways to release core material in a targeted, controlled, or sustained manner. The core material of a microcapsule can usually be extracted in one of three ways: either by mechanically rupturing the capsule wall, by the wall dissolving or melting, or by the core material.

Degradation

The encapsulation efficiency of microspheres or microcapsules is affected by a number of parameters, including the polymer concentration, solvent removal rate, solvent solubility in water, and solvent solubility in solvent. A medicinal ingredient is delivered to the target The technique of enclosing microscopic particles or droplets in a covering to create a tiny capsule with beneficial qualities is known as microencapsulation. The wall of the microcapsule is referred to as the shell or coat, while the substance inside is known as the core. Gelatin, polyvinyl alcohol, and ethyl cellulose are frequently utilized as coating materials. Numerous methods can be used to achieve microencapsulation. The effectiveness of encapsulating microspheres or microcapsules is affected by a number of factors, including the concentration of the polymer, the polymer's solubility in solvent, the pace at which the solvent is removed, and the solubility of ora. Degradation: The medication dissolves and disperses evenly throughout the matrix. The drug and matrix have a strong relationship, but when the matrix degrades, the drug is freed. Compared to the deterioration process, the diffusion process requires more time. [6,10,5]

Diffusion

A dissolving fluid that comes into touch with a shell penetrates it, dissolves the core, and causes the medicine to release or seep out. Diffusion obeys Higuchi's equation,

$$Q = [D/J \, (2A - \varepsilon \, CS) \, CS \, t] \, ½$$

Whereas,

Q is the amount of drug released per unit area of an exposed surface in time t;

D is the diffusion coefficient of the solute in the solution;

A is the total amount of a drug per unit volume; CS is the solubility of drug in permeating dissolution fluid;

ε is the porosity of the wall of the microcapsule;

J is the tortuosity of the capillary system in the wall.
The above equation can be simplified to Q = VT where, v is the apparent release rate. [5,6,10,16]

Disintegration
The polymer coat dissolves when it solubilizes in the dissolving fluid. The polymer coat's rate of dissolution controls the drug's release rate. The release rate is influenced by the coat's thickness and solubility in the dissolving solvent. [6,16, 5].

Osmosis
The drug solution is forced out of the microcapsule through tiny pores by the polymer coat, which functions as a semipermeable membrane in the capsule and produces an osmotic pressure differential between its interior and exterior. [6,16, 5]

MICROENCAPSULATION EVALUATION

Sieve Analysis
A mechanical sieve shaker can be used to separate microspheres into different size fractions. On top of the topmost sieve are five conventional stainless-steel sieves with mesh sizes of 20, 30, 45, 60, and 80. After shaking the sieves for roughly ten minutes, the particles on the screen are weighed.[14]

Microsphere Morphology
A scanning electron microscope (XL 30 SEM Philips, Eindhoven, The Netherlands) is used to study the surface morphologies of microspheres. Using double-sided sticky tape, the microspheres are adhered to a copper cylinder with a diameter and height of 10 mm. Using an ion sputtering equipment, the specimens are coated for 4 minutes at a current of 10 mA.[14]

Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)
A Multimode Atomic Force Microscope from Digital Instrument is used to study the surface morphology of the microspheres. The samples are mounted on metal slabs using double-sided adhesive tapes and observed under microscope that is maintained in a constant-temperature and vibration-free environment.[14]

Particle size
Particle size has been determined approximately 30 mg microparticles is redispersed in 2-3 ml distilled water, which containing 0.1% (m /m) Tween Ò20 for 3 min, through using ultrasound and then that transferred into the small volume by recirculating unit, operating at 60 ml/s. The microparticle sizes can be determined by laser diffractometry using a Mastersizer X (Malvern Instruments, UK) [14]

Polymer Solubility in the Solvents
Solution turbidity provides a significant indication of solvent power. The cloud point can be used to determine the polymer's solubility in various organic solvents.[14]

Viscosity of the Polymer Solutions
A U-tube viscometer (viscometer constant at 40°C is 0.0038 mm2/s /s) at 25 ± 0.1°C in a thermostatic bath may measure the absolute viscosity, kinematic viscosity, and the intrinsic viscosity of the polymer solutions in various solvents. To guarantee full polymer dissolution, the polymer solutions are left to stand for a full day before measurement.[14]

CONCLUSION

Microencapsulation is one of the topics that the pharmaceutical industry is now researching the most. There are several different microencapsulation methods in use today, and more are always being investigated. Many products that are microencapsulated are offered for sale. The active ingredient can be shielded and hidden by the microencapsulation technology, which also slows down the rate of disintegration and facilitates handling. Microencapsulation allows for lower medication concentrations at sites other than the target organ or tissue. By combining a number of different technologies, the microencapsulation approach will eventually play a significant role in cutting-edge medication delivery systems.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Investigating the Antifungal Properties of Rosemary Oil: Phytochemical Analysis and Minimum Inhibitory Concentration Study against *Candida* Species

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ABSTRACT

Rosemary oil is a natural essential oil rich in various compounds, including acids, alkaloids, carbohydrates, flavonoids, phenols, proteins, and terpenoids. Qualitative phytochemical analysis and gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis revealed the presence of therapeutic compounds in rosemary oil. Two main compounds identified were ethyl phosphonic acid and ergot-22-en-one, which are used in pharmaceutical production and skincare, respectively. The oil is known for its anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antimicrobial properties, making it a popular choice in traditional medicine and aromatherapy. In particular, rosemary oil exhibits significant antifungal activity against various fungi, potentially due to its disruption of fungal cell membranes and inhibition of essential nutrient uptake. Additionally, rosemary oil contains antioxidant compounds that further contribute to its antifungal effects. The diffusion method demonstrated the inhibitory effect of rosemary oil on Candida species growth. This study suggests that rosemary oil is an effective antimicrobial agent and recommends its use in traditional herbal practices and as a component in dressing materials or ointments for its antifungal properties.

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INTRODUCTION

Phytochemical profiling is the process of analyzing the chemical composition of plants to identify the presence of specific compounds [1]. It is used to determine the therapeutic potential of plants and to identify active compounds that can be used in the development of new drugs [2]. This paper will discuss the phytochemical profiling of rosemary oil. Rosemary is a species of flowering plant native to the Mediterranean region. It is widely used in traditional medicine for its anti-inflammatory, antiseptic, and analgesic properties [3]. Phytochemical profiling of rosemary reveals the presence of several active compounds, including flavonoids, tannins, terpenes, and essential oils. These compounds are believed to be responsible for the plant's therapeutic effects. In conclusion, phytochemical profiling is a valuable tool for identifying the active compounds in plants and determining their therapeutic potential. The seven plants discussed in this essay, eucalyptus, geranium, Indian geranium, peppermint, cinnamon, palmarosa, and rosemary, all contain active compounds that are believed to be responsible for their therapeutic effects. The three species of Candida fungi, *Candida albicans*, *Candida tropicalis*, and *Candida keyfr*, were chosen because they are among the most common causes of fungal infections in humans [4]. These species are often found in the human body, and they can cause a variety of infections, including oral thrush, vaginal yeast infections, and systemic candidiasis. They are also resistant to many antifungal drugs, making them difficult to treat. Additionally, these species have been studied extensively, providing researchers with a wealth of information about their biology and genetics.Additionally, these species are known to be resistant to many antifungal drugs, making them ideal candidates for testing the antifungal properties of essential oils.To investigate the antifungal properties of rosemary oil through qualitative phytochemical analysis and Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) study of *Candida albicans*, *Candida tropicalis*, and *Candida keyfr*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

All the chemicals, solvents, and essential oils used in investigations were obtained from standard chemical suppliers.

Qualitative Phytochemical Analysis
Phytochemical screening of rosemary oils was carried out as described by Rathore *et al.* (2012) [5].
Test for Acids
Million's Test: To 1.0 ml oil, five drops Millon's reagent was added, heated on a water bath for 5 min. and allowed to cool, followed by addition of 1% sodium nitrite solution. Formation of red colour indicates the presence of acids.

Test for Alkaloids
Mayer's Test: To 2.0 ml oil, 2.0 ml concentrated hydrochloric acid followed by few drops Mayer's reagent were added. Presence of green colour or white precipitate indicates the presence of alkaloids.

Test for Anthocyanin and Betacyanin
Sodium Hydroxide Test: To 2.0 ml oil, 1.0 ml 2N sodium hydroxide was added and heated for 5 min. at 100°C. Formation of bluish green colour indicates the presence of anthocyanin and yellow colour shows the presence of betacyanin.

Test for Carbohydrates
Molisch's Test: To 2.0 ml oil, 1.0 ml Molisch's and few drops of concentrated sulphuric acid were added. Formation of purple or reddish ring indicates the presence of carbohydrates.

Test for Cardiac Glycosides

Ferric Chloride Test: To 0.5 ml oil, 2.0 ml glacial acetic acid and few drops 5% ferric chloride were added. This was under layered with 1.0 ml concentrated sodium hydroxide. Formation of the brown ring at the interface indicates presence of cardiac glycosides.

Test for Coumarins

Sodium Hydroxide Test: To 1.0 ml oil, 1.0 ml 10% sodium hydroxide was added. Formation of yellow colour indicates presence of coumarins.

Test for Flavonoids

Sulphuric Acid Test: 1.0 ml oil was treated with few drops of concentrated sulphuric acid and observed for the formation of orange colour, which indicates the presence of flavonoids.

Test for Glycosides

Sulphuric Acid Test: To 2.0 ml oil, 1.0 ml glacial acetic acid, 5% ferric chloride and few drops concentrated sulphuric acid were added. Presence of greenish blue colour indicates the presence of glycosides.

Test for Phenols

Ferric Chloride Test: To 1.0 ml oil, 2.0 ml distilled water, followed by few drops 10% ferric chloride were added. Formation of blue or green colour indicates presence of phenols.

Test for Proteins

Ninhydrin Test: To 2.0 ml oil, few drops 0.2% ninhydrin was added and heated for 5 min. Formation of blue colour indicates the presence of proteins.

Test for Quinones

Sulphuric Acid Test: To 1.0 ml oil, 1.0 ml concentrated sodium hydroxide was added. Formation of red colour indicates the presence of quinones.

Test for Saponins

Foam Test: To 1.0 ml oil, 5.0 ml distilled water was added and shaken well in a graduated cylinder for 15 min lengthwise. Formation of 1.0 cm layer of foam indicates the presence of saponins.

Test for Starch

Iodine Test: To 2.0 ml oil, few drops iodine solution was added. Formation of blue-purple colour indicates the formation of starch.

Test for Steroids

Salkowski Test: To 5.0 ml oil, 2.0 ml chloroform and few drops concentrated sulphuric acid were added. Formation of red colour indicates the presence of steroids.

Test for Tannins

Ferric Chloride Test: To 1.0 ml oil, 2.0 ml 5% ferric chloride was added. Formation of dark blue or greenish black indicates the presence of tannins.

Test for Terpenoids

Sulphuric Acid Test: To 0.5 ml oil, 2.0 ml chloroform was added and to this, concentrated sodium hydroxide was added carefully. Formation of red brown colour at the interface indicates presence of terpenoids.

Test for Triterpenoids

Liebermann - Burchard's test (LB test): To 1.5 ml oil, few drops **Liebermann - Burchard's** reagent (acetic anhydride and concentrated sodium hydroxide) was added. Formation of blue green colour indicates presence of triterpenoids.

GC-MS Spectral Analysis

GC-MS spectral analysis was carried out to determine the presence of aromatic compounds in the essential oil samples. The model of the GC-MS used for mass spectral identification was an Agilent 7890 interfaced with a 240-mass selective detector and an ion trap. Interpretation of GC-MS was conducted using the database of the National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST) having more than 62,000 patterns. The spectrum of the unknown component was compared with the spectrum of the known components stored in the NIST library. The name, molecular weight, and structure of the components of the test materials were ascertained.

Antifungal activity

The antifungal activity was measured using a dilution technique in agar, as described by Gonçalves*et al.* (1992) [5]. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) was determined as the lowest dilution that completely inhibited the visible growth in the tubes. The presence and absence of growth over agar media was also tested by plating samples from the MIC tubes.

Statistical analysis

The results were expressed in mean ± Standard Deviation. The statistical analysis was performed using Graph Pad Prism. All the assays were performed in triplicate.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Rosemary oil contains acids, alkaloids, carbohydrates, cardiac glycosides, coumarins, flavonoids, glycosides, phenols, proteins, quinones, saponins, steroids, tannins, terpenoids, and triterpenoids (Table 1). Rosemary oil is a natural essential oil derived from the leaves of the rosemary plant (*Rosmarinus officinalis*). It is known for its distinct aroma and has been used for centuries in various traditional and alternative medicine practices. The composition of rosemary oil is quite complex, and it contains a wide range of bioactive compounds that contribute to its therapeutic properties. Here is a detailed explanation of the components present in rosemary oil: Rosemary oil boasts a diverse array of acids, including rosmarinic acid, caffeic acid, and ursolic acid, each possessing antioxidant properties that aid in shielding the body from oxidative stress. Despite their presence in small amounts, alkaloids such as rosmaricine and betonicine contribute significantly to the overall chemical profile of the oil, bringing forth diverse biological activities. Carbohydrates, organic compounds consisting of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, contribute to the chemical structure and stability of rosemary oil, albeit with varying types. Within the oil, the presence of cardiac glycosides, a class of compounds positively affecting the heart, facilitates the regulation of heart rhythm and proves beneficial in specific cardiovascular conditions. Coumarins, aromatic compounds sourced from various plants, including rosemary, exhibit antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, potentially enhancing the overall health benefits of the oil. Moreover, flavonoids, a group of plant pigments like apigenin, luteolin, and quercetin, enrich rosemary oil with antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects, amplifying its therapeutic potential. Flavonoids, a category of plant pigments, possess antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects. In the case of rosemary oil, the inclusion of flavonoids like apigenin, luteolin, and quercetin enhances its therapeutic potential. Glycosides, characterized by a sugar molecule bound to another, may influence both the aroma and flavour of rosemary oil, while also contributing to its overall medicinal properties. Phenols, aromatic compounds with antioxidant and antimicrobial properties, are present in rosemary oil, featuring various phenolic compounds, including rosmarinic acid, renowned for its potent antioxidant effects. While essential oils typically lack abundant proteins, trace amounts may be found, and proteins, being essential macromolecules, play diverse biological roles in the body. Quinones, organic compounds integral to various physiological processes, may contribute to the antioxidant and antimicrobial properties of rosemary oil. Saponins, natural compounds endowed with surfactant properties, can generate foam or

lather upon contact with water. With diverse biological activities, saponins may play a role in shaping the overall properties of rosemary oil. Present in trace amounts, steroids within rosemary oil belong to a class of compounds with various physiological effects, potentially influencing its overall chemical composition. Tannins, a type of polyphenolic compound found in numerous plants, including rosemary, possess astringent properties and are recognized for their capacity to bind to proteins, rendering them beneficial in diverse applications. Terpenoids, a vast and diverse class of compounds prevalent in many essential oils, contribute to the characteristic aroma of rosemary oil. Notable terpenoids in rosemary oil, such as camphene, limonene, and pinene, may also impart various therapeutic effects. Triterpenoids, a specific subgroup of terpenoids with distinct chemical structures, have been the subject of studies for potential anticancer, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant properties. The collective presence of these compounds in rosemary oil contributes to its varied therapeutic effects, encompassing antioxidant, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and cardiovascular benefits. It is crucial to highlight that the efficacy and safety of using rosemary oil for specific purposes may vary, and it is always advisable to consult a healthcare professional before incorporating any herbal remedies. GC-MS analysis of essential oil can help us to identify the active compounds in the oil that is responsible for its antimicrobial activity. By analyzing the chemical composition of the oil, it can be determined which compounds are most likely to be responsible for the antimicrobial activity.

This information can then be used to develop more effective antimicrobial treatments. Additionally, GC-MS analysis can be used to determine the concentration of the active compounds in the oil, which can help to determine the optimal dose for the treatment. Rosemary oil showed eleven compounds (figure 1) among them two compounds are main compounds namely ethyl phosphonic acid (37.614 min) and ergot-22-en-one (43.235 min). Ethyl phosphonic acid is used as a catalyst in the production of pharmaceuticals [6] and ergot-22-en-one is used as a skincare ingredient to help reduce wrinkles and improve skin elasticity [7]. Rosemary oil is rich in 1,8-cineole, camphor, and alpha-pinene, which give it its characteristic herbal aroma. Rosemary oil is known for its anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antimicrobial properties. It is often used in aromatherapy to promote mental clarity and relieve stress. In summary, the qualitative phytochemical analysis and GC-MS analysis of these oils indicate the presence of compounds that have therapeutic properties. These oils have been used for centuries in traditional medicine and aromatherapy due to their effectiveness in promoting relaxation, relieving stress, and providing relief from various health issues. The results of the study indicate that the rosemary oil have varying levels of antifungal activity (Fig. 2).

Rosemary oil had an MIC of 62.5 μl or higher. This suggests that Rosemary oil is the most effective against the tested fungi, as it was able to inhibit their growth at the lowest concentration. The mechanism of action of Rosemary oil is likely due to its antimicrobial properties, which are thought to work by disrupting the cell membranes of the fungi, leading to cell death. Additionally, Rosemary oil contains a variety of compounds, including terpenes and phenolic compounds such as rosmarinic acid and carnosic acid, which have been shown to possess antifungal activity. These compounds are thought to inhibit the growth of fungal cells by disrupting the cell membrane, thereby preventing the uptake of essential nutrients, as well as inhibiting the activity of enzymes involved in the synthesis of fungal cell wall components, such as chitin. Furthermore, Rosemary oil has also been shown to have antioxidant properties, which may help to reduce the growth of fungi. The results of the study suggest that Rosemary oil is the most effective essential oil against the tested fungi, with an MIC of 62.5 μl or higher. This is in line with other studies that have found Rosemary oil to be effective against a variety of fungi, including *Candida albicans*, *Aspergillusniger*, *Iternaria alternate*, *Fusarium oxysporium* and *Trichophyto nmentagrophytes* [8-15]. Additionally, the mechanism of action of Rosemary oil is likely due to its antimicrobial properties, which are thought to work by disrupting the cell membranes of the fungi, leading to cell death. Furthermore, Rosemary oil contains a variety of compounds, including terpenes and phenolic compounds such as rosmarinic acid and carnosic acid, which have been shown to possess antifungal activity. These compounds are thought to inhibit the growth of fungal cells by disrupting the cell membrane, thereby preventing the uptake of essential nutrients, as well as inhibiting the activity of enzymes involved in the synthesis of fungal cell wall components, such as chitin. Finally, Rosemary oil has also been shown to have antioxidant properties, which may help to reduce the growth of fungi. These results are similar to other studies that have found Rosemary oil to be effective against a variety of fungi.

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Given its effectiveness at the lowest concentration, Rosemary oil can be taken well using the diffusion method. This method involves the use of an essential oil diffuser to disperse the oil into the air. The diffuser works by releasing a fine mist of the oil into the air, which is then inhaled by the user. This method is particularly effective for Rosemary oil, as it can be used to quickly and effectively disperse the oil into the air. Additionally, the diffusion method is also beneficial as it allows the user to control the amount of oil that is dispersed into the air, allowing them to adjust the concentration of the oil depending on the desired effect. The diffusion method is employed for assessing the antimicrobial activity of a substance, with rosemary oil being the substance under investigation in this instance. According to the results obtained from the diffusion method, rosemary oil exhibits an inhibitory impact on the growth of *Candida albicans*, *Candida tropicalis*, and *Candida keyfr*. Specifically, at 25 μl, the zone of inhibition for *Candida albicans* measured 16.33±1.15, for *Candida tropicalis* it was 15.33±2.01, and for *Candida keyfr* it was 15.66±1.33. Increasing the concentration to 50 μl, the zone of inhibition for *Candida albicans* remained at 16.33±1.15, for *Candida tropicalis* it increased to 17.33±2.07, and for *Candida keyfr* it rose to 17.66±2.82. Further, at 75 μl, the zone of inhibition for *Candida albicans* expanded to 19.66±0.55, for *Candida tropicalis* it reached 18.33±2.62, and for *Candida keyfr* it was 19.33±0.22. These findings suggest that rosemary oil effectively inhibits the growth of *Candida species*, as illustrated in Table 2 and Figure 3. Additionally, the results indicate a positive correlation between the concentration of rosemary oil and the extent of inhibition, revealing an increase in the zone of inhibition with higher concentrations. These findings indicate that rosemary oil serves as an effective antimicrobial agent against Candida species.

In light of these results, it is recommended that traditional herbal plant practitioners and botanists consider incorporating rosemary oil for its antifungal properties in their practices. It is crucial for them to be mindful of the diverse compounds present in rosemary oil, including terpenes and phenolic compounds, which may contribute to its antifungal activity. Additionally, acknowledging the antioxidant properties of rosemary oil is essential, as they may play a role in limiting fungal growth. Furthermore, practitioners should be well-informed about the various essential oils examined in the study and their respective Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations (MICs), aiding them in selecting the most suitable essential oil for their specific requirements. Based on the study results, there is potential to formulate a dressing material or ointment utilizing rosemary oil due to its demonstrated antifungal properties. The ointment should contain Rosemary oil as the active ingredient, as well as other compounds found in Rosemary oil, such as terpenes and phenolic compounds, which may also contribute to its antifungal activity. Additionally, the ointment should contain other essential oils tested in the study, and their respective Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations (MICs), as this may help to determine which essential oil is best suited for the particular needs. Furthermore, the ointment should also contain antioxidant properties, which may help to reduce the growth of fungi.

CONCLUSION

In summary, the outcomes of this study suggest that Rosemary oil stands out as the most potent essential oil against the fungi under examination, displaying an MIC of 62.5 μl or higher. This aligns with findings from other research highlighting Rosemary oil's efficacy against various fungi, including *Candida albicans*, *Candida tropicalis*, and *Candida keyfr*. The presumed mechanism of action for Rosemary oil involves its antimicrobial properties, believed to disrupt fungal cell membranes and induce cell death. Moreover, Rosemary oil comprises diverse compounds, including terpenes and phenolic compounds like rosmarinic acid and carnosic acid, known for their antifungal activity. These compounds are theorized to impede fungal cell growth by disrupting cell membranes, hindering nutrient uptake, and inhibiting enzymes crucial for synthesizing fungal cell wall components such as chitin. Additionally, the antioxidant properties of Rosemary oil may contribute to limiting fungal growth. Consequently, Rosemary oil emerges as a valuable and effective antifungal agent, warranting consideration in the treatment of fungal infections.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the results of the study, it is recommended that Rosemary oil be used as an antifungal agent due to its high Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) of 62.5 µl or higher. The mechanism of action of Rosemary oil is likely due to its antimicrobial properties, which are thought to work by disrupting the cell membranes of the fungi, leading to cell death. Additionally, Rosemary oil contains a variety of compounds, including terpenes and phenolic compounds such as rosmarinic acid and carnosic acid, which have been shown to possess antifungal activity. These compounds are thought to inhibit the growth of fungal cells by disrupting the cell membrane, thereby preventing the uptake of essential nutrients, as well as inhibiting the activity of enzymes involved in the synthesis of fungal cell wall components, such as chitin. Furthermore, Rosemary oil has also been shown to have antioxidant properties, which may help to reduce the growth of fungi. Therefore, it is recommended that Rosemary oil be used as an antifungal agent due to its high MIC and its potential to disrupt the cell membranes of fungi, inhibit the uptake of essential nutrients, and reduce the growth of fungi.

FUTURE STUDY

Future studies should focus on determining the exact mechanism of action of Rosemary oil against fungal cells, as well as investigating the effects of other essential oils on fungal growth. Additionally, further research should be conducted to determine the most effective concentrations of essential oils for inhibiting the growth of fungal cells. Furthermore, studies should be conducted to assess the safety and efficacy of essential oils in the treatment of fungal infections in humans. Finally, studies should be conducted to investigate the potential synergistic effects of combining different essential oils to enhance their antifungal activity.

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Table 1: Qualitative phytochemical analysis of rosemary oil

Phytocompounds	Rosemary oil
Acids	+
Alkaloids	+
Anthocyanins and Betacyanins	-
Carbohydrates	+
Cardiac Glycosides	+

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Coumarins	+
Flavonoids	+
Glycosides	+
Phenols	+
Proteins	+
Quinones	+
Saponins	+
Starch	-
Steroids	+
Tannins	+
Terpenoids	+
Triterpenoids	+

Whereas, + denotes presence of phytocompounds and – denotes absence of phytocompounds

Table 2: Zone of inhibition of rosemary oil against selected fungi

Fungal culture	Zone of inhibition (mm)		
	25 µl	50 µl	75 µl
Candida albicans	16.33±1.15	16.33±1.15	19.66±0.55
Candida tropicalis	15.33±2.01	17.33±2.07	18.33±2.62
Candida keyfr	15.66±1.33	17.66±2.82	19.33±0.22

Values are mean + S.E. of three individual observations.
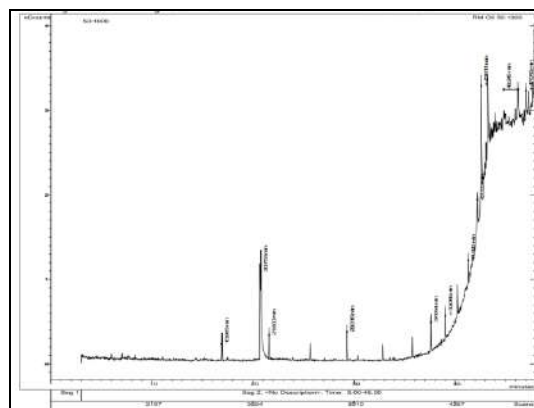
Fig. 1: GC-MS Chromatogram of Rosemary oil	**Fig. 2: Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) of rosemary oil against selected fungi (A-** *Candida albicans***, B-***Candida tropicalis***, and C-***Candida keyfr***)**

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Fig. 3: Antifungal activity of rosemary oil against A- *Candida albicans,* **B-***Candida tropicalis* **and C-***Candida keyfr*

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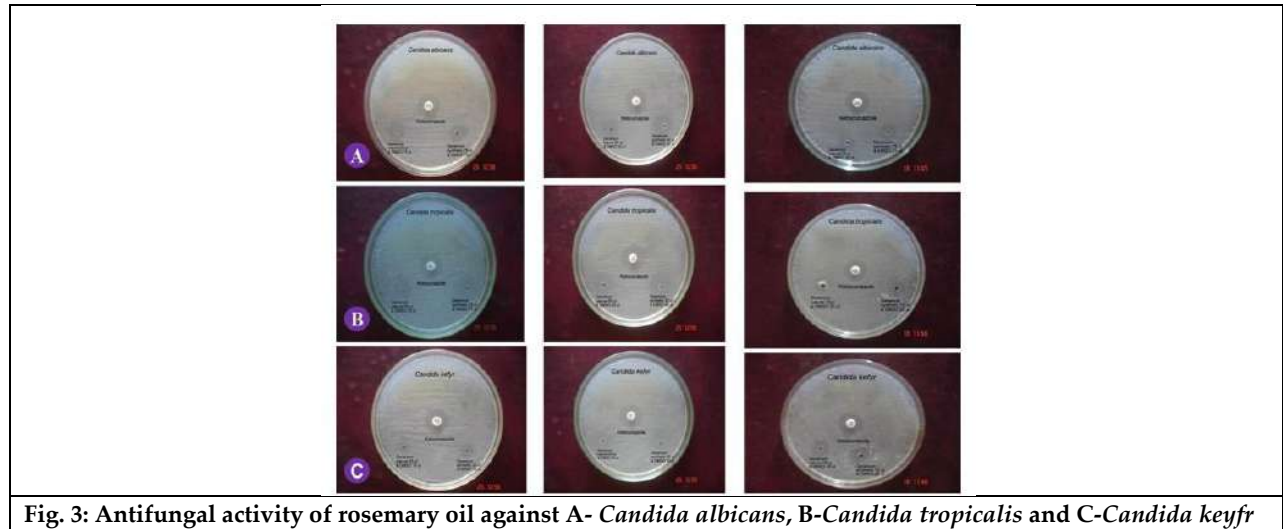# Risk and Measures of Self-Medication Practices: A Study With Respect to College Students In Chengelpet District

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ABSTRACT

Self-medication is a global phenomenon and potential contributor to human pathogen resistance to antibiotics. Self-medication is the selection and use of non-prescription medicines by individuals' own initiatives to treat self-recognized illnesses or symptoms. It is practiced significantly worldwide even though its type, extent and reasons for its practice may vary from person to person. While its prevalence varies among individuals and regions, it poses significant challenges, particularly among young adults. Self-medication with allopathic drugs can lead to severe health complications, including antibiotic resistance, skin problems, hypersensitivity reactions, and allergies. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics, in particular, contribute to the global challenge of antibiotic resistance, making infections harder to treat. This study examines the reasons for the usage, symptoms, causes, and potential solutions related to self-medication involving allopathic drugs. The primary data were collected through a structured tested questionnaire. This Descriptive study was conducted on 160 College students in chengelpet district. Secondary data were collected from a number of journal article, books and websites. The research used under probability, simple random sampling method. The statistical tools for analysing the data are, analysis of variance, chi-square. Results of the analysis and findings have been stated along with suggestions and conclusions.In conclusion, self-medication involving allopathic drugs is a global concern with potentially severe health consequences. Raising awareness, promoting responsible drug use, and advocating for professional medical advice are key steps to mitigate these issues. Exploring herbal remedies as responsible self-care alternatives is also essential.

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INTRODUCTION

Self-medication is a common practice where individuals diagnose and treat their own health issues without consulting a healthcare professional. While it may seem convenient and cost-effective, self-medication carries inherent risks and potential complications that can be detrimental to one's health. In this discussion, we will explore the concept of self-medication, the associated risks, and some remedies to mitigate those risks. Self-medication refers to the practice of treating one's own health condition without consulting a healthcare professional. While it may seem convenient and cost-effective, self-medication carries several risks that can have detrimental effects on one's health. This article will explore the risks associated with self-medication and discuss potential remedies to mitigate these risks. One of the main risks of self-medication is misdiagnosis. Without proper medical knowledge and expertise, individuals may incorrectly identify their health condition or mistake the symptoms for a different illness. This can lead to the wrong choice of medication or even worsen the underlying problem. Misdiagnosis can have serious consequences, especially in cases where the condition requires immediate medical attention. Another risk is the misuse or abuse of medications. Some individuals may resort to self-medication for non-medical purposes, such as getting high or relieving stress. This can lead to a reliance on certain drugs, potentially resulting in addiction or severe side effects. Additionally, self-medication often involves incorrect dosages and incorrect usage of medications, which can lead to adverse reactions or complications. Furthermore, self-medication can delay the appropriate treatment for certain health conditions. Some ailments may require a specific course of treatment that can only be determined by a healthcare professional. Self-medication may temporarily relieve symptoms but ultimately mask the underlying problem, delaying or preventing proper diagnosis and treatment. To mitigate the risks associated with self-medication, there are several remedies that individuals can adopt. Firstly, it is essential to seek professional medical advice before initiating any self-treatment. A healthcare professional can accurately diagnose the condition, prescribe appropriate medications, and provide guidance on proper dosage and usage. Moreover, individuals should educate themselves about the potential side effects and interactions of medications. Reading the package inserts and informational brochures is crucial to understanding the risks associated with specific drugs. Additionally, one should strictly adhere to recommended dosages and usage instructions to prevent the misuse or abuse of medications. Developing a responsible attitude towards self-care is also vital. If symptoms persist or worsen despite self-medication, seeking medical attention becomes imperative. Recognizing the limits of self-medication and understanding when professional help is needed can prevent furthercomplications and ensure proper treatment.

METHODS AND MATERIALS
- ✓ Research approach   : Survey method.
- ✓ Type of research   : Descriptive
- ✓ Source of data   : Primary and Secondary data.
- ✓ Sample size   : 160 Respondents.
- ✓ Mode of data collection   : Google forms
- ✓ Data collection instrument : Questionnaire.
- ✓ Sampling method   : Convenience sampling
- ✓ TargetAudience   : Students of Arts, Science and Engineering
- ✓ Statistical tools used   : T-test,Mann-whitney,Kruskal Wallis Test
- ✓ Statistical software   : Statistics Kingdom

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Main purpose of this study is to investigate the reasons, symptoms, causes, and potential solutions related to self-medication practices involving allopathic drugs among young adults.

Risk of using self-medication

1. Misdiagnosis 2. Incorrect dosage 3.Drug interactions 4.Masking of symptoms 5.Addiction and dependence 6.Allergic reactions7.Ineffective Treatment 8.Adverse Reactions 9. Delayed or missed medical intervention

Objectives of the study:

Primary Objective:

The main purpose of this study is to find out the risk incurred in consuming allopathy drugs without the consultation of physicians and measures to avoid self-medication practice among college students.

Secondary objective:

1. To study the demographic profile of the respondents
2. To find out the factors that influences the students to take self-medication
3. To find out the various reasons for preferring the self-medication among students.
4. To identify the symptoms and side effects faced by the respondents after taking the self-medicine.
5. To suggest the measures to avoid self-medication

Limitations of the study:

1. Since this research is carried out with the college students in chengelpet district, the results may not be generalised to other districts.
2. This study has not done any Clinical, Laboratory test and experiments.
3. Medical, Dental and Paramedical college students are not considered for this study.
4. No comparative study has done.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The COVID-19 pandemic led to an increased reliance on Google searches for medications, fostering a growing tendency towards self-medication among the public [1].The research indicates that there is a significant level of self-medication among healthcare students, with about half of them showing a good understanding and perception of self-medication practices. The main motivation for self-medication seems to be the belief that it can effectively address minor health issues. This highlights the importance of promoting responsible self-medication practices through formal training for these future healthcare professionals, aiming to prevent potential widespread negative consequences[2].Self-medication can be cost-effective, easing the financial strain on both the government and the healthcare system while also alleviating the pressure on insurance companies when it comes to settling claims[3].Self-medication was practiced by over two-thirds of the study participants, with factors such as residing in urban areas, having access to private pharmacies, and being in advanced study years showing a positive correlation with this practice [4].A widespread effort is needed to inform the public about both the advantages and disadvantages of self-medication, which can help better regulate this practice[5].

Mann-Whitney

Two sample mann-whitney u, using Normal distribution (two-tailed) (validation)the value is 0.000 it is less than 0.05 at the 5% level of significance so the null hypothesis (H0) is rejected and the alternative hypothesis (H1) is accepted. There is a significant difference between male and female usage of self-assisted medicines.

Kruskal Wallis Test ANOVA for Non Parametric

Two sample kruskal wallis test, using Normal distribution the value is 0.000 it is less than 0.05 at the 5% level of significance so the null hypothesis (H0) is rejected and the alternative hypothesis(H1) is accepted. There is a significant difference between age group, preference for self-medication and risk awareness regarding self-medication practices

Major findings

1. It is observed that around (71.7%) of the respondents are in less than 20 years of age group and 28.3% are above 20 years.
2. It is noted that most of the respondents (55%) are male and (45%) are female.
3. The study reveals that 67.2% of the respondents Arts Stream, 12.2% are engineering students, and 11.7%of the respondents are from science .
4. It is observed that 53.9% of the respondents are UG students and 46.1% are PG Course.
5. Result reveals that as far as the residence of the respondents 58.3% are from City, 27.2% are from town and 14.4% are from villages.
6. It is found from the result of taking self-medicines 37.8% of students takes cough syrup,28.9% use Antibiotics and 22.2% of respondents consume pain killers
7. It is found from the result that as far as the reasons for self-medication 41.1% says for Cough and cold, 27.2% of respondents says for fever and 18.3% of respondents takes self-medicine for head ache.
8. Regarding the influencers of self-medication 35.6% of respondents say previous prescription, 31.1% respondents says by family members and 17.2% respondents are fear of going to hospital.
9. Regarding the problems faced after self-medication 67.2% of respondents feels very tired, and 21.7% says Drowsy.
10. Considering the awareness about the Various Consequences of taking self-medication 36.1% says they are aware, 24.4% are somewhat aware 22.8%are fully aware.

Suggestions and alternative remedies

The practice of self-medication, characterized by individuals treating self-recognized illnesses or symptoms with non-prescription medicines, poses significant challenges globally. However, exploring alternative remedies offers promising solutions to mitigate the risks associated with self-medication, particularly with allopathic drugs. The three prominent alternative remedies: herbal medicine, homeopathy, and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), provide natural and holistic approaches to health that may complement or even replace allopathic treatments. Herbal medicine, deeply rooted in traditional practices, utilizes natural plant extracts for therapeutic purposes. Three notable examples include ginger, echinacea, and turmeric. Ginger is renowned for its anti-inflammatory and digestive properties, effectively alleviating nausea and indigestion[6]. Echinacea is commonly used to boost the immune system and fight infections, reducing the severity and duration of cold symptoms[7].Turmeric, with its potent anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, is employed to manage various conditions such as arthritis and digestive issues[8].Homeopathy, operating on the principle of "like cures like," employs highly diluted substances to stimulate the body's innate healing mechanisms. Key aspects of homeopathy include individualized treatment tailored to match the patient's specific symptoms and constitution and minimal side effects due to the highly diluted nature of remedies. While the scientific evidence supporting homeopathy remains controversial, some studies suggest its potential efficacy[9]. A systematic review published in the British Homeopathic Journal found positive outcomes for homeopathic treatment in respiratory conditions [10].Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) adopts a holistic approach to health and well-being, incorporating various modalities such as acupuncture, herbal medicine, and qigong. Key features of TCM include balancing the flow of qi within the body to promote health and prevent illness and prescribing complex herbal formulations tailored to individual patterns of disharmony. Research supports the efficacy of TCM in managing various conditions. For instance, a meta-analysis published in the Journal of Pain and Symptom Management found acupuncture to be effective in reducing chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting[11].

The present study is concerned; exploring alternative remedies for responsible self-medication presents viable solutions to the global challenge of self-medication with allopathic drugs. Herbal medicine, homeopathy, and Traditional Chinese Medicine offer natural, holistic approaches to health that may complement or even replace allopathic treatments. While each remedy has its unique principles and practices, they share common themes of individualized treatment and minimal side effects. However, it is essential to approach alternative remedies with caution, seeking professional guidance when necessary and considering individual circumstances and preferences. By promoting awareness of alternative remedies and advocating for responsible self-care practices,to safe guard young students from various diseases and dangers and also we can mitigate the risks associated with self-medication and foster a healthier society.

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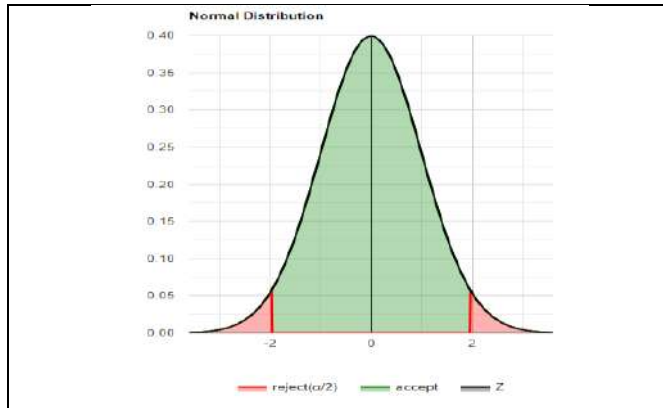
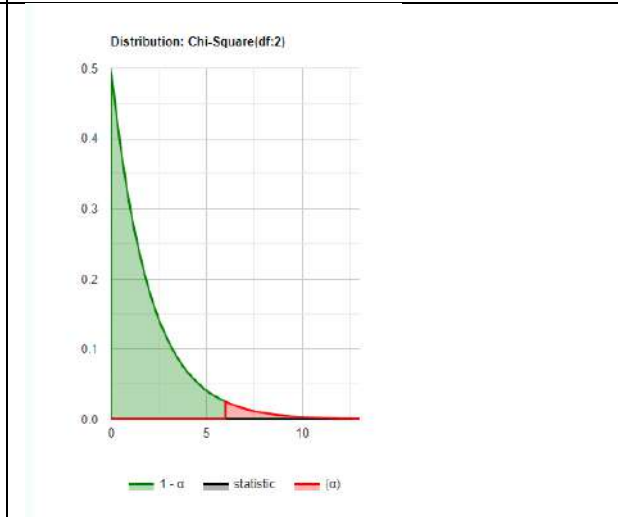| Fig.1 Two sample mann-whitney, using Normal distribution	Fig. 2 Two sample mann-whitney using Normal distribution Test validation
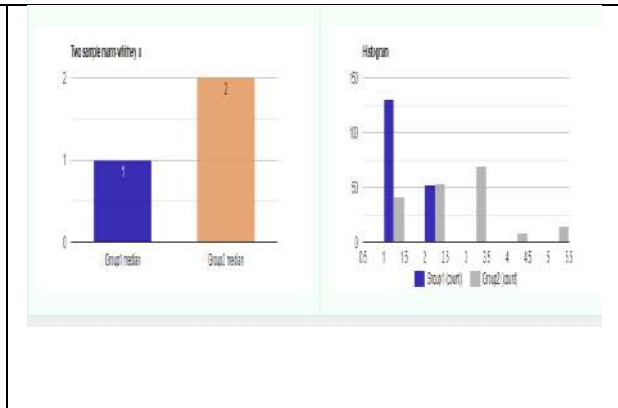
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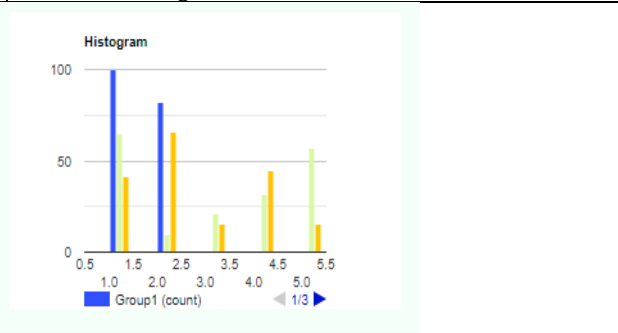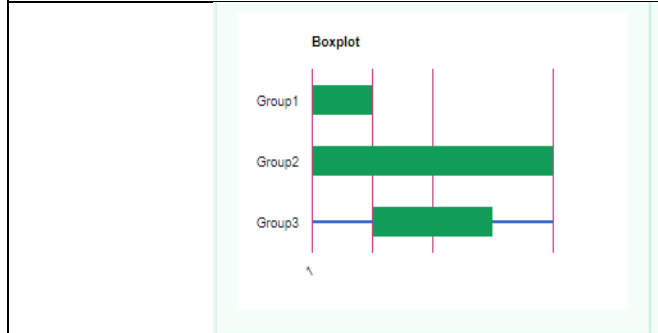
Fig.5 multiple comparisons using the Kruskal Wallis test

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Adenovirus as Potential Viral Indicator to Identify Faecal Contamination of Water

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ABSTRACT

Enteric viruses are the major contaminants of water and their prevalence in environmental water is seen throughout the world. Adenoviruses, along with Rotaviruses, are among the most prevalent viruses that cause gastroenteritis in children. Infants and young children are more likely to be infected by adenovirus than teenagers. Correlating the virus shedding patterns in stools and the presence of Adenovirus in sewage makes them a potential candidate to be a direct viral indicator for faecal pollution. 22% of the 361 stool samples randomly collected were positive for the Adenovirus, regardless of whether treated or untreated adenovirus was observed in most of the samples processed from the Chennai city's 5 major sewage treatment plants.Since most of the enteric viruses escape the treatment procedures and chlorination they may be present in the potable water which increases the risk of viral infection. Apart from other enteric virus indicators, Adenovirus clears all the aspects to be an indicator and it is the only DNA virus in the group so it can be diagnosed easily making them the potential viral indicator for faecal pollution.

Keywords: Adenovirus, Viral Indicator, Virus shedding in stool, Sewage treatment, Adenovirus F subgroup, Serotype 40 and 41, gastroenteritis, Stool sample

INTRODUCTION

Having access to clean drinking water was one of the challenges of public health in the 20th century. We have more experience completing risk assessments for microbiological diseases than for chemicals, despite the fact that methods for evaluating chemical risks have been used extensively for over 40 years. Novel methods for quantitative risk assessment are necessary due to the distinctions in the environmental fate, transport, and pathogen city of chemicals

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and pathogens [1].Waterborne infections are becoming a global problem in drinking water due to their capacity to cause significant morbidity and mortality. The spread of diseases is facilitated, particularly in developing countries, by inadequate sanitation, safe drinking water, and funding for water treatment. Viruses are a major cause of water-related disease; over 100 types of pathogenic viruses are excreted in human and animal wastes. In addition to their virulence and strong resistance to inactivation, viruses are particularly concerning as water pathogens due to the paucity of current information. The most common inhabitants of aquatic environments are enteric viruses which may be introduced through contamination from human and animal excreta [2]. Enteric viruses pose more danger as they are difficult to be eliminated by the routine treatment methods and they have been isolated in the contaminated drinking water source linked to outbreaks [3, 4].

Adenovirus is one of the most studied enteric viral infections in environmental fluids, and it is resistant to many drinking and wastewater treatment techniques. Diarrhoea causes 1.58 million deaths worldwide each year due to inadequate water supply, sanitation, and poor hygiene, with viruses accounting for a significant portion of these [5]. Their prevalence has been reported in environmental waters including Seawater, Swimming Pools, Rivers and Drinking water [6, 7, 8, 9].Adenoviruses can be excreted in the stool for months or years after an acute infection, indicating that they can cause chronic infections [10]. The adenoviruses most frequently associated with gastroenteritis are those of subgroups A (12, 18 and 31) and F (40 and 41) and these strains of subgroup A and F are referred to as enteric adenoviruses (Eads) [11]. Many parts of the world have documented cases of acute diarrheal disease in young infants linked to enteric adenoviruses, particularly those in subgroup F [12, 13].

Most of the countries still rely solely on the bacterial indicators such as faecal coliforms and total coliforms to assess the quality of water and it fails to reflect the risk of viral pathogens. The prevalence of enteric viruses are in compliance with the other bacterial indicators in the regions of outbreaks. These enteric viruses overcome the drawback of using coliforms as they cannot multiply in the environmental water and also they are host-specific unlike the present indicators shed from both animal and human faeces [14,15,16].Human adenovirus is one of the current contaminant candidate list and due to their resistance to UV than any other enteric virus family members.
The challenges in using viral indicators are direct identification by molecular methods such as PCR and the adenovirus are the only members of the enteric virus family to have DNA is an added advantage to use them as indicators. The PCR method previously studied are all targeting the hexon region of the viral genome [17,18,19] which has been considered a highly conservative region for the reliable detection of adenovirus. Our results evidenced by the data of virus shedding in stool samples and the sewage treatment plants from the Chennai area suggests that HAdvs can be considered as a potential viral indicator for faecal contamination in any region.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials

All chemicals used for the buffer preparations were of analytical grade and applied without further purification.Primers hex1deg (5'-GCCSCARTGGKCWTACATGCACATC-3') and hex2deg (5'-CAGCACSCCICGRATGTCAAA-3'), were used to amplify 301 bp product [20]. Primers AdF1 (5'-ACTTAATGCTGACACGGGCAC-3') and AdF2 (5'-TAATGTTTGTGTTACTCCGCTC-3'), were used to amplify 541-586 fiber gene product for AdF subgroup [21].

Concentration of samples for virus
Sewage: UAPB GAC method [22]was used for the concentration of Sewage. The samples were collected by passing a minimum of 10 litres of seawater or 1 litre of Sewage through GAC (Granular Activated Charcoal Carbon). The pH of the sewage samples was reduced to 3.0 with 1N HCl, and 0.0005 M AlCl3 was added before passing the samples through a 0.45μm pore size Millipore HA type cellulose nitrate membrane filter. 50 ml of UAPB buffer (pH 9.0) is used to elute the samples followed by re-concentration using 1M MgCl$_2$ (5ml) in stirring condition. The precipitate

was collected through centrifugation at 5000xg for 30 min and the resulting pellet was suspended in 4ml of McIlvaines buffer (pH 4.0). Again the suspension was further concentrated using a syringe filter containing 0.45µm membrane filter. 5 ml of UAPB was used to elute the adsorbed viruses and 50 µl of 1 M MgCl2 was added to the eluate to precipitate it. Again centrifuged for 30 min at 7000 rpm and the resultant pellet was suspended in 500 µl of McIlvaines buffer

Stool: 10% preparations of stool samples in PBS were vortexed and centrifuged for 15 min at 5000 rpm to get a clarified sample.

Extraction of DNA
500µl of CTAB buffer was added to clarified samples along with the one-tenth volume of PCI (Phenol Chloroform Isoamyl alcohol), Vortexed well and centrifuged at 6000xg for 20 minutes. Twice the volume of absolute Ethanol was added to the clear supernatant which was transferred to another tube and incubated overnight at -20°C. The samples were then centrifuged at 12000xg for 30 min under 4°C in a cooling centrifuge. The pellet was washed with 70% ethanol twice and dried. The pellet was re-suspended in 50 to 100µl of TBS buffer and stored at -20°C [22].

PCR Amplification conditions
A PCR reaction mixture of 25 µl containing 2 µl of DNA from the sample, 12.5 µl of 2X red dye PCR master, and 0.5 µM each of the primers. In a Lark Gradient Thermal cycler, PCR reactions were run at 94°C for 5 minutes, then 40 cycles of 94°C for 45 seconds, 57°C for 1 minute, and 72°C for 1 minute, with a final 72°C for 7 minutes. Agilent 2100 Bio-analyzer (DNA 1000 chip) and gel electrophoresis were used to confirm the 301 bp PCR product

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Adenovirus shedding in stool samples
Shedding of Adenovirus (Figure I and Table I) in 22% of the 361 stool samples were observed and nearly half of them (11%) belong to the F subgroup. Even though the diarrheal cases were found to be more positive for the shedding (52 out of 217) normal persons also sheds viral particles in their stool samples (28 out of 114) but the occurrence of the F subgroup varies in diarrheal stool positives and healthy stool positives for adenovirus. Only 32% of the positive stool samples from healthy members were found to have an F subgroup whereas 61.5% of the positive samples from diarrheal patients were diagnosed to have an F subgroup adenovirus (Figure II). The shedding of Ad40 and 41 was more in diarrheal cases predicting their potential ability to cause gastroenteritis. Earlier Allard [23] reported adenovirus in children's diarrheal stools, suggesting that adenovirus particles are frequently excreted in stools without being recognized as the illness's primary cause. This type of ignorance results from the fact that opportunistic pathogens are thought to be the cause of gastroenteritis, which is rarely lethal.

Distribution of Adenovirus in different age groups
The importance for enteric adenoviruses acquired their present state is due to the fact that they are the second most common viral agents to cause acute gastroenteritis in children next to Rotaviruses. Among the samples collected from the age group below 5 years 26% were diagnosed to have adenoviral particles and also the samples collected from elder people above 50 years showed 30% positive for the presence of enteric adenoviruses. In the elders occurrence of the F subgroup among positive samples was about 25% only but 65% of the positive samples were having the F subgroup in children below 5 years (Figure III).

Statistical analysis
As there were very less influential factors only two factors were considered for the statistical analysis, the diarrheal factor and the age factor. The 11 variables were identified to run the correlation for the diarrheal factor. In Table II diarrheal positives were correlating with the total positives in both Total Adenovirus and Subgroup F cases. This predicts that diarrhea has a major influence on the shedding of viral particles. The dendrogram (Figure IV) distance

cluster also predicts the same where diarrheal samples were very near to the total positives. The distant analysis was made to relate the age factor. In the total adenoviruses, the age group below 5 years is placed in a single cluster along with 5 to 15 and above 50 years whereas in the subgroup F case, only below 5 years and 5-15 years are placed in a single cluster and the age group above 50 is placed farther. From these dendrograms, (Figures V and VI) it was understood under the age of 15 shedding of subgroup F is more or they are more prone to infection by the adenovirus F subgroup. Individuals above 50 were also at risk of getting infected by Eads other than the F group.

Sewage:

Optimisation of pH for the concentration of Adenovirus

The role of pH is very important in adhering of viral particles to the Granular activated charcoal carbon (GAC). The yield of the virus particle is more at pH 3.0 when compared to others (Figure VII, VIII). When the water pH was 4.0 or higher, the recovery was extremely poor, possibly due to the virion's insufficient positive charge to allow adsorption. Favier [24] projected that the isoelectric points (pI values) of the key virion surface proteins hexon, penton base, long fiber (head), and short fiber (head) would be 5.49, 5.75, 7.51, and 9.31, respectively.Wu [25] also achieved a greater yield of Adenovirus at pH 3.5 in the Membrane filtration method. In this study, the recovery of viruses were poor above pH 4.0 complementing his studies where he recorded the same above pH 4.5 in membrane filtration technique. The present study has the advantage of processing large-scale samples which cannot be possible by membrane filtration also the GAC can be used for turbid samples like sewage which is practically not possible on membrane filters.

Detection of Adenovirus by PCR

Sampling was done at the same place twice in 4-month intervals.   In the first sampling, only Nesapakkam station's treated sample and in the second sampling Villivakkam station's treated samples were negative. Only 2 of the total samples collected were negative for adenovirus (Table III). The result shows the inability of the treatment procedure to remove viral particles and predicts the risk of contaminating the surface water where the treated sewage was reused. This study's report of adenoviruses in final effluent complements prior research that has shown the prevalence of adenoviruses in treated sewage[26, 27]. Human adenoviruses (HAdVs) are more prevalent in sewage than other enteric viruses [28], and they are discharged in high amounts by infected people [29].The presence of adenovirus indicates a link between environmental and clinical viral isolates in a given year in certain geographic locations [30].

Nucleotide sequence analysis

The accession numbers for the adenovirus 40 and 41 sequence submitted to Gen Bank were KR001864 and KR001865.The phylogenetic trees (Figure XI)predict the relation between the sequences from the study with the respective serotypes fiber region. The phylogenetic tree of this study, 41 isolate is closely related to the strains isolated in New York. Sequences of serotype 40 showed some close relationship with 41 fiber region also but clustered separately. This answers the difficulty of differentiating the two serotypes.

CONCLUSION

The report on the stool sample analysis showed that many asymptomatic individuals also shed the viral particles in their feces along with the diarrheal patients but they were not diagnosed or treated for viral agents. Also, occurrence of F subgenera was also observed which has not been reported to date in southern parts of India.Regardless of whether treated or untreated adenovirus was observed in most of the samples processed from Chennai city's 5 major sewage treatment plants correlates with viralshedding. Also, the present treatment protocols were ineffective in removing the viral pathogens although they successfully removed the bacterial pathogens and this makes us rethink about the water quality based only on the fecal indicator bacteria and Bacteriophages.

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Table 1. Stools sample Results for Adenovirus and its subgroup F

Age group	Diarrheal samples	Positive for Adenoviruses	Positive for F subgroup	Healthy Samples	Positive for Adenoviruses	Positive for F subgroup
0 to 5	78	24	18	32	5	1
5 to 15	43	11	8	45	10	6
16 to 30	52	7	3	18	2	0
31 to 50	16	2	0	37	7	2
>50	28	8	3	12	4	0

Table 2. Correlation table between stool samples

		Total	Total_F	Diar_Adeno	Diar_F	Norm_Adeno	Norm_F
Total	Pearson Correlation	1	.592	.929*	.641	.761	.072
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.293	.023	.244	.136	.908
	N	5	5	5	5	5	5
Total_F	Pearson Correlation	.592	1	.799	.968**	.027	.519
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.293		.105	.007	.966	.371
	N	5	5	5	5	5	5
Diar_Adeno	Pearson Correlation	.929*	.799	1	.869	.496	.105
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.023	.105		.055	.396	.866
	N	5	5	5	5	5	5
Diar_F	Pearson Correlation	.641	.968**	.869	1	.057	.320
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.244	.007	.055		.928	.600
	N	5	5	5	5	5	5
Norm_Adeno	Pearson Correlation	.761	.027	.496	.057	1	.026
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.136	.966	.396	.928		.967
	N	5	5	5	5	5	5

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	Pearson Correlation	.072	.519	.105	.320	.026	1
Norm_F	Sig. (2-tailed)	.908	.371	.866	.600	.967	
	N	5	5	5	5	5	5

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

Table 3. Adenovirus presence in Sewage Treatment Plants

S.No	Sewage Treatment Plant	Raw sewage (Influent)		Treated sewage (Effluent)	
		1st Sampling	2nd Sampling	1st Sampling	2nd Sampling
1	Kodungaiyur	+	+	+	+
2	Villivakkam	+	+	+	-
3	Koyambedu	+	+	+	+
4	Nesapakkam	+	+	-	+
5	Perungudi	+	+	+	-
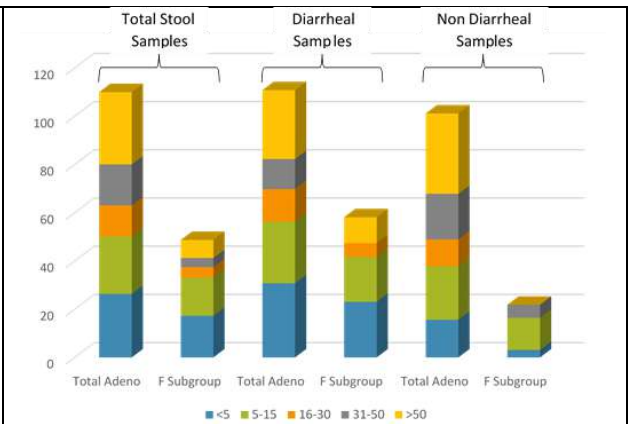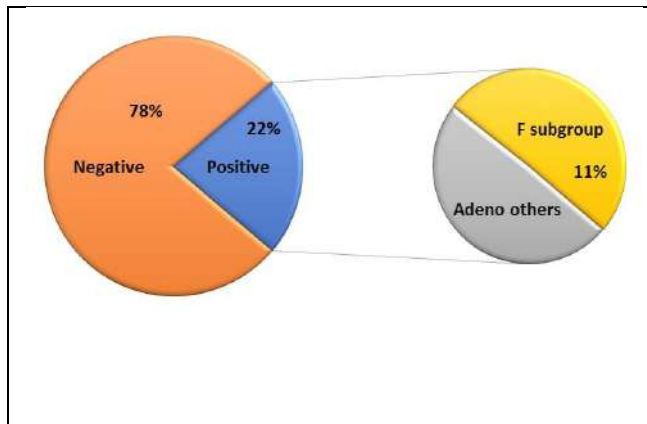
Figure I Graphical representation of Adenovirus positive and Negative from the collected stool samples	**Figure II Comparison of Diarrheal samples and Non diarrheal samples**
Figure III Distribution of Adenovirus in Different Age Group	**Figure IV Dendrogram for Adenovirus in relation to Age factor**
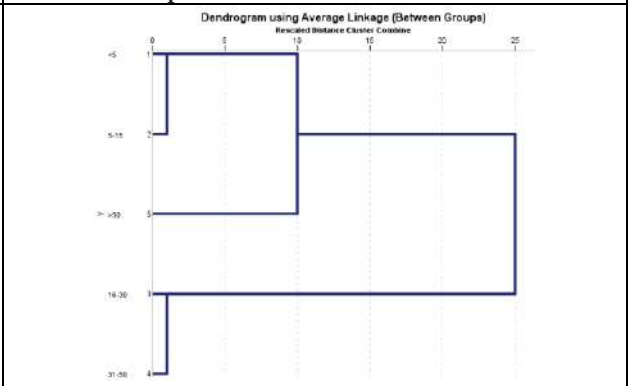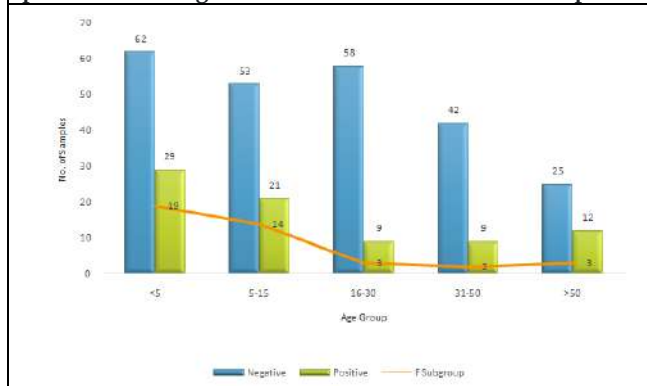
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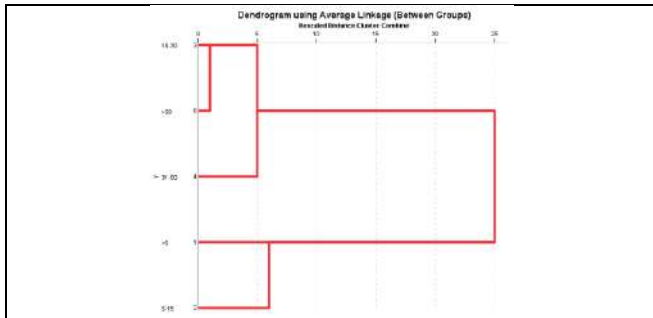
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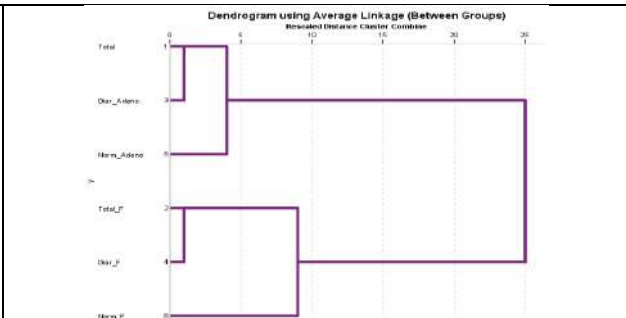
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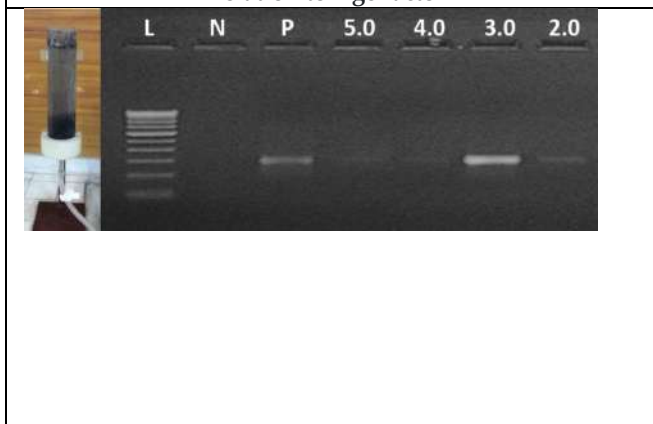
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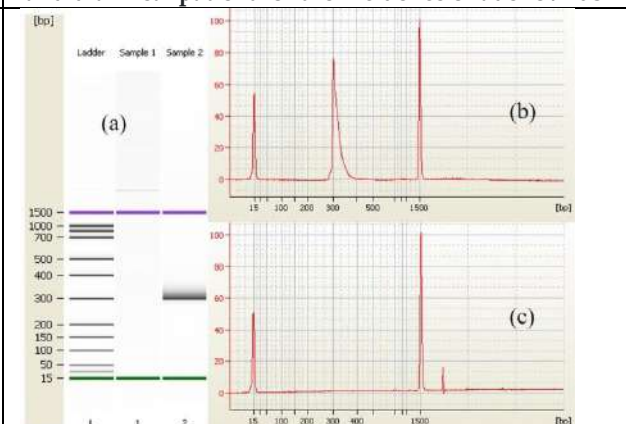
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(b) Positive peak (c) Negative without peak
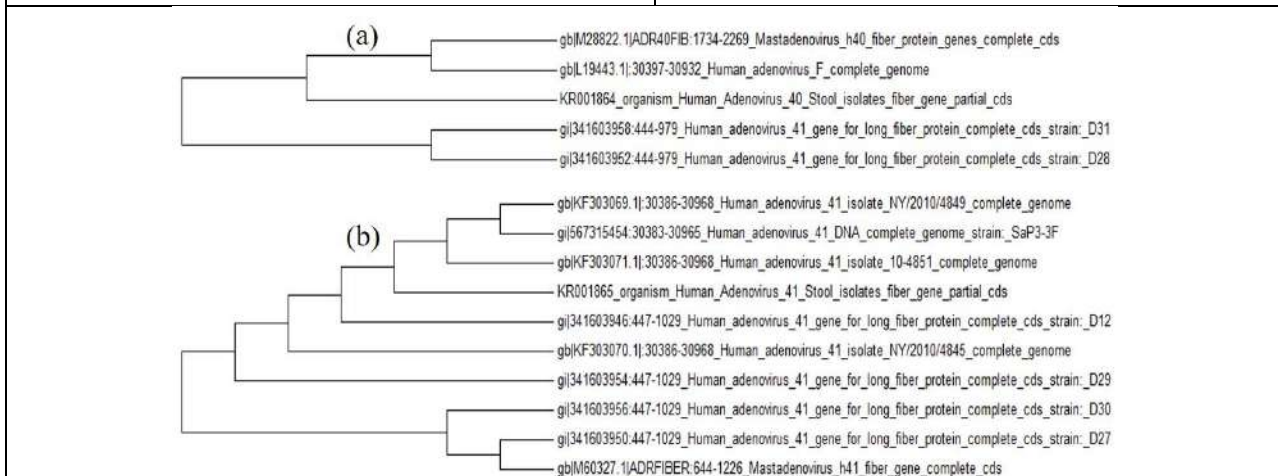
Figure IX (a) Ad F serotype 40, (b) Ad F serotype 41

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Morpho-Anatomical Studies of Stem Barks of Selected *Terminalia* spp. Available in Chittoor District

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ABSTRACT

The present study provides an analysis on the stem barks of selected species of the genus *Terminalia* L., growing in their natural habitats of Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh, India. Bark morpho-anatomical characteristic features are observed with authentified Botanical standardization techniques. The study revealed that the anatomical structures and morphological features of barks are distinct to each species, hence these characters can also be considered to support taxonomical classification of genus *Terminalia* L., up to species level and to distinguish adulterants of *Terminalia* barks in the market.

Keywords: Terminalia, Bark, Morpho-anatomy, Taxonomic key, Adulteration, Species identification.

INTRODUCTION

The genus *Terminalia* L comprises perennial, deciduous trees; belonging to the family Combretaceae distributed in tropical and subtropical areas with about 250 species throughout the world. In India 24 species are recorded (Srivastav, 2003). In Andhra Pradesh 8 species are recorded; in Chittoor district namely *T.arjuna, T. bellarica, T. cattapa, T. chebula, T. pallida, T. paniculata, T. tomentosa* are recorded (Madhava Chetty et al., 2015). The bark of *T. arjuna* and the fruits of *T. chebula*, *T. bellarica*, *T. pallida* are widely used in ayurvedic medical system since thousands of years in India to alleviate cardiac and gastrointestinal problems(Amalraj and Gopi, 2017; Das et al., 2020; Thakur, 2021; Gupta et al., 2021; Bulbul et al.,2022). The famous ayurvedic drug "Triphala" contains the dried fruit powder of *T. bellarica*, *T. chebula* and amla (Baliga et al., 2012; Peterson et al., 2017). The bark of *T. arjuna* has been used to cure

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ulcers and its ash is advised to treat snake bite and scorpion sting (Jain et al., 2009; Hebbani et al, 2021).The wood of *Terminalia* is widely used for various purposes such as construction of houses, agricultural implements, furniture, ship building, and manufacture of plywood. Anatomical characters along with morphological features might be used in taxonomic delimitation of species where there is difficulty in species identification with morphological features alone (Waly et al., 2020; Dmitry et al., 2021; Rahimi et al., 2022). The available literature reveals that many researchers worked on wood anatomy of *Terminalia* (Gamble 1922; Ramesh Rao and Purkayastha 1972; Singh et al., 2013). Guptha and Singh, (2005) prepared a key on the basis of microscopic characters of wood. Leaf anatomy of *Terminalia* studied for delimitation of species (Akinsulire et al., 2018). Bark anatomy could be used as a tool for developing key for species identification (Archer et al., 1993; Quilhó et al., 2020; Caccianiga et al., 2021). We hypothesize that bark characters could be used for identification of some *Terminalia* species. The present work deals with the morphological and anatomical characters of selected seven *Terminalia* species available in Chittoor district to prepare microscopic characters based key using barks of *Terminalia* for their standardization.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant materials are collected from their natural habitats in various parts of chittoor district. *Terminalia arjuna, T. bellirica, T. catappa* (Botanical garden – I, S.V.U. Campus) were collected from S.V. University Tirupati, *T. pallida,* was collected from Talakona reserve forest, *T. chebula*, was collected from Horsley Hills, *T. paniculata*, was collected from Tirumala forest, *T. tomentosa* was collected from Malayakonda of Thamballapalle village. The barks are collected from the trees with trunk diameter more than 30 cm. about the age of 15 to 20 years. Barks are collected from normal healthy plants in the size of 12cm X 6 cm wide from the trees at breast height (1.5 m from base). (Table: 1), The collected samples are fixed in FAA (Formalin-5ml+ Acetic acid -5ml+ 70% Ethyl alcohol- 90ml) immediately. After 24 hrs of fixing, the specimens were dehydrated with grading series of tertiary- Butyl alcohol (Sass, 1958). Infiltration of the specimens was carried by gradual addition of paraffin wax until TBA solution attained super saturation; then the specimens were cast into blocks; next with the help of rotary Microtome (WESWOX-OPTIK, MT – 1090A) specimens were sectioned in 50-500 microns to 1 mm thickness. Dewaxing of the sections was carried out according to Johansen, 1940. The sections were stained with Toluidine blue as per the method of O' Brien et al. (1964) along with safranin, fast-green and IKI. Microphotographs were taken with Nikon labphoto 2 microscopic unit with the different magnifications. Descriptive terms of the anatomical features are given according to Esau (1964).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The external morphology of the barks of *Terminalia* is varied. Except *T. arjuna,* remaining all other species are fissured with unequal surface; blaze of the barks are also considerably different before and after drying (Table- 1). The external surface of the bark of the *T. arjuna* is smooth. Anatomically there are few common features in the barks of *Terminalia* genus even though they are distinctly different from each other. In general the anatomy of the bark consists of two distinguished zones like periderm/outer bark and inner bark. The outer bark comprises Phellem and Phelloderm, inner bark consists of outer collapsed phloem and inner non-collapsed or secondary phloem. The phellem is diverse in all the seven species of Terminalia's studied. In *T. arjuna,* the bark exfoliates as layers due to thin membranous phellem and also separation on tangential walls at particular region of the phellem (Fig.1 A). Phelloderm is evident in *T. Catappa, T. chebula, T. pallida,* the cells are narrow and less prominent in *T. catappa*. The phelloderm is absent in *T. arjuna, T. bellirica, T. paniculata, T. tomentosa.* The periderm of *T. bellirica* comprises successive periderm cylinders which enclose some of the cortex held in between the periderm zones. It consists of several successive layers of tubular cells that are arranged in compact parallel lines. The periderm is homocellular and cell walls are suberized (Fig. 1 B, C). The periderm of *T. cattappa* is superficial and uniform in thickness with wide and deep, boat shaped fissures (Fig. 1 D, E). The outer bark of *T. pallida* is compound structure comprising outer first formed periderm and inner later formed periderm; in between these two periderm zones of cortical tissue is present. The outer part of the bark consists of disintegrated, unorganized zone followed by well defined cell layers. A group of cortical cells are included in the outer periderm at regular intervals, at the centre of the ridges of the shell bark. The portion of the outer periderm where a mass of cortical cells are included is called shell bark (Fig.

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1F, G). The bark of *T. paniculata* at certain places the periderm splits horizontally and the lower part of the split periderm grows further and encloses non-peridermous tissue; which becomes dead tissue after included in between outer and inner periderm zone (Fig. 2 H, I). Three types of phloem rays *viz.,* uni-seriate, bi-seriate and multi seriate are present in *T. catappa* and *T. arjuna.* (Fig. 2 J, K). In *T. pallida* phloem rays are uni- and bi-seriate. *T. bellirica, T. chebula, T. tomentosa,* and *T. paniculata* only uni-seriate type of phloem rays are present. Phloem rays are homocellular in *T. catappa and T. tomentosa.* Sieve plates are simple and oblique except in *T. catappa* where they are compound, oblique and appear as compound structure of 6 horizontal bars with wide pores in between the bars (Fig. 2 L). Tannin bodies are present in non-collapsed phloem parenchyma of *T. paniculata* and collapsed phloem of *T. chebula.* Calcium oxalate druses of different sizes are present in the barks of all plants in all regions (Table: 2). In *T. tomentosa,* calcium oxalate druses are mixed with circular concentric bilum starch grains in the phloem parenchyma cells (Fig. 2 M). P- protein bodies are present in all the *Terminalia* species.

Bark anatomical key:

Phloem Sclerenchyma: Fibres

  Crystal druses are prismatic type: Periderm single

    Phloem rays Uni or multiseriate, Phloem fibres are libriform or gelatinous type;

      Periderm single; Phellem tangential walls lignified; Sieve plate compound and oblique------------------ *catappa*

        Phellem heterogenous:

            Bark 15-18 mm thick. phellem comprises alternating layers of phelloid and phellem cells. Phloem parenchyma cells contains tannin bodies; Phloem sclerenchyma- libriform fibres ------------------------------- *paniculata*

            Bark 15-20 mm thick. Collapsed phloem contains tannin bodies; Phellem comprises alternate layers of narrow tubular cells and radially ablong rectangular cells, sclerenchyma consists- g-fibres------------------------ *chebula*

        Periderm single; Phellem homogeneous or heterogenous

          Phloem rays are uniseriate, biseriate or multiseriate; phloem rays long tailed; ray cells filled with tannin; macro druses sparse; Phloem sclerenchyma libriform-- *arjuna*

          Phloem rays uniseriate, tail less. Tannin in the ray cells scanty; phellem heterogenous comprising alternate layers of lignified phelloids and suberized phellem, Presence of starch in parenchyma cells; fibres-g fibres---------------
--*tomentosa*

    Periderm multiple; rhytidome; phellem heterogenous or homogenous; phellem rays Uniseriate;

        Crystals druses smaller in size spherical reddish bodies, often seen in the phloem parenchyma; rays very tall homogenous; fibres libriform-- *bellirica*

        Druses abundant, large in size; spherical reddish bodies absent; ray cells short, heterocellular, fibres libriform type, phelloderm well developed, presence of shell bark-- *pallida*

CONCLUSION

We conclude that the Morpho-anatomical findings done on barks of selected *Terminalia species* available in Chittoor district revealed the significant distinction between the tissue differentiation, phloem of collapsed and non-collapsed, periderm, crystal distribution, starch granules, tannin bodies, sieve plates position and structure and type of phloem rays. These bark characters provided the taxonomical value for identifying and classifying the selected phyto taxon based on their morpho and microscopic features. The above mentioned bark features in the key are found to be diagnostic for their standardization and also detecting the adulteration of selected *Terminalia* species available in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh.

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Table 1.Morphology of the barks of *Terminalia*

S,No	Name of the Plant	Habit	Thickness (mm)	Blaze		Surface texture
				Before drying	**After drying**	
1	*Terminalia arjuna*	Tree	15-20	Pinkish grey	Slightly yellowish grey	Grey to whitish grey, smooth
2	*Terminalia bellirica*	Tree	08-10	Yellow	Yellowish brown	Brownish- black grey / Ash colour, with longitudinal fissures
3	*Terminalia catappa*	Tree	15-18	Greyish red	Reddish brown	Greyish brown, wide and deep, boat shaped fissures
4	*Terminalia chebula*	Tree	15-20	Yellowish brown	Slightly/Pale yellowish brown	Brownish black, very thick and shows deep narrow fissures and irregular outer surface

5	*Terminalia tomentosa*	Tree	25-28	Pinkish red	Brownish red	Black, irregular wide, deeply fissured, like crocodile skin
6	*Terminalia pallida*	Tree	18-23	Whitish yellow to red	Reddish brown	Blackish grey, bark is rough due to deep and wide irregular fissures
7	*Terminalia paniculata*	Tree	15-18	Reddish grey	Pale brown	Greyish black/Dark browndeeply fissured with uneven surface

Table-2. Anatomical comparison of barks of *Terminalia*

Plant Name	Phloem Rays					Ray Cells		Sieve tubes	Sieve Plate	Companion Cells	P-Protein bodies	Phloem parenchyma	Calcium Oxalate Druses	Size of the Druses
	Uni Seriate	Bi-Seriate	Multi Seriate	Homo Cellular	Hetero Cellular	Height	Thickness							
Terminalia arjuna	Present	Present	Present	-	Present	250-700 µm	30-50 µm	Narrow and slightly oblique.	Simple, oblique	Small rectangular	present	Occurs in vertical rows	Druses appear in regular horizontal bands	Micro-30 µm, Macro-150 µm. in diameter
Terminalia bellirica	Present	-	-	-	present	short -130 µm	cells spindle shape	Wide and straight, hight450	simple, oblique	small slightly rectangular	present	Occur in straight vertical rows	Occur in vertical rows with in	30 µm in diameter

						height -320µm	µm						the axial phloem parenchyma	
Terminalia catappa	Occasionally present	less frequently present	mostly present	with all procumbent cells and marginal upright cells	with middle procumbent cells and marginal upright cells	MS-300-400µm US-150µm	MS - 40-60µm US - 30µm	Narrow, long and slightly curved, width 30µm	compound, oblique	small rectangular	spindle shaped fairly prominent p-protein bodies are occur away from the sieve plate	possess either **tannin** or calcium oxalate druses	very frequent axial parenchyma of collapsed phloem, macro & micro druses are present	Micro 25 µm, macro-140 µm
Terminalia chebula	mostly present	-	-	-	present	250-350µm	40µm having **tannin** depositions in almost all cells	Narrow 400 µm	simple, oblique	occur in vertical row in the middle part of the sieve element	occasionally seen in the sieve tube, attached to sieve plate	vertically elongated and rectangular	Drusses abundant in collapse phloem, crystals are mostly rosette type	50 µm in diameter

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Terminalia tomentosa	present	-	-	present	-	100-300µm	30µm	Length 450µm	simple, much oblique	present on the radial walls of the lateral part of sieve elements	present	Occur in straight vertical rows, cells are rectangular shape Presence of starch grains	densely accumulated in phloem parenchyma occur in regular vertical strands	30 µm in diameter
Terminalia pallida	mostly present	rarely present	-	-	present	150-600µm	40µm	350 µm	narrow slightly, oblique	distinct triangular companion cells are present	present	wide vertically elongated occur in vertical stands	druses are micro and macro type present in the parenchyma	micro - 300µm macro - 400µm
Terminalia paniculata	Present	-	-	-	present	150-450µm	30µm	Length 370µm	simple slightly, oblique	present along the lateral walls of sieve elements	present	contain **tannin** bodies, druses are abundant in phloem parenchyma	druses are appear in close vertical rows	50-60 µm. in diameter
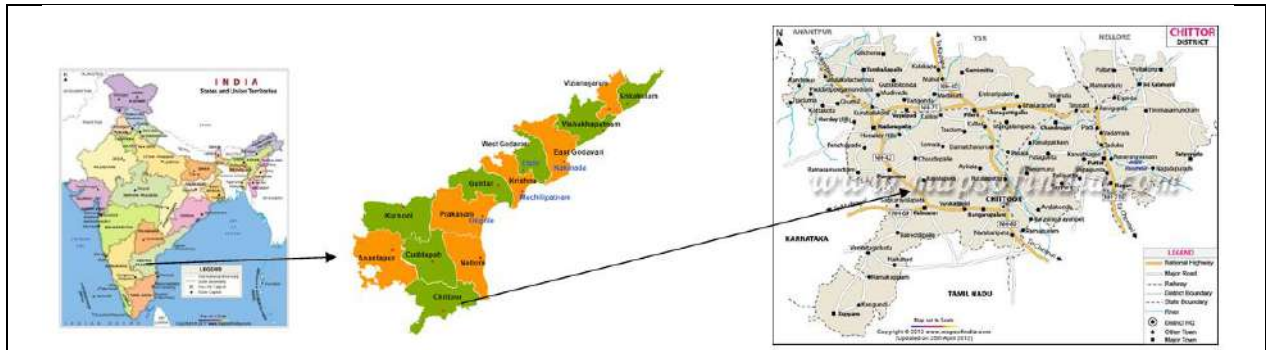
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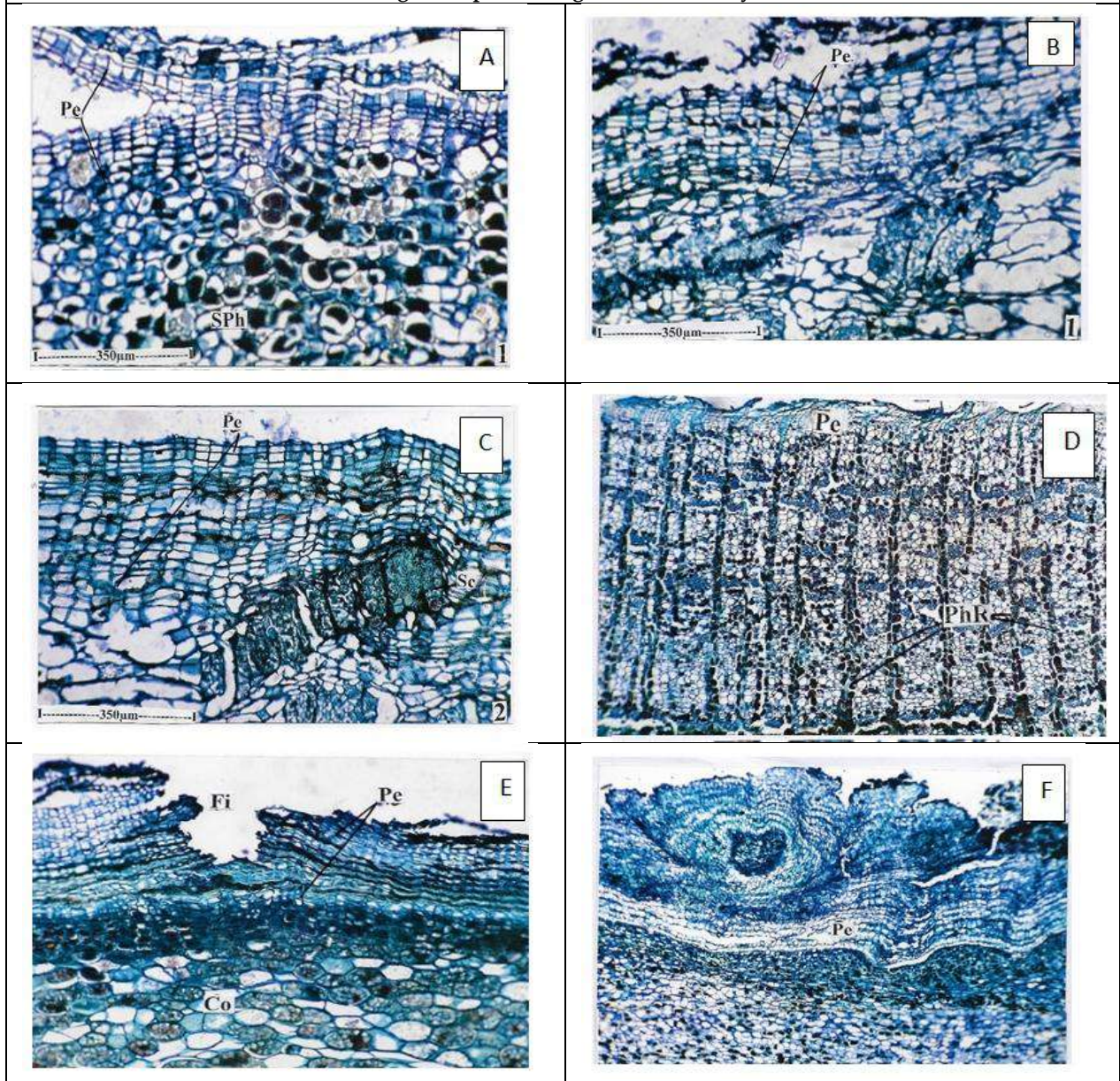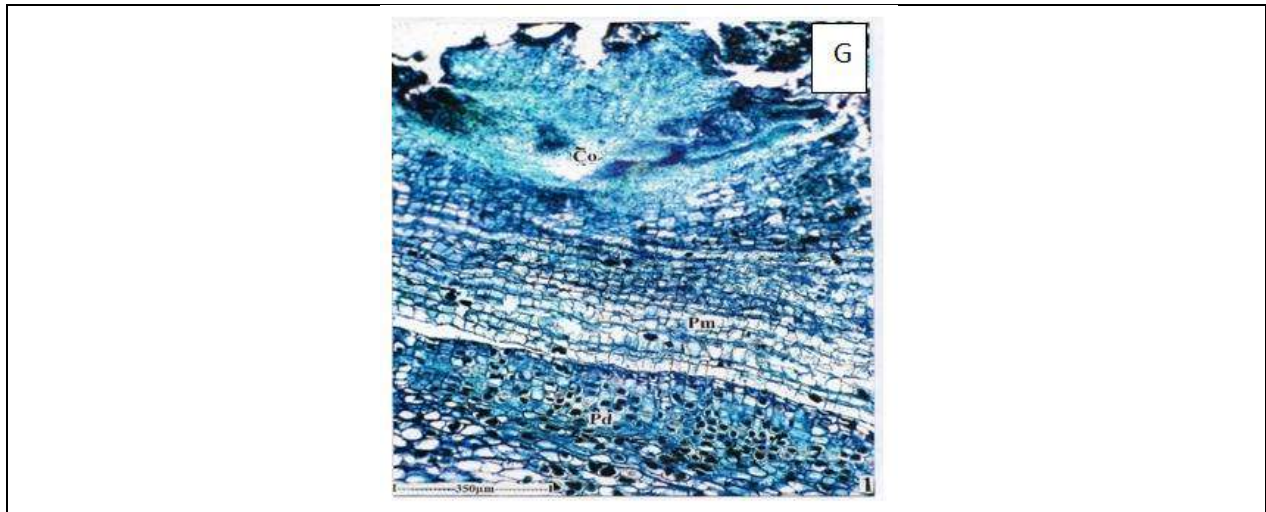
Fig: 2. A: TS of bark showing outer periderm and inner collapsed phloem (Pe : Periderm, PhSC : Phloem sclerenchyma, SPh : Secondary phloem, TC : Tannin cell); B, C : Periderm zones enlarged (Pe : Periderm, SC : Sclerenchyma); D, E : Periderm showing boat shaped fissures (CO : Cortex, Fi : Fissure, Pe : Periderm, PhR : Phloem ray). F, G: showing outer bark of periderm (Forming shell bark), outer bark exhibiting crushed outer periderm cells and inner intact phellem and phelloderm zones (CO : Cortex, Pe : Periderm, Pd : Phelloderm, Pm : Phellem).
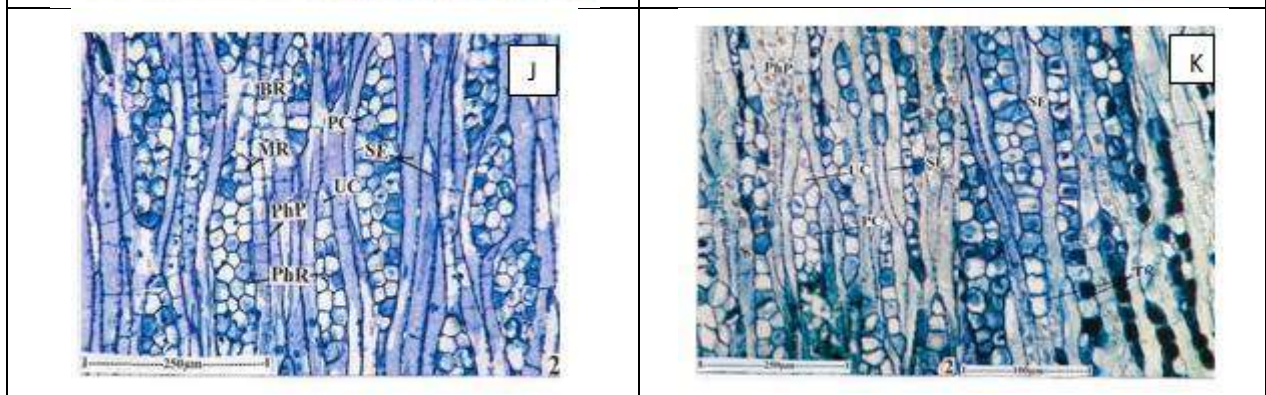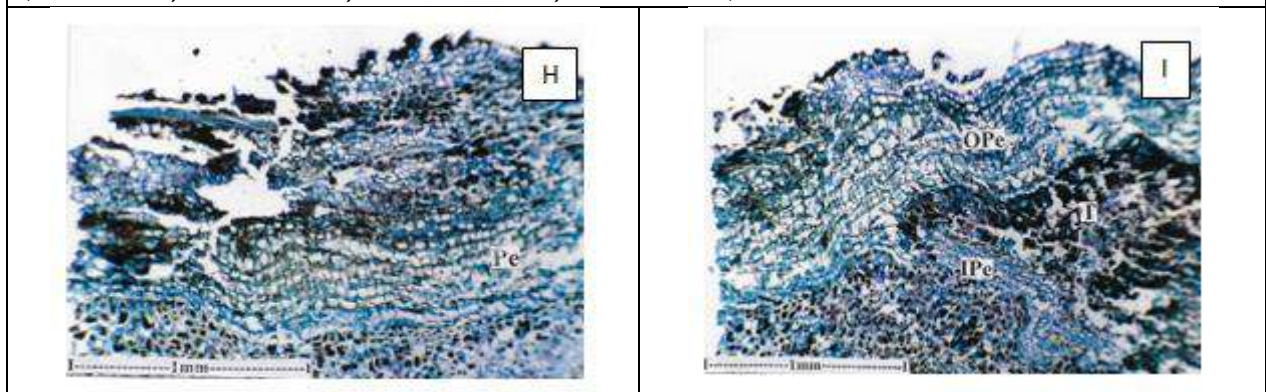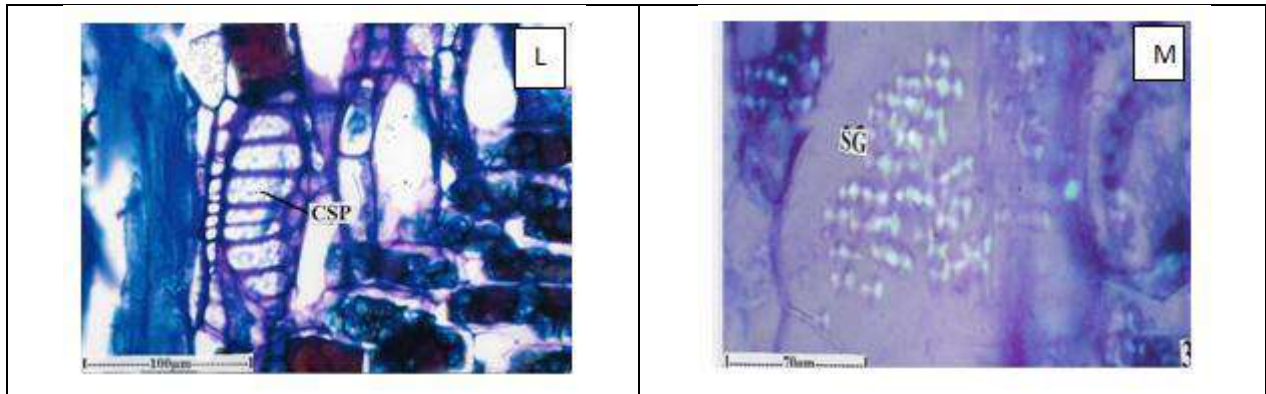
Fig: 3. H, I : Outer part of the bark exhibiting fissured surface and deep seated periderm zone, Two periderm zones closing non-periderm tissue in between (IPe : Inner periderm, Ope : Outer periderm, Pe : Periderm); J, K: phloem exhibiting uniseriate, biseriate and multiseriate rays (PhP : Phloem parenchyma, PhR : Phloem ray, SE : Sieve element, BR : Biseriate ray, MC : Multiseriate ray, UC : Upright cell, PC : Procumbent cell, UR : Uniseriate ray); L: Compound sieve plate of the sieve tube (CSP: Compound sieve plate); M: Starch grains in the phloem parenchyma cells under polarized light (SG: Starch grains)

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Exploring the Evolution of Mobile Heath Across Diverse Healthcare Domains: A Comprehensive Narrative Analysis

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ABSTRACT

In this growing world, the recent years have seen an increased usage of smartphones by healthcare professionals as well as the general public. The developing technology has increased the smartphone in a new technology that combines mobile communication and computation in a handheld-sized device, facilitating mobile computing at the point of care. There is a growing body of evidence that demonstrates the potential of mobile communications to radically improve healthcare services—even in some of the most remote and resource-poor environments. This report examines at the heart of the rapidly evolving intersection of mobile phones and healthcare. It helps the reader to understand latest trend of mHealth's scope and implementation across developing regions, the health needs to which mHealth can be applied, and the mHealth applications that promise the greatest impact on heath care initiatives. It also examines building blocks required to make mHealth more widely available through sustainable implementations and requirement. Finally, it calls for concerted action to help realize mHealth's full potential. This narrative analysis is based on the extensive review of literature spanning diverse healthcare sectors. It encompasses studies, reports and advancement related to Mhealth, sourced from reputable database and journals. A computer-based literature search was done using the PUBMED, PUBMED CENTRAL, and GOOGLE SCHOLAR. Relevant articles with a full text published in English between the years 2011 to 2021 were screened and included. Editorials, Commentaries, Discussion papers, Conference abstracts, and Duplicates were excluded. We included primary studies that focuses on the topic, peer reviewed publications (journals) with full-text articles. After the screening through 80 articles 19 relevant articles were included in the review. The analysis reveals a dynamic landscape of Mhealth evolution, showcasing its adaptability and transformative potential across the diverse healthcare domains. All the literature reviewed suggested that in every field of medicine and health sectors there are usage of the

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mobile application. mHealth is increasing in every minute need of the person suffering from any of the disease

INTRODUCTION

According to WHO, mHealth is a component of eHealth. To date, no standardized definition of mHealth has been established. The Global Observatory for eHealth (GOe) defines mHealth, or mobile health, for the purposes of the study as medical and public health practices supported by mobile devices, such as PDAs, cell phones, patient monitoring devices, and other wireless devices. The term "mHealth" refers to the utilization and monetization of a mobile phone's basic features, such as voice and short messaging service (SMS), in addition to more sophisticated features and applications, such as global positioning system (GPS), third- and fourth-generation mobile telecommunications (3G and 4G systems), general packet radio service (GPRS), and Bluetooth technology [1]. There are several types of mHealth apps developed for health purposes ranging from general health apps such as decision, support, vitals, and reproductive health apps; through fitness apps for an activity tracker, nutrition tracker and mindfulness [2] A distinct area of e-Health known as Mobile Health (m-Health) has arisen as a result of the development of mobile communications and sophisticated networking technology. One of the m-Health services for measuring and analyzing a mobile patient's biosignals on a continuous or periodic basis is mobile patient monitoring. Biosignals are physiological signals that may be detected and seen from living things on a regular or continuous basis. Galvanic Skin Response (GSR), Magneto Encephalo Gram (MEG), ElectroEncephaloGram (EEG), and Electro Cardio Gram (ECG) are a few of the biosignals that are frequently measured. Measured biosignals may be used to compute and deduce many additional metrics, including Heart Rate Variability (HRV) [3].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A computer-based literature search was done using the PUBMED, PUBMED CENTRAL, and GOOGLE SCHOLAR. Relevant
Inclusion criteria
1. Primary studies that focus on the topic
2. Peer reviewed publication (journals)
3. Studies which were written or published from 2011 to 2021

Exclusion criteria
1. Studies which were not in English.
2. Studies that were very short (less than 4 pages) and remove duplication.
3. Studies which are old from that 2011 were excluded.
4. Studies that assess user experience with some type of mHealth apps or gathering requirement.

DISCUSSION

The present review suggested that how the mobile application has been growing in every sector and every field of the medicines. It also describes that how the normal individual and healthy adults and older people are getting aware about the apps and those too mobile health apps in their day to day life. Furthermore discussing the 100 articles were sorted from the various fields, 80 were included according to the inclusion criteria. Which review of 19 articles was done according to the inclusion criteria and excluded the other according to the exclusion criteria. Various fields have been covered accordingly like stroke, diabetes, post operative conditions, mental illness, traumatic brain injury, corona, cardiac rehabilitation, chronic pain, medical emergencies, aging, primary dementia

,heart rate, weight management, urinary incontinence, neurorehabilitation, physical medicine and rehabilitation, gastroenterology, chronic illness, fitness and disabilities.

UI self-management may be aided by mobile health (mHealth) applications, or apps for short. Although there is growing interest in the development of mHealth technologies to support patients with UI. Effective collaboration between industry and research is needed to develop new user-centered mHealth apps that can empower patients with UI [4]. The study highlights the current emphasis on the development of self-testing, quarantine monitoring, and contact tracing apps for COVID 19. The review of the app functionalities revealed that information dissemination regarding the preventative measures was the primary function of the majority of the existing apps in India. Thus it is suggestive that even in the advancement of the growing world and disease like COVID 19 there are apps [5]. Chronic pain is one of the major causes of disability in the general population. Although there are therapies that are useful in lowering symptoms, these therapies frequently don't have reliable, long-lasting results. The literature on mobile application-based treatments for non-cancer chronic pain patients and the efficacy as well as the quality of the utilized apps suggest that apps-based treatment can be helpful in reducing pain, especially in the long-term [6].

Although there is no evidence to support the usefulness of mobile health applications, which are used to treat hypertension, smart phones and their applications are currently evolving quickly. To assess the impact of m-Health apps on blood pressure control, medication adherence. M-Health applications are useful for managing hypertension; they help improve blood pressure control and drug adherence. Maybe m-Health applications may be advertised for controlling blood pressure [7]. Mobile health apps (MHAs) and medical apps (MAs) are becoming increasingly popular as digital interventions in a wide range of health-related applications in almost all sectors of healthcare. They offer potential for diagnostic and treatment advances in the field of gastroenterology and the management of chronic diseases in general. In particular, patients with chronic diseases and health care professionals will benefit from these interventions in many different ways [8]. The search for mHealth solutions can contribute to the development of modern, efficient, and sustainable health systems. Moreover, it is anticipated to lower the expense of hospital stays, empower people to manage their own health and well-being, and advance preventive rather than curative medicine. The literature review mentioned the relevant usage of mobile apps in the health emergency domain. This report also highlighted the necessity to look at the feasibility of doing more research on prehospital care. Thus taking into consideration the mobile application have reached to the various sectors and that too emergency and also is helpful for the same [9].

The usability of mHealth apps is critical to their implementation and have significant potential during the postoperative period for encouraging earlier discharge, improving patient engagement, and offering a safety net for early identification of complications. They have focused on satisfaction, a narrow dimension of usability, with simplistic self-created questionnaires [10]. Stroke emerging today for every age group can also be treated with the help mHealth apps. Thus by using the mobile application for the video conferencing the treatment and assessment can be done effectively by taking into consideration of the literature [11]. So, it could be suggestive that mHealth apps have significant effect on the recovery.TBI can lead to significant motor, cognitive and emotional deficits. A potential tool for diagnosing and treating TBI patients is mobile health, or mHealth. Examining and categorizing the many TBI mobile applications (apps) that are available as well as critically evaluating the research supporting mHealth for TBI management were the goals of the literature review [12].

The quality of life is strongly impacted by dementia in those who are afflicted with this chronic condition. Caregivers who tend to individuals with dementia offer vital assistance to them; nonetheless, their health may suffer as a result of stress and workload. When it comes to the therapeutic treatment of people with chronic illnesses, mobile health (mHealth) intervention is a rapidly expanding assistive technology (AT). This extensive study aims to find, evaluate, and compile the available data about the usage of mobile health applications (apps) as a healthcare tool for individuals with dementia and those who support them. The extensive analysis came to the conclusion that, despite the paucity of research, mobile health apps seem like a workable AT intervention for people with Parkinson's disease

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(PwD) and their caregivers. However, these apps also have the potential to offer new resources and approaches to support this population [13]. To determine the available data about the effectiveness of mobile health technology in supporting weight-management practices, such as eating a balanced diet and getting exercise. Patients often view mobile health applications as satisfying, user-friendly, and beneficial while trying to reach their weight reduction objectives. Through tactics like self-monitoring, mobile health applications have the potential to improve treatment adherence and aid in weight reduction. These findings indicate that satisfactory treatment adherence and consequent weight loss and maintenance are achieved in the presence of high levels of engagement with a mobile health app. [14]. Smartphones are frequently linked to a mobile sensor or a medical device in order to assess vital signs. However, a smartphone may be used to do photoplethysmography (PPG), which would allow the evaluation of vital signs, by employing the phone camera as the photodetector and the white light-emitting diode as the light source. This meta-analysis set out to assess the existing data about the use of PPG in smartphone apps to detect heart rate in relation to a method that has been proven to work [15].

The implementation of medical mobile applications (apps) in contexts related to physical medicine and rehabilitation will be better defined by the completion of a systematic study. When utilized as self-management platforms, assessment instruments, or to provide exercise or gait training programs, several applications could be advantageous. Studies also revealed patient-centered app designs that accommodate a variety of user impairments and navigation, self-reporting, and education. When used as an intervention, they had positive effects on some medical and functional outcomes [16]. Data from a national survey on the experiences, needs and potential solutions for mHealth technology by people with physical, cognitive, sensory and emotional disabilities. Overall, few respondents reported moderate-to-high levels of satisfaction with their existing mHealth apps, and even fewer reported that finding effective mHealth apps was easy or very easy [17]. People with severe mental illnesses may have easier access to care thanks to mHealth strategies that employ mobile devices to offer therapies. The mHealth strategy was superior to a commonly used clinic-based group intervention for disease management in terms of patient involvement, patient satisfaction, and clinical and recovery results [18].

An application is a specially designed software that is placed on a tiny mobile device, such as a tablet or smartphone, and allows the user to engage through a touch-based interface. The app's goal is to make a task easier to finish or to help with everyday tasks. Research indicates that some apps are safe and reliable when used in addition to rehabilitation for neurological diseases. These apps are particularly useful for promoting a healthy lifestyle, retraining balance, diagnosing disorders, and facilitating real-time communication between patients and their therapists. Likewise, app selection criteria should be available to make it easier for healthcare professionals, patients, and their families and caregivers to select the most suitable app for each case [19]. Ageing is often accompanied by an increased risk of age-related diseases and decline in function. This deterioration may be linked to aging itself, which involves structural and functional changes in the brain, heart, skeletal, and muscle systems. The literature on mobile technology, in particular wearable technology, such as smartphones, smartwatches, and wristbands, presents new ideas on how this technology can be used to encourage an active lifestyle, and discusses the way forward in order further to advance development and practice in the field of mobile technology for active, healthy ageing [20]. Cardiac disorders are increasing day by day if we get the mobile apps for the same at home than it will be effective and the rehabilitation by mobile will have the greater effect and less time consuming so the articles suggest new strategies for promoting participation in cardiac rehabilitation are desperately needed while initial evidence supports the feasibility and acceptability of using mobile technology for cardiac rehabilitation in patients with IHD [21].

Diabetes mellitus is a type of chronic illness that can only be successfully avoided and treated if the patient's blood glucose level is continuously checked and if professional medical treatment and health education are completely supported. The review demonstrated that a straightforward SMS system for sending the doctor a copy of the diabetic patient's report can have positive effects for self-management [22].

CONCLUSION

All the literature reviewed suggested that in every field of medicine and health sectors there are usage of the mobile application. mHealth is increasing in every minute need of the person suffering from any of the disease. Thus, the literature of the study suggested the positive and negative effect of the mobile application but the purpose is fulfilled about the reviewing of the importance and usage mHealth is various healthcare sectors. Further study should be conducted with specific importance in each field individually.

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TABLE 1- SUMMARY OF THE REVIEWED ARTICLE

SR NO	AUTHOR/YEAR	AIM/PURPOSE	RESEARCH DESIGN	OUTCOME MEASURE	KEY FINDINGS
1	Alexis L. Beatty et all (2021)	The existing literature shows the use of mobile technology for cardiac rehabilitation and propose a framework for developing and evaluating mobile applications for cardiac rehabilitation.	Review literature	. Address core components of cardiac rehabilitation: ● Patient assessment ● Exercise training ● Self management, may include: eg-Physical activity 2. Apply behavior change theory 3. Enable individual tailoring of features 4. Demonstrate high usability 5. Improve patient-centered outcomes: eg-Participation in cardiac rehabilitation events 6. Establish efficacy in a randomized clinical trial	New strategies for promoting participation in cardiac rehabilitation are desperately needed. Initial evidence supports the feasibility and acceptability of using mobile technology for cardiac rehabilitation in patients with IHD.
2	Ann-Christin Pfeifer et all (2021)	The aim of this systematic review and meta-analysis was therefore twofold: first, to investigate the efficacy of mobile application-based treatments of chronic non-cancer pain; and second, to rate the quality of the apps in terms of content, ease-of-use, and functionality, from a user point of view. The meta-analytical procedures were applied to estimate the quality of the studies and the efficacy of the utilized apps..	Systematic review and Meta analysis	Pain intensity and Mobile App Rating Scale (MARS)	This study demonstrates emerging evidence that mobile apps can be useful in reducing pain among non-cancer pain patients.
3	Abhinav Bassi et al (2020)	This study was aimed to systematically review COVID-19 related mobile apps	Systematic Review of the Literature	The movements of quarantined individuals was the function of 27 (54%) and 19 (32%) apps,	The review of the app functionalities revealed that information dissemination

		and highlight gaps to inform the development of future mHealth initiatives.		respectively. Eight (16%) apps had a contact tracing and hotspot identification function.	regarding the preventative measures was the primary function of the majority of the existing apps in India
4	Ke Gong et al (2020)	The purpose was to assess the impact of m-Health apps on blood pressure control, medication adherence	Randomized, controlled trial	Blood pressure	M-Health apps are effective for hypertension management, it can favor the medication adherence and blood pressure control. Perhaps m-Health apps can be promoted in the blood pressure control.
5	Lucas Ogura Dantas et al (2020)	To perform a systematic review of available mHealth apps for UI in Brazil.	Systematic review	MARS quality scale	Results suggested that an ideal mHealth app for patients with UI should provide content that is grounded in scientific evidence, respect the laws of privacy and security of the country in which it is being offered, include symptom trackers, keep individual records for personalized health goals, and allow for collaboration between users and healthcare professionals to design tailored pelvic floor muscle training programs.
6	Sven Kernebeck et al (2020)	The aim of this article is to provide an overview of the current status of MHA and MA use in the field of gastroenterology, describe the future perspectives in this field and point out some of the challenges that need to be addressed.	Review of literature	Patient education Telemedicine eHealth records Digital biomarkers	Digital interventions, such as MHAs and MAs, offer potential for diagnostic and treatment advances in the field of gastroenterology and the management of chronic diseases in general
7	Alejandro Plaza Roncero et al	The study aimed to identify common threads and	Systematic Review	The Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-	We found that all apps in the Google Play Store were free, and 73 apps in the

	(2020)	gaps to support new challenging, interesting, and relevant research directions		Analyses (PRISMA) methodology	Apple App Store were paid, with the price ranging from US $0.89 to US $5.99. Moreover, 39% (11/28) of the included studies were related to warning systems for emergency services and 21% (6/28) were associated with disaster management apps.
8	Li Li (2020) et al	This study aimed to evaluate the feasibility, validity, and reliability of functional assessments administered through the videoconference function of a mobile phone–based app compared with administration through the telephone function in poststroke patients after rehabilitation hospitalization	Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial	Validity and reliability videoconference follow-up and home visit assessments, as well as telephone follow-up and home visit assessments. Feasibility was evaluated by the levels of completion, satisfaction, comfort, and confidence in the 2 groups.	Video conference with high reliability and validity
9	Ben Patel et al (2020)	This systematic review evaluates the (1) methodology of usability analyses, (2) domains of usability being assessed, and (3) results of usability analyses.	Systematic review	mHealth App Usability Questionnaire (MAUQ).	Of the 3 domains of usability, only satisfaction is regularly assessed. There is significant bias throughout the literature, particularly with regards to conflicts of interest.
10	Edward Christopher et al (2019)	The aim of this study was to systematically examine and classify available TBI mobile applications (apps) and critically appraise the literature underpinning mHealth for the management of TBI.	A Systematic Review of the Literature	Not applicable	This study found only a small number of mobile apps for TBI with limited uptake based on download metrics.
11	Kanwal Yousaf et al (2019)	The purpose of this comprehensive study is to identify, appraise, and synthesize the	Survey	(1) cognitive training and daily living, (2) screening, (3) health and	This review concluded that mHealth based assistive technology

		existing evidence on the use of mHealth applications (apps) as a healthcare resource for people with dementia and their caregivers.		safety monitoring, (4) leisure and socialization, and (5) navigation	has the potential to provide efficient healthcare facility to PwD and support caregivers as this technology provides simple interactive features and promotes independence
12	Katerina Dounavi et al (2019)	The present systematic literature review aimed to identify existing evidence on the efficacy of mobile health technology in facilitating weight management behaviors, such as healthy food consumption and physical activity.	Systematic Literature Review	Weight; BMI; physical activity; dietary intake mainly focusing on fruit and vegetable consumption, take-out meals, and sugar-sweetened beverages; anthropometric data, such as waist circumference, blood pressure, serum lipids, and glucose levels; psychological factors, such as well-being, stress, motivation, and positive or negative affect; alcohol and cigarette consumption; engagement with app; adherence to self-monitoring; and app acceptability.	Conclusion was mHealth applications seem to facilitate weight management across a wide range of measured outcomes. There is sufficient consensus across studies that mHealth apps are acceptable by patients and effective in producing weight loss through lifestyle changes in eating behaviors and physical activity patterns.
13	Frank DeRuyter et al (2018)	This report aims to summarizes data from a national survey on the experiences, needs and potential solutions for mHealth technology by people with physical, cognitive, sensory and emotional disabilities.	Survey method	Fitness Diet Lifestyle others	The survey research data presented here indicate that people with disabilities have substantial unmet needs for mHealth apps and related technology. overall, few respondents reported moderate-to-high levels of satisfaction with their existing mHealth apps, and even fewer reported that finding effective mHealth apps was easy or very easy.

14	Benjamin De Ridder et al (2018)	The objective of this meta-analysis was to evaluate the available evidence on the use of smartphone apps to measure heart rate by performing PPG in comparison with a validated method.	Meta-Analysis	Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP) Diagnostic Test Study checklist	Smartphone apps measuring heart rate by performing PPG appear to agree with a validated method in an adult population during resting sinus rhythm. In a pediatric population
15	Ryan Nussbaum et al (2018)	To conduct systematic review to better define how medical mobile applications (apps) have been used in environments relevant to physical medicine and rehabilitation.	Systematic Review	Not applicable	Apps were shown to have good psychometric properties when being used to replace some paper-based data collection tools and to measure some physical activity or gait parameters. When used as an intervention, they had positive effects on some medical and functional outcomes.
16	Dror Ben-Zeev et al (2018)	mHealth approaches that use mobile phones to deliver interventions can help improve access to care for people with serious mental illness. The goal was to evaluate how mHealth performs against more traditional treatment.	Randomized Controlled Trial	smartphone-delivered intervention (FOCUS) versus a clinic-based group intervention (Wellness Recovery Action Plan [WRAP]	Both interventions produced significant gains among clients with serious and persistent mental illnesses who were mostly from racial minority groups.
17	M.T. Sánchez Rodríguez et al (2016)	The aim of this study was to conduct a systematic review of published information on apps directed at the field of neurorehabilitation, in order to classify them and describe their main characteristics.	Systematic Review	'healthy lifestyle', 'information', 'assessment' 'treatment' 'specific	The evidence suggests that for some neurological diseases, certain apps are effective and reliable when used as complementary treatment alongside rehabilitation, especially those apps designed to promote a healthy lifestyle, retrain balance, assess disorders, and let

					patients and their therapists communicate in real time.
18	Jorunn L. Helbostad et al (2016)	This paper reviews the literature on mobile technology, in particular wearable technology, such as smartphones, smartwatches, and wristbands, presenting new ideas on how this technology can be used to encourage an active lifestyle, and discusses the way forward in order further to advance development and practice in the field of mobile technology for active, healthy ageing.	Review of literature	Daily physical activities	Thus trhey concluded that by mobile technology by wearable increases the active lifestyle and it may be useful for the further usage in the active healthy lifestyle. Further need is there for the old population for the usage of such technology.
19	Osama Salameh (2012)	The system is designed to be a long term health companion for the patients with diabetes.	Survey based	SMS based analysis	The system is very useful for long term type 1 diabetes self management where the patient feel connected to their physicians at all times which increases the sense of security

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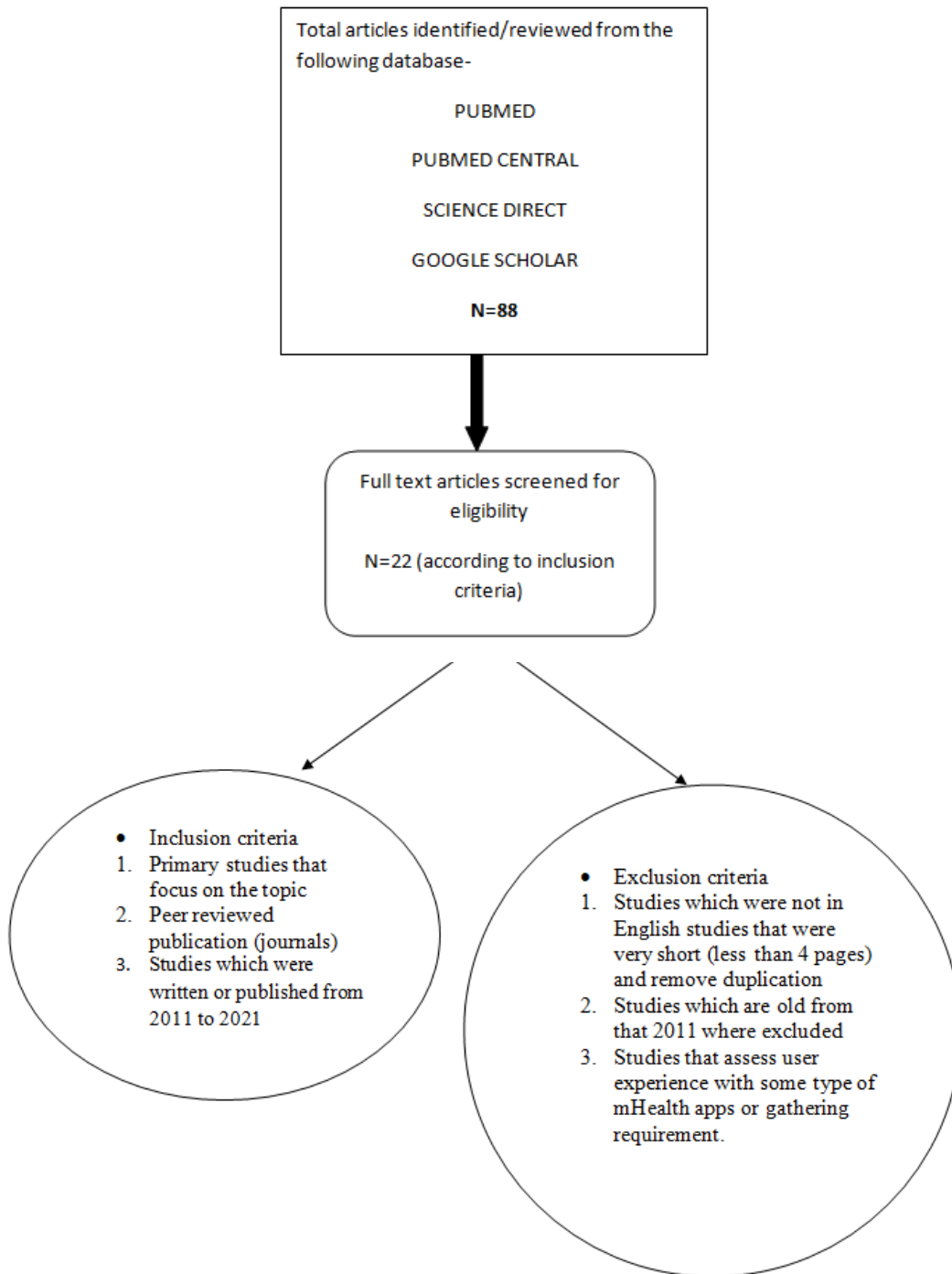
Natural Polymers: use as Superdisintegrants in Mouth Dissolving Tablets

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ABSTRACT

Oral administration of drugs is preferred because it is easier for patients to swallow, less likely to cause discomfort, more flexible, and, most importantly, improves patient compliance. Many individuals stop taking their prescriptions as prescribed because they have difficulty swallowing pills and capsules. This problem is believed to affect 50% of the population, which eventually increases the likelihood of noncompliance and subpar care. The desire for pills that dissolve in the mouth has increased significantly as a result of these considerations. Nowadays, patients of all ages accept the new dose form called "fast dissolving tablet," as it doesn't need water to be swallowed. The objective of this article is to examine the natural polymers present in pills that dissolve fast. Natural polymers that can be employed as a superdisintegrant, diluent, or binder to improve tablet characteristics. Natural polymers are low-cost, non-toxic, biodegradable, safe for the environment, non-toxic, renewable, and a good source of extra nutrients. From their natural origin, they are easily obtained. Research has confirmed this.

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INTRODUCTION

Researchers recently produced fast-disintegrating pills that improve patient compliance and convenience. Fast-dissolving tablets are solid dose forms that don't require additional water or chewing to dissolve swiftly in saliva. Fast dissolving tablets reduce the disadvantages of conventional dosage forms, especially for elderly and pediatric patients who have dysphagia (difficulty swallowing). Because they are more readily available, nontoxic, chemically inert, and biodegradable than synthetic materials, natural materials are preferable[1]. The word "European Pharmacopoeia" refers to an orodispersible pill that dissolves in the mouth in three seconds and must be swallowed. Orodispersible tablets, often known as "ODTs," dissolve swiftly in the mouth due to their porous and rapidly melting structure. They also dissolve quickly in the mouth due to their fast response. Oral disintegrating tablet preparation techniques include spray drying, mass extrusion, sublimation, freezing and drying, tablet molding, and direct compression. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the United States states that ODTs are a solid form material with an active ingredient and a therapeutic substance that dissolve in a few seconds to a minute. ODTs also have a very quick response time[2].

Advantages of Moth Dissolving Tablets

➢ They are a solid unit dosage form that allows for precise dosing and high drug loading; in addition, they are an excellent substitute for conventional tablets and providean ideal dosage for elderly and pediatric patients.
➢ As soon as the patient takes it, it starts to melt when it comes into contact with saliva, absorbs quickly into the oral cavity, melts quickly, and produces fast action.
➢ Pregastric absorption modifies the drugs' bioavailability and reduces the need for doses, which modifies patient compliance and clinical reports.
➢ Patient compliance is improved because fast-dissolving tablets don't require water to be swallowed, can be taken anytime, and are a practical choice for patients on the go or conscientious people without easy access to water.
➢ Fast-dissolving tablets pose no risk of suffocation in the airways due to physical obstruction during swallowing, making them easy to swallow and extremely safe.
➢ Fast-dissolving tablets have fewer leaves and dissolve completely in the mouth, leaving no trace, which improves the tablet's mouthfeel and overall palatability[3,4].

THE SUPERDINTEGRATION MECHANISM

Tablet disintegration usually happens through four mechanisms
Swelling
According to the majority of researchers, tablet disintegration is primarily caused by the tablet's expansion. A tablet with a high porosity may be challenging to dissolve if there is insufficient swelling force to fully fill its pores. Conversely, the low-porosity tablet experiences an adequate amount of swelling force[5].

Porosity and capillary action
Capillary action is the first step in any disintegration process. When the tablet is submerged in an aqueous medium that is suitable for it, the intermolecular bond is compromised and the tablet fragments into minute pieces. The hydrophilicity of the medication or excipient and the tableting conditions have an impact on the tablet's capacity to absorb water. The disintegrant accelerates the disintegration process by facilitating the formation of a hydrophilic network around the drug particles through its porous structure and low interfacial tension towards aqueous fluid[6].

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Dissolving particle

A different mechanism of disintegrant action explains the swelling of tablets formulated with nonswellable disintegrants. Guyot-Hermann proposed the theory of particle repulsion, which is now known to be the primary factor in tablet disintegration: the lack of a swelling particle. The disintegration process, which depends on the electrostatic repulsion of particles, requires water. The authors of the study found that wicking is more important than repulsion[7].

Owing to deformation

Particles undergo deformation when they are compressed into tablets, but they revert to their original form when they come into contact with a wet substance, like water. In multiple experiments, the ability of starch to swell was enhanced when the granules underwent significant deformation during compression. Particles in broken tablets have gotten bigger as a result of deformation[8].

Natural superdisintegrant

These naturally occurring superdisintegranting agents are chosen over synthetic substances due to their abundance, relative affordability, lack of irritation, and nontoxic nature. Gums and mucilages are examples of natural materials that are widely used in the drug delivery field because they are easily obtainable, economical, environmentally friendly, emollient and nonirritating by nature, non-toxic, capable of a wide range of chemical modifications, potentially biodegradable, and compatible because of their natural origins. There are numerous mucilages and gums with super-disintegrating properties available. Planttago ovata: Mucilages as Superdisintegrants Mucilage from the seeds (Isapgula) Isapgula is made up of dried Plantago ovata seeds that have mucilage embedded in their epidermis . Plantago ovata seeds were soaked in distilled water for 48 hours, and the mucilage was then completely released into the water by boiling the seeds for a short while. The material was filtered and the marc was removed by pressing it through muslin cloth. The mucilage was then precipitated by adding anequivalent volume of acetone to the filtrate. The mucilage that had been separated was dried in an oven that was not heated above 60°C. When compared to Crosspovidone, the mucilage of Plantago ovata is a recent innovation due to its superdisintegration property. It disintegrates more quickly than Crosspovidone, a superdisintegrant[9].

Benefits of the Superdisintegrant

1. Less concentration is needed.
2. Suitable for a wide range of drugs and excipients.
3. Dises have no effect on flowability or compressibility[10].

Natural superdisintegrants

Chitosan and chitin

The naturally occurring polymer chitin (β-(14)-N-acetyl-Dglucosamine) is present in the shells of crabs and shrimp. Unlike chitosan, it has an amino group that is covalently bonded to an acetyl group[11]. According to E.O. Olunsola et al., the crab shell produced 36.7 percent chitosan with a degree of deacetylation of 62.7 percent for use as a superdisintegrant in metronidazole tablets. The researchers also found no indication of a negative interaction between metronidazole and chitosan. Tablets with 2, 4, and 8% chitosan had disintegration times of 12.2, 10.4, and 9.3, respectively[12] .

Guar gum

The majority of guar gum is made up of galactomannans, which have a high molecular weight (about 50,000-8,000,000). It is legal in almost every country and is used as a thickener, stabilizer, and emulsifier (for example, in the EU, the United States, Japan, and Australia). It's a naturally occurring gum. It is a natural polymer made up of sugar units that is free flowing and completely soluble, and it can be used in food. It is unaffected by pH, moisture content, or the solubility of the tablet matrix. Alkaline tablets are not always pure white and can range in color from offwhite to tan. It also tends to tarnish over time[13]. Using guar gum as a superdisintegrant, the pre- and post-compression properties of a captopril tablet were investigated and found to be within regulatory bounds. After

evaluating his formulations, Sunitha H S et al. discovered that the guar gum 10 mg formulation (F4) had the best disintegration and dissolving profile, with a disintegration time of 50.16 seconds and a drug release rate of 99.86% after 12 minutes[14].

Lepidium Sativum

Known as asaliyo,Lepidium sativum (family: Cruciferae) is a commonly used herbal remedy in India. It is inexpensive and widely accessible in the market., parts used include leaves, roots, oil, seeds, and so forth. Higher concentrations of mucilage, two new monomeric imidazole alkaloids called semilepidinoside A and B, and the dimeric imidazole alkaloids lepidine B, C, D, E, and F are found in seeds. Lepidium sativum's mucilage exhibits a number of characteristics, including binding, disintegrating, gelling, and so forth[15] .

Plantago ovata seeds mucilage

Psyllium, also spelled ispaghula, is the general term for several Plantago species whose seeds are used in the production of mucilage for commercial purposes. The mucilage of Plantago ovata possesses a range of functions,such as binding, dissolving, and sustaining qualities. A study produced fast-dissolving tablets containing amlodipine besylate by using varying amounts of Plantago ovata mucilage as natural superdisintegrants . Amlodipine Besylate quick disintegrating tablets were created using a direct compression process and varying amounts of plantago ovata mucilage as a natural superdisintegrant. There was no physicochemical interaction between amlodipine besylate and other excipients, according to FT-IR studies. Weight variation, hardness, friability, disintegration time, drug content, and solubility were all evaluated for each formulation. Plantago ovata-based formulations have a faster disintegration time of 11.69 seconds and a faster dissolving time of 16 minutes in vitro. As a result, we determined that dried isabgol mucilage can be used in the formulation of rapid dissolving tablets as a superdisintergrant[16].

Fenugreek seed mucilage

Fenugreek is a herbaceous plant derived from the leguminous plant Trigonella foenum. It is one of the most developed plants and has discovered numerous applications as a food, a food additive, and a traditional medicine in each area. Fenugreek seed contains a high concentration of adhesive mucilage, which can be used as a disintegrant in mouth-dissolving tablets[17]. It is a creamy yellow powder that dissolves quickly in warm water to form a colloidal solution. Fenugreek mucilage has unique properties such as quick onset of action (i.e., quick release of the tablet), most limited wetting time, and decreases tablet disintegration time[18]. The apparent multitude of plans' hardness, friability, and medication substance were discovered to be within the limits. Improved detailing was subjected to ICH-required stability and its insignificant change in hardness, breaking downtime, and in vitro drug discharge[19].

Mango Peel Pectin

Mango peel has been discovered to be an excellent source of highquality pectin that can be used to make film and acceptable jelly, accounting for 20-25 percent of mango manufacturing waste. Pectin is a hydrophilic colloid composed of complex heteropolysaccharides. Mango peel pectin, on the other hand, cannot be used to predict the behavior of super disintegrants due to its high swelling index and high solubility in biological fluids, but it can be used to make oral dispersible tablets[20]. M Rishabha et al. discovered mango peel pectin to be a good candidate for acting as a superdisintegrant. Although it is not as effective as synthetic sodium starch glycolate, it can be used because of its superior solubility and higher swelling index. It can also be used to make quick-dissolving tablets[21]

Locust bean gum

The vegetable gum extract called locust bean gum, or carob bean gum, is derived from the seeds of the Mediterranean tree Ceretonia siliqua. It is a galactomannan product. In the food industry, it's frequently used as a thickening and gelling ingredient. Reports state that it also possesses an adhesive and solubility-enhancing property[22]. This study investigated locust bean gum's ability to super disintegrate. It was found that the superdisintegrant action of the orodispersible tablet formulation was influenced by the natural material's extensive

swelling, porosity, and wicking action. Instead of using cross carmellose sodium as a superdisintegrant, locust bean gum was used, and this resulted in a faster and more consistent disintegration of the tablets. In the future, locust bean gum and its modifications may be used as a high-functionality excipient and utilized in a range of tablet dosage forms[23].

Rosasinesis hibiscus linn

Often referred to as the China rose, Hibiscus rosasinensis Linn is a potent medicinal plant in the Malvaceae family. Leaf mucilage has been shown to have hypoglycemic, antioxidant, and antihypertensive properties in addition to its anti-inflammatory properties. Additionally, it has been demonstrated that hibiscus extracts prevent the growth of cancer[24]. Using imipramine as a model drug, the disintegrant property of Hibiscus rosasinensis mucilage was studied. A natural disintegrant isolated from Hibiscus rosasinensis leaves was used to develop a fast-dissolving tablet of imipramine, and its effectiveness was compared to that of synthetic superdisintegrants like crosspovidone. A direct compression approach was used to produce fast-dissolving Imipramine tablets using Hibiscus rosasinensis mucilage (2–8% w/w), Avicel pH 102 as a diluent, and mannitol to enhance mouth feel and compressibility in addition to mannitol as a sweetener. Tablet hardness, thickness, percent friability, and wetting time were all determined to be within acceptable ranges both before and after compression. It was discovered that the in vitro disintegration times of tablet formulations with 6% mucilage and 4% crosspovidone, respectively, were 24 and 42 seconds, respectively.Based on in vitro disintegration time, in vitro drug release tests in phosphate buffer pH 6.8 revealed that the F3 formulation with 6% mucilage released 100% of the medication in 12 minutes. The stability testing of the F3 formulation showed that the produced tablets stayed stable for ninety days and that the in vitro drug release pattern did not change[25].

Dehydrated Bananas Powder

Plantain is another name for banana. The banana varieties Ethan and nenthran, which are members of the Musaceae family (Nenthravazha), are the source of dehydrated banana powder. Its vitamin A content makes it useful for treating diarrhea and stomach ulcers. Additionally included is vitamin B6, which helps to reduce anxiety and stress. It has a lot of carbohydrates and potassium, which is necessary for increased brain activity. It is a reliable energy source as well[26]. The objective is to create several batches of oral disintegrating tablets containing Telmisartan by utilizing banana powder and SSG in different concentrations. Additionally, the tablets were assessed for post-compression characteristics like hardness, weight variation, friability, disintegration time, and in-vitro dissolution profiles, as well as pre-compression characteristics like bulk density, compressibility, angle of repose, and hardness. Tablets with banana powder as a disintegrating agent distributed quickly—in 15 minutes, 92.09 percent of the drug was released. This occurred in just 15 seconds. Consequently, banana powder can be used to make Fast dissolving tablets by using it as a natural disintegrant[27] .

Karaya Gum

Gum sterculia, also called Indian gum tragacanth, is a vegetable gum that is obtained from the exudate of Astragalus gummier trees (Leguminosae). Galactose, rhamnose, and galacturonic acid are the sugars that make up gum karaya chemically. Owing to its thick consistency, it serves as both a disintegrant and a binder in the creation of traditional dosage forms. The potential of gum karaya as a tablet disintegrant has been studied. Various findings indicated that the modified gum karaya causes the tablets to dissolve quickly. Due to its low cost, biocompatibility, and easy availability, gum karaya can be used as a substitute for semisynthetic and synthetic super disintegrants that are frequently found. When water is absorbed, it swells to 60–100 times their original volume[28].

Agar and treated agar

It is made up of dried gelatinous materials derived from several other red algae species, including Gracilaria and Pterocladia, as well as delirium amansii (gelidanceae). Agar comes in the forms of coarse powder, sheet flakes, and divests. It has a mucilaginous taste and is yellowish-gray or white in color. Agarose and agaropectins are the two polysaccharides that make up agar. The viscosity of agar solutions is caused by agaropectin, while the strength of gel is caused by agarose. Agar has a high gel strength, which makes it a viable option for the disintegrant in the

ODTS formulation. Gums are utilized in ratios ranging from 1 to 10%. However, due to their relatively low capacity development, these are not as effective disintegrating agents as others[28].

Soy Polysaccharide

It is a naturally occurring super-disintegrant free of sugar and starch. With results similar to cross-linked CMC, it was used as a disintegrant in tablets made by direct compression using lactose and dicalcium phosphate dihydrate as fillers. Corn starch and a cross-linked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose were employed as control disintegrants[28].

Gellan Gum (Kicogel)

Pseudomonas elodea is the microbe that makes gellan gum. It is a biodegradable polymer with a linear tetrasaccharide repeat structure that is anionic and linear, and it is utilized as a disintegrant for tablets. The rapid swelling that gellan gum exhibits when it comes into contact with water and its high hydrophilicity may be the cause of the disintegration of the tablets With a gellan gum concentration of 4% w/w, the tablet completely dissolves in 4 minutes, and 90% of the drug dissolves in 23 minutes. Kollidone CL and Ac-di-sol exhibit remarkably similar in vitro dissolution rates and disintegration patterns. For 90% of the drug release, the same concentration tablet with exploited show 36 minutes, and with starch show 220 minutes. This outcome has demonstrated gellan gum's superdisintegrant properties[29].

Aegle marmelos Gum (AMG)

It is derived from Aegle marmelos fruits, which disintegrated more quickly and reliably than croscarmellose sodium. The ripened fruit pulp has an astringent and mucilaginous taste, and it is red in color. Carbohydrates, proteins, vitamins C and A, Angeline, Marceline,Dicamen, Omethyl ordinal, and isopentyl halfordinol are all present in the pulp. Heat treatment is the method used to prepare AMG. It makes drugs that aren't very soluble more soluble. It raises blood sugar and glycosylated hemoglobin levels in diabetics, lowers liver glycogen and plasma insulin levels in diabetics, reduces lipid peroxidation, activates macrophage function, and results in a notable deviation in the concentration of glutathione (GSH) in the stomach, intestine, liver, and kidney. D-galactose (71%), D-galacturonic acid (7%), L-Rhamnose (6.5%), and Larabinose (12.5%)[1] are the constituents of purified bael gum polysaccharide[29].

Mangifera indica Gum (MIG)

Mangifera indica is the common name for this member of the Anacardiaceae family. It is harmless and found in many formulations as an emulsifying, suspending, binding, and disintegrant agent. The gum powder has an off-white to white color and is soluble in water but nearly insoluble in methanol, ethanol, acetone chloroform, and ether. Gum is easily accessible, harmless, and contains pharmacological activity for treating a variety of conditions, including diabetes, asthma, diarrhea, urethritis, scabies, and astringents[30].

Cassia fistula gum

Fabaceae is the family that includes Cassia fistula, also referred to as the golden rain tree. The gum derived from Cassia fistula seeds has a mannose-to-galactose ratio of 3.0 and is composed of ß-(1,4) linked d-mannopyranose units with a random distribution of a-(1,6) connected d-galactopyranose units as side chain. Compared to crude gums, cassia fistula seed carboxymethylation demonstrated superior swelling properties. In the pharmaceutical sector, it is also employed as a disintegrant, diluent, and drug release regulating agent Compared to native gum, carboxymethylation and carbamoylethylation of Cassia gum have been shown to boost microbiological resistance, increase viscosity, and improve cold-water solubility. Thus, in the formulation development of FDT', an attempt was made to include calcium or sodium salts of carboxymethylated or carbamoylethylated C. fistula gum as super disintegrant[31].

Ocimumamericanum

Mucilage from seeds, Propranolol hydrochloride tablets were prepared by Patel et al. utilizing Ocimumamericanum seed mucilage in a range of concentrations, including 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10%. The optimal mucilage concentration for rapid dissolution is demonstrated at 10%. A similar concentration containing starch and propranolol hydrochloride was prepared, demonstrating a disintegration time of 269 seconds, whereas Ocimum demonstrates a disintegration in 154 seconds. There is a limit to the drug's hardness and friability content[31].

Xanthum gum

It is made by the USP-approved bacteria Xanthomonas campestris, which has a low gelling tendency and high hydrophilicity. It disintegrates more quickly due to its large swelling properties and low water solubility. It is a heteropolysaccharide made up of repeated pentasaccharide units made up of one glucuronic acid unit, two glucose units, and two mannose units[32].

Ocimum sanctum seeds

Many therapeutic benefits are attributed to occimum sanctum. As anti-diabetic, anti-fertility, hepatoprotective, hypotensive, hypolipidemic, expectorant, analgesic, anticancer, anti-asthmatic, antiemetic, diaphoretic, and stress agents, the plant's leaves, flowers, stems, roots, and seeds have all been used in the past. Ocimum has been used to treat convulsions, arthritis, fever, bronchitis, and other conditions. The swelling index was calculated to be 1600. Friability and hardness of tablets are significantly influenced by the natural substance. The outcomes of the disintegration in vitro and in vivo were identical. According to an analysis by M Karan et al. , the values of Ocimum sanctum were 95.90 and 93.65, respectively, in contrast to Nimuslide (MD). The aim of this study was to use Ocimum sanctum, a natural superdisintegrant, to create a fast-acting pill. In this formulation, paracetamol served as the model medication.For people of all ages, paracetamol is a commonly prescribed antipyretic and analgesic medicfation. Products containing paracetamol that are sold on the market include tablets, dispersible tablets, syrups, suspensions, and FDTs.The tablet blend's good flow properties are demonstrated by its preformulating qualities. After preparing six formulations, post compression properties showed that formulation F2 was the most effective; it dissolved in 180.01 seconds and released 99.6% of the drug after 10 minutes. It was subjected to accelerated stability tests at 400 C and 75% relative humidity for a month. Thus, it can be said that ocimum sanctum can also be used to create fast-acting medications[33].

Abelmoschus Gum

The ability of mucilage to disintegrate was also assessed. Batches of tablets were prepared and tested for dissolution, wetting time, and disintegration time using varying mucilage concentrations. According to the study, mucilage powder from Abelmoschus esculentus worked well as a disintegrant at low concentrations (4 %) [34]. Abelmoschus esculentus gum is utilized as a polymer in the creation of a floating dosage form for the stomach. Tablet batches were made for this study using various combinations of HPMC E15 and Abelmoschus esculentus mucilage. Overall, it was observed that the formulation containing okra mucilage along with HPMC gave better floating property as well as better sustained release of the drug[35]. It was observed that formulation containing Abelmoschus esculentus mucilage had poor floating capacity but showed sustained release, whereas formulation containing HPMC had better floating capacity but showed poor sustained release of the drug. Okra polysaccharide as the carrier and microbially triggered ingredient in colon-targeted tablet formulation. Based on the observations, it can be concluded that the polysaccharide found in okra under investigation has the ability to transport the drug nearly intact to the target site—the colon—where anaerobic bacteria break it down[36] .

Moringa oleifera Gum

Gum is extracted from the stem exudates of Moringa oleifera, a member of the Moringaceae family. In the preparation of 10:7:2, the gum is a polyuronide consisting of arabinose, galactose, and glucuronic acid, with traces of rhamnose[37]. Research has been done on this gum's ability to gel. It was discovered that the gum's gelling concentration ranged from 7 to 8.5% w/v. The gels showed release retardant property , pseudoplastic flow and viscosity, and were found to be optimal for topical application . Various tablet batches were made and their drug

release assessed. It was found that when the excipient and gum proportions were increased and lowered, respectively, the drug release increased. Fickian release mechanism was discovered[38]. The ability of gum to disintegrate was also investigated. Various batches of tablets were created, with the amount of gum varying between them. Wetting time was found to decrease as gum concentration increased in the formulation; as a result, tablet formulation made with gum disintegrated more quickly than tablet formulation made with synthetic disintegrants like starch, sodium glycolate (SSG), and croscarmellose sodium (CCS) [39].

Kondagogu Gum
Hupu gum, also known as kondagogu gum, is a naturally occurring polysaccharide that is obtained from the exudate of the Cochlospermumreligiosum tree (Bixaceae family). Gum is composed of galactose, arabinose, mannose, fructose, a-D-glucose, b-D galactopyranose, galacturonic acid, and glucuronic acid[40]. Research has been conducted on the gastric floating property of kondagogu gum. As independent variables, the concentrations of polymer, sodium bicarbonate, and pharmatose relative to the weights of the drug and polymer were chosen. The dependent variable chosen was the cumulative percent of the drug released at 12 hours. As the amount of hupu gum increased, the release rate dropped . The ability of hupu gum to form mucoadhesive microcapsules was also assessed. In the in vitro wash test, every microsphere exhibited good mucoadhesive properties. Studies on the in vitro release of drugs revealed that guar gum exhibited a greater capacity to delay drug release in comparison to other gums and concentrations. It was discovered that the drug release from the microspheres was non-Fickian in nature, with zero order release kinetics and slow release rates that depended on the technique used and the coat:core ratio[41].

Cassia tora Mucilage
Mucilage from Cassia tora seeds (Caesalpiniaceae family) is used in the product. Cassia's principal chemical components are gum, tannins, mannitol, coumarins, cinnamaldehyde, and essential oils (pinene, eugenol, and aldehyde); additional components include sugars, resins, and mucilage[42] . The binding property of Cassia tora mucilage has been studied. The hardness and disintegration time of tablets formulated with varying concentrations of cassia tora gum were found to decrease with increasing mucilage concentration . Another evaluation of this mucilage's suspending agent was conducted[43]. The ability of the mucilage of Cassia tora to suspend was compared to that of gelatin, tragacanth, and acacia. All the materials were found to have the following order of suspending ability: cassia tora> tragacanth gum > acacia gum. The high viscosity of the gum is thought to be the cause of the mucilage's suspending action, according to gelatin results[44].

Mimosa scabrella Gum
Mimosa scabrella seeds (Mimosaceae family) are used to make gum. Gum, which has a mannose:galactose ratio of 1.1:1, is a highly hydrophilic galactomannan that accounts for 20–30% of galactomannan (G). Mimosa scabrella gum was the subject of studies because of its ability to form a controlled release matrix. This study found that when polymer concentration increased, drug release decreased, and 25% w/w of gum demonstrated an excessive sustained release effect. Diffusion and relaxation were combined to create the release mechanism[45].

CONCLUSION

Naturally occurring superdisintegrants have higher bioavailability and faster drug dissolution, which improve therapy efficacy and patient compliance. Consequently, it is possible to successfully use natural superdisintegrants as disintegrants in tablet formulation.The article included summaries of the various types of superdisintegrants that are now available on the market. The ability to create these tablets with a range of superdisintegrants in lesser doses has been made possible by the invention of fast-dissolving tablet formulation. For about one-third of patients, the drug must begin acting immediately. Fast-dissolving tablets contain superdisintegrants, which combine the advantages of easy and convenient dosing, quicker release of medication, safe and effective drug administration, better patient compliance, and higher therapeutic effects.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Water Serves as Primary Target for High Dilution of an Anti-Burn Homeopathic Drug on Heat- Exposed Bovine Serum Albumin *In-vitro*

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ABSTRACT

High dilution (HD) of a homeopathic drug is thought to be specific water structure which produces therapeutic effects on man. HDs also produce effects on animals, plants and even proteins in aqueous solution. What is the primary target of HDs on organisms or on protein? The present study addresses this question. Cantharis 30 cH, a homeopathic potency used for burn injuries, has been tested on bovine serum albumin (BSA) in-vitro. The protein has been exposed to heat at 75^0C for 10 mins, cooled down to room temperature and then treated with Cantharis 30 cH. The treatment was done by two methods, direct and indirect through water. The results from both the methods are almost similar. The treated and untreated protein solutions were analysed by Fourier Transform Infra-Red (FT-IR) spectroscopy. The treatment effect was evident on water molecules associated with BSA. The results indicate that Cantharis 30 cH interacts first with water molecules which in turn influence BSA. It is concluded that the homeopathic potency converts first water structure which then affects the protein.

Keywords: High dilution, BSA, Homeopathic drug, Cantharis, Water

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INTRODUCTION

In a series of experiments we have demonstrated that high dilution of homeopathic drugs produces distinct effects on plants and animals *in-vivo* through the medium of water (Sukul et al., 1990, 2000, 2001a, 2001b).High dilutions (HDs) of a drug prepared by serial dilution with a solvent medium 1:100, followed by mechanical agitation in several steps are called potencies. Potencies are denoted by a number representing the number of serial dilutions applied such as 30 cH, 200 cH etc. In the present study we show the effect of high dilution of a homeopathic drug on a protein, Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)in-vitro through water. The drug selected here is Cantharis30cH which is known to counter burn injury on humans(Boericke W.,1927; Boericke et. al., 1920). BSA has been exposed to heat at 75̊ C for 10 minutes and after cooling treated with Cantharis 30 cH. Water molecules play an important role on protein structure and function(Bellissent-Funel et. al., 2016).We focused our observation on water molecules associated with BSA. Treatment with Cantharis 30 was done by two methods, one direct and another indirect through water. All the treatment effects were recorded by Fourier Transform Infra-Red (FT-IR) spectroscopy. The results obtained by direct and indirect treatments are fairly comparable. This shows that high dilutions of homeopathic drugs can produce distinct effect not only in-vivo but also in-vitro on a protein. This study further shows that a homeopathic potency can convert water structure of the solvent medium of protein solution into a different structure, which in turn influences the protein.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

BSA obtained from HIMEDIA MB083-5G, HIMedia Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. LBS Marg, Mumbai-400086, India. CAS number 9048-46-8, EC number 232-936-2, was dissolved in deionised and distilled (DD) water at 0.05 mg/ml. The protein solution, 5 ml in amount was kept in a standard Borosil test tube. The test tube was placed inside a constant temperature oven and exposed to heat at 750C for 10 minutes. After exposure the tube was cooled down to room temperature and treated with Cantharis 30 cH. Cantharis 30 cH obtained from Hahnemann Publishing Company Private Ltd (Hapco, Batch number 7357), Kolkata. The drug in 90% ethanol was diluted with DD water 1:100. The diluted drug was mixed with BSA solutions (5 ml) directly in the proportion 1 (drug solution):100 (BSA solution).In a separate experiment the drug solution and BSA solution were kept in two separate Borosil test tubes which were connected by a soft polythene tube 5 mm diameter (lumen). The tube was filled up with DD water (6 ml) and the two ends were plugged by squeezed absorbent cotton balls in such a way that the solution in one tube would not pass to another tube . In this way the solutions in the two test tubes were connected by DD water only. Water in the connected tube was treated with Nin-hydrin to confirm the absence of BSA. The connected (C) treatment involves further dilution of the potency by an additional amount of 11 ml water (5 ml in the test tube + 6 ml in the connected tube). FT-IR spectra of all the test samples, both direct (D) and connected (C)treatments, were obtained with the help of a Shimadzu IRAffinity-1S FT-IR spectrometer (Spectrum Two) on the attenuated total reflectance (ATR) technique at energy resolution 4 cm-1. The base line was corrected for atmospheric humidity and CO2. One drop of each sample was put into the sample groove and then the tip of a single reflection pure diamond crystal was brought in contact with the sample drop. The entire spectrum was recorded in the wave number range 4000-500 cm-1. Each spectrum represents an average of 45 scans. Temperature and humidity were maintained in the laboratory at 240C and less than 50%, respectively. The frequencies of the peaks of OH-Stretching and OH-Bending bands are plotted against the test samples in histograms in figures 4 and 5, respectively. The spectra were normalized.

RESULTS

Normalized OH-Stretching (3700-3000 cm-1), OH-Bending (1700-1580 cm-1) and free OH-group-showing bands (3700-3550 cm-1) are presented in figures-1, 2, and 3 respectively. The FT-IR spectra in the wave number region of 3700-3550 cm-1 shows free OH-groups present in the test samples (Mulliken et. al.,1955; Tamer et. al., 2014; Tamer et.

al., 2017; Singh et. al., 2022).Each figure presents the bands of both direct and indirect treatments together. The absorption bands of both direct (D) and indirect (C) treatments exactly overlap each other except the Catharsis 30 treatment with BSA (fig. 1-3). Figures 1-3 show the result of direct treatment for OH-Stretching, OH-Bending and free OH group, respectively. Figures 4 and 5 show OH-Stretching, OH-Bending bands, respectively for indirect treatment through water. The frequency shifts concerning OH-Stretching and OH-Bending bands of all the test samples for direct and indirect treatments are fairly comparable with each other except the Cantharis treatment of BSA (figs. 4 and 5). Here the Cantharis treatment through connection (C) shows marked lower absorbance as compared to the direct (D) treatment.

DISCUSSION

It is evident from the results that Cantharis 30 cH influences water structure of BSA solution (figs. 1-5). It is known that heat treatment of BSA can change the structure of the protein (Abrosimova et. al., 2016; Dobson, 2001). Homeopathic potencies are specific water structure induced by original drug molecules during the process of serial dilution followed by succussion (Singh et. al., 2022). Water interacts with protein hydration in solution on the microsecond time scale(Sukul et al., 2000; Persson et. al., 2008). Water is the universal solvent medium of bio molecules. Water regulates conformational transition and helps in molecular recognition (Makarov et. al., 2002; Raschke, 2006; Levy et. al., 2006; Ball, 2008). At 85C apo-calmodulin assumes a polymer chain conformation with some1 residual local structure. Apo-calmodulin when cooled down recovers a compact state having a secondary structure similar to a native one. However, this new native form has higher radius of gyration and a different tyrosine environment(Gibrat et. al., 2012). In our study BSA has been exposed to 75C for 10 minutes and then cooled down to room temperature 24C. It is, therefore, possible that the BSA after cooling down from heat exposure is different in structure from the original form. This difference in conformation is observed in the FT-IR spectra of BSA (figs.1-3). Now the question arises as to why Cantharis treatment through connection (C) shows much lower absorbance than Cantharis treatment direct (D). In case of the connected treatment the potency is further diluted with an additional amount of 11 ml of DD water (5 ml in the test tube and 6 ml in the connecting polythene tube).

BSA is water soluble and anionic globular protein of molecular weight 65000 Da. It houses 11 distinct hydrophobic binding domains. Hydrophobic interactions are responsible for the collapse of the protein chain in aqueous solution (Aznauryan et. al., 2013). Treatment of heat exposed BSA with Canth-30cH shows a marked change in absorbance intensity as compared to heat exposed BSA and BSA control (figs.1-3). But Canth-30 itself shows the lowest absorbance intensity (Fig.1-3). It is evident from the results that Canth-30cH could bring about a change in conformation of BSA possibly due to change in the water structure of BSA solution. Canth-30cH does not contain any original drug molecules of the cantharis extract. But Cantharis induced water structure has the potential to convert the water structure of BSA solvent (also water) into a different one. This idea is graphically presented in figs. 6a, b, c, d.Canth-30cH has acquired this ability during the process of preparation of the potency. Thus a homeopathic potency can control protein function vis-à-vis cell physiology not directly but by manipulating water medium in the organism. We can draw an analogy from Cartesian diver principles in which the movement of floating bodies is controlled by changing pressure of the fluid medium. Floating bodies are not individually forced to more. But their movements are depending on the size and shape of the floating bodies. Similarly a change in water structure would affect differentially the bio-molecules in the water medium according to their nature.

CONCLUSION

A homeopathic potency first transforms water structure of the solvent medium of the test protein. The transformed water structure then interacts with the hydration shell of the protein. Dilution of a potency with water produces a marked change in the OH stretching and banding vibration of water as evident from FT-IR spectra.

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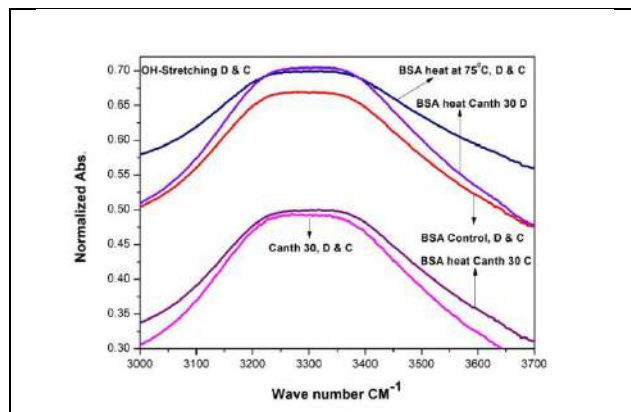
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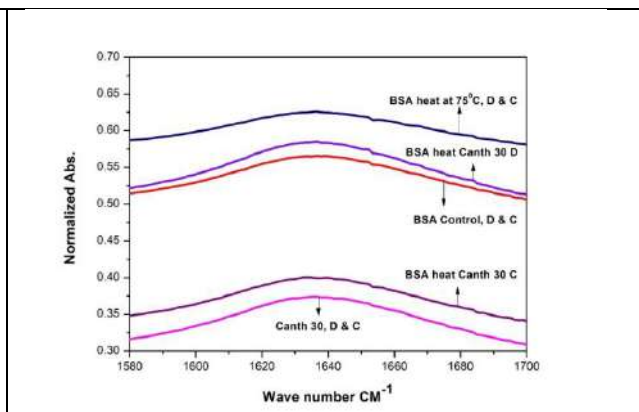
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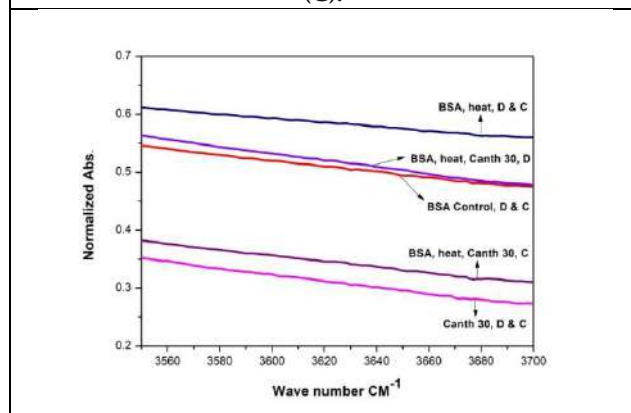
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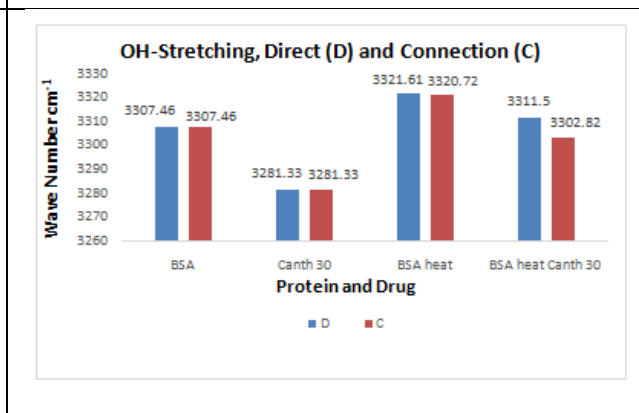
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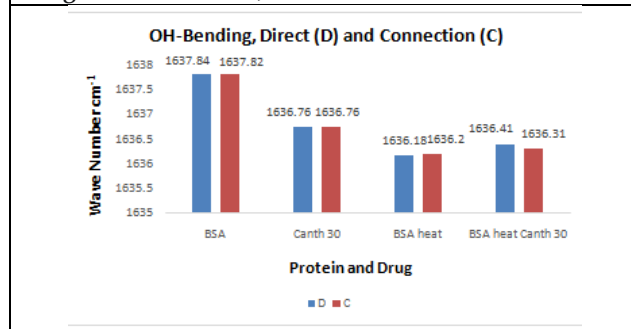
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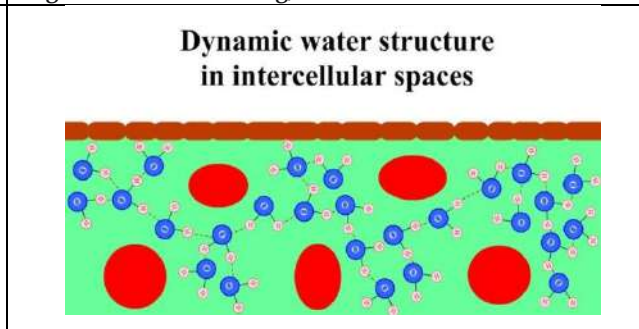
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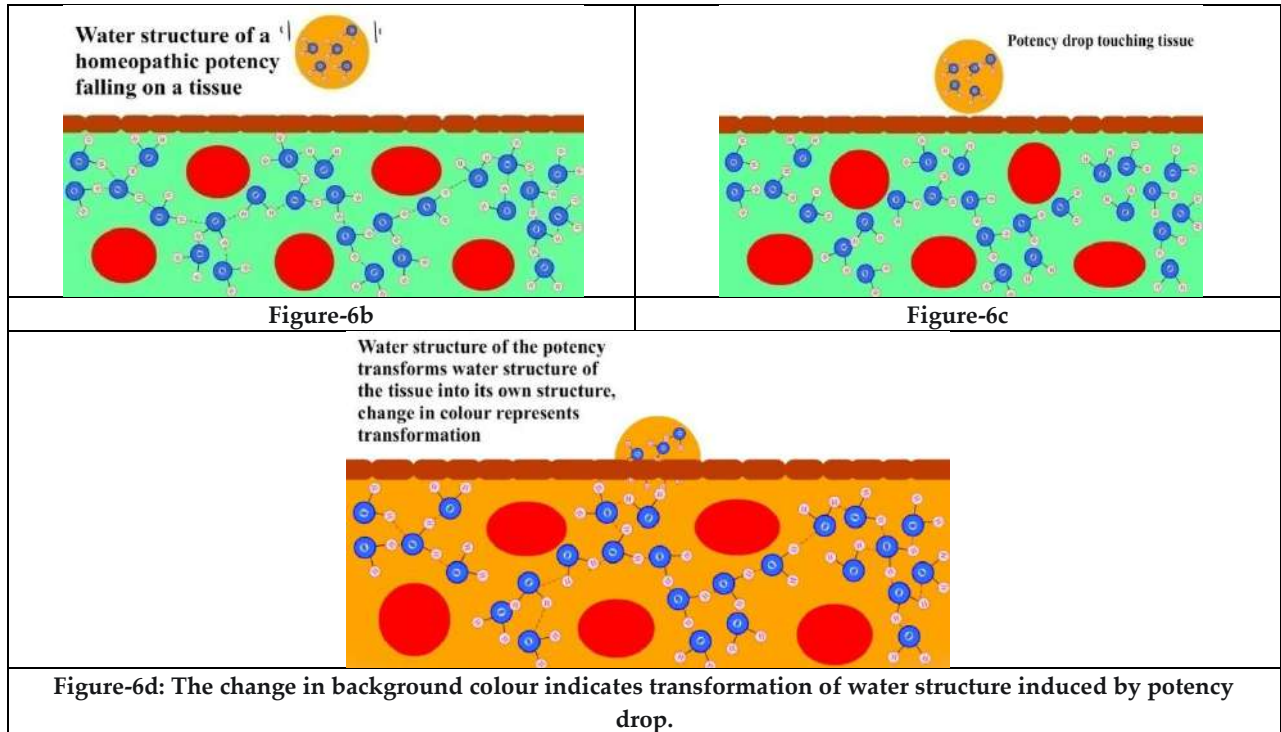
Harnessing the Potential of Niosomal Therapy for Depression

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ABSTRACT

Depression is the most common and neglected mental disorder. Nearly more than 300 million people suffer due to depression. Out of which half of patients that receive treatment could not respond to conventional first line antidepressant and fail to recover the disorder. This makes the therapeutic management of depression quite challenging. The major drawback in management of mental disorders is obstacles formed by blood brain barriers and other hurdles that separates brain from systemic circulation. This becomes primary obstacle when it comes to drug delivery to brain. The reduced dose transport of drug creates challenge in therapy of depression. Thus, alternative routes are considered for drug delivery to brain. One such is intranasal route of administration. Nose to brain drug delivery is a successful method for delivery of the drug molecules to the brain. Neuropeptides, natural active ingredients and certain chemical agents are examples of antidepressant active ingredients whose availability is limited by the blood brain barrier and first pass metabolism. Antidepressant drugs are mostly targeted to the brain for treatment. Antidepressant are primarily introduced by the oral route/ traditional method. Antidepressant active ingredients such as neuropeptides, natural active ingredients and some chemical agents are limited by factors such as blood brain barrier (BBB), first pass metabolism and extensive adverse effects caused due to systemic administration. To avoid this and increase the efficiency of the drugs we can use novel drug delivery technique such as liposomes, niosome, nanoparticles, etc. Niosomes are vesicular nanoparticles made up of nonionic surfactant, which are biodegradable and more stable than liposomes.

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INTRODUCTION

Depressive disorder also called as depression is a common mental disorder. Around 5% of global population suffer from depression. The prevalence is seen more in female than male adults. Depressed person has suicidal behavior and can lead to suicide if not treated in time.[1] Although number of antidepressant drugs are present in market, half of the patients fail to respond to first line therapy. The reason behind the failure of this therapy is presence of blood brain barrier. BBB affects brain drug development adversely. Blood brain barrier makes it harder to carry drug to the brain, structure of brain, toxicity issues, hydrophilicity and lipophilicity criteria.[2]

Blood Brain Barrier
The blood vessels that carry blood to CNS possess some special properties termed as Blood Brain Barrier. Which allows these vessels to govern the flow of ions, cells and molecules from the blood vessels to the brain.[1]

Components of BBB
Composition of blood brain barrier [2][3]
1.   Astrocytes
2.   Pericytes (PCs)
3.   Endothelial cells (ECs)

Endothelial cells
Endothelial cells regulate the paracellular transport of hydrophilic molecules across BBB.[4]

Astrocytes
Astrocytes covers the vessels wall plays a vital part in keeping the tight connection barrier intact.[5]

Pericytes
It is embedded in the capillary basement membrane, it plays an important function in the development of tight junction, angiogenesis and the structural integrity, differentiation and micro vessel differentiation.[6]

Functions of blood brain barrier
1.   Maintain ionic homeostasis and brain nutrition.[7]
2.   It protects the neural tissues from toxins.[8]
3.   Concentration of hormones, amino acid, potassium undergoes frequent fluctuation/changes specifically after a meal or breakfast.
4.   BBB is also impermeable to antibodies as well as bio-chemical poisons due to their large size.[9]
5.   In case of inflammation BBB becomes permeable allowing passage of macrophages.

Criterions to cross the BBB

Lipophilicity
Most commonly molecules with low molecular weight (Under 400 – 600 Da) easily pass.[4] Others require special transfer mechanism such as,
•   Absorptive mediated transport.
•   Carrier mediated transport
•   Receptor mediated transport

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Complex biology of BBB
The high rejection of CNS drug includes a limited understanding of the drug permeability at the BBB and the distribution of transfer of drug molecule to brain and target engagement in brain.

Current strategies to cross Blood Brain Barrier
90% of smaller drugs and nearly 100% of larger drugs cannot pass through BBB making it toughest barrier to cross.[10]

Transport routes that allow movement across the barrier are

1. **Diffusion**: - It allows movement of electrolytes and water.
2. **Membrane transport:** - It permits the passage of medical compound such as ethanol, nicotine, caffein, barbiturates and anesthetic as well as smaller lipophilic molecules.
3. **Efflux pumps:** - it allows movement of p-glycoprotein.
4. **Receptor mediated transcytosis:** - Insulin, peptin, IgG, transferrin and TNF-alpha are passed via this route.
5. **Adsorptive mediated transcytosis:** - It allows passage of albumin and histone.
6. **Carrier mediated transport:** - glucose, pyruvate, creatine, lactate and large neutral amino acids are passed through this route.[4]

Strategies and techniques for drug delivery across BBB
These techniques focus on effective delivery of therapeutics molecules across barriers and enhanced therapy. These are mainly divided into following groups-

Invasivetechniques   -
There are several techniques to achieve invasive approach of drug delivery: -
- Intra-cerebro-ventricular.
- Intra thecal infusion.
- Transient disruption of BBB [4]
There are several limitations to these techniques that's why we mostly prefer non-invasive techniques.

Non-invasive techniques
In comparison with invasive methods, non-invasive methods are less tedious hence get better patient compliance.

Following are the techniques incorporated in non-invasive methods
Intranasal delivery of drugs via neural pathways that are present in nasal mucosa that connects to the brain. It also protects drug from metabolic pathways and enzymatic degradation enhancing absorption. Two main considerations in intranasal drug delivery are anatomy of nasal cavity and transport mechanisms are discussed below.

Anatomy of nasal passage
It majorly divided in three parts- vestibule region, respiratory and olfactory part.
1. Vestibule region: - anterior external region opening to nasal cavity. It is not involved in absorption functions.
2. Respiratory region: - consists of basal cells, goblet cells that secrete mucus and columnar cells with and without cilia. Its 160 cm² makes it crucial for drug absorption.
3. Olfactory part: - Includes basal and sustentacular cells, as well as olfactory receptor cells. Information is transduced from the olfactory mucosa to the olfactory bulbar area by olfactory receptor neurons.[11]

The process by which active molecules travels from the nose to brain
It involves major three pathways that are olfactory pathway, tri-geminal nerve pathway and systemic pathway.

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Olfactory region

Following nasal administration of therapeutic modalities, the olfactory epithelium receives them directly. It is olfactory neurons that are in charge of transduction.[12] The drug molecules move with the axons, transverse the cribriform plate via the nerve bundle and arrive at the olfactory bulb, which is located on the brain surface. The therapeutic moiety can enter the olfactory bulb and CNS from the olfactory bulb and CSF from the olfactory neurons.[13]

Trigeminal nerve pathway

Drug transport which occurs through trigeminal pathway is done by intracellular pathway or by endocytosis. Two branches of the trigeminal nerve, the ophthalmic and mandibular, are crucial in the transfer of medications from the nose to brain. Rather than passing through the olfactory mucosa, the drug will directly activate the trigeminal nerve terminals by interacting with the receptors of the trigeminal nerve terminals.[14]

Systemic pathway

The respiratory epithelium has more vasculature than olfactory. This allows systemic absorption of drug from the respiratory epithelium. Respiratory segment is made up from fenestrated and continuous endothelium combined allowing uptake of large and tiny substances enter the bloodstream. The medication then travels from the blood to brain.[15]

a.   Transport mediated/ carrier systems can be used for enhanced drug therapy.

b.   Another novel method is use of nanoparticle-based technology. The smaller particulate system is capable of passing BBB.[16]

Potential of Nano-formulations for Nose-to-Brain drug delivery

Nanocarriers unlike conventional drug delivery systems, have unique features rendering them as potential carriers for Brain drug delivery. The efficacy of antidepressants is hampered by insufficient dose transport to brain when administered by oral or parenteral route. The dose transport is affected by BBB. As of now, only some therapeutic agents such as drug, siRNA and peptide can be able to pass through the Blood Brain Barrier due to their smaller size.[17] Nose-to-brain drug delivery is generally used as non-invasive technique commonly used for transport of drug by local or systemic route of administration. It carries many advantages contains simplicity in dosage, quick onset of action and prevention of hepatic first pass metabolism.[18]By using mucoadhesive agents' viscosity modifiers in intranasal formulation, drug can be made to stay longer in the nasal cavity, which can improve absorption.[19][20] There are some recent developments in terms of nanotechnology which led to the growth of novel and incredibly effective medication delivery mechanism, which helps in transport of drug molecules across the blood brain barrier.[21][22][23][24] Niosomesare two-layer in structure, cholesterol and non-ionic surfactant self-assembled to produce nanovesicle. Niosomes are biodegradable, biocompatible and non-immunogenic nanoparticles. Due to this reasons niosomes used in multiple drug delivery choices. The process of functionalizing the niosomal surface with targeting moieties that have an affinity for particular surface protein expressed on target sites may facilitate the formulation of targeted niosomes.[25][26] Niosomes have higher stability than polymeric and lipid-based nanoparticles. Also, they are cost effective as well as they can encapsulate both hydrophilic and lipophilic drugs. Thus, niosomes are used in enhancing bioavailability [27] and permeability by improving the cellular uptake of therapeutic molecules. Bromocriptine mesylate is a potent dopamine receptor antagonist with low oral bioavailability. To overcome this drawback, niosomes have been used as drug carriers for nose-to-brain delivery of bromocriptine mesylate. An atypical antipsychotic medication known as olanzapine is used to treat schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders. But it is practically insoluble in water and shows poor bioavailability when administered orally. To make up this drawback, bioadhesive niosomes are used for successful nose-to-brain delivery. Niosomes also have been used in therapy of brain tumors. Targeted therapy of drug load is facilitated by using niosome as carrier. Niosomes are flexible and can be incorporated in any dosage form. Another example is intranasal in situ gel to improve bioavailability of flibanserin and better its brain drug delivery.

Structure of niosomes

Niosomes are bilayer non-ionic surfactant vesicles. The hydrophobic heads are oriented against organic solution, whereas hydrophilic heads are oriented against the aqueous layer.[27]

Components of niosome

Drugs, cholesterol or its derivatives, non-ionic surfactants, and occasionally ionic amphiphiles make up niosomes.Hydrophilic drugs are encapsulated in hydrophilic core whereas hydrophobic drugs are encapsulated in hydrophobic region situated in bilayer. Adding optimum amount of cholesterol is the key to achieve most stable formulation of niosome. Cholesterol plays important role in regulating the structure and flexibility of bilayer membrane [28]. Just as phospholipids are main component in liposomes, non-ionic surfactants are primary components in niosomes. Commonly used non-ionic surfactants are amphipathic, including terpenoids, polysorbates, spans, alkyl oxyethylenes. Squalene belonging to terpenoid family, has advantage of enhancing the rigidity and stability of niosomal structure.[29] Polysorbate is another important non-ionic surfactant used to prepare niosomes. Polysorbate 80 offers excellent properties for gene delivery because of PEG (Poly Ethylene Glycol) chains in its structure. Commonly used ionic amphiphiles are diacetylphosphate (DCP), phosphatidic acid, stearyl amine, cetyl-pyridinium chloride. Amphiphiles are incorporated to following purposes- loading drugs, increasing the efficacy and enhancing stability. For example, when cationic lipid is combined with non-ionic surfactant, cationic niosomes are formed. The formed cationic niosomes interact with a negatively charged phosphate groups of the DNA.[30] Also, they increase the drug encapsulation efficiency and skin permeation. This characteristics of niosomes are beneficial when it comes to nose to brain drug delivery. They make promising agents in management of neuro-degenerative diseases by controlled, site specific and enhanced drug delivery to the brain. Niosomes can be incorporated to their utmost capability via nasal route where, particle size, residual time and effective transport into brain and spinal cord can be of positive impact.

Applications of Niosomes

Niosomes first appeared in the cosmetic industry, are now gaining attention in medicines. Because niosomes can encapsulate both hydrophilic and hydrophobic drug molecules they are frequently utilized in the administration of medications such as doxorubicin, vaccines, insulin, siRNA and other substances. Their medicinal properties are extensively employed in several therapeutic domains such as anti-alzimer, bactericidal, antidiabetic, anticancer and antioxidant. They can be administered by various routes such as orally, parenteral route, intra-nasal or transdermal.[31] Chitosan based niosomes for nose to brain delivery of clonazepam is innovative approach to counter limited accessibility of clonazepam.

CONCLUSION

Depression being one of the most common mental disorders is challenging to treat. The first line pharmacological therapy fails due to blood brain barrier and other barriers that protects b rain to invade into brain and neural tissues, niosomes have been explored to carry therapeutic load. Also, their characteristics to entrap variety of drugs, enhance bioavailability and reduce systemic side effects makes them potential drug delivery. Intranasal route as compared to other have multiple benefits. The routes shall be explored more owing to its capacity. Nose to brain drug delivery can invade into brain with efficient dose raising the bioavailability.

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Figure 1: Blood Brain Barrier

Figure 2: Anatomy of Nasal Cavity

Figure 3: Structure of Niosome

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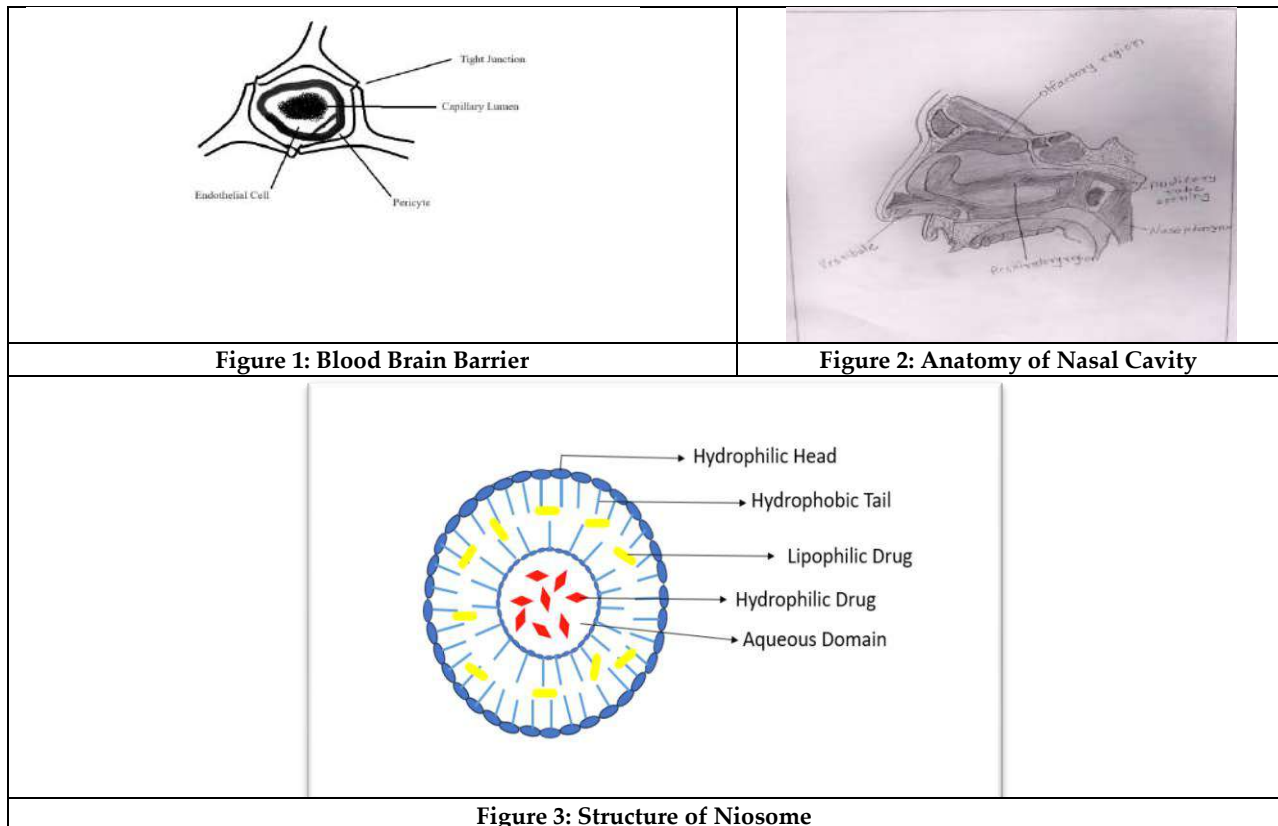
Multiple Attribute Decision Making and its Application to Neutrosophic Vague Tangent Similarity Measure

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, the study explores the tangent similarity measure for neutrosophic vague sets, serving as a parallel instrument to the enhanced cosine similarity measure, and applies it to single valued neutrosophic vague set with practical applications in educational stream selection and medical diagnosis. The proposition and subsequent examination of the tangent similarity measure for neutrosophic vague sets has been conducted. This concept serves as a parallel instrument to the enhanced cosine similarity measure of neutrosophic vague sets. Ultimately, this tangent similarity measure is applied to single valued neutrosophic vague set, with two practical applications being presented: the selection of educational streams and medical diagnosis.

Keywords: Tangent Similarity Measure, Neutrosophic Vague Set, Cosine Similarity Measure, Medical Diagnosis.

INTRODUCTION

Smarandache [11, 12] introduced the concept of neutrosophic set to deal with imprecise, indeterminate, and inconsistent data. In the concept of neutrosophic set, indeterminacy is quantified explicitly and truth-membership, indeterminacy-membership, and falsity-membership are independent. Indeterminacy plays an important role in

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many real world decision making problems. The concept of neutrosophic set $[11, 12, 13, 14]$ generalizes the Cantor set discovered by Smith [15] in 1874 and introduced by German mathematician Cantor [3] in 1883, fuzzy set introduced by Zadeh [18], interval valued fuzzy sets introduced independently by Zadeh [19], Grattan-Guiness [5], Jahn [6], Sambuc [9], L-fuzzy sets proposed by Goguen [4], intuitionistic fuzzy set proposed by Atanassov [1], interval valued intuitionistic fuzzy sets proposed by Atanassov and Gargov [2], vague sets proposed by Gau.

Zadeh [17] in 1965 introduced and defined the fuzzy set which deals with the degree of membership/truth. Topology has become a powerful instrument of mathematical research. Topology is the modern version of geometry. It is commonly defined as the study of shapes and topological spaces. The topology is an area of mathematics, which is concerned with the properties of space that are preserved under continuous deformation including stretching and bending, but not tearing and gluing which include properties such as connectedness, continuity and boundary. The term topology was introduced by Johann Beredict Listing in the 19th century. Closed sets are fundamental objects in a topological space. In 1970, Levine [9] initiated the study of generalized closed sets. The theory of fuzzy topology was introduced by Chang [19] in 1967; several researches were conducted on the generalizations of the notions of fuzzy sets and fuzzy topology. Atanassov [1] in1986 introduced the degree of non-membership/falsehood (F) and defined the intuitionistic fuzzy set as a generalization of fuzzy sets.

In this paper we have extended the concept of tangent similarity measure [8] to neutrosophic environment. We have defined a new similarity measure called "tangent similarity measure for neutrosophic vague sets``. The properties of tangent similarity are established.

Neutrosophic Preliminaries

Neutrosophic Set:
Definition 2.1[11,12]
Let U be a universe of discourse. Then the neutrosophic set A can be presented of the form: $M = \{< x: T_M(x), I_M(x), F_M(x) >, x \in U\}$, where the functions T, I, F: $U \rightarrow]-0,1+[$ define respectively the degree of membership, the degree of indeterminacy, and the degree of non-membership of the element $x \in U$ to the set M satisfying the following the condition.
$$-0 \leq supT_M(x) + supI_M(x) + supF_M(x) \leq 3^+ \qquad (1)$$
From philosophical point of view, the neutrosophic set assumes the value from real standard or non-standard subsets of $]-0, 1+[$. So instead of $]-0, 1+[$ one needs to take the interval [0, 1] for technical applications, because $]-0, 1+[$ will be difficult to apply in the real applications such as scientific and engineering problems. For two netrosophic sets (NSs), $M_{NS} = \{ | x \in X\}$ and $N_{NS} = \{< x, T_N(x), I_N(x), F_N(x) > | x \in X \}$ the two relations are defined as follows:

(1) $M_{NS} \subseteq N_{NS}$ if and only if $T_M(x) \leq T_N(x), I_M(x) \geq I_N(x), F_M(x) \geq F_N(x)$
(2) $M_{NS} = N_{NS}$ if and only if $T_M(x) = T_N(x), I_M(x) = I_N(x), F_M(x) = F_N(x)$

Neutrosophic Vague Set: [10]
A neutrosophic vague set M_{NV} (NVS in short) on the universe of discourse X written as $M_{NS} = \{\langle x; \hat{T}_{M_{NV}}(x); \hat{I}_{M_{NV}}(x); \hat{F}_{M_{NV}}(x)\rangle; x \in X\}$ whose truth membership, indeterminacy membership and false membership functions is defined as:
$$\hat{T}_{M_{NV}}(x) = [T^-, T^+],$$
$$\hat{I}_{M_{NV}}(x) = [I^-, I^+],$$
$$\hat{F}_{M_{NV}}(x) = [F^-, F^+]$$
where,
  1) $T^+ = 1 - F^-$
  2) $F^+ = 1 - T^-$
  3) $-0 \leq T^- + I^- + F^- \leq 2^+$

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Tangent Similarity measures for neutrosophic set [7]:

Let A $=< x\big(T_A(x)I_A(x)F_A(x)\big) >$ and B $=< x\big(T_B(x)I_B(x)F_B(x)\big) >$ be two single valued neutrosophic numbers. Now tangent similarity function which measures the similarity between two vectors based only on the direction, ignoring the impact of the distance between them can be presented as follows:

$T_{NS}(A,B) =$

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\langle 1 - \tan\left(\frac{\pi(|T_A(x_i) - T_B(x_i)| + |I_A(x_i) - I_B(x_i)| + |F_A(x_i) - F_B(x_i)|)}{12}\right)\rangle$$

Tangent similarity measure for neutrosophic vague set:

Let $M =< \big(x; \hat{T}_M(x); \hat{I}_M(x); \hat{F}_M(x)\big) >$ and $N =< \big(x; \hat{T}_N(x); \hat{I}_N(x); \hat{F}_N(x)\big) >$ be two neutrosophic vague numbers. Now tangent similarity function which measures the similarity between two vectors based only on the direction, ignoring the impact of the distance between them can be presented as follows:

$T_{NV}(M,N) =$

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\langle 1 - \tan\left(\frac{\pi\left(\begin{array}{c}|T_M^-(x_i) - T_N^-(x_i)| + |T_M^+(x_i) - T_N^+(x_i)| + |I_M^-(x_i) - I_N^-(x_i)| + |I_M^+(x_i) - I_N^+(x_i)| + \\ |F_M^-(x_i) - F_N^-(x_i)| + |F_M^+(x_i) - F_N^+(x_i)|\end{array}\right)}{12}\right)\rangle$$

Proposition 3.1 The defined tangent similarity measure T_{NV}(M, N) between NV M and N satisfies the following properties:

1. $0 \leq T_{NV}$ (M, N) ≤ 1
2. $T_{NV}(M,N) = 1$ iff M = N
3. $T_{NV}(M,N) = T_{NRS}(N,M)$
4. If O is a NV in X and M⊂N⊂O then $T_{NV}(M,O) \leq T_{NV}(M,N)$ and $T_{NV}(M,O) \leq T_{NV}(N,O)$

Proofs:

1) As the membership, indeterminacy and non-membership functions of the NVs and the value of the tangent function are within [0 ,1], the similarity measure based on tangent function also is within [0,1]. Hence $0 \leq T_{NV}$(M, N) ≤ 1

2) For any two NV M and N if M = N, this implies $T_M^-(x) = T_N^-(x), T_M^+(x) = T_N^+(x), I_M^-(x) = I_N^-(x), I_M^+(x) = I_N^+(x), F_M^-(x) = F_N^-(x), F_M^+(x) = F_N^+(x)$. Hence
$|T_M^-(x_i) - T_N^-(x_i)| = 0$ $|T_M^+(x_i) - T_N^+(x_i)| = 0$ $|I_M^-(x_i) - I_N^-(x_i)| = 0$ $|I_M^+(x_i) - I_N^+(x_i)| = 0$ $|F_M^-(x_i) - F_N^-(x_i)| = 0$ $|F_M^+(x_i) - F_N^+(x_i)| = 0$ $Thus\ T_{NV}(M,N) = 1$ Conversely, If
$T_{NV}(M,N) = 1$ then $|T_M^-(x_i) - T_N^-(x_i)| = 0$ $,|T_M^+(x_i) - T_N^+(x_i)| = 0, |I_M^-(x_i) - I_N^-(x_i)| = 0, |I_M^+(x_i) - I_N^+(x_i)| = 0,$
$|F_M^-(x_i) - F_N^-(x_i)| = 0. |F_M^+(x_i) - F_N^+(x_i)| = 0, Since\ \tan(0) = 0.$

So we can write
$T_M^-(x) = T_N^-(x), T_M^+(x) = T_N^+(x), I_M^-(x) = I_N^-(x), I_M^+(x) = I_N^+(x), F_M^-(x) = F_N^-(x), F_M^+(x) = F_N^+(x)\ Hence\ M = N$

3) This proof is obvious

4) If M⊂N⊂O then $T_M^-(x) \leq T_N^-(x) \leq T_O^-(x), T_M^+(x) \leq T_N^+(x) \leq T_O^+(x), I_M^-(x) \geq I_N^-(x) \geq I_O^-(x), I_M^+(x) \geq I_N^+(x) \geq I_O^+(x),$
$F_M^-(x) \geq F_N^-(x) \geq F_O^-(x), F_M^+(x) \geq F_N^+(x) \geq F_O^+(x)\ for\ x \in X.$

Now we have the following inequalities:

$|\hat{T}_M(x) - \hat{T}_N(x)| \leq |\hat{T}_M(x) - \hat{T}_O(x)|$
$|\hat{T}_N(x) - \hat{T}_O(x)| \leq |\hat{T}_M(x) - \hat{T}_O(x)|$
$|\hat{I}_M(x) - \hat{I}_N(x)| \leq |\hat{I}_M(x) - \hat{I}_O(x)|$
$|\hat{I}_N(x) - \hat{I}_O(x)| \leq |\hat{I}_M(x) - \hat{I}_O(x)|$
$|\hat{F}_M(x) - \hat{F}_N(x)| \leq |\hat{F}_M(x) - \hat{F}_O(x)|$
$|\hat{F}_N(x) - \hat{F}_O(x)| \leq |\hat{F}_M(x) - \hat{F}_O(x)|$

Thus T$_{NV}$(M, O) $\leq$ T$_{NV}$(M, N) and T$_{NV}$(M, O) $\leq$ T$_{NV}$(N, O). Since tangent function is increasing in the interval 0,$\frac{\pi}{4}$

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Let $E_1, E_2, \ldots, E_m$ be a discrete set of candidates, $G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_n$ be the set of criteria of each candidate, and $F_1, F_2, \ldots, F_k$ are the alternatives of each candidates. The decision-maker provides the ranking of alternatives with respect to each candidate. The ranking presents the performances of candidates E_1 (i = 1, 2,..., m) against the criteria G_j (j = 1, 2, ..., n). The values associated with the alternatives for MADM problem can be presented in the following decision matrix (see Table 1 and Table 2). The relation between candidates and attributes are given in the Table 1. The relation between attributes and alternatives are given in the Table 2.

Table 1: The relation between candidates and attributes

	G_1	G_2	...	G_n
E_1	d_{11}	d_{12}	...	d_{1n}
E_2	d_{21}	d_{22}	...	d_{2n}
...	...	...	...	...
E_m	d_{m1}	d_{m2}	....	d_{mn}

Here d_{ij} and δ_{ij} are all neutrosophic vague numbers. The steps corresponding to neutrosophic vague number based on tangent function are presented using the following steps.

Table 2: The relation between attributes and alternatives

	F_1	F_2	....	F_k
G_1	δ_{11}	δ_{12}	......	δ_{1k}
G_2	δ_{21}	δ_{22}	....	δ_{2k}
...	...	...	....	....
G_n	δ_{n1}	δ_{n2}	....	δ_{nk}

Step 1: Determination of the relation between candidates and attributes
The relation between candidate E_i (i = 1, 2, ..., m) and the attribute G_j (j = 1, 2, ..., n) is presented in the Table 3.

Table 3: relation between candidates and attributes in terms of NVs

	G_1	G_2	....	G_n
E_1	$\langle \hat{T}_{11} \hat{I}_{11} \hat{F}_{11} \rangle$	$\langle \hat{T}_{12} \hat{I}_{12} \hat{F}_{12} \rangle$	....	$\langle \hat{T}_{1n} \hat{I}_{1n} \hat{F}_{1n} \rangle$
E_2	$\langle \hat{T}_{21} \hat{I}_{21} \hat{F}_{21} \rangle$	$\langle \hat{T}_{22} \hat{I}_{22} \hat{F}_{22} \rangle$	....	$\langle \hat{T}_{2n} \hat{I}_{2n} \hat{F}_{2n} \rangle$
...	....	....	....	.....
E_m	$\langle \hat{T}_{m1} \hat{I}_{m1} \hat{F}_{m1} \rangle$	$\langle \hat{T}_{m2} \hat{I}_{m2} \hat{F}_{m2} \rangle$	.....	$\langle \hat{T}_{mn} \hat{I}_{mn} \hat{F}_{mn} \rangle$

Step 2: Determination of the relation between attributes and alternatives

The relation between attribute G_i (i = 1, 2, ..., n) and alternative F_t (t = 1, 2, ..., k) is presented in the table 4.

Table 4: The relation between attributes and alternatives in terms of NVs

Step 3: Determination of the relation between attributes and alternatives

Determine the correlation measure between the table 3 and the table 4 using $T_{NV}(M, N)$.

Step 4: Ranking the alternatives

Ranking the alternatives is prepared based on the descending order of correlation measures. Highest value reflects the best alternative.

Step 5: End

Application Selection of educational stream for Higher Education

The process of selecting the right educational stream after completing higher secondary examination (XII) is a critical decision that greatly influences a student's future career prospects. This period often proves to be challenging for students as they face confusion and uncertainty in choosing the most suitable path. Making an informed choice at this stage is crucial, as it can have a lasting impact on their professional journey. In this article, we will explore the importance of selecting the right stream and profession, highlighting the potential consequences of making an improper decision. It is crucial for students to carefully select from the various options available to them based on their interests. Therefore, it is necessary to employ a suitable mathematical method for decision-making.

This text introduces a proposed similarity measure that aims to determine the appropriate educational stream for students based on their attributes. The main feature of this method is its incorporation of truth membership, indeterminate, and falsity membership functions simultaneously. By utilizing these functions, the proposed measure seeks to provide an accurate and comprehensive evaluation of students' attributes in relation to different educational streams. This introduction sets the tone for a discussion on the potential benefits and effectiveness of this innovative approach in guiding students towards their optimal educational paths. Let $E = \{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$ be a set of students, F = {science (F_1), humanities/arts (F_2), commerce (F_3), vocational course (F_4)} be a set of educational streams and G = { availability of courses (G_1), facility of transportation (G_2), cost (G_3), staff and curriculums (G_4), and placement program (G_5)} be a set of attributes. Our solution is to examine the students and make decision to choose suitable educational stream for them (see Table 5, 6, 7). The decision-making procedure is presented using the following steps.

STEP 1: The relation between students and their attributes in the form NVs is presented in the table 5.

Relation 1	G_1	G_2	G_3	G_4	G_5
A_1	{[0.2,0.3]; [0.2,0.6]; [0.7,0.8];}	{[0.2,0.7]; [0.4,0.5]; [0.3,0.8];}	{[0.2,0.5]; [0.2,0.5]; [0.5,0.8];}	{[0.2,0.4]; [0.1,0.5]; [0.6,0.8];}	{[0.3,0.8]; [0.2,0.5]; [0.2,0.7];}
A_2	{[0.3,0.5]; [0.2,0.5]; [0.5,0.7];}	{[0.6,0.7]; [0.2,0.4]; [0.3,0.4];}	{[0.3,0.6]; [0.4,0.4]; [0.4,0.7];}	{[0.3,0.4]; [0.1,0.3]; [0.6,0.7];}	{[0.6,0.7]; [0.1,0.3]; [0.3,0.4];}

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A_3	{[0.4,0.5]; [0.1,0.5]; [0.5,0.6];}	{[0.3,0.2]; [0.3,0.4]; [0.8,0.7];}	{[0.4,0.6]; [0.3,0.5]; [0.4,0.6];}	{[0.2,0.4]; [0.3,0.5]; [0.6,0.8];}	{[0.4,0.6]; [0.3,0.6]; [0.4,0.6];}

Table 5: The relation between students and attributes

STEP 2: The relation between student's attributes and educational streams in the form NVs is presented in the table 6.

Table 6: The relation between attributes and educational streams

Relation 2	F_1	F_2	F_3	F_4
G_1	{[0.4,0.5]; [0.1,0.6]; [0.5,0.6]}	{[0.1,0.3]; [0.2, 0.4]; [0.7,0.9]}	{[0.4,0.6]; [0.5, 0.7]; [0.4,0.6]}	{[0.1,0.4]; [0.5, 0.6]; [0.6,0.9]}
G_2	{[0.5,0.6]; [0.2,0.3]; [0.4,0.5]}	{[0.6,0.7]; [0.3, 0.5]; [0.3,0.4]}	{[0.3,0.5]; [0.2,0.3]; [0.5,0.7]}	{[0.2,0.3]; [0.1, 0.2]; [0.7,0.8]}
G_3	{[0.6,0.8]; [0.2, 0.4]; [0.2,0.4]}	{[0.2,0.3]; [0.2, 0.4]; [0.7,0.8]}	{[0.2,0.4]; [0.3,0.5]; [0.6,0.8]}	{[0.3,0.6]; [0.1,0.2]; [0.4,0.7]}
G_4	{[0.2,0.8]; [0.1, 0.5]; [0.2,0.8]}	{[0.1,0.6]; [0.1, 0.3]; [0.4,0.9]}	{[0.4,0.5]; [0.1, 0.2]; [0.5,0.6]}	{[0.2,0.5]; [0.1, 0.6]; [0.5,0.8]}
G_5	[0.5,0.7]; [0.5, 0.6]; [0.3,0.5]}	{[0.2,0.5]; [0.1, 0.6]; [0.5,0.8]}	{[0.2,0.6]; [0.3, 0.5]; [0.4,0.8]}	{[0.1,0.2]; [0.5,0.6]; [0.8,0.9]}

STEP 3: Determine the correlation measure between the table 5 and the table 6 using tangent similarity measures (equation 1). The obtained measure values are presented in table 7.

Table 7: The correlation measure between Reation1(table 5) and Relation-2 (table 6)

Tangent similarity measure	F_1	F_2	F_3	F_4
E_1	0.70806	**0.80852**	0.7688	0.70182
E_2	**0.77466**	0.76256	0.7471	0.61432
E_3	0.77914	0.67854	**0.78686**	0.72348

STEP 4: Highest correlation measure value of E_1, E_2 *and* E_3 are **0.80852**, **0.77466** and **0.78686** respectively. The highest correlation measure from table 7 provides proper decision-making guidance for students in selecting their educational streams. Therefore, it is recommended that student E_1 choose the arts stream, student E_2 choose the science stream, and student E_3 choose the commerce stream for their educational paths.

Medical Diagnosis

Let us consider an illustrative example adopted from Szmidt and Kacprzyk [18] with minor changes. As medical diagnosis involves a considerable amount of uncertainty and an increased volume of information available to physicians through new medical technologies, the process of classifying different sets of symptoms under a single disease name has become more challenging. In certain practical scenarios, it is not uncommon for each element to possess varying levels of truth membership, indeterminate membership, and falsity membership functions. To address this complexity and ensure accurate medical diagnoses, a proposed similarity measure has been introduced for evaluating the relationships between patients and symptoms, as well as symptoms and diseases. The distinguishing characteristic of this method lies in its incorporation of truth membership, indeterminate membership, and false membership through a single inspection process for diagnosis.

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Now, an example of a medical diagnosis will be presented. Example: Let $L = \{L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4\}$ be a set of patients, H = {Dengue fever, Chicken Pox, Cold, stomach problem, chest cold} be a set of diseases and S={Temperature, headache, stomach pain, cough, chest pain.} be a set of symptoms.This text focuses on a solution strategy that involves examining patients to determine their truth membership, indeterminate membership, and false membership functions in relation to various symptoms. The analysis includes studying the relationship between patients and different symptoms (as shown in Table 8), the correlation between symptoms and diseases (as presented in Table 9), and the correlation measure between R-1 and R-2 (as outlined in Table 10). By utilizing these tables, valuable insights can be gained regarding patient-symptom associations, symptom-disease connections, and overall correlations within the dataset.

Table 8: (R-1) The relation between Patient and Symptoms

R-1	Temperature	Headache	Stomach Pain	Cough	Chest Pain
L_1	[0.4,0.5]; [0.1,0.6]; [0.5,0.6]}	{[0,0.3]; [0.2, 0.4]; [0.7,1]}	{[0.4,0.6]; [0.5,0.7]; [0.4,0.6]}	{[0.1,0.4]; [0.5, 0.6]; [0.6,0.9]}	{[0.5,0.6]; [0.2,0.3]; [0.4,0.5]}
L_2	[0,0.3]; [0.2,0.6]; [0.7,1]}	{[0.6,0.7]; [0.3, 0.5]; [0.3,0.4]}	{[0.3,0.5]; [0.2,0.3]; [0.5,0.7]}	{[0.2,0.3]; [0.1, 0.2]; [0.7,0.8]}	{[0.6,0.8]; [0.2, 0.4]; [0.2,0.4]}
L_3	{[0.1,0.3]; [0.3, 0.5]; [0.7,0.9]}	{[0.2,0.3]; [0.2, 0.4]; [0.7,0.8]}	{[0.2,0.4]; [0.3,0.5]; [0.6,0.8]}	{[0,0.4]; [0.1, 0.2]; [0.6,1]}	{[0.3,0.6]; [0.1,0.2]; [0.4,0.7]}
L_4	{[0.2,0.8]; [0.1, 0.5]; [0.2,0.8]}	{[0.1,0.6]; [0.1, 0.3]; [0.4,0.9]}	{[0.2,0.6]; [0.3, 0.5]; [0.4,0.8]}	{[0.1,0.3]; [0.3, 0.5]; [0.7,0.9]}	{[0.1,0.2]; [0.5,0.6]; [0.8,0.9]}

Table 9: (R-2) The relation among symptoms and diseases

R-2	Dengue Fever	Chicken Pox,	Cold	Stomach Problem,	Chest Cold
Temperature	{[0.2,0.5]; [0.4, 0.5]; [0.5,0.8]}	{[0.4,0.5]; [0.1, 0.2]; [0.5,0.6]}	{[0.3,0.5]; [0.4, 0.7]; [0.5,0.7]}	{[0.1,0.4]; [0.3, 0.6]; [0.6,0.9]}	{[0.4,0.6]; [0.3, 0.7]; [0.4,0.6]}
Headache	{[0.3,0.4]; [0.4, 0.6]; [0.6,0.7]}	{[0.2,0.6]; [0.5, 0.7]; [0.4,0.8]}	{[0.1,0.4]; [0.3, 0.5]; [0.6,0.9]}	{[0.5,0.6]; [0.3, 0.6]; [0.4,0.5]}	{[0.3,0.4]; [0.1, 0.4]; [0.6,0.7]}
Stomach Pain	{[0.3,0.5]; [0.2, 0.4]; [0.5,0.7]}	{[0.1,0.4]; [0.3, 0.5]; [0.6,0.9]}	{[0.2,0.6]; [0.1, 0.3]; [0.4,0.8]}	{[0.6,0.7]; [0.3, 0.5]; [0.3,0.4]}	{[0.3,0.6]; [0.2, 0.4]; [0.4,0.7]}
Cough	{[0.3,0.5]; [0.5, 0.6]; [0.5,0.7]}	{[0.5,0.6]; [0.5, 0.6]; [0.4,0.5]}	{[0.2,0.3]; [0.2, 0.4]; [0.7,0.8]}	{[0.1,0.2]; [0.4, 0.5]; [0.8,0.9]}	{[0.5,0.6]; [0.4, 0.6]; [0.4,0.5]}
Chest Pain	{[0.1,0.3]; [0.4, 0.5]; [0.7,0.9]}	{[0.2,0.5]; [0.3, 0.6]; [0.5,0.8]}	{[0.4,0.7]; [0.3, 0.6]; [0.3,0.6]}	{[0.2,0.8]; [0.1, 0.5]; [0.2,0.8]}	{[0.2,0.3]; [0.5, 0.7]; [0.7,0.8]}

Table 10: The correlation measure between R-1 and R2

Tangent similarity measure	Dengue Fever	Chicken Pox,	Cold	Stomach Problem,	Chest Cold
L_1	0.70532	0.6832	**0.75866**	0.72008	0.7037
L_2	0.644504	0.56892	0.75004	**0.76934**	0.55846
L_3	0.71066	0.59824	**0.76496**	0.71164	0.6364
L_4	**0.76446**	0.69494	0.7374	0.68044	0.74424

The accurate diagnosis of medical conditions is a critical aspect of providing appropriate healthcare. In Table 10, the highest correlation measure is indicative of the precise medical diagnosis. Based on these findings, Patient L_1 has been diagnosed with a cold, Patient L_2 with a stomach problem, Patient L_3 with a cold, and Patient L_4 with Dengue fever. These results highlight the significance of utilizing correlation measures to enhance diagnostic accuracy and ensure effective treatment for patients.

CONCLUSION

This paper introduces a tangent similarity measure for multi-attribute decision making using neutrosophic vague sets. The proposed measure is supported by the proof of its basic properties. Additionally, two practical applications are presented, demonstrating the effectiveness of the approach in selecting educational streams and aiding medical diagnosis. Furthermore, it is suggested that this concept can be extended to address other multiple attribute decision making problems in neutrosophic vague environments. Overall, this research contributes valuable insights and potential solutions for decision making under uncertainty.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

God's Own Country at Risk: Unraveling the Impact of Climate Change on Kerala

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ABSTRACT

The paper conglomerates the intricate and multifaceted consequences of climate change on the southwestern Indian state of Kerala. Kerala, a state renowned for its varied landscapes, dynamic ecosystems, and rich cultural legacy, is facing more and more difficulties as a result of climate change. This research paper explores the manifestations of climate change in Kerala, the 'God's Own Country' ranging from extreme weather events to shifts in biodiversity with crippling impacts on agrarian sector.

Keywords: Kerala, Climate Change, Biodiversity, God's Own Country

INTRODUCTION

The State of Kerala, located at the southernmost point of the Indian Peninsula and spanning a total landmass of 38863 km², is situated between the Arabian Sea to the west and the Western Ghats to the east which accounts for around 1.18 percent of the country. The State's coastline reflects a total area of 592.9 km from North to South (NCCR, 2022). From east to west, the terrain's width varies from 30 to 120 kilometers. Within this spatial spread, the State endows three distinct physiographic regions: the highly cultivated, undulating hills and valleys that represent the eastern highlands, which are represented by the mountain landscapes of the Western Ghats; the estuaries, backwaters, and coastal regions that represent the central midlands. The Western Ghats, a unique mountain range with unique ecological traits and a distinct socio-economic profile, form the eastern limit of the State. When considering the SAARC countries, it contains the highest peaks south of the Himalayas. The lowland region's abundance of clean estuarine systems and sub-sea level wetlands forms a unique socio-ecological system. With a

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population density of 860 persons per km³, the State sustains 3.34 crore people, more than double the national average (Census of India, 2011). The State is home to an amazing diversity of natural and cultural environments, from the eastern mountains, which are dominated by spices, to the coastal plains, which are dominated by coconut and paddy. Tamil Nadu borders Karnataka to the east and Kerala to the north. The state is traversed by 44 rivers, 41 of which run westward to enter the Arabian Sea. The total area of the 14 districts is 4,482 km² (Palakkad) to 1,415 km² (Alappuzha) in size. Administratively, there are 78 taluks, 27 revenue divisions, 1,666 villages, 941 panchayats, 87 municipalities, and 6 municipal corporations out of the 14 districts. The capital of the state is Thiruvananthapuram.

Climate change as a threat
One of the most pressing and dangerous issues of our time is climate change, which is caused by human activity such as burning fossil fuels, deforestation, and industrial operations. The threat posed by climate change is multifaceted, with well-documented repercussions on the environment, society, economy, and geopolitics (IPCC, 2022). The main effects of climate change are shown in Table 1. According to Bazylevych and Kupalova (2014), climate change is the largest problem of the twenty-first century. Coordination of efforts at the local, national, and international levels is required to address this global issue in order to mitigate its impacts, adapt to the changes that have already taken place, and increase resilience because the future of the climate is uncertain.

Climate profile of Kerala
Except for Thiruvananthapuram, where the climate is tropical savanna with seasonally dry and hot summers, Kerala has a dominant tropical monsoon climate with substantial summer rainfall. A year is divided into four separate seasons. Pre-monsoon, or March through the end of May, is referred to as the hot season. Next is the southwest monsoon season (Monsoon), which lasts until the beginning of October. The northeast monsoon season (Post-monsoon) spans from October to December, whereas the winter season (Winter) consists of the two months of January and February. The entire State is classified as one of India's 36 meteorological sub-divisions for climatological purposes. The geographical and climatic diversity of the State is reflected in its climate. The plains are hot and muggy, while the High Ranges enjoy a crisp, refreshing climate. During the day, the winds are mostly westerly and at night, they are mostly easterly. All year round, the State usually has significant percentages of humidity. Depending on how near the sea is, the greatest daily variation can range from 4-16% during the warmer months, while the afternoon humidity can drop as low as 60-63%. The State has a spike in relative humidity during the monsoon season that reaches about 85%. In the plains, daytime temperatures are rather consistent all year long, except during the monsoon months, when they drop by three to five degrees Celsius. Kerala has a mean maximum temperature of about 33 °C, with March and April being the hottest months. Kerala receives more rainfall annually on average than other Indian states (DoECC, 2022).

Kerala and climate change
Kerala, the "God's Own Country," is just one of the places in the globe where climate change is putting more and more people in danger. Kerala, a hidden gem on India's southwest coast, is particularly vulnerable to the consequences of climate change because of its unique geography and socioeconomic characteristics. Kerala's coastal location in Southern India makes it particularly susceptible to the effects of climate change and natural disasters. The frequency and intensity of weather events have increased over time due to climate change, putting highland populations as well as coastal towns at jeopardy. The Coastal Susceptibility Index, a technique used by experts to assess the susceptibility of coastal regions, indicates that some coastal districts in Kerala, including Kannur, Kochi, and Alappuzha, are particularly vulnerable (Kumar et al., 2017). With 53% of Kerala's coastline classified as extremely susceptible, these districts are subject to a variety of coastal hazards, like erosion, sea-level rise, strong tidal waves, potential tsunamis and other natural calamities. The influence of crop yield in the Western Ghats on climate change has been adequately demonstrated by Kumar et al. (2011). A statistically significant drop in the annual and south-west monsoon rainfall as well as a decrease in the number of annual rainy days was revealed by Vijay *et al.*(n.d.) in trend study of climatic variables over the tropical state of Kerala. Additionally, meteorological drought and extreme climate indices were predicted. An analysis of temperature trends reveals a tendency toward increase. The spatiotemporal variance of these climatic indicators shows that extreme temperature and precipitation

indices are trending higher and lower, respectively, in Kerala. The number of warm days has significantly grown throughout the state, while the number of cold days has been declining..

Climate change and major risks
Kerala, with its distinct topography, abundant biodiversity, and varied ecosystems, is exposed to a wide range of dangers that are exacerbated by the effects of climate change. The main threats that climate change presents to the state are discussed in this section, including aspects related to the environment, the economy and public health.

- **Monsoonal Dependence**
  Kerala's agricultural economy is closely linked to the monsoon, for the plethora of agrarian activities. Alterations in monsoonal sequences, such as delayed onset or erratic rainfall, can have severe repercussions on agriculture, impacting food security and livelihoods. Giridhar *et al.* (2022) has critically analysed the agricultural vulnerability to climate change in the State of Kerala.

- **Drastic and unreason rain**
  Useasonal rains can have a variety of effects on daily living, infrastructure and agriculture in Kerala. Rainfall that falls outside of the normal or anticipated monsoon season is referred to as "unseasonal rain." There has been a significant shift in rainfall patterns, with rain falling here at any time of year over the past several years.

- **Temperature Extremes**
  Temperature extremes can have an impact on both terrestrial and marine ecosystems in the state. Heatwaves brought on by high temperatures can have an impact on freshwater supplies, agriculture and public health. On March 9, 2023, the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) released the first heat wave index, with locations in at least five districts recording temperatures as high as 54^0C.

- **Water Scarcity and Quality**
  Variations in precipitation patterns affect the amount of water available, which may have an impact on human and agricultural use. Furthermore, variations in temperature and sea level have an impact on freshwater resource quality.

- **Endemic Species at Risk**
  Kerala, a hotspot for biodiversity, is home to several indigenous species. Threats to these rare plants and animals include habitat loss brought on by climate change, changed temperature patterns, unseasonal rains and disturbed ecological relationships. According to Sreekumar and Nameer (2011) the Black-and-orange Flycatcher could lose up to 31% and Nilgiri Flycatcher 46% of its range by 2050 due to climate change implications.

- **Western Ghats Ecosystem**
  The Western Ghats region of Kerala covers about 450 kms out of the total length of 1600 kms which plays a prominent role in providing substantial rainfall as well as the maintenance and preservation of ecology of the state. The rich natural forests of the Ghats are a treasure house of plants, animals, minerals and rare species (GoK, 2017). The World Heritage Committee in 2012 declared the Ghats as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (UNESCO, 2012). The influence of Western Ghats has been remarkable in the maintenance and preservation of ecology of the state. Thus, any climatic impact on the Western Ghats has direct implication on the State of Kerala.

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- **Coastal Erosion and Marine Life**
  The interplay between climate change, coastal erosion and marine life in Kerala are well recorded (Sachin *et al.,* 2014; DoECC, 2022). Climate change is profoundly influencing coastal regions globally and Kerala, with its extensive coastline along the Arabian Sea, is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, including coastal erosion. Jinu (2018) recorded the coastal pollution and eco problems in Kerala in a detailed manner. Moreover, Saikrishnan *et al.* (2023) reported the coastal vulnerability assessment along the coast of Kerala, based on physical, geological and socio-economic parameters.

- **Tourism Sensitivity**
  Climate-related occurrences have an impact on Kerala's tourism industry, which plays a significant role in the state's economy and livelihood. Risks to tourism infrastructure and revenue include impacts on natural landscapes, coastal erosion and extreme weather events.

- **Population Dynamics**
  Due to sea level rise and harsh weather, the state's population composition - which includes a large proportion of residents living in coastal and low-lying areas - presents issues in terms of infrastructure damage, asset loss and relocation. According to Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Cochin University of Science of Technology study in 2003 the possible vulnerabilities of Cochin, India, to climate change impacts and response strategies to increase resilience have been pointed out.

- **Floods and Landslides**
  Catastrophic floods that occur throughout the monsoon seasons of successive years serve as a strong indicator of Kerala's vulnerability to climate change. The flood of 2019 in Kerala fits the description of a mesoscale cloudburst (MsCB) occurrence, which is more prevalent in the north but extremely uncommon and has never been documented in the Kerala region, according to Vijaykumar et al. (2021). On August 8, 2019, reports of rainfall surpassing 50 mm in two hours came from a number of locations between 8:00 and 22:00 UTC. Rainfall data generated from satellites and cloud microphysical factors highlight the special characteristics of the 2019 MsCB event. If such incidents are a harbinger of how global warming may continue to affect this region, transformations of the cloud structure and the recurrence and character of intense rainfall events pose a crucial threat to not only to the State of Kerala but also to the sensitive Western Ghats ecosystem. Hunt and Menon (2020) have clearly pointed out the interconnection between 2018 Kerala floods and climate change perspective.

The way ahead

According to the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) report (Seneviratne *et al.,* 2021), wet extremes are projected to become more severe in many areas where mean precipitation is projected to increase, as is flooding in the Asian monsoon region and other tropical areas. Several studies suggest that rainfall extreme events will increase in Kerala region under the auspices of global warming (Padikkal *et al.,* 2020; Abhijith *et al.,* 2023; Dhasmana *et al.,* 2023). Most extreme events over Kerala are associated with monsoon depressions (Mukhopadhyay *et al.,* 2021) and hence any change in kinetics of the monsoon depressions will have profound influence on extreme rain (Viswanadhapalli *et al.,* 2019). Thus, climate-induced disasters are heading the State with emerging challenges that need incessant attention and action.

CONCLUSION

Climate change has caused significant harm and increasingly irreparable losses to freshwater, terrestrial, coastal and open ocean marine ecosystems. There is a greater impact of climate change than previously believed, both in terms of magnitude and scope. Widespread reductions in ecosystem resilience, natural adaptive capacity, structure and function, as well as modifications to seasonal timing, are all results of climate change and they all have negative

socioeconomic ramifications. Kerala is not an exception to the consequences of global warming and climate change, which are being felt by most Indian states and countries. The consequences of climate change are already being felt throughout the State, as evidenced by recent catastrophic disasters and they are only becoming worse and happening more frequently. The increasing discourse surrounding the impacts of climate change, particularly in vulnerable regions such as Kerala, encourages local, national and international players to devise practical approaches for mitigating its repercussions. In order to choose the best course of action for adaptation, planning for climate change is a dynamic process that involves evaluating how the climate is changing and how susceptible systems are to it. Therefore, thorough multitier talks with numerous ministries, agencies and stakeholders are required to prioritize various mitigation and adaptation activities and make the most use of various climate finance sources; failing to do so puts the "God's Own Country" in jeopardy.

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Table 1: Climate change impacts (Adopted from Watkiss *et al.,* 2005)

Projected changes during the 21st century in extreme climate phenomena and their likelihood	Representative examples of projected impacts
Higher maximum temperatures, more hotdays and heat waves over nearly all land areas	• Increased incidence of death and serious illness in older age groups and urban poor • Increased heat stress in livestock and wildlife Shift in tourist destinations • Increased risk of damage to a number of crops • Increased electric cooling demand / reduced energy supply reliability
Higher (increasing) minimum temperatures, fewer cold days, frost days and cold waves over nearly all land areas	• Decreased cold-related human morbidity and mortality • Decreased risk of damage to a number of crops and increased risk to others • Extended range and activity of some pest

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	and disease vectors. Reduced heating energy demand
More intense precipitation events	- Increased flood, landslide, avalanche and mudslide damage - Increased soil erosion - Increased flood runoff could increase recharge of some floodplainaquifers - Increased pressure on government and private flood insurance systems and disaster relief
Increased summer drying over most midaltitude continental interiors and associated risk of drought	- Decreased crop yields - Increased damage to building foundations caused by ground shrinkage - Decreased water resource quantity and quality - Increased risk of forest fire
Increase in tropical cyclone peak wind intensities, mean and peak precipitation intensities	- Increased risks to human life, risk of infectious disease epidemics and many other risks - Increased coastal erosion and damage to coastal buildings and infrastructure - Increased damage to coastal ecosystems such as coral reefs and mangroves
Intensified droughts and floods associated with El Niño events in many different regions	- Decreased agricultural and range land productivity in drought- and flood-prone regions - Decreased hydro-power potential in drought-prone regions
Increased Asian summer monsoon precipitation variability	Increase in flood and drought magnitude and damages in temperate and tropical Asia
Increased intensity of mid-latitude storms	- Increased risks to human life and health - Increased property and infrastructure losses. Increased damage to coastal ecosystems

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Shadowness in the Name of Enrichment: the Darker Side of MOOCs

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ABSTRACT

The development of ICT and the advent of artificial intelligence have boosted the use of technology across all fields, increasing work productivity. Likewise, in the educational field, technology is the tool that helps educators to reach the masses, thus taking a step toward the goal of education for all. The MOOC (massive open online course) platforms have been widely used to make education accessible to all. The popular MOOC platforms are SWAYAM, Canvas, Coursera, EdX, etc. The major goal of these platforms is to offer students learning that fits their schedules, interests, and learning rates. Today, however, they are not only on the periphery of mainstream education but are becoming part of it. They are becoming the alternative system of education or we can say shadow education. The effectiveness of MOOC platforms will be examined in the current study, which is qualitative in nature. This study is based on four main themes: the reasons for choosing MOOC courses, the degree to which students' expectations are met by MOOC courses, the main platforms used to choose MOOC courses, and whether MOOC platforms can replace the normal course of teaching and learning. For this purpose, the investigator will conduct focus group discussions among the scholars of the Central University of Jammu. Additionally, this paper will provide suggestions to improve the effectiveness of MOOC courses.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, ICT, MOOCS, Shadow Education

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INTRODUCTION

E- Learning is the significant aspect of Education system. E-learning is a general word that includes MOOCs; self directed learning, online learning, mobile learning and other forms of Distance learning (Kumari&Naaz 2020).The Distance learning platforms are like a blessing for the individuals who are unable to learn in formal hours of schooling due to any reasons. The distance learning platforms have contributed a lot in improving the literacy rate of India (Current literacy rate 77.70%) (Swargiary& Roy 2022). MOOC (Massive open online course) platforms are the most favored distance learning platforms. However, presently they are not only the part of Distance learning but they are becoming the part of Mainstream Education. MOOCs (Massive open online courses are the courses that are designed for large number of people regardless of their age, gender, educational level and socio-economic background and they are available online so that anyone from anywhere can simply access the courses through the internet (Kumar & Kumar 2020). The most familiar MOOC platforms used by learners are Swayam, Coursera, Canvas, EdX, udacity etc. These MOOC platforms provide students learning according to their schedules, interest and their learning pace. Massive open online courses (MOOCs), a term developed in 2008 to designate an open online course that was provided by the University of Manitoba in Canada (Liyanagunawardena et.al. 2o13). This platform aims to provide access to education for everyone in the world, and anyone who wants to study can profit from accessing these MOOCs. In present times, MOOCs are not only used by Distance learners but MOOCs are becoming the part of mainstream education. The mainstream educators and learners use MOOC platforms for innovative teaching and for getting high quality content. The high exam fee and academic compulsion is making the MOOC a part of Shadow Education. It should be utilized for those individuals who could not have access to education and who really want to join the MOOCS.

Research Questions
1. What are the reasons for student enrollment in MOOCs?
2. What are the major platforms used by MOOC participants?
3. What are the major challenges faced by MOOC participants?
4. What are the reasons for the high dropout rates in MOOCs?
5. What mechanisms do Investigators will suggest for improving the effectiveness of MOOCs on the basis of present study?

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY
1. To study the reasons for student enrollment in MOOCs.
2. To identify the major platforms used by MOOC participants.
3. To explore the challenges faced by MOOC participants.
4. To examine the dropout rate of MOOC participants by comparing the no. of courses joined and no. of courses completed by MOOC participants.
5. To suggest the mechanisms for improving the effectiveness of MOOCs.

Delimitation
The study was confined to Research Scholars from Central University of Jammu.

Population
In the present study, all the scholars of Central University of Jammu constituted the population.

Sample
In the present study, the investigator adopted Incidental Sampling Technique. The investigator approached all the scholars (290) from different departments of university out of which 155 scholars agreed and become the final part of the sample.

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Tool
Thematic schedule was used for conducting the Focus Group Discussion (FGD).

Data Collection Technique
Focus Group Discussion (FGD) was used for gathering the data.

Data Analysis Technique
- Manifested Content Analysis
- Percentage Analysis

DATA ANALYSIS

Table 01 reveals that 95% of participants cited academic compulsion as their primary motivation for enrolling in MOOCs, but Kumar & Kumar 2020 highlighted that the aim of MOOCs is to encourage participation among those who, for a variety of reasons, were unable to enroll in higher education. Participants came to the conclusion that academic compulsion puts pressure on them and compels them to finish their assignments hurriedly. 75% of participants have enrolled themselves in the MOOCs for gaining additional knowledge about the subject or to supplement the learning that they have already covered in classroom and according to Byun&Baker 2012, the learning that is supplementary in nature is known as shadow education.65% of participants stated that they choose MOOCs to obtain in-depth and high-quality content related to the subject or when their instructors urged them to get the content from the MOOC platforms. However, 85 & 70% of participants claimed that they have enrolled themselves in the MOOCs for acquiring credits and certificates respectively. 65% of participants stated that they have enrolled themselves in MOOCs for enhancing their teaching skills. There are also skills based MOOCs that provide skill knowledge step by step. 45% of the participants joined MOOCs for acquiring skills for the development of E-content modules. 75% of Participants claimed that they have joined MOOCs for enriching their academic profile so that they can get weightage while applying for a job. The most significant reason that 70% of the participants highlighted is that in MOOC platforms they can learn from variety of teachers. They can learn from highly qualified IIT professionals and experts. Overall it can be inferred from table 1, that majority of the participants have joined MOOCs for supplementing their learning and for academic compulsion. Table 02 shows that the majority of participants, or 85% of participants, use the Swayam platform for MOOCs.

However, Swayam platform users also noted that Swayam has strict rules regarding the submission of assignments. There is no opportunity to redo the assignments on this platform like there is on Canvas. 65 % of participants claimed that they use Coursera platform for MOOCs. Further 60% of participants stated that they use Canvas Platform for MOOCs and very less partricipants i.e., 25, 20& 25% participants use orange states, EdX and other platforms respectively For MOOCs. In Table 03, the majority of participants claimed that their goals for credits and certificates were met, although they acknowledged that there are some challenges on MOOC platforms when it comes to knowledge. According to 75% of participants, a key challenge in MOOC platforms is monotonous instruction. They emphasized the need for animated and interactive material. Lack of concentration was cited as another challenge by 85% of responders. They made connections between this problem and the one that was previously described. They asserted that their inability to concentrate on learning was caused by the monotonous instructions in MOOCs. However 75% of the participants believed that Individual efforts and dedication is most important factor for the success of MOOCs. Furthermore, the majority of participants 95% of them considered high exam fees to be a contributing factor in MOOC dropout rates. They emphasized that the majority of MOOC platforms charge excessive fees from users, forcing them to drop out of the course before its completion. 70% of the participants highlighted that there should be flexibility in redoing the assignments in every MOOCsso that each person might learn from their prior mistakes and move forward. They claimed that since assignments are made for formative evaluation, the option to redo them should be provided, just like it is with Canvas. Additionally, 75% of the participants stated that learning in Asynchronous mode make MOOC participants passive and slow. However,

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45% of the participants stated that MOOC credentials should be accepted everywhere. They should be given the same priority as other certificates. Moreover, 55% of participants said that the way MOOC evaluations are done needs to change. In order to objectively assess the students' understanding, they highlighted that evaluation questions should be based on higher order thinking skills. Table 04 reveals the quantity of courses that individuals have joined. The majority of individuals i.e., 95% of people have enrolled in 12 to 15 MOOCs, whereas 90% have enrolled in 9 to 12 MOOCs. Additionally, 85% of people have enrolled in 0–3 MOOCs. Similarly, 85% of participants signed up for 3-6 MOOCs, but just 55% of participants signed up for 15 or more MOOCs. The table 05 shows the quantity of completed courses by the participants. Based on the table it can be inferred that majority of the participants i.e. 85% of the participants have completed only one course. They provided an explanation for their response by stating that they were unable to finish all of the joined courses due to the exam fee and the monotonous instructions. In addition, only 72% of participants have completed 2 MOOCs. The percentage of individuals who have completed 3 & 4 courses is 55 & 35% respectively. Furthermore, only 25% of participants have completed 5 courses and very less participants i.e., 10% participants have completed the MOOCs. It can be concluded from the table that the no. of courses completed by the participants is lower than the no. of courses joined by the participants.

CONCLUSION

MOOCs offer a wide range of courses for students with various educational backgrounds on a larger platform. It is affordable, easily accessible and allows for large no. of enrollment at a time. MOOCs can be extremely beneficial for the nations like India where students lack access to quality education and opportunities to build skills. MOOCs are also contributing in raising the literacy rate of India. MOOCs are helpful for those individuals who are unable to attend the formal hours of schooling. But it is a thought provoking point that the courses which should be taught by teachers in mainstream education, students are compelled to enroll for those courses in MOOCs. MOOCs should be used for bridging the learning gaps not for creating the alternate system of education or shadow education. There are also various challenges that need to be addressed for improving the quality of MOOCs. The most significant challenge is monotonous teaching in MOOC platforms. The majority of respondents also highlighted the high exam fee as a significant reason for the high dropout rate in MOOCs. The respondents also demanded for the transformation in evaluation system of MOOCs. The need of the hour is to bring quality changes in MOOC platforms so that they could be effectively utilized by its real beneficiaries instead of becoming the part of Shadow Education.

Suggestions
- Assessment questions in MOOCs should be based on higher order thinking skills for doing the sound and effective evaluation of the students.
- Video lectures and the content of MOOCs should make interactive through animations.
- The Exam fee for MOOCs should be nominal.
- The assignments should be available to those students only who have watched the video lectures.
- MOOCs should not be mandatory for the students who are the part of Mainstream education.
- MOOCs certifications should be given equal weightage like other certifications.
- Live sessions should also be held for clarifying the doubts of the students.
- The use of active learning pedagogies should be made by the instructors.

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Table 1: Reasons for Students Enrollment in MOOCs

S.No.	Reasons	Response Loads (in %)
1.	Academic Compulsion	95
2.	Gaining Additional Knowledge About The Subject	75
3.	For Getting Content	65
4.	Acquiring Points or Credits	85
5.	Acquiring Certificate	70
6.	Enhancing Teaching Skills	65
7.	For guidance in the Development of E-Content Modules	45
8.	For Enriching the Academic Profile	75
9.	Learning from Co-Teachers	70

Table 2: Major Platforms Used by MOOC Users

S.No.	Platforms	Response Load (in %)
1	SWAYAM	85
2	Coursera	65
3	Canvas	60
4	Orange States	25
5	EdX	20
6	Others	25

Table 3: Challenges Faced by MOOC Users

S.No.	Challenges	Response Load (in %)
1.	Monotonous Teaching	70
2.	Lack of Concentration	85
3.	Individual effort matters in MOOC	75
4.	High dropout rates(Because of Exam fees)	95
5.	Rigidity of Some MOOC Platforms	70
6.	Asynchronous Mode	75
7.	Less importance given to MOOC certificates in Some institutions	45
8.	Unfair/Unsatisfied Evaluation	55

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Table 4: Quantity of Courses Joined

S.No.	No. of Courses Joined	Response Load (in %)
1.	0-3	85
2.	3-6	65
3.	6-9	85
4.	9-12	90
5.	12-15	95
6.	15 & above	55

Table 5: Quantity of Courses Completed

S.No.	No. of Courses Completed	Response Load (in %)
1	1	85
2	2	70
3	3	55
4	4	35
5	5	25
6	6 & above	10
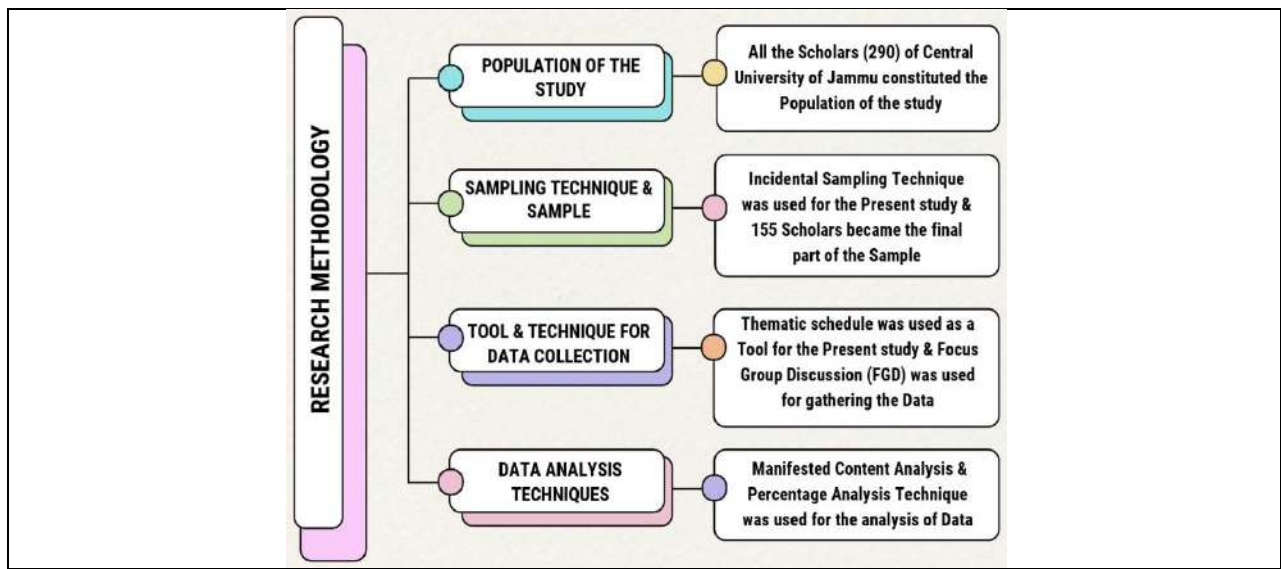
Figure 1: Snapshot View of Research Methodology

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Tritopological Groups Via Semi Opensets

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to introduce a new type of tritopological space and tritopological groups and also some types of (1,2,3)*-semi open sets,(1,2,3)*-semi closed sets, (1,2,3)*-semiisomorphism, (1,2,3)*-semi symmetric, (1,2,3)*-irresolute, (1,2,3)*-semi homogeneous.The concept of tritopological groups via semiopen sets and few basic theorems are proved.

Keywords: (1,2,3)*-semi open sets, (1,2,3)*-irresolute, (1,2,3)*-semi symmetric, S- Tritopological groups.

INTRODUCTION

The concept of bitopological space was introduced by J.C.Kelly [1]. Palaniammal.S [7] was initiated the concept of bitopological groups via semi open sets. O. Ravi and M. LellisThivagar, [9]was initiated the concept of λ-irresolute functions via (1,2)*-sets.Tritopological spaceis a generalization of bitopological space. The study of tritopological space first initiated by Martin M.kover [4].S.palaniammal [7] studythe concept of tritopological space. U.D.Tapi [2] introduced semi open sets in tri topological space .Levin (1963) [6] introduced notation of semi open sets. In this Paper we introduced and studies the concept of (1,2,3)*-semiopen sets, (1,2,3)*-semiclosed sets ,(1,2,3)*-semiisomorphism of s-Tritopological groups,(1,2,3)*-semihomogeneous ,(1,2,3)*-semihomeomorphism,(1,2,3)*-semisymmetric and (1,2,3)*-irresolute tritopological groups.

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Definition2.1

Let X be a non-empty set and τ_1, τ_2, and $\tau_3$are three topologies on X. The set X together with three topologies is called tritopological space are denoted by (X,τ_1,τ_2,τ_3).

Definition 2.2

A tritopological space (X,τ_1,τ_2,τ_3) is said to be (1,2,3)*-semiopen sets if A⊂$\tau_{1,2,3}$-Cl($\tau_{1,2,3}$-int(A)).

Definition 2.3

An s-Tritopological group (G,τ_1,τ_2,τ_3,*) is a group which is also a Tritopological space (G,τ_1,τ_2,τ_3) such that the multiplication map G × G into G defined by x × y × z into x * y * z, and the inverse map G into G defined by x into x^{-1} are (1,2,3)*-irresolute.

Definition 2.4

Any subgroup H of an s-Tritopological group G is an s-Tritopological group again, called s-Tritopological subgroup of G.

Definition 2.5

A function φ: G → G₀is said to be a morphism of S-Tritopological group (briefly, (1,2,3)*-semimorphism) if φ is both (1,2,3)*-irresolute and group homomorphism. Φ is an s-Tritopological group isomorphism (briefly (1,2,3)*-semiisomorphism) if it is (1, 2, 3)*-semihomeomorphism and group homomorphism. If we have an (1,2,3)*-semiisomorphism between two topological groups G and G₀, then we say that they are (1,2,3)*-semiisomorphic and we denote them by G ~= (1,2,3) −so G₀.It is obvious that composition of two (1,2,3)*-semimorphisms of s-Tritopological groups is again an (1, 2, 3)*-semimorphism. Also the identity map is an (1,2,3)*-semiisomorphism. Hence s-Tritopological groups and(1,2,3)*-semimorphisms forms a category.

Definition 2.6

Let (G,τ_1,τ_2,τ_3,*)be an s-Tritopological group. Then a subset U of G is called (1,2,3)*-semisymmetric if U = U^{-1}.

Definition 2.7

A Tritopological space (X,τ_1,τ_2,τ_3) is said to be (1,2,3)*-semiregular if for any x ∈ X and any (1,2,3)*-semiclosed set F such that x∉F , there are two disjoint (1,2,3)*-semiopen sets U and V such that x ∈ U and F ⊂ V

Tritopological groups with respect to $(1,2,3)^*$-semiopen sets

In this section, we will introduce Tritopological groups and give basic properties of this structure via (1,2,3)*-semiopen sets and (1, 2, 3)*-irresolute functions.

Definition 3.1

A Tritopological space (X,τ_1,τ_2,τ_3) is said to be (1, 2, 3)*-semihomogeneous if and only ifor any x, y ∈ X, there is an (1, 2, 3)*-semihomeomorphism φ : X → X such that φ(x) = y.

Theorem 3.2

Let (G,τ_1,τ_2,τ_3,*) be an s-Tritopological group and let g ∈ G. Then the left (right) translation map l$_g$(r$_g$) : G → G defined by l$_g$(x) = g * x (r$_g$(x) = x * g) is an(1,2,3)*-semihomeomorphism.

Proof:

First we will show that l$_g$ is an (1, 2, 3)*-semihomeomorphism; similarly it can be shown that r$_g$ is an (1, 2, 3)*-semihomeomorphism. Now, we will show that l$_g$: G → G is(1,2,3)*-irresolute. Since l$_g$: G → G is equal to the composition G i$_g$→ G × G m→ G, where i$_g$(x) = (g, x), x ∈ G and m is the multiplication map on G, then l$_g$ is (1,2,3)*-

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irresolute, because i_g and m are(1,2,3)*-irresolute. Now we should verify that the map i_g : G → G × Gis(1,2,3)*-irresolute. For any (1,2,3)*-semiopen set U × V , where U and V are (1,2,3)*-semiopen sets in G,

$$i_g^{-1} (U \times V) = \begin{cases} V \text{ if } g \in U, \\ \emptyset \text{ if } g \notin U. \end{cases}$$

We know that any (1,2,3)*-semiopen set in the product topology of G × G can be written as a union of (1,2,3)*-semiopen sets of the form U × V . Then i_g is (1,2,3)*-irresolute.Since $(l_g)^{-1} = l_g^{-1}$ is (1,2,3)*-irresolute, the left translation map l_g : G → G is an (1,2,3)*-semihomeomorphism.

Theorem 3.3
Let $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$ be an s-Tritopological group and let e ∈ G the identity element of G and $B_e$be a local base at e. For g ∈ G, the local base at g is equal to B_g = {g *O : O ∈ B_e}.

Theorem 3.4
Let $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$ be an s-Tritopological group and B_e a base at the identity e of G. Then we have the following:
1. For every O ∈B_e, there is an element V ∈B_e such that $V^2 \subset$ O.
2. For every O ∈B_e, there is an element V ∈B_e such that $V^{-1} \subset$ O.
3. For every O ∈B_e, and for every x ∈ O, there is an element V ∈B_e such that V * x ⊂ O.
4. For every O ∈B_e, and for every x ∈ G, there is an element V ∈ B_e such that x* V * $x^{-1} \subset$ O.

Proof:
If $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$ is s-Tritopological group, then (1) and (2) follows from the (1,2,3)*-irresoluteness of the mappings (x, y) → x * y * z and x → x^{-1} at the identity e. Property (3) follows from the (1,2,3)*-irresoluteness of the left translation in G. Since lx and $r_{x^{-1}}$ are(1, 2, 3)*-semihomeomorphisms, their composition conjugation map x → a * x * a^{-1} is also(1, 2, 3)*-semihomeomorphism. By this fact we have the property (4).

Theorem 3.5
 Let $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$ be an s-Tritopological group, U an (1,2,3)*-semiopen subset of G, and A any subset of G. Then the set A * U (resp. U * A) is (1,2,3)*-semiopen in G.

Proof:
Since every left translation of G is an (1,2,3)*-semihomeomorphism and A * U =$\cup_{a \in A}$ la(U), the conclusion follows. A similar argument follows for U * A.

Theorem 3.6
Let $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$ be an s-Tritopological group. Then for every subset A of G and every (1,2,3)*- semiopen set U containing the identity element e, (1,2,3)*-s Cl(A) ⊂A * U ((1, 2, 3)*-s Cl(A) ⊂ U * A).

Proof:
Since the inversion is (1,2,3)*-irresolute, we can find an (1,2,3)*-semiopen set V containing e such that $V^{-1} \subset$U. Take x ∈(1,2,3)*-s Cl(A). Then x * V is an (1,2,3)*-semiopen
set containing x. Then there exists a ∈ A ∩ x *V, that is, a = x * b for some b ∈V. Then x = a * b^{-1}∈ A * $V^{-1} \subset$ A *U. Hence (1,2,3)*-s Cl(A) ⊂ A * U.

Theorem 3.7
Let $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$ be an s-Tritopological group and B_e a base of $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$at the identity element e. Then for every subset A of G, (1,2,3)*-s Cl(A) = ∩ {A * U: U ∈B_e}.

Proof:

In view of Theorem 3.10, we only have to verify that if x ∉(1, 2, 3)*-s Cl(A),then there exists U ∈ Be such that x ∉ A * U . Since x ∉(1, 2, 3)*-s Cl(A), there exists an(1, 2, 3)*-semiopen neighbourhood W of e such that (x * W) ∩ A = ∅. Take U in B$_e$, satisfying the condition U −1 ⊂W. Then (x * U −1) ∩ A = ∅. Hence A * U does not contain x.

Theorem 3.8

Let f: G → H be an (1,2,3)*-semimorphism. If f is (1,2,3)*-irresolute at the identity e of G, then f is (1,2,3)*-irresolute at every g ∈ G.

Proof:

Let g ∈ G be any point. Suppose that O is an (1,2,3)*-semiopen neighbourhood of h = f (g) in H. Since left translation l$_h$ is an (1,2,3)*-semihomeomorphism of H, there exists an (1,2, 3)*-semiopen neighbourhood V of the identity element e_H in H such thath * V ⊂ O. By the (1, 2,3)*-irresoluteness of f at e, we have an (1,2,3)*-semiopen neighbourhood U of e in G such that f (U)⊂ V . Since lg is an (1,2,3)*-semihomeomorphism of G onto itself , the set g * U is an (1,2,3)*-semiopen neighbourhood of g in G, and we have thatf (g * U) = h * f (U) ⊂ h * V ⊂ O. Hence f is (1,2,3)*-irresolute at the point g.

Theorem 3.9

Let (G,τ_1, τ_2, τ_3,∗) be an s-Tritopological group and H a subgroup of G. If H contains a nonempty (1,2,3)*-semiopen set, then H is (1,2,3)*-semiopen in G.

Proof:

Let U be a nonempty (1,2,3)*-semiopen subset of G such that U ⊂ H. For every h ∈ H, l$_h$(U) = h * U is (1,2,3)*-semiopen in G. Therefore, the subgroup H = ∪$_{h∈H}$ h ∗ Uis(1,2,3)*-semiopen in G by U * h ⊂ H for all h ∈ H.

Theorem 3.10

Let (G,τ_1, τ_2, τ_3,∗) be an s-Tritopological group and H a subgroup of G. IfH is an (1,2,3)*-semiopen set, then it is also (1,2,3)*-semiclosed in G.

Proof:

Let Γ = {g * H: g ∈ G} be the family of all left cosets of H in G. This family isa disjoint (1,2,3)*-semiopen covering of G by left translations. Therefore, every element ofΓ, being the complement of the union of all other elements, is (1,2,3)*-semiclosed in G. Inparticular, H = e * H is (1,2,3)*-semiclosed in G.

Theorem 3.11

If an s-Tritopological group (G,τ_1, τ_2, τ_3,∗)has a base at identity e consisting of (1,2,3)*-semisymmetric neighbourhood, then it is a pair wise s-regular space.

Proof:

Let U be an (1,2,3)*-semiopen set containing the identity e. We prove (1,2,3)*-s Cl (V)⊂ U . By Theorem 3.8, there is an (1,2,3)*-semiopen set V containing e suchthat V $^{-1}$ = V and V^2⊂U, yet x ∈(1,2,3)*-s Cl (V). Then V * x ∩ V ≠∅, hence a₁* x = a₂ for some a₁, a₂∈V. Thus x = a₁$^{-1}$*a₂∈ V^{-1}* V = V^2⊂U. Then (1,2,3)*-s Cl (V)⊂U.Since G is an (1,2,3)*-semihomogeneous space, we get pair wise s-regularity of G.

Corollary 3.12

Let ϕ: G → G′ be an (1,2,3)*-semimorphism, let e′ be the identityelement of G′. Then ker(ϕ) = {g ∈ G: ϕ(g) = e′} is an (1,2,3)*-semiclosed invariants-Tritopological subgroup in G.

Theorem 3.13
Let $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$be an s-Tritopological group. Then (1,2,3)*-semiclosure ofany subgroup of G is an s-Tritopological subgroup again.

Proof:
Let H be a subgroup of G. First we prove that (1,2,3)*-s Cl(H) is closed undermultiplication m in G. Given x, y ∈(1,2,3)*-s Cl(H) and for any (1,2,3)*-semiopen set Ucontaining x * y * z. Then we need to show that U ∩ H ≠ ∅. Since m : G × G → G is (1, 2, 3)*-irresolute, there exist (1,2,3)*-semiopen sets V and W containing x and y, respectively, suchthat m(V × W) ⊂ U . Since x, y ∈(1,2,3)*-s Cl(H), V ∩ H ≠ ∅ and W ∩ H ≠∅. Hence∅ ≠ m(V ×W)∩H ⊂ U ∩H which implies that x*y ∈(1, 2, 3)*-s Cl(H). Now (1,2,3)*-s Cl(H) isclosed under the inverse operation because ((1,2,3)*-s Cl(H))−1 ⊂(1,2,3)*-s Cl(H−1) = (1, 2, 3)*-s Cl(H).

Theorem 3.14
Let $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$be an s-Tritopological group. Then (1,2,3)*-semiclosure ofany invariant subgroup of G is an s-Tritopological invariant subgroup again.

Proof:
Suppose H is an invariant subgroup in G. Then (1,2,3)*-s Cl (H) is a subgroup of G.Now we prove that (1,2,3)*-s Cl (H) is invariant. Given g ∈ G, let κ_g: G → G be conjugationby g, that is, κ_g(h) = g * h * g⁻¹ = l$_g$* r$_g$⁻¹ (h). Then κ_g is an (1,2,3)*-semihomeomorphismfrom G to itself. Then we have κ_g((1, 2, 3)*-s Cl(H)) ⊂(1, 2, 3)*-s Cl(κ_g(H)) = (1,2,3)*-s Cl(H) forall g ∈ G. This implies κ_g((1,2,3)*-s Cl(H)) = g *(1,2,3)*-s Cl(H) * g⁻¹⊂(1,2,3)*-s Cl(H) for allg ∈ G. Hence (1,2,3)*-s Cl (H) is an invariant subgroup of G.

Proposition 3.15
An s-Tritopological group $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$having an (1,2,3)*-semiopen sub-group is not (1,2,3)*-semiconnected.

Theorem 3.16
Let $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$be an s-Tritopological group and e the identity elementof G. Then the (1,2,3)*-semiconnected component containing e is an (1, 2, 3)*-semiclosed in-variant subgroup of G.

Proof:
Let F be the (1,2,3)*-semicomponent of the identity e. Then F is (1,2,3)*-semiclosed.Let a ∈F. Since the multiplication and inversion mappings on G are (1,2,3)*-irresolute, theset a * F⁻¹ is (1,2,3)*-semiconnected, and since e ∈ a * F⁻¹ we have a * F⁻¹⊂F . Hencefor every b ∈ F we have a * b⁻¹∈F, that is, F is a subgroup of G. If g is an arbitrary element of G, then l$_g$⁻¹*r$_g$(F) = g⁻¹* F * g is an (1,2,3)*-semiconnected subset containinge. Since F is an (1,2,3)*-semi component, g⁻¹* F * g ⊂ F for every g ∈ G, that is, F is aninvariant subgroup of G.

Theorem 3.17
Suppose that $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$is an s-Tritopological group, H is an (1, 2, 3)*-semiclosed invariant subgroup of G. Then G\H with the (1, 2, 3)*-semiquotient topology andmultiplication is an s-Tritopological group, and the canonical mapping π : G → G/H is an(1, 2, 3)*-s-open (1, 2, 3)*-irresolute homomorphism.

Lemma 3.18
Let (G, τ₁, τ₂, τ₃, *) be an s-Tritopological group, H an (1, 2, 3)*-semiclosed sub-group of G, π the natural (1, 2, 3)*-semiquotient mapping of G onto the (1, 2, 3)*-semiquotientspace G/H, and let U and V be (1, 2, 3)*-semiopenneighbourhoods of the neutral element e in G such that V⁻¹* V ⊂ U . Then (1,2,3)*-s Cl(π(V)) ⊂ π(U).

Proof :
Take any x ∈ G such that π(x) ∈(1, 2, 3)*-s Cl(π(V)). Since V * x is an (1, 2, 3)*-semiopen neighbourhood of x and the mapping π is (1, 2, 3)*-semiopen, π(V * x) is an (1, 2, 3)*-semiopen neighbourhood of π(x). Therefore, π(V * x) ∩ π(V)

≠∅. It follows that for some $a \in V$ and $b \in V$, we have $\pi(a * x) = \pi(b)$, that is, $a * x = b * h$ for some $h \in H$. Hence $x = (a^{-1}*b)*h \in U *H$, since $a^{-1}*b \in V^{-1}*V \subset U$. Therefore, $\pi(x) \in \pi (U *H) = \pi(U)$.

Theorem 3.19
For any s-Tritopological group $(G, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, *)$ and any $(1,2,3)^*$-semiclosed subgroup H of G, the $(1,2,3)^*$-semiquotient space G/H is $(1,2,3)^*$-semiregular.

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On Edge Pebbling Number and Cover Edge Pebbling Number of the Wheel Graph (Wn)

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ABSTRACT

Let G be a connected graph . An edge pebbling move is defined as the removal of two pebbles from one edge and placing one on its adjacent edge. An edge pebbling number $P_E(G)$ is defined to be the least number of pebbles such that any distribution of $P_E(G)$ pebbles on the edges of G allows one pebble to be moved to any specified , but arbitrary edge. A cover edge pebbling number $CP_E(G)$ of a graph G is defined as, however the pebbles are initially placed in the edges, the minimum number of pebbles required to place a pebble in all the edges. In this paper we find the edge pebbling number and cover edge pebbling number of the Wheel graph W_n .

Keywords : Edge pebbling move, Edge pebbling number, Edge demonic graph, Cover edge pebbling number, Wheel Graph

INTRODUCTION

Graph pebbling is a mathematical game played on a graph with pebbles on each of its vertices or edges. 'Game play' is composed of a series of pebbling moves. Lagarias and Saks first suggested the game of pebbling. Later by Chung [1], it was introduced into the literature. A vertex pebbling move is defined as the removal of two pebbles from one vertex and placing one on its adjacent vertex. In the same way, an edge pebbling move is defined as the removal of two pebbles from one edge and placing one on its adjacent edge.

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The concept of cover pebbling was first introduced by Crull [2] and determined the cover pebbling number of tree and some graphs. The concepts of Edge pebbling move, edge pebbling number, cover edge pebbling number and covering cover edge pebbling number are introduced by Priscilla Paul A [3], [6] and the edge pebbling number, cover edge pebbling number of some standard graphs like path, complete graph, friendship graph, star graph and some families of graphs like Helm graph, crown graph and pan graph are determined by Priscilla Paul A, Syed Ali Fathima S.[5]

EDGE PEBBLING NUMBER

Definition:2.1[3] An edge pebbling move on a graph G is defined to be the removal of two pebbles from one edge and the addition of one pebble to an adjacent edge.

Definition:2.2[3] An edge pebbling number $P_E(G)$ is defined to be the least number of pebbles such that any distribution of $P_E(G)$ pebbles on the edges of G allows one pebble to be moved to any specified, but arbitrary edge.

Definition:2.3[4] A graph G is said to be edge demonic if the edge pebbling number equals the number of edges. i.e., A graph G is said to be edge demonic if $P_E(G) = q$.

Theorem 2.4 : For the Wheel graph W_n , $P_E(W_n) \geq 2(n-1)$ for $n \geq 4$

Proof: We know that [4] , for any graph G , $P_E(G) \geq max\{2^{\{max\{d(e_i,e_j)\}+1\}}, q\}$.

Let G = W_n. For W_4,W_5 and W_6, max{d(e$_i$,e$_j$)}=1and q = 2(n-1).

Therefore $P_E(W_n) \geq max\{2^{\{max\{d(e_i,e_j)\}+1\}}, q\} = 2(n-1)$

For W_n where n > 6, max{d(e$_i$,e$_j$)}=2 and q = 2(n-1)

Hence, $P_E(W_n) \geq max\{2^{\{max\{d(e_i,e_j)\}+1\}}, q\} = 2(n-1)$ in both the cases.

Therefore $P_E(W_n) \geq 2(n-1)$.

Theorem :2.5

The Edge pebbling number of the wheel graph $W_n = 2(n-1)$ for $n \geq 4$

Proof: By previous theorem, we know that $P_E(W_n) \geq 2(n-1)$

Claim: $P_E(W_n) = 2(n-1)$. Let us consider the distribution of pebbles on the edges of the graph W_4 given below, in all possible ways. Take 2(4 – 1) pebbles for distribution on the edges of W_4.
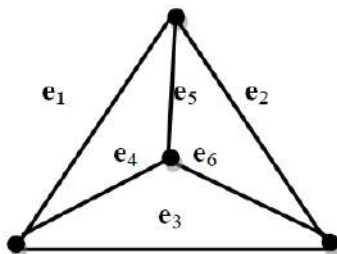
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		1	1	1		1	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		1	1		1	1	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		1		1	1	1	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
			1	1	1	1	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Six Edges	1	1	1	1	1	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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From the above table, $P_E(e_1) = 6$, $P_E(e_2) = 6$, $P_E(e_3) = 6$, $P_E(e_4) = 6$, $P_E(e_5) = 6$, $P_E(e_6) = 6$

$P_E(W_4)$ = Max { $P_E(e_i)$ / i=1,2,3,4,5,6}

Hence by the definition of edge pebbling number and the tabular results, $P_E(W_4) = 2 (4-1) = 6$.

Since the pattern of W_4 is same for W_n, for all n > 4 , we can conclude that, $P_E(W_n) = 2(n-1)$.

Theorem 2.6: The wheel graph is an edge demonic graph.

Proof: By the definition of edge demonic graph, a graph is said to be edge demonic if the edge pebbling number equals the number of edges. The number of edges of Wheel graph is 2(n-1), and by previous theorem, $P_E(W_n) = 2(n-1)$. Hence wheel graph is an edge demonic graph.

COVER EDGE PEBBLING NUMBER

Definition:3.1[3] A cover edge pebbling number $CP_E(G)$ of a graph G is defines as, however the pebbles are initially placed on the edges, the minimum number of pebbles required to place a pebble in all edges.

Definition:3.2[3] The distance $d(x)$ of an edge x in a graph G is the sum of the distances from x to each other edge of E(G), Where E(G) is the edge set of G

i.e., $d(x) = \sum_{x \epsilon E(G)} d(x,y) for\ all\ y \ \epsilon\ E(G), x \neq y$

Definition:3.3[3] Let $x \in$ E(G). Then x is called a key edge if $d(x)$ is a maximum.

Theorem 3.4: The cover edges pebbling number of a Wheel graph W_4 is 13. (i.e.) $CP_E(W_4) = 13$.

Proof: In the Wheel graph all the boundary edges are key edge. Choose any one of the key edge from W_4 . Let it be e*. The chosen key edge is adjacent with 4 edges. To place one pebble on each of those 4 edges, 4*2 = 8 pebbles are to be placed on e*. Now there is only one remaining edges to be covered say e' which is at distance one from e*. Therefore 4 more pebbles are to be added on the edge e* to cover the edge e'. Then one more pebble is to be placed on e* to cover itself. Therefore, the cover edge pebbling number of W_4 is 8+4+1 =13.

(i.e.) $CP_E(W_4) = 13$.

Theorem 3.5:   The cover edges pebbling number of a Wheel graph W_5 is 21 (i.e.) $CP_E(W_5) = 21$.

Proof: In the Wheel graph all the boundary edges are key edges.Choose any one of the key edge from W_5. Let it be e*. The chosen key edge is adjacent with 4 edges.To place one pebble on each of those 4 edges, 4*2=8 pebbles are to be placed on e*. Now there are 3 remaining edges to be covered which are at distance one from e*. Therefore 3*4=12 more pebbles are to be added on the edge e* to cover the remaining three edges. Then one more pebble is to be placed on e* to cover itself. Therefore, the cover edge pebbling number of W_5 is 8+12+1 =21.

(i.e.) $CP_E(W_5) = 21$.

Theorem 3.6: The cover edges pebbling number of a Wheel graph W_6 is 29 (i.e.) $CP_E(W_6) = 29$.

Proof: In the Wheel graph all the boundary edges are key edges. Choose any one of the key edge from W_6 . Let it be e*. The chosen key edge is adjacent with 4 edges. To place one pebble on each of those 4 edges, 4*2=8 pebbles are to be placed on e*. Now there are 5 remaining edges to be covered which are at distance one from e*. Therefore 5*4=20 more pebbles are to be added on the edge e* to cover the remaining three edges. Then one more pebble is to be placed on e* to cover itself. Therefore, the cover edge pebbling number of W_6 is 8+20+1 =29. (i.e.) $CP_E(W_6) = 29$.

Theorem 3.7:   The cover edges pebbling number of the Wheel graph W_n for n>5 is 12n – 43.

 (i.e.) $CP_E(W_n) = 12n – 43$.

Proof: In Wheel Graph all the boundary edges are the key edges. Choose any one of the key edge from W_n . Let it be e*. Each key edge is adjacent with 4 edges. Therefore e* is adjacent with 4 edges. Let e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 be the four edges adjacent with e*.To place one pebble on each of those four edges, 4*2=8 pebbles are to be placed on e*. On excluding the key edge e*, now there are 2n-7 edges to be covered. Among them, (n-1) edges are adjacent to those four edges e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 .These (n-1) edges are at the distance one from e*. Therefore 4(n-1) pebbles should be added on e* to cover those n-1 edges. Now there are (n-6) remaining edges to be covered (excluding the key edge e*).Those (n-6) edges are at the distance two from e* .Therefore 8*(n-6) pebbles should be added on e* to cover those (n-6) edges. Then one

more pebble is to be placed on e* to cover itself. Therefore, the cover edge pebbling number of the wheel graph W_n for n>5 is 12n – 43.

 (i.e.) $CP_E(W_n) = 12n – 43$.

CONCLUSION

In this paper we find the edge pebbling number and the cover edge pebbling number of the Wheel graph.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Magic Spectrum of Graphs

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ABSTRACT

A spectrum Zn of graph G is an injective mapping f : E → { 1,2,…..q } and every vertex v is assigned the number g(v) = $|\sum f(e): e = (u,v)$ for some u ∈ V| mod |E(G) + 1| . We call a graph which has a DCM labelling a DCM Spectrum graph.

Key word: Congruent , Magic , Spectrum , DCM , Primitive

INTRODUCTION

A distinct congruent spectrum Zn of graph G is an injective mapping f : E → { 1,2,…..q } and each vertex v is associates the number g(v) = $|\sum f(e): e = (u,v)$ for some u ∈ V| mod |E(G) + 1| . We call a graph which has a DCM labelling a DCM Spectrum graph.We can find DCM labelling with different magic constants using the same set of labels ,every edge is counted twice ,once for each end vertex . Thus the higher labels on edges are ,the higher the magic constant can be .The set of all possible magic constants is the spectrum of the magic labelling problem .A nature question arises,what is the magic spectrum of a given graph.Consider C4 clearly < C4 , f > an DC – magic graph with distinct sum. In general G may admit more than one labelling to become an DC –Magic spectrum of a graph .For example if A>2 and l: E(G) →{1,2,….q} ,the inverse labelling l is defined.

Definition: Let G = (V,E) be a DC- magic graph. A distinct congruent spectrum Zn of graph G is an injective mapping f : E → { 1,2,…..q } and every vertex v is associates the number g(v) = $|\sum f(e): e = (u,v)$ for some u ∈ V| mod |E(G) + 1| .

Example

M=number of edges	$2,4,p^t,2$ p^t,t is any integer	Gcd(m,p^t) =1	Oder of m	Nature of Edge labels	Vertex labels	Existence of a graph	Name of the graph
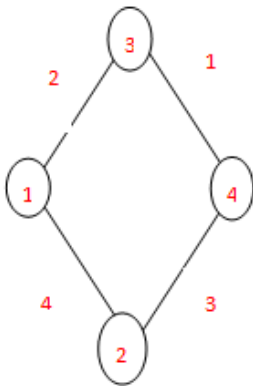
Lemma 1:

Let $\gamma : E(G)\rightarrow\{1,2,......e\}$then $W\gamma = \{Wt\gamma$ (u)= $\gamma(x) + \gamma(y)/$ x,y $\in$ E}.

The distinct congruent magic labelling of the graph is obtained by $W\gamma$ is congruent toA.P.The minimum possible value for a isatleast 0 and the maximum possible value is atmost e-1.

u+(n-1)Δ≤e-1; $\Delta \leq \frac{e-1}{n-1}$.

Theorem1:We have a main results for a graph to be an DCML and provide an boundness of on parameter d. Let γ : E(G)→{c+1,c+2,......c+e} then $\Delta \leq \frac{e-1}{n-1}$.

Definition: A graph is said to be (a,p) edge –vertex labeling if a is a primitive of p,and a function f of G with q(=a,a²,a³,a⁴,…aᵖ⁻¹ (mod p)edges is an bijection from the edges of G to the set {0,1,2,3,...,q} such that when vertex f⁺(v) is associates the labels f⁺(v)= ∑{ f(u,v) : (u,v) ϵ E(G) }.

Existence of a standard Diagram

1	2	{1}	1	same	same	regular	Path,cycle,complete,star ,wheel
2	$p^t = 3$	{1,2}	2	distinct	distinct	Non regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
3	4	{1,3}	2	distinct	distinct	Non regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
4	$p^t = 5$	{1,2,3,4}	4	distinct	distinct	Non regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
5	$2p^t = 6$	{1,5}	2	distinct	distinct	Non regula	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
M=num	$2,4,p^t,2$	Gcd(m,p^t)=1	Ord	Nature of	Vertex	Existence	Name of the graph

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ber of edges	p^t,t is any integer		er of m	Edge labels	labels	of a graph	
6	pᵗ=7	{1,2,3,4,5,6}	6	distinct	distinct	regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
7	pᵗ=9	{1,2,4,5,7,8}	6	distinct	distinct	regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
8	2 pᵗ=10	{1,3,7,9}	4	distinct	distinct	regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
9	$p^t = 11$	{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10}	10	distinct	distinct	regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
10	$p^t = 13$	{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12}	12	distinct	distinct	regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
11	$2p^t = 14$	{1,3,5,9,11,13}	6	distinct	distinct	regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
12	$p^t = 17$	{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,1213,14,15,16}	16	distinct	distinct	regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
13	2 $p^t = 18$	{1,5,7,1113,17}	6	distinct	distinct	regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
14	$p^t = 19$	{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18}	18	distinct	distinct	Non regular	Path,cycle, complete, star,wheel
15	2pᵗ=22	{1,3,5,7,9,13,15,17,19,21}	11	distinct	distinct	regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel
16	2pᵗ=22	{1,3,5,7,9,13,15,17,19,21}	10	distinct	distinct	regular	Path,cycle,complete, star,wheel

Remark 1

There exists a primitive root modulo m iff m=2pᵗ where p is odd prime ,t is any integer.

GF(2)=F₂ = {0,1} = Z/2 ; It has addition and multiplication + and x defined to be 0+0=0,0+1=1,1+0=1,1+1=0

0.0=0,0.1=0,1.0=0,1x1=1, since 1+1=0,1= -1 similarly -0=0 since 0+0=0 with 0 and 1 the integers modulo p. p=2, In F₂ ,

2=1+1=0

3=1+1+1=2+1=0+1=1

4=1+1+1+1=2+2=0+0=0

The primitive element in GF(q)= { 0,1,2,….q-1}.

Remark 2

Number of primitive elements

Consider μ = α^n.

If raised to successive integer powers generates {$\gamma^0, \gamma^1, \gamma^2, \gamma^3, \ldots \gamma^{254}$}

All non –zero elements of the field,the γ is also a primitive element.

The no of primitive elements for GF(q) is given as $\varphi\ (q-1)$

For GF(256)

$\varphi\ (256-1) = \varphi\ (255)$

$=255 \prod_{p/255}(1 - \frac{1}{p})$

$=255 \prod_{p/255}(1 - \frac{1}{p})$

$= 255\prod_{p\in\{3,5,17\}}(1 - \frac{1}{p})$

$=255(1-\frac{1}{3})(1-\frac{1}{5})(1-\frac{1}{17})$

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Sn ,n$\geq$ 3

Suppose n is prime

Assoiate the edges of graph by $a\gamma^0, \gamma^1, \gamma^2, \gamma^3, \ldots \gamma^{p-1}$(mod p),the sum at each vertex is different,

For any k$\in$ N,

2 is a primitive root of 3^k

Theorem 2

Star graph Sn,n$\geq$ 3 is a primitive odd and DCM labeling of a graph

Gauss proved ," 2 is a primitive root of odd number 2k+1 iff k$\equiv$ $1(mod\ 4)$"

Label the edges of graph by $a, \beta^1, \beta^2, \beta^3, \ldots \beta^{p-1}$(mod p),the sum at each vertex is different, Here $\beta = 2$

$f(e_{i)=} \beta^{i-1}$

V(G)={v₁,v₂,v₃,……vₙ,, v}

E(G)= {(v,v$_i$)/i$\in$ 1,2, … n}

f*(v,v$_i$)=f(e$_i$)=β^{i-1}since each β^i's are distinct f*(v$_i$)=β^{i-1}

f*(v)=$\beta^1 + \beta^2 + \beta^3 + \cdots.. + \beta^{p-1} = \beta(1 + \beta + \beta^2 + \cdots + \beta^{p-2})$ (mod p)

= $\beta(\beta^{p-1}$-1)$/\beta - 1$

Theorem 3

Cycle graphCₙ,n$\geq$ 3 is a primitive odd and DCM labeling of a graph,

Label the edges of graph by $a, \rho^1, \rho^2, \rho^3, \ldots \rho^{p-1}$(mod p),the sum at each vertex is different, Here $\rho = 2$

V(G)={u₁,u₂,u₃,……uₙ,, }

E(G)= {(u$_i$u$_{i+1}$) / i=1,2,….n-1}

f:E(G)$\rightarrow$ {$\rho^1, \rho^2, \rho^3, \ldots \rho^{p-1}$/each $\rho^i$is distinct}then the vertex labeling

f⁺(v)= f (u$_i$) $\oplus p$ f (u$_{i+1}$) = $\rho^i \oplus p \rho^{i+1}$= =distinct (mod p)=$\rho^i(1\oplus p\rho)$

Example

The cycle graph has integer (2,5) and (3,5) odd edge-vertex labeling.
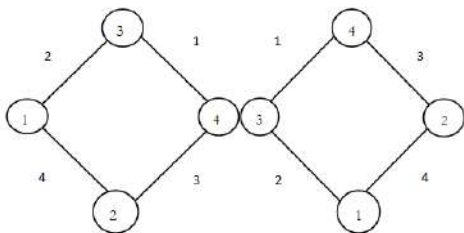
Theorem 4

Complete graphKₙ,n$\geq$ 3 is a Distinct congruent magic spectrum of graph

Label the edges of graph by $a, \mu, \mu^2, \mu^3, \ldots \mu^{p-1}$(mod p),the sum at each vertex is different, Here $\mu = 2$.

E(G)= { e₁,e₂,…eₙ/n=number of edges of a graph G}; V(G)={u₁,u₂,u₃,……uₙ,, }.

Example

u₁	u₂	u₃	u₄	u₅
2^6	2^6	2^4	2^3	2^{10}
2^4	2^1	2^7	2^2	2^1
2^3	2^2	2^8	2^8	2^5
2^{10}	2^7	2^5	2^9	2^9

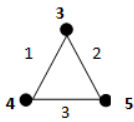| i+1	i+1	i-1	i-2	iC_2
i-1	i-4	i+2	i-3	i-4
i-2	i-3	i+3	i+3	i
iC_2	i+2	i	i+4	i+4

The above table represents edge labeling of complete graph on 5 vertices.

$f^+(v_1)$= 3i-2+ iC_2, $f^+(v_2)$= 4(i-1), $f^+(v_3)$= 4(i+1), $f^+(v_4)$= 2(2i+1), $f^+(v_5)$= 3i+ iC_2, In general $f^+(v)$=constant

K_3:-

Let the integer set be **Z_4**={0,1,2,3}

Assign the edges by 1,2,3 from Z_4.

We considered the vertices v_1, v_2, v_3,..., v_n in clockwise direction.

$f(v_1v_2)$=2, $f(v_2 v_3)$=3, $f(v_1v_3)$=1,$f^+(v_1)$=3, $f^+(v_2)$=5, $f^+(v_3)$=4,·. all are distinct

3 ≡ **3** (mod 4),4 ≡ **0** (mod 4),5 ≡ **1** (mod 4)

Next, let us take n=4, we get **K_4** graph.

Integer (2,9) and (5,9) odd-even edge- vertex labeling of K_4

Let the integer set be **Z_6**={0,1,2,3,4,5}

Assign the edges by 2,4,8,7,5,1 from Z_6.
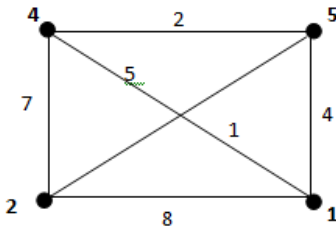
$f(v_1v_2)$=4, $f(v_2 v_3)$=8, $f(v_3v_4)$=7, $f(v_4 v_1)$=2, $f(v_4 v_2)$=1, $f(v_3v_1)$=5,$f^+(v_1)$=5, $f^+(v_3)$=2

$f^+(v_2)$=1, $f^+(v_4)$=4·. all are distinct..·. **K_4** is a integer (2,9) odd edge- vertex labeling of K_4

Next, let us take n=5, we get **K_5** graph.

K_5 is a integer (7,22) edge- vertex labeling

Let the integer set be **Z_{22}**={0,1,2,…21}

Assign the edges by 7,5,13,3,21,15,17,9,19,1 from Z_{22}.$f(v_1v_2)$=7, $f(v_2 v_3)$=5, $f(v_3v_4)$=13, $f(v_4 v_5)$=3, $f(v_5v_1)$=21, $f(v_5v_2)$=15, $f(v_5v_3)$=1, $f(v_5v_4)$=3,$f(v_4 v_1)$=9, $f(v_1v_3)$=19, $f(v_2 v_4)$=17,$f^+(v_1)$=56, $f^+(v_4)$=42,$f^+(v_2)$=44, $f^+(v_5)$=40

$f^+(v_3)$=38   .·. all are distinct

K_6 is a distinct congruence magic graph.

Next,InK_n let us take n=6, we get **K_6** graph.

In general **K_n** is a distinct congruence magic graph.

Theorem 5

The complete bipartite graph $K_{4,4}$ is an edge-vertex distinct congruent spectrum.

Proof:

Let $V(G)$= { $v_1,v_2,\ v_3,v_4,v_5,v_6,v_7,v_8$}

$E(G)$= {$e_1,e_2,e_3,e_4,...e_{16}$}

Let us define bijection $E(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,3,.....q\}$ such that $f(e_i)=i$,$1 \leq i \leq 16$ .Then the induced vertex labeling $f^+(v)=\sum f(u,v) \bmod |E(G)|+1$ are all distinct.

$K_{4,4}$:- Let the integer set be Z_{29} ={0,1,2,3,4,5,....17}

Assign the edges by 1,2,3,4,5,…16 from Z_{17} .

Theorem 6

The complete bipartite graph $K_{6,6}$ is an edge-vertex distinct congruent spectrum.

DC($K_{6,6}$)=Z_{37}

1	2	3	4	5	6	21
7	8	9	10	11	12	20
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
19	20	21	22	23	24	18
25	26	27	28	29	30	17
31	32	33	34	353	36	16
22	28	34	3	9	15	

Therefore $K_{6,6}$ is a distinct congruence magic graph.

Theorem 7

The conjecture that the complete bipartite graph $K_{n,n}$ is an edge -vertex distinct congruent spectrum Z_n of G.

Theorem 8

The Wheel graph W_5, is an edge-vertex distinct congruent spectrum.

Proof

Let us define bijection function $f:E(G) \rightarrow \{1,2,3,.....q\}$ Then the induced vertex labeling $f^+(v)=\sum f(u,v) \bmod |E(G)|+1$ are all distinct.W_n :- Let the integer set be Z_{11}= {0,1,2,3,4,5,....10}.Assign the edges by 1,2,3,4,5,…10 from Z_{11}.**DC(W_5)=Z_{11}**

Therefore W_n is a distinct congruence magic graph.**DC(W_7)=Z_{15}**

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An Approximate Analytical Solution of a Predator-Prey Model with Fear Effect

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ABSTRACT

A previously developed Predator-Prey system with fear effect is mathematically analyzed. The New approach to Homotopy Perturbation Method (NHPM) is used to obtain analytical formulas for the populations of prey and predator. A discussion on the effect of the different parameters on the populations is also presented. There is a fairly excellent agreement between the approximate analytical solution and the numerical simulation.

Keywords: Predator-Prey model; Fear effect; Non-linear differential equations; New approach to Homotopy Perturbation Method; Numerical Simulation.

INTRODUCTION

One of the most important topics in theoretical ecology and evolutionary biology is the interplay between prey and predators. The relationship between two species—one known as the predator and the other as the prey—is referred to as a prey-predator interaction. A predator is an animal that hunts and consumes other creatures. An animal that is hunted or killed by another for sustenance is referred to as prey. We refer to the act of hunting animals as predation. When there is a predator population present, the prey population may drastically alter their behavior to improve their chances of surviving. As fear makes prey more vigilant and cautious, fear of predators enhances the probability that prey will survive. Additionally, it can significantly lower the number of prey that reproduces since fear of the predator population can create stress responses in prey that can alter their behavior.

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Mathematical equations involving derivatives include both linear and non-linear differential equations. They are employed to explain the manner in which a quantity varies with time or in connection to other variables. Differential equations are used to represent and comprehend dynamic systems in a variety of domains, including Biology, Engineering, and Physics. It also aids in understanding the dynamics of the Predator-Prey model and is used to model a predator-prey system.

A non-linear differential equation can be analytically approximated using a variety of asymptotic methods[2], including the Homotopy Analysis Method[3], Adomian Decomposition Method[4,5], Akbari-Ganji's Method[6,7], Homotopy Perturbation Method[8,9], and others. The New Homotopy Perturbation Method is an effective technique for resolving non-linear initial and boundary value problems [10–18]. It converts a non-linear problem into a simpler linear problem. The New Homotopy Perturbation approach (NHPM) is a reliable, efficient, simple, and accurate approach for solving non-linear differential equations. A Predator-Prey model that was previously established is solved using this method (NHPM). The primary goal of this study is to solve the proposed model [1] by using New Homotopy Perturbation Method (NHPM) and to discuss the impact of fear on both prey and predator populations.

Mathematical Formulation of the Problem

The proposed model [1] is,

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{bx}{1+ky} - dx - cx^2 - \frac{pxy}{1+h_1x} \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{epxy}{1+(h_1+h_2p)x} - my \tag{2}$$

with initial conditions,

$$t = 0, x(0) = x_0, \ y(0) = y_0 \tag{3}$$

where the description for the parameters is,

- x represents the density of prey population.
- y represents the density of predator population.
- b represents the birth rate of prey population not affected by predators.
- d represents the natural death rate of prey population.
- c represents the decay rate due to intraspecies competition.
- p represents the rate of predation.
- k represents the level of fear.
- e represents the conversion rate of prey biomass to predator biomass.
- m represents the death rate of predator.
- h_1 represents the handling time.
- h_2 represents the conversion time.

Approximate analytical solution of equations (1) to (3) using New approach to Homotopy Perturbation Method

Construct the Homotopy for equations (1) and (2) as follows:

$$(1\text{-}p)\left[\frac{dx}{dt} - \frac{bx}{1+ky_0} + dx + cxx_0 + \frac{px\,y_0}{1+h_1x_0}\right] + p\left[\frac{dx}{dt} - \frac{bx}{1+ky} + dx + cx^2 + \frac{pxy}{1+h_1x}\right] = 0 \tag{4}$$

$$(1\text{-}p)\left[\frac{dy}{dt} - \frac{epxy}{1+(h_1+h_2p)x_0} + my\right] + p\left[\frac{dy}{dt} - \frac{epxy}{1+(h_1+h_2p)x} + my\right] = 0 \tag{5}$$

Solving the above equations using initial conditions,

$$x(t) = x_0\left(e^{\frac{\left(-kpy_0^2 + \left(-\left(1+h_1x_0\right)\left(cx_0+d\right)k - p\right)y_0 + \left(1+h_1x_0\right)\left(-cx_0+b-d\right)\right)t}{\left(1+ky_0\right)\left(1+h_1x_0\right)}}\right) \tag{6}$$

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$$y(t) = y_0 \left[\frac{ep x_0 (ky_0+1)(h_1 x_0+1)e^{\frac{t\left(-kpy_0^2+(-(h_1 x_0+1)(cx_0+d)k-p)y_0+(h_1 x_0+1)(-cx_0+b-d)\right)}{(ky_0+1)(h_1 x_0+1)}} + kmpt(h_2 px_0+h_1 x_0+1)y_0^2 + \left(\frac{mt(h_2 px_0+h_1 x_0+1)d+x_0\left(\frac{(ch_2 mtx_0-e)}{p+cmt(h_1 x_0+1)}\right)}{(h_1 x_0+1)k+mpt(h_2 px_0+h_1 x_0+1)}\right)}{y_0-(-mt(h_2 px_0+h_1 x_0+1)d+x_0(-ch_2 mtx_0+bh_2 mt+e)p+mt(h_1 x_0+1))} \right]$$
$$e^{\frac{y_0-(-mt(h_2 px_0+h_1 x_0+1)d+x_0(-ch_2 mtx_0+bh_2 mt+e)p+mt(h_1 x_0+1))}{((kpy_0^2+(-(h_1 x_0+1)(cx_0+d)k-p)y_0+(h_1 x_0+1)(-cx_0+b-d))(h_2 px_0+h_1 x_0+1))}}$$

(7)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Equations (6) and (7) represent the simple approximate analytical expressions for the prey population and predator population for the considered Predator-Prey model. A good agreement can be observed between the analytical formulas that were produced for the Predator-Prey model and the numerical solution obtained using MATLAB, as illustrated in Fig. 1. The number of prey (Fig. 2a) and predators (Fig. 3a) decreases as the fear level 'k' rises. When 'p', the rate of predation increases, the prey population (Fig. 2b) decreases, while the predator population increases (Fig. 3b). The prey population declines when 'b', the birth rate of the prey population unaffected by predators, falls (Fig. 2c). The prey population grows when the natural death rate of the prey population falls (Fig. 2d). Predator population grows when 'm', the predator death rate, falls (Fig. 3c). The predator population declines when 'e', the conversion rate of prey biomass to predator biomass, declines (Fig. 3d).

CONCLUSION

The impact of fear on prey and predator populations has been discussed. The New Homotopy Perturbation Method (NHPM) is used to develop approximate analytical solutions for the Predator-Prey model with fear effect. The obtained solution fits the numerical simulation quite well. Thus, the answers provided by equations (6) and (7) can be regarded as approximative analytical solutions for the mathematical model represented by equations (1) through (3). The analytical results that were acquired will assist the researchers in demonstrating how various parameters affect the population of prey and predators.

Appendix: A
MATLAB program to find the numerical solution of eqns. (1) to (3)
```
function graphmain3
options= odeset('RelTol', 1e-6, 'Stats', 'on');
%initial conditions
Xo = [4;1];
Tspan = [0 1];
Tic
[t , X] =ode45 (@TestFunction, tspan, Xo, options);
toc
figure
hold on
plot (t, X( : , 1), '-' )
plot (t, X( : , 2), '-' )
legend ('x1' , 'x2')
ylabel('X')
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xlabel('t')
return
function [dx_dt] = TestFunction(~, x)
b = 0.7; d = 0.2; c = 0.005; k = 0.5; p = 0.1; h1 =0.036; h2 = 1.44; e = 0.44; m = 0.2;
dx_dt(1)= (b*x(1))/(1+k*(x(2))) - d*x(1) - c*(x(1).^2) - (p*x(1)*x(2))/(1+h1*x(1));
dx_dt(2)= (e*p*x(1)*x(2))/(1+(h1+p*h2)*x(1)) - m*x(2);
dx_dt = dx_dt';
return
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Table 1.Parameter values considered in this paper.

PARAMETERS	$x(0)$	$y(0)$	k	b	d	p	e	c	m	h_1	h_2
VALUES	4	1	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.44	0.005	0.2	0.036	1.44
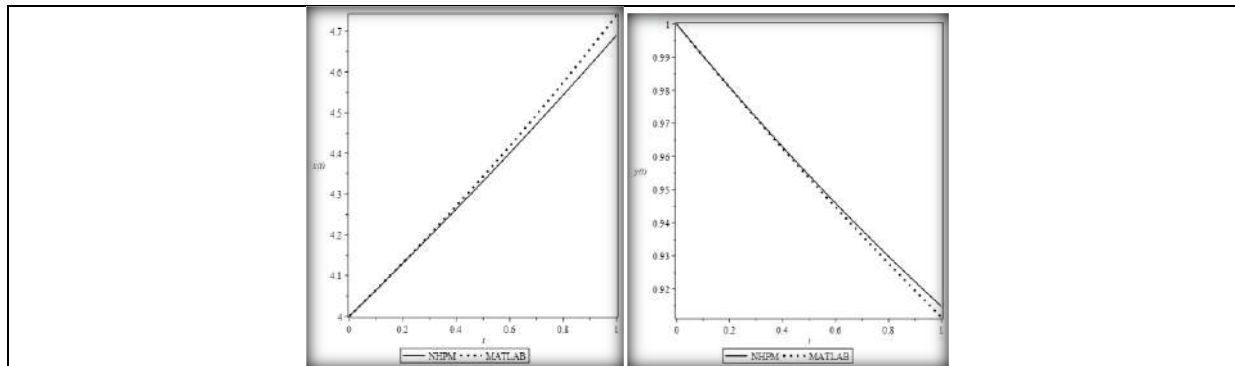
Fig 1. Plot of populations for parameter values $x_0 = 4$, $y_0 = 1$, $h_1 = 0.036$, $h_2 = 1.44$, $e = 0.44$, $m = 0.2$, $c = 0.005$, $d = 0.2$, $p = 0.1$, $b = 0.7$. The solid black lines denote the analytical solution and the black dotted lines represent the numerical simulation
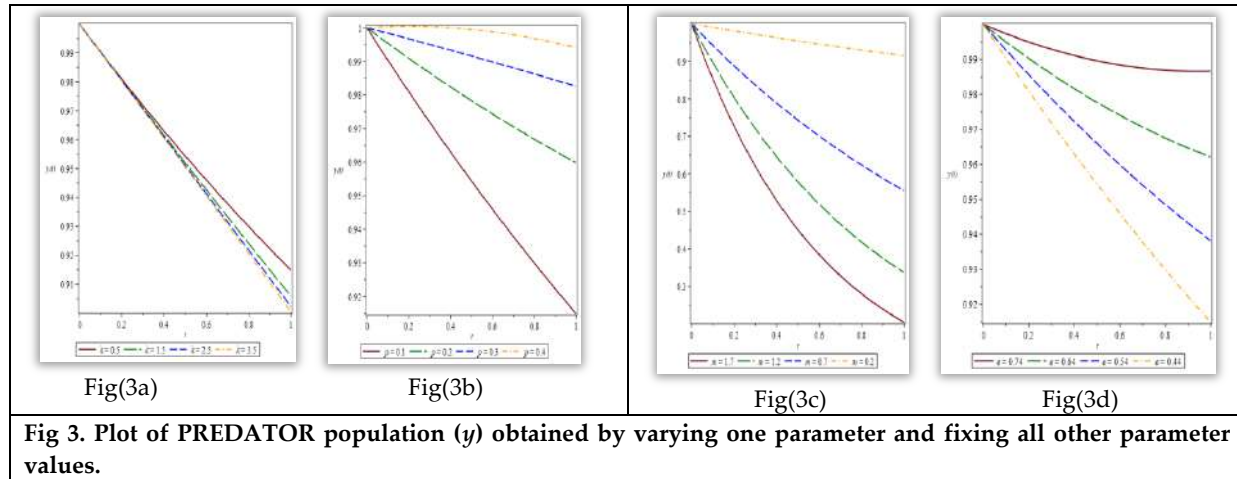

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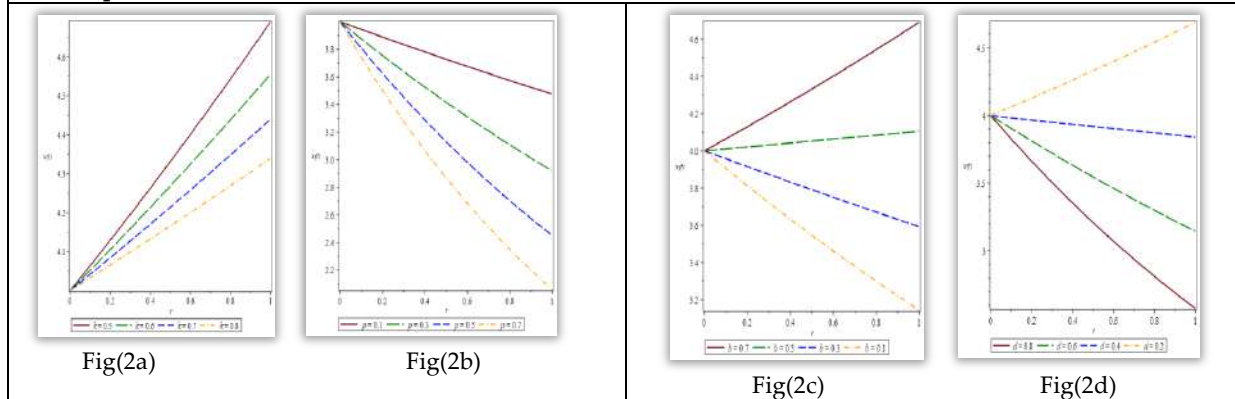
Fig 2.Plot of PREY population (x) obtained by varying one parameter and fixing all other parameter values.

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Fig(3a)   Fig(3b)   Fig(3c)   Fig(3d)

Fig 3. Plot of PREDATOR population (*y*) obtained by varying one parameter and fixing all other parameter values.

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Solving Deterministic Model of Smoking Dynamics with Perturbation Technique

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ABSTRACT

Globally, smoking is still a major public health hazard, therefore understanding and mitigating its dynamics requires good models. This paper presents a way for solving the deterministic model of the dynamics of smoking behavior by using the new homotopy perturbation method. Understanding the role that precise modeling plays in addressing smoking-related problems, we show that this computational method works well for generating rough analytical expressions for likely, heavy, and non-smokers. The accuracy of the method is demonstrated across a range of parameters by comparisons between the exact solution obtained using computational tools like MATLAB and the derived analytical expressions. Our findings have implications for healthcare practices and policy measures that try to reduce the prevalence of smoking and its associated health concerns. This work lays the groundwork for future studies aimed at improving modeling methods and developing approaches for smoking cessation programmes.

Keywords: Tobacco Plant, Smoking dynamics, Deterministic model, Perturbation technique, Analytical expressions, Computational method, Health policy, Public health.

INTRODUCTION

Nicotiana tabacum belongs to the nightshade family *Solanaceae.* This tobacco plant is an annual herbaceous plant. Tobacco's leaves are manufactured into many tobacco products like cigars, chewing gum, cigarettes and so on. This plant contains severely addictive compound called nicotine which cause harmful effects to humans on consuming it. Based on the frequency of smoking, by tobacco products and by dependence on nicotine there are several types of smokers in a population like Daily, Occasional, Cigarette, Cigar, pipes, smokeless tobacco, light and heavy smokers. This causes lot of health issues like cancer, heart and lung diseases. With the aid of mathematical models, numerous researchers have created, examined, and analysed various smoker kinds. A model of secondhand smokers that provides the average measure of secondary cases over primary cases in the vulnerable population was created by Birliew Fekede et al [1]. A model developed by Nur Ilmayasinta et al categorises smokers into five groups: never smokers, occasional smokers, active smokers, and smokers who have completely given up [2]. S. Rezapour et al. created the fractal-fractional model and performed stability and sensitivity analyses [3]. Gudermannian neural networks were utilised by Z. Sabir et al. to conduct a numerical analysis of the non-linear smoke model [4].

A model has been created by C. M. D. Simarmata et al. to comprehend the dynamics of smoking behaviour transmission in Indonesia in addition to the density-dependent death rate [5]. Peijiang Liu and colleagues created a Caputo fractional order tobacco smoking model, which is easier to grasp than an integer-based model [6]. A model has been constructed by S. M. Lestari et al and the stability has been examined using various reproduction numbers [7]. Belaynesh Melkamu et al. found that smokers in a population have greater stability when the fractional order of the model is raised [8]. A model has been developed by Mullai Murugappan et al. to comprehend the dynamics of smoking transmission among teenagers [9]. Moch Fandi Ansori et al analyse smokers who are new to the habit as well as those who smoke frequently [10].

In our paper we have considered three different classes like Probable, Heavy and Dropout smokers to understand the transmission dynamics and the influence of each parameter in a population. Approximate analytical expressions are derived by making use of New Homotopy Perturbation Method. Application of this method is given step by step for better understanding.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Mathematical model of Types of smokers and it's parameters
This mathematical model comprises of three kinds of smokers in a population such as Probable (P(t)), Heavy (H(t)) and Dropout (D(t)) smoker class. This mathematical model was proposed by Abdullah Alzharani and Anwar Zeb [11]. The mathematical model and the list of parameters are given below:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \Lambda - \beta P(t)H(t) - \mu P(t) + \delta D(t)$$

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \beta P(t)H(t) - \gamma H(t) - \mu H(t) \qquad (1)$$

$$\frac{dD}{dt} = \gamma H(t) - \mu D(t) - \delta D(t)$$

Application of New Homotopy Perturbation Method
Here we have incorporated New Homotopy Perturbation Method to derive the approximate analytical expression. We have chosen this method because of it's simplicity, flexibility, swift convergence to the accuracy and it also doesn't requires many iterations. Many authors have used this method in various fields because of it's efficiency [12-15].

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$$(1-p)\left[\frac{dP}{dt} - \Lambda + \mu P(t)\right] + p\left[\frac{dP}{dt} - \Lambda + \beta P(t)H(t) + \mu P(t) - \delta D(t)\right] = 0$$

$$(1-p)\left[\frac{dH}{dt} + \gamma H(t) + \mu H(t)\right] + p\left[\frac{dH}{dt} - \beta P(t)H(t) + \gamma H(t) + \mu H(t)\right] = 0 \qquad (2)$$

$$(1-p)\left[\frac{dD}{dt} + \mu D(t) + \delta D(t)\right] + p\left[\frac{dD}{dt} - \gamma H(t) + \mu D(t) + \delta D(t)\right] = 0$$

Then by replacing each system in the form of a power series we have,

$$P = P_0 + pP_1 + p^2 P_2 + \cdots$$

$$H = H_0 + pH_1 + p^2 H_2 + \cdots \qquad \text{Then by comparing the terms of the coefficient of } _v \text{ we h}$$

$$D = D_0 + pD_1 + p^2 D_2 + \cdots$$

$$p^0 : \frac{dP_0}{dt} - \Lambda + \mu P_0(t)$$

$$p^0 : \frac{dH_0}{dt} + \gamma H_0(t) + \mu H_0(t) \qquad (3)$$

$$p^0 : \frac{dD}{dt} + \mu D_0(t) - \delta D_0(t)$$

By solving (3) we get the required approximate analytical expression for different kinds of smokers as follows:

$$P = \frac{\Lambda}{\mu} + \left(P_0(t) - \frac{\Lambda}{\mu}\right)e^{-\mu t} \qquad (4)$$

$$H = H_0(t)e^{-(\gamma+\mu)t}$$

$$D = D_0(t)e^{-(\mu+\delta)t}$$

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In this section, the accuracy between the approximate analytical expression and the exact solution is displayed in the form of graph. In every graph the solid line represents the exact solution and the star represents the approximate analytical expression that is derived using NHPM. As time goes on, it becomes clear from Figure 1(a) that a person's chance of smoking is directly related to whether or not they were born into the susceptible class or migrated there (Λ). This implies that members of this vulnerable class have a higher chance of starting to smoke over time. The likelihood that a person will smoke and their eventual shift to the heavy smoker class (β) are inversely correlated, as shown in Figure 1(b). This suggests that those who smoke for a longer period of time are less likely to become heavy smokers. Looking at Figure 1(c), one can see that the probability of someone smoking is lowest when compared to the natural death rate (μ) throughout time. This suggests that as time goes on, the number of smokers decreases because of things like natural death rates. The lowest probability of an individual being a smoker is shown in Figure 1(d) with respect to the relapse rate (δ) over time. This implies that as time passes, the percentage of people who start smoking again after quitting drops.

It is clear from Figure 2(a) that the proportion of heavy smokers rises in direct proportion to the pace at which likely smokers move over time into the heavy smoker class (β). This implies that within the group of likely smokers, more people are likely to develop into heavy smokers over time. Looking at Figure 2(b), it is evident that with time, the proportion of heavy smokers declines inversely with respect to the dropout rate (γ). This suggests that the rate at which people cease to be heavy smokers increases with time as a result of things like cessation programmes. The

number of heavy smokers decreases over time in correlation with the natural death rate (μ), as shown in Figure 2(c). This suggests that over time, the existence of heavy smokers diminish due to mortality from natural causes.

It is clear from Figure 3(a) that over time, the number of smokers who give up increases in direct proportion to the dropout rate (γ). This implies that as time goes on, there may be a positive correlation between the total number of smokers who give up their habit and the rate at which people stop smoking. A closer look at Figure 3(b) reveals that, over time, the number of smokers who give up their habit increases in direct proportion to the natural death rate (μ). This suggests that as time goes on, a growing number of smokers give up because of natural causes of death. As can be seen in Figure 3(c), the number of smokers who give up grows with time in line with the relapse rate (). This suggests that there is an increased propensity over time for individuals who had previously quit smoking to relapse back into smoking behavior.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the New Homotopy Perturbation Method, a perturbation approach, is used to solve the mathematical model of smoking dynamics. The approximate analytical equation for each smoking class in a population is obtained using this procedure. To confirm its accuracy, a validation is performed between the approximate analytical solution and the exact solution. The impact of different parameters over the sorts of smokers is expressed graphically. The graphs and the approximate mathematical formulae make it simple for us to comprehend how complex the various tobacco smoker kinds are.

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Table 1: List of Parameters

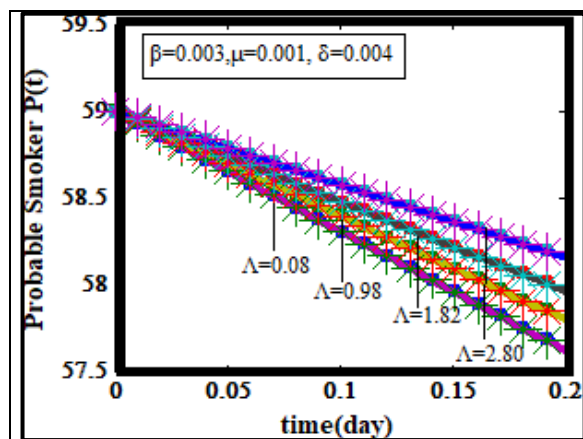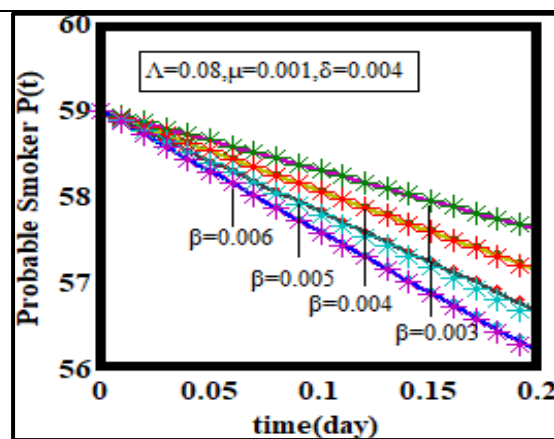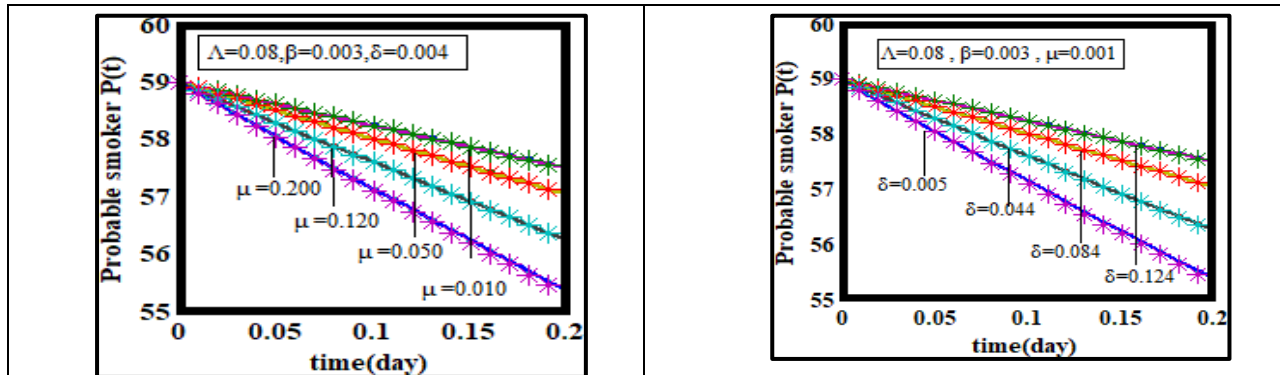| SYMBOLS	DESCRIPTION
$P(t)$	Probable smoker
$H(t)$	Heavy smoker
$D(t)$	Dropout smoker
Λ	Probable class by birth or migration
β	Transition rate from Probable smoker to Heavy smoker
μ	Natural death rate
γ	Dropout rate
δ	The relapse rate

Figure 1(a)	Figure 1(b)

Figure 1(c)

Figure 1(d)

FIGURE 1: The Rate of Probable Smokers P(t) with respect to time. (a) by birth or migration (Λ), (b) transition rate from probable to heavy smoker class (β) , (c) natural death rate (μ) and (d) the relapse rate (δ).
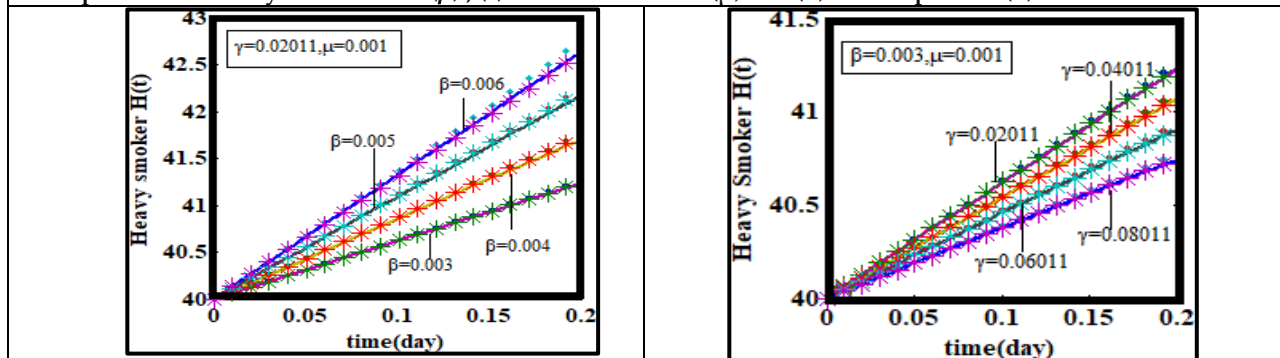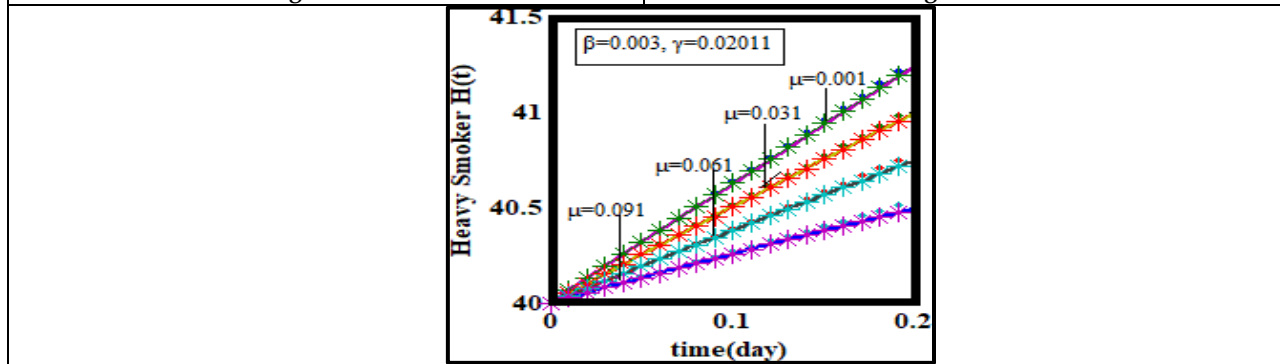

Figure 2(a)

Figure 2(b)

Figure 2(c)

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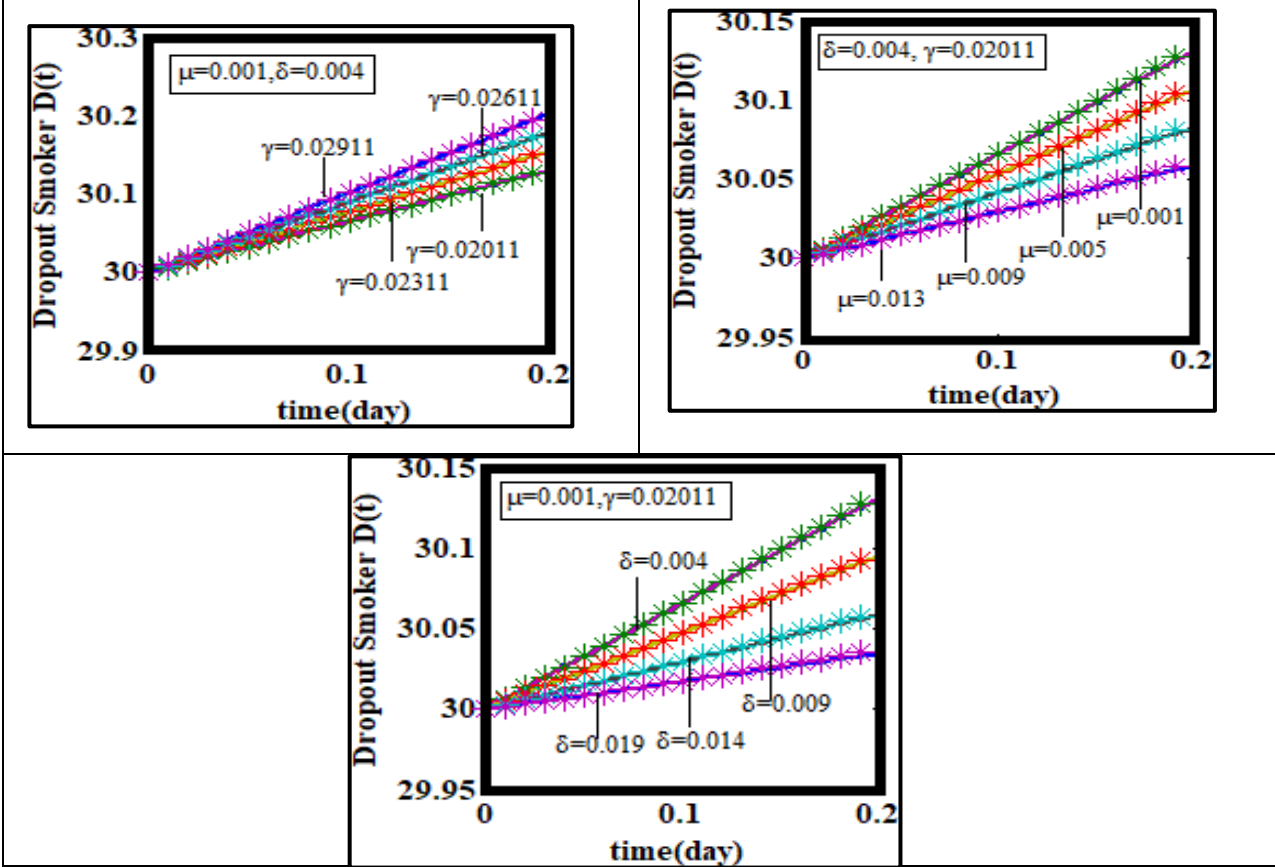
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FIGURE 3: The Rate of Dropout Smokers D(t) with respect to time. (a) the dropout rate (γ), (b) natural death rate (μ) and (c) the relapse rate (δ).

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Rainbow Connection Number and Rainbow Vertex Connection Number of Some Chess Graphs

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ABSTRACT

Let G be a Simple, non-trivial, and connected graph on which an edge colouring is defined,*c: E(G)→ {1,2…k}k*∈ *N*, in which between a pair of Vertices, there exists a path in which all the edges along this path are distinctly coloured, such a path is called as a Rainbow Path. If every two vertices in G have a rainbow path, then G is Rainbow Connected and the minimum colour required to do so is called the Rainbow Connection number denoted by rc(G). The vertex colouring *c: V(G)→ {1,2…k},k* ∈ *N* is defined and if two vertices are connected by a path whose internal vertices have distinct colours is called Rainbow vertex path.If every two pair of vertices in G have a Rainbow vertex path, then G is rainbow vertex connected, the minimum colours required, to get a rainbow vertex connected graph is the rainbow vertex connection number denoted by rvc(G). In this paper the Rainbow connection number and the Rainbow vertex connection number of some Chess graphs has been found.

Keywords: Rainbow connectivity, Rainbow vertex connectivity and Chess graphs.

INTRODUCTION

Rainbow Connection was first Introduced by G. Chartrand, G.L. Johns, K.A. McKeon and P. Zhang in 2008. Chartrand found that the Rainbow Connection number of a Complete graph is 1 andfor any connected graph G, *diam(G)≤rc(G) ≤m* where m is the order of G and diam(G) is the diameter of G [1].Rainbow Connection has various interesting types, one among them is the Rainbow Vertex Connection introduced by Krivelevich and Yuster. A

simple observation is that Rainbow Vertex Connection Number of a complete graph, *rvc (Kn)=0 ∀ n.*A simple observation is that for a Connected Graph G *rvc(G) ≥ diam(G)-1*[2].The Rainbow Connection Number of a Flower (C$_m$,K$_n$) graph and Flower (C$_3$,F$_n$) graph was determined by Irvania Sukma Kumala, A. N. M. Salman[3]. W.D.D.P. Dewananda and K.K.K.R. Perara determined the Rainbow Vertex Connection Number of ladder graphs and Roach graphs [4]. The Rainbow Connection Number of graph resulting in the operation of Sun Graph and Path Graph was found by N. M. Surbakti, D. R.Silaban and K. A. Sugeng[5]

Rainbow connection number and Rainbow vertex connection number of a m x n Rook graph.
Definition 2.1: E-twosome Colouring.
The Colouring C$_{Et}$: E(G)→ {1,2} for the edges e= V$_i$ V$_{i+k}$, defined by
C$_{Et}$(e)=$\begin{cases} 1 , 1 \leq k < n \\ 2 , \quad k \geq n \end{cases}$ is called as the E-twosome Colouring and it is denoted by C$_{Et}$.

Definition 2.2:V-onesome Colouring (C$_{Vo}$)
The Colouring C$_{Vo}$: V(G)→{1} ∀ V$_i$∈ G is called as a V-onesome Colouring and it is denoted by C$_{Vo}$.

Definition 2.3: Rookgraph [6]
A m x n rook graph is formed by associating a vertex with each square of a m x n chess board and an edge represents all possible moves of a rook on a chessboard. A rook can move horizontally or vertically across the board. That is, two vertices are connected if they are either in the same row or in the same column.

Theorem 2.4: The m x n Rook graph admits Rainbow connectivity and Rainbow vertex connectivity with (a) rc(G)=2 and rvc(G)=1, when m, n ≥2
     (b)When m or n =1, rc(G)=1 and rvc(G)=0
*Proof:*Let G (V, E) be a m x n Rook graph. The vertices of G are denoted asV$_{ij}$=V$_{(i-1)m+j}$ where V$_{ij}$ represents the vertex in the i'th row and in the j'th column. Let V(G)= {V$_1$, V$_2$, V$_3$, …, V$_{nm}$} and E(G)= {V$_1$V$_2$,V$_1$V$_3$…V$_1$V$_n$,V$_1$V$_{n+1}$,V$_1$V$_{2n+1}$…V$_1$V$_{(m-1)n+1}$ …V$_{nm-1}$V$_{nm}$} be the vertex set and edge set respectively.
(a)when m, n ≥2.The diameter of G, diam(G)=2, hence rc(G)≥ 2[1]. It remains to show that rc(G)≤ 2.Between every two vertices in G, there is two edges or less than that. The E-twosome coloring C$_{Et}$: E(G)→ {1,2} to all the edges
e = V_iV_{i+k} of G is as follows,

C$_{Et}$ (e)=$\begin{cases} 1 , \quad k = 1,2,..n-1 \\ 2 , \qquad\qquad k \geq n \end{cases}$

Hence every two vertices in G have a rainbow path. The minimum number of colors used to make G rainbow connected is 2. Therefore rc(G) ≤ 2.Hence rc(G)=2.

Now rvc(G)≥ 2-1=1[2].The V-one some coloring, C$_{Vo}$: V(G)→ {1} by C(V$_i$)=1 ∀ V$_i$∈ G. Between every two vertices in G there is exactly only one internal vertex or no internal vertex. In any path, only the internal vertices are considered. And those internal vertices should have distinct colours. The colouring C$_{Vo}$ has satisfied this condition. The minimum number of colors used is 1. Hence rvc(G)≤ 1. Therefore rvc(G)=1. In Figure1, the E-twosome colouring on a 3 × 3 Rook graph is applied and a rainbow path between every two pair of vertices exists, hence rc(G)=2.

Figure 4 shows the V-onesome colouring on a 3 × 3 Rook graph, ensuring a Rainbow Vertex path between every two pair of vertices in G, hence rvc(G)=1.

(b) If m=1, G is a 1 x n Rook or Queen graph, with n >1 which is a Complete Graph with n vertices. Similarly, G is a m x 1 Rookor Queen graph if n=1, m >1is a Complete Graph with m vertices**.** In both cases a Complete graph is obtained. The Rainbow Connection number of K$_n$ is 1. Therefore rc(G)=1 if m or n=1.Th   e   Rainbow   Vertex

connection number of a Complete graph is 0.Hence rvc(G)=0. In both Figure 3 and Figure 4, a complete graph with 4 vertices is obtained, hence rc(G)=1.

Rainbow Connection number and Rainbow Vertex connection number of a Queen graph.

Definition 3.1: Queen graph
An m x n Queen graph is formed by associating a vertex with each square of the m x n chess board and connecting two vertices with an edge if a queen can legally move from one to the other. A queen can move vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Therefore, vertices can be connected accordingly.

Theorem 3.2: The m x n Queen graph admits Rainbow connectivity and Rainbow vertex connectivity with
(a) rc(G)=2 and rvc(G)=1, when m, n ≥ 2
(b)When m or n =1, rc(G)=1 and rvc(G)=0
*Proof:*Let G (V, E) be a m x n Queen graph and $G_1(V_1, E_1)$ be a m x n Rook graph. the diameter of G and G_1 is 2. Hence and rc(G)$\geq$ 2. It can be easily observed that $|V(G)| = |V_1(G_1)|$ for the same values of m and n in G and G_1. The Queen piece has all the moves of the Rook along with the additional diagonal moves. This implies $|E(G)|>|E_1(G_1)|$. Therefore, the Rook graph is the Spanning subgraph of the Queen graph. Hence G =$G_1 \cup$ K where K is the subgraph that contains all the diagonal edges of G. By theorem 2.4(a), Graph G_1 satisfies Rainbow connection with rc(G)=2. The resultant graph G with Vertices that are denoted as$V_{ij}=V_{(i-1)m+j}$ where V_{ij} represents the vertex in the i'th row and in the j'th column.V(G)= {$V_1, V_2, V_3, \ldots, V_{nm}$} and edge set E(G)= {$V_1V_2, V_1V_3...V_1V_n,V_1V_{n+1}...V_1V_{(m-1)\ n+1}, V_1V_{n+2}, V_1V_{2n+3}...V_1V_{mn}...V_{mn-n}V_{mn},V_{mn-1}V_{mn}$}which is the union of G_1 and K. G has exactly two or less than two edges between every two pair of Vertices.

(a) when m, n ≥ 2

Now diam(G)=2. Hence rc(G)$\geq$2[1].The E-twosome Colouring C$_{Et}$: E(G)$\rightarrow$ {1,2} to all the edges e = V_iV_{i+k} of G is as follows, C$_{Et}$(e)=$\begin{cases} 1, & k = 1,2,..n-1 \\ 2, & k \geq n \end{cases}$.
Between every Pair of Vertices in G, there is a rainbow path with two edges or less than that, all of them having distinct colours implying that rc(G)$\leq$ 2. Hence rc(G)=2.
Now rvc(G)$\geq$ 2-1=1[2].The V-onesome Colouring for all the vertices of G, C$_{Vo}$: V(G)$\rightarrow$ {1} by C(V_i)=1 $\forall$ $V_i \in$ G. Between every two vertices in G there is exactly only one internal vertex or no internal vertex. In any path, only the internal vertices are considered. And those internal vertices should be distinct. The coloring C$_{Vo}$ has satisfied this condition. The minimum number of colors used is 1. And colors are minimum. Hence rvc(G)$\leq$ 1. Therefore rvc(G)=1. The Figure 5 shows the E-twosome colouring on 3 × 3 Queen graph satisfying Rainbow connectivity.

The Figure 6 shows the V-onesome colouring on a 3 × 3 Queen graph satisfying Rainbow vertex connectivity.

(b) When m or n =1
The structure of a m x n Rook graph 1 is isomorphic m x n Queen graph when m or n =1. Hence Theorem 2.4 (b) implies that rc(G)=1 and rvc(G)=0.

Rainbow connectivity and Rainbow vertex connectivity of a King graph.

Definition 4.1: King graph
In graph theory, a m x n king graph typically refers to a type of m x n chessboard where each vertex represents a square on a chessboard, and edges connect squares that can be reached by a king's move. The king can move one square in any direction (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally).

Theorem 4.2: The m x n King graph admits Rainbow connectivity and Rainbow vertex connectivity with

(a) rc(G)=n-1 and rvc(G)=n-2 when m< n

(b) rc(G)=m-1 and rvc(G)=n-2 when m> n.

(c) rc(G)=n-1 and rvc(G)=n-2 if m=n

Proof: Let G (V, E) be a m x n King graph.The vertices of G are denoted as $V_{ij}=V_{(i-1)m+j}$ where V_{ij} represents the vertex in the i'th row and in the j'th column.Let V(G)= {V_1, V_2, V_3…, V_{nm}} andE(G)={$V_1V_2,V_1V_{n+1},V_1V_{n+2},V_2V_3,V_2V_{n+1},V_2V_{n+2},V_2V_{n+3}…V_{nm-n}V_{nm},V_{nm-1}V_{nm}$}bethe vertex set edge set respectively. The edges of G are horizontal, vertical and diagonal in structure corresponding to the move of the King piece. The Horizontal edges V_iV_{i+1} is denoted by E_h Vertical edges by $V_iV_{i+n}$by $E_v$and diagonal edgesV_iV_{i+n+1} and $V_{i+1}V_{i+n}$ by E_d.

Also, in G there are vertices that are along the rows and columns. Let V_h be the Vertices V_i,V_{i+r} where r=1,2…n-1that are horizontal and let V_v be the Vertical Vertices along the same column that are denoted byV_i, V_{i+rn} where r=1,2…m-1

 (a) when m< n.The diam(G)=n-1, which implies that rc(G)≥ n-1[1]. Define the coloring c: E(G)→ {1,2 …, n − 1} as follows.

For k=1,2…(m-1)

$$c(e)=k \; \forall \begin{cases} e \in \text{ Eh when } i = k, n + k, 2n + k \dots (m − 1)n + k \\ e \in \text{ Ev when } i = (k − 1)n + 1, (k − 1)n + 2 \dots kn \\ e \in \text{ Ed when } i = k, n + k, 2n + k \dots (m − 2)n + k \end{cases}$$

For k=m, m+1…n-1

$$c(e)=k\forall \begin{cases} e \in \text{ Eh when } i = k, n + k, 2n + k \dots (m − 1)n + k \\ e \in \text{ Ed when } i = k, n + k, 2n + k \dots (m − 2)n + k \end{cases}$$

Between pair of vertices in G, there is a Rainbow path. Therefore, G is Rainbow Connected and the minimum number of colors=n-1. Hence rc(G)≤ n-1.Therefore rc(G)=n-1.

Now rvc(G)≥ n-2[2].

Define the coloring c: V(G)→ {1,2 …, n − 2} defined by,

For k=1

c(V_i)=k $\forall V_i$∈ V_v when i=1,2, n

For k=2,3…(n-2)

c(V_i)=k $\forall V_i$∈ V_v when i=k+1

There exists a Rainbow vertex path between every two pair of vertices in G. The colors that are used is minimum. This implies rvc(G)≤ n-2. Therefore rvc(G)=n-2.

(b) When m>n.The diam(G)=m-1. Therefore rc(G)≥m-1[1].

Define the coloring c: E(G)→ {1,2 …, m − 1} as follows.

For k=1,2…n-1

$$c(e)=k \; \forall \begin{cases} \quad e \in \text{ Eh when } i = k, n + k, 2n + k \dots, (m − 1)n + k \\ \quad e \in \text{ Ev, when } i = (k − 1)n + 1, (k − 1)n + 2 \dots, kn \\ e \in \text{ Ed when } i = (k − 1)n + 1, (k − 1)n + 2 \dots, k(n − 1) \end{cases}$$

For k=n, n+1…m-1

$$c(e)=k \; \forall \begin{cases} \quad e \in \text{ Eh when } i = (k − 1)n + 1, (k − 1)n + 2, (k − 1)n + 3 \dots kn \\ e \in \text{ Ed when } i = (k − 1)n + 1, (k − 1)n + 2, (k − 1)n + 3 \dots, k(n − 1) \end{cases}$$

Between pair of vertices in G, there is a Rainbow path. Therefore, G is Rainbow Connected and the minimum number of colors=m-1 Hence rc(G)≤ m-1.

Therefore rc(G)=m-1if m<n.

The diam(G)=m-1. Therefore rvc(G)≥ m-2[2].

Define the coloring c: V(G)→ {1,2 …, m − 2} defined by,

For k=1

c(V_i)=k$\forall V_i$∈ V_h when i=1,n+1, (m-1)n+1

For k=2, 3…(m-2)

$c(V_i)=k\ \forall V_i \in V_h$ when i=k+1

There exists a Rainbow vertex path between every two pair of vertices in G. The colors that are used is minimum. This implies rvc(G)≤ m-2. Therefore rvc(G)=m-2.

(c)When m=n. The diam(G)=m-1=n-1 rc(G)≥ n-1.

For k=1,2…n-1

$$c(e)=k\ \forall \begin{cases} e \in\ Eh\ when\ i = k, n + k, 2n + k \ldots, (m - 1)n + k \\ e \in\ Ev, when\ i = (k - 1)n + 1, (k - 1)n + 2 \ldots, kn \\ e \in\ Ed\ when\ i = (k - 1)n + 1, (k - 1)n + 2 \ldots, k(n - 1) \end{cases}$$

Between pair of vertices in G, there is a Rainbow path. Therefore, G is Rainbow Connected and the minimum number of colors=n-1 Hence rc(G)≤ n-1. This implies rc(G)=n-1=m-1.

Now rvc(G)≥ n-2.

Define the coloring c: V(G)→ {1,2 …, n − 2} defined by,

$c(V_i)=1\ \forall V_i \in V_v$ when i=1,2, n

For k=2,3…(n-2)

$c(V_i)=k\ \forall V_i \in V_v$ when i=k+1.

There exists a Rainbow vertex path between every two pair of vertices in G. The colors that are used is minimum. This implies rvc(G)≤ m-2. Therefore rvc(G)=n-2=m-2.

(c)When m=n. The diam(G)=m-1=n-1 rc(G)≥ n-1.

For k=1,2…n-1

$$c(e)=k\ \forall \begin{cases} e \in\ Eh\ when\ i = k, n + k, 2n + k \ldots, (m - 1)n + k \\ e \in\ Ev, when\ i = (k - 1)n + 1, (k - 1)n + 2 \ldots, kn \\ e \in\ Ed\ when\ i = (k - 1)n + 1, (k - 1)n + 2 \ldots, k(n - 1) \end{cases}$$

Between pair of vertices in G, there is a Rainbow path. Therefore, G is Rainbow Connected and the minimum number of colors=n-1 Hence rc(G)≤ n-1. This implies rc(G)=n-1=m-1.

Now rvc(G)≥ n-2.

Define the coloring c: V(G)→ {1,2 …, n − 2} defined by,

$c(V_i)=1\ \forall V_i \in V_v$ when i=1,2, n

For k=2,3…(n-2)

$c(V_i)=k\ \forall V_i \in V_v$ when i=k+1.

There exists a Rainbow vertex path between every two pair of vertices in G. The colors that are used is minimum. This implies rvc(G)≤ m-2. Therefore rvc(G)=n-2=m-2.

In Figure 7, every the pair of vertices in 3 × 4 King graph have a Rainbow path, with rc(G)=3.

In Figure 8, every the pair of vertices in 4 × 3 King graph have a Rainbow path, with rc(G)=3.

In Figure 8, every the pair of vertices in 4 × 4 King graph have a Rainbow path, with rc(G)=3.

In Figure 9, every the pair of vertices in 3 x 4 King graph have a Rainbow vertex path, with rvc(G)=2.

In Figure 10, every the pair of vertices in 4 × 3 King graph have a Rainbow path, with rvc(G)=2.

In Figure 12, every the pair of vertices in 4 × 4 King graph have a Rainbow path, with rvc(G)=2.

CONCLUSION

In this paper, the Rainbow Connection Number and Rainbow Vertex Connection of some Chess graphs has been found.

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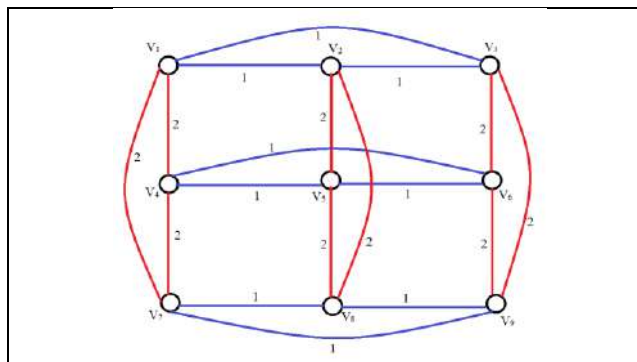
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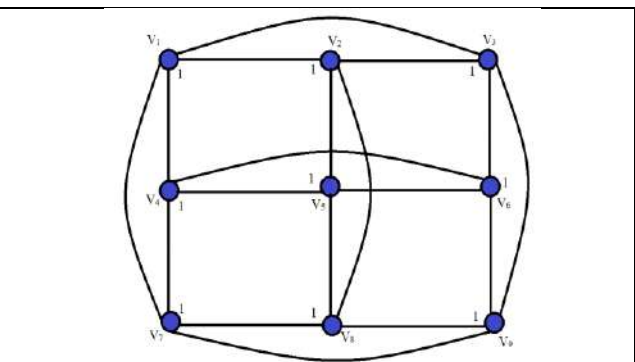
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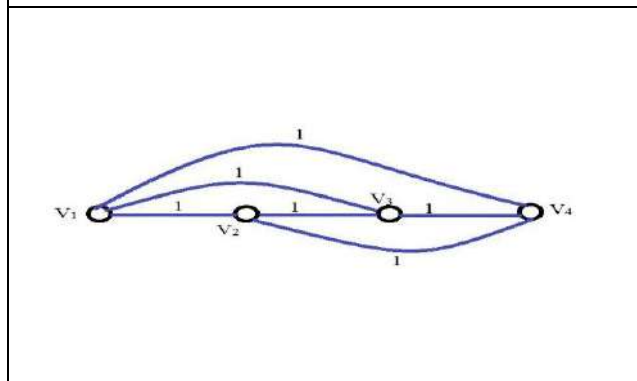
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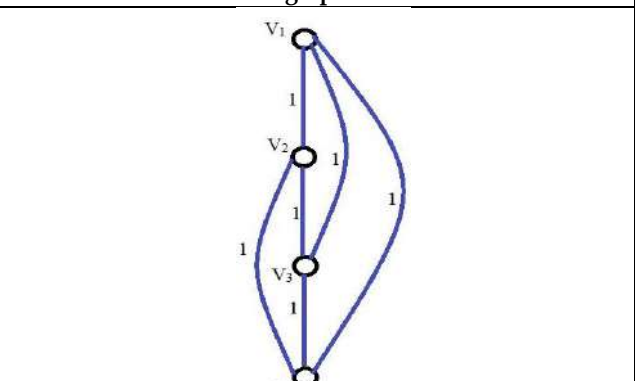
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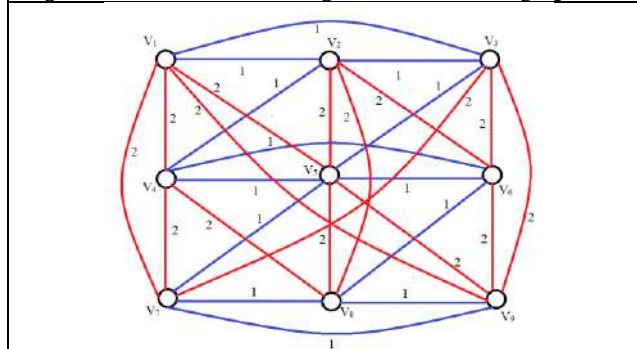
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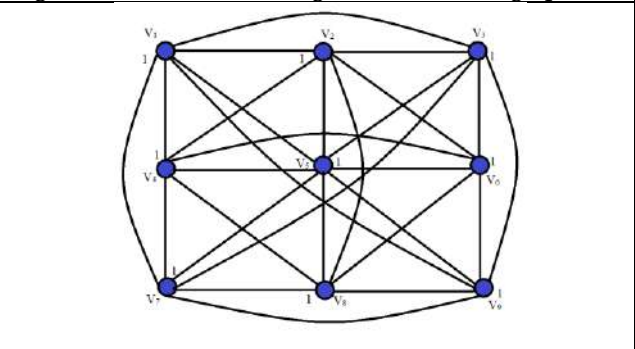
Figure 6: Rainbow vertex colouring on a 3×3Queen graph.

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Figure 7: Rainbow colouring on a3 × 4King graph.

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Figure 11 : Rainbow vertex colouring on a 4 × 3King graph

Figure 12 : Rainbow vertex colouring on a 4 × 4King graph

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Fuzzy Approximation Method in Artificial Intelligence & Neural Network for Wound Detection and Remedy using MATLAB

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ABSTRACT

This Article is focused on the novel use of the Fuzzy Approximation Method (FAM) in the context of artificial intelligence (AI) and neural networks for wound diagnosis and treatment, with the aid of MATLAB. Through the seamless integration of fuzzy approximation techniques with modern image processing tools, this approach seeks to revolutionize wound assessment. By using a neural network model and using MATLAB for input layer processing, the system can precisely assess wound photos, extract pertinent features, and preprocess them. Fuzzy approximation methods in the hidden layers also improve the system's capacity to manage the intricacy and unpredictability of real-world wound data, resulting in more precise identification and tailored therapy suggestions. With the integration of AI, neural networks, and other robust frameworks, fuzzy approximation approaches, which provide a more effective and precise approach to diagnosis and treatment, substantially improve wound management. The goal was to achieve smooth integration and optimization when applying the Fuzzy Approximation Method (FAM) in MATLAB to artificial intelligence (AI) and neural networks for wound diagnosis and treatment. The preparation of wound pictures and the extraction of pertinent information were made easier by MATLAB. After undergoing extensive testing, the method proved effective in making accurate diagnoses and tailored treatment suggestions, which represented a major breakthrough in wound care. With the help of this creative approach, wound assessment is streamlined, improving patient outcomes and streamlining healthcare delivery. Thus This Proposed Solution Will be the Innovation of Over AI Neural Network With FAM For Wound Detection and Rectification.
Keywords: Fuzzy Approximation Method , Artificial Intelligence , Deep Learning Neural Network, Wound Detection, MATLAB, Health Tech.

INTRODUCTION

An overview of the limits of the existing manual diagnosis methods and the significance of wound assessment in medical practice are given in the introduction. It describes the goals of the research, which include creating an AI-powered system [6] to analyze wounds and suggest treatments. In order to improve diagnosis precision and treatment planning, the study addresses the need of combining image analysis techniques with neural networks and fuzzy approximation methods. Additionally, it draws attention to the possible effects of automated wound assessment systems on patient outcomes and the provision of healthcare. Precise wound diagnosis and prompt wound management are essential components of contemporary healthcare for patient well-being. However, because wound healing processes are intricate, assessing wounds can be difficult for medical professionals. An increasing number of people are interested in using artificial intelligence (AI) and neural networks [1]to automate wound diagnosis and therapy recommendation in order to address this problem.

The goal of this effort is to create a neural network system that can automatically diagnose wounds and offer treatments based on picture analysis. The technology is able to deliver precise diagnosis and individualized treatment plans by comparing photos of wounds against a dataset that contains information on known wound characteristics and outcomes. The study's main goals are to use cutting-edge computational techniques to enhance patient outcomes and expedite the diagnosis procedure.

In Figure 1 , The literature study examines previous studies on neural network models for healthcare, AI applications in medical imaging, and methods for assessing wounds. It looks at research on developing neural network designs for medical diagnostics, integrating fuzzy logic into computational models, and using image analysis methods for wound characterization. The report emphasizes the requirement for sophisticated computational techniques to overcome issues with the speed, accuracy, and scalability of wound diagnostics. Additionally, it points up areas of present research deficiency and room for innovation in automated wound assessment. Medical diagnosis and imaging will be revolutionized by AI-based technologies[7],[8],[13] &[14] made possible by recent advances in computer processing. Still, the field of AI wound care systems development is still in its infancy. This review of the literature emphasizes the difficulties wound care professionals encounter in precisely projecting the course of wound healing, as well as the potential benefits of using AI-driven systems to overcome these difficulties.

Artificial intelligence (AI)-based platforms for wound care [4] are still in their infancy, even though commercial platforms for wound image capture and analysis are available. Automated solutions that can lessen the workload associated with manual diagnosis, increase diagnostic precision, and hasten the start of therapy are desperately needed. The significance of creating AI-powered digital platforms to provide patients with chronic wounds with data-driven care is highlighted by this systematic review.

PRELIMINARIES

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the umbrella term for a variety of methods used to simulate human intelligence functions on computer systems. Neural networks are a subset of AI that draws inspiration from the composition and operations of the human brain. They are made up of layers of interconnected nodes, or neurons, that can interpret input data, identify patterns, and make predictions. Artificial intelligence (AI) and neural networks play a key role in the area of wound identification and treatment using MATLAB and the Fuzzy Approximation Method (FAM). Their proficiency lies in identifying patterns, automatically extracting pertinent features from wound photos, making well-informed decisions based on learning patterns, gradually optimizing processes, and automating healthcare delivery to streamline the process. The system's use of AI and neural networks allows it to precisely assess wounds and suggest the best course of action, greatly improving patient outcomes and healthcare efficiency. By automating intricate procedures and leveraging sophisticated pattern recognition skills, artificial intelligence (AI) and neural

networks enable a more precise and efficient method of managing wounds. This integration is a noteworthy development that demonstrates the revolutionary potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare, especially in the area of wound diagnosis and treatment. Artificial intelligence's mainstay, neural networks, show impressive capabilities in wound diagnosis and treatment. Their networked nodes, which resemble human brains, enable them to recognise patterns in three different layers and make decisions with ease.

In most of the cases, the inaccurate manual diagnosis and postponed therapy are the two main issues in wound care. [15] Human error and subjectivity are common in manual wound diagnosis, which can result in inconsistent evaluation and care. Furthermore, especially in rural or understaffed healthcare settings, delays in diagnosis and treatment initiation can have a major impact on patient outcomes. The case studies in the research highlight difficulties in wound diagnosis and treatment, such as errors in manual assessments and postponements in starting therapy[10]. It talks about situations in which medical professionals have trouble correctly detecting wounds, which results in less than ideal treatment results and unhappy patients. The case studies emphasize how crucial it is to provide automated solutions in order to increase patient care, speed up the start of therapy, and improve diagnostic accuracy.

Algorithm
Step 1 - Analysis of wound over 6 observations and 7 angles
Step 2 - Scan the wound with camera over Artificial Intelligence
Step 3 - Plotting values Using MATLAB
Step 4 - Obtaining the observed value over the input layer of Neural Network
Step 5 - Fuzzy Approximation Formula over the hidden and processing unit
Step 6- Obtaining the optimized value through FAM
Step 7 - Framing fuzzy approximation curve for the optimized value
Step 8 - Categorising the wound kind as per the curve value
Step 9 - Display the remedy over the output layer

Working Principle
A detailed explanation of the proposed system's operation is provided, with a focus on how picture preprocessing techniques[7]. fuzzy approximation approaches, and layer-by-layer analysis to create customized treatment plans based on neural network output are all integrated. The method for processing wound photos, identifying pertinent characteristics, and producing therapy and diagnostic suggestions is covered in the paper. In order to provide light on how the system works, [11] it also looks at the computational processes that underpin fuzzy approximation algorithms and the neural network model.

The suggested system operates on the basis of layer-by-layer analysis and image preprocessing. Before being input into the neural network, patient-uploaded images are standardized in terms of size, resolution, and color depth. [8] The visual data is gradually processed by each layer of the network, improving the interpretation and pointing out important details that affect the diagnosis and course of treatment.

Proposed Method
The observations are analyzed through the proposed method in various stages are given below:

Mathematical Model: Pascal's Triangle Graded Mean Approach
The Graded Mean Integration Representation for generalized fuzzy number approach is a very simple one for analyzing fuzzy variables to get the optimum solution to the transportation problem. This procedure is taken from the following Pascal's triangle. We take the coefficients of fuzzy variables as Pascal's triangle numbers.Then just add and divide by the total of Pascal's number and we call it Pascal's Triangle Graded Mean Approach.
The following are the Pascal's triangular approach:

Let A = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) be a trapezoidal fuzzy number then we can take the coefficient of fuzzy numbers from Pascal's triangles and apply the graded mean approach we get the following formula:

P(A) = (a_1 + $3a_2$ + $3a_3$ + a_4) / 8;

The coefficients of a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 are 1, 3, 3, 1. This approach can be extended for n-dimensional Pascal's Triangular fuzzy order also.

Proposed Fuzzy Approximation Method (FAM)

Fuzzy approximation method is introduced in this study to detect the size of wounds appearing in different stages and the observations are recorded. Fuzzifying the observed set of values (around 6 to 7 values) at a time and processing the values with a better output. [16] The implementation of FAM helps to minimize the wounds of various clusters that are analyzed with accuracy and efficacy. The experimental analysis is carried out in wound detection with six different clusters and it is observed in various aspects. The values as recorded observations are fuzzified through fuzzy approximation method as follows:

FAM = $(1/7)*[a_1^{1/7} + a_2^{1/7} + a_3^{1/7} + a_4^{1/7} + a_5^{1/7} + a_6^{1/7} + a_7^{1/7}]$, where a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7 are the expected absolute values.

Experimental Analysis

The analysis is done using six different stages, is captured in seven different angles with 100 nm at 50x magnification and taken between the fuzzy interval from 0 to 1 in order to use the Fuzzy Approximation Method. The images are captured in 7 different angles through six different observations and the observed pixels are converted into fuzzy value using fuzzy approximation method and the observations are given in five different clusters as follows:

The Cluster 1 readings are observed and the approximation is done through FAM as follows:

The Cluster 2 readings are observed and the approximation is done through FAM as follows:
The Cluster 3 readings are observed and the approximation is done through FAM as follows:
The Cluster 4 readings are observed and the approximation is done through FAM as follows:
The Cluster 5 readings are observed and the approximation is done through FAM as follows:

The following figure represents the diagrammatic representation of fuzzy approximation through MATLAB tool:

Proposed Solutions

The suggested approach entails creating a neural network model with fuzzy approximation techniques to automate the diagnosis and treatment suggestion of wounds. The input, hidden, and output layers of the neural network's architecture are described in detail in this paper.[12] Additionally, the use of fuzzy approximation methods in hidden layers to improve diagnostic accuracy is covered. It also provides a thorough overview of the system design and implementation by describing how MATLAB is used for input layer processing. In order to tackle these obstacles, the study suggests using a neural network model that is outfitted with fuzzy approximation techniques[13]&[14]. An input layer that receives wound photos, a hidden layer that processes the data using fuzzy logic, and an output layer that produces therapy and diagnostic recommendations make up the neural network design. The neural network may be trained using an extensive dataset of annotated wound photos, enabling the system to generate personalized treatment protocols and make data-driven judgements.

Steps of Progression and Implementation

The system implementation process is outlined in depth, including picture preprocessing methods, neural network model training, and fuzzy approximation method integration. The creation of an extensive dataset of wound images that are labeled with diagnostic and treatment results is covered in the paper, emphasizing the value of data-driven decision-making for model validation and training [2]. Additionally, it looks at the system's iterative refinement process, which includes validation testing, performance evaluation, and parameter adjustment.The proposed system's deployment can help with post-operative care, emergency evaluation, and remote diagnosis, among other healthcare scenarios [3]. Patients in remote or rural areas can use mobile devices to scan their wounds and get prompt advice on how to manage them. By using the system, post-operative patients can keep an eye on their

surgical wounds and notify medical professionals of any deviations from typical healing patterns. By helping first responders choose patients according to the severity of their wounds in an emergency, the system can maximize the distribution of medical resources. [10] The system's implementation in detail is provided, along with software tools like MATLAB for processing input layers and fuzzy approximation techniques for hidden layer analysis. The integration of neural network training techniques with image analysis algorithms is discussed in the study, offering insights into the architecture and operation of the system. It looks into the processing power needed to deploy the system, scalability issues, and possible implementation problems in the actual world.

Advantages

1. Implementation of Neural Network approach in Rural Healthcare Clinic - A rural healthcare clinic implemented the neural network approach. Reduced the number of needless referrals to metropolitan hospitals. An improvement in wound diagnostic accuracy was noted.
2. Improved patient outcomes, tailored therapy suggestions, and higher diagnostic accuracy are some of the expected results of the proposed system that are covered.
3. This research explores the potential advantages of automated wound assessment for clinical decision-making, resource utilization, and patient satisfaction, as well as for patients, healthcare professionals, and healthcare systems. It also addresses the system's possible drawbacks and obstacles including algorithmic biases, data privacy issues, and legal compliance needs.
4. Personalized treatment programmes and improved diagnosis accuracy are two expected benefits of the suggested system. The technology seeks to greatly improve wound diagnosis accuracy over conventional approaches by utilizing AI and neural networks.
5. Based on advanced analysis, patients will receive personalized therapy recommendations that may speed up recovery and improve outcomes.
6. A thorough plan must be developed that incorporates AI-powered wound diagnosis and therapy recommendation systems. Key business relationships, collaborations, tasks, value propositions, operational modes, client groups, budgetary allotments, and income streams must all be taken into account.
7. For the development and deployment of the system, partnerships between healthcare facilities, equipment manufacturers, AI technology providers, research institutes, telemedicine platforms, and regulatory bodies are essential.
8. To guarantee that these systems be used effectively, instruction and training are necessary duties. The value offered is centered on improved diagnosis accuracy, tailored treatment recommendations, availability, efficiency in terms of time, cost savings, and innovation in healthcare.
9. Consultative support and community involvement are integral parts of business relationships, with sales and partnerships functioning as the main means of operation. Medical facilities, specialists, telemedicine providers, equipment manufacturers, and research institutions are some of the target consumer groups.

CONCLUSION

The usefulness of the suggested method in diagnosing wounds and recommending treatments is shown by preliminary findings from simulations or pilot research. In order to provide light on the effectiveness and dependability of the system, the study assesses many indicators, including patient outcomes, treatment adherence, and diagnostic accuracy. The process of validating the system in real-world circumstances is examined, along with its comparison with manual assessments and expert judgements.The main conclusions and contributions of the study are summed up in the paper's conclusion. It highlights how AI-driven wound evaluation systems have the power to completely transform clinical practice by accelerating the start of therapy, increasing patient outcomes, and boosting diagnostic accuracy. The integration of additional data sources, computational model optimization, and validation in various clinical contexts are only a few of the future research and implementation directions that are

covered in this work. It also emphasizes how crucial stakeholder involvement and interdisciplinary cooperation are to the advancement of automated wound assessment.

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Table 1. Cluster 1 capturing image in six angles

Cluster 1	A 1	A 2	A 3	A 4	A 5	A 6	R_{FAM}
OBS 1	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.77399
OBS 2	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.77149
OBS 3	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.78023
OBS 4	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.74851
OBS 5	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.77013
OBS 6	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.76500

Table 2. Cluster 2 capturing image in six angles

Cluster 2	A 1	A 2	A 3	A 4	A 5	A 6	R_{FAM}
OBS 1	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.74013
OBS 2	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.78912
OBS 3	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.79056
OBS 4	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.72819
OBS 5	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.77185
OBS 6	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.7429

Table 3. Cluster 3 capturing image in six angles

Cluster 3	A 1	A 2	A 3	A 4	A 5	A 6	R_{FAM}
OBS 1	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.76607
OBS 2	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.78690
OBS 3	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.73877
OBS 4	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.5	1	0.3	0.79310
OBS 5	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.76996
OBS 6	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.74924

Table 4. Cluster 4 capturing image in six angles

Cluster 4	A 1	A 2	A 3	A 4	A 5	A 6	R_{FAM}
OBS 1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.73069
OBS 2	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.75594
OBS 3	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.73205
OBS 4	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.75142
OBS 5	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.70962
OBS 6	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.1	0.6	0.74924

Table 5. Cluster 5 capturing image in six angles

Cluster 5	A 1	A 2	A 3	A 4	A 5	A 6	R_{FAM}
OBS 1	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.78986
OBS 2	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.79056
OBS 3	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.81918
OBS 4	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.76265
OBS 5	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.75404
OBS 6	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.74924

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Table 6. FAM Analysis

FAM ANALYSIS				
Cluster 1	**Cluster 2**	**Cluster 3**	**Cluster 4**	**Cluster 5**
0.77399	0.74013	0.76607	0.73069	0.78986
0.77149	0.78912	0.78690	0.75594	0.79056
0.78023	0.79056	0.73877	0.73205	0.81918
0.74851	0.72819	0.79310	0.75142	0.76265
0.77013	0.77185	0.76996	0.70962	0.75404
0.76500	0.7429	0.74924	0.74924	0.74924

Image Processing

Figure 2 : Neural Network Representation

Figure 3.Pascal's Triangle

Figure 4. fuzzy approximation curve

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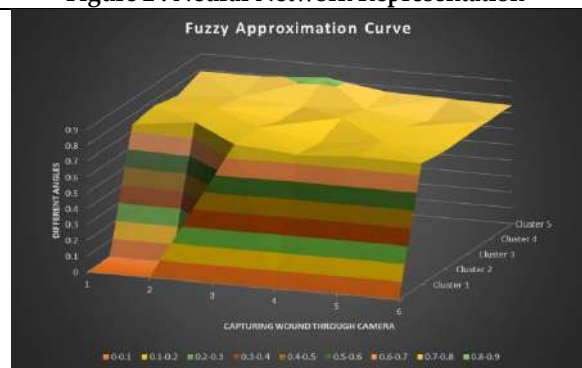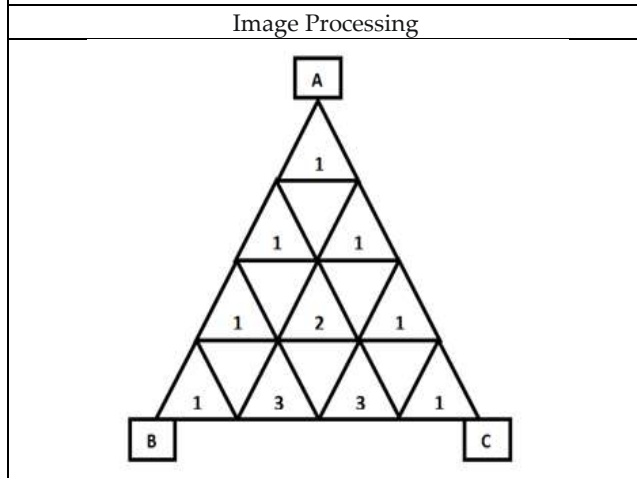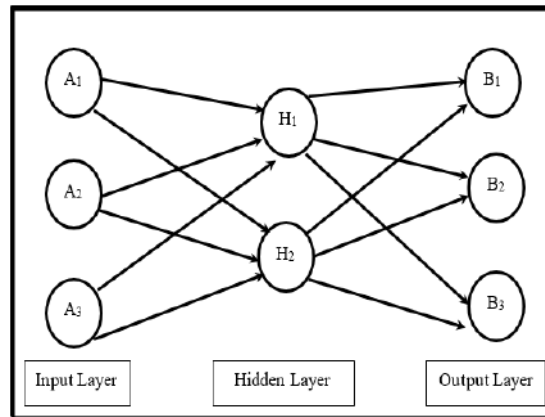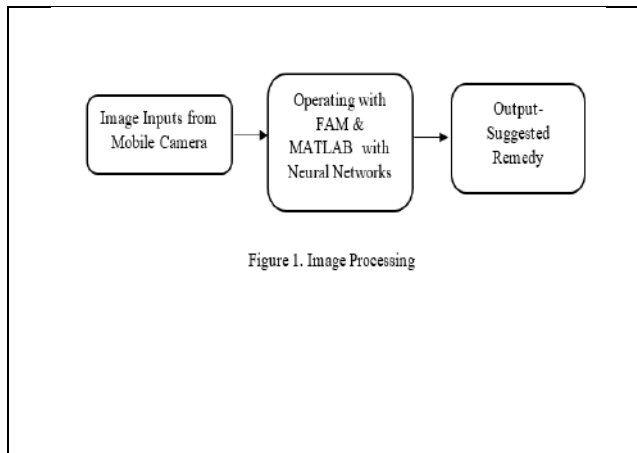
Contra Harmonic Index of Oxide Networks

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ABSTRACT

A quantitative metric called the topological index is used to characterize the topology of a structural framework. In QSPR and QSAR, topological indices can be advantageous. We found new topological index namely Contra Harmonic Index CH(G) which is defined as the sum of the terms $\frac{d(u)^2+d(v)^2}{d(u)+d(v)}$ over all edges uv of G, where d(u) and d(v) denotes the degree of vertices u and v in G respectively. In this paper, we find the Contra Harmonic Index of Some Oxide networks.

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INTRODUCTION

Let G be a simple connected graph with m edges and n vertices. An ordinary graph is a molecular graph in which edges and vertices represents atoms and bonds, respectively. A simple graph is one that is undirected, unweighted, and lacks many edges or loops. If a path joins each pair of vertices in a graph, the graph is said to be connected. A molecular graph is therefore always a simple connected graph. Graph theory has been widely applied to the simulation of chemical structures. Chemical graph theory, which applies graph theory to the mathematical description of chemical events, is a fundamental field in mathematical chemistry. The growth of mathematical chemistry and the chemical sciences is significantly influenced by chemical graph theory. An important area of mathematical chemistry is computing topological indices[9].

Over time, the topological index has proven to be a very useful tool for forecasting the physiochemical and pharmacological properties of a molecule. The number of vertices and edges in a molecular structure determines its topological index. Applications of graph theory have led to the emergence of many graph-theoretical indexes. These indices are used by numerous academics in their research. The first application of a topological index was made in 1947 by the scientist Harold Wiener. Many researchers have been working on calculating topological indices recently[3],[4],[5],[13],[14],[15],[16].

Oxide Network

Oxide Network drawn from the removing all Silicon nodes from the Silicate Network of dimension n. The Oxide Network of dimension 2 is shown in the figure 1.

Theorem 1

For Triangular oxide network OX_n, $CH(OX_n) = 72n^2 - 48n + 40$..

Proof:

The number of vertices in triangular oxide $|V(OX_n)| = 9n^2 + 3n$ and the number of edges $|E(OX_n)| = 18n^2$.

The edge set of OX_n has the following partitions,

$$E_{(2,4)} = \{e = uv \in E(OX_n)|d_{OX_n}(u) = 2, d_{OX_n}(v) = 4\},$$

$$E_{(4,4)} = \{e = uv \in E(OX_n)|d_{OX_n}(u) = 4, d_{OX_n}(v) = 4\},$$

Then $|E_{(2,4)}| = 12n$,

$$|E_{(4,4)}| = 18n^2 - 12n$$

$$CH\big((OX_n)\big) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{d(u)^2 + d(v)^2}{d(u) + d(v)}$$

$$= \sum_{uv \in E_{(2,4)}} \frac{2^2 + 4^2}{2 + 4} + \sum_{u \in E_{(4,4)}} \frac{4^2 + 4^2}{4 + 4} \qquad = 12\left(\frac{10}{3}\right) + (18n^2 - 12n)(4)$$

$$= 72n^2 - 48n + 40.$$

Triangular oxide network

When all the silicon nodes are deleted from a triangular silicate network, we obtain a new network which we shall call as triangular oxide network. The triangular oxide network for n=4 is shown in the following figure 2.

Theorem 2

For Triangular oxide network, $CH(TOX_n) = \frac{45n^2 - 9n - 2}{5}$.

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Proof:

The number of vertices in triangular oxide $|V(TOX_n)| = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$ and the number of edges $|E(TOX_n)| = \frac{3(n+1)}{2}$.

The edge set of TOX_n has the following partitions,

$$E_{(2,4)} = \{e = uv \in E(TOX_n)| d_{TOX_n}(u) = 2, d_{TOX_n}(v) = 4\},$$
$$E_{(4,4)} = \{e = uv \in E(TOX_n)| d_{TOX_n}(u) = 4, d_{TOX_n}(v) = 4\},$$
$$E_{(4,6)} = \{e = uv \in E(TOX_n)| d_{TOX_n}(u) = 4, d_{TOX_n}(v) = 6\}$$
$$E_{(6,6)} = \{e = uv \in E(TOX_n)| d_{TOX_n}(u) = 6, d_{TOX_n}(v) = 6\}$$

Then $|E_{(2,4)}| = 6$,

$$|E_{(4,6)}| = 3(n-1),$$
$$|E_{(4,6)}| = 6(n-2)$$
$$|E_{(6,6)}| = 3\left(\frac{(n-3)^2 + (n-3)}{2}\right)$$

$$CH\big((TOX_n)\big) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{d(u)^2 + d(v)^2}{d(u) + d(v)}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{6} \frac{2^2 + 4^2}{2+4} + \sum_{i=1}^{3(n-1)} \frac{4^2 + 4^2}{4+4} + \sum_{i=1}^{6(n-2)} \frac{4^2 + 6^2}{4+6} + \sum_{i=1}^{3\left(\frac{(n-3)^2+(n-3)}{2}\right)} \frac{6^2 + 6^2}{6+6}$$

$$= 20 + 4(3n-3) + \frac{156(n-2)}{5} + 9(n^2 - 45n + 54)$$

$$= \frac{45n^2 - 9n - 2}{5}.$$

Rhombus Oxide Network

By a different arrangement of the tetrahedron silicate, we obtain rhombus silicate network. If we delete all the silicon ions from the rhombus silicate network, then we obtain rhombus oxide network which is shown in the following figure 3.

Theorem 3

For Rhombus Oxide Network $RHOX_n, n \geq 2$,

$$CH(RHOX_n) = \frac{72n^2 - 16n - 4}{3}.$$

Proof:

The number of vertices in triangular oxide $|V(RHOX_n)| = 3n^2 + 2n$ and the number of edges $|E(RHOX_n)| = 6n^2$.

The edge set of $RHOX_n$ has the following partitions,

$$E_{(2,2)} = \{e = uv \in E(RHOX_n)| d_{RHOX_n}(u) = 2, d_{RHOX_n}(v) = 2\},$$
$$E_{(2,4)} = \{e = uv \in E(RHOX_n)| d_{RHOX_n}(u) = 2, d_{RHOX_n}(v) = 4\},$$
$$E_{(4,4)} = \{e = uv \in E(RHOX_n)| d_{RHOX_n}(u) = 4, d_{RHOX_n}(v) = 4\}$$

Then $|E_{(2,2)}| = 2$,

$$|E_{(2,4)}| = 4(2n-1),$$
$$|E_{(4,4)}| = 6n^2 - 8n + 2$$

$$CH(RHOX(n))) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{d(u)^2 + d(v)^2}{d(u) + d(v)} = \sum^{2} \frac{2^2 + 2^2}{2+2} + \sum^{4(2n-1)} \frac{2^2 + 4^2}{2+4} + \sum^{6n^2-8n+2} \frac{4^2 + 4^2}{4+4}$$

$$= 4 + \frac{40}{3}(2n-1) + 4(6n^2 - 8n + 2)$$

$$= \frac{72n^2 - 16n - 4}{3}$$

Dominating Oxide network

Consider a honeycomb network HC(n) of dimension n. Subdivide each edge of HC (n) once. Place oxygen ions on the new vertices. In each hexagon cell, connect the new nodes by an edge if they are at a distance of 4 units within the

cell. Place Oxygen irons to new edge crossings. Removing the nodes and edges of HC (n), we get Dominating Oxide Network.

Theorem 4

For Dominating Oxide Network $DOX_n, n \geq 2$
$CH(DOX_n) = 8(27n^2 - 29n + 10)$.

Proof:

The number of vertices in Dominating oxide $|V(DOX_n)| = 27n^2 - 21n + 6$ and the number of edges $|E(DOX_n)| = 54n^2 - 54n + 18$.

The edge set of DOX_n has the following partitions,
$$E_{(2,4)} = \{e = uv \in E(DOX_n)|d_{DOX_n}(u) = 2, d_{DOX_n}(v) = 4\},$$
$$E_{(4,4)} = \{e = uv \in E(DOX_n)|d_{DOX_n}(u) = 4, d_{DOX_n}(v) = 4\},$$

Then $|E_{(2,4)}| = 24n - 12$,
$$|E_{(4,4)}| = 54n^2 - 78n + 30,$$

$$CH(DOX(n))) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{d(u)^2 + d(v)^2}{d(u) + d(v)} = \sum_{uv \in E_{(2,4)}} \frac{2^2 + 4^2}{2 + 4} + \sum_{uv \in E_{(4,4)}} \frac{4^2 + 4^2}{4 + 4}$$
$$= \frac{20}{6}(24n - 12) + \frac{32}{8}(54n^2 - 78n + 30)$$
$$= 8(27n^2 - 29n + 10).$$

Regular Triangular Oxide Network

Regular triangular oxide network of dimension 5 is shown in the figure

Theorem 5

For Regular Triangular oxide network $RTOX_n$, $CH(RTOX_n) = 12n^2 + 20n - 4$.

Proof:

The number of vertices in triangular oxide $|V(RTOX_n)| = \frac{3}{2}n^2 + \frac{9}{2}n + 1$ and the number of edges $|E(RTOX_n)| = 3n^2 + 6n$.

The edge set of $RTOX_n$ has the following partitions,
$$E_{(2,2)} = \{e = uv \in E(RTOX_n)|d_{RTOX_n}(u) = 2, d_{RTOX_n}(v) = 2\},$$
$$E_{(2,4)} = \{e = uv \in E(RTOX_n)|d_{RTOX_n}(u) = 2, d_{RTOX_n}(v) = 4\},$$
$$E_{(4,4)} = \{e = uv \in E(RTOX_n)|d_{RTOX_n}(u) = 4, d_{RTOX_n}(v) = 4\},$$

Then $|E_{(2,2)}| = 2$,
$$|E_{(2,4)}| = 6n,$$
$$|E_{(4,4)}| = 3n^2 - 2$$

$$CH((RTOX_n)) = \sum_{uv \in E} \frac{d(u)^2 + d(v)^2}{d(u) + d(v)}$$

$$= \sum_{uv \in E_{(2,2)}} \frac{2^2 + 2^2}{2 + 2} + \sum_{uv \in E_{(2,4)}} \frac{2^2 + 4^2}{2 + 4} + \sum_{u \in E_{(4,4)}} \frac{4^2 + 4^2}{4 + 4} \qquad = 2(2) + 6n\left(\frac{10}{3}\right) + (3n^2 - 2)(4)$$

$$= 12n^2 + 20n - 4.$$

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Figure 1: Oxide network of dimension 2.	Figure 2 Triangular Oxide network of dimension 4.
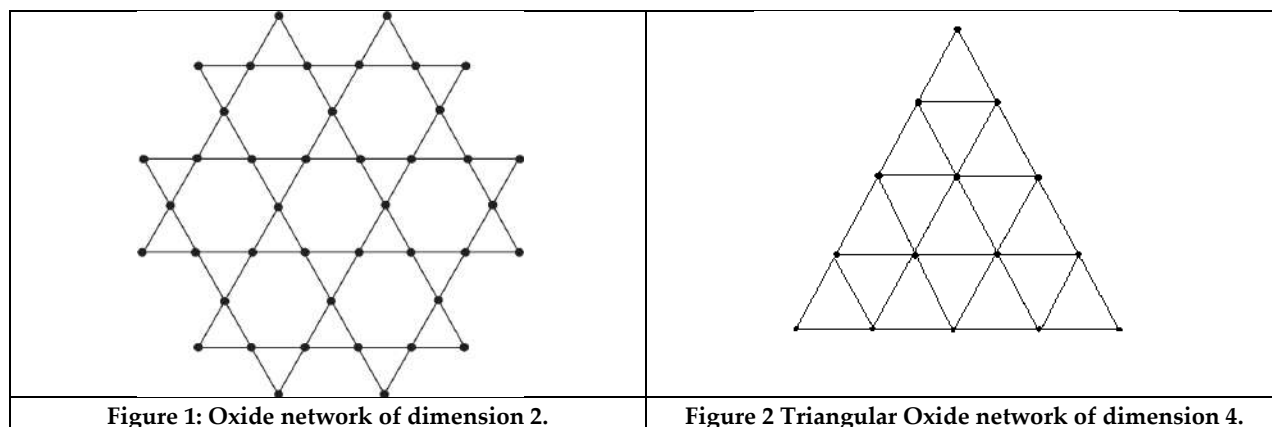
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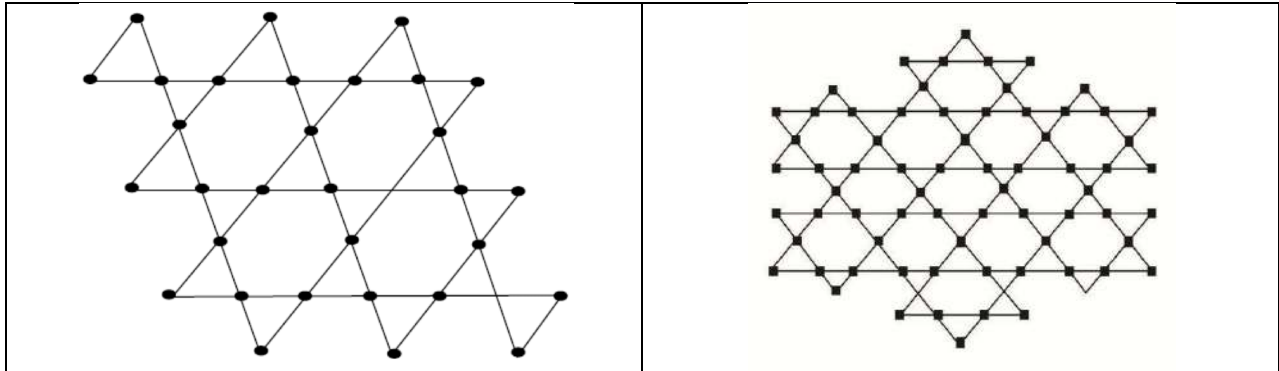
Figure 3 Rhombus Oxide Network

Figure 4 : Dominating Oxide Network of dimension 2
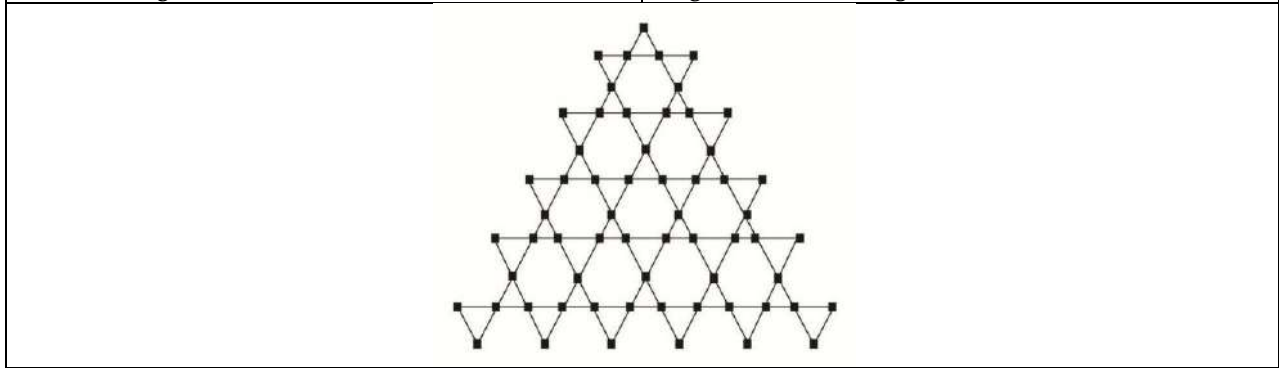
Figure 5. Regular Triangular Oxide Network

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Analysis of Water Distribution Networks using Heatmap Centrality Measure

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ABSTRACT

In Complex Network Theory (CNT), various centrality metrics are widely used to analyse real-world networks. Water Distribution Network(WDN) is a well-known complex network, that can be studied to understand its behaviour using centrality measures. This paper analyses three real WDNs using closeness centrality, betweenness centrality and heatmap centrality to identify most influential nodes of the network and the comparative analysis is done through pairwise rank correlation coefficients.

Keywords : Water Distribution Network; Centrality Measures; Heatmap Centrality

INTRODUCTION

Complex systems can be abstracted as networks which help to characterize the connections between the nodes and edges in the system components. Centrality measures, one of the most important network techniques, is used to quantify the influence of any node within the network. Comparatively, high centrality node is more influential than other nodes in the network. While identifying the influential nodes through centrality measures, the network

assembly considerably plays significant role. Several centrality measures have been developed in order to study the importance of nodes and the associations between them in the network. Through the concept of centrality was introduced by Bavelas [1] to study about communication in smaller networks, Freeman [3] defined the term centrality with reference to graph theory. Over the years, many centrality metrics have been developed to identify the most influential node in the network.

Some of the well-known nodal centrality metrics are (a) Degree Centrality [3]: The degree centrality of a node is the degree of that node (i.e. the number of adjacent nodes). This gives more importance to nodes that have higher degree. (b) Eigenvector Centrality [4]: The eigenvector centrality of a node is a measure of degree of that node and also its adjacent nodes. It finds the important nodes which are placed in the particular portion of the network. The number of neighbours of a node is the degree centrality of the node whereas the eigenvector centrality of a node is an extension of degree centrality which includes both the node and its neighbours. (c) Closeness Centrality [3]: The closeness centrality of a node calculates the distances of minimum path between that node and all other nodes. Hence it has smaller numerical range. (d) Betweenness Centrality [2]: The Betweenness centrality of a node is the ratio of the number of minimum paths which pass through that node and the number of shortest paths between every pair of nodes in the network. The nodes that lie on many minimum paths within a network will be ranked higher. The network structure is studied well by the concept of the shortest path between any nodes in that network. Closeness centrality and Betweenness centrality are two major centrality measures based on the shortest path. (e) Heatmap Centrality [5]: The heatmap centrality of a node is difference of the farness of that node and the average farness of its adjacent nodes. If the farness of a node is similar to all of its adjacent nodes then the flow of information takes place through any of these nodes. Hence these nodes cannot influence the others. If the farness of the node is lesser than that of its adjacent nodes then it yields a negative Heatmap value. A node is considered as the most influential one if it has most negative Heatmap centrality.

Each centrality measure has limitations based on its nature. The degree centrality metric considers only limited data about the nodes in the network and most influential nodes have high adjacent nodes in the network. The closeness centrality metric and the betweenness centrality metric computes the influential node depending on the shortest path between the node and all other nodes in the network. The eigenvector centrality and the heatmap centrality metrics identify the influential nodes by measuring through its adjacent nodes.

To analyse spatial networks, the shortest path-based centrality measures are suitable regarding information flow. Many approaches to understand the construction, efficiency, robustness and vulnerability of WDNs by centrality measures are developed [10], [11]. Through Complex Network Theory measures are useful and necessary, they may be insufficient with respect to structural reliability or vulnerability of spatial networks due to some spatial conditions. Therefore, a connectivity-based measure to analyse weighted and directed WDNs are introduced [12], [13]. Centrality measures are used in analysing vulnerability [14], [15], [16], in assessing reliability [17], and WDN resilience [18]. Neighbourhood degree measure is used to validate WDN connectivity structure follows a Poisson-like distribution due to spatial constraints [19]. Since pipes are also important components in WDN[20], edge betweenness [21] measure is used to analyse these networks. In order to locate their most influential nodes, three centrality measures Closeness Centrality, Betweenness Centrality and Heatmap Centrality are computed for each node and Spearman Rank Correlation coefficients of each pair of these measures are calculated. Based upon the results, the most influential nodes are identified. Section 2 provides definitions required for the study. Section 3 includes the computational part of Closeness centrality, Betweenness centrality and Heatmap centrality. It also includes the calculation of Spearman's Rank correlation of each pair of the above said measures and their comparative analysis. The final section includes the conclusion part.

Preliminaries

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple, connected, undirected and unweighted network with $n = |V(G)|$ nodes and $m = |E(G)|$ edges. The shortest path is nothing but finding a path between two vertices which gives the minimum sum of the weights of its edges in the network. The distance between any two vertices $u, v \in V(G)$ is the number edges in the

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shortest paths between u and v in the network. Then the adjacency matrix $A = \{a_{ij}\}_{n \times n}$ where $a_{ij} = 1$ if nodes v_i and v_j are connected by an edge and a_{ij} = 0 if otherwise.The well-known centrality metrics Closeness Centrality, Betweenness Centrality and Heatmap Centrality are suitable to analyse the Water Distribution Networks.

Betweenness Centrality [2]

The Betweenness centrality of a node v_i is defined [2] as,

$$C_B(v_i) = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k}^{n} \frac{\sigma_{v_j, v_k}(v_i)}{\sigma_{v_j, v_k}} \qquad (1)$$

where $\sigma_{v_j, v_k}(v_i)$ is the number of shortest paths between the nodes v_j and v_k that are passing through the node v_i and σ_{v_j, v_k} is the number of shortest paths between the nodes v_j and v_k.This centrality measure identifies the nodes that behave like 'bridges' between nodes in a network. That is, it gives maximum centrality value to a node which the number of times appears on the shortest path between other nodes.

Closeness Centrality [3]

The Closeness centrality of a node v_i is defined [3] as,

$$C_c(v_i) = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} s(v_i, v_j)} \qquad (2)$$

where n is the number of nodes in the network and $s(v_i, v_j)$ is the length of the shortest path between the nodes v_i and v_j.This centrality measure is used to measure the sum of the length of the shortest paths between the node and all other nodes in the graph. So, the maximum Closeness centrality value of a node is the most central node in the network.

Heatmap Centrality [5]

The Heatmap centrality of a node v_i is defined [5] as,

$$C_{HM}(v_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} s(v_i, v_j) - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} * \sum_{k=1}^{n} s(v_j, v_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij}} \qquad (3)$$

where the adjacency matrix $A = (a_{ij}) = 1$, if the nodes v_i and v_j are adjacent and 0, otherwise. The Heatmapcentrality measures the hottest spot node within its neighbourhood. It helps to identify the super-spreader nodes in the scale-free network.

The level of influence of node based on different centrality measures can be indicated to assign ranks to each node in the network which is also ordered in the decreasing order of the centrality values. In general, the correlation coefficient between any two variables tells that if the value is high then two variables have a similar rank, or they are having dissimilar rank. If this correlation value is close to 1then it indicates a stronger similarity between the two rankings. There are two types of rank correlation coefficients, the Spearman-rank and Kendall-rank based only on the ranks of the variables, and not on the centrality values. Spearman's correlation coefficient (ϱ) is calculated on the rankings of variables. Christina Duro´n[5] studied both rank correlation coefficients are used to evaluate the correctness of the rankings to better assess the effectives of the centrality measures. This motivates us to study a similar concept in the water distribution networks.

Spearman's Rank Correlation Coefficient [6]

Suppose the values of the variables X and Y are in two different orders. The Spearman's rank correlation coefficient formula is given by

$$\rho_{XY} = 1 - \frac{6 \sum d^2}{n(n^2 - 1)} \qquad (4)$$

where $d = x - y$ is the difference between corresponding pairs. When there are ties, (*ie*) two or more ranks are equal, mean rank is assigned to them. In this case correction factor has to be added for each repeated value. So, the formula becomes

$$\rho_{XY} = 1 - \frac{6\left[\sum d^2 + \frac{m(m^2-1)}{12}\right]}{n(n^2-1)} \tag{5}$$

where m is the number of times a rank is repeated. If $\rho_{XY} = 1\ or - 1$, then there is perfect positive or negative relationship between the variables X and Y. Value of ρ_{XY} is close to ± 1 indicate high degree of relationship between X and Y.

Centrality Measures for WDNs

Water distribution network (WDN) can be modelled as a graph whose vertices or nodes are its hub points and pipes are its edges. So, WDN is also fall into complex network theory (CNT).

Case Study-1

Three water distribution networks are taken for study. First WDN1 network is shown in Figure 1.It contains 18 nodes and these nodes are interconnected by 17 pipes. Three centrality metrics Betweenness centrality $\left(C_B(v_i)\right)$,Closeness centrality $\left(C_c(v_i)\right)$and Heatmap centrality$(C_{HM}(v_i))$and the ranking of all nodes for the networkWDN1 areobtainedandare illustrated through Tables and Figures. The centrality value of each WDN1 network node and its ranking with respect to the $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$ and $C_{HM}(v_i)$ measures are afforded in Table 1.It can be clearly observed from Table, all the three centrality measures, tranquilly, node 5 is elite ranked by both $C_B(v_i)$and$C_C(v_i)$ centralities due to the reason of most connected node within the WDN1 network. Furthermore, node 13 is elite ranked by the $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$and$C_{HM}(v_i)$ centralities since node 13 is close concurrence to all the nodes within the WDN1 network. The outcomes of the all these centrality measures and the rank of centralities for different number of nodes can be seen in figures 2 and 3.

Spearman-rank correlation coefficient of WDN1 network(ρ_{WDN1}):

It can be used to find the degree of the relationship between these centrality rankings. The Spearman-rank correlation coefficient of WDN1 network $(\rho_{WDN1})$of the rankings with respect to the centrality measures, say C_B, C_CandC_{HM} are computed using Eqs. (4) and (5).The difference d_i between the final ranking for node $v_i$of these centrality measures and the square of difference $d_i^2$of WDN1 networkare depicted in Table 2.

The Spearman-rank correlation with respect to the Betweenness and Closeness centrality measures on WDN1 network is $\rho_{WDN1}(C_B, C_C) = 1 - \frac{6[137.5+0.5+0.5+0.5+0.5+0.5+0.5+5+82.5]}{18(323)} = 0.76471$where $n = 18$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{25} d_1^2(v_i) = 137.5$, $\rho_{WDN1}(C_B, C_{HM}) = 1 - \frac{6[9.5+82.5+2+0.5+2+82.5]}{18(323)} = 0.81527$ where $n = 18$ and$\sum_{i=1}^{25} d_2^2(v_i) = 9.5$ and $\rho_{WDN1}(C_C, C_{HM}) = 1 - \frac{6[146+8+4.5+82.5]}{18(323)} = 0.75129$ where $n = 18$ and$\sum_{i=1}^{25} d_3^2(v_i) = 146$.It is observed that the heatmap centrality measure has a positive correlation with closeness centrality and betweenness centrality in this network.

Case Study-2

Second network WDN2 is shown in Fig2. It contains 25 nodes and these nodes are interconnected by 38 pipes. Applying the same procedure given in previous study, three centrality metrics are given in Table 4. Ranks for these measures are provided in Table 5. To compute Spearman's Rank Correlation Coefficient the differences between the ranks of these measures are provided in Table 6.

The centrality value of each nodein WDN2 network and its ranking with respect to the $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$and$C_{HM}(v_i)$ measures are afforded in Table 3. It is evident that, Node 11, Node 16 and Node 15areelite ranked by the three measures$C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$and$C_{HM}(v_i)$respectively for thenetwork WDN2. The outcomes of the all these centrality measures and the rank of centralities for different number of nodes can be seen in figures 5 and 6.

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Spearman-rank correlation coefficient of WDN2 network (ρ_{WDN2}):

The Spearman-rank correlation coefficient of WDN2 network (ρ_{WDN2})of the rankings with respect to the centrality measures, say C_B, C_C and C_{HM} are computed using Eqs. (4) and (5).The difference d_i between the final ranking for node v_i of these centrality measures and the square of difference d_i^2 of WDN2 networkare depicted in Table 4.

The Spearman-rank correlation with respect to the Betweenness and Closeness centrality measures on WDN2 network is $\rho_{WDN2}(C_B, C_C) = 1 - \frac{6*(405.5+0.5+0.5+0.5)}{25(624)} = 0.843462$ where $n = 25$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{25} d_1^2(v_i) = 405.5$, $\rho_{WDN2}(C_C, C_{HM}) = 1 - \frac{6*(328+1.5+1.5+2)}{25(624)} = 0.87$ where $n = 25$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{25} d_2^2(v_i) = 328$ and $\rho_{WDN2}(C_B, C_{HM}) = 11 - \frac{6[428.5+1.5+5+2]}{25(624)} = 0.831923$

where $n = 25$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{25} d_3^2(v_i) = 428.5$. It is clear that the heatmap centrality measure has a positive correlation with other measures closeness centrality and betweenness centrality in this network.

Case Study-3

Third one is Apulian network (WDN3) which is shown in Figure 7. It contains 24 nodes and these nodes are interconnected by 34 pipes.

As discussed in previous study, The centrality value of each nodein WDN2 network and its ranking with respect to the $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$ and $C_{HM}(v_i)$ measures are afforded in Table 5. It is observed that Node 6 is elite ranked by two measures Closeness Centrality, Betweenness Centrality and node1 is elite ranked by Heatmap Centrality for thenetwork WDN3. The outcomes of the all these centrality measures and the rank of centralities for different number of nodes can be seen in figures 8 and 9.

Spearman-rank correlation coefficient of WDN3 network (ρ_{WDN3}):

The Spearman-rank correlation coefficient of WDN3 network (ρ_{WDN3})of the rankings with respect to the centrality measures, say C_B, C_C and C_{HM} are computed using Eqs. (4) and (5).The difference d_i between the final ranking for node v_i of these centrality measures and the square of difference d_i^2 of WDN3 networkare depicted in Table 6.

The Spearman-rank correlation with respect to the Betweenness and Closeness centrality measures on WDN3 network is $\rho_{WDN3}(C_B, C_C) = 1 - \frac{6(622)}{24(575)} = 0.729565$ where $n = 24$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{24} d_1^2(v_i) = 622$, $\rho_{WDN3}(C_C, C_{HM}) = 1 - \frac{6[766]}{24(575)} = 0.666957$ where $n = 24$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{24} d_2^2(v_i) = 766$ and $\rho_{WDN3}(C_B, C_{HM}) = 1 - \frac{6[428]}{24(575)} = 0.813913$ where $n = 24$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{24} d_3^2(v_i) = 428$. It is noted that the heatmap centrality has positive correlation with closeness centrality and betweenness centrality in network.

CONCLUSION

This paper attempts to find the efficiency of a heatmap centrality measure, as a feasible measure to determine super-spreader nodes in scale-free networks. This heatmap centrality measure makes use of characteristics from other centrality measures degree centrality, closeness centrality and betweenness centrality to maintain a balance between correctness and computational easiness in finding the super-spread nodes within real-world networks. To measure the efficiency of the heatmap centrality, three case studies in which onetree-shaped WDN and two looped-network WDN from literature are analysed. Three centrality metrics Closeness Centrality, Betweenness Centrality and Heatmap Centrality are obtained for these networks. Spearman's rank correlation coefficient is used to find the degree of the relationship between these centrality rankings. Based on this study, it is clear that the heatmap centrality is strongly correlated with closeness centrality and betweenness centrality in all these three real-world networks. Further this study may be extended to find the efficiency of these centrality measures on directed and weighted real-world networks.

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Table 1: Centrality measures $C_B(v_i)$, $C_C(v_i)$, $C_{HM}(v_i)$ and the ranking of all the nodes in WDN1 network

Nodes (v_i)	$C_B(v_i)$	$C_C(v_i)$	$C_{HM}(v_i)$	$r_B(v_i)$ Rank of $C_B(v_i)$	$r_C(v_i)$ Rank of $C_C(v_i)$	$r_{HM}(v_i)$ Rank of $C_{HM}(v_i)$
1	0	0.016393443	16	13.5	11.5	13.5
2	0.0588	0.022222222	-6.6667	3	3.5	4.5
3	0.0074	0.016949153	-1	8	9.5	7
4	0	0.013333333	16	13.5	17.5	13.5
5	0.0956	0.028571429	-9.5	1	1	2
6	0.0331	0.022222222	-6.6667	5	3.5	4.5
7	0.0147	0.016949153	-1	6	9.5	7
8	0	0.016393443	16	13.5	11.5	13.5
9	0	0.013333333	16	13.5	17.5	13.5
10	0.011	0.020408163	-1	7	5.5	7
11	0	0.015384615	16	13.5	14.5	13.5
12	0	0.018181818	16	13.5	7.5	13.5
13	0.0662	0.025641026	-9.5	2	2	2
14	0	0.018181818	16	13.5	7.5	13.5
15	0	0.015384615	16	13.5	14.5	13.5
16	0.0441	0.020408163	-9.5	4	5.5	2
17	0	0.015384615	16	13.5	14.5	13.5
18	0	0.015384615	16	13.5	14.5	13.5

Table 2: Square of differences between the ranks of $C_B(v_i)$, $C_C(v_i)$ and $C_{HM}(v_i)$ of all the nodes in WDN1

Nodes (v_i)	$d_1 = r_C - r_B$	d_1^2	$d_2 = r_B - r_{HM}$	d_2^2	$d_3 = r_C - r_{HM}$	d_3^2
1	1.5	2.25	1	1	2.5	6.25
2	4	16	0	0	4	16
3	0	0	-1	1	-1	1
4	-1.5	2.25	0.5	0.25	-1	1
5	3.5	12.25	-1	1	2.5	6.25
6	-2	4	0	0	-2	4
7	4	16	0	0	4	16
8	-1.5	2.25	0	0	-1.5	2.25
9	1	1	0	0	1	1
10	-6	36	0	0	-6	36
11	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	-6	36	0	0	-6	36
13	1	1	0	0	1	1
14	1.5	2.25	2	4	3.5	12.25
15	1	1	0	0	1	1

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16	1	1	0	0	1	1
17	1.5	2.25	1	1	2.5	6.25
18	4	16	0	0	4	16

Table 3:Centrality measures $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i), C_{HM}(v_i)$ and the ranking of all the nodes in WDN2 network

Nodes (v_i)	$C_B(v_i)$	$C_C(v_i)$	$C_{HM}(v_i)$	$r_B(v_i)$ Rank of $C_B(v_i)$	$r_C(v_i)$ Rank of $C_C(v_i)$	$r_{HM}(v_i)$ Rank of $C_{HM}(v_i)$
1	0.0953	0.010416667	13	12	22	22
2	0.0833	0.011235955	2.333333333	13	17	15.5
3	0.0973	0.010638298	13	11	19.5	22
4	0.0201	0.010638298	13	23	19.5	22
5	0.1796	0.012987013	-5	9	9.5	7.5
6	0.1999	0.014285714	-5	6	7	7.5
7	0.1884	0.01369863	-6	8	8	3.5
8	0.0229	0.011363636	12	21	16	20
9	0.056	0.011764706	2.333333333	18	14	15.5
10	0.1996	0.014705882	-5	7	5	7.5
11	0.2416	0.016393443	-5	2	1	7.5
12	0.2176	0.015625	-5.5	4	3	5
13	0.0667	0.012658228	2	15	11.5	13.5
14	0.0621	0.011627907	-1	17	15	11
15	0.2127	0.014492754	-7.5	5	6	1
16	0.2607	0.016129032	-6	1	2	3.5
17	0.2299	0.015384615	-6.25	3	4	2
18	0.0821	0.012658228	-0.666666667	14	11.5	12
19	0.0033	0.009345794	19	25	24	25
20	0.0276	0.011111111	2	20	18	13.5
21	0.0546	0.012987013	6	19	9.5	19
22	0.1508	0.0125	-4.5	10	13	10
23	0.0622	0.010526316	3.333333333	16	21	18
24	0.0217	0.00990099	3	22	23	17
25	0.0039	0.00862069	18	24	25	24

Table 4: Square of differences between the ranks of $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$ and $C_{HM}(v_i)$ of all the nodes in WDN2

Nodes (v_i)	$d_1 = r_C - r_B$	d_1^2	$d_2 = r_B - r_{HM}$	d_2^2	$d_3 = r_C - r_{HM}$	d_3^2
1	10	100	-10	100	0	0
2	4	16	-2.5	6.25	1.5	2.25
3	8.5	72.25	-11	121	-2.5	6.25
4	-3.5	12.25	1	1	-2.5	6.25
5	0.5	0.25	1.5	2.25	2	4

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6	1	1	-1.5	2.25	-0.5	0.25
7	0	0	4.5	20.25	4.5	20.25
8	-5	25	1	1	-4	16
9	-4	16	2.5	6.25	-1.5	2.25
10	-2	4	-0.5	0.25	-2.5	6.25
11	-1	1	-5.5	30.25	-6.5	42.25
12	-1	1	-1	1	-2	4
13	-3.5	12.25	1.5	2.25	-2	4
14	-2	4	6	36	4	16
15	1	1	4	16	5	25
16	1	1	-2.5	6.25	-1.5	2.25
17	1	1	1	1	2	4
18	-2.5	6.25	2	4	-0.5	0.25
19	-1	1	0	0	-1	1
20	-2	4	6.5	42.25	4.5	20.25
21	-9.5	90.25	0	0	-9.5	90.25
22	3	9	0	0	3	9
23	5	25	-2	4	3	9
24	1	1	5	25	6	36
25	1	1	0	0	1	1

Table 5:Centrality measures $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i), C_{HM}(v_i)$ and the ranking of all the nodes in WDN2 network

Nodes (v_i)	$C_B(v_i)$	$C_C(v_i)$	$C_{HM}(v_i)$	$r_B(v_i)$ Rank of $C_B(v_i)$	$r_C(v_i)$ Rank of $C_C(v_i)$	$r_{HM}(v_i)$ Rank of $C_{HM}(v_i)$
1	0.202701	0.333333	-8	2	5	1
2	0.132213	0.328571	1	8	7	14
3	0.199736	0.319444	-0.333333333	3	9	10.5
4	0.128129	0.348485	-1.666666667	9	2	7
5	0.118906	0.333333	-0.333333333	10	5	10.5
6	0.265942	0.377049	-7	1	1	2
7	0.146443	0.338235	-1.333333333	6	3	8.5
8	0.19664	0.323944	-5.333333333	4	8	3
9	0.164163	0.283951	-4	5	15.5	4
10	0.062912	0.261364	0	18	20.5	12
11	0.040975	0.242105	5	22	23	21
12	0.013505	0.227723	9.5	23	24	23
13	0.114493	0.261364	-2.333333333	12	20.5	6
14	0.114954	0.294872	2	11	13	15.5
15	0.061133	0.302632	4	19	10	19.5
16	0.108827	0.333333	-2.666666667	13	5	5

17	0.069631	0.294872	2	16	13	15.5
18	0.046772	0.294872	2.25	20	13	17
19	0.094335	0.298701	0.666666667	14	11	13
20	0.066996	0.27381	4	17	18	19.5
21	0.087022	0.283951	-1.333333333	15	15.5	8.5
22	0.138208	0.280488	2.5	7	17	18
23	0.045916	0.270588	5.5	21	19	22
24	0	0.252747	22	24	22	24

Table 9: Square of differences between the ranks of $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$ and $C_{HM}(v_i)$ of all the nodes in WDN3

Nodes (v_i)	$d_1 = r_C - r_B$	d_1^2	$d_2 = r_B - r_{HM}$	d_2^2	$d_3 = r_C - r_{HM}$	d_3^2
1	2	4	1	1	3	9
2	-1	1	-6	36	-7	49
3	6	36	-7	49	-1	1
4	-7	49	2	4	-5	25
5	-5	25	-1	1	-6	36
6	0	0	-1	1	-1	1
7	-3	9	-2	4	-5	25
8	4	16	1	1	5	25
9	10	100	1	1	11	121
10	2	4	6	36	8	64
11	1	1	1	1	2	4
12	1	1	0	0	1	1
13	9	81	6	36	15	225
14	1	1	-4	16	-3	9
15	-9	81	0	0	-9	81
16	-7	49	8	64	1	1
17	-3	9	0	0	-3	9
18	-6	36	3	9	-3	9
19	-3	9	1	1	-2	4
20	1	1	-3	9	-2	4
21	1	1	6	36	7	49
22	10	100	-11	121	-1	1
23	-2	4	-1	1	-3	9
24	-2	4	0	0	-2	4

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Fig 1. Water Distribution Network1

Figure 2. $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$ and $C_{HM}(v_i)$ measures of WDN1 network

Figure 3. Rank of $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$ and $C_{HM}(v_i)$ centralities of WDN1 network

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Fig 2. Water Distribution Network 2

Figure 5. $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$ and $C_{HM}(v_i)$ measures of WDN2 network

Figure 6. Rank of $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$ and $C_{HM}(v_i)$ centralities of WDN2 network
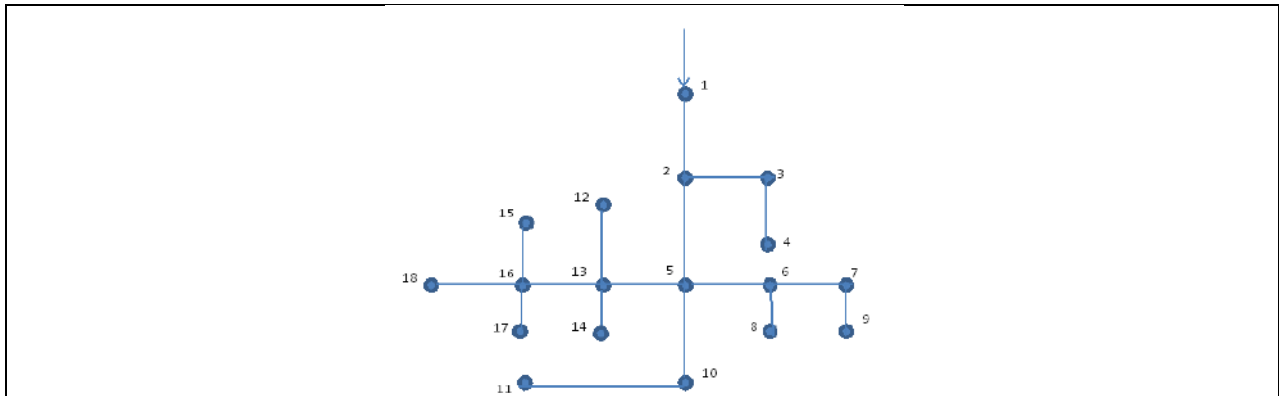
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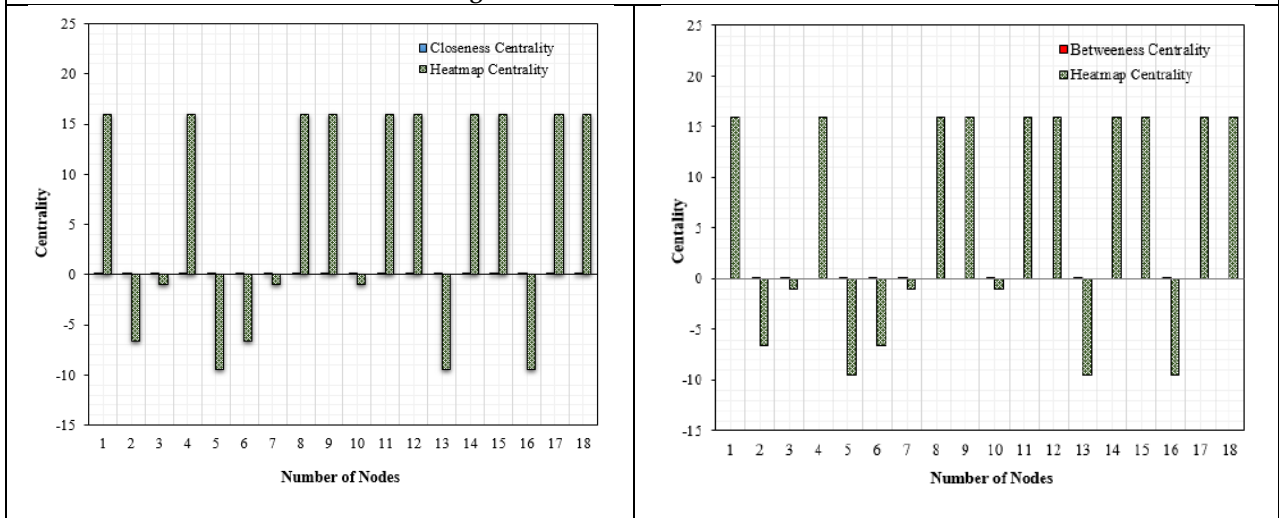

Fig 7. Water Distribution Network 3

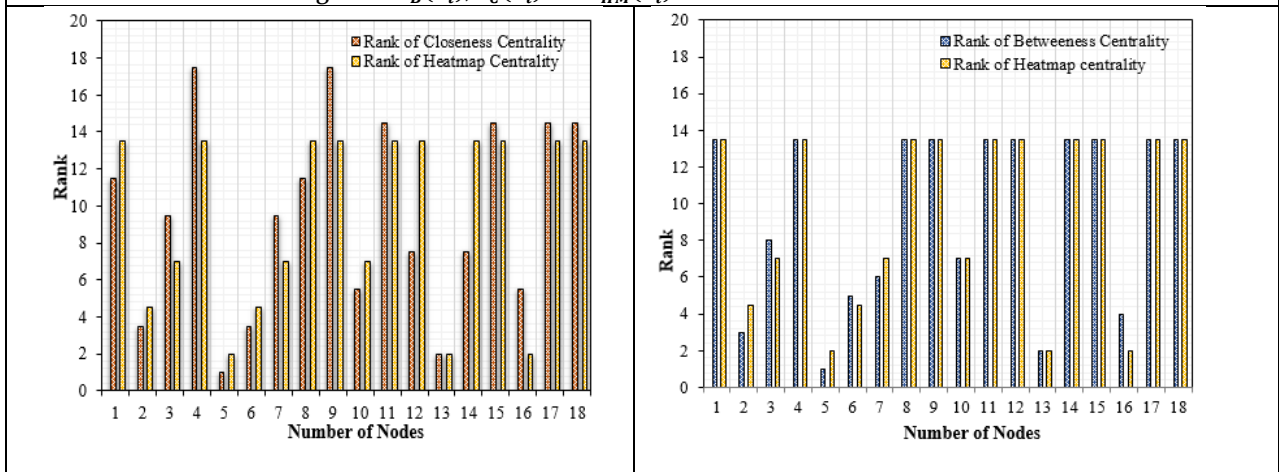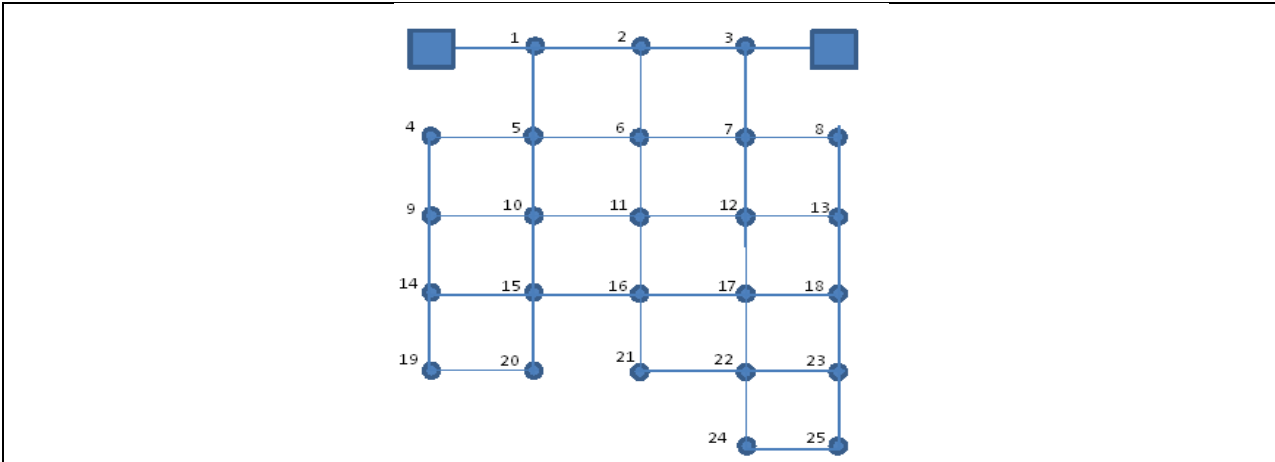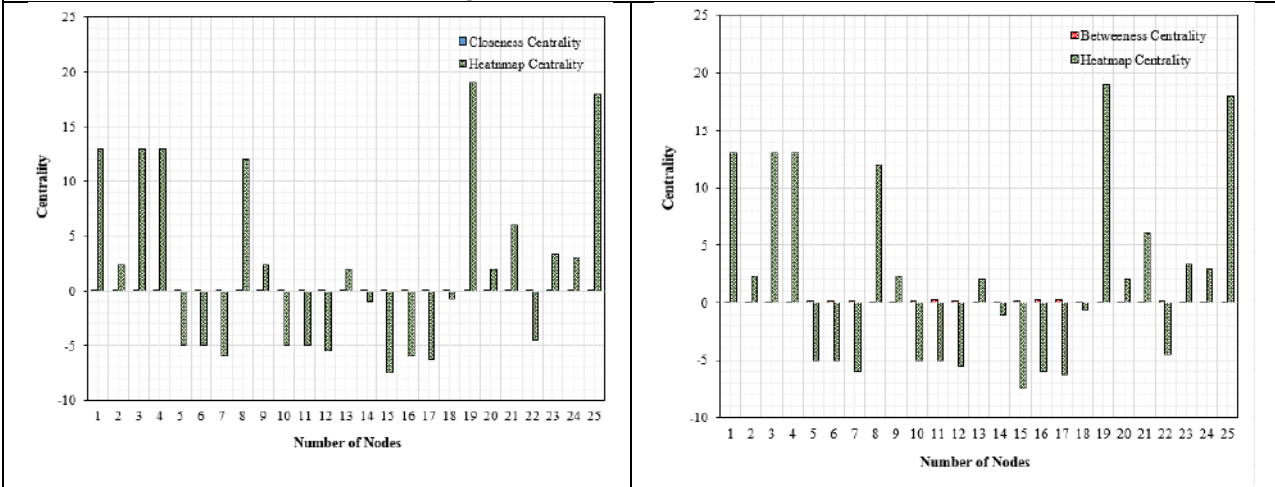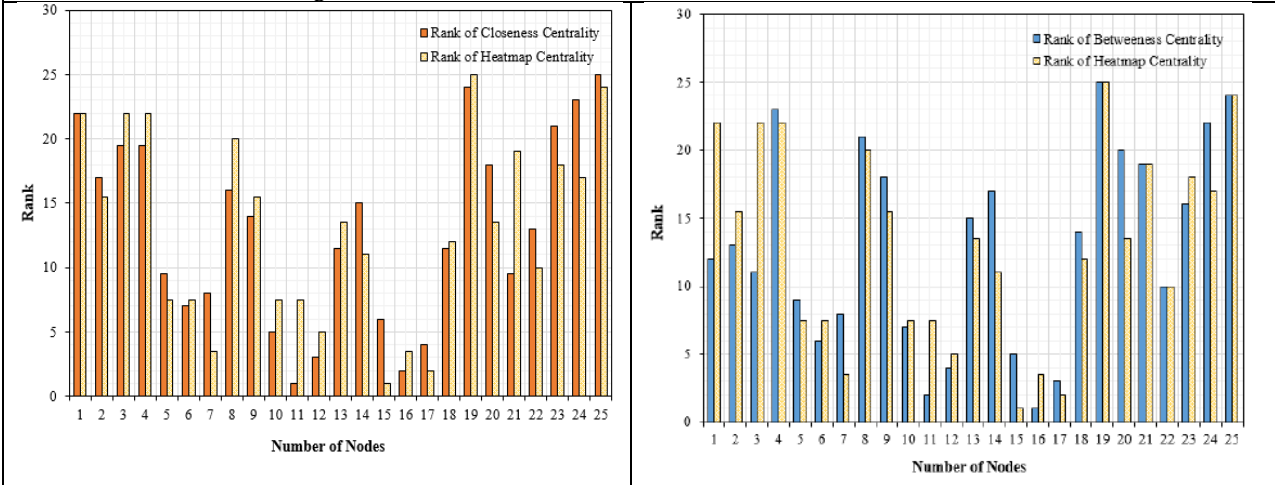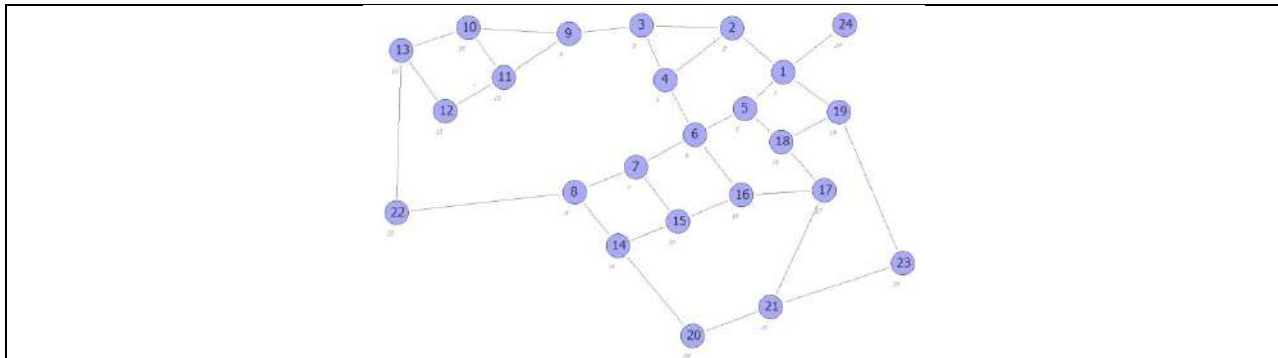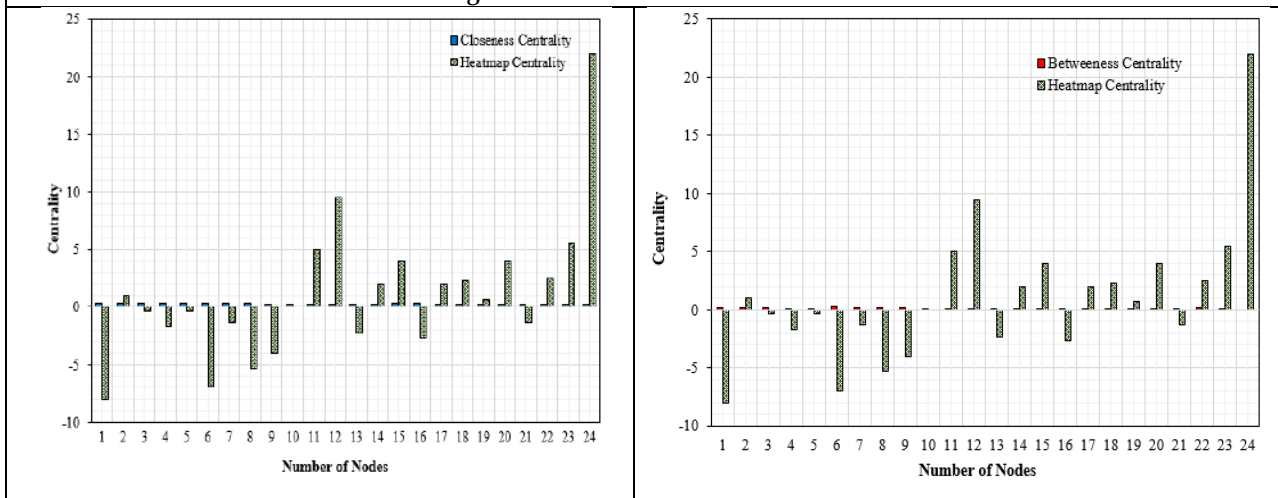**Figure 8. $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$ and $C_{HM}(v_i)$ measures of WDN3 network**
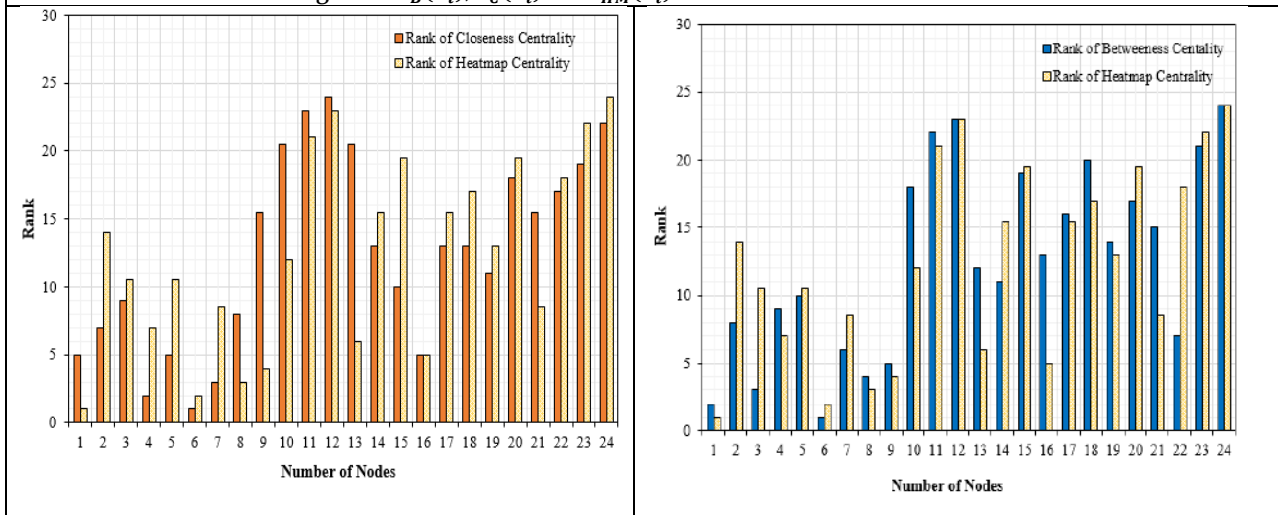
Figure 9. Rank of $C_B(v_i), C_C(v_i)$ and $C_{HM}(v_i)$ centralities of WDN3 network

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Analysis of Wiener Index of Cycloalkanes for C_nH_{2n} Structural Molecules

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ABSTRACT

Mathematical chemistry is a sector of theoretical chemistry taking on mathematical methods to regard and venture molecular attributes out of quantum physical science. Mathematical chemistry put in graph theory in mathematical representation of chemical occurrence. Mathematical chemistry has an vital outcome on the development of chemical sciences. Work on topological indices can be utilized for modelling and project physicochemical and pharmacological attributes of structured compounds. In this research article, we aim to analyze and compute the Wiener index of Hamiltonian molecular graphs. Furthermore, new method of generalization to compute Wiener index of Cycloalkanes is constituted using a constructive proof method. The analytical outcomes are verified with feasible numerical examples. Molecular graphs are plotted for C_nH_{2n} structural molecules with the service of well defined algorithms. The outcome has been coded with the help of computer algebraic software.

INTRODUCTION

A topological index is a unique number that characterizes molecular graph in mathematical way which is called as graph invariant. In comprehensive applications of chemical graph theory Eccentric connectivity Index, Zagreb-eccentricity indices and Wiener index plays a very important and effective role.The Topological Index, remarkably called the Wiener Index or Wiener number was initially proposed by American physical scientist Harold Wiener. Harold outlined Wiener Index (W) for alkane only as the total number of carbon-carbon bonds in the middle of all pairs of carbon atoms. Based on the research outcomes of Harold Wiener, a notable number of physical chemists have developed various results on the Wiener Index with certain conditions. In 1971, Hosaya initialized the conceptual relation between Wiener Index (W) and the space in the molecular graph. Hosaya particularly needled out that W is equal to the half of the total of every single element of the distance matrix of a given molecular graph [1]. Since the Wiener Index nearly correlated with few chemical properties of molecules, a remarkable number of results was fancied in 1970's and 1980's. In time, W extraordinary became the most often and most successfully engaged signifier of molecular shape that can be derived from the molecular graph. Numerous chemical relations were projected. As the outcome was based on mathematical chemistry, which was one of the most essential outgrowths in theoretical chemistry and was an elementary way to predict molecular structure in a mathematical way. This shape traced from a chemical compound is frequently named as molecular graph, and can be G path, a tree, or in overall a graph. Its graphical creation may correspond a structural formula of some molecule (Trinajstic,1983). Molecular graphs were the most essential factor for predicting results in a mathematical way. For a molecular graph, carbon atoms are considered as vertices and the bonds between the atoms are considered as lines.

This was first initialized in chemistry by E. Frankland and adapted in 1884 by A. Crum Brown [1]. Initialization of molecular graphs has made numerous chemists work on mathematical chemistry to predict the chemical properties of molecules [2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 18]. In 2016, Yong fancied the Wiener Index of traceable graphs. One among them is the Wiener Index of Hamiltonian graphs [3]. Hamiltonian cycle, Hamiltonian circuit or Hamiltonian path is the closed loop or graphical cycle in which the cycle visits each node precisely once (Skiena 1990, p. 196). Later a remarkable number of results were proposed after the victimization of molecular graphs with the Hamiltonian cycle. In [6], authors proposed sufficient conditions on the Wiener index for a graph to be Hamiltonian. Moreover, analysis on Wiener index of Hamiltonian graphs with different conditions are available in [11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20]. Actuated by the works done on characterization of mathematical attributes for some nanostructures (dendrimers, nanotubes, nanotori, fullerenes etc.), we proceed to analyse and obtain novelty formulas of the wiener index for cycloalkanes chemical graph, Also, we consider novelty formulas of odd and even indices. Finally, new algorithm for obtaining Wiener index of a Cycloalkanes are established. Moreover, the molecular graphs of cycloalkanes have been traced from SAGE MATH software. The organization of the paper is, Introduction about the wiener Index of Cyclo Alkanes and related research works are mentioned in section 1. In section 2, the necessary definitions and results are presented. Wiener index of Hamiltonian molecular graphs are calculated and generalization of the method are derived in section 3. Section 4 deals with the algorithm of the proposed method with numerical illustration. Conclusion given in section 5.

PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1 [4] A **Cycloalkane** includes only of hydrogen and carbon atoms ordered in a structure comprising a single ring (perhaps with side chains), and all of the carbon-carbon bonds are single. Cycloalkanes are titled analogously to their normal alkane counterparts of the same carbon number: cyclopropane, cyclobutane, cyclopentane, cyclohexane, etc. Cycloalkanes with more than 20 carbon atoms are called as **cycloparaffins**.

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Definition 2.2 [3] **Hamiltonian Molecular graphs:** Molecular graph with Hamiltonian cycle, Hamiltonian circuit or Hamiltonin path is known as Hamiltonian molecular graph.

Definition 2.3 [1] **Weiner Index:** The **Wiener index** $W(D)$ is the sum of distances between all pairs of vertices of the molecular graph.

$$W(D) = \sum_{x<y} d(x, y) \tag{1}$$

Definition 2.4 [2] **Graph:** In mathematics, and more specifically in graph theory, a graph is a structure amounting to a set of objects in which some pairs of the objects are in some sense "related".

Definition 2.5 [1] **Vertices and edges:** The objects correspond to mathematical abstractions called vertices (also called nodes or points) and each of the related pairs of vertices is called an edge (also called link or line)

WIENER INDEX OF CYCLOALKANES

In this section, we derived the Weiner Index of Cycloalkanes for Hamiltonian Graphs and presented the newly derived generalization formula.

Theorem 3.1 *The Wiener Index of cycloalkanes is*

$$W(C_nH_{2n}) = \begin{cases} n\sum_{d(x,y)=1}^{[n/2]} d(x, y), & n \text{ is odd} \\ n\sum_{d(x,y)=1}^{[(n/2)-1]} d(x, y) + (n/2)^2, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

n is the no of carbon atoms; $n = 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \ldots$; $d(x, y)$ is the distance between vertices x and y. Moreover $\left[\dfrac{n}{2}\right]$ is the absolute value of $\dfrac{n}{2}$.

Proof

The theorem is proved by the method of constructive proof. By the definition of Wiener Index [1],

$$W(D) = \sum_{x<y} d(x, y)$$

where x, y are the vertices of the graph.

Case 1

When n is odd that is, $n = 3, 5, 7, \ldots$

When $n = 3$,

Note: We consider each carbon atom to be a vertex and the bonds between them as edges. Even if there is double bonds, we take it to be a single edge.

$$\begin{aligned} W(G) \quad &= d(1, 2) + d(1, 3) + d(2, 3) \\ &= 1 + 1 + 1 \\ &= 3(1) \end{aligned}$$

When $n = 5$

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$$W(G) \quad = 1+2+2+1+1+2+2+1+2+1$$
$$= 1\times 5 + 2\times 5$$
$$= 5(1+2)$$
$$= 15$$

When $n = 7$
$$W(G) \quad = 1+2+3+3+2+1+1+2+3+3+2+1+2+3+3+1+2+3+1+2+1$$
$$= 1\times 7 + 2\times 7 + 3\times 7$$
$$= 7(1+2+3)$$
$$= 42$$

When $n = 9$
$$W(G) = 9(1+2+3+4)$$
Similarly When $n = 11$
$$W(G) = 11(1+2+3+4+5)$$

Hence by repeating this process, in general we have
$$W(C_n H_{2n}) = n \sum_{d(x,y)=1}^{[n/2]} d(x,y) \tag{2}$$

Corollary 3.1 When n is odd, $\left(\dfrac{n}{2}\right)$ is the maximum shortest distance when n is odd.

Case 2
When n is even that is, $n = 4, 6, 8, \ldots$
When $n = 4$
$$W(G) \quad = 1+2+1+1+2+1$$
$$= 1\times 4 + 2\times 2$$
$$= 1\times 4 + 2^2$$
$$= 8$$

When $n = 6$
$$W(G) \quad = 1+2+3+2+1+1+2+3+2+1+2+3+1+2+1$$
$$= 1\times 6 + 2\times 6 + 3^2$$
$$= 6(1+2) + 3^2$$
$$= 27$$

When $n = 8$

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$$W(G) = 1+2+3+3+2+1+1+2+3+4+3+2+1+1+2+3+4+3+2$$
$$+1+2+3+4+3+1+2+3+4+1+2+3+1+2+1$$
$$= 1\times 8 + 2\times 8 + 3\times 8 + 4^2$$
$$= 8(1+2+3)+4^2$$
$$= 48$$

When $n = 10$

$$W(G) = 10(1+2+3+4)+5^2$$
$$= 125$$

Hence by repeating this process, we get

$$W(C_nH_{2n}) = n\sum_{d(x,y)=1}^{[(n/2)-1]} d(x,y) + (n/2)^2, \ n \ is \ even \tag{3}$$

Corollary 3.2 When n is even, $\left(\dfrac{n}{2}-1\right)$ is the maximum shortest distance when n is odd.

Different types of molecular structures and their Weiner Index are tabulated in Table 1.

ALGORITHM FOR FORMULA OF CYCLOALKANES

Wiener Index is used to prognosticate physical attributes of cycloalkanes, such as molar volumes, heats of fabrication and formation, boiling point and melting point.The generalized formula and algorithm aid to find the Wiener Index of any presented Cycloalkane.For any presented cycloalkanes relying on the definite quantity of carbon atoms Wiener Index can be computed.Using the algorithm and code from python just by entering the number of carbon atoms Wiener Index can be computed for a presented cycloalkane. Also, the topological indices have many applications in quantitative structure property relationship (QSPR) and quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) to predict physico-chemical properties of chemical compounds (Kubiniy et al., 1999). We formulated a well defined algorithm which will help to obtain the generalization formula for cycloalkanes.

CONCLUSION

In this research article, we calculated the Wiener index of Hamiltonian molecular graphs. Moreover, new method of generalization to calculate Wiener index of cycloalkanes is established using constructive proof method. The analytical results are verified with suitable numerical example. Molecular graphs are plotted for C_nH_{2n} structural molecules with the help of well defined algorithms. Finally, novel formulas for Wiener index of some Hamiltonian Molecular Graphs such as Cycloalkanes are established. Based on these investigations and graphical analysis novel formulas for the Wiener Index of Cycloalkanes are presented with graphical representation.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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Table 1: Table of Different Molecules with its corresponding Wiener Index
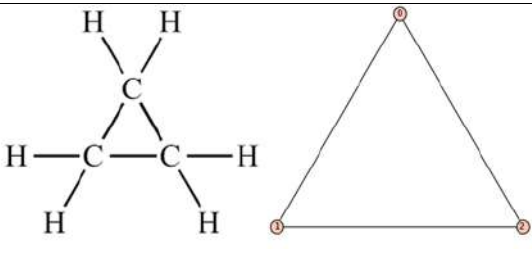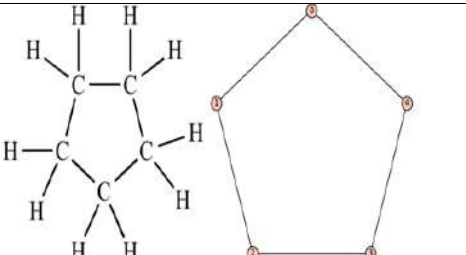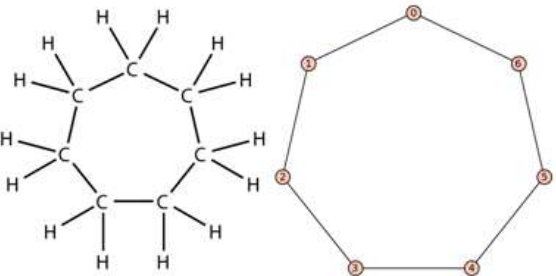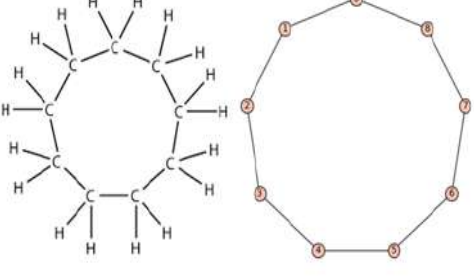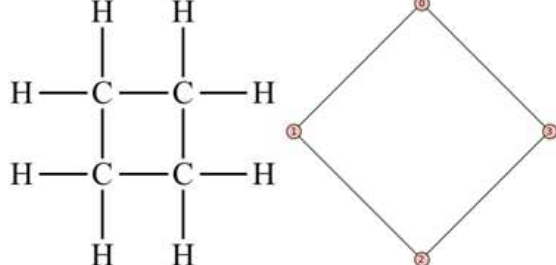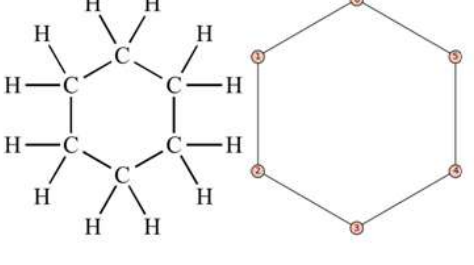
n	**Cycloalkane**	C_nH_{2n}	$W(C_nH_{2n})$
3	Cyclopropane	C_3H_6	3
4	Cyclobutane	C_4H_8	8
5	Cyclopentane	C_5H_{10}	15
6	Cyclohexane	C_6H_{12}	27
7	Cycloheptane	C_7H_{14}	42
8	Cyclooctane	C_8H_{16}	64

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9	Cyclononane	C_9H_{18}	90
10	Cyclodecane	$C_{10}H_{20}$	125
11	Cycloundecane	$C_{11}H_{22}$	165
12	Cyclododecane	$C_{12}H_{24}$	216
13	Cyclotridecane	$C_{13}H_{26}$	273

Figure 1: Structural formula of C_3H_6 and Molecular graph of C_3H_6

Figure 2: Structural formula of C_5H_{10} and Molecular graph of C_5H_{10}

Figure 3: Structural formula of C_7H_{14} and Molecular graph of C_7H_{14}

Figure 4: Structural formula of C_9H_{18} and Molecular graph of C_9H_{18}

Figure 5: Structural formula of C_4H_8 and Molecular graph of C_4H_8

Figure 6: Structural formula of C_6H_{12} and Molecular graph of C_6H_{12}

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Figure 7: Structural formula of C_8H_{16} **and Molecular graph of** C_8H_{16}

Figure 8: Structural formula of $C_{10}H_{20}$ **and Molecular graph of** $C_{10}H_{20}$

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Fig 9. Algorithm For Finding Cycloalkanes

REVIEW ARTICLE

Recent Physiotherapy Advances in Spinal Cord Injury Paraplegics: A Systematic Review

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ABSTRACT

Lesions in the lower thoracic region, particularly T7-S3 (accounting for 45.9% and 43.7% respectively), tend to result in paraplegia. Paraplegia is the loss of motor and/or sensory function in the thoracic, lumbar, or sacral segments of the spinal cord due to damage to neural elements within the spinal canal." To conduct a review of existing literature on the impact of recent advancements in physiotherapy on patients with SCI presenting with paraplegia. A thorough search of two electronic databases, namely PubMed and Google Scholar, was carried out to identify articles published between 2005 and 2023 that would be included in this study. Among the 1507 studies initially identified, 13 studies were deemed suitable for inclusion in this systematic review. These studies encompassed various physiotherapy interventions, with 8 focusing on robotic-assisted gait training, 2 on virtual reality (VR), and 3 on telerehabilitation. It was found that robotic-assisted gait training offers a more comprehensive, feasible, and safe approach, which effectively enhances locomotion, strength, endurance, and postural stability among paraplegics. Telerehabilitation has been shown to improve health-related outcomes and overall well-being among paraplegics. Furthermore, VR has been associated with improvements in balance, postural stability, gait, endurance, aerobic capacity, pain, and psychological well-being. **:** This review

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concludes that robotics, telerehabilitation, and VR, contribute to enhanced quality of life and increased functional independence among SCI paraplegics. Nonetheless, further, and more extensive studies are necessary to delve deeper into their efficacy.

Keywords: Spinal Cord Injury, Paraplegia, Robotics, Telerehabilitation, Virtual Reality, rehabilitation, physiotherapy, Randomized Controlled Trials

INTRODUCTION

"A spinal cord injury (SCI) refers to a sudden traumatic injury to the spinal cord, resulting in various degrees of motor and sensory impairments as well as paralysis."[1]The primary causes of SCI include automobile accidents (31.5%), falls (25.3%), gunshot wounds (10.4%), motorcycle accidents (6.8%), diving accidents (4.7%), and medical/surgical complications (4.3%).[2] In the context of India, falls from heights such as hills, roofs, trees, electricity poles, and stairs (59.64%) constitute the predominant cause of thoracolumbar injuries, followed by road traffic accidents (RTA) (35.08%).[3] In India, the prevalence of SCI stands at 0.15 million, with an average annual incidence of 15,000 cases.[1] SCI is classified into two main categories: complete and incomplete. A complete injury is characterized by the absence of both motor and sensory function in the S4 and S5 region.[4] This classification is only applied once the spinal shock has subsided and is further categorized as ASIA A. On the other hand, an incomplete injury falls into ASIA B, C, and D categories and involves a partial loss of motor or sensory function below the level of the injury. Incomplete SCI is defined by the presence of certain indicators, including voluntary anal contraction (indicating sacral sparing) and palpable or visible muscle contractions below the level of injury, as well as preserved perineal sensation.[5]

Physiotherapy has traditionally been a viable option for the rehabilitation of patients SCI. However, in this ever-evolving era, several cutting-edge rehabilitation advancements have surfaced. Among them, robotics, VR, and tele-rehabilitation stand out as particularly noteworthy. Robotic tools play a crucial role in the rehabilitation of the lower limbs of patients with motor disorders. Lower limb exoskeletons have proven to enhance various gait characteristics such as speed, distance, stride length, passage width, and cadence, thus improving the overall kinetic and kinematic aspects of walking.[7]VR technology allows patients to engage in exercises while customizing the difficulty level. Visual, audio, and tactile sensory feedback serves as motivation, empowering patients to work on their static and dynamic posture through sensorimotor training.[8]Telerehabilitation involves the utilization of telecommunication to deliver therapeutic and medical services remotely. For individuals with SCI residing in the community, telerehabilitation holds substantial promise as a practical alternative, offering access to essential services without the need for physical presence.[7]

The objective of this review was to systematically collect all available literature that has utilized the advancements for treating individuals with paraplegia resulting from spinal cord injuries (SCI).

METHODS

Study Selection and Reporting
This review was done in accordance with the recommendations of Preferred Reporting Items for systematic review and Meta-Analysis (PRISMA) and was registered in PROSPERO (Id: CRD42022358702).

Literature Database Research
Electronic literature searches were conducted from August 2022 to September 2022 using PubMed and Google Scholar to collect the most recent research evidence concerning recent advances in physiotherapy for individuals

with paraplegia due to SCI. When necessary, these database searches were refined to focus on studies falling under Randomized Controlled Trials, Randomized Clinical Trials, Pilot Randomized Trials, and Pilot Trials, all published in English-language peer-reviewed journals. The search terms employed were as follows: (Spinal Cord Injury) AND (Paraplegia) AND (Telerehabilitation) AND (Virtual Reality) AND (Robotics) AND (Brain Machine Interface) AND (Physiotherapy OR Physical Therapy OR Exercise Therapy OR Electrotherapy OR Rehabilitation). The Boolean operators "AND," "OR," and "NOT" were used to refine the searches conducted on PubMed.

Selection of studies for the Review

The search for articles was limited to the English language and covered the years from 2005 to 2022. Initially, one of the authors reviewed the titles and abstracts of the identified articles to assess their relevance and eliminate any duplicates. Subsequently, all the authors collectively examined the full-text articles to make the final determination regarding their relevance. In situations where there was a discrepancy in opinion between the two authors, the option to involve a third author for consultation and consensus was available. The inclusion of studies in the review was based on the PICO process, which considers Population, Intervention, Control, and Outcome as key criteria for selection. Refer Table 1.

Data extraction

Data from each of the included studies were independently extracted by all authors. A standardized table was employed to present the relevant information from the studies, encompassing details such as the study's objectives and design, the study population, the methodology employed, the intervention utilized, and the outcome measures assessed. For further reference, please consult the supplementary material for the complete table.

Quality and Risk of Bias Assessment

The Physiotherapy Evidence Database (PEDro) scale (https://www.pedro.org.au/wp-content/uploads/PEDro_scale.pdf) for RCT was used to evaluate the methodological quality and threat of bias of the included studies. Refer table 2.

RESULTS

Description of studies

The literature search of electronic databases (PubMed and Google Scholar) identified robotics (n=189), virtual reality(n=556), telerehabilitation (n=208). After screening and removal of duplicates robotics (n=167), virtual reality (n=526), telerehabilitation (n=183). After all the screening of the records, the studies of robotics (n=8), virtual reality (n=2), telerehabilitation (n=3). Description of all the included are given in Table 3. All the included studies were published in last 18 years (2005-2023). A total of these 13 studies included 442 participants. The participants included in robotics (184), virtual reality(69) and telerehabilitation (189). Refer figure 1.

Quality and Risk of Bias Assessment of the included studies

The assessment of bias risk indicated an overall low risk for selection and reporting biases in the studies, but approximately half of the studies had an unclear risk of bias. All the studies provided comprehensive information regarding their randomization techniques, including manual random selection or the use of computer-generated random number tables. In terms of allocation concealment, seven studies explicitly mentioned their concealment methods, while five studies did not specify the method of concealment.In regards to performance bias, two studies were unable to blind their participants, and in six studies, there was no mention of blinding, resulting in an "unclear risk" classification for those studies. Refer figure 2.

Intervention

Effect of Robotics Intervention in patients with Spinal Cord Injury Paraplegics

In eight studies examining the effects of exoskeleton gait training or robotic-assisted gait training for patients with SCI, various outcome measures were assessed, including the 6MWT,10MWT, WISCI-11, and TUG test. Some studies also utilized the SCIM-III.

Changes in the scores of 6 meter and 10-meter walk test

In a study by Wirz M et al., it was found that after training, nearly all individuals demonstrated improvements in overground gait evaluation and endurance. The 10MWT showed a significant increase in mean gait speed (0.11 ± 10m/s) with a p-value ($p < 0.001$). In comparison to baseline training, there was a 50% ± 60% improvement in performance. Significant increases in gait performance were observed during training compared to pre-training (0 to 4 weeks; $p < 0.001$) and post-training evaluation (4 to 8 weeks; $p < 0.001$). However, there was no significant difference in the improvement rate between the first and last four weeks of training.[7] Another study assessed the 10MWT at three different time points (12, 24, and 36 sessions). At session 12, 92% of individuals completed the test within ≥60 seconds (≥0.17 m/s) with an average time of 38.6 ± 14.8 seconds. By session 36, the percentage increased to 82% with an average time of 36.3 ± 14.6 seconds, while at session 24, 34% of individuals completed the test in 36.3 ± 14.6 seconds.[2] . A separate study reported significant improvement in the 6MWT with a mean increase of 32.3 ± 37.5 meters ($p < 0.001$). Notable differences were observed during the first ($p < 0.001$) and last ($p < 0.001$) four weeks of training, but there was no significant difference in the improvement rate between these periods ($p < 0.46$) [10]. In the study by Hong et al., individuals showed remarkable results in the 6MWT with increasing distances covered at different time points during the intervention.[9]

Chang et al. evaluated multi-task mobility using the TUG test in two groups (CPT and EGT). Pre and post-assessment completion times for the EGT group averaged 71 seconds (SD 8 seconds) and 55 seconds (SD 8 seconds), respectively, with no significant changes in mean difference. Hong et al. assessed TUG in three sessions and observed a notable enhancement in performance from 24 to 36 sessions ($p < 0.0005$).[2]   .TheLEMS showed improvement with a significant increase from the initial score of 32 to the final score of 35 ($p < 0.016$). These differences were particularly notable at the 4 and 8-week assessments. Overall, there was an increase in LEMS scores in the EGT training group, although when comparing the percentage change between pre- and post-assessments, no significant rise was observed.[7]

Effect of Virtual Reality in Patients with Spinal Cord Injury Paraplegics

The two included studies looked at the impact of the Modified Functional Reach Test (mFRT) and the T-shirt test within a VR context. In one study, significant improvements in maintaining dynamic balance were observed in the VR group compared to the control group ($p < 0.05$). The VR group showed substantial improvements in dynamic balance in the front (39%), left (25%), and right (43%) directions of 243.67±73.84, 138.76±23.46, and 166.91±33.47, respectively as compared to control group 164.79±99.91, 128.26±26.20, and 111.31±45.91, respectively. Following treatment, there was a notable reduction in sway distance in VR, with the anterior-posterior (AP), medial-lateral (ML), and total sway distances being 19% shorter, 22% shorter, and 21% shorter, respectively. There was also a remarkable improvement in sway velocity in the AP (22% slower), ML (26% slower), and total (26% slower) directions. Additionally, the T-shirt test time was 23% shorter than the pre-test time in the VR group. Another study also found significant improvement in time and time x Group ($p = .001$) for type of assessment but no significant change in the group effect ($p = .057$) based on the type of assessment. The T-shirt test score showed a significant improvement in the group effect ($p = .05$) but not in the time effect ($p = .14$)[3] Khurana M et al. evaluated SCIM-IIIfor two groups, Group A (VR) and Group B (conventional training). They found a significant improvement in the time effect ($p = .001$) but no significant change in the group effect ($p = .07$) or the Time x Group interaction ($p = 0.16$). The mean and SD scores were 13.00 ± 1.51 for Group A and 11.33 ± 2.32 for Group B.[4]

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Effect of Telerehabilitation in Patients with Spinal Cord Injury Paraplegics

The studies examined the effect of the FIM on patients with paraplegia. In the telemedicine group, FIM scores showed a significant increase with a mean and standard deviation (SD) of 7.69 ± 6.88, whereas in the control group, the FIM scores were 3.38 ± 4.43, with a p-value of less than 0.05. The mean difference in motor gain between the two groups was 4.31. The difference in mean total FIM gain between the telemedicine group and the control group was 4.31 (95% CI, 1.27-7.35; t-test 2.84, df56, $p < 0.05$). Specific improvements were noted in individual FIM items in the telemedicine group compared to the control group, including grooming (0.483; 95% CI, 0 - 0.971), dressing upper body (0.552; 95% CI, 0.018 -1.086), dressing lower body (0.517; 95% CI, 0.017-1.017), and wheelchair transfer (0.483; 95% CI, 0.044 – 0.922).[3] In another study, synchronous and asynchronous tele exercise is used in individuals with SCI. The synchronous group was found to have more improvement (66.7%) as compared to non-significant tele exercise (50%). The average weekly and total workload was higher in synchronous group whereas average daily workload did not show any significant difference.[13]

DISCUSSION

The main objective of the systematic review was to assess the effects of recent advancements in physiotherapy, including robotic-assisted gait training, virtual reality, and telerehabilitation, on individuals with SCI and paraplegia. The use of wearable exoskeletons was highlighted as a promising tool for gait training, with the goal of enhancing motor and gait function in individuals with paraplegia. This approach not only enables individuals to walk with the assistance of an exoskeleton but also offers several additional benefits, such as improved bowel and bladder function and a reduction in spasticity. Unlike traditional physical therapy, the utilization of exoskeletons provides intensive and repetitive locomotor training, which extends the training duration and contributes to the recovery of gait function.[14] Del-Ama et al. demonstrated significant improvements in various outcome measures, including 6MWT, 10MWT, lower limbMMT, and spasticity, following the hybrid trainer intervention.[15][16]Interestingly, while the findings were similar in terms of pain relief, individuals reported lower ratings of fatigue compared to their perception of robotic-assisted walking.[16] Notably, after just one day of practice, individuals were able to use the system as an overhead robot-assisted treatment, which is a significantly shorter duration compared to the criteria described for the ReWalk system, where patients required 25 days to achieve independent use for a similar amount of time (i.e., 5–10 minutes) [17]. Additionally, the Kinesis hybrid gait training resulted in an average increase in walking speed from 6 minutes per mile to 10 minutes per mile on average compared to the ReWalk system.[14][15] Furthermore, Hong et al. reported that participants using Ekso exoskeleton-assisted walking (EAW) were able to meet the predicted milestones of 40 seconds for the 10MWT, 80 meters for 6MWT, and 90 seconds for TUGtest by session 12. More than 80% of the participants achieved these milestones by session 36. Ekso users tended to accumulate more total steps compared to ReWalk users. However, in later sessions, especially during session 36, ReWalk users had a higher average step count.[8]

Telerehabilitation has been identified as beneficial in enhancing the FIM score in patients with SCI. This improvement in the FIM score was observed across various domains, including grooming, dressing upper body, dressing lower body, and wheelchair transfers. However, it is worth noting that relatively few studies have been conducted on the application of telerehabilitation in this context.[12] VR has shown remarkable improvements in static, postural, and dynamic balance,when used independently and in combination with a conventional rehabilitation program for individuals with SCI. These studies have demonstrated that even a limited number of VR therapy sessions, each lasting 30 to 60 minutes, can have a significant positive impact on the balance of these patients. Furthermore, other functional aspects such as gait, endurance, aerobic capacity, pain levels, and psychological well-being have also shown improvement with the use of VR. However, it is worth noting that relatively few studies have been conducted on the application of VR rehabilitation in SCI patients.[17]

One of the primary advantages of using VR in rehabilitation is its potential to enhance treatment motivation. Researchers, such as Rizzo et al., have suggested that VR-based game-like applications can be employed to increase

motivation during rehabilitation. This is because interactive computer gaming is already an integral part of many individuals' daily lives. These findings open the possibility of utilizing VR systems like the GX-VR system to promote physical activity, potentially reducing the prevalence of obesity and cardiovascular complications in individuals with SCI.[17] Furthermore, programs utilizing VR have shown significant improvements inFIM scores and physical capacity measures, including the ability to lift weights, the number of repetitions performed for each activity, and wheelchair skills.[14] The GX-VR system's capability to enable interaction between two or more users either simultaneously (e.g., playing games together) or sequentially (e.g., comparing scores) opens the possibility of fostering competition among individuals SCI. This competitive aspect could potentially serve as a motivating factor for rehabilitation. Furthermore, additional research has explored the significant improvements in the mFRTand the T-shirt test among individuals with SCI, particularly in terms of dynamic balance stability.[10]

LIMITATIONS
The only limitations of the study lie in the smaller number of studies included.

CONCLUSION

Robotic-assisted gait training has been found to be extensive, feasible, and safe for patients with SCIs. This approach can lead to improvements in locomotion, strength, endurance, and postural stability. It has the potential to help patients achieve a level of walking proficiency and, as a result, enhance the functional independence of individuals with paraplegia.Telerehabilitation has been identified as a cost-effective program that can improve health-related outcomes and enhance the overall quality of life for individuals with SCI.Virtual reality has shown promising results in improving static, dynamic, and postural balance among individuals with SCI. Additionally, it has been associated with improved performance in various parameters, including gait, endurance, aerobic capacity, pain levels, and psychological well-being.

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Table 1: Selection of studies

Population	Interventions	Comparators	Outcome Measures
Studies were included if they involved patients who had SCI characterized by incomplete paraplegia and if the duration of the spinal cord injury was greater than 6 months	Studies were included if they incorporated any of the following recent advancements, namely robotics, VR, and tele-rehabilitation, in the treatment of patients with SCI who presented with paraplegia	The selected studies utilized placebo, sham, or no intervention as comparators for their research	The studies were included if they incorporated a range of assessment tools and scales, including the American Spinal Injury Association Scale (ASIA), the 10-meter walk test (10MWT), the 6-minute walk test (6MWT), the Timed Up and Go (TUG) test, the Lower Extremity Motor Score (LEMS), the Modified Ashworth Scale (MAS), the Functional Independence Measure (FIM), and the Walking Index for Spinal Cord Injury-II (WISCI-II).

Table 2: PEDro scoring of studies

Author/Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Chang S et al; 2018	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Edwards D et al; 2020	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1
Del- Ama et al; 2014	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Gorman P et al;2014	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ruz A et al; 2013	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Wirz M et al; 2005	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Hong E et al; 2020	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Lam T et al; 2015	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
Dallalio L et al; 2008	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Phillips V.L. et al; 2001	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Tak S et al; 2015	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Donati R et al; 2016	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Larraz E et al;2016	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1

Criteria: 1. Eligibility criteria were specified. 2. Subjects were randomly allocated to groups. 3. Allocation was concealed. 4. The groups were similar at baseline regarding the most important prognostic indicators. 5. There was blinding of all subjects. 6. There was blinding of all therapists who administered the therapy. 7. There was blinding of all assessors who measured at least one key outcome. 8. Measures of at least one key outcome were obtained from more than 85% of the subjects initially allocated to groups. 9. Intention to treat analysis. 10. Comparison between groups. 11. The study provides measures of variability. Each positive point is given a score of 1 and 0 to 10 score

Table 3: Description of studies

Sr. no.	Author/ Year	Objective	Participant	Intervention	Outcome measure/ Finding
1.	Hong E et al, 2020	The objective of this study was to determine the required number of sessions need to reach sufficient EAW skills and velocity milestones, as well as the proportions of participants who can do so after 12 sessions to calculate skill progression over the course of 36 sessions.	50 participants of age 18-65 years (having AIS C/D)	Group 1 receives exoskeletal-assisted walking (EAW) for 36 sessions and group 2 receives Usual activity arm for 36 sessions, completed in 12 weeks	10-meter walk test seconds (10MWT), 6-min walk test meters, and timed-up-and-go (s) (TUG)
2.	Edwards D et al, 2020	The objective of this study was to show that a 12-week exoskeleton-based training program for gait can result in a clinically significant benefit.	25 participant of age years having (AIS C/D)	Group 1 is Ek so, group 2 is	Primary outcome measure is 10MWT to assess changes in gait speed, secondary outcome measures are Timed-up and go for functional mobility and balance(seconds), the 6-min walking test for endurance (meters), and WISC-II score for need of assistances and devices
3.	Chang S et al, 2018	The objective of this study was to assess the treatment reliability and potential efficacy of Exoskeleton-assisted gait training (EGT) and conventional physical therapy (CPT)	9 participants of age 18 years or older having AIS (C/D)	Group 1 receives EGT for total of 15 sessions (5 sessions a week for 3 weeks) (1hr/day) group 2 receives CPT for total of 15 sessions (5 sessions a week for 3 weeks) (1hr/day)	10-mWT, 6 min Walk test, TUG
4.	Del-Ama A et al, 2014	The purpose of this study was to examine the effects of hybrid gait training on performance of locomotion during assisted gait, patient-robot adaptations, effects on ambulation and evaluation of muscle strength and spasticity of lower-extremities in individuals having incomplete spinal cord injury (iSCI).	3 participants of age having AIS (A/D)	Four days of hybrid bilateral exoskeleton therapies were given to participants with iSCI.	6 min walk test, 10mWT, MAS

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5.	Tak S et al, 2015	The purpose of this research investigation was to examine the impact of Nintendo Wii game-based VR training on the ability to balance while sitting.	26 participants were included in this study of age having AIS (A/B)	Group 1 receives conventional rehabilitation with physical and occupational therapy for 5 sessions per week for 6 weeks and Group 2 also performs conventional rehabilitation plus each participant in the VR group was asked to perform Nintendo-Wii balance training for 3 times a week for 6 weeks (18 sessions)	Postural sway distance and velocity was used to assess static balance ability, and Modified functional reach test and T-shirt test was used to assess dynamic balance ability
6.	Lam T et al,2015	to determine the feasibility and evaluate the potential efficacy of Lokomat-applied resistance (Loko-R) training on functional ambulation, especially skilled overground walking, in people with chronic m-iSCI.	15 individuals of age 19 to 65 years having AIS (C/D)	individuals with chronic (>1 yr) m-iSCI were randomly allocated to body weight-supported treadmill training (BWSTT) with Lokomat-applied resistance (Loko-R) or conventional Lokomat-assisted BWSTT (Control). Training sessions were 45 min, 3 times/week for 3 months	6 min walk test, 10-m WT, TUG and SCI-FAP
7.	Gorman P et al, 2014	To assess the effectiveness of robotically assisted body weight supported treadmill training (RABWSTT) for improving cardiovascular fitness in chronic motor incomplete spinal cord injury (CMISCI).	18 individuals with chronic motor incomplete SCI of age 18 to 80 years having AIS (C/D)	Participants were randomized to RABWSTT group and the HSP control group. Both the treatment and control interventions were performed three times per week for three months.	Peak VO2 max
8.	Ruz A et al, 2013	To compare a walking re-education programme with robotic 7 locomotor training plus overground therapy (LKOGT) to conventional 8 overground training(OGT) among individuals with incomplete upper or lower 9 motor neuron (UMN and LMN) injuries having either traumatic or non-traumatic 10 non-progressive aetiology	88 participants randomized into group A (LKOGT) and group B (OGT) futher subdivided into subgroups A1,B1 andA2, B2 respectively,	Condition 1: Subgroups A1 and B1 were treated with LKOGT for 19 60 minutes. Condition 2: Subgroups A2 and B2 received 60 minutes of 20 conventional (OGT) 5 days per week for 8 weeks. Subjects with UMN and LMN 21 were randomised into two training groups	10-mWT, 6-min WT (primary) whereas WISCI-II, LEMS, FIM-L (secondary)
9.	Wirz M et al, 2005	To determine whether automated locomotor training with a driven-gait orthosis (DGO) can increase functional mobility in people with chronic, motor	20 participants of age 16-64 years, having AIS (C/D	Over the course of 8 weeks, locomotor training was given using body-weight-supported, robotic-	10-meter walk test, the 6-minute walk test, the Timed Up & Go test, and the Walking Index

		incomplete spinal cord injury (SCI).		assisted treadmill training. Each training session lasted was carried out for 45 minutes of total walking duration	for Spinal Cord Injury– II tests. Secondary outcome measure was lower-extremity motor scores and spastic motor behaviors to assess their potential contribution to changes in locomotor function.
10.	Dallolio L et al, 2008	To compare the 6-month outcomes of telerehabilitation intervention with those of standard care for spinal cord injury (SCI).	137 Participants of 18 years or older having AIS (C/D)	All patients received the standard care they would have normally received after discharge from the spinal cord unit. In addition, patients in the telemedicine group received 8 telemedicine weekly sessions in the first 2 months, followed by biweekly telemedicine sessions for 4 months	The FIM and SCIM II
11.	Straaten M et al, 2014	To test the effectiveness of a high-dose home-exercise and telerehabilitation program for manual wheelchair users who have a spinal cord injury (SCI).	Participants using manual wheelchairs, age between 18-65 years	A 12-week home-exercise program of rotator cuff and scapular stabilization exercises was given to each participant. The program included a high dose of 30 repetitions X 3 sets, 3 times weekly and regular physical therapist supervision via video-conferencing.	Wheelchair User's Shoulder 25 Pain Index (WUSPI), Disabilities of Arm Shoulder Hand Index (DASH), and Shoulder Rating 26 Questionnaire (SRQ) (primary outcome measure) whereas Secondary outcomes isometric strength tests of scapulothoracic and glenohumeral muscles, and a static fatigue test of the lower trapezius.
12.	Phillips V et al, 2001	The objective of this study is to reduce the prevalence of secondary conditions in SCI having mobility impairment.	Participants of 18 to 60 years of age	Participants were randomly assigned into Group 1 video-based intervention for nine weeks, Group 2 telephone-based intervention for nine weeks, and Group 3 standard follow-up care.	Quality of well-being and FIM
13.	Kizony R et al, 2005	To find out the feasibility of video capture video reality to maintain balance in paraplegia patients	13 participants (9 male and 4 female), aged 21 to 53 years	GestureTek's GX-VR system to provide VR experiences within three environments that are	FIM, FRT

				birds and balls, soccer and snowboard	
14.	Wall T et al, 2015	To assess the effects of virtual reality using the NintendoTM Wii Fit on balance, gait, and quality of life in ambulatory individuals with incomplete spinal cord injury (iSCI).	6 participants of age 50-64 years, having AIS (D)	Each participant received one hour session of multiple games played from Nintendo Wii for 2 times per week for 7 weeks	Gait speed, timed up and go (TUG), forward functional reach test (FFRT) and lateral functional reach test (LFRT), RAND SF-36
15.	Lee M et al, 2021	The purpose of this study was to examine the effect of virtual reality exercise program on sitting balance with spinal cord injury	20 subjects having age group 18-65 years	Group 1 receives the virtual reality exercise program and rehabilitation therapy and Group 2 receives regular sitting balance training program and a regular rehabilitation therapy. Each session is of 30-mins per day, 3 times per week for 8 weeks.	FSA (force sensitive application) and LOS (limit of stability)
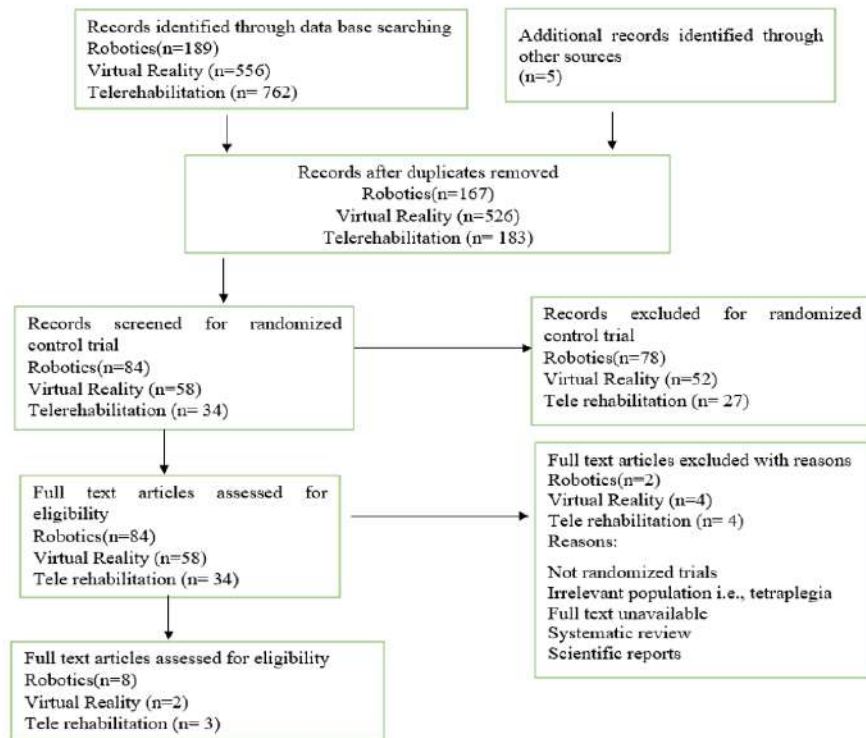
Figure 1: Prisma Flow Chart

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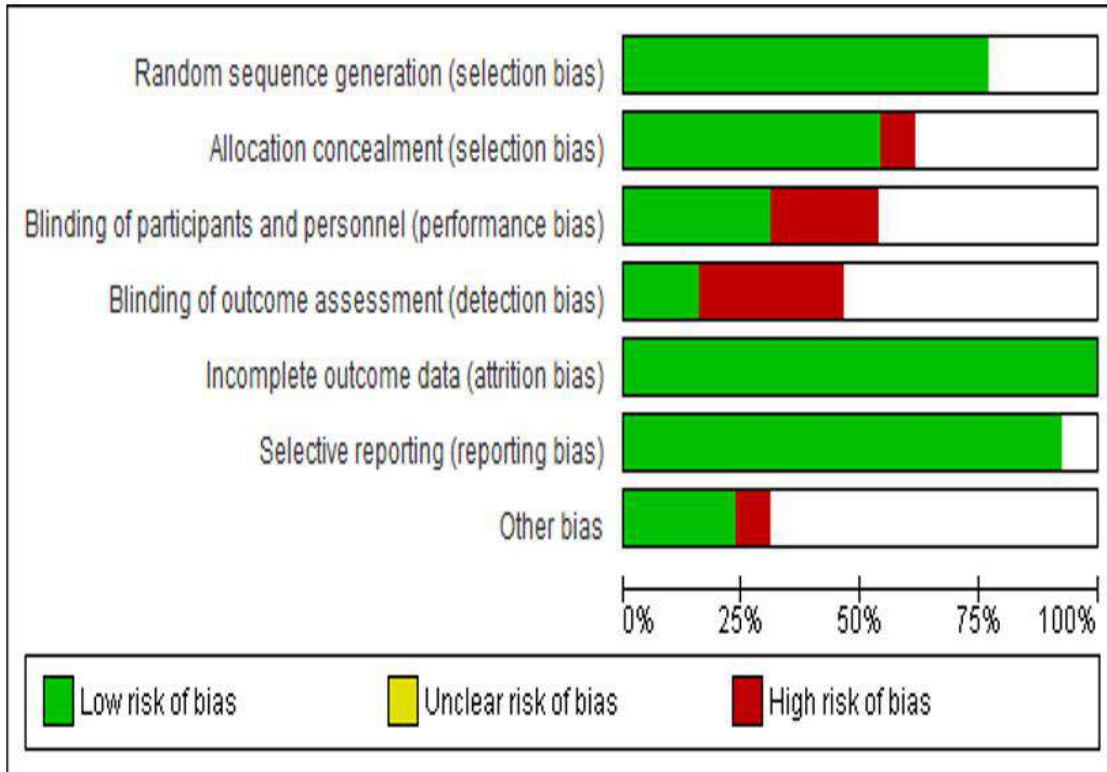
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Effect of Seed Pelleting on Seed Qualtiy Parameters in Okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus* (L.) Moench cv. Arka Anamika

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ABSTRACT

An Laboratory experiment was conducted to study the effect of seed pelleting using botanicals and bio-fertilizers on seed quality parameters of okra. The leaf powders *viz.*, neem (*Azadiracta indica*) and pungam (*Pongamia pinnata*) and Bio- fertilizers *viz., Trichoderma spp., Pseudomonas fluorescens*, Phosphobacteria, Azospirillum along with control were used. The results revealed that seeds pelleted with pungam leaf powder @ 200 g/kg recorded higher values for germination percentage, speed of germination, accumulated speed of germination, mean daily speed of germination, germination value, emergence index, root length, shoot length, seedling length and vigour index when compared to other treatments under laboratory conditions. Among all the treatments the least seed quality parameters were observed in control.

Keywords: Bhendi, Azospirillum, Neem, Phosphobacteria, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*.

INTRODUCTION

Okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus*) also known as lady's-finger belongs to the family Malvaceae. Okra is one of the world's oldest cultivated crops. It is a good source of vitamins, carbohydrate, protein, calories, dietary fiber, folic acid, calcium and magnesium. Okra seed oil is being used for food as well as for biodiesel production. Although India ranks first in world for okra production, it ranks fifth in productivity. It is an annual vegetable crop grown in tropical and subtropical parts of the world. Seed ageing is a natural and irreversible process; once seed has reached its

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physiological maturity, it is at its peak of its germinability and vigour. Maintaining seed vigour and viability till next sowing is a matter of prime concern. Quality seeds play a major role, along with improved package of practices leading to enhanced productivity. Hence, the production of high quality seed is necessary and important to the agricultural industry. Seed treatments are followed to increase seed quality [Anand, S. and Kamraj, A.][1]. To overcome the adverse environmental conditions like low rainfall & low soil moisture which prevent the germination & seedling establishment, seed pelleting is given as a pre sowing seed treatment which act as a boon to the farmers in dryland agriculture. Biochemical substances that present in organically treated seed increases the germination and seedling vigour. It is to be noted that the organically pelleted seeds have no adverse effects on the ecology thus producing uniform seedling which also improves the insect and pest resistance. This allows to attain maximum yield due to the fact that the botanical powder incorporate substances like gibberellins [Mal, D., Gharde, S. K. and Sambit, S.][2]. A study was undertaken to assess the effect of seed pelleting on seed quality parameters in bhendi.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Genetically and physiologically pure seeds of okra cv *Arka anamika* were obtained from the Vegetable Research institute (TNAU), palur for this study. Laboratory analysis was conducted at seed technology Laboratory, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Faculty of Agriculture, Annamalai university during the year 2021-2022. The fresh leaves of neem and pungam were were powdered. The required quantity of seeds were mixed with gum Arabica as adhesive. Mixture of pelleting materials was taken in glass container, mixed gum arabica seeds were added and the container was rotated to pellet the seeds uniformly. The pelleted seeds were shade dried for two days and evaluated for morphophysiological characters. The experiments were conducted with the following seed treating materials.

T_0 - Control
T_1 - Seed pelleting with Neem leaf powder @ 200 g/kg
T_2 - Seed pelleting with Pungam leaf powder @ 200 g/kg
T_3 - Seed pelleting with *Trichoderma spp*. @ 200 g/kg
T_4 - Seed pelleting with *Pseudomona fluorescens* @ 200 g/kg
T_5 - Seed pelleting with Phosphobacteria @ 200 g/kg
T_6 - Seed pelleting with Azospirillum @ 200 g/kg

The germination test was conducted with 4 X 100 seeds from each treatment in paper medium by roll towel method at 25±2° C and 95 ± 2% relative humidity. These seeds were allowed to germinate and counted daily from the 3rd day of sowing and calculated speed and accumulated speed of germination. The germination percentage was calculated based on the normal seedling count on 10th day and the root and shoot length was measured. Then the seedlings were placed in a paper cover and dried in shade for 24h and then kept in the hot air oven maintained at 85°C for 24h then weighed and expressed in mg per seedling. The seedling vigour index was computed using the formula given by [Abdul-Baki, A. A. and Anderson, J. D.][3] (1973) and expressed as whole number.
Vigour index II = Germination percentage X Dry matter production (mg)

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In the present study, it was observed that the okra seeds pelleted with pungam leaf powder recorded higher values of seed quality parameters *viz.*, germination percentage (92%), speed of germination (27.09), accumulated speed of germination (52.32), mean daily speed of germination (14.97), germination value (40.20), mean time germination (28.06) (Table I) and emergence index (20.94). Seedling characters Viz., root length (8.80 cm), shoot length (12.80 cm), seedling length (21.6), dry matter production (0.69 g), Vigour index I (1987) and vigour index II (63) (Table 2) also recorded highest values. The increase in speed of germination and germination percentage is due to the effect of seed

pelleting treatment process which attribute more absorption of water due to increase in cell wall elasticity and development of stronger and efficient root system. Similar reports were made by [Rathinavel, K. and Dharmalingam, C.][4]. Due to hydration process in seed pelleting, there was a greater hydration of colloids and higher viscosity of protoplasm and cell membrane that allows the early entrance of moisture which activates the early hydrolysis of the food material by triggering the hydrolyzing enzyme and also activates the GA_3 in seed. Mineral nutrients present in the leaf extract of pungam could activates GA_3, auxin like substances by synergistically interacting with amino acid like tryptophan to bring about enhancement in speed of germination. Higher values for germination indices in case of pungam leaf powder might be due to the greater hydration of colloids and higher viscosity of protoplasm and cell membrane which allows the early entrance of moisture which activates the early hydrolysis of reserve food material in seed. Similar findings were reported by [Lu, S., Ming, D. and Jiang, T.[5] and [Vyakaranahal, B. S., Sherkhargouda, M., Prabhakar, A. S. and Patil, S. A.][6] in sunflower. Increase in mean daily germination may be due to the presence of mineral nutrients in botanical leaf powder like N, P, K, Ca, S etc., which initiates the germination process and calcium acts as an enzyme co-factor in germination process. These results on par with the findings of [Christansen, M. N. and Foy, C. D.][7]. The increased shoot length (12.80 cm) and root length (8.8 cm) in seeds pelleted with pungam leaf powder may be attributed to cell wall extension and increased metabolic activities. Besides this the bio content of pungam leaf powder might synergistically interact with amino acids especially tryptophan to form the Indole Acetic Acid (IAA) in germinating seeds to bring enhancement in seedling growth.The pronounced increase in seedling length (21.6 cm) and dry matter production (0.69 g) of pungam leaf pelleted seeds may be due to activation of the growth promoting substances and translocation of secondary metabolites to the growing seedling.

The findings were on par with the report of [Maheswari, R.][8]. The increase in fresh weight (4.02 g) and dry weight (0.69 g) was claimed to be due to enhanced lipid utilization and enzyme activity due to the presence of bioactive substances like auxin in pungam leaf powder and development of seedling to reach autotrophic stage and enabling them to produce relatively more quantity of dry matter which results in more vigour index. Similar results were reported by [Sathiya Narayanan, G., Prakash, M. and Reka, M.][9]. Seeds pelleted with pungam leaf powder exhibited higher value for vigour index I and vigour index II. This may be due to the presence of physiologically active substances that activities the embryo and other associated structures which results in absorption of more water due to cell wall elasticity and development of stronger and efficient root system which leads to increase in vigour index. These findings were similar to studies made by [Basra, S. M., Irfan, A., Afzal, R. A. R. M. and Farooq.][10]. The study on effect of seed pelleting on seed quality parameters in okra concluding that seeds pelleted with pungam leaf powder @ 200 g/kg recorded higher germination percentage, speed of germination, accumulated speed of germination, mean daily speed of germination, germination value, emergence index, root length, shoot length, seedling length and vigour index. Seed pelleting with pungam leaf powder @ 200 g/kg can be recommended for getting assured yield in okra.

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Table 1: Influence of seed pelleting on seed quality parameters in Okra cv. *Arka anamika*

Treatment	Germination (%)	Speed of germination	Accumulated speed of germination	Mean daily speed of germination	Germination value	Mean time germination (day^{-1})
T$_0$- Control	69	20.14	26.54	3.01	1126.67	7.69
T$_1$- Neem leaf powder	86	25.80	50.83	3.48	1757.21	10.00
T$_2$- Pungam leaf powder	92	27.09	55.67	3.54	1884.17	10.69
T$_3$- Trichoderma spp.	73	21.03	31.28	3.19	1494.84	8.51
T$_4$- Pseudomonas	76	21.85	36.54	3.24	1548.89	8.89
T$_5$- Phosphobacteria	80	22.19	41.24	3.36	1650.38	9.30
T$_6$- Azospirillum	82	23.27	46.94	3.41	1718.89	9.88
Mean	80	23.05	41.29	3.318	1597.2	9.28
S.Ed	2.756	0.799	1.359	0.109	51.739	0.304
CD (P=0.05)	5.912	1.714	2.916	0.233	110.982	0.652

Table 2: Influence of seed pelleting on seed quality parameters in Okra cv. *Arka anamika*

Treatment	Emergence index	Root length (cm)	Shoot length (cm)	Seedling length (cm)	Fresh weight (g)	Dry matter production (g/ 10 seedling)	Vigour index I	Vigour index II
T$_0$- Control	2.34	3.20	3.50	6.7	1.30	0.16	462	11
T$_1$- Neem leaf powder	2.89	7.80	11.10	18.9	3.81	0.60	1625	51

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T$_2$- Pungam leaf powder	2.96	8.80	12.80	21.6	4.02	0.69	1987	63
T$_3$- Trichoderma spp.	2.59	6.00	8.28	14.28	2.31	0.30	1042	22
T$_4$- Pseudomonas	2.63	6.30	8.76	15.06	2.82	0.37	1145	28
T$_5$- Phosphobacteria	2.73	6.90	9.59	16.49	3.10	0.43	1319	34
T$_6$- Azospirillum	2.81	7.50	10.55	18.05	3.24	0.54	1480	44
Mean	2.707	6.64	9.22	15.86	2.94	0.44	1294	36
S.Ed	0.0885	0.248	0.352	0.601	0.110	0.018	51.71	1.568
CD (P=0.05)	0.189	0.532	0.75	1.29	0.236	0.038	110.93	3.36

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Electrochemical Analysis of Ni-TiO$_2$ Nanoparticles

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ABSTRACT

The electrochemical performance of Ni-TiO$_2$ nanoparticles was examined using electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) and cyclic voltammetric analysis (CV). Ni-TiO$_2$ nanoparticles achieved their specified capacitance value of 865 F/g at a scan rate of 10 mV/s, indicating they are an appropriate electrode material for future pseudo capacitors utilize in energy storage applications.

Keywords: Green synthesis, Nanoparticles, Electrochemical Properties, Supercapacitor, Energy storage and conversion.

INTRODUCTION

Renewable energy sources have garnered a lot of attention in recent years. One of the most promising technologies for producing long-term renewable energy is solar energy harvesting via photovoltaic conversion. To fulfill the growing demand for sustainable energy, low-cost and effective electrochemical energy storage technologies are urgently needed [1]. Super capacitors have attracted a lot of scientific interest and many research groups are working towards developing new electrode materials, electrolytes and architectural designs in an effort to increase their capacity, cycle lifetime, energy density and power density [2]. Titanium Dioxide (TiO$_2$) has become an alternative

and auspicious metal oxide for supercapacitors due to its remarkable qualities such as hydrophobicity, non-wettability, high energy band gap, thermal stability, superior structural stability, chemical stability and possible oxidation strength. Therefore, it has a variety of uses, including photocatalysis, anti-bacterial goods and promising electrode materials for lithium-ion batteries and supercapacitors. Furthermore, TiO_2 provides attractive benefits such high relative abundance, corrosion resistance, low cost, improved safety and environmental friendliness due to its non-flammability and non-toxicity [3-6]. The current study focuses on the investigation of $Ni-TiO_2$ nanoparticles as a useful electrode material for energy storage systems. The specific capacitance value of $Ni-TiO_2$ nanoparticles were calculated at various scan rates. The charge transfer resistance of $Ni-TiO_2$ nanoparticles was calculated through EIS analysis.

Fabrication of an electrode
An electrochemical cell is a device that uses electrochemical signals to create voltage and current from chemical processes or to stimulate chemical reactions. The three-electrode system is the most popular electrochemistry setup for examining the electrochemical characteristics of Ni doped titanium dioxide nanoparticles. It consists of a WE (an electrode at which the reaction of interest happens), a RE and an auxiliary electrode (AE). The synthesised nanoparticles were used to modify the Glassy Carbon Electrode (GCE) utilizing an oxide slurry coating method for electrochemical performance. Double-distilled water was used to clean and rinse a bare Glassy Carbon Electrode (GCE). The electrode material of $Ni-TiO_2$ nanoparticles (1 mg ml^{-1}) was dispersed in an aqueous solution of ethanol to form slurry. The resulting slurry was subjected to a 10-minute sonication process. Using a micropipette, 20 ml of slurry was then applied to the GCE electrode surface. After the solvent had been evaporated, the electrode surface was coated with 5 ml of Nafion solution and the electrodes were dried under vacuum at 70°C for 1 hour to evaporate the solvent [7]. The Ni doped titanium dioxide modified working GCE utilized a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) as the reference electrode, a Platinum foil as the counter electrode and 0.1 M KOH as the electrolyte. Fig. 1 displays a schematic representation of the three-electrode system.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Cyclic Voltammetry analysis
The electrochemical analysis was carried out using a three-electrode setup. The $Ni-TiO_2$ electrode serves as the working electrode, while the Pt electrode acts as the counter electrode and the calamol electrode as the reference electrode. The electrolyte solution for electrochemical experiments is 0.1 M KOH [8]. The CV analysis was performed in the potential range of -2.0 to +2.0 mV at various scan rates. The CV curves at various scan rates are depicted in figure 2. Anodic peaks are appeared in the potential region between -0.85 to -0.12 mV. Cathodic peaks were observed in the potential range of -0.93 to -0.19 mV due to the faradaic reaction. The resulting CV curves thus imply that the $Ni-TiO_2$ electrode has a pseudocapacitive property [9]. The specific capacitance value decreases with increasing scan rate, as depicted in figure 3. Krishnan et al. [10] have prepared nickel doped TiO_2 nanowires by electrospinning method and reported the specific capacitance of 200 F/g at 2 mV/s. Jose Rajan et al. [11] synthesized (Ni:TiO_2) nanowires by electrospinning method and reported the specific capacitance of 184 and 91 F/g at 2 mV/s for the 2 wt.% Ni:TiO_2 and 5 wt.% Ni:TiO_2, respectively. Compared to this, the results reveal that the prepared material has an enhanced specific capacitance of 865 F/g at a scan rate of 10 mV/s. Hence, the $Ni-TiO_2$ nanoparticle indicates that these are extremely suitable electrodes for future generations of high-performance supercapacitors. The specific capaciance values are listed in table 1.

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Impedance Spectroscopy

The electrical characteristics of electrode-electrolyte interfaces can be characterized by EIS [12]. The Nyquist plot of the prepared sample is depicted in figure 4. The straight line that appears in the low-frequency region is caused by ion diffusion from the electrolyte into the electrode. Because of the rapid charge transfer occurring at the electrode/electrolyte interface, $Ni-TiO_2$ displays a smaller semicircle in the high frequency zone. The straight 45° line from the Warburg impedance appears on the Nyquist plot and it implies diffusion-limited electrochemical processes [13-14]. Due to the responses of R_{ct} and C_{dl}, the semicircle is in a high-frequency zone. The observed plots are fitted to the Randles equivalent circuit as displayed in figure 5. The values of charge transfer resistance (R_{ct}) and charge double layer capacitance (C_{dl}) are listed in table 2.

CONCLUSION

The $Ni-TiO_2$ nanoparticles were prepared by green synthesis method using solanum torvum leaf extract. The cyclic voltammetry measurements indicated that these electrodes have a well-specific capacitance of 865 F/g at a scan rate of 10 mV/s. The electrochemical impedance investigation revealed a significant diffusion and redox reaction on the $Ni-TiO_2$ electrode, which has an electric double layer capacitance of 0.22 nF. The experimental results reveal that $Ni-TiO_2$ nanoparticles will be a promising electrode material for high-performance supercapacitors.

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Table 1. Values of Specific capacitance at various scan rates

Scan rate (mV/s)	Specific Capacitance (F/g)
10	865
20	724
30	515
40	579
50	414
60	345
80	320
100	324
200	183

Table 2. Evaluation Parameters for Randles model on Ni-TiO$_2$ electrode

Electrode Surface	Ni-TiO$_2$
R_s (Ω)	422.13
R_P (Ω)	5974.23
R_{ct} (Ω)	5552.09
C_{dl} (nF)	0.22

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Fig. 1. Schematic representation of the three-electrode system

Fig. 2. CV at various scan rates

Fig. 3. Scan rate versus Specific capacitance

Fig. 4. Nyquist plot of Ni-TiO₂

Fig. 5. Randles equivalent circuit for Ni-TiO₂

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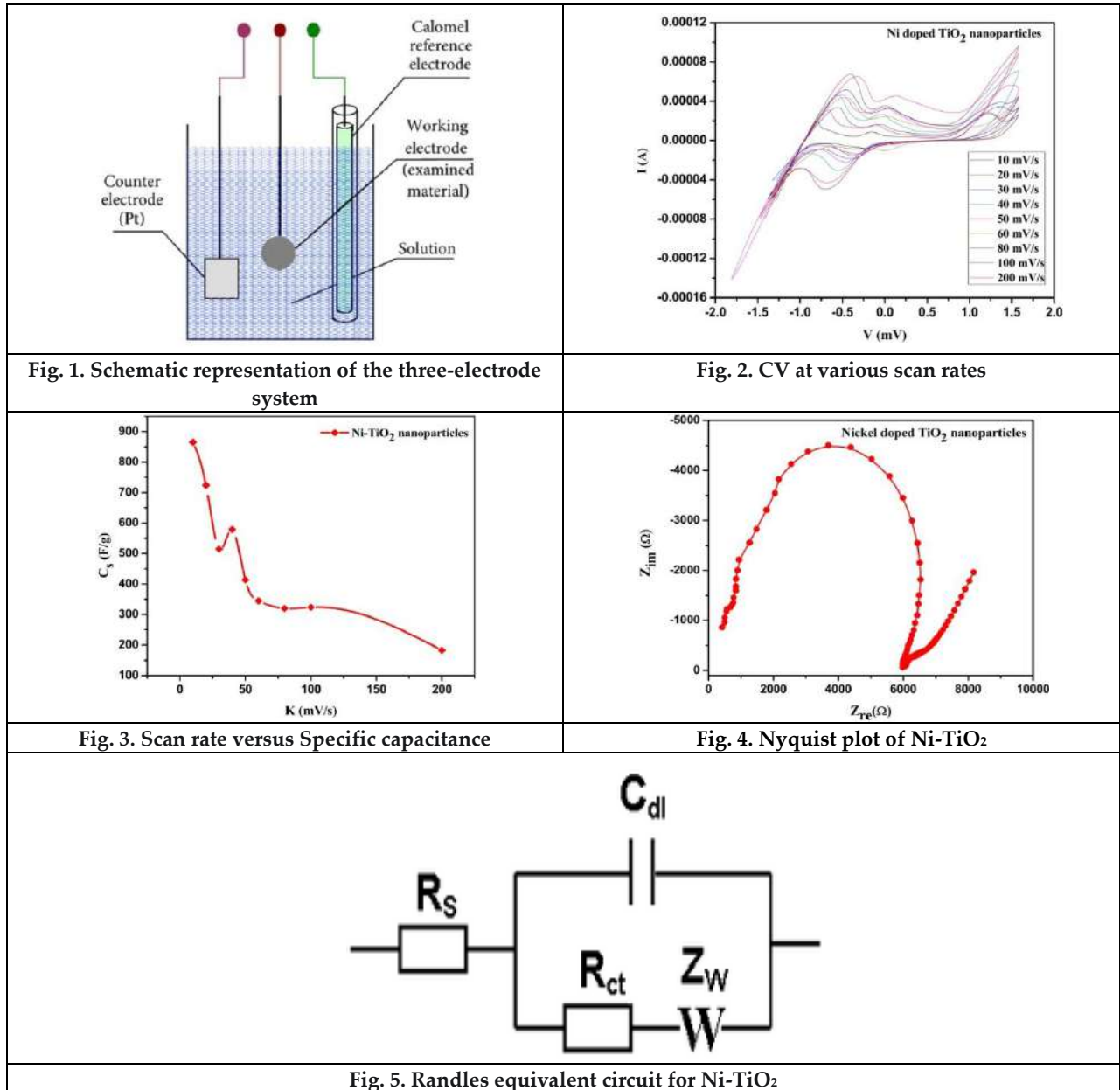
An Overview on Improving of HPLC by Artificial Intelligence

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ABSTRACT

Nowadays, HPLC is mainly used by the pharmaceutical industries for the estimation of drug and medicinal products quantitatively and qualitatively. This chromatography's main purpose is to estimate metabolite concentration in biological samples. It is more effective, accurate, and shows the result quickly. However, HPLC has common problems like poor peak shape, baseline drift, ghost peak, tailing and fronting, etc. During method development pointing out the system's suitability of new drugs or dosage forms is more time-consuming by using HPLC. Artificial intelligence in HPLC helps to automate the calibration of instruments, solvent suitability, column suitability, suitable parameters, and condition-deciding results for quantitative and qualitative determination. This review discusses the problems facing HPLC and how to improve and overcome them by using artificial intelligence.

Keywords: Machine learning, Deep learning, Optimization, Result prediction, HPLC, Medicinal Products.

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INTRODUCTION

Artificial intelligence refers to the evolution and application of computer systems and algorithms that can perform difficult tasks generally requiring human intelligence. Artificial intelligence can make an instrument more precious and accurate and make decisions related to the data and results(1). The main purpose of artificial intelligence is to enclose the overall methodologies, strategy, and innovation related to reconstructing human cognition's ability. Artificial intelligence can create more impact on analytical instruments by improving the accuracy of analysis, developing a new methodology, automatization of analytical processes, etc(2). In the modern era, analysis of new drug samples or new dosage forms in the industry has faced many problems including system suitability, solvent suitability, and lack of accuracy. The aggregation of artificial intelligence with analytical instruments has to create an evaluation of various areas of analytical research and development, scientific and industrial domains. Artificial intelligence continuously improves analytical instruments and can expect the future revolution of instruments like HPLC(3).

Types of Machine Learning
Different types of machine-learning technique models can be used in various domains, including the analysis of data and modeling in the context of HPLC analytical instruments.

Adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system (ANFIS)
It combines the capabilities of fuzzy logic and artificial neural networks. It can respond to more complex problems during any development. It is considered a feed-forwardnetwork and hybrid of adaptive multiplayer, it is having input and output training data to construct a fuzzy inference system. The application of the membership function helps to convert the input data to fuzzy values. ANFIS is mainly used in HPLC for various purposes like method optimization, system modeling(4), etc.

Artificial neural networks (ANNs)
ANNs are virtual reality models or cputerized simulation models inspired by the function of the neuron system in humans. It has nodes interconnected with organization ANNs capable of studying the training data and making decisions or predicting new samples or unseen data. It can capture the complex non-linear relationship between input and output data and has been applied to various tasks like regression in HPLC data analysis(5).

Support vector machine (SVM)
SVM is a deep learning algorithm that performs supervised learning for the classification of data and regression tasks. By performing the classification, it constructs a hyperplane and a group hyperplane to separate the data according to patterns and predict the continuous set of values. SVM has the property to the classification of problems and to find and maximize the decision boundary between binary classifications. It can handle high-dimensional data(6).

Multiple linear regression (MLR)
It is a statistical method used to create a linear relationship between two variables, one is the dependent variable that you want to predict the data or result and the other is the independent variable also called a predictor variable that may create an impact on the dependent variable result. The dependent variable has a linear relationship to the independent variable, where each independent variable is multiplied by its corresponding coefficient(7).

Deep Learning Models in HPLC Analysis
In the context of High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) analysis, deep learning models relate to a portion of machine learning approaches that use artificially generated neural networks with numerous layers, sometimes known as "deep" neural networks. These models are intended to learn and extract complex patterns,

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features, and representations from chromatographic data, allowing for enhanced data analysis, quantization, and optimization in analytical chemistry.

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)
Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) in HPLC are deep learning models optimized for chromatographic data analysis. They are particularly good at detecting peaks, recognizing complicated patterns in chromatograms, and enhancing quantitative examinations. CNNs improve HPLC accuracy and automation, rendering them an important tool in pharmaceutical and analytical applications(8).

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) for Time-Series Data in HPLC
Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) in HPLC are deep learning models that are specialized for analyzing time-series chromatography data. They include an adaptive feedback system that allows them to incorporate previous data points when analyzing sequential information, making them useful for high-performance liquid chromatography activities including retention time prediction and elution analysis of patterns(9).

Deep Auto encoders for Feature Extraction and Data Compression
Deep Auto encoders are neural network models in HPLC that are developed for separating features and data compression. They learn how to portray complicated chromatographic data in a concise manner, capturing important trends while decreasing noise. This improves analytical accuracy, speeds up processing, and improves comprehension of pharmaceuticals and analytical information(10).

Artificial intelligence may apply to some of the problems in HPLC
Method development and optimization
During the development stage, improving the peak area or reducing the retention time of the samples mainly depends upon the suitable stationary phase, mobile phase, a ratio of optimizing mobile phase, pH, and adjusting flow rate these are time-consuming processes and very difficult to performing this method(11).

Input Data	Make use of previous chromatographic data that includes information such as mobile phase composition, column temperature, flow rate, and experimental conditions.
Output Data	Expect increased peak separation and analysis efficiency due to optimized technique parameters such as mobile phase ratios, gradient profiles, and flow rates.

This artificial intelligence may help to overcome these problems by,

Data analysis and pattern recognition
AI algorithms can analyze the data that occurred and to suggesting improvements and optimizing data by detecting errors observed in data(12).

Predictive modeling
AI techniques like machine learning will be used to develop a predictive methodology that helps to project the outcomes of various experimental conditions. This predictive method can help the scientist or researcher to predict the results before performing the experiments. It helps to overcome the problems like time consumption, loss of solvents, etc(13).

Intelligent troubleshooting
Troubleshooting in HPLC like slow time for column equilibration, baseline noise, baseline drift, broad peak, and ghost peak arise during the time of validation. AI can analyze the parameters, chromatograms, etc. to identify the basic problems and give a solution to calibrate the instruments for accurate results. AI can develop new signal-processing techniques for overcoming the problems of baseline noise peak, it may interact with the sample peak. With the help of machine learning techniques, AI can differentiate the signal and noise peak and it will remove the noise peak line. It is very useful for LOD and LOQ calculation in the validation process(14).

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Data-driven mobile phase selection

AI algorithms help to analyze the data of the analytical sample by comprising the chromatograms using various mobile phase components. AI model can adapt itself to suggesting the mobile phase to occur the optimizing peak by considering sample matrices, separation factors, etc. selection of the mobile phase is based on the structural property by the help of a data-driven approach can establish the relationship between the structure of analyte and mobile phase for the analytical sample based on their properties like polarity, size, hydrophilicity, and hydrophobicity(4).

Automated sample clean-up

sample clean-up method is integrated with HPLC used for removing the impurities from the sample analyte like matrixes, impurities, etc. before the analyte is going to injected and detected. AI can able to analyze the data of previously injected samples and suggest the most suitable methods for the sample clean-up for improving or optimizing the accuracy of the results(15).

Input Data	Use chromatographic data with impurities and sample matrices as input.
Output Data	Gain recommends sample clean-up processes aimed to remove contaminants and improve result accuracy.

Peak shape and resolution

AI can detect the abnormalities in chromatograms of the sample and may help to analyze the issues that affect the peak shape like tailing, fronting, broad peaketc.AI may analyze the problems like such as column degradation, sample particle size, pore size of stationary phase and instrumental mal function, identifying the abnormality help to make corrective action to promote the optimizing shape of peak and resolution of two peaks.

Input Data	Use chromatographic data to show problems such as peak tailing, broadening, and fronting.
Output Data	Receive advice for optimizing peak form and resolution by modifying instrumental settings, choosing columns, or optimizing sample preparation.

Peak deconvolution and quantification

For peak deconvolution, artificial neural networks can be trained on chromatogramdata with overlapping peaks. Machine learningalgorithms may help to deconvolutions the overlapping peaks. Separation of a mixture of analytes and measuring the concentration of a drug is very easy, even if the sample has impurities, mixtures of compounds, and co-eluting compounds with analytes(16).

Input Data	Use chromatographic data with overlapping peaks or complicated sample mixes as input data.
Output Data	Retrieve deconvoluted chromatograms and quantification data for specific peaks, allowing for exact concentration determinations.

System suitability assessment
Learning from historical data

The AI model can be fully trained from the standard historical data sets, including various parameters like theoretical plate counts, resolution, peak symmetrical factor, tailing, and fronting factor. AI model to analyze the historical set of data and establish patterns, trends, and peak acceptable range for system suitability parameters(17).

Real-time monitoring and alerts

AI models can monitor the system continuously for suitable parameters in real-time during the analysis of a sample. AI can analyze the generated data for any deviation or abnormalities from the acceptance limits. AI can intimate or alert the operator or analyst if any deviation from the acceptance limit exists. AI model helps to give a solution for system adjustments.

Predictive maintenance

AI algorithms have been used for predicting the potential issues in HPLC and giving a solution for preventing that issues. By learning from historical data, AI models can analyze and give indications of deteriorating system performance. This may help to take maintenance and preventive action such as column temperature, column replacement, mobile-phase adjustment, or calibration of the system(18).

Adaptive acceptance criteria

AI play a major role to maintain the reliability and reproducibility of the HPLC system. AI can adapt the HPLC acceptance criteria for maintaining the suitable parameters based on changing conditions such as columns with different manufacturing batches or variations in the sample matrices by continuously learning and analyzing new data, it can able to adjust the range of acceptance criteria to maintain the system suitability(2).

Input Data	Analyze chromatographic data, including system suitability parameters, as input data.
Output Data	Get real-time monitoring, alarms, and actionable recommendations to keep your system running smoothly throughout HPLC analysis.

Data analysis and interpretation

AI can able to visualize the chromatographic data allowing interpretation of data and easier understanding. Data visualization techniques such as clustering, heat maps or scatter plots, AI algorithms having the ability to understand easily or without any direct evidence for representations of complex chromatographic data, assist in the identification of trends, or outliers that may take more time to appear in tabular or numerical form(19).

Data quality assurance and detection of outliers:
Statistical analysis

Outliers are the extreme values in chromatographic data, AI can perform statistical analysis on data to identify outliers. By computing metrics of statistical analysis such as mean, standard deviation, and percentage of relative standard deviation, the AI model can identify the data that have a deviation from the expected range or within limits. Outliers are due to abnormal function of the instrument, sample contamination, etc(20).

Validation and data normalization

AI can compute in validation and normalization of data. By comparing the chromatographic data with a predetermined acceptance range and standard reference criteria. AI model can point out the data with flags that have a deviation from the acceptance range. This may help to ensure the quality of data by detecting potential errors or irrelevant data(21).

Data cleaning and preprocessing

The AI model helps to remove or correct inaccurate and incompatible data points. AI model helps to clean and preprocess the chromatographic data before starting further analysis, which can handle the missing data, ghost peak, and noise peak and make some corrections in error data. This may increase the accuracy and precision of subsequent data analysis steps(22).

Method transfer and method robustness
Prediction of instrument compatibility

AI algorithms can be able to transfer the method to predict the compatibility of HPLC instruments. With important factors such as specification in the column, operating condition, and system configuration, the AI model can predict the similarity between the source from one instrument and the target instruments, providing the vital challenges and adjustments required for the proper transfer of the method(23).

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Method transfer parameters optimization

To improve the method transfer parameters such as mobile phase composition, gradient profiles, dimension of a column, or particle size of the column. AI can learn from previous data on successful transfer for optimizing the transfer efficiency and can suggest the optimized parameters to reduce the errors between the source and target methods(24).

Real-time monitoring and feedback

AI can monitor the transfer method to check the reliability of that method. By analyzing the outcome data continuously from the target instrument, AI can detect any deviation from the expected value and intimate alerts or feedback to the operators. This leads to troubleshooting during the method transfer process(25).

Troubleshooting and optimization

AI helps to troubleshoot the method performance problems during analyzing of the sample and to optimize method robustness. If any deliberate changes also, will not affect the method. By analyzing different experimental conditions, the AI model can identify patterns that may reveal problems for poor robustness. AI helps to optimize, make some adjustments in targeted parameters or redesign the method to improve its robustness(26).

Input Data	Analyze data from both the source and destination HPLC devices, including procedure parameters.
Output Data	Receive method compatibility forecasts, proposed tweaks for successful method transfer, and robustness optimization techniques.

Batch-to-batch consistency and quality control in HPLC
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AI algorithms can compare the chromatogram or chromatographic result between production batches to analyze the batch-to-batch consistency. By getting a standard profile and analyzing the historical data, AI algorithms can analyze the deviation of data from standard, similarities in chromatographic data. This assists to identify variations and outliers that create an impact on product quality and consistency(27).

Calibration monitoring and adjustment

AI algorithms can monitor the calibration data for HPLC. AI can analyze the data and make shifts in calibration parameters, such as the sensitivity of the detector, the flow of pumps, and the adequate composition of the mobile phase. This calibration data is helpful for timely recalibration to ensure the accuracy and precision of the system and improve the consistency between batches(28).

Input Data	Analyze chromatographic data from several manufacturing batches as input data.
Output Data	Investigate batch-to-batch consistency assessments, identify deviations or outliers, and obtain product quality suggestions.

Column lifetime and performance monitoring

4.10.1. Real-time column monitoring: AI algorithms can monitor the column performance continuously by checking the evaluating parameters such as the number of theoretical plates, peak asymmetry, and resolution of peak and can detect any abnormalities in result due to degradation of a column by temperature fluctuation and high pH condition. It helps to take proactive measures for significant changes and impact analysis results(29).

Estimation of predictive column lifetime

The AI model helps to predict column lifetime by analyzing the previous data of column performance, operating conditions like sample matrices, pH of mobile phase, the concentration of buffer solution, and providing schedules

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for maintenance on column life span. AI algorithms for the analysis of critical samples and give an intimation for column replacement.

Optimization of column usage and selection: AI can be used for selecting the column for suitable sample matrices or analytes. Selection of a suitable column is based on analyte properties, particle size, pKa value, etc., this helps to achieve optimal separation efficiency, resolution of peak, and increase column life span(30).

Input Data	Constantly monitor column performance factors.
Output Data	Obtain projections for column lifespan, maintenance or replacement suggestions, and optimized column utilization methods.

Automated data processing and reporting
Automated data preprocessing
The AI model can predict and process the data automatically such as noise reduction, baseline correction, and peak shape alignment. AI algorithms can learn from historical data and apply data preprocessing steps on raw chromatographic data which leads to ensuring the quality of data(31).

Input Data	Process raw chromatographic data as input.
Output Data	Preprocessed data with decreased noise, matched peak forms, and automated reports for easier interpretation are generated as output data.

Intelligent report generation
The AI model is used for generation and reporting the result related to our HPLC analysis, it may be complex for identification also. AI can integrate and interpret data to generate a visual representation of data, reduce the noise peak, and easily understandable the format. The report by intelligent report system enables efficient, accurate reports and reduces manual effort(32).

Decision support system
AI can assist the decision support system in data analysis by analyzing the historical data and expert knowledge, AI model helps to decide by providing recommendations, identifying the outliers related to the chromatogram, and marking the area to be a concern. This may assist to provide information about decisions, troubleshooting issues, and easy to decide on complex sample matrices(33).

Input Data	Use historical data, professional knowledge, and chromatographic data to your advantage.
Output Data	Access decision suggestions, outlier detection, and highlighting of areas needing emphasis to help informed decision-making.

CONCLUSION

Artificial intelligence may help to overcome a lot of problems that interrupted the sample analysis, it may lead to an increase in the sensitivity and accuracy of results. Also helps to reduce manual error and time-consuming processes like checking column stability, and selecting suitable parameters for new drug samples like mobile phase ratio, flow rate, selection of columns, etc., AI may reduce the workload for scientists to analyze complex matrices chromatograms. It may create a big revolution in HPLC by giving solutions to challenging analytical problems. AI model can be widely adopted by the researcher to see further advances for chromatographic analysis in analytical technique.

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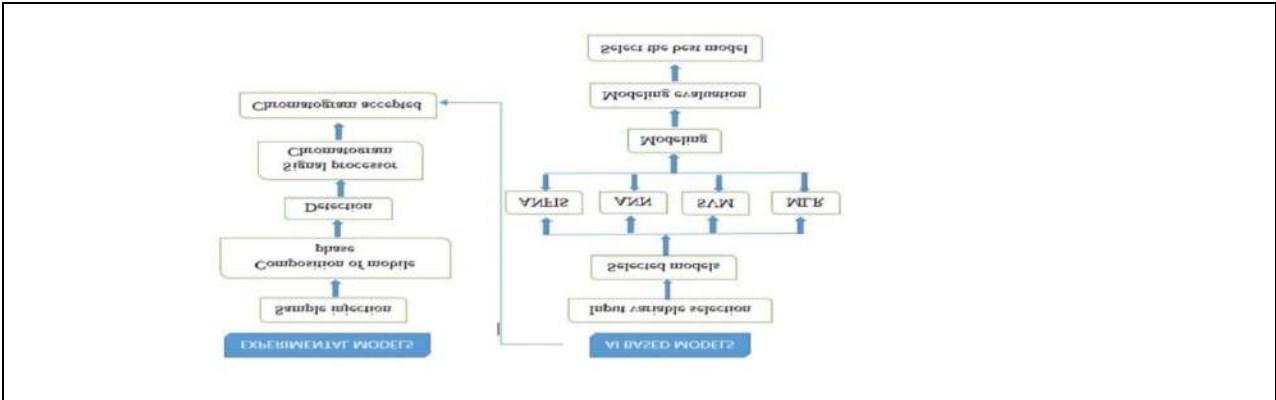
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Caring in Crisis - A Qualitative Perspective on Compassion and its Trials in Indian Nursing During the Covid-19 Surge

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ABSTRACT

In the dynamic landscape of healthcare, compassion stands as a cornerstone, acknowledged for its pivotal role in delivering high-quality patient care. This qualitative study delves into the nuanced realm of compassionate care among Indian nurses during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the acknowledged significance of compassion in healthcare, empirical insights into its understanding and the hurdles faced by nurses, particularly in terms of workplace and human resource (HR) challenges, remain sparse. Employing an inductive qualitative approach, this research engages with 40 female nurses holding either a B.Sc. or GNM degree, drawn from diverse public and private hospitals in Kolkata. The results from a deep analysis using thematic coding show how compassionate care and the work environment are intricately connected. They also highlight the significant effect of human resource management (HRM) practises. The study unveils a compelling narrative wherein nurses' ability to provide compassionate care is intricately woven into the fabric of their workplace dynamics. The results underscore that the compassionate endeavours of nurses are intricately tied to the prevailing work environment and HRM procedures, with implications for their overall well-being and quality of life during the pandemic. The study advocates for further research to bolster the foundation of compassionate care by fostering conducive work environments, especially in resource-constrained settings such as low- and middle-income nations like India. By unravelling the intricate relationship between compassion, nursing practice, and the organisational context, this research paves the way for

targeted interventions and policies aimed at fortifying the compassionate care landscape in the face of unprecedented healthcare challenges.

Keywords: Compassionate care, Workplace challenges, HRM practices, Nursing care, nurses

INTRODUCTION

Compassionate care has recently gained worldwide attention (Goetz et al., 2010; Schantz, 2007; van der Cingel, 2014) as it contributes to healthcare quality (Darzi, 2008; Department of Health, 2015) through its 'human component,' which is conveyed through attitudes and behaviours in response to patients' suffering and their needs (Kenneth B. Schwartz, 1995). It enables caregivers to get to know their patients humanely(Firth-Cozens & Cornwell, 2009; Lown, 2014). Compassion is also established as a core component of the nursing profession (Bramley & Matiti, 2014; Schantz, 2007). It helps nurses to understand the needs of patients effectively (Tehranineshat et al., 2019), make caring skilful, respect the person's dignity and combine the nursing profession's competencies(Great Britain & Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, 2011). It also helps them elicit patient health information, improve patient compliance and disclosure (13), bolster patient trust toward their clinicians, and increase patient hope (Schwartz Center for compassionate healthcare, 2015). Nurses always desire to provide and receive compassionate care, but it may be inaccessible within a complex and outcome-focused healthcare environment (Smith et al., 2016). A supportive organisational environment, including structures, processes, systems, and people, can only facilitate compassionate care (Curtis, 2014; Horsburgh & Ross, 2013; Mccaffrey & Mcconnell, 2015). The WHO declared the Covid 19 outbreak a global pandemic on 11 March 2020 (19), and the subsequent curbing measures disrupted people's lives worldwide (The Lancet, 2020; Yang et al., 2020). In India, due to the lack of healthcare infrastructure and facilities (Haleem et al., 2020), hospitals witnessed chaotic situations (Iyengar et al., 2020).

As frontline soldiers, nurses in both public and private sectors had to face recurrent challenges irrespective of the work environments (TWC, India, 2021). Nevertheless, lack of compassion is quoted as the main reason for reduced healthcare quality worldwide(Sinclair et al., 2016, 2016) and the importance of compassion, an essential human component of quality care, is missing as a concept in nursing or care theories (Schantz, 2007). In India, where 40 per cent of unsafe patient care practices occur, compromising patient-centeredness and compassion is a crucial problem (KPMG, 2016; S. K. Sharma & Rani, 2020). In India, poor facilities and infrastructure, as well as a lack of accessibility, availability, and affordability across areas, as well as income inequities continue to block the delivery of high-quality healthcare (Anand & Fan, 2016; KPMG, 2016). Compassionate care is highlighted as a core competency in the updated Indian nursing education syllabus, yet it is less emphasised during training (Indian Nursing Council, 2019). A shortage of health staff, primarily nurses and midwives, adds to the country's troubles (WHO, 2020). India requires 2.4 million more nurses to meet the healthcare demands (Anand & Fan, 2016; FICCI, 2018). There is a considerable gap of 52% between 'nursing staff in position' and 'nursing staff required' in India(Sarwal et al., 2021).During the Covid–19 pandemic, nurses in India were subjected to workplace mental harassment such as threats, verbal abuse, hostility, and harassment, emotional and physical exhaustion, overburdening, and increased stress due to adverse nurse practice environments caused by a lack of management support, scarce resources, inadequate staffing, and compensations (N. Jacob et al., 2020; Spoorthy et al., 2020). Nurses found difficulty in overcoming the fear of becoming a source of infection, fear of getting infected and isolated or quarantined and fear of missing timely food and adequate rest (BMJ, 2020; Ghosh, 2018; Joshi, 2020; Mohindra et al., 2020). This study attempts to discover nurses' experience of compassionate care and its challenges during care delivery in the work environment and delineate possible ways to enhance compassionate care amidst the challenges.

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Research Gap

The reviews clarified that no empirical studies explored Indian nurses' compassionate care experience and work environment challenges before or after the COVID-19 pandemic.

- • Research Questions
- • How do nurses understand and experience compassionate care?
- • What are the work environment challenges nurses face during compassionate care delivery, especially during COVID-19?
- • How can nursesovercome these challenges?

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study objectives

- • To explore nurses' understanding and experience of compassionate care
- • To explore the challenges in nurses' work environment during the delivery of compassionate care
- • To provide an outline regarding the possible ways to overcome the challenges

Study design

This instrumental case study used qualitative online in-depth structured interviews to explore how nurses understand and experience compassionate care and its workplace challenges in clinical care during COVID-19. Using judge mental sampling, 40 nurses were chosen over three months from the selected public and private hospitals within the urban setting of Kolkata. All respondents were registered female nurses with either a B.Sc. or GNM degree. All respondents were working in the hospitals during the time of the interview. The age of participants ranged from 25 to 65 years, and the range of working experience was between 5 and 40 years. Data was collected through telephonic interviews conducted over three months, from April to June 2021. Nine questions were asked about compassionate care and its challenges. The interviews lasted between 15 and 45 minutes. Each interview was recorded, transcribed, and analysed. Data were analysed using inductive thematic analysis. Responses of the nurse participants from the government hospitals are mentioned as GH-P1, P2, etc., and from the private hospitals are mentioned as PH- P1, P2, etc.

Findings

The interview questions were sought for responses regarding compassionate care and its workplace challenges during COVID-19. The questions on compassionate care were framed according to the main attributes of compassionate care proposed by the Schwartz Centre. They arerelation-based care, bi-directional communication, trust, patient involvement, emotional support, responsiveness to pain, contextual understanding of the patient and family and 'whole person' knowledge, respect and time (Lown et al., 2015; Schwartz Center for compassionate healthcare, 2015). The questions on the challenges of the work environment were framed according to the features of magnet hospitals (Kelly et al., 2011). They are mainly managerial support, nurse-physician relationships, staffing and other resources(Oshodi et al., 2019).

Compassionate care - Relation-based care

Relationship-based care

Most respondents supported the earlier views on compassionate care, as it is a relational response when suffering, distress or vulnerability is noticed (B. J. Dewar, 2011). This relation is inherently reciprocal, happening within and between people(de Zulueta, 2013). Nurses from government and private hospitals wanted to relate to patients and families with compassion, but they could not due to constraints. "A nurse from government hospital said, "I would like to relate more closely, but due to a large number of patients and staff shortage, just want to finish the minimum" (GH-P4).A nurse from a private hospital stated, "I treat patients as if they were my family members, and I care for them with kindness" (PH-P2). Few nurses from private hospitals had the opinion that they "understand that

relationship-based care improves recovery rates" (PH-P16). Relation-based care is core to compassionate care, and it improves patient outcomes.

Time
Giving time to patients is crucial in compassionate care, and most of the nurses from private and public hospitals shared similar views about it(Department of Health, UK, 2012; von Dietze & Orb, 2000b). However, nurses found it very difficult to give time, especially during Covid-19. A government nurse responded, "I did not have time to talk about the patient care plan with the patients and their families" (GH-P4).

Communication with Dignity
A nurse should have the skill to listen attentively and convey information to patients and families in an understandable manner (Lown et al., 2015). However, during Covid-19, nurses were helpless, and many nurses did not get support from management. To this, they responded that communication depends on the help and support from the work environment in which they work. "I communicate because of building a trusting relationship. However, the hospital work environment is insufficient to provide care to patients with dignity" (GH-P6). If nurses want to engage in authentic communication, a vital element of compassion and reasonable care in the general work environment, factors that constrain them need to be addressed(Firth-Cozens & Cornwell, 2009). However, a private hospital nurse commented, "I appreciate the hospital's vision of communicating with the people and considering the patients with trust and respect, except during staff shortage" (PH-P3). When support is extended, nurses tend to give their maximum to the patients.

Emotional support
Compassionate caring is an emotional response that addresses the emotional and psychosocial aspects of the patient experience and the patient's innate need for human connections and relationships (Schwartz Center for compassionate healthcare, 2015b). This view was reflected in the nurses' comments. "I give medications, but I do not have time to provide psychological or emotional support. As a human being and nurse, I enjoy helping those in need. It is something that I consider to be my responsibility" (GH-P18). To this, a nurse from a private hospital responded, "I believe that compassionate care is a type of human emotion, which inspires me to be compassionate toward patients. I enjoy my job (nursing) because it allows me to help patients overcome their suffering. As a result, my job is valuable. Nevertheless, hospital management has no concern for this type of approach" (PH-P3).There were differing views from private and public hospital nurses.

Whole person knowledge
Compassion also involves contextual understanding of the patient and family and "whole person" knowledge by considering the effect of illness on a family, patient and society(Lown et al., 2015)."As a nurse, I am qualified to perform the nursing practice. I understand the significance of getting to know the patients and their families and conveying accurate information about the illness" (PH-P10).

Work Environment Challenges
Managerial support
Managerial support was cited as the main reason for either promoting or constraining compassionate care.When asked about the challenges of compassionate care during COVID-19, one nurse responded, "Due to the long hours of duty, I was not getting enough rest. I first had to wear PPE kits for 12 hours, but this was reduced to two shifts later due to dehydration and fatigue. I could not finish my meal on time" (GH-P8). Another nurse in a government hospital said, "As a nurse, I had to deal with harassment from management as well as abuse from patients and family members. There has been no management support, participation in decision-making or good relationships with doctors" (GH-P2).

One nurse commented concerning nurse managers' support

"In my experience, management is ignorant about any of the nurses' concerns. It took months to overcome the difficulties associated with COVID-19, such as a lack of PPE kits, quarantine facilities, a heavy workload, and so on" (GH-P6).However, a private hospital nurse said, "In my understanding, management is supportive. Nurse managers intervene quickly to meet the issues" (PH-P6). Government hospital nurses also faced personal abuses. One nurse commented, "I am traumatised as a result of harassment and abuse. As a frontline worker, I did not receive proper nutrition or adequate rest" (GH-P5). Nursing services are generally unrecognised, and there is a lack of communication between hospital administrators and nursing leaders(James, 2017a; Joshi, 2020).

Staffing and workload

Nurses from the private and public sectors had differing opinions when asked about staffing and workload. One nurse commented, "I am employed at a government hospital. Due to a staffing shortfall, I am overworked. The nurse-to-patient ratio in my hospital is extremely low, which leads to higher patient mortality and infection rates" (GH-P3).Hospitals took their time in hiring new nurses, so the existing staff nurses had more work to do. One nurse commented that "hospitals, in my experience, are slow to hire new employees to fill staffing gaps" (GH-P1).Few other nurses said "because of the workload, I had difficulty communicating with patients. When I was experiencing work-related stress, such as a large amount of workload, internal and external threats, verbal abuse, hostility, and harassment, no assistance was provided" (GH-P11). "I believe our efforts are overlooked. I have much work to do, so I do not give my patients my full attention" (GH-P4).Few nurses in private hospitals also had the same experience, "I am working in a private hospital. When there is a staffing shortage, I work long shifts and am stressed. After long shifts, I am physically drained. I also have health difficulties because of my long working hours and tired mind and body" (PH-P5).But some nurses in private hospitals said, "Due to a staff shortage, I had a few issues with the workload. However, management was supportive, and the problem was quickly resolved" (PH-P12).Unjustified nurse-patient ratios cause patients to die, get infections, get injured, or get sent home too soon without adequate education about taking care of their illness or injury(James, 2017b).

Nurse-doctor relationship

When asked about the nurse-physician relationship, nurses from government hospitals commented that "nurses and physicians, in my opinion, do not have a good relationship. It appears to be very mechanical to me. It was difficult for me to communicate with nurse managers and leaders" (GH-P17)."I discovered a lack of teamwork among us. Whatever happens, and I believe the ultimate blame is on us as nurses" (GH-P4). But in private hospitals, "In general, nurses and physicians in my hospital have a good working relationship. Nursing administrators are on-site and available to assist us at all difficulties" (PH-P3).During the COVID-19 pandemic, unfriendly hospital administrations and strained doctor-nurse relationships worsened the intensity of the crisis (BMJ, 2020; Ghosh, 2018; McKay et al., 2020).

Compensation and benefits

Concerning HR practices, primarily compensation and benefits, many nurses had a similar opinion, "I did not receive any bonuses, and my salary was delayed. My friends who were afraid of Covid-19 hesitated to join duty during Covid-19. For a few months, I received half my salary. I had to work extra hours. My salary was delayed because I was hired as a contract employee (GH-P7).But a few nurses in the private hospitals said, "I received my salary on time, and I got enough support during COVID-19 (PH-P2).A few private hospital nurses commented, "I had the impression that the hospital saw the pandemic as an opportunity to increase profits" (PH-P19).

Training and orientation

When asked about training and orientation during COVID-19, a nurse from a government hospital replied, "I received no training or orientation for my COVID-19 duty. I am very concerned about the hospital's safety measures" (GH-P3).Another nurse commented, "I do much non-nursing work, so my time for patient care is limited. I have not received any training in the proper use of PPE" (GH-P2).

Stress management

"I was dehydrated and had low blood pressure as a result of wearing PPEs for an extended period. I was not satisfied with the workplace setup" (PH-P5). Few nurses faced difficulty after getting infected. I had no space to isolate myself because I lived with my family. I did not have any life insurance" (GH-P6).

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Compassionate care - relation-based care

The study was an attempt to understand how nurses experience compassionate care. Nurses believe that compassionate care is relation-based and involves time, communication with dignity, emotional support, and knowledge of the whole person. This is, in fact, similar to many previous findings (Burnell, 2011; B. J. Dewar, 2011). Reviews already emphasisedthat in the experience of both patients and physicians, compassionate care improves patient trust toward their clinicians and increases patient hope, respectively(Schwartz Center for compassionate healthcare, 2015a).

Work environment challenges

The study tried to find the work environment challenges during the delivery of compassionate care. Although nurses know some workplace factors that help them deliver compassionate care, they find it challenging to overcome the constraints in contemporary healthcare settings. Hence, addressing it would help nurse managers, policymakers and other healthcare workers provide a supportive environment for compassionate care (B. Dewar et al., 2014). Positive work environments are associated with an improved perception of the quality of nursing care(Coetzee et al., 2013; Van Bogaert et al., 2013; You et al., 2013),ensuring better outcomes for professionals, patients, and institutions(Papastavrou et al., 2015; Ulrich et al., 2007). During COVID-19, nurses in India lacked management support, leading them to experience confusion, fear, a lack of understanding, and a sense of helplessness (Gupta & Sahoo, 2020). The organisational leadership failed to give psychological support in the face of stress, counselling, and training in recognising burnout(Gupta & Sahoo, 2020). There was no management support when the nurse went through the physical strain of personal protective equipment (PPEs) (dehydration, heat, and exhaustion), physical isolation, fears about infection, and inner conflicts about competing needs and demands (N. Jacob et al., 2020; Jose et al., 2020; Raj et al., 2020). Nurse managers at the unit level also failed to listen to nurses' grievances and make the working environment conducive (Gupta & Sahoo, 2020). For nurses, both private and public sector, besides workload, dealing with emotionally burdened relatives was a highly challenging job. Nurses from low-income families were more vulnerable to anxiety and depression since they were the family's primary earner (Kapilan, 2020).

Nurses in India struggled during theCOVID–19 pandemic due to staff shortage and workload (G. Jacob, 2017). Additionally, when many nurses were isolated and quarantined, those on duty were forced to work with few resources, long hours, and frequently changing assignments, which caused significant mental stress (Gupta & Sahoo, 2020). In India, the recommended nurse-to-patient ratio for the general wards is 1:6 by NABH and 1:5 by INC (62) for non-teaching hospitals, significantly lowerthan international norms (S. Sharma & Rani, 2020). According to WHO, India's nurse-to-patient ratio is only 1:483, i.e. 1.7 nurses per 1000 population. A considerable amount of workload and responsibilities and a lack of teamwork are emerging challenges in India's healthcare sector(James, 2017b). Countries like California, the USA, and Queensland, Australia, have passed a law for the minimum nurse-to-patient ratio, which has proven beneficial for the patients and healthcare system(S. Sharma & Rani, 2020). During the pandemic, loss of jobs was prevalent due to staff reductions, longer shifts, and short-term contracts to fill vacancies(N. Jacob et al., 2020; James, 2017; Spoorthy et al., 2020). DuringCOVID–19, many nurses in the private and public sectors were paid inadequate wages, had their salaries delayed or reduced, or were compelled to work without pay. They also lacked incentives and insurance coverage (N. Jacob et al., 2020; Spoorthy et al., 2020).The Supreme Court's decision to enforce the minimum wage is still being debated (G. Jacob, 2017; Tirupakuzhi Vijayaraghavan et al., 2020). There are poor or no incentives and biased appraisal methods in many hospitals in India, both in the private and public sectors (S. K. Sharma, 2017). Another challenge was the poor infrastructure and

inadequate safety measures during the pandemic (Joshi, 2020). The study also tried to find how a nurse can remain compassionate amidst many challenges. According to the study, despite staffing shortages and delayed remuneration and benefits, some nurses in private hospitals were more satisfied with their work environment because of the support they received from nurse managers and hospital administration. Second, the hospital administration and nursing leadership in India's public and private hospitals must take necessary initiatives to promote a positive work environment, mitigating the different workplace issues to improve nurses' compassionate care in response to the heavy workload and emotional overburden caused by the pandemic. Third, including nurses in the planning, organising, and decision-making processes will improve hospital ratings and promote nurses' self-esteem. Fourth, nurses are more likely to provide compassionate care when they have good relationships, cooperation, and teamwork. They will feel like they are a part of the team, increasing their trust and creating a positive attitude toward work, resulting in less job-related stress, uncertainty, fear, anxiety, and sadness (Gupta & Sahoo, 2020).

LEARNINGS
- The work environment needs to be supportive
- Nurse managers atthe unit level and organisational level need to be supportive.
- Need participation in planning, organising, and decision-making processes
- Need to maintain collegial relationships, cooperation, and teamwork.
- Need to tackle staff shortage and workload
- Need to get compensation and benefits
- Need training and orientation
- Need stress busters and coping mechanism

Managerial Implications
In the Indian healthcare context, compassionate care, the critical component of healthcare quality, is a taken-for-granted care dimension even in nursing education because it is considered an innate quality part of the nursing vocation, and hence, no training is required. Another thought is that compassion or relationship-based care is considered individual nurses' responsibility, and the role of managers and organisations is overlooked in promoting the same. Delivery of compassionate care is also considered cost-neutral, and it has no place in the human resource development of healthcare organisations. Healthcare managers looking forward to improving healthcare quality should consider compassion a critical resource and help nurses find ways to overcome workplace challenges. Compassionate care must be made part of the healthcare organisational culture.

Suggestions & Recommendations
This study underscores the critical interplay between compassionate care, nursing practice, and the organizational context, particularly during the COVID-19 surge in India. The findings emphasize the intrinsic link between a nurse's ability to provide compassionate care and the prevailing work environment, with human resource management practices playing a significant role. To fortify the foundation of compassionate care, healthcare organizations must prioritize the creation of supportive work environments. This involves addressing staffing shortages, ensuring managerial support, and actively involving nurses in decision-making processes. Fair compensation, timely payment, and adequate training are pivotal elements for enhancing nurses' well-being and, consequently, their capacity to deliver compassionate care. The study advocates for a cultural shift within healthcare organizations, recognizing compassion as a critical resource and integral to healthcare quality. By implementing these recommendations, healthcare leaders and policymakers can contribute to India's resilient and compassionate healthcare ecosystem, particularly vital in resource-constrained settings amid unprecedented healthcare challenges.

Limitations
While this study provides valuable insights into the experiences of Indian nurses delivering compassionate care during the COVID-19 pandemic, several limitations should be acknowledged. Firstly, the study focused on the

perspectives of female nurses holding either a B.Sc. or GNM degree in Kolkata, limiting the generalizability of the findings to a broader demographic. The experiences of male nurses or those with different educational backgrounds may differ and warrant separate exploration. Secondly, the research relied on a qualitative online, in-depth structured interview approach conducted via telephone due to the constraints imposed by the pandemic. While this method allowed for in-depth exploration of nurses' experiences, the absence of face-to-face interactions may have influenced the richness of the data. Non-verbal cues and visual expressions, crucial for understanding emotions and nuances, were not captured, potentially limiting the depth of the analysis. Thirdly, the study did not incorporate the perspectives of patients or supervisory staff, which could have provided a more comprehensive understanding of the challenges and successes of delivering compassionate care. Including these perspectives would have enriched the study by offering a holistic view of the healthcare environment during the pandemic. Additionally, the study's geographic focus on Kolkata and the selection of specific hospitals may only partially represent the diversity of healthcare settings across India. Variations in healthcare infrastructure, cultural factors, and regional differences could impact nurses' experiences, and a broader, multi-centre study would be necessary to capture this diversity. Furthermore, while necessary during the pandemic, the telephonic interview method may have introduced biases or limitations related to technological constraints, potentially affecting the depth and quality of responses. In a nutshell, while this study contributes valuable insights into the challenges and experiences of compassionate care delivery by Indian nurses during the COVID-19 surge, these limitations highlight the need for caution in generalising findings and underscore the importance of future research endeavours that address these constraints for a more comprehensive understanding of the topic.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this qualitative study sheds light on the intricate relationship between compassionate care, nursing practice, and the organizational context in India's challenging backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. The findings underscore the pivotal role of a supportive work environment and effective human resource management (HRM) practices in nurturing and sustaining compassionate care among nurses. The study delved into the multifaceted dimensions of compassionate care, emphasizing its core components such as relation-based care, time investment, communication with dignity, emotional support, and holistic patient understanding. Despite recognizing the importance of these elements, nurses faced substantial challenges in delivering compassionate care during the pandemic. The work environment, characterized by factors such as managerial support, staffing issues, nurse-doctor relationships, compensation, and benefits, played a significant role in facilitating or hindering nurses' ability to provide compassionate care. One of the key revelations was the impact of HRM practices on nurses' well-being and capacity to deliver compassionate care. Nurses in private and public hospitals reported varying degrees of support from management, with some experiencing exhaustion, a lack of rest, and inadequate resources.

The study highlighted the need for timely compensation, benefits, training, and orientation to equip nurses with the tools necessary for navigating the challenges posed by the pandemic. Amidst these challenges, the study identified strategies for overcoming obstacles to compassionate care. It emphasized the importance of a supportive work environment, active involvement of nurse managers at both unit and organizational levels, participation in decision-making processes, and fostering collegial relationships, cooperation, and teamwork. The findings underscore the need to address staffing shortages, ensure fair compensation, and implement stress management measures to enhance nurses' resilience and ability to provide compassionate care. The managerial implications of this study call for a paradigm shift in recognizing compassionate care as a critical resource in healthcare quality. The study advocates for integrating compassionate care into the organizational culture and emphasizes the role of healthcare managers in supporting nurses to overcome workplace challenges. In conclusion, this research contributes valuable insights into the dynamic interplay between compassionate care, nursing practice, and the organizational context, urging healthcare stakeholders and policymakers to prioritize and invest in creating conducive work environments that foster compassionate care delivery, especially in the face of unprecedented healthcare challenges such as the

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COVID-19 pandemic. Further research and targeted interventions are warranted to fortify the foundation of compassionate care and enhance the overall well-being of nurses in resource-constrained settings like India.

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Table 1: Interview Guiding Questions

No.	Questions
1	How do you relate with your patients, and how do you think it affects patient satisfaction?
2	How much time do you give to respond to the suffering and other needs of the patient?
3	How do you communicate with patients? Do you give respect and enough time to the patients?
4	What emotional support do you provide to patients and families?
5	Do you have enough patient knowledge during care?
6	How do you narrate your experience with nurse managers' support?
7	How do you evaluate staff shortage, nurse-patient ratio and the workload?
8	What is your opinion regarding the nurse-physician relationship?
9	What human resource practices impacted you during COVID-19, including compensation and benefits, recruitment and staffing, training and development, employee relations, and safety and health?

Source: Authors' Calculation

Table 2: Participant Profile

Indicator	No. of participants	No. of participants by the response
Age		
25-35	25	23
35-45	10	7
45-65	5	4
Gender		
Male	None	
Female	40	34
Qualification		
M.Sc	None	
B.Sc	30	28
GNM	10	6
Experience		
5-10	22	20
10-15	8	8
15-20	10	6
20 above		
Hospital Type		
Private	20	18

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Public	20	16

Table 3: Classification of Main Categories and Themes

Categories	Themes	Subthemes
Compassionate care	Relation-based care	• Relationship • Time • Communication with dignity • Emotional support • Whole person knowledge
Challenges	Work environment	• Managerial challenges • Staff shortage and workload • Lack of nurse-doctor relationship • Lack of compensation and benefits • Lack of training and orientation • Lack of stress coping mechanism

Table 4: Learnings to overcome the challenges

Learnings	• The work environment needs to be supportive • Nurse managers atthe unit level and organisational level need to be supportive. • Need participation in planning, organising, and decision-making processes • Need to maintain collegial relationships, cooperation, and teamwork. • Need to tackle staff shortage and workload • Need to get compensation and benefits • Need training and orientation • Need stress busters and coping mechanism

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Bioprospecting and Eco –Biogeographically Genetic Diversity of *Excoecaria agallocha* L., from East Coast Mangrove Forest of Tamil Nadu

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ABSTRACT

Mangroves are the salt-tolerant evergreen forests found along sheltered coastlines shallow-water lagoons and estuaries in one hundred and twenty four tropical and subtropical countries, mainly growing on salt substrates. Mangroves are halophytic woody plants that serve as protection against cyclone. Tsunami and source of energy for based coastal food chain.*E. agallocha* L is used for the treatment ulcer and aphrodisiac. The extract of these plants is als for rheumatism, paralysis, cutaneous infections. Studies on phenolgical aspects were undertakes to know the phonological changes in E.agallocha in accordance with the seasonal changes. And then seed germination. Random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) Analysis, extraction of Genomic DNA, RAPD Assay, Agarose gel electrophoresis. Thisgenetic variation varied with distance and geographical isolated within the species along the east coast of Tamil Nadu. These populations can be groups based on the geographical isolation and its showed higher variation in the lower similarity in the isolated populations and lower geographical isolation showed a higher similarity in excoecaria agallocha.

Keywords: Bioprospecting, Eco-Biogegraphically , RAPD,

INTRODUCTION

Mangroves are the salt-tolerant evergreen forests found along sheltered coastlines, shallow-water lagoons and estuaries in one hundred and twenty four tropical and subtropical countries, mainly growing on salt substrates. Mangroves are halophytic woody plants that serve as protection against cyclone, Tsunami and source of energy for based coastal food chain. IUCN status of the *Excoecaria agallocha* L. is Least Concern (LC) ver. 3.1. In *E. agallocha* the latex and leaves of which may cause blindness, and have long been used as fish poison and poison arrow heads (Ohigashi*et al*., 1974). Family Euphorbiaceae is a small tree often bordering mangrove swamps that grows in sandy mud soil near the terrestrial fringes of mangrove vegetation. Euphorbiaceae comprised of about 40 species of which *E. agallocha* is a mangrove (Tamlinson, 1986). In India it is distributed in few mangrove pockets of East Coast and West Coast of India. An *E. agallocha* plants are dioeciously and produces small non-viviparous seeds having air space in the seed coat which helps to keep them afloat and enable to disperse. *E. agallocha*is used for the treatment of ulcer and aphrodisiac. The extract of these plants is also for rheumatism, paralysis, cutaneous infections. The wood bark of *E. agallocha* plants has applied in Thai medicine system as a remedy against flatulence (Karalai*et al*., 1994). In Sri Lanka, the smoke of the burning wood is used in treatment of leprosy, while the root powdered with ginger is an embrocation for swelling hands and feet (Jayaweera, 1980). *E. agallocha* known as 'milk mangrove' grows in sandy soil or in the drier, harder sandy mud near the terrestrial fringes of mangrove vegetation (Tomlinson, 1986).

Being morphologically uniform, it is expected to exhibit a low level of genetic variation. Most of mangrove has seed germination problem caused by embryo darmency, seed coat impermeability by water. It has been successed that the germination paucity might the related to climate changes, because seed viability due to water deficit stress. Takern together, the insufficient seed production and low germination have been nagative influence on reproductive wild and consequently on population value and pharmacologically important species (Tenji, 2003). Hence, it plays an important role in shaping population genetic structure of mangrove species through their effect on plant distribution and level of gene flow among the populations. Assessments of the genetic differences among populations of the same species give an estimate to measure the extent of genetic isolation and divergence (Hogarth, 1999). Molecular markers, unlike morphological markers, are stable and have been found to be very useful in population studies (Aitkin et al., 1994); they have been used to quantify accurately the extent of genetic diversity within and between the populations (Maguire *et al*., 2000). Among the various DNA markers, Randomly Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD) has been used extensively for a population studies (Maguire *et al*. 2000). RAPD has been useful in the study of genetic diversity of various mangrove plants like *Acanthus ilicifolius* (Jena and Das, 2004), *Aegicerascorniculatum* (Deng *etal*., 2009), *Avicennia marina* (Rohlf and Ntsys, 1993; Arnaud-haond*et al*., 2006), *Ceriopsdecandra* (Tan *et al*., 2004), *Excoecaria agallocha* (Lakshmi *et al*., 2000), *Lumnitzeraracemosa* (Su *et al*., 2006) and *Nypafruticans* (Jian*et al*., 2010).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Phenology
Studies on phenological aspects were undertaken to know the phenological changes in *E. agallocha* in accordance with the seasonal changes. These elite trees growing in and around Pichavaram Mangrove Reserve forest was observed periodically to note the cycle of leaf shed, blossom, fruit set and seed shedding during the years.

Seed germination
The mature fruits of *E. agallocha* ware collected, shade dried and stored. The seeds of *Excoecaria agallocha*were collected and used for seed germination. The healthy seeds were treated withGA$_3$ (100mg/ L), Kinetin (100mg/ L) and Bavistin (fungicide) and Bavistin alone treated also control seeds germination was observed. The percentage of seed germination was studied in seed tray and nursery bed methods. The nursery bed prepared by 3×6 feet bricks bordered and filled with garden soil, farmyard manure and river sand (1:1:1), irrigate twice a day for 20 days after.

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Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD) Analysis

The sampling details are listed in Table 1. Distances separating the sampling sites ranged from 20 to 350 km. Young leaves collected and stored in −86°C in zip-lock covers until further use.

Extraction of Genomic DNA

Total genomic DNA was extracted from the young leaves of *E. agallocha* by Doyle and Doyle (1987) method.

RAPD Assay

In a 15μl reaction volume [consisting of 15 mg of genomic DNA, 1.5μl of 2mM dNTPs, 1.5μl of 10x Taq DNA Polymerase assay buffer, 1.8μl of 15mM MgCl2, 5μM RAPD primers and 1U Taq DNA polymerase (Fermentas)] was taken in an Eppendorf Thermocycler. The cycling reaction consisted of an initial denaturation at 94ºC for 3 minutes, annealing at 37ºC for 1 minute and extension at 72ºC for 2 minutes and this was followed by 44 cycles of denaturation at 94ºC for 1 minute, annealing at 37ºC for 1 minute and extension at 72ºC for 2 minutes. The final extension was carried out at 72ºC for 15 minutes. After amplification the PCR product was stored at 4ºC and separated by electrophoresis on 1.2% agarose gel containing 10mg/ml of ethidium bromide stain in 1X TBE buffer at 100 V for 1 hour. Gene ruler 1kb DNA ladder (Genei, Bangalore) was used as marker to determine the size of amplicons on agarose gel. After electrophoresis gels were photographed and the image was captured using an image analyzer Gel Doc XR (Bio-Rad, USA) for scoring and data analysis.

Agarose gel electrophoresis

The amplified products were visualized in a 2% agarose gel containing 0.5 mg ml/L of ethidium bromide and documented by a gel documentation system (UVTEC). Amplified products that were reproducible, re-bandable, re-scorable and consistent in performance were chosen for data analysis. The bands were scored based on the molecular weight marker (1 kb DNA ladder, Merk, Bangalore).

DATA ANALYSIS

In RAPD analysis, the presence (1) or absence (0) of the bands were taken into consideration and difference in the intensity of the band was ignored. From RAPD data a binary matrix was obtained. The data were analysed by POPGENE32 (Yeh et al., 1997) assuming Hardy-weinberg equilibrium. The binary matrix was transformed in a similarity matrix using the Jaccard's similarity coefficient. The cluster analysis was carried out using UPGMA (Unweighted pair group mean average) method utilizing the multivariate analysis program NTSYS-pc (version 2.02) software (Rohlf, 1993).

RESULT

Phenological study

About 5 to 8 meter in height branched from base, bushy appearance and unisexual. Leaves were simple and alternate, elliptical in shape and apex is acute. Generally, leaves were shed during the summer and fresh foliage could be seen during October to November. In April, the leaf shed was 20% from total leaves of the plants. During the month of May, 60% of leaves were fallen down and during the month of June only 10% appeared and 3 to 4 leaves from tips were attached with twigs. In the case of male inflorescence flowers were pale yellow with glandular bracts. Flowers were apetalous, stamens three in number and filamentous free anthers. Ovaries were three lobed tricarpellary, syncarpous small in size, green in color and surface was leathery. Fruits turn back to brown when mature and seeds were non-viviparous. The seed set was observed from December to January and followed by seed shedding was observed in late January and February. The seeds were dispensed by wind and water.

Seed Germination

In seed germination study the treatment of hormone along with fungicide seeds showed 72% of germination, short length was 2.6cm and root length was 4.5cm after 15 days of interval. But fungicide alone treated seed showed minimum large rage of seed germination (33%), shoot length (1.6cm) and root length (2.8cm) likewise the control seeds also showed lesser performance than above treated seeds (Table. 3)

Genetic diversity

To study the genetic diversity of *E. agallocha*distributed in the East Coast of Tamil Nadu. Leaves were collected from Pichavaram, Killai, T.S.Pettai, Mallipattinum, Muthupettai, Puthupatti, Devipattinum, Krusadai and Sundaramudai and stored in liquid nitrogen during the transportation. Genomic DNA was isolated by CTAB method. The quantity of DNA was checked by using 0.8% agrose gel (figure. 1). PCR product obtained using the RAPD primers (OPN-11 to Rpi-10) and they were separated using 1.2% agarose gel. All ambiguous RAPD bands were excluded from scoring in order to avoid fragments that could be artifact. The 10 RAPD primers yielded a total of 133 clear and reproducible DNA bands. Several polymorphic bands were observed for each primer in the range between 200 and 1900bp. Out of stored the DNA bands from 10 RAPD primers, 49 bands were polymorphic. OPN 11 primer gave the fewest bands (11 bands). The number of bands per primer ranged between 11 to 17 with a mean of 13.3. The percentage of polymorphic bands for each primer observed ranged from 25 to 36.23%. The pair wise Jaccard's coefficient genetic similarity matrix was prepared on the basis of RAPD data. The genetic similarity coefficient among all 10 populations varied from 0.714 (between zones S.Mudai and Muthupettai) to 0.963 (between zones S.Mudai, Devipattinum and Krusadai. (Table: 4). To understand the genetic relationships among *E. agallocha*female populations of the east coast of Tamil nadu. Cluster analysis was carried out based on similarity Coefficients generated from 133 RAPD bands using UPGMA. This was further used for developing a dendrogram (**Graph.1**). Though all accessions could be grouped into one cluster at 76%, two major clusters were detected at 82% similarity level. The first cluster contained Muthupettai alone; second set of cluster was Krusadai, S.Mudai and Devipattinum and third set of cluster was Killai, T.S.Pettai and Pichavaram. The UPGMA based cluster analysis is a good indication of the genetic relationship existing among the female population of *Excoecaria agallocha*. The result indicates that there was a tendency towards larger population divergences with larger geographical distance between the populations. The three populations distributed in Pichavaram, Muthupettai and Ramnad district region (Devipattinum, Krusadai and Sundaramudai) are isolated by geographically and also by distance.

DISCUSSION

Phenology

The phenological study of *Excoecaria agallocha*have revealed that the leaf shed occurred in April to June, flowering occurred in October to November, Fruit set occurred in December to January and seed shed occurred in Late January to February at Pichavaram. The seed shedding was occurred in post monsoon season and they were the salinity of water and soil are its low which enhanced the germination of *E.agallocha*. The leaf shed have been identified in summer when the salinity of water and soil is high and the plants enjoy a high physiological drought. To cope up with this drought shedding leaves and cut then the transpiration helps them to endure the drought. According to Sivaraj and Krishnamurthy (1989), phenology is the study of timing of recurring biological events, the causes of timing with regard to biotic and abiotic forces, and their inter-relations among phases of same or different species.

Seed germination

Seed germination started at the beginning of imbibitions and stopped with the onset of radical and plumule emergence leading to the production of the seedlings. It has been observed that seed germination in *Excoecaria agallocha*is well pronounced in humus rich soil as moisture is readily available in such soils. Nevertheless, the seeds of *E. agallocha* were readily germiable in nursery bed at shade condition also showed a higher germination treated with low concentration of GA_3 and KN. GA_3 broken the seed dormancy and promoted the cell elongation, and germination of non-dormant and dormant seeds (Birgit Kucera*et al.,* 2005).

Genetic diversity

The ability of a species to adapt the environmental changes depends greatly on the genetic pool in species (Neel and Ellstrand, 2003; Anand*et al*., 2004; Jain and Shi, 2009). Generally, geographically restricted species exhibit lower levels of genetic variation than widely distributed species (Hanrick and Godt, 1989). Narrowing of gene pool and reduced genetic diversity pose challenges in the selection pressure brought in by environmental changes (Laurenson, 1994; Dodd *et al*., 2002; Caro and Yelin*et al*., 2008; Verma*et al*., 2009). The RAPD technique to detect genetic variation in the level of DNA was found to be sensitive and powerful tool in *E. agallocha*. The dendrogram was drawn based on co-efficient of similarity derived from RAPD analysis using various primers. In three main cluster of the dendrogram*E. agallocha*in Pichavaram, Killai and T.S. Pettai showed more similarity and grouped in a single branch. The *E. agallocha*in Muthupettai, Puthupatti and Mallipattinum fallen in another separate branch. Another branch comprises of Krusadai Island, Sundaramudai and Devipattinum. These three branches were clustered based on their geographical distribution. The variation may be due to the geographical isolation and their geographical distances between the locations of distribution between these main groups. This report is supported by the observations made in same species with male population in Orissa by Anath *et al., 2011*. *E. agallocha* is found in shore lines at different altitudes and grows on different soil types such as sandy clay loam, clay loam soil with pH between 6.4- 8.2 (Anath *et al*., 2011). Therefore, high genetic diversity further supports greater differentiation (Nagylaki, 1998; Anad*et al*., 2004; Ge*et al*., 2003). Our study pronounced that genetic differentiation among the populations were found in several habitats of species and this was attributed to low or absent gene flow between the populations. These observations are supported by various authors in different species (Sun and Wong, 1998; Chiang *et al*., 2001; Ge and Sun, 2001; Dodd *et al*., 2002; Ge*et al*., 2003; Yelin*et al*., 2008; Anath*et al*., 2011).

About 52.54% polymorphism was observed across the ten populations of *E. agallocha*. An UPGMA tree identified three main geographic clusters. Cluster first includes *E. agallocha* populations from Pichavaram, T.S.Pettai andKillai.The secured cluster included the Muthupettai, Puthupatti and Mallippattinum of east coast of Tamil Nadu. Populations from Devipattinum, Sundaramudai and Krusadai of east coast of Tamil Nadu formed third cluster. As observed in *E. agallocha* geographical isolation and distances between locations increase the variability while closeness of distribution increases similarity. The high level of genetic diversity of *E. agallocha* populations was consistent with the conclusion of Hamrick *et al* (1992) that high genetic diversity is usually observed in predominately out crossing woody species with wide geographic distribution. It is generally thought that the populations near the center of a species range are continuous and genetically diverse, whereas marginal populations are isolated, smaller and less genetically variable (Shea and Furnier, 2002; Hamrick et al., 1989). The population genetic structure of a species is affected by a number of factors including mating system, gene flow, mode of reproduction and natural selection (Hamrick et al. 1992). Dispersal success and genetic exchange of mangrove are primarily dependent on suitable currents and the longevity of propagules in transit (Duke, 1992), although long-distance dispersal of propagules by ocean currents has been proposed in some viviparous mangroves (Chiang et al., 2001; Dodd et al., 2002), the dispersal potential of non-viviparous mangroves is poorly understood. *E. agallocha* has small buoyant seeds, which are about 3 mm in diameter also have an air space within the seed coat to help them float. These characteristics seem to promote the dispersal of its seeds by sea or ocean currents. However, there is little seed dispersal between regions and even within regions (Zhang et al., 2008).

CONCLUSION

The genetic variations varied with distance and geographical isolation within the species along the east coast of Tamil Nadu. These populations can be grouped into three groups based on the geographical isolation and it showed higher variation in the lower similarity in the isolated populations and lower geographical isolation showed a higher similarity in *Excoecaria agallocha*.

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Table.1: Selected Study Areas and their Physical Parameters.

Population	Locations	District	Latitude/ Longitude	Salinity range (ppt)	Soil pH range	Soil type
I	Pichavaram	Cuddalore	$11^040'$ N/ $79^070'$ 'E	12-29	6.8-7.4	Fine silt clay
II	Killai	Cuddalore	$11^045'$ N/ $79^073'$ E	10-19	6.4-8.0	Sandy clay
III	T.S.Pettai	Cuddalore	$11^025'$ N/ $79^075'$ E	8-15	5.9-6.8	Clay
IV	Mallippattinum	Thanjavur	$10^018'$ N/ $79^022'$ E	24-31	6.7-7.7	Clay
V	Muthupettai	Thanjavur	$10^020'$ N/ $79^034'$ E	11-27	6.5-7.8	Clay
VI	Puthupatti	Thanjavur	$10^027'$ N/ $79^040'$ E	23-32	6.7-7.8	Sandy
VII	Devipattinum	Ramanat	$09^049'$ N/ $78^087'$ E	8-16	5.9-7.2	Sandy
VIII	Krusadai	Ramanat	$09^014'$ N/ $79^013'$ E	9-21	6.2-7.2	Fine silt clay
IX	Sundaramudai	Ramnat	$09^022'$ N/ $78^093'$ E	10-19	6.8-7.8	Sandy

Table: 2. List of RAPD Markers and its sequences used of the study

Sl.No	Markers	Sequence (5'-3')
1.	OPN 11	TCGCGCCAAA
2.	OPP 01	GTAGCACTCC
3.	OPQ 01	GGGACGATGG
4.	OPQ 20	TCGCCCAGTC
5.	OPR 03	ACACAGAGGG

6.	OPT 03	TCCACTCCTG
7.	OPT 07	GGCAGGCTGT
8.	OPT 08	AACGGCGACA
9.	RPi 07	ACATCGCCCA
10.	RPi 10	ACGATGAGCG
11.	OPQ20	TCGCCCAGTC
12.	OPT02	TCGCCCAGTC
13.	OPW05	GGCGGATAAG
14.	OPW08	GACTGCCTCT
15.	OPX01	CTGGGCACGA

Table.3: Seed germination and seedling growth of *Excoecaria agallocha* seeds with Bavistin and Bavistinalon with GA3 and Kinetin.

S.No	Treatment	Percentage of Germination ± SD	Shoot length in 15th day (cm) ± SD	Root length 15th day (cm) ± SD
1.	**Control**	20 ± 0.2	1.1 ± 0.02	2.4 ± 0.01
2.	**Bavistin**	33 ± 0.1	1.6 ± 0.01	2.8 ± 0.01
3.	**(GA₃+KN)+Bavistin**	72 ± 0.3	2.6 ± 0.01	4.5 ± 0.02

The values represented in the table are mean ± SD.

Table.4: Scoring of Amplified DNA Bands Generated by RAPD Markers

S. No	Name of the Primer	Sequence (5′ – 3′)	Total No. of bands amplified	No. of poly-morphic bands	No. of mono-morphic bands	Percentage of polymorphic bands
1.	OPN 11	TCGCGCCAAA	11	7	4	36.36
2.	OPP 01	GTAGCACTCC	13	8	5	38.46
3.	OPQ 01	GGGACGATGG	14	9	5	35.71
4.	OPQ 20	TCGCCCAGTC	13	8	5	38.46
5.	OPR 03	ACACAGAGGG	12	9	3	25.00
6.	OPT 03	TCCACTCCTG	16	9	7	43.75
7.	OPT 07	GGCAGGCTGT	11	8	3	27.27
8.	OPT 08	AACGGCGACA	17	10	7	41.17
9.	RPi 07	ACATCGCCCA	12	8	4	33.33
10.	RPi 10	ACGATGAGCG	14	8	6	42.85
		Total	**133**	**84**	**49**	**362.36**
		Mean	**13.3**	**8.4**	**4.9**	**36.23**

Table.5: Similarity matrix of *Excoecaria agallocha* from different locations of south east coast of Tamil Nadu.

	P.Varam	Killai	T.S.Pettai	M.Patti	M.Pettai	P.Patti	D.Pattin	Krusadai	S.Mudai
P.Varam	1.000								
Killai	0.830	1.000							
T.S.Pettai	0.880	0.839	1.000						
M.Patti	0.735	0.741	0.814	1.000					
M.Pettai	0.808	0.709	0.716	0.816	1.000				
P.Patti	0.840	0.803	0.814	0.846	0.816	1.000			
D.Pattin	0.763	0.827	0.839	0.870	0.740	0.836	1.000		
Krusadai	0.796	0.827	0.872	0.803	0.740	0.803	0.927	1.000	
S.Mudai	0.767	0.830	0.875	0.839	0.714	0.839	0.963	0.963	1.000

Figure.1.a.Electrophorotic bands of DNA (*Excoecaria agallocha)* at 0.8% agarose gel Primer : OPN 11

Figure.1.b Primer : OPP 01

Figure.1.c Primer : OPQ 01

Figure.1.d: Electrophorotic bands of DNA (*Excoecaria agallocha)* at 0.8% agarose gel Primer: OPQ 20

Figure.1.e Primer : OPR 03

Figure.1.f Primer : OPT 03

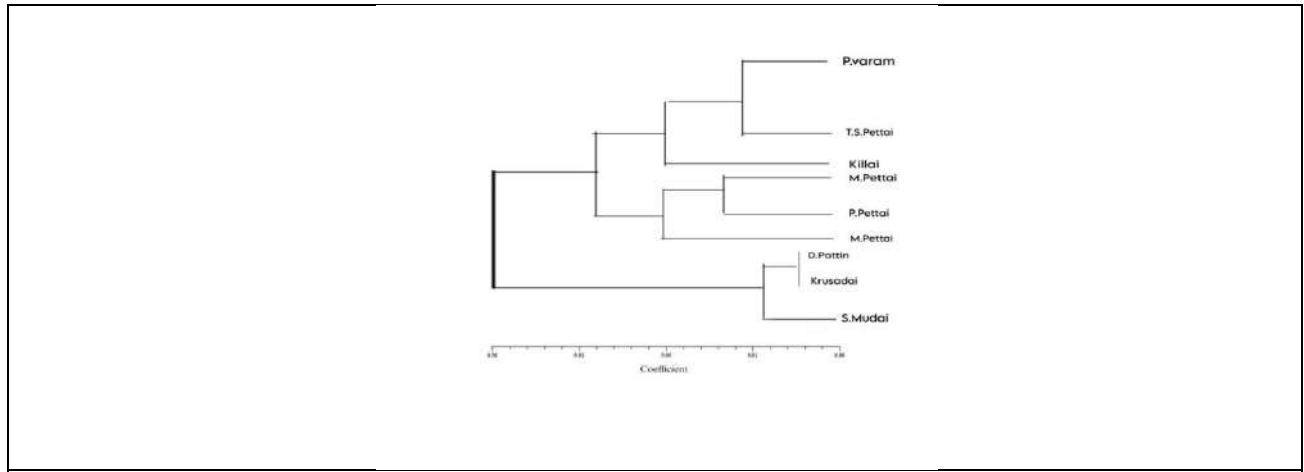**Figure.1.g: Electrophorotic bands of DNA (*Excoecaria agallocha)* at 0.8% agarose gel Primer : OPT 07**

Figure.1.h Primer : OPT 08

Figure.1.i Primer : RPi 07

Figure.1.j. Electrophorotic bands of DNA (*Excoecaria agallocha)* at 0.8% agarose gel Primer : RPi 10

Graph.1: Dendrogram based on co-efficient similarity

RESEARCH ARTICLE

HPTLC Method Development and Validation of Hydrochlorothiazide by Simplex Lattice Mixture Design

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ABSTRACT

The High Performance Thin Layer Chromatographic (HPTLC) method was developed and validated for determination of Hydrochlorothiazide (HCT) by systematic application of mixture design. Hydrochlorothiazide is one of the widely used diuretic, given in combination with antihypertensive drugs for treatment of hypertension. A simplex lattice design was applied for optimization of mobile phase composition. In this quality by design approach is applied to define QTMP and then critical analytical attributes were accessed and studied. Mobile phase composition was found as critical method attributes and it was optimized using simplex lattice design. Mobile phase used is Dichloromethane: Ethyl acetate in ratio of 2:8, band width of 6mm, and saturation time of 10 min. and scanning done using wavelength of 255nm. In this study Design of experiment apply for optimization of mobile phase ratio and finding design space. Finally, it was found that the mixture design approach of DOE is successfully applied for validation of an analytical method.

Keywords: mixture design, QTMP, optimization, simplex lattice design

INTRODUCTION

Hydrochlorothiazide is one of the widely used diuretic which acts on the kidney filtration system where it prevents re-absorption of sodium and chloride ions and allows them to excrete from the body. Chemically

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hydrochlorothiazide is 6-Chloro-3, 4-dihydro-2H-1, 2, 4-benzothiadiazine-7-sulphonamide 1, 1-dioxide. Hydrochlorothiazide is thiazide based diuretic and it given in combination with ACE inhibitors like enalapril, lisinopril, ramipril, captopril, Angiotensin II receptor Blockers like losartan, telmisartan, eprosartan, irbesartan, candesartan, Calcium Channel Blockers like amlodipine, beta 3 receptor agonist like nebivolol, sodium channel blockers like triamterene, amiloride. Hydrochlorothiazide with above mentioned combinations is used for treatment of high blood pressure, where it shows a synergistic effect[1].
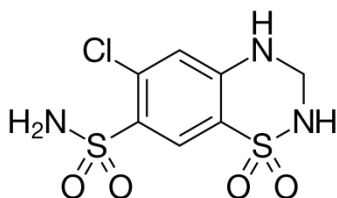
The absorption of hydrochlorothiazide is significantly reduced in patients with congestive heart failure. About 95% of hydrochlorothiazide is got excreted in urine as unchanged, this is because hydrochlorothiazide is not metabolized in body. Hydrochlorothiazide can shows some kidney dysfunction so it should be given with caution. From literature survey it was found that several methods were found for determination of hydrochlorothiazide like voltametry, HPLC, Chemiluminescence Method, Differential pulse voltammetry (DPV) method, Capillary zone electrophoretic (CZE) and micellar electrokinetic capillary chromatography (MEKC) methods. There is no high performance liquid chromatographic method found for determination of hydrochlorothiazide alone, and very few HPTLC methods was found for their combination. In this research study we develop and validate a HPTLC method by application of quality by design approach[2]. Quality by Design plays a key role in pharmaceutical product and process quality as QbD is a modern and science based concept which can be apply efficiently and effectively in the development and validation of analytical method and which not only provides regulatory relief and flexibility but also reduces work time and money for research[3]. This approach involves defining a QTMP, study of critical method variable and applying DOE for optimization and finding design space. The ATP elements with their justification are motioned in the table 1.

EXPERIMENTAL

Chemicals and reagents
Pure sample of Hydrochlorothiazide Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient was obtained as gift sample from Chrome In Laboratory, Bhosari MIDC, Pune, Maharashtra, India. The HPLC grade Solvents of dichloromethane, ethyl acetate, methanol was utilized from D. Y. Patil research centre pune.

Standard solution
The standard 12.5 µL/ml solution of hydrochlorothiazide was prepared by dissolving accurately weighed 12.5 g of pure drug of hydrochlorothiazide in a 10 ml of methanol using 10ml volumetric flask.

Application of sample
The standard solution with different concentrations and sample solution obtained from formulation were spotted on activated precoated HPTLC plates as narrow bands with 6mm band length separated by 9mm distance and dried with steam of nitrogen gas.

Optimized chromatographic specifications
Mobile phase ratio Dichloromethane and Ethyl acetate Methanol 2:8 was optimized using surface lattice methodology. Band width is 6mm, and saturation time is 10 min. and scanning done using wavelength of 255nm.

Instrumentation
HPTLC method development applying QbD for determination of hydrochlorothiazide was utilizes a Camag HPTLC system fitted with Camag thin layer chromatography (TLC) Scanner III and sample applicator of Linomat V which is semi-automatic. The Hamilton syringe with 100 µL capacity was used to apply sample. The marketed precoated silica gel aluminum plate and flat bottom 10cm by 10 cm twin trough TLC developing chamber were used for Chromatographic separation. For the densitometric analysis TLC scanner III with Camag win CATS software was used and design expert 13 software of state-ease was applied for data analysis.

Risk assessment studies and experimental design
In this research work a risk assessment of the analytical method was studied to identify factors or parameters which influence precision, accuracy, linearity of the developed analytical method. Complete risk assessment for all components helpful for the study of the key responses. In the present study the risk assessment was studied by the Ishikawa Diagram method. From risk assessment we have found that mobile phase ratio is important factor require understanding and optimizing for development and validation of analytical method. The study of causes for optimization of HPTLC Method by fish bone diagram A simplified fishbone/Ishikawa or cause-effect diagram for HPTLC method is depicted in Fig 1. A systematic approach for experimental design is needed to help for in-depth method understanding and performing exact optimization. In this inclusive experimental design was applied for finding ratio between dichloromethane and ethyl acetate. For this study the simplex lattice design is used as this design is for 2 to 100 components and apply to determine optimize ratio of both the component.

Simplex Lattice Design
The simplex lattice design is a type of mixture design applies to optimize the ratio between Ethyl acetate and dichloromethane. A statistical experimental design was utilized to optimize and evaluate interaction effects, main effects, and quadratic effects of the input variable. A mobile phase ratio is an independent variable for response of Retention time. The layout of actual design of DOE with their subsequent response results are shown in table2.

Method validation
The optimized method obtained by applying simplex lattice design for optimizing proportion of mobile phsae and the method was validated as per guidelines given by ICH.

Linearity
The standard concentrations of 1250, 2500, 3750, 5000, 6250, 7500 µg/ml solution of hydrochlorothiazide were prepared, the peak area were determined for these concentrations using optimized method and calibration curve was obtained by plotting a graph of peak area vs. concentrations.

Precision
This method was run three times for concentration of 1250µg, the average value of peak area was calculated, from this data the standard deviation and relative standard deviation was calculated for hydrochlorothiazide.

Accuracy
For accuracy and recovery study of developed method a known amount of standard solution of 80%, 100%, and 120% were spiked in known concentration of sample solution of Hydrochlorothiazide.

Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantification (LOQ)
The formula used to calculate LOD and LOQ is LOD ¼ 3.3 r=S, LOQ ¼ 10 r=S. where r is standard deviation of responses and S is the slope.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The analysis of variance (ANOVA) for quartic model was performed to identify the significant and insignificant factors. ANOVA result for the retention time was depicted in Table 3. The Model F-value of 74.25 implies the model is significant. There is only a 0.25% chance that an F-value this large could occur due to noise. P-values less than 0.0500 indicate that model terms are significant.

Model assessment for the retention time response
Retention time is a dependant variable, its value varies by changing the proportion of mobile phase ratio, to optimize the mobile phase ratio the cubic and Quartic model is suggested by the software after entering the experimental responses for all trials in design expert software. By considering higher R^2 value for quartic model we apply quartic model for ANOVA study. Model Summary Statistics is shown in table 4. Polynomial equation is obtained as shown below.
Retention time = -31.67A+0.0665B+6.07AB+0.45AB(A-B)+0.016AB(AB)2
After analyzing the data the 40 different solutions were obtained for the different proportions of mobile phase ratio with desirability one. The desirability plot obtained from the model is shown in figure 2. Parallel lines are observed for mobile phase composition so model is desirable.

Design Constraints
The basic objective of this design is to optimize a proportion of mobile phase for method development. Here in this design the dichloromethane and ethyl acetate concentration affects the retention time, to achieve the retention time value more than 0.5. The constraints for this design are shown in table 5. The densitogram of this method is shown in figure 3 Sharp peak is observed for standard concentration of hydrochlorothiazide.

METHOD VALIDATION
Linearity
The linearity curves obtained from the data was found to be linear when we plot a graph of peak area verses analyte concentration. The accepted value of correlation was obtained which is mentioned in Figure 4. The straight line is obtained in graph so linear response observed. The figure 5 shows linearity curve for Hydrochlorothiazide. Linear peaks are observed as we increase the concentration of hydrochlorothiazide.

Method Precision
The results for repeatability of Hydrochlorothiazide depicted in table 6.

Accuracy
Accuracy is validated by preparing concentrations of sample solution in which the known amount of standard solution were added and concentration of this mixture was found by using above method. From the percent recovery information given in table 7 accuracy of the given method is confirmed for 80, 100 and 120% of standard.

LOD and LOQ
Actually LOD means the lowest conc. of hydrochlorothiazide which can be detected but not quantified by the method and LOQ the lowest conc. of hydrochlorothiazide that can be quantified accurately and precisely by using a given method. The LOD was found 0.03 mg and, LOQ was found 0.11 for hydrochlorothiazide. The

comparative graph of standard and marketed formulation is shown in figure 6. Green and pink coloured peaks overlapping each other which shows that method applicable for marketed formulation.

CONCLUSION

Proficient QbD approach was used to develop a validated HPTLC method for finding a concentration of hydrochlorothiazide. In this study the ratio of mobile phase was optimised by application of simplex lattice design approach. The optimum ratio obtained was 2:8 for Dichloromethane and Ethyl Acetate which gives accurate and precise results for determining concentration in marketed formulation. This concludes that the QbD approach and simplex lattice design successfully applied for HPTLC method development.

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Table1. ATP for HPTLC method to determine hydrochlorothiazide

Sr. no.	ATP ELEMENTS	TARGET	JUSTIFICATION
1	Target analyte	Hydrochlorothiazide	Development of Robust, Precise and accurate analytical method for determination of hydrochlorothiazide
2	Target sample	API and Oral tablet dosage form	Development of analytical method for determination of hydrochlorothiazide in API and Tablet dosage form
3	Analytical technique	High Performance Thin Layer	HPTLC is most reliable method for determining

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		Chromatography (HPTLC)	concentration of drug in formulation.
4	Critical method Variable (CMV)	Mobile phase ratio	This attributes need to optimize in a particular ratio to get robust method
5	Method Operable Design Region (MODR)	Simplex lattice design (DOE)	As here need to optimize mobile phase ratio, the simplex lattice design is applied to find MODR.
6	Critical method attribute (CMA)	Retention time	A quality of method is depend upon consistently getting retention time within given range.

Table 2. Layout and results of response

Std	Run	Component 1 A: Dichloromethane	Component 2 B: Ethyl Acetate	Response 1
4	1	2.5	7.5	0.64
5	2	1.5	8.5	0.59
3	3	2	8	0.59
8	4	2	8	0.6
1	5	3	7	0.6
6	6	3	7	0.6
7	7	1	9	0.65
2	8	1	9	0.65

Table 3 ANOVA for Response Retention Time

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F-value	p-value	
Model	0.005	4	0.0012	74.25	0.0025	significant
Linear Mixture	0.0012	1	0.0012	75	0.0032	
AB	0.0012	1	0.0012	72	0.0034	
AB(A-B)	0.0025	1	0.0025	150	0.0012	
AB(A-B)²	0.0002	1	0.0002	11.76	0.0415	
Pure Error	0.0001	3	0			
Cor Total	0.005	7				

Table 4 Model Summary Statistics

Source	Std. Dev.	R²	Adjusted R²	Precise R²	PRESS	
linear	0.025	0.25	0.125	-0.202	0.006	
Quadratic	0.0234	0.4508	0.2311	-0.0666	0.0053	
Cubic	**0.0078**	**0.9508**	**0.9139**	**0.6949**	**0.0015**	**suggested**
Quartic	**0.0041**	**0.99**	**0.9767**			**suggested**

Table 5 design constraints

Low Limit		Constraint		High Limit
1	≤	A:Dichloromethane	≤	3
7	≤	B:Ethyl Acetate	≤	9
		A+B	**=**	**10**

Table 6: Repeatability results

Amount (μg)	Mean Area ± S.D (n=3)	RSD (%)
1250	11345±127.5	1.12

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Table 7. Accuracy Results (n=3)

Components	Conc. Of sample in mg	Conc. Of Standard Added in mg	Amount Recovered	Recovery (%)
Hydrochlorothiazide	1250	1000	2248	99.91
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	1250	1500	2751	100
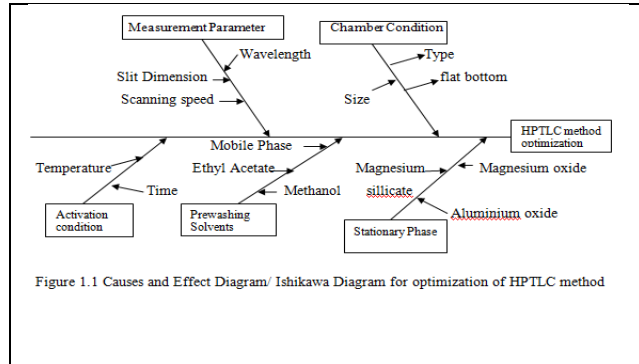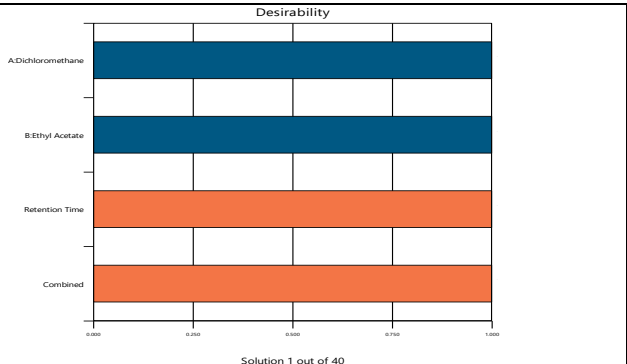
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Figure 2. Desirability plot for model
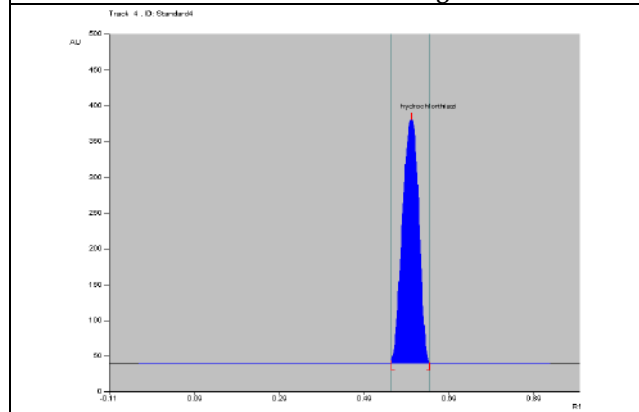
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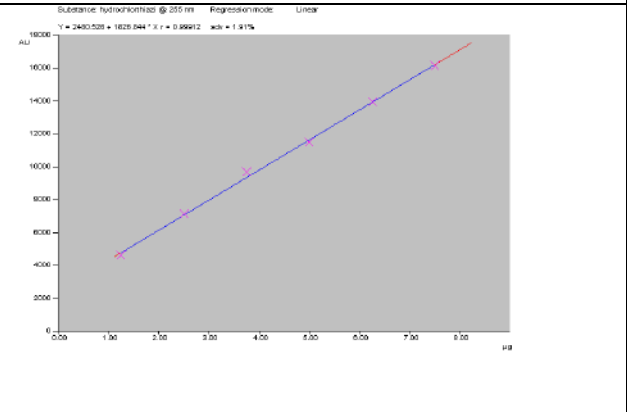
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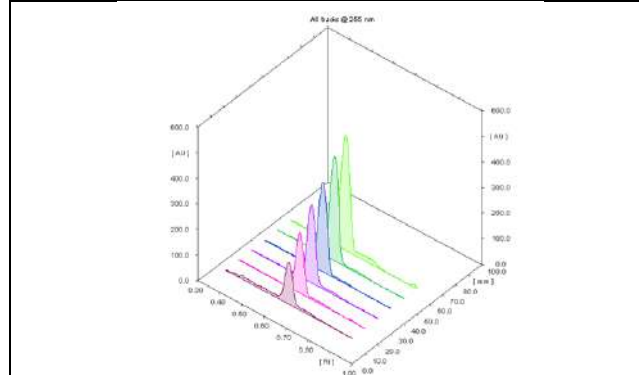
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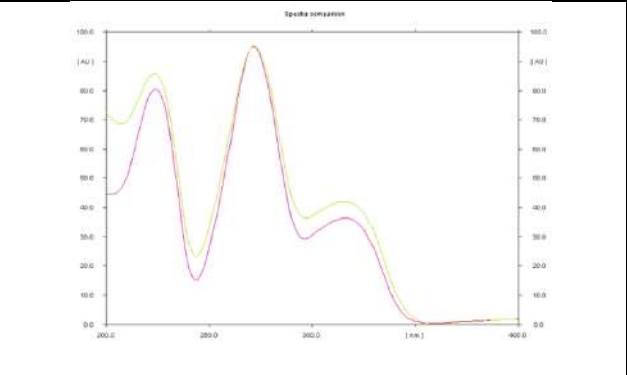
Figure 6. Graph for standard and marketed formulation

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Awareness of E-Resources use by Faculty Members in the Management Institution's: A Case Study of Western District's, Tamilnadu

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ABSTRACT

A survey was conducted among faculty members of management institutions in the western regions of Tamil Nadu to evaluate the level of understanding about electronic information resources and the determination behind utilizing e-resources. A total of 485 surveys were distributed to faculty members, out of which 428 responses were measured for analysis. The key aim of this study is to discover the objectives and preferences of faculty members concerning electronic resources. The study results indicate access electronic journals through library subscription; purpose of using electronic resources for learning; for accessing electronic resources through library.

Keywords: Electronic resources, online journals, Management Institution, Faculty Members

INTRODUCTION

The traditional way of accessing and handling information has changed rapidly due to the advancement of information and communication technology. Electronic resources are providing convenient access to the e-books, e-journals, scholarly articles and online databases. Electronic resources enable the patron to access the updated resources anytime, anywhere and also enhancing the contemporary learning opportunities. E- Resources can be utilized in an exceptional way to explore various ideas and concept in the area of desired subjects. This research explores the endless possibilities and utilization of electronic resources.

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REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Muhammad Sajid Mirza (2012)this research aimed to assess the efficiency of electronic resources and services in Pakistani university libraries by measuring user satisfaction. The study utilized a survey method to gather data, employing convenience sampling to select eight university libraries - four from Islamabad and four from Lahore, including two each from the public and private sectors with IT applications. The extensive total population of library users, amounting to 40,236, necessitated the selection of a manageable and representative sample of 800 individuals, with 100 users selected from each of the eight libraries. To gather data, a semi-structured questionnaire was utilized, and the satisfaction levels of respondents were measured using a five-point Likert Scale ranging from 1 (Dissatisfied) to 5 (Extremely satisfied). The findings of the study indicated that Pakistani university libraries are effectively providing electronic resources and services to their users. **Baffour Ohene Agyekum (2015)** this study summarized the findings of a survey conducted among lecturers and faculty members at Kumasi Polytechnic in Ghana on their use of electronic journals that they subscribe to through the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries. The survey approach was useda structured survey was created and utilized. At a training course on the efficient use of e-journals, lecturers and faculty members received questionnaires. Based on the study's analysis and findings, Kumasi Polytechnic is benefiting from increased user awareness of and impact on e-journals. This is because the institution has access to e-journals from various subject areas, even though some students are unaware that these e-journals are subscribed through a consortium (CARLIGH). **Swaminathan K S M (2017)** This study examined how staff members and students at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu's engineering colleges used electronic resources. The study's data and the survey technique questionnaire instrument are used jointly. Among the 90 respondents, 55.56 percentage of students and 44.46 percentage of faculty members were accessing e-resources at their respective universities. It is reported that teachers utilized 22 (55.00%) and students utilized 20 (40.00%) e-journals.

BasiruAdetomiwa (2018) The purpose of this study is to look at academic staff's understanding and usage of electronic databases as predictors of research output in private institutions in South-West Nigeria. The stratified random selection methodology based on the probability proportionate to size method was used to pick 1,656 (60%) academic staff from a population of 2,760. The questionnaire was the primary research tool utilized to gather data for the study. The collected data was examined with both descriptive and inferential statistics. Based on the results, the study suggests that the surveyed institutions utilize more in ICT infrastructure in order to keep up with the global trend of higher education toward digitalization and to boost faculty understanding of the use of electronic databases for research. **Neetika Sharma (2018)** study looks at how staff and students at Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi, use e-resources. The study's major goal was to discover how academics compare e-resources to print resources, how they view the benefits of e-resources, and how they deal with obstacles when using them. That being said, only 180 of the 200 surveys that were given to Social Science staff and students (Political Science, History, Geography, and Economics) had responses. The collected data was evaluated, yielding surprising results. According to the study's findings, the rapid rise of information and communication technology and electronic resources has altered the overall situation of research, storage, retrieval, and communication. The study found that the utilization of electronic resources had a significant influence on Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi users, as well as faculty members and students in their individual research works.

METHODOLOGY

The research design recommended for the study is of the 'descriptive' kind. This research focuses on faculty members who work in management institutions. The researcher sent the questionnaire link to 485 carefully chosen respondents in the western districts of Tamil Nadu. However, only 428 respondents fully completed the forms, resulting in a response rate of 88.24 percent. Data was obtained from faculty members working in management institutions in Tamil Nadu's western districts. The sample was chosen using the disproportional sampling approach and statistical analysis in SPSS 16 version.

OBJECTIVES

- To analyze the user's perception towards the access level of E-journalsin management librariesofwestern districts of Tamil Nadu.
- To identify the purpose of utilizing the e-resources by the respondents
- To identify the awareness of e-resources by the respondents
- To identify the views about the e-
- resources by the respondents.

The above table must describe the respondents by residing sector, 238(55.6%) respondents belong to the urban area, whereas 190(44.4%) respondents who belong to the rural area. This is most of the respondents belong to the urban area. It is inferred from the above table that 80 (18.7%) respondents belong to the age group from below-20-29 years, 155 (36.2%) respondents belong to the age group between 30-39 years, 156 (36.4%) respondents belong to the age group between 40-49 years and 37 (8.6%) respondents belong to the age group of 50 years and above. Hence majority of the respondents belong to the category of age 40-49 years. Among the total number of respondents, a significant majority of 212 (49.5%) hold a Doctorate (PhD) qualification, while 155 (36.2%) are Post graduates and 61 (14.3%) have an M.Phil degree. In terms of designation, the majority of the respondents, specifically 293 (68.5%), are Assistant Professors. This is followed by 83 (19.4%) respondents who belong to the Associate Professor category, and 52 (12.1%) who hold the designation of Professor.

According to the data presented in table -3, the primary purpose of utilizing electronic e-resources is for research work, with a mean value of 1.473. Following this, individuals use these resources for learning, with a mean value of 1.430. Moreover, they are also utilized for updating skills and knowledge (mean = 1.515) and finding relevant information in specialized areas (mean = 1.543). Furthermore, electronic resources are used for publishing papers at seminars and conferences (mean = 1.574), teaching (mean = 1.511), and publishing journal articles (mean = 1.656). On the other hand, browsing without any specific purpose is the least common use of electronic resources, with a mean value of 1.250. **Table -4** shows how long people have utilized electronic e-resources for more than five years (=1.496), one year to three years (=1.563), three years to five years (=1.439), and less than one year (=1.509). Majority of the respondents Frequency of using electronic information resources twice in a week mean (=1.476), Once in a month (= 1.539), Once in a week (=1.540), 2-3 times in a week (=1.625), Daily (=1.500) Majority of the respondents Place of Accessing Electronic Information Resources Library mean score (=1.492), Home (=1.522), computer lab (=1.507), Browsing Center (=1.800) It is observed from the above table Motives for the Use of Digital Information Resources Easy to use mean score (=1.544),More Information (=1.522), Global Research at one place (=1.419), Less Expensive (= 1.578),Effective Presentation (= 1.533),Easy to Update (=1.500)

According to the data presented in the table above, it is evident that a significant majority of 63.1 percent of the respondents expressed a preference for downloading e-resources in PDF format. Additionally, 17.8 percent of the respondents indicated a preference for word format, while 9.8 per cent opted for DOC format for downloading e-resources. Furthermore, 8.9 percent of the respondents favored PPT format, and only a minimal percentage of 0.5 percent showed a preference for downloading e-resources in HTML format. According to the table above, a majority of participants have expressed their belief that e-resources are satisfactory in meeting their information needs. 50.2% of respondents stated that their institution has suitable infrastructure for accessing e-resources, while 54.9% reported that their library possesses an ample number of e-resources. Additionally, 48.6% of participants acknowledged being aware of open access to e-resources, with 49.5% stating they have sufficient knowledge on this topic. A significant portion, 38.3%, claimed to possess thorough understanding. Moreover, the data reveals that 50.7% of respondents receive adequate assistance and training for utilizing e-resources, while 28.5% indicated they receive complete support in this aspect. Table 7 presents the utilization of e-resources by members. According to the table, a significant number of respondents (73.6%) frequently use e-journals and magazines, followed by 53.0% who also frequently utilize e-books. Additionally, 62.6% of respondents occasionally access e-theses and dissertations, while 57.9% indicate occasional usage of Electronic Courseware's. Conversely, only 43.9% of participants never utilize CD

and DVDs as a resource, with 43.7% occasionally using e-newspapers. Out of the total respondents, 217 (50.7%) have mentioned that they occasionally utilize institutional repositories, while 55 (12.9%) have stated that they never utilize e-conference proceedings.

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

- Majority of the respondent's were female 218 (50.9%)
- Majority of the respondent's belonged to the age category 40-49 (36.4%)
- Majority of the respondent sline in urban area 238 (55.6%)
- Most of the respondent's educational qualification was PhD 212(49.5%)
- Majority of the respondent's designation was Assistant professor 293(68.5%)
- Most of the respondents used of electronic resources for purpose research work 93(21.7%)
- Most of the respondents are using e-resources for more than five years 149(34.8%)
- Most of the respondents use electronic information resources twice a week 216(50.5%)
- Most of the respondents access electronic resources from home only 136(31.8%)
- Most of the respondent's informed that they motives for used digital information resources became it was easy to use 134(31.3%)
- Majority of the respondents to used DIF download the format of e-resources PDF 270(63.1%)
- Majority of the respondents frequently used online e-resources E-journals and magazines 315(73.16%)

CONCLUSION

Electronic resources are the most effective way to obtain current and up-to-date information. While most academics are pleased with electronic materials, most believe they are less dependable. The latest survey demonstrates unequivocally that electronic information sources play a vital role in research, teaching, and learning. To fully capitalize on the wealth of available e-resources, it is imperative for the Institution Library authorities to organize regular orientation and training programs. These initiatives will enhance the effective and efficient utilization of electronic information sources. The majority of electronic resources are used for researchwork, for learning and updating skills and knowledge.

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Table 1 shows the gender distribution of respondents. In this study, 210 (49.1%) respondents belong to the male category, while 218 respondents (50.9%) belong to the female category.

Demographics of Respondents	Particular	No. of Respondents	Percentage	Cumulative
Gender	Male	210	49.1	49.1
	Female	218	50.9	100
Total		428	100	
Age	20-29	80	18.7	18.7
	30-39	155	36.2	54.9
	40-49	156	36.4	91.4
	50 & above	37	18.7	100
Total		428	100	
Social Background	Urban	238	55.6	55.6
	Rural	190	44.4	100
Total		428	100	
Educational Qualification	Doctorate (PhD)	212	49.5	49.5
	M.Phil.	61	14.3	63.8
	Master's degree	155	36.2	100
Total		428	100	
Designation	Professor	52	12.1	12.1
	Associate professor	83	19.4	31.5
	Assistant Professor	293	68.5	100
Total		428	100	

Source: Primary Data

Table: 2 Frequencies of Accessing Electronic Journals

The Pearson chi-square table value is 0.851 with 3 degree of freedom and a significance level of 0.05%. The calculated value 0.793 is less than this table value (p > 0.851) and thus the null hypothesis is accepted, and the alternative hypothesis is rejected.

Frequency of access the electronic journals Crosstabulation

			where do you access the electronic journals				
			Library subscribes to it	Through e-shodhsindhuconsortia	Through DELNET	Personal subscription to it	Total
Gender	**Male**	Count	120	62	3	25	210
		% within Gender	57.1%	29.5%	1.4%	11.9%	100.0%
	Female	Count	121	72	3	22	218
		% within Gender	55.5%	33.0%	1.4%	10.1%	100.0%
Total		Count	241	134	6	47	428
		% within Gender	56.3%	31.3%	1.4%	11.0%	100.0%
Chi-Square Tests							
				Value	df	Asymp.Sig. (2-sided)	

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Pearson Chi-Square	.793ª	3	.851
Likelihood Ratio	.793	3	.851
Linear-by-Linear Association	.049	1	.825
N of Valid Cases	428		
a. 2 cells (25.0%) have expected count less than 5. The minimum expected count is 2.94.			

Table-3 Purpose of Using Electronic Resources

Purpose of using E-resources	Male	Female	Total	Mean	Std. Deviation	Rank
For learning	45 (21.4%)	34(15.6%)	79(18.5%)	1.430	0.498	2
For Teaching	21(10.0%)	22(10.1%)	43(10.0%)	1.511	0.505	6
For Research work	49(23.3%)	44(20.2%)	93(21.7%)	1.473	0.501	1
For publishing papers @seminars & conferences	23(11.0%)	31(14.2%)	54(12.6%)	1.574	0.499	5
For publishing Journal articles	11(5.2%)	21(9.6%)	32(7.5%)	1.656	0.482	7
For updating skills and knowledge	32(15.2%)	34(15.6%)	66(15.4%)	1.515	0.503	3
For finding relevant information in the area of specialization	26(12.4%)	31(14,2%)	57(13.3%)	1.543	0.502	4
Browsing without any purpose (i.e light reading)	3(1.4%)	1(0.5%)	4(0.9%)	1.250	0.500	8
Total	**210**	**218**	**428**	**1.509**	**0.500**	

Table: 4 Awareness of Electronic Information Resources

S.No	Description	Frequency	Mean	std	Rank
How Long Use of Electronic Information Resources					
1	Less than 1 year	55(12.9%)	1.5091	.50452	4
	1 year to 3 years	142(33.2%)	1.5634	.49772	2
	3 years to 5years	82(19.2%)	1.4390	.49932	3
	More than 5 years	149(34.8%)	1.4966	.50168	1
Frequency of Using Electronic Information Resources					
2	Daily	2 (.5%)	1.5000	.70711	5
	2-3 times in a week	8 (.1.9)	1.6250	.51755	4
	Once in a week	87 (20.3%)	1.5402	.50127	3
	Twice in a week	216 (50.5%)	1.4769	.50062	1
	Once in a month	115 (26.9%)	1.5391	.50065	2
Place of AccessingElectronic Information Resources					

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3	Library	211 (49.3%)	1.4929	.50114	1
	computer lab	71 (16.6%)	1.5070	.50351	3
	Home	136 (31.8%)	1.5221	.50136	2
	Browsing Center	5 (1.2%)	1.8000	.44721	4
	Motives For the Use of Digital Information Resources				
4	Easy to use	134 (31.3%)	1.5448	.49986	1
	Less Expensive	57 (13.3%)	1.5789	.49812	4
	More Information	113 (26.4%)	1.5221	.50174	2
	Global Research at one place	81 (18.9%)	1.4198	.49659	3
	Time Sharing	14 (3.3%)	1.2857	.46881	6
	Easy to Update	14 (3.3%)	1.5000	.51887	6
	Effective Presentation	15 (3.5%)	1.5333	.51640	5

(M=Mean; Std = Standard Deviation, R = Rank) Source: Primary data

Table: 5 Formats Preferred to Download E-Resources

S.No	Format preferred to download e-resources	No of Respondents (n:428)	Percentage
1	PDF	270	63.1
2	HTML	2	0.5
3	Word format	76	17.8
4	DOC	42	9.8
5	PPT	38	8.9
	Total	**428**	**100.0**

Source: Primary Data

Table: 6 views about E-Resources and Access Facilities

Sl.No	Description	Completely	Enough	Partially enough	Not enough	Can't say
1	Are e-Resources enough to fulfill your Information Needs	116(27.1%)	215(50.2%)	87(20.3%)	8(1.9%)	2(0.5%)
2	Does your institution have sufficient infrastructure facilities to access e-resources	120(28.0%)	236(54.9%)	47(11.0%)	20(4.7%)	6(1.4%)

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3	Does your library have sufficient no. of e-resources?	157(36.7%)	208(48.6)	48(11.2%)	12(2.8%)	3(0.7%)
4	Are you aware about open access e-resources?	164(38.3%)	212(49.5%)	42(9.8%)	4(0.9%)	6(1.4%)
5	Are you getting suitable guidance & training to access e-resources?	122(28.5%)	217(50.7%)	53(12.4%)	28(6.5%)	8(1.9%)

Table: 7 Frequently used Online E-Resources

Sl.No	E -Resources	Frequently	Occasionally	Never	Mean	Std
1	E-Journals & Magazines	315 (73.6%)	109(25.5%)	4(0.9%)	1.5093	.50050
2	E-Books	227(53.0%)	196(45.8%)	5(1.2%)	1.4813	.52312
3	E-Thesis and Dissertations	124(29.0%)	268(62.6%)	36 (8.4%)	1.7944	.57648
4	Electronic Course wares	96(22.4%)	248(57.9%)	84(19.6%)	1.9720	.64866
5	E- Research reports and projects	145(33.9%)	248(57.9%)	35(8.2%)	1.7430	.59610
6	CD's and DVD's	63(14.7%)	177(41.4%)	188(43.9%)	2.2921	.70875
7	E-news papers	176 (41.1%)	187 (43.7%)	65(15.2%)	1.7407	.70497
8	Institutional Repositories	124 (29.0%)	217(50.7%)	87(20.3%)	1.9136	.69761
9	e-conference proceedings	133(31.1%)	240(56.1%)	55(12.9%)	1.8178	.63796

Source: Primary data

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Thermal Diffusion, Diffusion-Thermo Effect on a MHD Flow through a Porous Stretching Plate

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ABSTRACT

The current work aims to investigate the thermal diffusion and diffusion-thermo impact on aporous stretched plate. The fluid model is defined as a two-dimensional (2-D) flow in the presence of a transverse magnetic field. The similarity transformation is used to convert the non-linear governing partial differential equations (PDEs) into a collection of solvable ordinary differential equations (ODEs), which are then numerically solved using the bvp4c technique. Graphs are used to illustrate variations in velocity, temperature, and concentration profiles for the various flow parameters. Tables are used to depict the values for skin friction, Nusselt number, and Sherwood number.

Keywords: Soret effect, Dufour effect, bvp4c, Porous medium, MHD (Magnetohydro dynamics).

INTRODUCTION

Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) is a study that integrates electromagnetism and fluid dynamics concepts to better understand the behaviour of conducting fluids (such as plasmas, ionised gases, and liquid metals) in the presence of magnetic fields. MHD is an interdisciplinary area that has applications in astronomy, geophysics, nuclear engineering, plasma physics, and many industrial processes. When dealing with fluid mixtures, the Soret and Dufour effects emerge as noteworthy phenomena in the realms of fluid dynamics and heat/mass transport. These effects are relevant in systems with concentration and temperature gradients, such as reactive reactions, combustion, and diffusion fires. Eckert and Drake (Eckert et al., 1972) explained that the Soret effect has an impact on isotope separation and mixtures of gases with extremely low (He, H_2) and medium molecular weights (H_2, air). Many academics, notably Sattar and Alam, have since thoroughly investigated their relevance in heat transmission

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difficulties. Mortimer and Eyring (Mortimer et al., 1980) developed a model theory for the Soret and Dufour effect utilising elementary transition states. Tak, Khan, and Mathur (Tak et al., 2010) studied the double diffusion effect over a vertical permeable surface in a Darcy porous media. Ahmed and Sengupta (2011) conducted an investigation of the Soret and Dufour effect on MHD mixed convection over an infinite vertical porous plate. Moorthy and Senthilvadivu (Moorthy et al., 2012) statistically investigated the Soret and Dufour impact on MHD free convection at various velocities in a porous medium. Reddy and Chamkha (Chamkha et al., 2016) provided a numerical solution to the Soret and Dufour effects of MHD convective flow across a stretched sheet immersed in a porous medium. Jha and Gambo (Jha et al., 2020) reported their findings on the influence of Soret and Dufour on unstable free convection in which the temperature of the boundary wall and the specie ramped up, respectively. Ashraf, Hayat, Alsaedi, and Shehzad (Ashraf et al., 2016) studied Soret and Dufour's impacts on an Oldroyd-B fluid in the presence of a convective boundary condition. The homotopy analysis approach was employed to explain thisphenomena. In their work, they compared the Runge-Kutta shooting technique to the HAM method for the zero magnetic field parameter. Srinivasacharya and RamReddy (Srinivasacharya et al., 2011) used the fluid as the quiescent fluid to investigate the effect of both thermo-diffusion and diffusion-thermo from a stretched surface, which is exponential. Siddique, Nadeem, Awrejcewicz, and Pawtowski (Siddique et al., 2022) investigated the effect of Soret and Dufour on unstable MHD second-grade nanofluid across an extended exponential surface. Shateyi, Motsa, and Sibanda discussed the effect of the magnetic field on MHD mixed convection heat and mass transfer flow in the presence of factors such as radiation, hall current, Soret, and Dufour. Shaheen, Alshehri, Ramzan, Shah, and Kumam (Shaheen et al., 2021) investigated theeffects of Soret and Dufour in 2D Casson nanofluid passing through a deformable cylinder. In the presence of Hall current and heat flux, Quader and Alam (Quader et al., 2021) employed the FDM approach to demonstrate the double diffusion effect on unstable natural convection. Balla, Ramesh, Kishan, and Rashad (Balla et al., 2021) used Hillesdon and Pedley's model to illustrate bioconvective flow of nanofluid and investigated the effect of Soret and Dufour on it. Reddy, Rao, and Vijaya(Reddy et al., 2020) used a viscoelastic fluid to demonstrate the Soret and Dufour effect going over an endlessly stretched sheet. Our present study incorporates parts of Ishak's (Ishak, 2010) equations for unstable MHD driven convection over a stretched plate, as well as some changes to the equations.

MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION

The flow of a porous stretched plate through a 2-D MHD, or laminar boundary layer flow, is explored. It is a viscous, electrically conducting fluid that cannot be compressed. The Hall effect and charge polarisation are assumed to be created by an external fluid, which is ignored. The transverse magnetic field B_0 is applied externally perpendicular to the x-axis and positive along the y-axis. The y-axis is normal to the stretching plate, while the x-axis is parallel to it. The surface is expanded along the x-axis with velocity$U_w = ax$while the origin remains stationary. The flow problem is visually depicted in Figure 1. Under these circumstances and Boussinesq's approximation, the governing continuity, momentum, energy, and concentration equations (Ishak, 2010) are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \tag{1}$$

$$u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \nu\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\sigma_e B_0^2 u}{\varrho} - \frac{\nu u}{k_0} \tag{2}$$

$$u\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\sigma_e B_0^2 u^2}{\varrho C_p} + \frac{\overline{D_M K_T}}{C_s C_p}\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} \tag{3}$$

$$u\frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = \overline{D_M}\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\overline{D_M K_T}}{\overline{T_M}}\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \tag{4}$$

by virtue of boundary conditions(Ishak, 2010)given by:

$$y = 0: \quad u = U_w, \quad v = 0, \quad T = T_w, \quad C = C_w, \quad \text{and} \tag{5}$$

$$y \to \infty: \quad u \to 0, \quad T \to T_\infty, \quad C \to C_\infty \tag{6}$$

We consider the extending velocity $U_w(x,t)$, surface temperature $T_w(x,t)$and surface concentration $C_w(x,t)$are as follows:

$$U_w = ax, \quad T_w = T_\infty + bx, \quad C_w = C_\infty + dx \tag{7}$$

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Continuity equation (1) is fulfilled, by using a stream function ψ such that $u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$

and $v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$

The given nonlinear PDEs (2)-(4) are transformed to a set of nonlinear ODEs using following similarity variables and non dimensional quantities given as follows:

$$\eta = \left(\frac{a}{\nu}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} y, \quad \psi = (a\nu x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} f(\eta), \quad \theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty},$$

$$M = \frac{\sigma_e B_0^2}{\varrho a}, \quad S_p = \frac{\nu}{k_0 a}, \quad Ec = \frac{a^2 x}{b C_p}, \quad \alpha = \frac{\kappa}{\varrho C_p}, \quad Pr = \frac{\mu C_p}{\kappa},$$

$$Sc = \frac{\nu}{D_M}, Du = \frac{\overline{D_M K_T}(C_w - C_\infty)}{\nu C_s C_p (T_w - T_\infty)}, \quad Sr = \frac{\overline{D_M K_T}(T_w - T_\infty)}{\nu \overline{T_M}(C_w - C_\infty)}$$

The transformed nonlinear ODEs are:

$$f''' + f f'' - f'^2 - M f' - S_p f' = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\theta'' + Pr M Ec f'^2 + Pr Du \phi'' + Pr(f\theta' - \theta f') = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\phi'' + Sc Sr \theta'' + Sc(f\phi' - \phi f') = 0 \quad (10)$$

Also the transformed initial and boundary conditions are:

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f'(0) = 1, \quad \theta(0) = 1, \quad \phi(0) = 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$f'(\infty) \to 0, \quad \theta(\infty) \to 0, \quad \phi(\infty) \to 0 \quad (11)$$

The coefficient of skin friction, Nusselt number and Sherwood number are as follows:

$$Re_x^{\frac{1}{2}} C_f = f''(0), \quad Re_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} Nu_x = -\theta'(0) \text{ and } Re_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} Sh_x = -\phi'(0) \quad (12)$$

METHOD OF SOLUTION

MATLAB Solution bvp4c evaluates a system of linear or nonlinear boundary value problems. Unlike the firing strategy, this method is algorithmic. It can properly estimate the value of y(x) for each x in [a,b] while accounting for the boundary constraints at each stage. Using this strategy, the boundary conditions at infinity are modified to those at a point where the current problem may be rationally addressed. To use the finite difference-based solver bvp4c, the equations (8), (9), and (10) are converted as follows:

$$f = y_1, f' = y_1' = y_2, f'' = y_2' = y_3, \theta = y_4, \theta' = y_4' = y_5, \phi = y_6, \phi' = y_6' = y_7$$

$$y_3' = -y_1 y_3 + y_2^2 + M y_2 + S_p y_2$$

$$y_5' = Pr[-MEc y_2^2 - Du y_7' - (y_1 y_5 - y_4 y_2)]$$

$$y_7' = Sc[-Sr y_5' - (y_1 y_7 - y_6 y_2)]$$

The initial and boundary conditions (10) are transformed as follows:

$$y_1(0) = 0, \quad y_2(0) = 1, \quad y_4(0) = 1, \quad y_6(0) = 1 \quad (13)$$

$$y_2(\infty) = 0, \quad y_4(\infty) = 0, \quad y_6(\infty) = 0 \quad (14)$$

The above transformed results are used by the MATLAB solver bvp4c to perform the numerical computation.

VALIDATION

Table 1 verifies the accuracy and precision of the approach utilised in this study. In this case, the bvp4c technique is used to compare Ishak's (2011) results while discarding M, Sp, Ec, Sr, and Sc. The calculated findings from the current research are identical to those from the previous investigation, proving the technique's reliability.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The above problem is numerically solved using the following conditions, and the changes in velocity, temperature, and concentration profiles are observed using graphs for different parameters involved in the problem such as M, S$_P$,

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Ec, Pr, Sc, Du, and Sr from Figure 2 to 9 using M=0.4, S_P=0.4, Ec=0.05, Pr=0.7, Sc=0.4, Du=0.4, and Sr=0.4. Table 1 shows how τ, Nu, and Sh vary based on the values listed above. Figure 4 depicts the influence of M on the temperature profile. As M increases, the fluid's temperature rises. It is owing to the fact that when the magnetic field increases, the fluid particles vibrate more often, raising the fluid's temperature. Figure 5 depicts the influence of Du on the temperature profile. It is observed that when Du increases, the temperature of the fluid rises. Figure 6 shows the effect of Ec on temperature. The fluid's temperature rises as the Eckert number rises, suggesting a drop in enthalpy but an increase in kinetic energy. Figure 7 displays the temperature curve and the influence of Pr. When Pr rises, temperature falls, indicating a relationship between velocity and thermal boundary layer thickness. Large values of Pr are thought to imply that thermal diffusivity is dominating, and hence the thermal boundary layer is thinner than the velocity boundary layer. Figure 8 shows that when Sc increases, the fluid concentration decreases. It is owing to the fact that when Sc increases, so does the fluid's viscosity, hence increasing its concentration. Furthermore, Figure 9 demonstrates that for greater levels of Sr, the concentration profile climbs. Table 2 shows that the magnitude of τ increases significantly as M and S_P increase. This finding implies that when a high-intensity magnetic field and porous media are applied to a plate, viscous drag rises. Table 2 further shows that when Pr and Sr increase, so does the Nusselt number. As the values of M, S_P, Ec, Sc, and Du increase, the rate of heat transfer decreases. Table 2 further shows that when Ec, Sc, and Du values increase, so does the Sherwood number. In contrast, when the values of Pr, M, S_P, and Sr increase, the rate of mass transfer decreases.

CONCLUSION

The following results can be concluded from the above study: As M and Sp levels increase, the flow profile decreases. As M, Du, and Ec levels increase, the heat profile also increases. While it decreases with the growth in Pr. As Sr increases, so does the concentration profile. The magnitude of Skin friction coefficient increases with higher M and S_P values. As Pr and Sr levels increase, so does the rate of heat transmission. As M, S_P, Ec, Sc, and Du increase, the heat transfer rate decreases. The Sherwood number increases with higher Ec, Sc, and Du values. As Pr, M, S_P, and Sr increase, the Sherwood number decreases.

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Table1: Comparison to Ishak's (2011) previous results.

M	Pr	$\theta'(0)$ Ishak (2011)	$\theta'(0)$ Present result
0	1	-0.9458	-0.9458
	2	-1.4715	-1.4715
	3	-1.8691	-1.8691

Table-2: Values of skin friction, nussent number and sherwood number for Pr, M, S_P , Ec, Sc, Du and Sr.

Pr	M	SP	Ec	Sc	Du	Sr	Skin friction(τ) $f''(0)$	Nusselt Number $-\theta'(0)$	Sherwood Number $-\phi'(0)$
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.5729	0.8140
1.0	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.7144	0.7969
1.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	1.0062	0.7593

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0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.5729	0.8140
0.7	0.8	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.4833	0.5404	0.8071
0.7	1.2	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.6125	0.5128	0.8013
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.5729	0.8140
0.7	0.4	0.8	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.4833	0.5446	0.8065
0.7	0.4	1.2	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.6125	0.5206	0.8002
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.5729	0.8140
0.7	0.4	0.4	1.50	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.4420	0.8323
0.7	0.4	0.4	2.50	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.3518	0.8450
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.5729	0.8140
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.8	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.4755	1.2103
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	1.2	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.3927	1.5411
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.5729	0.8140
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.8	0.4	-1.3417	0.4123	0.8336
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	1.2	0.4	-1.3417	0.2411	0.8545
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.5729	0.8140
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.8	-1.3417	0.5841	0.7687
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	1.2	-1.3417	0.5962	0.7201
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.5729	0.8140
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.5147	1.0519
0.7	0.4	0.4	0.05	0.4	0.4	0.4	-1.3417	0.4679	1.2413

Table 3: NOMENCLATURE

a,b,d	Constants
B_0	Constant Magnetic field, (Nm/A)
C_p	Specific heat at constant pressure,$(\frac{J}{kgK})$
$\overline{K^*}$	Rate of first order chemical reaction,
f	Dimensionless stream function,
Ec	Eckert number,
q_r	radiative heat flux, $(\frac{W}{m^2})$
k	Permeability of porous medium, (m^2)
M	Magnetic parameter(Hartmann number),
Pr	Prandlt number,
S_P	Porosity parameter,
Sh	Sherwood number,
$\overline{D_M}$	Coefficient of molecular diffusivity,
$\overline{D_T}$	Coefficient of thermal diffusivity,
$\overline{K_T}$	Thermal diffusion ratio,
$\overline{T_M}$	Mean fluid temperature,
Sc	Schmidt number,
Sr	Soret number,
Du	Dufour number,
Nu	Nusselt number,
t	Dimensionless time, (K)
T	fluid's temperature, (K)
C	Species concentration, (kg/m^3)

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u	fluid's velocity through x-axis, (m/s)
v	fluid's velocity through y-axis, (m/s)
(x,y)	Cartesian coordinates

Table 4: Greek Symbols

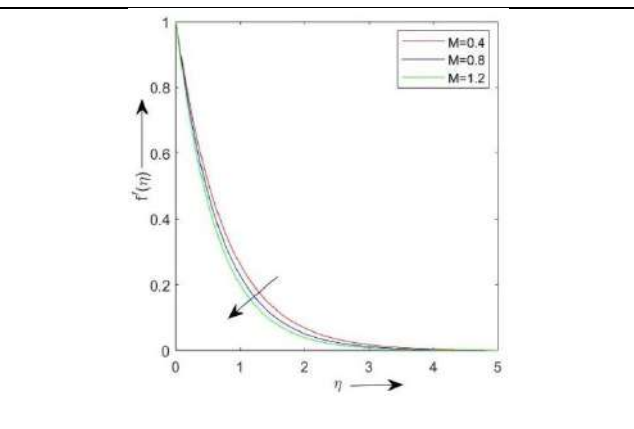| ϱ	fluid's density, (kg/m^3)
μ	fluid's viscosity, (Pa s)
σ_e	Electrical conductivity,$\left(\frac{1}{\Omega m}\right)$
η	Dimensionless similarity variable,
ν	Kinematic viscosity,(m^2/s)
κ	Thermal conductivity, $\left(\frac{W}{mK}\right)$
α	Thermal diffusivity,(m^2/s)
ψ	Stream function,
τ	Skin friction,
θ	Dimensionless temperature,
ϕ	Dimensionless concentration,

Table 5: Superscript

$'$	Derivative w.r.t η

Table 6:Subscript

w	Properties at the plate
∞	Free stream condition
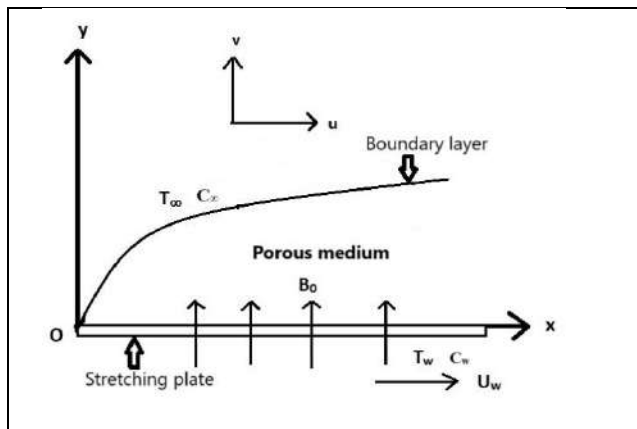
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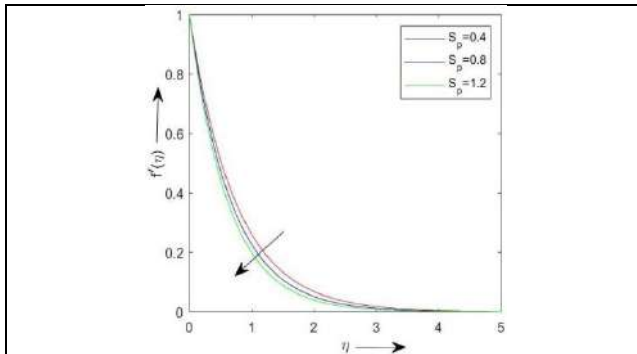**Ankur Kumar Sarma** *et al.,*

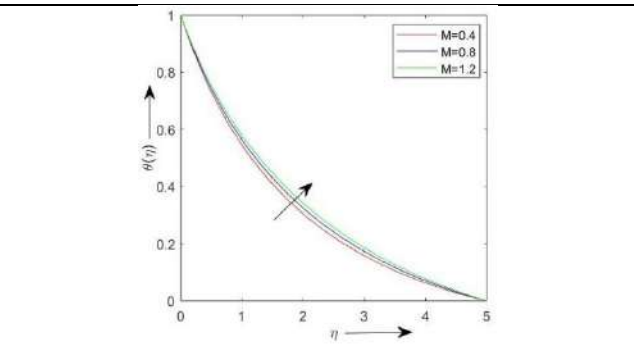**Fig.3: velocity vs Sp.**

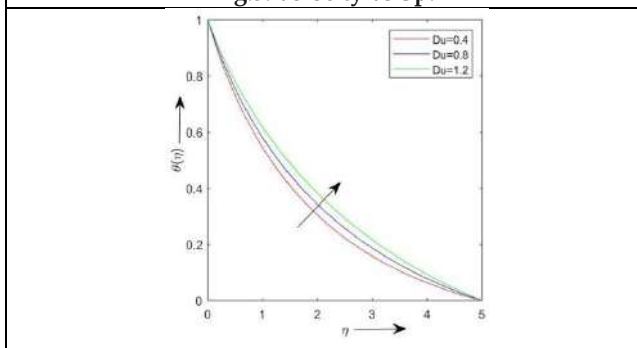**Fig.4: temperature vs M.**
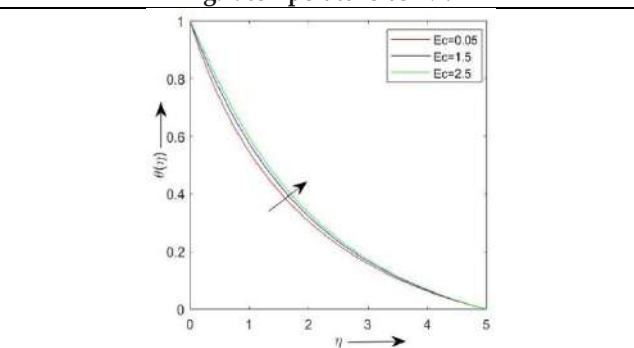

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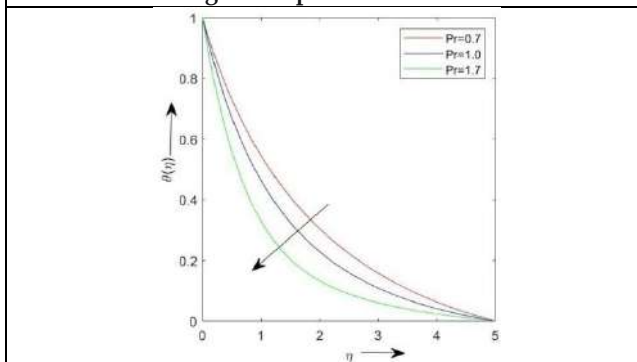
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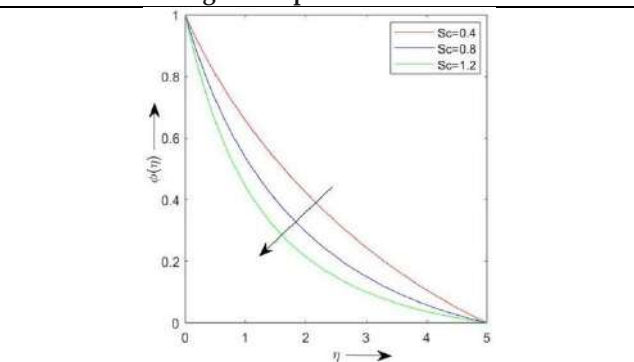
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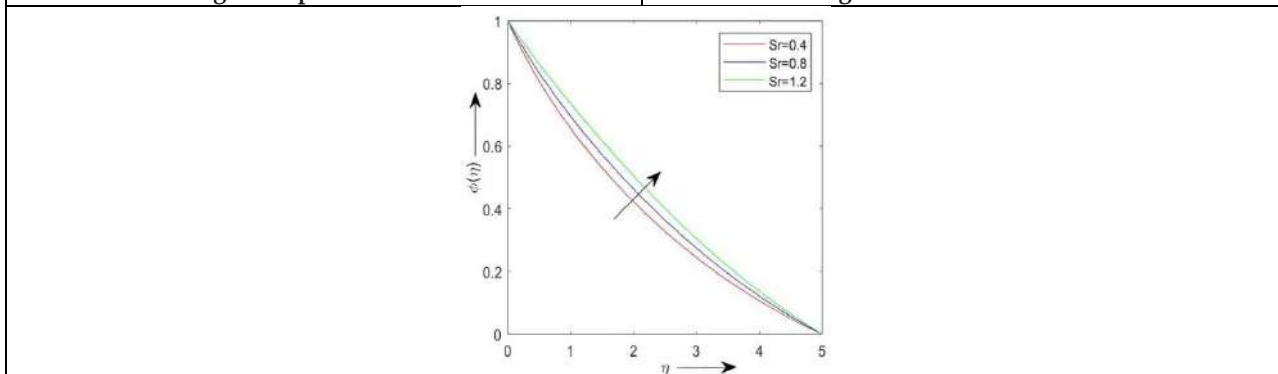
On Micro Semi –Preoperators in Micro Topological Spaces

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ABSTRACT

The basic objective of this paper is to introduce and investigate the properties of micro semi pre-neighbourhoods, micro semi pre-interior, micro semi pre-frontier, micro semi pre-exterior and obtain relation between some of the existing sets.

Keywords: Micro β-interior, Micro β-closure, Micro β-neighbourhoods, Micro β-frontier, Micro β-exterior.

INTRODUCTION

Levine's introduction of generalized closed sets in 1970[5], providing a foundational framework for subsequent developments. Lellis Thivagar[4], further expanded this framework with the introduction of nano topology, utilizing approximations and boundary regions of a subset of a universe using an equivalence relation on it to define nano closed sets, nano-interior and nano-closure. The exploration of weak forms of nano open sets, such as nano-α-open sets, nano Semi-open sets, nano pre-open sets, and nano β-open sets, was undertaken by Parimala et al.[6], adding layers of complexity to the existing theories. In 2019, Chandrasekar [1], introduced the concept of micro topology which is a simple extension of nano topology, with a focus on micro pre-open and micro semi-open sets.

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Chandrasekar and Swathi [2], introduced Micro α-open sets and in 2020, HariwanZ.Ibrahim[3] introduced Micro β-open sets in Micro topological spaces. In this paper, we introduce and study some of the properties in Micro semi pre neighbourhoods, micro semi pre derived, micro semi pre frontier and micro semi pre-exterior of a set using the concept of micro semi preopen sets.

PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1. [4]Let U be a non-empty finite set of objects called the universe R be an equivalence relation on U named as the indiscerniblity relation. Elements belonging to the same equivalence class are said to be indiscernible with one another. The pair (U, R) is said to be the approximation space. Let $X \subseteq U$.

(i) The Lower approximation of X with respect to R is the set of all objects, which can be for certain classified as X with respect to R and it is denoted by $L_R(X)$.
    That is, $L_R(X) = U_{x \in U} \{R(x) : R(x) \subseteq X\}$, where R(x) denotes the equivalence class determined by x.

(ii) The Upper approximation of X with respect to R is the set of all objects, which can be for certain classified as X with respect to R and it is denoted by $U_R(X)$.
    That is, $U_R(X) = U_{x \in U} \{R(x) : R(x) \cap X \neq \phi\}$

(iii) The Boundary region of X with respect to R is the set of all objects which can be classified as neither as X nor as not X with respect to R and it is denoted by $B_R(X)$.
    That is, $B_R(X) = U_R(X) - L_R(X)$

Definition 2.2.[4]Let U be the universe; R be an equivalence relation on U and $\tau_R(X) = \{U, \phi, L_R(X), U_R(X), B_R(X)\}$ where $X \subseteq U$. $\tau_R(X)$ satisfies the following axioms:

1. U and $\phi \in \tau_R(X)$
2. The union of elements of any sub collection of $\tau_R(X)$ is in $\tau_R(X)$.
3. The intersection of the elements of any finite sub collection of $\tau_R(X)$ is in $\tau_R(X)$

That is, $\tau_R(X)$ forms a topology on U is called the nano topology on U with respect to X. We call $\{U, \tau_R(X)\}$ is called the nano topological space.

Definition 2.3. [1] $(U, \tau_R(X))$ is a Nano topological space here $\mu_R(X) = \{N \cup (N' \cap \mu) : N, N' \in \tau_R(X)\}$ and called it micro topology of $\tau_R(X)$ by μ where $\mu \notin \tau_R(X)$

Definition 2.4. [1] The Micro topology $\mu_R(X)$ satisfies the following axioms.

1. U and $\phi \in \mu_R(X)$
2. The union of elements of any sub collection of $\mu_R(X)$ is in $\mu_R(X)$
3. The intersection of the elements of any finite sub collection of $\mu_R(X)$ is in $\mu_R(X)$.

Then $\mu_R(X)$ is called Micro topology on U with respect to X. The triplet $(U, \tau_R(X), \mu_R(X))$ is called Micro topological spaces and the elements of $\mu_R(X)$ are called Micro open sets and the complement of a Micro open set is called a Micro closed set.

Definition 2.5. [1] The Micro closure of a set A is denoted by Mic-cl(A) and is defined as Mic-cl(A) = $\cap$ {B : B is Micro closed and A⊆B}. The Micro interior of a set A is denoted by Mic-int(A) and is defined as Mic-int(A) = $\cup$ {B : B is Micro open and A⊇B}.

Definition 2.6. Let $(U, \tau_R(X), \mu_R(X))$ be a Micro topological space and A⊆ U.Then

(i)   A is called Micro pre-open if A ⊆ Mic-int(Mic-cl(A)) [1]
(ii)   A is called Micro semi-open if A ⊆ Mic-cl(Mic-int(A)) [1]
(iii) A is called Micro α-open if A ⊆ Mic-int(Mic-cl(Mic-int(A))) [2]

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Definition 2.7. [3] A subset A of Micro topological space U is called Micro semi pre open set if A ⊆ Mic-cl(Mic-int(Mic-cl(A))). The complement of Micro semi pre-open set is called Micro semi pre-closed. The family of Micro semi pre sets is denoted by Mic-β(A).

MICRO SEMI PRE-NEIGHBOURHOODS
In this section, we introduce and study some of the properties in micro semi pre neighbourhoods of a point.

Definition 3.1. If $(U, \tau_R(X), \mu_R(X))$ be a micro topological space if A ⊆ U, then
1. The Micro β-interior of the set A is defined as the union of all Micro β-open sets contained in A and is denoted by Mic-βint(A).
2. The Micro β-closure of the set A is defined as the intersection of all Microβ-closed sets containing A and is denoted by Mic-βcl(A).

Lemma 3.2. Let A and B be any two subsets of U in a micro topological space $(U, \tau_R(X), \mu_R(X))$, then the following are true.
(i)   Mic-βint(A) ⊆ A
(ii)   A ⊆ B ⇒ Mic-βint(A) ⊆ Mic-βint(B)
(iii) Mic-βint(A) ∪ Mic-βint(B) ⊆ Mic-βint(A∪B)
(iv)   Mic-βint(A∩B)⊆Mic-βint(A) ∩ Mic-βint(B)
(v)   U−Mic-βint(A) = Mic-βcl(U−A)
(vi)   U−Mic-βcl(A) = Mic-βint(U−A)

Lemma 3.3. For a subset A of U,
(i)   Mic-βcl(A) ⊆ Mic-cl(A)
(ii)   Mic-int(A) ⊆ Mic-βint(A)
Proof: (i) By the definition of Mic-cl(A)and Mic-βcl(A) we have A ⊂ Mic-cl(A) and A ⊂ Mic-βcl(A). ⇒A ⊂ Mic-βcl(A)⊂ Mic-cl(A)⇒Mic-βcl(A)⊂ Mic-cl(A).
(ii) Every micro interior point of A⊂U is Micro β-interior point of A implies Mic-int(A) ⊆ Mic-βint(A).

Lemma 3.4. A subset A of U is micro semi pre-closed iff A = Mic-βcl(A).

Definition 3.5. A subset M_x ⊂ U is called a micro semi-neighbourhood (briefly, MS-nbhd) of a point x ∈ U iff there exist a A ∈ MSO(U, X) such that x ∈ A ⊂ M_x and a point x is called MS-nbhd point of the set A.

Definition 3.6. A subset M_x ⊂ U is called a micro pre-neighbourhood (briefly, MP-nbhd) of a point x ∈ U iff there exist a A ∈ MPO(U, X) such that x ∈ A ⊂ M_x and a point x is called MP-nbhd point of the set A.

Definition 3.7. A subset M_x ⊂ U is called a micro semi pre-neighbourhood (briefly, Mic-β-nbhd) of a point x ∈ U iff there exist a A ∈ MicβO(U, X) such that x ∈ A ⊂ M_x and a point x is called Mic-β-nbhd point of the set A.

Definition 3.8. The family of all Mic-β-nbhds of the point x ∈ U is called Mic-β-nbhd system of U and is denoted by Mic-β-N(x).
Example 3.9. *Let* $U = \{a, b, c, d\}, U/R = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{b, d\}\}, X = \{c\}, \tau_R(X) = \{\phi, \{c\}, U\}$ and $\mu_R(X) = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, U\}$ *be a micro topology on U. Now* $M\beta O(U, X) = \{ \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}. \{a.c\},$
$\{a, d\}, \{b.c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}. \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, U\}$. *Then*
Mic-β-nbhd(a)=$\{\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, U\}$
Mic-β-nbhd(b)=$\{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, U\}$
Mic-β-nbhd(c)=$\{\{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, U\}$
Mic-β-nbhd(d) = $\{\{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, U\}$

Lemma 3.10. An arbitrary union of Mic-β-nbhds of a point x is again a Mic-β-nbhd of x.

Proof. Let $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ be an arbitrary collection of Mic-β-nbhds of a point $x \in U$. We have to prove that $\cup A_i$ for $i \in I$ (where I denote index set) also a Mic-β-nbhd of x. For all $i \in I$ there exist Mic-β-open set M_x such that $x \in M_x \subset A_i \subset \cup A_i$. (i.e.,) $x \cup M_x \subset \cup A_i$ therefore $\cup A_i$ for $i \in I$ is a Mic-β-nbhd of x. That is arbitrary union of Mic-β-nbhds of x is again a Mic-β-nbhd of x.

But intersection of Mic-β-nbhds of a point is not a Mic-β-nbhds of that point in general as it is shown in below.

Example 3.11. *Let $U = \{a, b, c, d\}, U/R = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{b, d\}\}, X = \{c\}, \tau_R(X) = \{\phi, \{c\}, U\}$ and $\mu_R(X) = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, U\}$ be a micro topology on U. Now $M\beta O(U, X) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b. c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}. \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, U\}$. Clearly $\{a, b\}$ and $\{b, c\}$ are Mic-β-nbhds of $b \in U$ but $\{a, b\} \cap \{b, c\} = \{b\}$ is not a Mic-β-nbhd of b.*

Theorem 3.12. Every Micro-nbhd of x in U is a Mic-β-nbhd of x.

Proof. Let A be an arbitrary micro-nbhd of $x \in U$ then there exist a micro open set G such that $x \in G \subset A$. Since every micro open set is micro β-open set(by [3]). Therefore $G \in Mic - \beta O(U, X)$, implies A is Mic-β-nbhd of x.

The converse of the above theorem is need not true in general as it is shown in below.

Example 3.13. *From Example 3.11, clearly $\{b, c, d\}$ is Mic-β-nbhd of c but not a micro-nbhd of c.*

Similarly, every MS-nbhd of x in U is a Mic-β-nbhd of x and every MP-nbhd of x in U is a Mic-β-nbhd of x. But Mic-β-nbhd of x need not be MP-nbhd or MS-nbhd of x.

Example 3.14. *From Example 3.11 Now we have $MSO(U, X) = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, U\}$ $MPO(U, X) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, U\}$ and $M\beta O(U, X) = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a. c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b. c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}. \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, U\}$. Clearly $\{a, b\}$ is Mic-β-nbhds of $b \in U$ but not a MS-nbhd and MP-nbhd of b.*

Theorem 3.15. The Mic-β-nbhd system Mic-β-nbhd(x) of a point x ∈ U satisfies the following properties

a)   if N ∈ Mic-β-N(x) then x ∈ N

b)   if N ∈ Mic-β-N(x) and N ⊂ M then M ∈ Mic-β-N(x)

c)   if N ∈ Mic-β-N(x) then there exists a G ∈ N ∈ Mic-β-N(x) such that G ⊂ N and G ∈ Mic-β-N(y) for all y ∈ G

Proof.   (a)   Let   N   ∈   Mic-β-N(x)   implies   N   is   the   Mic-β-nbhd   of   x.   Therefore   x ∈ N. (b) Let N ∈ Mic-β-N(x) and N ⊂ M. Therefore there exist G ∈ Mic-βO(U,X) such that x ∈ G ⊂ N ⊂ M implies M is a Mic-β-nbhd of x and hence M ∈ Mic-β-N(x) (c) Let N ∈ Mic-β-N(x) implies $G \in$ Mic-βO(U,X) such that x ∈ G ⊂ N. G is Mic-β-nbhd of each of its points implies for all y∈ G, G is the Mic-β-nbhd of y and hence G ∈ Mic-β-N(y) for all y ∈ G.

MICRO SEMI PRE-INTERIOR OF A SET

In this section, we study some properties of micro semi pre-interior of a set.

Definition 4.1. The union of all micro semi pre-open sets which are contained in A is called micro semi pre-interior of A and is denoted by Mic-βint(A). if x ∈ Mic-βint(A) then x is called micro semi pre-interior point of A.

Theorem 4.2. For subsets A and B of space U, the following are true.

(a)   Mic-βint(U−A) ⊆ U−[Mic-βint(A)]

(b)   Mic-βint(A−B) ⊆ Mic-βint(A) −Mic-βint(B)

Proof. (a) Let y ∈ Mic-βint(U−A), since Mic-βint(B) ⊆ B by Lemma 3.2 (i). Therefore y ∈U−A implies $y \notin A$ implies $y \notin$ Mic-βint(U−A).   Hence   Mic-βint(U−A)⊆   U−[Mic-βint(A)]. (b) Now Mic-βint(A−B) = Mic-βint(A ∩ B^c) = Mic-βint[A ∩ (U − B] = Mic-βint(A) ∩ Mic-βint(U−B) ⊆ Mic-βint(A) ∩ (U−Mic-βint(B)) = Mic-βint(A) −Mic-βint(B). Therefore Mic-βint(A−B) ⊆ Mic-βint(A) −Mic-βInt(B)

Theorem 4.3. In a micro topological space U
- (a)   MSint(A) ⊆ Mic-βint(A)
- (b)   MPint(A) ⊆ Mic-βint(A) for any subset A of U.

Proof. (a) Let x ∈ MSint(A) implies there exists micro semi open set G such that x ∈ G ⊂ A. Since every micro semi open set is Mic-β-open and hence G is Mic-β-open set such that x ∈ G ⊂ A implies x ∈ Mic-βint(A). Therefore MSint(A) ⊆ Mic-βint(A). (b) Let x ∈ MPint(A) implies there exists micro pre open set G such that x ∈ G ⊂ A. Since every micro pre open set is Mic-β-open and hence G is Mic-β-open set such that x ∈ G ⊂ A implies x ∈ Mic-int(A). Therefore MPint(A) ⊆ Mic-βint(A).
But the converse of the above theorem is need not true in general as it is shown in below. (i.e.,) Mic-βint(A) ⊈ MSint(A) and Mic-βint(A) ⊈ MPint(A).

Example 4.4. *From Example 3.11, (i) Let A = {a, b} then Mic-βint(A) = {a, b} where as MSint(A)=ϕ implies MSint(A) ⊆ Mic-βint(A)   but   Mic-βint(A)   ⊈   MSint(A).*
(ii) Let A = {b, c} then Mic-βint(A) = {b, c} where as MPint(A) = {c} implies MPint(A) ⊆ Mic-βint(A) but Mic-βint(A) ⊈ MPint(A).

MICRO SEMI PRE - FRONTIER OF A SET
In this section, we introduce and study some of the properties in micro semi pre frontier using the concept of micro semi pre open sets.

Definition 5.1. For a subset A of U, Mic-βcl(A) − Mic-βint(A) is said to be Mic-β-frontier of and is denoted by Mic-βFr(A).

Definition 5.2. A point x∈U is said to be Mic-β-limit point of A iff for each X ∈ MβO(U,X), X ∩ {A − {x}} ≠ ϕ

Definition 5.3. The set of all Mic-β-limit points of A is said to be the micro semi pre derived set and is denoted by Mic-βD(A).
Lemma 5.4. For a subset A of U, Mic-βclA) = A ∪ Mic-βD(A)
Lemma 5.5. For a subset A of U, then Mic-βF$_r$(A) = Mic-cl(A) ∩ Mic-cl(U−A).
Proof. By definition, Mic-βF$_r$(A) = Mic-βcl(A) − Mic-βint(A) = Mic-βcl(A) ∩ (U− Mic-βint(A)) = Mic-βcl(A) ∩Mic-βcl(U-A) [by lemma 3.2 (v)].

Theorem 5.6. For a subset A of space U, then the following statements are hold.
- a)   Mic-βFr(A) ⊆ Mic-Fr(A)
- b)   Mic-βcl(A) = Mic-βint(A) ∪ Mic-βFr(A)
- c)   Mic-βint(A) ∩ Mic-βFr(A) = ϕ
- d)   A is Mic-β-open iff Mic-βFr(A) = Mic-βD(A)
- e)   Mic-βFr(A) = Mic-βFr(U−A)
- f)   Mic-βFr(A) ⊆ Mic-β-closed
- g)   Mic-βFr[Mic-βFr(A)] ⊆ Mic-βFr(A)
- h)   Mic-βint(A) = A −Mic-βFr(A)

Proof. a) Let x∈Mic-βFr(A) ⇒ x∉Mic-βint(A) but x∈ Mic-βcl(A).
By Lemma 3.3, we have Mic-βcl(A) ⊆ Mic-cl(A) and Mic-int(A) ⊆ Mic-βint(A).
Therefore x∈ Mic-cl(A) and x∉ Mic-int(A) implies x∈Mic-cl(A)−Mic-int(A). (i.e.,) x ∈ Mic-Fr(A). Hence Mic-βFr(A) ⊆ Mic-Fr(A).
b) Mic-βint(A) ∪ Mic-βFr(A) = Mic-βint(A) ∪ [Mic-βcl(A)−Mic-βint(A)] = Mic-βcl(A).
c) Mic-βint(A)∩ Mic-βFr(A) = Mic-βint(A) ∩ [Mic-βcl(A)−Mic-βint(A)] = ϕ
d) Let A be Mic-β-open then Mic-βint(A) = A.

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Since Mic-βFr(A) = Mic-βcl(A)− Mic-βint(A)

= Mic-βcl(A) − A

= [A ∪ Mic-βD(A)] − A

=Mic-βD(A)

Conversely, let Mic-βFr(A) = Mic-βD(A)

⇒ Mic-βcl(A)−Mic-βint(A) = Mic-βD(A)

⇒ [A ∪ Mic-βD(A)] − Mic-βint(A) = Mic-βD(A)

⇒ A − Mic-βint(A) = φ

⇒ A⊆ Mic-βint(A) and Mic-βint(A) ⊆A.

Therefore Mic-βint(A) = A. Hence A is Mic-β-open.

e) By lemma 5.4, Mic-βFr(A) = Mic-βcl(A) ∩ Mic-βcl(U−A).

Therefore Mic-βFr(U−A) = Mic-βcl(U−A) ∩ Mic-βcl(A) = Mic-βFr(A).

f) Mic-βFr[Mic-βFr(A)] = Mic-βcl(Mic-βFr(A)) ∩ Mic-βcl(U−Mic-βFr(A))

   ⊆ Mic-βcl(Mic-βFr(A))

   =Mic-βFr(A)

HenceMic-βFr(A)⊆Mic-β-closed

g) Mic-βFr[Mic-βFr(A)] = Mic-βcl(Mic-βFr(A)) ∩ Mic-βcl(U−Mic-βFr(A))

   ⊆ Mic-βcl(Mic-βFr(A))

   =Mic-βFr(A).

h) A − Mic-βFr(A) = A − [Mic-βcl(A)−Mic-βint(A)] = Mic-βint(A).

MICRO SEMI PRE-EXTERIOR OF A SET

In this section, we introduce and study some of the properties in micro semi pre exterior using the concept of micro semi pre open sets.

Definition 6.1. A point x ∈ U is called Mic-β-Exterior point of a subset A of U if x is Mic-β-interior point of U−A and set of all Mic-β-Exterior point of A and denoted by Mic-βExt(A). Therefore Mic-βExt(A)= Mic-βint(U−A).

Theorem 6.2. For A⊆ U, the following statements are hold.
  a) Mic-Ext(A) ⊆ Mic-βExt(A)
  b) Mic-βExt(A) is Mic-β-open
  c) Mic-βExt(A) = U - Mic-βcl(A)
  d) Mic-βExt[Mic-βExt(A)] = Mic-βint(Mic-βcl(A))
  e) If A⊆B then Mic-βExt(B) ⊆ Mic-βExt(A)
  f) Mic-βExt(A) ∩ Mic-βExt(B) ⊆ Mic-βExt(A∩B)
  g) Mic-βExt(A∪B) = Mic-βExt(A) ∩ Mic-βExt(B)
  h) Mic-βExt(U) = φ and Mic-βExt(φ) = U
  i) Mic-βExt(A) = Mic-βExt(U−Mic-βExt(A))
  j) Mic-βint(A), Mic-βExt(A) and Mic-βFr(A) are mutually disjoint.
  k) A ∩ Mic-βExt(A) = φ

Proof. a) Let x ∈ Mic-Ext(A) ⇒ x ∈ Mic-int(U−A). There exist G ∈ $\mu_R(x)$ such that x ∈ G ⊂U−A also G∈ MβO(U, X). Therefore x ∈ G ⊂U−A for Mic-β-open set G ⇒U−A is Mic-β-interior of x.

Then x∈ Mic-βint(U−A). (i.e.,) x∈ Mic-βExt(A). Hence Mic-Ext(A) ⊆ Mic-βExt(A).

b) Mic-βint[Mic-βExt(A)] = Mic-βint[Mic-βint(U−A)]

= Mic-βint(U−A)

= Mic-βExt(A).

Hence Mic-βExt(A) is Mic-β-open.

c) Mic-βExt(A) = Mic-βint(U−A) = U−Mic-βcl(A).

d) Mic-βExt(Mic-βExt(A)) = Mic-βExt(U−Mic-βcl(A)) [since by (c)]

 = Mic-βint[U−(U−Mic-βcl(A)]

=Mic-βint[Mic-βcl(A)]

e) If A⊂ B ⇒ U−B ⊂U−A⇒ Mic-βint(U−B) ⊂ Mic-βint(U−A). (i.e.,) Mic-βExt(B) ⊂ Mic-βExt(A)

f) We have A∩B ⊂ A and A∩B ⊂ B

⇒ Mic-βExt(A) ⊂ Mic-βExt(A∩B) and Mic-βExt(B) ⊂ Mic-βExt(A∩B).

Therefore Mic-βExt(A) ∩ Mic-βExt(B) ⊆ Mic-βExt(A∩B).

g) Mic-βExt(A∪B) = Mic-βint[U−(A∪B)]

= Mic-βint[(U−A)∩ (U−B)]

⊃ Mic-βint(U−A) ∩ Mic-βint(U−B)

= Mic-βExt(A) ∩ Mic-βExt(B) −−−(1)

We have A ⊂ A∪B and B ⊂ A∪B

⇒ Mic-βExt(A∪B) ⊂ Mic-βExt(A) and Mic-βExt(A∪B) ⊂ Mic-βExt(B).

Therefore Mic-βExt(A∪B) ⊆ Mic-βExt(A) ∩ Mic-βExt(B)−−−(2)

From (1) and (2), we have Mic-βExt(A∪B) = Mic-βExt(A) ∩ Mic-βExt(B).

h) Mic-βExt(U) = Mic-βint(U−U) = Mic-βint(ϕ) and Mic-βExt(ϕ) = Mic-βint(U−ϕ) = Mic-βint(U)

i) Mic-βExt(U − Mic-βExt(A)) = Mic-βint[U−(U−Mic-βExt(A))]

= Mic-βint[Mic-βExt(A)]

= Mic-βint[Mic-βint(U−A)]

= Mic-βint(U−A)

= Mic-βExt(A).

j) Let Mic-βExt(A) ∩ Mic-βint(A) ≠ ϕ. Therefore, there exists x ∈ Mic-βExt(A) ∩ x ∈ Mic-βint(A)

⇒ x∈ Mic-βint(U−A) ⇒ x∈ U−A and x ∈ A which is not possible. Therefore our assumption is wrong.

Hence Mic-βExt(A) ∩ Mic-βint(A) = ϕ.

Similarly Mic-βExt(A) ∩ Mic-βFr(A) = ϕand Mic-βint(A) ∩ Mic-βFr(A) = ϕ

By (c),We have Mic-βExt(A) = U−Mic-βcl(A) = U − [Mic-βint(A) ∪ Mic-βFr(A)] which implies U = Mic-βint(A) ∪ Mic-βFr(A) ∪ Mic-βExt(A).

k) A ∩ Mic-βExt(A) = A ∩ Mic-βint(U−A) = ϕ

But the converse of the above result (f) and (g) is need not true in general as it is shown in below. (i.e.,) Mic-βExt(A)∪Mic-βExt(B) ⊈ Mic-βExt(A∪B) and Mic-βExt(A∩B)⊈Mic-βExt(A)∩Mic-βExt(B).

Example 6.3. *From Example 3.11, let A = {c} and B = {a,d} then Mic-βExt(A) = {a, b, d} and*
Mic-βExt(A) = {b, c} Mic-βExt(A∪B) = Mic-βint(ϕ) = ϕ.
Therefore Mic-βExt(A) ∪ Mic-βExt(B) ⊈ Mic-βExt(A∪B)
Next Mic-βExt(A∩B) = Mic-βint(U) = U and Mic-βExt(A) ∩ Mic-βExt(B) = {b}
Therefore Mic-βExt(A∩B) ⊈ Mic-βExt(A) ∩ Mic-βExt(B)

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CONCLUSION

In this study, we introduced micro semi pre-neighborhoods and explored the concept of micro semi pre-operators, including micro semi pre-derived sets, micro semi pre-frontiers, and micro semi pre-exterior of a set, building upon the foundation of micro semi pre-open sets. We outlined the properties of these operators, highlighting the

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relationships and distinctions between Mic-β exterior, Mic-β-frontier, and Mic-β interior. Additionally, we explored the connection between these sets and Mic-βcl(A) as well as Mic-βint(A). The concepts presented and investigated in this paper establish a solid groundwork for future explorations in micro topology, providing researchers with novel perspectives and analytical tools in this ever-evolving field.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Securing   Cloud Data using Hill Cipher Encoded Quick Response Code and Visual Cryptography

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ABSTRACT

The development of Visual Cryptography (VC) enables the encoding of visuals into multiple shares and the decoding of the unified shares without any sophisticated traditional cryptosystem. To do this, a Robust Collusion Avoidance-based Secure Signific VC with QR code (RCA-SSVC-QR) scheme has been developed, which embeds the QR code into the visual shares to secure the unauthenticated restoration of the Secret Image (SI). Nonetheless, the visual and pixels attacks were also conducted by the expert groups in the visually shared images to obtain QR codes to distribute fake images. Hence in this article, the RCA-SSVC-QR is enhanced by applying a Hill Cipher (HC) encoding and decoding mechanism to secure the QR code data in the visual shares from visual and pixel attacks. In this mechanism, the HC encoding is used to encode the QR code pixels into characters based on the Character Determination (CD) and lookup tables such that the SIs are transformed into characters. Such characters are embedded in visual shares and forwarded to the receiver. Moreover, the received characters are deciphered by the HC decoding and compared to verify shareholders, which secures the restoration of SI with higher confidentiality. Finally, the test results exhibit that the RCA-SSVC-HCQR attains the greatest integrity and confidentiality for accessing secret shares from the cloud storage to restore the SIs compared to the existing VC schemes.

Keywords: Visual cryptography, RCA-SSVC-QR, Secret sharing, Cloud storage, Hill cipher, Character transformation

INTRODUCTION

With the help of the premise of cloud computing, a variety of businesses, including financial institutions, drugstores, and government agencies, may gather, analyze, and create database-driven applications. Knowledge extraction robustness, host behavior control, and database privileges are the most frequent causes of security breaches [1]. To guarantee confidentiality while processing and dissemination, cryptosystems were applied [2-8]. Such systems necessitate great awareness and momentous experiences. VC is cryptanalysis utilized to protect visual features that the user may decipher by the appropriate key visual [9-12]. This scheme considers 2 kinds of visuals: one containing hidden features and one with scrambled pixels. The hidden visual is divided into 2 or many tiny, asymmetrical shares without the vital information. Solely by unifying those shares, the hidden key is revealed. Whenever we lack familiarity with major prediction and cryptanalysis, it encourages VC [13-15]. In cryptanalysis, a secret key is known as a VC, which allows users to conceal information across numerous shares individually that do not exhibit anonymity [4]. For security purposes like biological cryptography, robotics, steganography, and blockchain, VC is especially well suited [16-20]. Some benefits of employing VC are keyless authentication, ease of processing, no deciphering, lower prediction costs, and distribution via FAX or mail [6]. Numerous VC schemes have been employed in current studies to accomplish a variety of objectives. Amongst, a novel Error Abatement Technique (EAT) outperformed by applying low-error filtering and value discretization algorithms [21]. The value discretization filter was used to consider the grayscale SI's pixel coefficients and retrieve them as pixel coefficients. Then, the nearby pixel loss was calculated and normalized to provide meaningful shares. To further reduce generated mistakes and maintain proximity to crucial shares, a lowered error filter was used. Additionally, (x, n) and (n, n)-Signific VC (SVC) schemes have been adopted, where x denotes the least amount of shares desired to reconstruct the SI and n denotes the overall amount of shares produced. Such schemes include share generation and recovery steps. Conversely, the Least Significant Bit (LSB) embedding and extraction were sensitive to steganography, which results in less security. Because it is easily deciphered by capturing the visual's LSBs and restoring the data in a binary series, its resilience was also compromised. If there were several LSBs in the embedded information, the visual quality may suffer depending on how many pixels were changed.

So, (x, n) and (n, n)-Secure SVC (SSVC) schemes[22] have been introduced that substitute the LSB embedding and extraction steps in the SVC using the Contrast Sensitive Function (CSF). In this scheme, the CSF was used to select the cover visual segments for embedding and extracting shares with better security. However, the key problem was that one of the SIs was identified by collaboration, indicating that this scheme was vulnerable to collusion or collaboration risks. Two shares can conspire to produce such results. Therefore, neither the created shares nor their resistance to cooperation in this scheme was randomized. Its weak tolerance to external noise was the other problem. Therefore, for SSVC to be effective, randomization and collusion resistance was crucial. From this perception, a new (n, n)-RCA-SSVC scheme [23] has been introduced, which creates collusion-resistant visual shares such that each share was dependent on every other visual, or the maximum number of visuals. The Boolean XOR process was employed in the share generation, which produces the new shares after the previous shares were already produced. Even if the visuals were secure in the cloud storage, it still took longer for users to recover the real data when getting bogus shares. To avoid this problem, a novel 2-level information defense scheme [24] was developed according to the QR code and RCA-SSVC. In this scheme, all shares' sub-pixel blocks were encoded with a QR code including the users' public and private information. This occurs during the share generation process. To prevent attackers from determining where the pixels in the SQR code were located, a random permutation was also performed on the newly produced shares to suppress the sub-pixels in a given block. The image restoration procedure begins when the user identification has been verified by scanning the data from the QR code and comparing it to the QR code that was contained in the shares [25]. This RCA-SSVC-QR technique can incorporate the QR code into the visual sharing to stop users from recovering the data or pictures via unauthenticated shares. In contrast to other RCA-SSVC schemes, RCA-SSVC was integrated with QR codes, making it such that no produced share can restore the real image but can instead read the QR code to verify the user and the legitimacy of valid shares. So, the real image cannot be restored without enough amount of shares and trusted QR codes. On the other hand, the visual and pixels attacks were also

conducted by the expert groups in the visually shared images to obtain QR codes to distribute fake images. To secure these attacks by the expert group, a robust security mechanism is essential. Therefore, this manuscript proposes the HC encoding and decoding mechanism into the RCA-SSVC-QR to secure the QR code data in the visual shares from visual and pixel attacks. In this mechanism, the QR codes are encoded by the HC encoding procedure to increase the efficiency of the RCA-SSVC-QR scheme. During encoding, the QR code pixels are transformed into characters based on the CD and lookup tables such that the SIs are transformed into characters. Such characters are embedded in visual shares and forwarded to the receiver. In the receiver end, those characters are initially deciphered by the HC decoding, and the deciphered QR code is compared to authenticate shareholders. As a result, this scheme provides a better correlation coefficient, less authentication time, higher confidentiality, and higher integrity. By using this scheme, a portion of the actual SI is obtained and the SI cannot be violated by the interruption of attackers/third parties. The remaining sections of this article are organized as follows: Section II presents earlier studies on VC using QR code mechanisms. Section III describes the proposed scheme and Section IV exhibits its success compared to the other schemes. Section V summarizes the findings and suggests future scope.

LITERATURE SURVEY

Ti et al. [11] developed a secure medication administration technique depending on the threshold-sharing mechanism. Whenever a patient visits a physician who prescribes n medicines, an image and the personal data of the patient were encoded into n QR code transparencies. The prescription and n QR code transparencies were accumulated in the hospital's medication administration system. If the patient receives their medicine, they may scan such n QR code transparencies by the cellphone to guarantee that they contain each medicine prescribed by the physician. But, it causes image distortion because this technique was not qualified by the skilled authority. Wang et al. [12] developed a flip VC for gray-scale and color cover visuals depending on the constraint error diffusion. An extended VC scheme was employed, which embeds 2 SIs on 2 color cover visuals. Also, the constraint error diffusion was applied to embed 2 SIs during the halftoning task. The 2 SIs were reconstructed by flipping the overlay and the SIs do not restrict with all others. But, it has a comparatively higher complexity because of additional operations. Xiong et al. [13] designed an efficient Discrete Wavelet Transform-related SI Sharing with Authentication (DWT-SISA). First, the cover visual was analyzed by the DWT with a secret key of each user.

Afterward, each t-pixel was divided into a certain bit and the coefficients of$(t-1)$-order polynomial were replaced by the bit of t-pixels to produce the group of shades. Also, the dual ranges of each pixel in the shade were divided into 3 parts that were entrenched into the 3 high-spectrum of the cover visual with the validation bits once 1-point 2D-DWT according to the LSB replacement. However, the issue of reconstructing the secrets in Shamir's polynomial SI allocation was not resolved. Yang et al. [14] developed a cheating immune (k,n) Block-based Progressive VC Scheme (BPVCS) for $k > 2$. The key aim was to verify this (k,n)-BPVCS holding the progressive recovery that various image blocks were restored progressively. First, a secret image was split into different image blocks fulfilling the disjoint and the union property. For every image block, $(2n-k)$ sub-shadows were created by $(n, 2n-k)$-PVCS and $(n, 2n-k)$-PEVCS with a similar cover image. After that, n shadows were created to restore the secret image. But, it has high computational complexity. Tan et al. [15] developed a robust (k,n)-threshold XOR-ed VSS (XVSS) scheme using the QR code and the fault alteration strategy to distribute a SI and create noisy shades having larger image excellence and no pixel extension. Also, the stuffing code words of cover QR codes were substituted using the bits of shades to create strong and significant shades. Further, the SI was restored from at least k shadows. But, the size of the SI was controlled by the amount of stuffing code words of the cover QR code. Huang et al. [16] developed an (n,n)-threshold SS scheme using the fault alteration capacity of the QR code. First, the secret QR code was partitioned and enciphered into n cover QR codes. The created manifest QR codes contain CI; thus they reduce the disbelief of dishonestusers if interacted in the open media. The secret QR code was reconstructed using the XOR function while cooperating each n authenticated user. However, it needs to analyze the homomorphism of QR codes for improving the access structure from (n,n) to (k,n). Zhang et al. [17] presented a shadow authentication of image sharing by designing 2 SI sharing methods. In scheme 1, a few XOR functions were used to obtain 2 authentication

codes via each secret pixel, which realizes a lightweight and rapid authentication method for cheating protection. In scheme 2, a hash algorithm was used to create the authentication code. During the authentication task of the shadow visuals, every pixel of the SI was engaged. But, it needs to defend against other kinds of attacks to enhance the security level.Kannojia& Kumar [18] designed XOR-based (n,n)-Visual Secret Sharing (VSS) by pixel vectorization, which diffuses and disguises secret data into many meaningless shares before assigning users of the group having no hint regarding the secret data. On the other hand, it did not consider the QR codes, which support enhancing security. Ren& Zhang [19] designed a new QR code-based Expansion-free and meaningful VC Scheme (QEVCS), which creates visually engaging QR codes to transmit meaningful shares. Initially, a block-by-block extended VCS was developed to store meaningful shares on the idea of preserving the size-invariant of SIs. Using the OR function, the human visual system may directly recover the SI by overlapping received shares. After that, the rich information ability of QR codes was utilized to send shares. The encoded QR codes do not damage the error correction codewords and were decoded by the standard QR code reader. But, the reconstructed image quality was not efficient because it lost the image contrast. Pan et al. [20] developed 2 novel methods by utilizing color XOR to entirely reconstruct the color image and create meaningful shares. During the initial scheme, meaningful shares were created. During the second scheme, $n-1$ meaningful shares and meaningless shares were created. According to the initial scheme, $n-1$ shares were changed to color QR codes in the second scheme. Such color QR codes were deciphered by the common decoder and the color XOR was executed by each share to reconstruct the secret color image entirely. But, the speed of the deciphering process takes a longer period.

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

In this section, the HC-based encoding and decoding mechanism is described for securing QR code data in the visual shares. The major goal of this scheme is to ensure secure transmission by preventing visual or pixel attacks in the shares during QR code generation. Figure 1 portrays the block diagram of the RCA-SSVC-HCQRscheme. Similarly, a schematic representation of this scheme is shown in Figure 2. This scheme involves enciphering the QR codes and embedding them into the secret shares, which are accumulated in the cloud. The user can decipher and verify the QR code shares to access the data from the cloud storage. Once the QR code is authenticated, the user allows to access the image and restore the actual SI securely.

HC Encryption for QR Code Information
In this scheme, the HCQR encryption procedure is conducted in 4 phases: sub-band generation, 8-bit transformation, permutation, and substitution. The initial 3 phases are depending on the VC, whereas the substitution is depending on the HC. The major benefit of this enciphering procedure is that the QR code share images are transformed into the ciphertext of characters; no pixel expansion is executed in the VC. To guarantee the data integrity, a header is generated and pixels are exchanged as much as potential in the image. The header includes ciphertext data.

Sub-band Generation
In this phase, the QR code share images are considered as input. First, the input image $\sum_{i,j=0}^{m,n} Q_{i,j}$ divides into 2×2 sub-bands, resulting in 4 sub-bands are created such as $\sum_{i,j=0}^{\frac{m}{2},\frac{n}{2}} Q_{i,j}$, $\sum_{i=1,j=\frac{n}{2}+1}^{\frac{m}{2},n} Q_{i,j}$, , $\sum_{i=\frac{m}{2}+1,j=1}^{m,\frac{n}{2}} Q_{i,j}$ and $\sum_{i=\frac{m}{2}+1,j=\frac{n}{2}+1}^{m,n} Q_{i,j}$. Such that

$$\sum_{i,j=0}^{m,n} Q_{i,j} = \sum_{i,j=0}^{\frac{m}{2},\frac{n}{2}} Q_{i,j} \oplus \sum_{i=1,j=\frac{n}{2}+1}^{\frac{m}{2},n} Q_{i,j} \oplus \sum_{i=\frac{m}{2}+1,j=1}^{m,\frac{n}{2}} Q_{i,j} \oplus \sum_{i=\frac{m}{2}+1,j=\frac{n}{2}+1}^{m,n} Q_{i,j} \tag{1}$$

$$\sum_{i,j=0}^{m,n} Q_{i,j} = A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus A_3 \oplus A_4 \tag{2}$$

This phase is used to easily substitute the pixels or exchange the pixel's location in the visuals.

8-bit Transformation

In this phase, all separated sub-band pixels are transformed into an 8-bit binary value $\sum_{n=1}^{max} Tr_{8bit}(A_n)$, where max is the maximum number of sub-bands. This results in the creation of transformed sub-bands A_1', A_2', A_3' and A_4' as:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{max} Tr_{8bit}(A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{1} Tr_{8bit}(A_n) + \sum_{n=2}^{2} Tr_{8bit}(A_n) + \sum_{n=3}^{3} Tr_{8bit}(A_n) + \sum_{n=4}^{4} Tr_{8bit}(A_n) \qquad (3)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{max} Tr_{8bit}(A_n) = A_1' \oplus A_2' \oplus A_3' \oplus A_4' \qquad (4)$$

Permutation

In this phase, 5 distinct levels are applied. In level 1, all binary sub-bands A_1', A_2', A_3' and A_4' bits are segregated depending on the odd and even locations as:

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} A_1' \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} A_2' \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} A_3' \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} A_4' =$$
$$\left[\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_1 + \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_2\right] \oplus \left[\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_3 + \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_4\right] \oplus \left[\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_5 + \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_6\right] \oplus \left[\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_7 + \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_8\right] \qquad (5)$$

Here, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} A_1'$ is divided into odd located bits $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_1$ and even located bits $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_2$. Also, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} A_2'$ is split into $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_3$ and $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_4$; $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} A_3'$ is split into $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_5$ and $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_6$; $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} A_4'$ is split into $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_7$ and $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_8$.

In level 2, the odd sub-bands $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_1$, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_3$, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_5$ and $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_7$ are merged as $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C_1$ and an even sub-bands $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_2$, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_4$, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_6$ and $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_8$ are merged as $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C_2$.

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_1 \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_3 \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_5 \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_7 = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C_1 \qquad (6)$$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_2 \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_4 \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_6 \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} B_8 = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C_2 \qquad (7)$$

In level3, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C_1$ and $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C_2$ are split depending on odd and even locations $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_1$, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_2$, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_3$ and $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_4$ as:

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C_1 = \left[\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_1 + \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_2\right] \qquad (8)$$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C_2 = \left[\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_3 + \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_4\right] \qquad (9)$$

In level4, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_1$ and $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_3$ are merged as $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} E_1$, while $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_2$ and $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_4$ are merged as $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} E_2$. In level 5, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} E_1$ and $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} E_2$ are merged as a single sub-band $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} F$. Once all these levels are performed, all 8-bits in $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} F$ are transformed into related decimal value $\sum_{n=1}^{max} Tr_{b2}(F_n)$. This results in every binary sub-band is transformed into a unified secret share $Perm_{i,j}$. Such secret share pixels differ between 0 and 255. These are defined below:

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_1 \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_3 = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} E_1 \qquad (10)$$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_2 \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} D_4 = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} E_2 \qquad (11)$$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} E_1 \oplus \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} E_2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} F \qquad (12)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{max} Tr_{b2}(F_n) = Perm_{i,j} \qquad (13)$$

The key benefit of this phase is that all sub-band pixels are transformed as binary bits and similar bits are exchanged in the visuals. Once this phase is completed, all 8-bits are transformed into a related decimal values, which defines that all pixels are enciphered without loss and pixel expansion. Also, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} F$ is encoded by the substitution phase of HC to enhance the robustness and complexity of the unified secret share.

Substitution

In this phase, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} Perm$ pixels are substituted by alphabet characters depending on the CD table, provided in Table 1.

$$N2C\left[\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} Perm\right] = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} e \tag{14}$$

The HC substitution procedure is a symmetric enciphering, where the confidential letters are enciphered into ciphers. In this phase, the character data $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} c(Perm)$ is transformed into enciphered data using Table 2.

Afterward, the created characters are enciphered as:

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C = [K_e \times S] \bmod 26 \tag{15}$$

In this phase, the text $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} e$ is taken as a secret text S, which is enciphered as a ciphertext C by an enciphering key K_e. Once the substitution phase is completed, the ciphertext $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C$ is embedded into the visual SI shares using the secret sharing algorithm [10]. After producing each ciphered QR-embedded share, those are encoded with the appropriate cover visual blocks to create meaningful shares. Such meaningful shares are stored in the cloud storage with header(H) for data access through the transmission channel.

Header Generation

This phase generates a header (H), which includes ciphered QR data and substitution keys to guarantee the integrity of the restored SI.

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C + H = cipherQ \tag{16}$$

HC Decryption for QR Code Information

During this phase, the user initially accesses the different ciphered QR-embedded shares from the cloud storage. After obtaining all the shares of a particular image, the user can authenticate the ciphered QR code embedded in each share to confirm whether the shares are provided by legitimate users or not. To achieve this, the ciphered QR code can be decrypted by the HC decryption procedure as follows:

First, $cipherQ$ is split into $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C$ and H. To decipher $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C$, inverse substitution, inverse permutation, inverse transformation, and merging sub-bands are applied. The HC deciphering procedure is categorized into 2 parts: one is depending on the HC decoding and the other one is depending on VC decryption. The benefit of this procedure is that the pixel expansion is not conducted therefore the proper replica of the actual QR codes is obtained.

Inverse Substitution

In this phase, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C$ and K_e are utilized to determine the determinant of K_e and K_e^{-1} as:

$$K_e = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \tag{17}$$

$$K_e^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} \tag{18}$$

$$D = |K_e| = (ad - bc) \tag{19}$$

Here, D is the determinant of K_e. Also, the computational value B is determined to get the deciphering key K_d as:

$$D \times B = 1 \bmod 26 \tag{20}$$

$$K_d = B[K_e^{-1}] \bmod 26 \tag{21}$$

Utilizing K_d and $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} C$, $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} e$ is obtained as:

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} e = [K_d \times C] \bmod 26 \tag{22}$$

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At last, the inverse characters are transformed into numbers depending on Table 1. This provides $\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} Perm$ as:

$$C2N[\sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} e] = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} Perm \tag{23}$$

Inverse Permutation

In this phase, all pixels in the outcome of the inverse substitution phase $Perm_{i,j}$ are transformed into 8-bit binary $Tr_{D2b}(Perm_{i,j})$ as:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{max} Tr_{D2b}(Perm_{i,j}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{m,n} F \tag{24}$$

To recover A_1', A_2', A_3' and A_4', inverse permutation procedure is performed from Eq. (5) to Eq. (12) in a reverse manner, i.e. from Eq. (12) to Eq. (5). The key goal of this phase is an accurate change of pixels back into their location. Once completing these processes, A_1', A_2', A_3' and A_4' are acquired as input for the inverse transformation phase.

Inverse Transformation

In this phase, all 8-bit binary values are transformed into the related decimal value. The determination of binary-to-decimal transformation is defined as:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{max} Tr_{8bit2D}(A_n') = A_1' \oplus A_2' \oplus A_3' \oplus A_4' \tag{25}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{max} Tr_D(A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{1} Tr_D(A_n') + \sum_{n=2}^{2} Tr_D(A_n') + \sum_{n=3}^{3} Tr_D(A_n') + \sum_{n=4}^{4} Tr_D(A_n') \tag{26}$$

This provides 4 separated sub-bands.

Merging Sub-bands

This phase is an inverse phase of the sub-band generation, which concatenates A_1, A_2, A_3 and A_4 as the QR code image shares.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{max} Tr_D(A_n) = A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus A_3 \oplus A_4 = \sum_{i,j=0}^{m,n} Q_{i,j} \tag{27}$$

So, the recovered QR code image shares are obtained and used for QR code verification. When the QR code information in every share is confirmed accurately, the user will retrieve the accurate shares and decode them to reconstruct the real SI [15]. This guarantees that pixel attacks or decoding fake shares are prevented during data access by the individual.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In this section, the efficiency of (n,n) RCA-SSVC-HCQR scheme is assessed byexecuting it in MATLAB 2017b. Also, the efficiency is compared with the existing schemes (x,n) and (n,n) SVC [7], (x,n), (n,n) SSVC [8], (n,n) RCA-SSVC [9], (n,n) RCA-SSVC-QR [10], DWT-SISA [13], (k,n)-BPVCS [14], (k,n)-XVSS [15], XOR-based (n,n)-VSS [18], and QEVCS [19]. An analysis is carried out based on the Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR), Mean Squared Error (MSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Universal Image Quality Index (UIQI), and Structural Similarity Index (SSIM). In this scrutiny, 4 grayscale SI of distinct types and 4 cover visuals of size 512×512 are selected randomly. The SI is sent to the recipient by splitting them into 4 shares, which are masked in 4 cover visuals.

MSE: It is the average error between the restored SI and the true SI. The lower the MSE value, the less degraded the restored SI.

$$MSE = \frac{\sum_{M,N}[SI_{m,n} - RSI_{m,n}]^2}{M \times N} \tag{28}$$

In Eq. (28), M, N define the total rows and columns in the SI, $SI_{m,n}$ denotes the actual SI at m^{th} row and n^{th} column and $RSI_{m,n}$ denotes the restored SI at m^{th} row and n^{th} column.

PSNR: It is the ratio of the decoded SI to the true SI. The greater the PSNR, the greater the precision of the restored SI.

$$PSNR = 10\log_{10}\left(\frac{SI_{max}{}^2}{MSE}\right) \tag{29}$$

In Eq. (29), SI_{max} indicates the highest number of pixels in the SI.

MAE: It is the average deviation of the pixel range between the regenerated and the real SI.

$$MAE = \frac{\sum_{M,N}|RSI_{m,n}-SI_{m,n}|}{M\times N} \tag{30}$$

UIQI: It is calculated according to brightness, clarity, and contour.

$$UIQI(a,b) = \frac{4\mu_a\mu_b\sigma_{ab}}{(\mu_a^2+\mu_b^2)(\sigma_a^2+\sigma_b^2)} \tag{31}$$

In Eq. (31), μ_a, μ_b are the mean ranges of real (a) and restored (b) images, σ_a, σ_b are the standard variance of real and restored pictures and σ_{ab} is the covariance of both pictures.

SSIM: It is calculated according to brightness, texture, and smoothness.

$$SSIM(a,b) = \frac{(2\mu_a\mu_b+c_1)(2\sigma_{ab}+c_2)}{(\mu_a^2+\mu_b^2+c_1)(\sigma_a^2+\sigma_b^2+c_2)} \tag{32}$$

In Eq. (32), c_1 and c_2 are the constants. The range of UIQI and SSIM are $[-1,1]$ where 1 represents the true and restored SI is not viable to discriminate for all pixels.

The MSE values attained by various VC schemes with QR code authentication employed on 5 distinct test visuals are plotted in Figure 3. This scrutiny addresses that the (n,n) RCA-SSVC-HCQR scheme accomplishes 0 MSE contrasted with each other schemes such that the recovered SIs are related to the real SIs without pixel loss. The PSNR values attained by various VC schemes with QR code authentication on 5 distinct visuals are drawn in Figure 4. It scrutinizes that the (n,n) RCA-SSVC-HCQR scheme realizes 61.06dB mean PSNR, which is 44.33% greater than the other schemes due to the mitigation of collusion and pixel attacks during SI recovery without pixel loss. The MAE values attained by various VC schemes with QR code authentication on 5 distinct visuals are presented in Figure 5. It observes that the (n,n) RCA-SSVC-HCQR scheme minimizes the mean MAE by 54% which is 75.67% smaller than the other schemes. This results in the effective recovery of SIs without any attacks or fake shares from the cloud storage. The UIQI values attained by various VC schemes with QR code authentication on 5 test visuals are portrayed in Figure 6. It declares that the (n,n) RCA-SSVC-HCQR scheme achieves 0.973 mean UIQI, which is 10.49% larger than the other VC schemes. It results in preventing collusion and pixel attacks during SI recovery without accessing fake shares from the cloud storage. The SSIM values attained by various VC schemes with QR code authentication on 5 test visuals are plotted in Figure 7. It analyzes that the (n,n) RCA-SSVC-HCQR scheme has 0.9302 mean SSIM, which is 10.18% greater than the other VC schemes. As a result, it realizes that this scheme can efficiently and securely reconstruct the SIs using authenticated shares from the cloud storage.

CONCLUSION

In this study, the RCA-SSVC-HCQR scheme was developed to increase cloud storage security and SI recovery without any loss. In this scheme, the HC encryption was applied to encipher the QR code information according to the CD and lookup tables. Then, those were embedded into the SI shares and stored in the cloud with an encryption key. When the user desires to reconstruct the SI, the HC decryption was performed to decipher the QR codes and verify them for recovering the SI without fake shares. At last, the experimental outcomes proved that RCA-SSVC-HCQR has 0 mean MSE, 61.06dB mean PSNR, 0.54 mean MAE, 0.973 mean UIQI and 0.9302 mean SSIM compared to the other VC schemes for cloud storage security and SI recovery.

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Table 1. CD Table

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Table 2. Lookup Table

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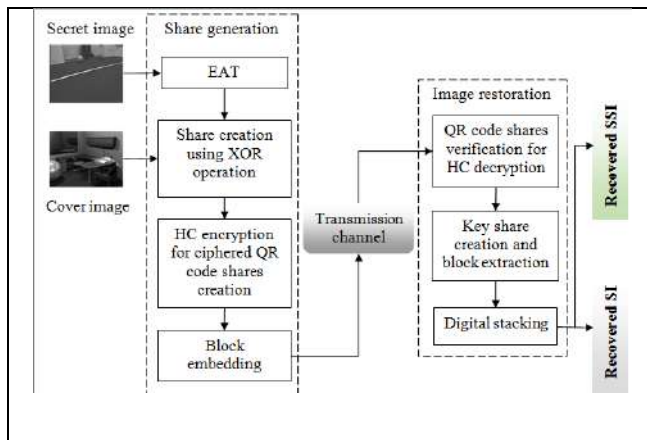
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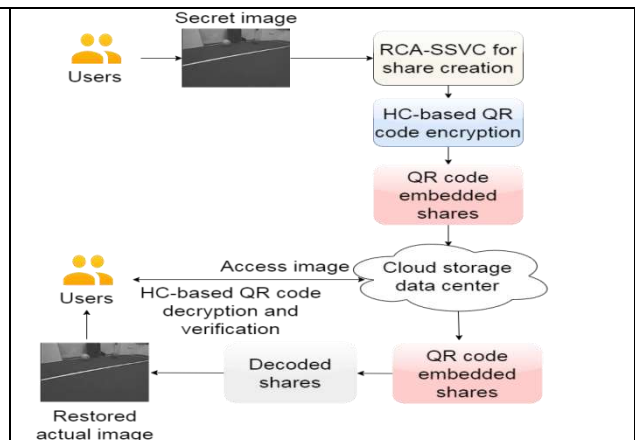
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Figure 3. MSE vs. Test Images

Figure 4. PSNR vs. Test Images

Figure 5. MAE vs. Test Images

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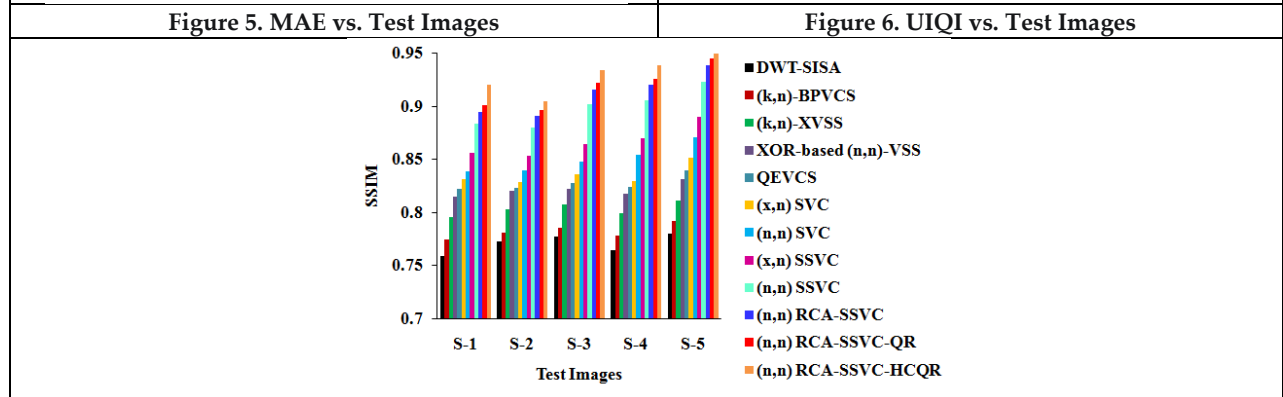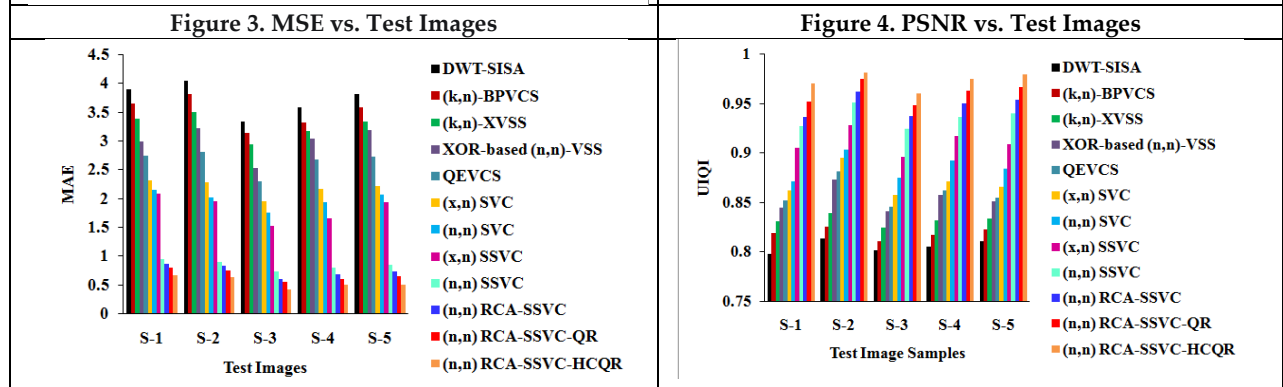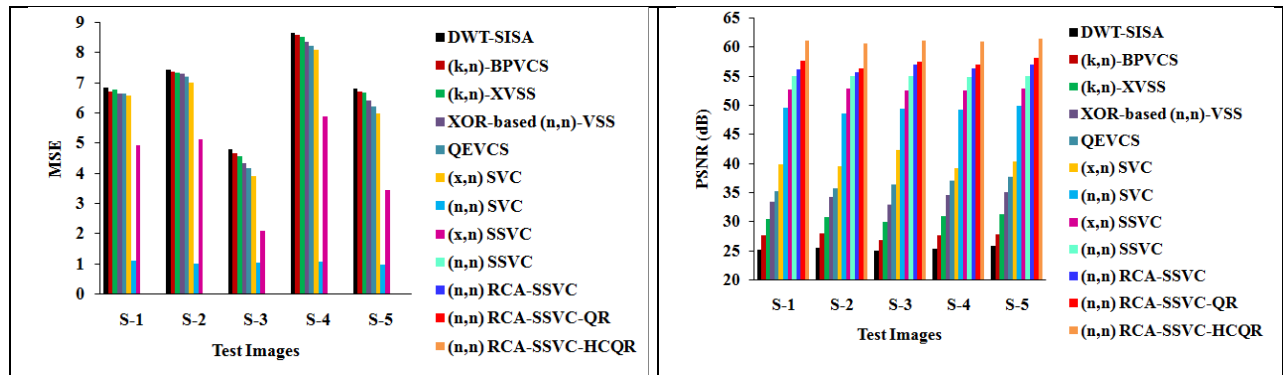
Figure 7. SSIM vs. Different Test Images

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Deep Learning based Congestion - Aware Traffic Routing Management System in a Road Network

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ABSTRACT

Recently, the most pressing issue in almost all major cities has been traffic congestion caused by personal vehicles. In order to address this issue, an effective traffic routing system for personal vehicles is needed. Accordingly, this paper introduces a congestion-aware traffic routing management system that will route the vehicles based on the level of traffic congestion on the roads in a road network. Real-time traffic monitoring (congestion status) is carried out in the proposed system by detecting vehicles in real time, which is done by using a deep learning model based on ResNet-50. An A* based algorithm is proposed to route traffic based on the traffic congestion status. A heuristic function is formulated for this A* based algorithm to speed up the process of route finding. The simulation result shows that, the proposed deep learning model based on ResNet-50 outperforms other state-of-art model in detecting the vehicles in terms of accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision. Additionally, in terms of the number of nodes examined to discover the best route, the suggested A* based approach performs better than the other route-finding algorithm.

Keyword: Deep learning, ResNet-50, A* algorithm, Heuristic function, ITMS, Traffic congestion

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INTRODUCTION

Rapid urbanization in emerging nations raises inhabitants' transport needs. However, insufficient road infrastructure and inadequate public transportation facilities are unable to fulfil inhabitants' present mobility demands. As a result, most individuals prefer to drive in their own automobiles in order to get at their destination on time. This leads to a massive growth in the number of personal automobiles in most of the major metropolitan cities. In India, it is anticipated that the number of automobiles and SUVs (sport utility vehicles) would rise 13 times in 2035 compared to 2005 if transportation facilities are not improved further [1]. The fast proliferation of customized automobiles causes heavy traffic congestion. Transportation officials face the issue of reducing congestion. Traditionally, this has been addressed by increasing road capacity through the construction of new or expanded existing infrastructure. However, infrastructure building is costly. Therefore, authorities are now using management strategies to increase the usage of existing highways [2]. For that, Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) [3,4,5] can be employed. Among many applications of ITMS, traffic routing based on traffic congestion is one of the important applications. This paper presents a congestion-aware traffic routing management system. In the proposed system, graph-based road network model has been presented. Then, A* based routing algorithm has been used to route the traffic based on real time traffic congestion in every junction/node of a traffic network. To monitor and track the traffic congestion on each junction of a traffic network, a deep learning model based on ResNet-50 [6] have been used. Another important aspect of the proposed A* based routing algorithm is that, instead of using Euclidean distance as a heuristic function, it employed a novel heuristic function. In this heuristic function, the no. of vehicles presents in a particular junction and the shortest distance to destination from that junction has been considered to get the heuristic value of a particular junction. The aim of the proposed heuristic function is to speed up the search process in determining the routes.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. A detailed review of related work is presented in Section 2. Section 3 describes the proposed congestion-aware traffic routing management system in detail. The simulation result and evaluation of the ResNet-50 model as well as the proposed heuristic function which is used in A* algorithm is presented in Section 4. Finally, Section 5 concludes the paper.

Literature Survey

One viable approach for alleviating traffic congestion is to implement traffic flow optimization techniques. By incorporating smart road networks, this strategy aims to enhance routing efficiency, thereby facilitating the optimal utilization of all roads in the network. This, in turn, would contribute to smoother traffic flow and subsequently reduce emissions. Bellman-Ford [7], A* [8], Floyd Warshall [9], and Dijkstra's [10] algorithms are commonly used for vehicle routing. Among these algorithms, Dijkstra's algorithm offers the advantage of having considerably low complexity, particularly when applied to sparse road networks. Researchers have made significant efforts in studying and enhancing the practical applications of Dijkstra's algorithm. One noteworthy study focused on solving the Optimal Route Planning in a Parking Lot problem by incorporating the Dijkstra's algorithm [11]. In this study, the authors combined an impedance function model with the traditional Dijkstra's algorithm to determine the dynamic time of a route. Additionally, they adopted a balance function that considered both distance and time as the weight matrix for route calculation. In another research paper, an optimal route-finding problem was modelled by using a combination graph with three cost components: travel distance, toll costs, and road surface conditions [12]. The authors then calculated an optimal route by feeding these weights into Dijkstra's algorithm in the form of an adjacency matrix. Furthermore, a related study aimed to optimize Dijkstra's algorithm at a control network scale [13]. The researchers proposed a shortest path algorithm based on an ellipse, which restricted the collection of search nodes within a specific area and significantly reduced the search scale. It is worth noting that these optimization efforts not only enhance the efficiency of Dijkstra's algorithm but also contribute to the reduction of emissions in the transportation sector. In another work [14], author have used A* based algorithm for route planning in multimodal environment. Here, authors improvised the heuristic function instead of using Euclidian distance to speedup the process of searching the route.

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A significant portion of the existing route planning research focuses on the efficient generation of the (k)shortest paths [15],[16], particularly in highly dynamic scenarios with frequent updates on traffic information. Amongst these studies, transit-node routing and highway-node routing techniques have been introduced to minimize query time and memory requirements, as demonstrated in [15]. Additionally, [16] introduces two novel classes of approximation techniques that employ pre-computation and avoidance of complete recalculations upon each update, thereby improving the processing speed of continuous route planning queries. However, it is important to note that the current instantaneous shortest paths may not necessarily be equivalent to the time-dependent shortest paths. These algorithms rely solely on the present snapshot of traffic conditions and do not take into account the dynamic future conditions when calculating the shortest paths. Also, they lack in real time traffic information of a road network.

In this work, A* based routing algorithm has been used to route the personal vehicles based on real time traffic congestion of the road network. Also, the heuristic function is improvised instead of using traditional Euclidean distance to speedup the process of finding the optimal route.

Proposed Technique
An adaptive traffic routing techniquein Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS)is developed to dynamically manage and optimise the flow of traffic on road networks based on real-time data and changing circumstances. ITMS gathers and analyses traffic data from heterogeneous data sources, including sensors, cameras, GPS etc. using a variety of technologies. Based on the traffic data, it will navigate the vehicles towards their destination. The ITMS relies heavily on adaptive traffic routing techniques because they give traffic managers the ability to react to accidents, special events, congestion, and other variables impacting traffic flow. An efficient Adaptive Traffic Routing approach in ITMS aids in lowering travel times, enhancing safety, reducing congestion, and improving traffic flow. It is essential to the management of contemporary urban transport and improves the overall effectiveness and sustainability of transport networks. This work proposes a congestion aware traffic routing management system based on deep learning and A* based algorithm with novel heuristic function.

System Model
The proposed system consists of following components and represented in Fig. 1:

Real-time data collection unit: To keep track of the no. of vehicles/ flow of traffic, real time data collection unit gather real-time data from heterogeneous sources, including cameras, sensors, and mobile apps. In this work, road side CCTV has been used to detect and count the no. of vehicles.
Traffic Analysis unit: This unit basically detects the no. of traffic/vehicles presents in a road intersection. In this unit, real time traffic data has been feed into it and a deep learning model based on ResNet-50 has been used to detect the traffic congestion.
Traffic Routing unit: After analysing and detecting the traffic congestion, this unit makes dynamic decisions about traffic routing based on the traffic congestionusing A* based algorithm.
Communication: To give drivers real-time traffic updates and route suggestions, the system converses with automobiles outfitted with linked technologies. This can assist drivers in planning their travels intelligently.
Data sharing: The routing information is then disseminated to the user's handheld device.

Vehicle Detection and Count
As mentioned earlier, to detect and count vehicle, computer vision has been used. Computer vision is the ability of computers to recognise and comprehend visual data. Finding the ideal balance between accuracy and speed is a key difficulty in computer vision, especially for real-time applications. In computer vision, there is often a trade-off between solutions that are quick but lose some accuracy against solutions that are very accurate but somewhat slow. Using Mask R-CNN for example segmentation, the deep learning package Tensor Flow served as the backend in the previous version of PixelLib. Although Mask R-CNN is a reliable design, it sometimes has trouble balancing accuracy and real-time speed. The ResNet-50 and the ResNet-101 variant of the Point Rend model are available for

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object segmentation. Because it provides a nice compromise between speed and accuracy, we largely employ the resnet50 version in this study. Despite being more precise, the resnet101 variation is often slower. It is crucial to strike a balance between speed and accuracy in real-time applications that use pictures and videos. So, it makes sense to use the PointRend segmentation architecture's resnet50 variation. It is ideally suited for applications where quick and precise analysis of visual input is essential because it offers a decent balance between processing speed and accuracy.

ResNet-50 has 50 layers, including 48 convolutional layers, one MaxPool layer, and one average pool layer. Residual neural networks, a kind of artificial neural network (ANN), are built by connecting residual blocks to form network topologies. ResNet-50, a variation of ResNet [17], is a convolutional neural network with 50 layers. Its design contains 48 Convolution layers, 1 MaxPool layer, and 1 Average Pool layer, as seen in Fig. 2. ResNet is founded on the deep residual learning paradigm, which successfully tackles the vanishing gradient issue even in extremely deep neural networks. Remarkably, despite its 50 layers, ResNet-50 contains approximately 23 million trainable parameters, a substantially lesser quantity compared to previous designs. The rationale for its extraordinary performance is still a matter of contention. However, one basic technique to grasp it is by analysing the notion of residual blocks and how these blocks function.

To illustrate, assume a neural network block with an input designated as 'x,' seeking to learn the true distribution H(x). We may describe the difference, or residual, between them as:
H(x) = F(x) + x

This rearrangement illustrates that the actual distribution H(x) may be derived by adding the residual (F(x)) to the input (x).The main goal of the residual block is to learn about the true output, H(x). The presence of an identity link, shown by the letter "x," in the picture above makes it clear that the layers inside the block are devoted to learning the residual component, F(x). In contrast, the layers of a traditional network seek to learn the actual output (H(x)). Additionally, it has been shown that learning the residual (F(x)) of the input and output is a simpler process than learning the input alone. As a result, the identity residual model reduces the overall complexity of the design by bypassing the activation functions from earlier levels.

The ResNet design has 50 layers in total because of this setup. A stage's worth of blocks each comprise convolutional layers with various filter counts and sizes, adding to the depth and capacity of the network.

Road Network Model
To design the road network, a weighted graph has been used. The road network is represented by $G = (V, E, CF_e, CF_v)$ and it is shown in Fig.3. Here, roads are represented as edges (E), and intersections or junctions are represented as nodes or vertices (V).In this representation, both vertices and edges have cost factors associated. CF_e is the cost factor associated with edges while CF_v is associated with vertices. The cost factor of vertices and edges is depending on the context of the road traffic network and is discussed in this section.

Terminologies
Nodes: A node $v_i \in$ V is an and intersections or junctions in a city that has fixed longitude and latitude. In the proposed model, each v_i is associated with some cost factor. The cost factor of $v_i 'CF(v_i)'$ is depends on two terms: i) shortest distance and ii) vehicle count.

i)　　　Shortest distance: The weight of the v_i is depends on the shortest path distance from the chosen node to the destinationnode. The system uses the Floyd-Warshall method to compute it in advance [11].

$$CF(v_i) = m_1 * \frac{Min\_D\{v_i \to v_d\} - \min(D)}{\max(D) - \min(D)} \quad \text{...} (1)$$

Here, $\frac{Min\_D\{v_i \to v_d\} - \min(D)}{\max(D) - \min(D)}$ is the normalized score of the shortest distance from the chosen node to the destinationnode.

ii)　　　Vehicle count: The weight of the v_i is also depends on the no. of vehicles presents in the intersection at a particular point of time t_j. It is represented as follows:

$$CF(v_i) = m_2 * \frac{v\_count - \min(v\_count)}{\max(v\_count) - \min(v\_count)} \text{.....................................} (2)$$

Here, $\frac{v\_count - \min(v\_count)}{\max(v\_count) - \min(v\_count)}$ is the normalized value of the no. of vehicles 'v_count', m_2 is the weight factor.

Hence, cost factor of v_i '$CF(v_i)$' is represented as follow:

$$CF(v_i) = m_1 * \frac{Min_{D\{v_i \to v_d\}} - \min(D)}{\max(D) - \min(D)} + m_2 * \frac{v\_count - \min(v\_count)}{\max(v\_count) - \min(v\_count)} \text{..............} (3)$$

Here, $m_1 + m_2 = 1$

Edges: The road link connected between two nodes v_i and v_j is represented by edge 'e_{ij}'. The edge 'e_{ij}' is also associated with some cost factor. The cost factor of e_{ij} '$CF(e_{ij})$' is depends on road link congestion index. The congestion index can be represented as follows:

$$CI(e_{ij}) = \frac{(FR_t(v_j) - C(v_j)) - (FR_t(v_i) - C(v_i))}{L(e_{ij})} \text{.....................................} (4)$$

Here, $FR_t(v_j)$ and $FR_t(v_i)$ is the flow rate in intersection v_j and v_i respectively at time t. $C(v_j)$ and $C(v_i)$ is the road capacity at intersection v_j and v_i respectively. $L(e_{ij})$ is the distance between the intersection v_i and v_j. The $FR_t(v_j)$ is represented as follows:

$$FR_t(v_j) = \varrho_t(v_j) * Avg\_v(v_j) \text{...} (5)$$

Here, $\varrho_t(v_j)$ is the vehicle density in intersection v_i at time t and $Avg\_v(v_j)$ is the average velocity in intersection v_i. The congestion index helps assess congestion levels in relation to the road capacity. Negative values indicate that traffic is below the road's capacity, while positive values would suggest congestion approaching or exceeding capacity. Monitoring this index over time can help identify trends and potential congestion issues. Finally, the cost factor of e_{ij} is represented as:

$$CF(e_{ij}) = m_3 * \frac{CI(e_{ij}) - \min(CI)}{\max(CI) - \min(CI)} \text{...} (6)$$

Here, $\frac{CI(e_{ij}) - \min(CI)}{\max(CI) - \min(CI)}$ is the normalized score of congestion index.

Heuristic function:

The suggested routing algorithm is A* based algorithm. A further noteworthy feature of the suggested A*-based routing algorithm is that a new heuristic function was used in place of Euclidean distance as a heuristic. The heuristic value of a given junction is determined by considering both the number of cars present at that intersection and the shortest route to the destination from that junction. The suggested heuristic function seeks to expedite the route-finding search process. The cost factor of v_i '$CF(v_i)$' is considered as the heuristic function in this work and is

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represented as Equation 3.Basically, the Euclidean distance is used to determine the distance between two sites using the "Pythagorean distance." The "Pythagorean distance" between two points, or places, in the transportation network, however, is much shorter than the actual distance since most roads are zigzag rather than straight. As a result, estimating the cost using the Euclidean distance as a heuristic function will provide an estimate that is too low, or it will underestimate the cost. Hence, in that case A* algorithm will explore many nodes to determine the optimal path.The proposed A* based routing algorithm is depicted in 'Algorithm 1'.

Algorithm 1: Route_Routing

Input: Road network in the form of graph, start point, destination
Output: Optimal path

open_set := Priority Queue()
closed_set := Set()
start.g := 0
start.h := calculate_heuristic(start, destination)
start.f := start.g + start.h

open_set.add(start)

whileopen_set is not empty:
current := open_set.pop()
if current == destination:
return reconstruct_path(destination)

closed_set.add(current)

    forneighbor in current.neighbors():
ifneighbor in closed_set:
    continue
tentative_g := current.g + cost_factor_edge(current, neighbor)

 ifneighbor not in open_set**or**tentative_g<neighbor.g:
neighbor.g := tentative_g
neighbor.h := calculate_heuristic(neighbor, destination)
neighbor.f := neighbor.g + neighbor.h
ifneighbor not in open_set:
open_set.add(neighbor)

  return failure

function cost_factor_edge(current, neighbor):

$CF(e_{ij}) := m\_3 * \ (CI(e\_ij) - \min(CI))/(\max(CI) - \min(CI))$
 return $CF(e\_ij)$

function calculate_heuristic(node, destination):

$$CF(v_i) := m_1 * \frac{Min_{D\{v_i \to v_d\}} - \min(D)}{\max(D) - \min(D)} + m_2 * \frac{v\_count - \min(v\_count)}{\max(v\_count) - \min(v\_count)}$$

return $CF(v\_i)$

function reconstruct_path(node):
path := []
while node.parent is not null:
path.prepend(node)
node := node.parent
return path

RESULT ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

Performance Analysis of Proposed Model for Vehicle Detection
This section presents the simulation of the proposed model for vehicle detection in the road intersection and count the no. of vehicles present there and performance of it is compared with other state-of-art machine learning techniques.

Dataset Description
For training and testing the proposed model, the dataset has been collected from Kaggle. The detailed dataset description is presented in Table 2. As usual, the total dataset is divided in to 80% and 20% for training and testing purpose.

Evaluation Parameters and Performance Evaluation
To evaluate and compare the performance of proposed model with other state-of-art machine learning techniques, following parameters have been considered.
Accuracy: One of the important criteria for assessing a classification model's effectiveness is accuracy. The accuracy of a model is the number of right predictions it produces out of all the predictions it has made. It is computed as follows:

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Number of Correct Predictions}}{\text{Total Number of Predictions}} \quad \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots (7)$$

Sensitivity: Sensitivity assesses a model's ability to accurately detect positive instances among all real positive instances in a dataset. It is computed as follows:

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots..\ldots\ldots.. (8)$$

Specificity: Specificity assesses a model's ability to accurately detect negative instances among all real negative instances in a dataset. It is computed as follows:

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{TN}{TN + FP} \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots.\ldots (9)$$

Precision: Precision evaluates the model's accuracy in making positive predictions. Precision is useful when you want to be certain that positive predictions are correct, even if some actual positives are missing. The precision formula is as follows:

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots.. (10)$$

AUC: The "Area Under the Curve" (AUC) is a common performance metric in machine learning, especially in binary classification problems. The AUC is a measure of a model's ability to distinguish between positive and negative situations.

The simulation has been carried out in Python and sample input to ResNet-50 model and its output is shown in Fig. 4. The suggested approach is put into practise and all of the trials are carried out on a computer equipped with a Core-i7 CPU and 32 GB of Memory.

The confusion matrix of the proposed model based on ResNet-50 for detecting "Bike" and "Car" are shown in Fig. 5 (a) and Fig. 5 (b) respectively.

The Table 3 and 4 represents the performance comparisons of the proposed model based on ResNet-50 with other State-of-Art machine learning techniques in terms of Accuracy, Sensitivity, Specificity, Precision and AUC for car and bike detection respectively.In this work, Testing utilises a total of 12893 car photographs and 720 bike images, while training comprises 51574 vehicle images and 2880 bike images.

The F1 score of the proposed model and other State-of-Art machine learning techniques for classifying the "Car" and "Bike" is given in Fig 6 and 7. The figure suggest that, the proposed model outperforms the other State-of-Art machine learning techniques.

Performance Evaluation of Routing Algorithm
This section presents the simulation and performance evaluation of the proposed routing algorithm.
As was previously indicated, the suggested A∗ based route recommendation algorithm does not employ Euclidean distance as a heuristic function. Instead, a novel heuristic function is suggested. The Dijkstra algorithm and Euclidean distance are used to compare the performance of the suggested heuristic function. The transport network has been simulated using different numbers of nodes and edges. The transport network has a significant number of nodes and edges due to its large size. The heuristic function must be properly selected in order to expedite the process of determining the best possible path.In case the heuristic function underestimates the cost, the algorithm will explore the other alternative nodes that are undiscovered, in the hopes that a less expensive path may exist than the one being taken. However, this will result in the enormous transport network graph's nodes being explored in great numbers, which will increase query response times. Query response time is the amount of time needed from the moment the query is sent to the time it yields the intended outcome.Using "Pythagorean distance," the Euclidean distance calculates the distance between two locations. However, because most roads to any location are zigzag rather than straight, the "Pythagorean distance" between two points (i.e., two locations) in the transportation network is substantially less than the actual distance. Thus, using Euclidean distance as a heuristic function will result in an estimate of the cost that is too low i.e., it underestimates the cost.The suggested heuristic function explores a significantly less number of nodes than the Dijkstra algorithm or Euclidean distance-based heuristic function, despite all three suggesting the same path. The Fig. 8 shows the performance comparison of suggested techniques with Dijkstra algorithm and Euclidean distance-based A*. The number of nodes explored in the case of the Dijkstra algorithm and Euclidean distance heuristic function is clearly more than the suggested heuristic function, as seen in the figure.In the case of the Dijkstra algorithm and the Euclidean distance heuristic function, the greater the network size, the more nodes will be explored to identify the best path.

CONCLUSION

Theaim of this paper is todesign a congestion-aware traffic routing management system that route the vehicles based on the level of traffic congestion on the roads in a road network. Real-time traffic monitoring is crucial for effective routing, and in this proposed system, it is performed by detecting vehicles using a deep learning model based on ResNet-50. To effectively route traffic based on congestion status, an A* based algorithm is presented. In order to

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expedite the route-finding process, a heuristic function is formulated for this A* based algorithm. Through simulation, it is demonstrated that the proposed deep learning model outperforms other state-of-the-art models in terms of accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and precision in vehicle detection. As far as the suggested A* based algorithm is concerned, it performs better than alternative route-finding algorithms in terms of the query response time and number of nodes examined to discover the best route.

Declarations
Ethical Approval
In this work, ethical considerations are there in terms of regarding fairness and bias in routing decisions is concerned. We ensure that the system does notfavour certain demographics or areas unfairly in terms of routing.

Availability of Data and Materials
The datasets used in this study are available upon request. Also, the website link of the dataset is given in the Reference section.

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Table 1: Blocks and layers details of ResNet-50

Block	Layers	Filter	Kernel
Residual blocks (Stage 1)	3 blocks with 3 levels each	64	3x3
			1x1
		256	1x1
Residual blocks (Stage 2)	4 blocks, each consisting of 3 layers	128	1x1
			3x3
		512	1x1
Residual blocks (Stage 3)	6 blocks, with 3 levels each	256	1×1
		256	3×3
		1024	1×1
Residual blocks (Stage 4)	3 blocks with 3 levels each	512	1×1
		512	3×3
		2048	1×1

Table 2: Dataset Description

Dataset	Training	Total Training	Testing	Total Testing		
	Outer/Bike	Interior/Others		Outer/Bike	Interior/Others	
CAR Dataset [18]	30944	20630	51574	7736	5157	12893
BIKE Dataset [19]	1600	-	1600	400	-	400
BICYCLE [20]	-	1280	1280	-	320	320

Table 3: Comparison of Classifier for Car Detection

Method	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	Precision	AUC
YOLO V3	98.36	98.90	97.55	98.37	98.22
CT	89.12	90.84	86.54	91.01	88.69
ST	90.11	92.05	87.20	91.51	89.62
LSVM	96.47	97.58	94.80	96.57	96.19
CSVM	93.48	94.89	91.37	94.28	93.13
QSVM	97.78	98.35	96.91	97.95	97.63
MGSVM	93.17	95.06	90.34	93.65	92.70
FKNN	97.64	98.20	96.81	97.88	97.51
MKNN	95.00	96.48	92.78	95.25	94.63

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Cosine	94.80	96.44	92.34	94.97	94.39
Cubic	96.82	97.31	96.10	97.39	96.70
WKNN	96.12	97.10	94.64	96.45	95.87
Proposed Method (ResNet-50)	98.96	99.57	98.06	98.71	98.81

Table 4: Comparison of Classifier for Bike Detection

Method	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	Precision	AUC
YOLO V3	98.05	97.25	99.06	99.23	98.16
CT	89.86	94.00	84.69	88.47	89.34
ST	88.88	95.25	80.94	86.20	88.09
LSVM	95.55	97	93.75	95.10	95.38
CSVM	93.05	92.25	94.06	95.10	93.16
QSVM	97.08	96.75	97.50	97.97	97.13
MGSVM	91.66	90.25	93.44	94.50	91.84
FKNN	97.08	96.5	97.81	98.22	97.16
MKNN	94.02	93	95.31	96.12	94.16
Cosine	93.61	92.75	94.69	95.62	93.72
Cubic	96.11	94.75	97.81	98.19	96.28
WKNN	94.86	93.5	96.56	97.14	95.03
Proposed Method (ResNet-50)	98.33	97.5	99.38	99.49	98.44
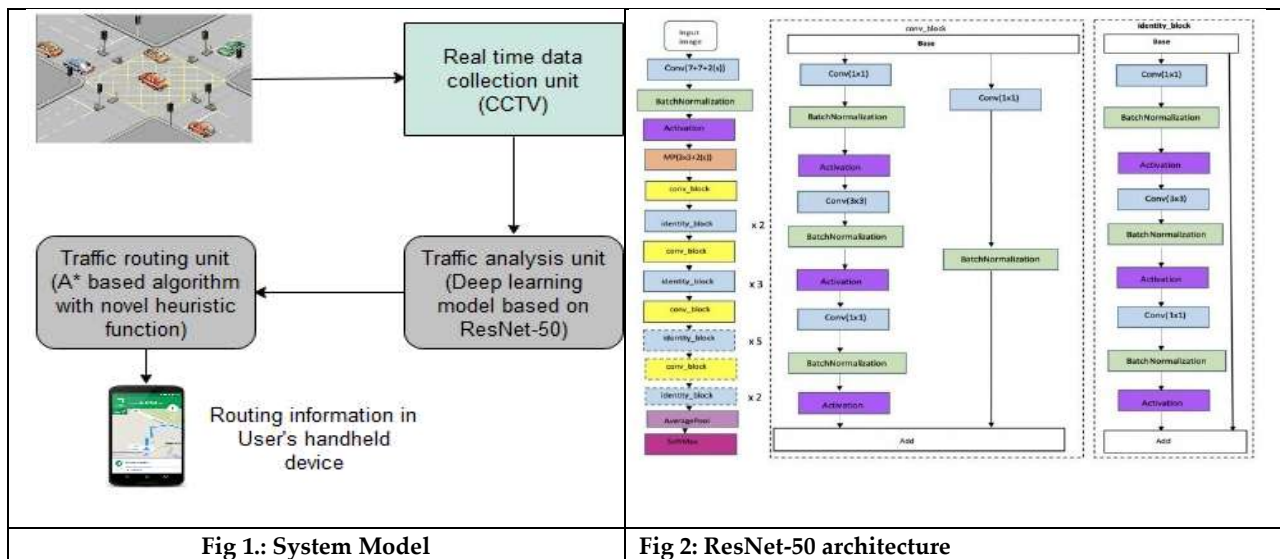
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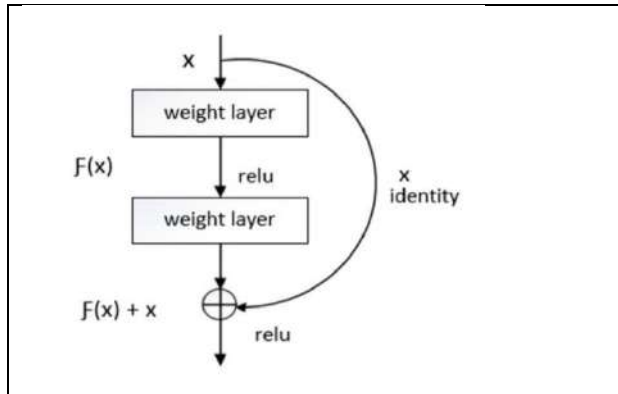
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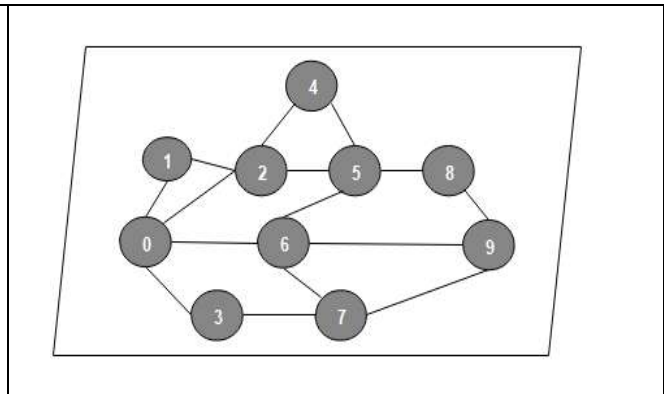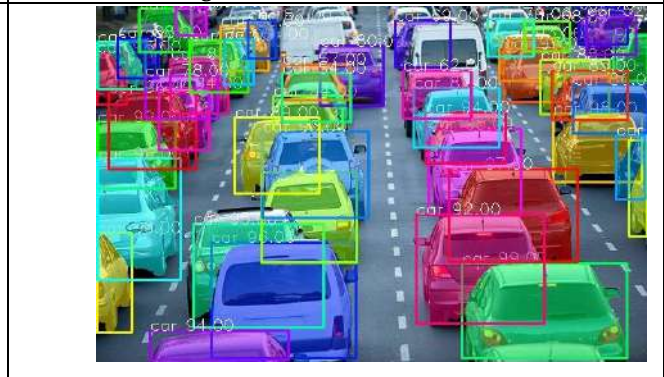
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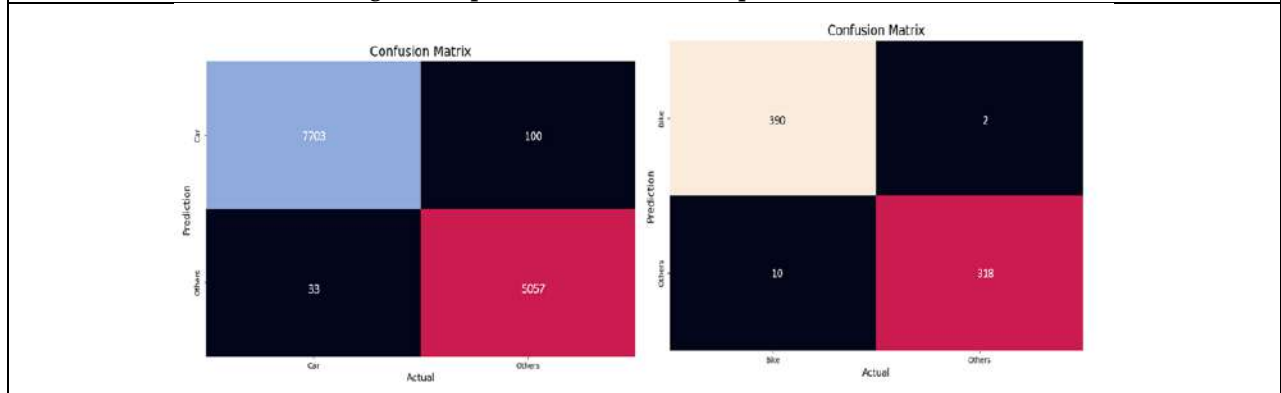
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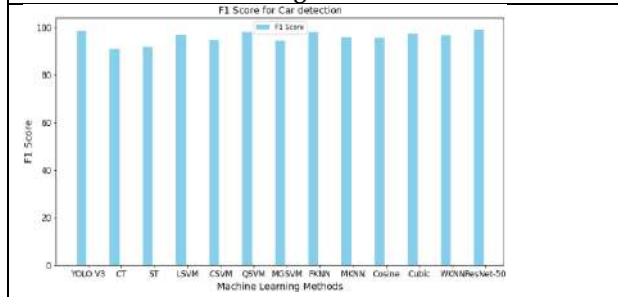
| **Fig 6: F1 Score for Car Detection** | **Fig 7: F1 Score for Bike Detection** |
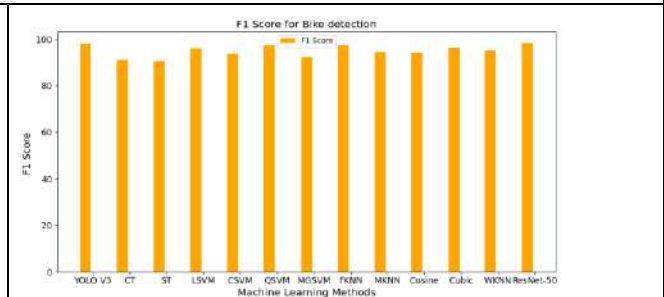
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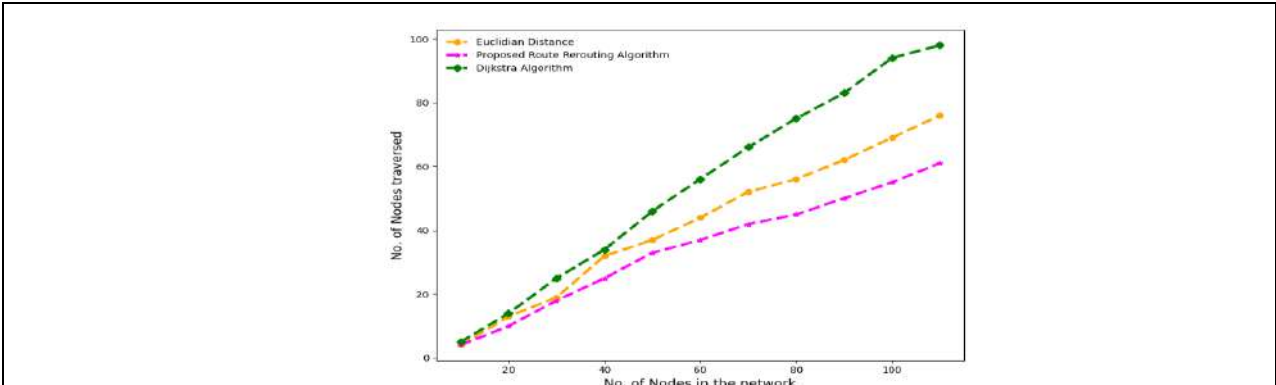
Fig 8: Performance evaluation of proposed routing algorithm

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Analytical Method Development and Validation for Estimation of Tranexamic Acid and Ethamsylate in Tablet Dosage Forms

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ABSTRACT

A reversed-phase high-performance liquid chromatography method is developed and validated for the determination of tranexamic acid Ethamsylate in bulk drug and marketed dosage forms. The chromatographic determination was performed on Shimadzu Lab solutionswith a variable wavelength detector. The separation was conducted using thermo-scientific HYPERSIL BDS (150 mm x 5 mm) with a mobile phase consisting of 0.1M phosphate buffer:acetonitrile (80:20,%v/v) ratio. The mobile phase was delivered at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. The eluents were monitored at wavelength 280 nm and found sharp and symmetrical peaks with retention times of 3.27 and 4.27 min. The method was validated for linearity, accuracy, precision, and system suitability. The method was found to be linear over the concentration range 10-30μg/mL, 10-30μg/ml, with regression 0.999. The developed HPLC technique is precise, specific, accurate, and stable. Hence, this study proves that the method is reproducible, selective, and suitable to be applied for the analysis of tranexamic acid Ethamsylate in commercial pharmaceutical dosage form for quality control applications [1].

Keywords: Tranexamic acid, Ethamsylate, reverse phase high-performance liquid chromatography, Phosphate buffer, Acetonitrile.

INTRODUCTION

Tranexamic acid is a cyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid composed of four aminomethyl groups. It is a [lysine] synthetic derivative used as an antifibrinolytic in the treatment and prevention of severe bleeding. It has a similar mode of action to [aminocaproic acid], but is about ten times more effective. It was first patented in 1957 and first approved in the United States in 1986. The molecular formula of tranexamic acid is C8H15NO2, and the molecular weight is 157.21 g/mol. Tranexamic acid is classified as a monocarboxylic acid. It functions as an antifibrinolytic and a hematologic agent. It is structurally similar to cyclohexane carboxylic1 acid. It is an antifibrinolytic agent.Ethamsylate is 2,5-dihydroxybenzenesulfonic acid, or N-ethylethanamine. It is a sulfonic acid derivative and an organosulfur compound. Benzenesulfonate derivatives are used as systemic hemostatics. The molecular weight is 263.31 g/mol. The molecular formula is $C_{10}H_{17}NO_5S$. (2). Ethamsylate is an antihemorrhagic drug that is thought to function by raising resistance in the capillary endothelium and encouraging platelet adhesion[1] [2]. It also prevents the creation and activation of prostaglandins that produce platelet aggregation, vasodilation, and enhanced capillary permeability [2,3]. According to a review of the literature, only a few spectroscopic and HPLC approaches have been published for simultaneous quantification of the aforementioned medications in single and in combination with other pharmaceuticals. Furthermore, there are no validated simultaneous analytical methodologies.

As a result, it is validated as a simple, rapid, cost-effective, and accurate for the measurement of tranexamic acid and Ethamsylate by ICH criteria guidelines.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials
Acetonitrile and phosphate buffer were obtained from National Scientific Products. The tablets were obtained from the local market.

Instrumentation
In this HPLC instrument, the PDA detector was used. The column that was performed for chromatographic analysis is the Hypersil BDS column [250 mm x 5µm]. The wavelength was detected at 280nm and used with the mobile phase of acetonitrile and phosphate buffer (20:80 v/v) [HPLC Grade].

Diluent
Mobile phase was used as a diluent.

Preparation of 0.1 M potassium di hydrogen phosphate buffer solution
Weigh accurately about 1.38g of potassium dihydrogen phosphate in 100 ml of HPLC-grade water and adjust pH up to 5.5 using sodium hydroxide [4].

Preparation of mobile phase
Mix acetonitrile and phosphate buffer in the ratio of 20:80 v/v. The mobile phase is degassed before use.

Preparation of Standard Stock Solution
Approximately 10mg of each individual drugs were weighed and transferred individually into a 10 mL volumetric flask, in which they were dissolved in ethanol and made up to 1000 µg/ml.

Preparation of working standard solution
0.1 milliliters of tranexamic acid and Ethamsylate were withdrawn from the stock solution, and the volume was adjusted by adding diluent.

Preparation of sample solution

The average weight of a tablet was determined by weighing four tablets. The weight equivalent of one tablet was then measured and transferred to a 100-milliliter volumetric flask. Ten milliliters of acetonitrile and ten milliliters of diluent were added, and the mixture was sonicated for 25 minutes before diluent was added to reach the final volume. Finally, the solution was filtered through a 0.45-micron filter.

RESULTS

Method Development and Optimization
These optimized conditions were followed for the simultaneous determination of Tranexamic acid and Ethamsylate in combined dosage forms, were shown in Table.1.

Method validation
To validate the method, the ICH guidelines for assessing analytical processes were utilized to determine linearity, specificity, and the required precision and accuracy, LOD, LOQ and robustness for the analyte.

SYSTEM SUITABILTY
System suitability testing (SST) is a method used to assess whether an analytical method is suitable for its intended use on the day of analysis. Ensuring the precision of the measurement process is crucial. The nature of the procedure being validated establishes the criteria for a system suitability test, which must be customized for a particular operation. A standard solution containing tranexamic acid and ethamsylate were injected into the HPLC system, and the standard chromatograms were used to assess suitable factors such as retention time, tailing factor, and number of theoretical plates. The six injections were used to calculate the peak area.
The findings are listed in **Table 1.**

Specificity
Tranexamic acid and Ethamsylate were compared to a blank, standard sample chromatogram to determine their specificity. Diluent solutions were prepared and injected into the chromatographic equipment following the test technique. It is conceivable to conclude that the procedure used is unique.

Linearity
The drugs Tranexamic acid and ethamsylate standard solutions in various concentrations (50%, 75%, 100%, 125%, and 150%) were developed. The calibration curves were built by graphing the concentration level against the corresponding mean peak area (Fig. The results reveal that there is a strong association between the mean peak area and the medication concentration level for tranexamic acid 10-30μg/ml and ethamsylate 10-30 μg/ml. It has correlation coefficients greater than 0.999, as shown in Table 2.

Precision
The analytical procedure's precision expresses the degree of agreement between a set of measurements acquired from numerous samplingsunder prescribed conditions. The six replicates were performed to determine the method's repeatability. And the experiments were performed independently. **Table 3**.

Accuracy
It is done at known amounts of samples at different concentrations, like 50%, 100%, and 15%, and its exactness was proved. It was calculated and presented in the given Table 4.

Limit of detection and Limit of quantification

The LOD of tranexamic acid was determined to be μg/ml, respectively. The ethamsylate was found to be 1.0-3.0μg/mL, respectively. And the LOQ of tranexamic acid were determined to be μg/ml, respectively. The ethamsylate was found to be 1.0-3.0 μg/mL, respectively.

Robustness

The robustness is done byaltering the chromatographic conditions of tranexamic acid ethamsylate, standard solutions were administered by changing the flow rate and wavelength. The flow rate was modified to 0.6 mL/min and 0.8mL/min, and the mobile phases was changed from (70:30 and 60:40). The data was represented in the given table5.

Assay

percentage purity of Tranexamic acid and Ethamsylate were obtained respectively.

CONCLUSION

A simple, precise Rp-HPLC method was developed to estimate TXM and ETHM in formulation. The materials were separated using a Hypersil BDS column (250x4.6, particle size 5m) at room temperature. As the mobile phase, phosphate buffer and acetonitrile were used: At 1.0ml/min flow rate. At a detection wavelength of 280nm, a phosphate buffer: acetonitrile (80:20v/v) was injected into the column. The improved approach was validated in compliance with ICH guidelines. According to the literature, there was a method for computing TXM and ETHM in tablet dose form at the same time. The developed procedure was unique, exact, and suitable to routine analysis [12,13,14,15].

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There are no competing interest's among the authors of this paper.

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Table. 1: Optimized chromatographic conditions

	PARAMETERS	CONDITIONS
1.	UV Wave length detection	280nm
2.	Column	Hypersil BDS
3.	Mobile phase	Phosphate buffer and Acetonitrile (80:20 v/v)
4.	pH of buffer	5.5
5.	Pump mode	Isocratic
6.	Diluent	Ethanol
7.	Run time	7min
8.	Flow rate	1.0ml/min
9.	Injection volume	10 µl
10.	Temperature	Ambient temperature

It is the optimized method development condition of mentioned drugs above.

Table 2: Data of system suitability

Injection No.	Tranexamic acid	Eyhamsylate
	Peak area	Peak area
1.	121456	533289
2.	121125	533456
3.	121380	534589
4.	122505	535625
5.	121568	533587

6.	121459	533812
Mean	121582	534060
Standard Deviation	475.9795864	891.465685
%RSD	0.39	0.17

Acceptance criteria: The percentage of Relative standard deviation should be less than 2.0

Table 3: Data of linearity

INJECTION	TRANEXAMIC ACID		ETHAMSYLATE	
	Conc(μg/ml)	Peak area	Conc(μg/ml)	Peak area
1.	0	0	0	0
2.	10	61078	10	266689
3.	15	91242	15	401256
4.	20	120136	20	533261
5.	25	151254	25	666587
6.	30	181205	30	804856

Acceptance criteria: The R^2 ought to be NLT 0.99

Table 3: Data of system precision and method precision

Injection No.	TRANEXAMIC ACID		ETHAMSYLATE	
	System Precision	Method Precision	System Precision	Method Precision
1.	120988	121567	533598	532698
2.	122580	121256	532589	532578
3.	120897	121493	534321	533562
4.	121205	122356	535789	535123
5.	121489	121659	533564	533456
6.	121525	121682	533568	533912
Mean	121447	121669	533905	533555
Standard Deviation	610.455786	369.9153507	1075.0318	925.7322327
%RSD	0.50	0.30	0.20	0.17

Acceptance criteria: NMT should be the percentage RSD for the peak area.

Table 4: Accuracy table for Tranexamic acid

%Level	Tranexamic acid				
	Standard peak area	Sample Peak area	%Recovery	AVERAGE	Mean %recovery
50%	534060	269721	100.74	100.77	100.41
	534060	269895	100.79		
	534060	269756	100.78		
100%	534060	533989	99.82	99.92	100.41
	534060	534856	99.97		
	534060	535010	99.97		

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150%	534060	787854	100.67	100.55	100.41
	534060	786897	100.55		
	534060	786125	100.44		

Table 5: Accuracy table for Ethamsylate

| %Level | Ethamsylate | | | | |
	Standard peak area	Sample Peak area	%Recovery	AVERAGE	Mean %recovery
50%	134939	67586	99.61	100.13	100.31
	134939	68121	100.38		
	134939	68114	100.41		
100%	134939	135789	100.16	100.05	100.31
	134939	135654	100.05		
	134939	135524	99.92		
150%	134939	199897	100.78	100.76	100.31
	134939	199856	100.77		
	134939	199789	100.72		

Acceptance criteria: The Mean % recovery at each level should be NLT 98% and NMT 102%.

Table 6 : Limit of detection and quantification

Drug	LOD	LOQ
Tranexamic acid	1.0 µg/mL	3.0 µg/ mL
Ethamsylate	1.0 µg/mL	3.0 µg/ mL

Table 7 : Data of robustness

| Parameter | Tranexamic acid | | | Ethamsylate | | |
	Rt(min)	Peak area	% RSD	Rt(min)	Peak area	% RSD
Change in flow rate 0.6ml/min	3.359	1303714	0.01	5.049	523585	0.01
		1303615			523612	
Change in flow rate 0.8ml/min	2.936	1303818	0.02	4.329	523814	0.01
		1303714			523915	
Change in mobile phase ratio 70:30v/v	2.873	1320951	0.02	3.837	534112	0.02
		1321534			534256	
Change in mobile phase ratio 60:40V/V	3.272	1321043	0.01	4.357	534225	0.01
		1321654			534189	

Acceptance criteria: The % relative standard deviation for the Peak area should be NMT 2.0.

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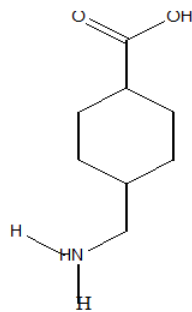
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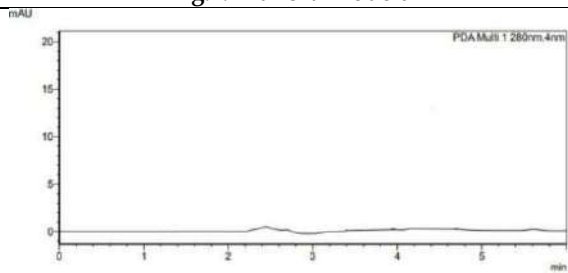
Fig.2: Ethamsylate

Fig.3: Blank chromatogram
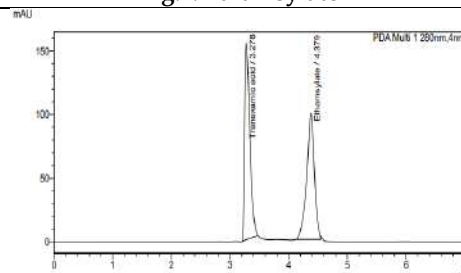
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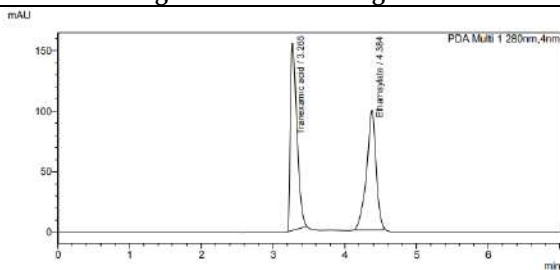
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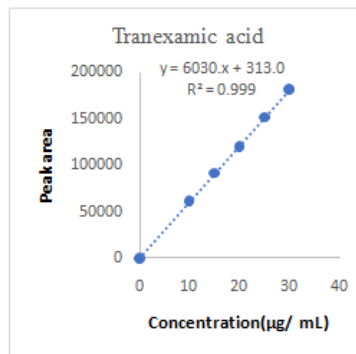
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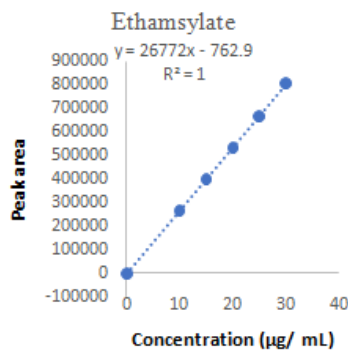
Fig 7: The linearity graph of ethamsylate .

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A Study on "Urban Working Women Investor's Perception towards in Various Investment Avenues

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the investment preferences and perspectives of urban women investors towards various investment avenues. Quantitative data analysis reveals the preferences and attitudes of urban women towards different investment instruments, considering factors such as risk tolerance, financial goals and familiarity with investment products. Qualitative interviews provide deeper understanding by exploring the underlying motivations, challenges and decision making processes of women investors.   . The finding aims to shed light on the unique challenges and opportunities faced by urban women investors, informing financial institutions and policymakers in crafting tailored strategies to enhance financial inclusion and empowerment among women in urban areas.

Keywords: Investment preferences, Perspectives, Quantitative Data, Investment Instruments, Qualitative Interviews, Empowerment, Risk Tolerance.

INTRODUCTION

An investment can be defined as an asset that is created with the intention of helping your wealth to grow with time and secure your future financial requirements. There are different options are available for an investor to invest. These different options are referred to as investment avenues. Household's savings correspondence to the total income saved by the household during a certain period of time. Women's are financially independent nowadays. Women's are actively participating in invest their savings by analyzing the various factors such as risk of associated with investments influence of family members and friends and the capacity of investing in modern and innovative investment avenues.

This has clarified the tax implication on the Mahila Samman certificate investments as it has received various queries in this regard. In the budget 2023 the government announced the mahila smman savings certificate 2023. This program is specifically for female investors, and on March 31st2023, the government published a gazette notice announcing the launch of a new small savings program.

Types of investments
1.   Stocks
2.   Mutual funds
3.   Bonds
4.   ULIP- Unit Linked Insurance Plans
5.   PPF- Public Provident Fund
6.   Gold
7.   Real Estates
8.   Sukanya Samridhi Yojana
9.   Stree Shakthi
10.   Annapurna Scheme
11.   Balika Samridhi Yojana
12.   Mahila Samman Bachat Patra

Recent study of urban working woman's in different Investment areas
Objectives of this study:

1.   To gain more financial markets knowledge to improve their financial literacy and skills.
2.   To diversify their investment portfolios across various avenues to spread risk and optimize returns.
3.   To achieve specific lifestyle goals such as buying home, travelling, or pursuing further education.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This methodology consists of primary data collection by using Google form with 15 questionnaires for working women. This questioner includes options like age group, occupation, primary reason for investing, various investment avenues etc... And Google form made available in online and secondary data consist of various websites, Articles and periodical journals and newspaper.

Limitations of the study

1.   This study only limited to working women's those who are locating in Karnataka
2.   Most of the women's spent their money on house hold expenses they don't keep it for their self purpose
3.   This article limited only to financial literacy women's not for rural working women's.

4.   Balancing professional and personal responsibilities may leave women with limited time to research and actively manage their investments.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

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Authors: Mercy Silvester & Vijayakumar Gajenderan
Objectives: To study the awareness level investment avenues among the working women in the study region.
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Authors:SARIGA.S1 , GAYATHRI.S.NAIR2 , K.G.RAJANI3 1&2 Final year M.Com Students, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Kochi, Kerala
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DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

Table -01 Shows Age group of urban women investor's
Analysis: From the above table it is that from the 20 responses collected 45% of women are between the age group of 20-30 years, 50% are between 30-40 years, 5% are between 40-50 years and 0% are above 59 years.
Chart-01 : Shows Age group of urban women investor's

Interpretation: From the above we can interpret that the age group between 30-40 years are more as compared to other age group.

Table-02: Shows occupation carried by urban women investors.
Analysis: From the above it is that from the responses collected 55% are salaried women,5% are self employed professionals, 10% are self employed non-professionals,0% retired and 30% others.
Chart-02: Shows occupation carrying by women investor's
Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that more number of women investor's are salaried that can make their savings in the form of investment in various avenues.

Table-03 : Shows Income scale of urban women investor's
Analysis: From the above table is that 35% of women are earning an income between 10-20k, 45% are earning between 20,-30k,15% are earning between 30-40k and 5% of urban women are earning above 40k.
Chart-03: Shows Income scale of urban women investor's
Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that more number of urban women investor's are earning an income between 20,000-30,000₹, who can invest their earnings in potential investment avenues.

Table-04 Shows percentage of women investor's invested their savings.
Analysis: From the above table it is from the responses collected 50% of the urban women are invested their savings in different avenues,45% are still not invested in any investment avenues.
Chart-04 Shows status of urban women investor's investment.
Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that majority of urban women are invested their savings in various investment avenues.

Table-05 : Shows reasons for investment by urban women investor's
Analysis: From the above table out of the responses collected 60% investor's invested their savings for financial independence,15% for educational expenses,20% for wealth accumulation, 0% for tax benefits and 5% for retirement planning.
Chart-05 Shows primary reasons for investment.
Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that majority of the investor's (50%) have invested their savings for their financial independence and compares to other reasons.

Table-06: Shows investment avenues interested in
Analysis: From the above table out of the responses collected 30% of urban women are interest in fixed deposits, 35% in gold, 35 in shares, mutual funds & bonds and 0% in real-estate.
Chart-06 Shows investment avenue/s interest in
Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that equal Percentage of urban women investor's are interest in gold and shares, mutual funds & bonds, which generates more income in the future.

Table-07: Shows awareness about Women Investment Opportunities.

Analysis: From the above table out of the responses collected 60% of the investors know about various investment opportunities particular for women and 40% of them are not aware about the opportunities.

Chart-07 Shows awareness about investment opportunities.

Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that majority (60%) of women investor's are known about various investment opportunities which inturn motivates them to carry various investment activities.

Table-08: Shows sources relied by investor's:

Analysis: From the above table it is that form the responses collected 25% of investor's rely upon newspaper & journals, 15% by consulting financial advisors, 15% by carrying research & analysis and remain 45% upon the advice from family & friends to determine their investment avenues.

Chart-08 Shows sources relied by investor's

Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that majority (45%) of the women investor's relies upon the advice from family & friends as their primary source to determine their best investment avenue.

Table-09: Shows current investment status

Analysis: From the above table it is from the responses collected 65% of the women investor's are invested their savings in various financial institutions and 35% are still not invested in any financial institutions.

Chart-09 Shows investors current investment status.

Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that majority of women investor's are carrying out their investment activities in many of the financial institutions. But still we have to create awareness and motivation among rest of them.

Table-10 Shows investment portfolio preferences.

Analysis: From the above it is from that responses collected 55% of women investor's preferred deposits, stock, gold, real-estate, crypto currency, 30% preferred gold, real-estate, crypto currency, deposits, 10% preferred real-estate gold, deposits, crypto currency and 5% preferred crypto currency, deposits, stock, gold, Real-estate as their preferred portfolios.

Chart-10 Shows investment portfolio preferences

Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that majority (55%) of women investor's are preferred to invest their investment in stable yielding sources like deposits, stock, gold, real-estate, crypto currency.

Table-11 Shoes impact of Financial Literacy

Analysis: Form the above table it is that from responses collected 60% of the investor's believed that their investment Avenue is influenced by their financial literacy and 40% are opinions that financial literacy doesn't influences their investment Avenue.

Chart -11 Shows impact of financial literacy

Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret the role of financial literacy on the investment decisions of women investor's.

Table-12: Shows reason behind apathy

Analysis: From the above table it is that from the responses collected 35% shows apathy due to lack of financial education, 20% due to Time constraint, 45% due to perceived risk and 0% due to gender pay gap towards investment.

Chart-12 Shows reason behind apathy

Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that majority of the investor's shows apathy because of perceived risk, but we can motivate them by educating.

Table-13 Shows responses towards associated risk

Analysis: From the above table out of the responses collected 35% of investors are some what comfortable, 25% neutral, 30% not comfortable, &10% very comfortable with risk associated in investment Avenues.

Chart -13 Shows responses towards associated risk

Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret majority (35%)of the investor's are little comfortable with risk associated. Since, investment Avenues fluctuates depending upon the market risk.

Table-14 Shows responses for government motives towards investment.

Analysis: From the above table it is that from the responses collected 50% of investors are motivated from initiative schemes introduced by the government and 15% yet to and rest 35% are neutral with respect to government schemes.

Chart – 14 : Shows responses for government motives towards investment.

Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that majority (50%) of the urban women investor's are motivated to carry their investment activities by the schemes initiated by the government.

Table-15 Shows impact on economic growth

Analysis: From the above table it is that from responses collected 95% of investors are opinioned that investment in different avenues will have their impact on economic growth of a country and 5% of them are not.

Chart-15 Shows impact of investment on economic growth

Interpretation: From the above chart we can interpret that, economic growth of a country is highly influenced by the various investment activities carried out by the people.

CONCLUSION

The conclusion regarding urban working women investors' perception towards different avenues indicates a diversified landscape. While traditional investment options like savings account and fixed deposits remain popular due perceived safety, they are growing interest in more dynamic avenues such as mutual funds, stocks, and real estate. Additionally there is growing awareness of the importance of diversification and long term planning among this demographic. However individual preferences, risk tolerance, and financial literacy levels play significant roles in shaping investment decisions. Therefore, tailored financial education programs and personalized advisory services are essential in empowering urban working women to make informed investment choices aligned with their unique circumstances and aspirations.

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Table -01 Shows Age group of urban women investor's

Age Group (years)	Percentage (%)
20-30	45
30-40	50
40-50	5
Above 50	Nil

Table-02 Shows occupation carried by urban women investors.

Occupation	Percentage (%)
Salaried	55
Self employed professionals	5
Self employed non-professional	10
Retired	Nil
Others	30

Table-03 Shows Income scale of urban women investor's

Income (₹)	Percentage (%)
10,000-20,000	35
20,000-30,000	45
30,000-40,000	15
Above 40,000	5

Table-04 Shows percentage of women investor's invested their savings.

Responses	Percentage (%)
Yes	50
No	45
May be	5

Table-05 Shows reasons for investment by urban women investor's

Reasons	Percentage (%)
Financial Independence	60
Educational Expenses	15
Wealth Accumulation	20
Tax Benefits	Nil
Retirement Planning	5

Table-06 Shows investment avenues interested in

Investment avenue/s	Percentage (%)
Fixed Deposits	30
Gold	35
Shares, mutual funds & bonds	35
Real Estate	Nil

Table-07 Shows awareness about Women Investment Opportunities.

Responses	Percentage (%)
Yes	60
No	40

Table-08 Shows sources relied by investor's:

Sources	Percentage (%)
Newspaper & Journals	25
Financial Advisor	15
Research & Analysis	15
Advice from Family & Friends	45

Table-09 Shows current investment status

Responses	Percentage (%)
Yes	65
No	35

Table-10 Shows investment portfolio preferences.

Investment portfolio	Percentage (%)
Opt 1 - Deposits, stock, gold Real-estate & crypto currency	55
Opt 2 - Crypto currency, deposits, stock, gold & Real-estate	5
Opt 3 - Gold, Real-estate, crypto currency, deposits	30
Opt 4 - Real-estate, gold, deposits, crypto currency	10

Table-11 Shoes impact of Financial Literacy

Responses	Percentage (%)
Yes	60
No	40

Table-12 Shows reason behind apathy

Reasons	Percentage (%)
Lack of Financial Independence	35
Time Constraint	20
Perceived Risk(fear of loss)	45
Gender Pay Gap	Nil

Table-13 Shows responses towards associated risk

Responses	Percentage (%)
Very Comfortable	10
Somewhat Comfortable	35
Neutral	25
Not Comfortable	30

Table-14 Shows responses for government motives towards investment.

Responses	Percentage (%)
Yes	50
No	15
May be	35

Table-15 Shows impact on economic growth

Responses	Percentage (%)
Yes	95
No	5

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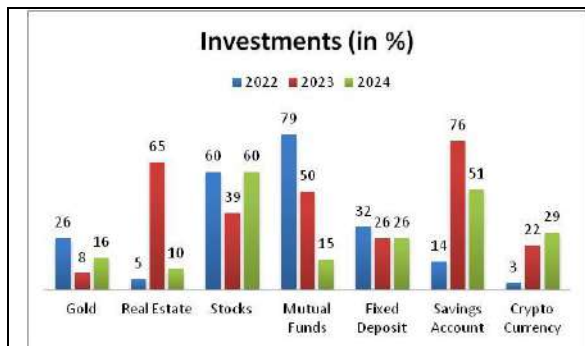
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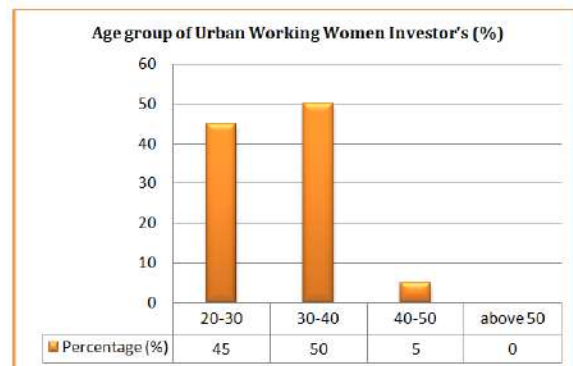
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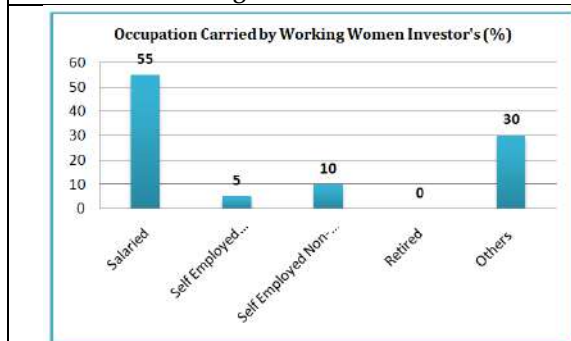
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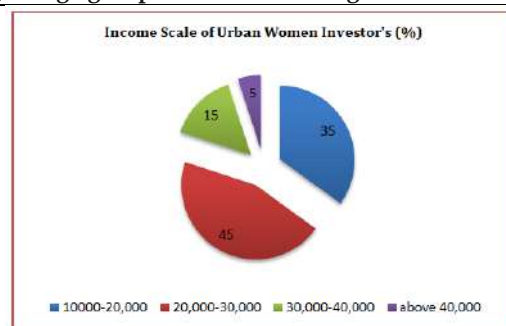
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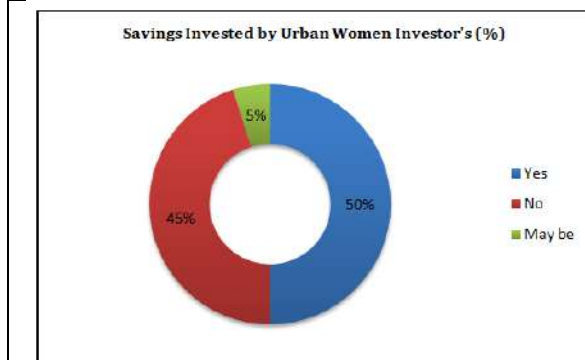
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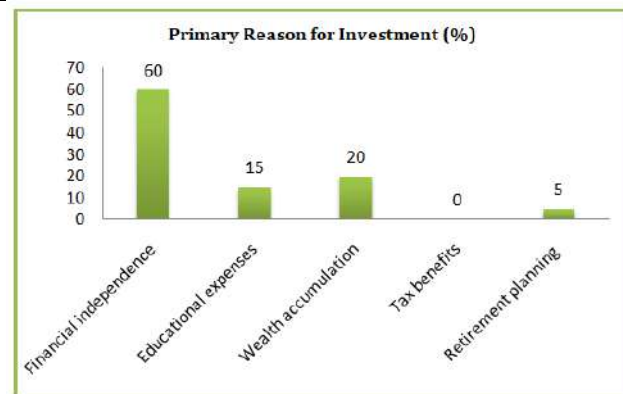
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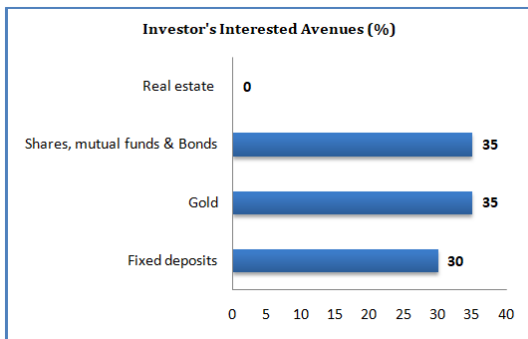
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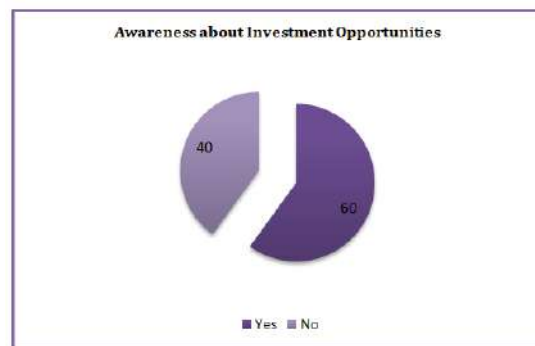
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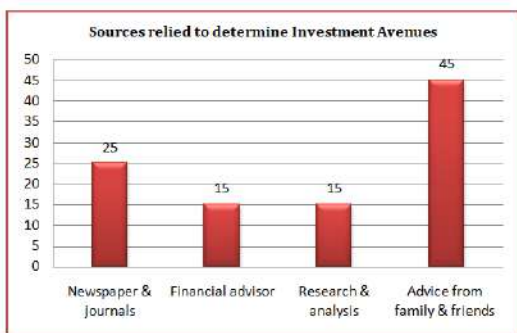
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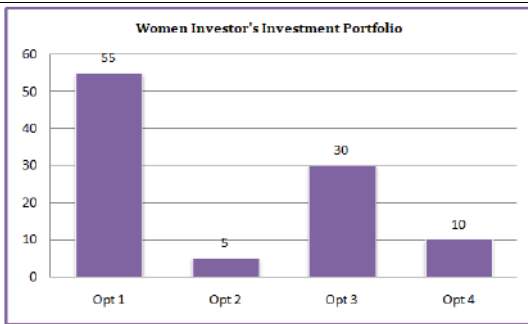
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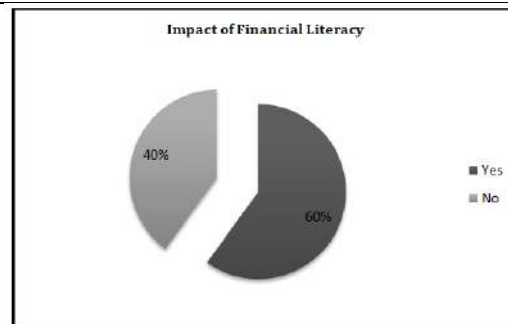
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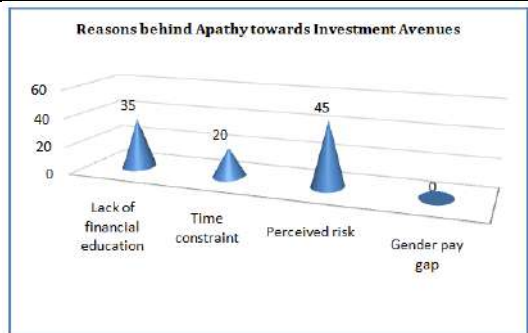
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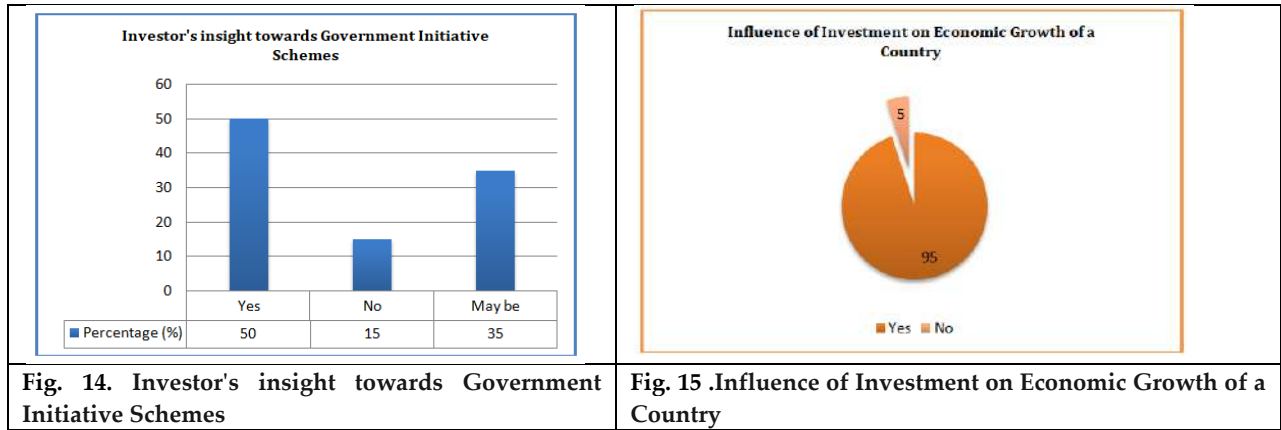
Assessing the Effectiveness of Green Marketing Initiatives: A Systematic Review

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the research is to evaluate the effectiveness of green marketing initiatives. The critical analysis of the effectiveness of different green marketing strategies has been a pivotal point in diverse academic studies, reflecting the dynamic nature of sustainability in marketing practices. In this context, the Theory of Planned Behaviour has been employed due to this theory can be efficaciously used to knowledge and affect customer behaviour in the content of "green marketing". The "primary quantitative" data collection method was selected for this study. The sample size of the survey was 55 and the survey tool contained 13 questions along with 3 demographic questions. The collected data was statistically analysed by SPSS software. The findings indicate a multiplicity of viewpoints on efficacy, highlighting the significance of a systematised framework for estimation. The study examines the variability in measurement tools and emphasises the majority of studies, highlighting the necessity for longitudinal studies to grasp the ongoing influence of green marketing actions. The role of marketing channels in affecting customer perceptions is also discussed, demonstrating distinction in answers across various platforms. This systematic review delivers an invaluable understanding of the fine landscape of green marketing efficacy. Hence, this study acts as a roadmap for investigators as well as practitioners, elucidating both accomplishments and areas for advancement.

Keywords: Green marketing, sustainable approaches, customer perceptions, marketing channels, customer awareness

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INTRODUCTION

"Green marketing" is also anointed as *"sustainable marketing"* or *"environmental marketing"*. As per the view of Alamsyah, Othman & Mohammed (2020), this is a marketing strategy that concentrates on boosting environmentally friendly as well as sustainable products and services. It concerns enlightening customers about the environmental advantages of these products and services as well as stimulating them to buy those entities. "Green marketing" has become progressively widespread in recent years as customers become more conscious of the environmental effects of their buys. Trade organisations have reacted to this transformation by integrating sustainability guides into different facets of their functions, including product creation, packaging, as well as promotion. As per the statement of Asih et al. (2023), "green marketing" contains a broad spectrum of initiatives, from designing environmentally pleasant products and employing recycled and renewable components to decreasing packaging and enhancing energy proficiency. Effectual "green marketing" also concerns transparent and evident communication with customers, emphasising the environmental advantages of products and services via promotion, public relations, as well as educational drives.

Implementing "green marketing initiatives" can present different benefits for businesses. These advantages contain improved sales and profits. As commented by Bañares, Silva & Rodríguez (2021), customers are inclined to spend more on environmentally pleasant products and services. In addition, "green marketing" can improve the brand image of a business establishment, linking it with environmental commitment and drawing eco-conscious customers. "Green marketing initiatives" can also boost consumer commitment, as customers have more potential to stay dedicated to companies that display loyalty to sustainability. Furthermore, these initiatives can assist businesses in lowering their environmental influence and becoming more sustainable, leading to environmental conservation and resource protection (Chen, Despeisse& Johansson, 2020). As environmental considerations persist to expand, "green marketing" is anticipated to play a progressively significant role in trade processes. By embracing "green marketing" approaches, trade organisations can gain a group of advantages, including improved sales, enriched brand reputation, as well as boosted consumer loyalty, while leading to environmental conservation and sustainability.

The noteworthy forecasted transition of the green technology and sustainability market worldwide from about 13.76 billion dollars in the year 2022 to an expected peak of almost 62 billion dollars by the year 2030 highlights a transformative change towards eco-friendly approaches. This wave, at a compound annual increase rate of 20.8 per cent from the year 2023 to 2030, reflects a proliferating market for sustainable resolutions.

The significant aim of this current study is to explore the effectiveness of green marketing initiatives.
    The key objectives for this present study are highlighted below.
- To assess the effect of green marketing initiatives on customer behaviour
- To critically analyse the effectiveness of various green marketing strategies
- To evaluate the influence of communication channels in green marketing
- To identify the challenges to the implementation of green marketing initiatives

The developed questions of the study are underlined below.
- What are the effects of green marketing initiatives on customer behaviour?
- What is the effectiveness of various green marketing strategies?
- How do communication channels influence green marketing?
- What are the challenges to the implementation of green marketing initiatives?

The developed hypotheses are underpinned below.

H1: There is a positive relationship between customer awareness and customer buying behaviour

H2: Perceived green product value has an impact on customer buying behaviour

H3: Marketing channels significantly influence customer buying behaviour

H4: Brand image and reputation have a great impact on customer buying behaviour

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LITERATURE REVIEW

Assessing the overall impact of Green Marketing initiative on the behaviour of the consumer
The assessment of the impact of the Green Marketing initiative on customer behaviour has been a subject of growing interest in the business and academic sphere. A systematic review of the existing literature reveals compelling evidence of the positive influence of Green Marketing on consumer choices. A study done by Chen et al. (2020) has consistently demonstrated that consumers increasingly prioritize environmentally friendly services and products. For example, a survey conducted by Green Research Institute in 2020 found that almost 72% of the respondents actively seek out products that come with eco-friendly labels illustrating a significant shift in the preferences of the consumer. This aligns with the findings of a longitudinal study by a company (2017-2021), indicating a study growth and an increase in the awareness of the consumer and inclination toward sustainable alternatives (ScienceDirect, 2022).

Moreover, the real-life data from the sales records of different leading eco-friendly brands indicate a notable update in the market share following the implementation of comprehensive Green Marketing strategies. Sales of the environmentally friendly product lines surged by 25% in the year, following the launch of a high-profile green campaign (Mohr et al. 2022). In conclusion, the literature overwhelmingly supports the notion that Green Marketing initiatives exert a positive impact on the behaviour of the consumer. Real-life statistics and data further underscore the tangible benefits for businesses adopting different sustainable practices, providing valuable insights for policymakers and marketers alike. Analysing the effectiveness of different strategies of Green Marketing The critical analysis of the effectiveness of diverse Green Marketing strategies has been a focal point in different academic research, reflecting the dynamic nature of sustainability in marketing practices. A study done by Frank et al. (2023) has delved into the nuanced outcome of different Green Marketing approaches, shedding light on their varied impact on consumer perceptions and behaviours. Examining specific strategies, the use of eco-labelling emerged as a key focus. Research done by Khachatryan et al. (2021) depicted those products with prominent eco labels experienced a 15% increase in the trust of the consumer. However, this approach was not without challenges, as conflicting studies done by Wang et al. (2020) noted instances of greenwashing when misleading labels undermine the trust of the consumer.

Similarly, the adoption of cause-related marketing strategies also demonstrated mixed results. While a study by Asih et al. (2023) highlighted an overall 20% increase in sales for companies supporting environmental causes, the other hand finding in the study done byRibeiro et al. (2020) emphasized the requirement for authenticity has consumers increasingly demanded a genuine and transparent commitment to sustainability. Furthermore, a comprehensive review of corporate sustainability reports revealed that a holistic approach integrating product design, supply chain sustainability, and corporate social responsibility positively impacted the attitude of the consumer. Notably, the different corporations reported almost a 30% rise in the loyalty of the consumer and an increase of 25% in their market share following the implementation of such integrated green strategies.

Evaluating the impact of different communication channels in Green Marketing The evolution of different communication channels in Green Marketing has been a crucial focus within the academic discourse examining how various platforms impact the perception and engagement of consumers. Research done by Demartsev et al. (2023) has explored the dynamics of communication channels while shedding light on their differential influences. Studies indicate that social media plays a crucial role in shaping the behaviour of green consumers. A study revealed that 60% of respondents actively engaged with environmental content on social media platforms suggesting the profound influence of these channels in disseminating green messaging (Gori et al. 2020). Moreover, different companies employing social media as an initial communication channel for their sustainability initiatives experienced an overall 25% increase in loyalty, as evidenced by the market share growth of Greentech Innovations during the period of 2016 to 2019.

Contrastingly traditional media, while still relevant, showed a declining influence on the consumer. Research done by Bañares et al. (2021) showed a reduction of 15% in the effectiveness of print advertisements and television in conveying green messages to consumers. This shift was collaborated by real-life data from the GreenAware advertising agency which reported an overall decrease of 10% in consumer recall of Green Marketing messages through different traditional media channels. Email marketing campaigns emerged as a noteworthy channel while a study done by Alamsyah et al. (2020) demonstrated a 20% increase in open rates for different eco-friendly product promotions. This indicates the potential of direct communication to foster consumer engagement in green initiatives. Identifying the challenges while implementing different green Marketing initiatives

The identification of challenges to the implementation of the Green Marketing initiative has been a critical area of exploration within the scholarly landscape. Different studies have developed into the obstacles faced by businesses aiming to integrate sustainability into their marketing strategies. One significant challenge was the cost associated with adopting environmentally friendly practices. Research by Sharma et al. (2021) indicated that 45% of the companies faced financial constraints in implementing green initiatives, with initial investment in eco-friendly technology and materials proving to be a substantial hurdle. For instance, different manufacturing companies that reported a 30% increase in production cost during the first year of transitioning to sustainable practices underscored the financial streams businesses encountered.

Consumer scepticism and confusion represented another formidable challenge. On the other hand, a study done by Urbanski & Haque (2020) revealed that 60% of the consumers expressed doubt about the authenticity of Green Marketing claims contributing to a lack of trust in environmentally labelled products. This was exemplified in market data showing an overall decline of 15% in sales for companies perceived as engaging in "greenwashing" - a phenomenon where companies falsely present themselves as environmentally responsible. Moreover, regulatory uncertainties posed significant hurdles. The dynamic nature of environmental regulations made it challenging for businesses to formulate long-term Green Marketing strategies. For instance, a study done by Folke et al. (2019) highlighted that 70% of the companies faced difficulties navigating the evolving landscape of environmental policies, impacting their overall ability to commit to different sustainable practices.

Theoretical framework

Theory of Planned Behaviour (TPB)

The TPB is a *"psychological framework"* that describes how people's preferences to achieve a behaviour are affected by three factors, such as "attitude", "subjective norm", and "perceived behavioural control". This theory can be efficaciously used to knowledge and affect customer behaviour in the content of "green marketing". *"Attitude"* is a person's evaluation of behaviour both positive and negative. In this context, a perspective towards environmentally pleasant products and services is paramount. Customers with a positive perspective towards these products have more potential to regard buying them. "Green marketing" techniques can seek to design positive perspectives by emphasising the environmental advantages of products, highlighting their contribution to sustainability, and fostering a sense of environmental commitment. On the other hand, as stated by Demartsev et al. (2023), *"subjective norm"* suggests a person's perception of a social force to enact. In the context of "green marketing", "subjective norm" is a person's perception of whether others they care about support or dislike their buying environmentally pleasant products and services. *"Perceived behavioural control"* is a person's faith in their capability to execute a behaviour. In this context, "perceived behavioural control" links to a person's faith in their capability to access, afford, as well as utilise environmentally pleasant products and services.

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METHODOLOGY

The *"primary quantitative"* data gathering process for this study concerns a structured survey distributed to an expected sample of participants. The sample size of the survey was 55 and a "Likert scale" questionnaire was designed. The survey was developed to collect numerical data on critical variables regarding the effectiveness of "green marketing initiatives". Sampling methods have been utilised to assure a mixed and fair presentation of the target population, and the survey tool has contained 13 questions along with 3 demographic questions to encourage quantitative study. Once the data was gathered, it was processed and examined utilising the *SPSS software*. This may be employed to explore the correlation between various variables, estimating the significance of forecasters in the content of effectiveness of "green marketing". As per the consideration of Folke et al. (2019), this type of data analysis has allowed the recognition of practices, trends, as well as statistical effectiveness in the gathered data, leading to a complete knowledge of the elements affecting the success of "green marketing initiatives". The outcome acquired through this strict quantitative technique has formed the foundation for attracting significant conclusions as well as informing evidence-based suggestions for trade organisations and policymakers in the domain of "green marketing".

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS
Demographic Characteristics of the participants

Gender Analysis of the Participants
The table describes the "gender distribution" of *55* respondents in a systematic review of green marketing initiatives efficacy. With *25* males, *20* females, and *10* opting not to reveal their gender. This diverse sample delivers a basis for gender-specific perspicuity. Examining gender-specific answers may reveal fine viewpoints on the effectiveness of eco-friendly marketing techniques. Comprehending these demographic factors leads to a more comprehensive evaluation, allowing investigators to determine possible gender-based interpretations in perceptions and behaviours regarding green marketing initiatives.

The pie chart illustrates that the majority of respondents in the study were female, followed by male, and those who preferred not to say, with 45.5% male, and 36.4% female are from the 35 to 44 category. Overall, the pie chart indicates that green marketing initiatives have the potential to be more effective when they are targeted at females. In the systematic review assessing green marketing initiatives, the demographic analysis of 55 respondents indicates a mixed age composition. The tallest percentage drops within the 35-44 age bracket, pursued by 25-34 years, 55 or above, 45-54 years, as well as below 25 years. This mixed-age representation provides a complete investigation of how different age groups encounter and analyse green marketing measures. Investigating age-related practices can excavate fine perspicuity into the significance of eco-friendly campaigns across various life phases. This demographic roughness improves the profundity of the study, promoting a finer interpretation of the influence of green marketing initiatives. The figure represents the age allocation of 55 respondents in a systematic review of green marketing significance. The majority of the respondents such as 36.4% fall within the 35 to 44 age range, deliberating a mixed sample. This age analysis delivers worthwhile perspicuity into how distinct age groups perceive and react to green marketing initiatives, supplementing the analytical depth of the study.

Income range of participants
The "income distribution" among the 55 respondents in the systematic review on green marketing efficacy delivers a complete understanding of the economic environments of the participants. The prevalence, including 36.4%, drops within the Rs. 21,000 to Rs. 30,000 monthly income range, pursued by Rs. 11,000 to Rs. 20,000 which is 18.2%, Below Rs. 11,000 which is 18.2%, Rs. 31,000 to Rs. 40,000 which is 18.2%, and Rs. 41,000 or above which is 9.1%. This mixed-income illustration assures a holistic insight into how individuals across diverse financial levels perceive and encounter green marketing initiatives.

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The "descriptive analysis" delivers perspicuity into key variables in the study, concentrating on "customer buying behaviour" as the DV and different IVs regarding green marketing initiatives. The "mean values" for DV and all IVs are uniform at 3.73, displaying a "central tendency" toward a medium level of impact across these factors. On the other hand, the little SD of 0.175, presents a moderately similar answer within the sample, echoing a uniform trend in the ratings of the respondents. The "skewness" of -0.787 suggests a scarcely "negative skew", offering a mild "leftward tail" in the distribution. The "kurtosis" of -0.425 is "negative", proposing a moderately balanced distribution corresponding to a normal distribution. The above "regression analysis" indicates an excellent fit with an "R-value" and "R-square value" of 1.000, indicating that the model, particularly exploring the leverage of "brand image and reputation", which is IV4 on "customer buying behaviour, which is DV, accounts for 100% of the conflict in the DV. The "R-square value" suggests the balance of variability in the DV defined by the IV, offering an excellent predictive correlation. This excellent fit indicates that in this model, "brand image and reputation" alone, ultimately specifies the variation in "customer buying behaviour", highlighting a substantial and direct relationship between these variables in the context of green marketing initiatives.

The "correlation analysis" demonstrates greatly considerable "positive correlations" among all variables. The "Pearson correlation" of 1.000 and "significance level" of 0.000, display a "strong correlation". "Consumer buying behaviour" is positively associated with "customer awareness", "marketing channels", "perceived green product value", as well as "brand image and reputation", each displaying an excellent correlation of 1.000. This indicates a constant and existing movement, representing that as one variable rises, the other variables also rise correspondingly. The "strong correlations" demonstrate the interconnection of these factors in the content of "green marketing initiatives", highlighting their collaborative influence on consumer behaviour in an adhesion form. On the other hand, a "p-value" of 0.000 compromises that the variables which are analysed in this correlation study are strongly correlated. Hence "alternative hypothesis" for hypothesis 1, which is "there is a positive relationship between customer awareness and customer buying behaviour" has been accepted.

For hypothesis 2, "perceived green product value has an impact on customer buying behaviour" has been accepted.
Hypothesis 3, "marketing channels significantly influence customer buying behaviour" has been accepted.
Hypothesis 4, "brand image and reputation have a great impact on customer buying behaviour" has been accepted.

DISCUSSION

The "systematic review" on the efficacy of green marketing initiatives, as displayed by demographic factors, displayed a multifarious respondent profile in states of gender, age, as well as income. As per the view of Widyastuti et al. (2019), this variety is fundamental for complete perspicuity into the effect of green marketing across various demographic features. The "reliability analysis" illustrated the highest standards of internal consistency, with "Cronbach's Alpha" values of 1.000 for all variables, providing the robustness of the measurement tool of the study. The "regression analysis" offered an excellent fit, with "brand image and reputation" describing the whole variance in "customer buying behaviour". Furthermore, the "correlation analysis" demonstrated a strong positive correlation

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among all variables, highlighting the adhesive influence of "perceived green product value", "customer awareness", "marketing channels", as well as "brand image and reputation" on "customer buying behaviour". Hence, one of the key findings is the variability in the portrayal and proportions of "effectiveness" across analyses, emphasising the necessity for a systematised framework. As per the statement of Chen & Yang (2019), the assortment drives it challenging to pull comprehensive conclusions about the triumph of green marketing initiatives. Furthermore, the review elucidates the position of communication channels in affecting the significance of green marketing. It concerns how different mediums such as social media, and conventional advertising mediums influence customer responses diversely. Hence, this discussion facilitates future studies to adopt a more cooperative practice, integrating quantitative as well as qualitative measures, and highlights the significance of evaluating cultural as well as contextual elements in the assessment of green marketing initiatives. Overall, the systematic review delivers beneficial perspicuity for investigators, practitioners, as well as policymakers employed in endurable marketing techniques.

CONCLUSION

It has concluded that the "systematic review on the efficacy of green marketing initiatives" highlights the dynamic and growing terrain of sustainable marketing practices. The existing literature discloses a sophisticated insight into efficacy, highlighting the essential for a systematised framework to simplify cohesive examinations. The pinpointed variability in measurement metrics points towards the necessity for a more complete and longitudinal study to measure the lasting influence of green marketing actions. The function of marketing channels appears as an important factor, affecting consumer perceptions and answers. As trades progressively adopt environmentally aware approaches, this review acts as a "roadmap", emphasising both accomplishments and drawbacks.

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APPENDIX: SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE
(Survey Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1d9J_SwPEYRYNwPhnxecMDIb7YxdFhMmeqzto87yeIes/edit)

1. What is your gender?
   - Male
   - Female
   - Prefer not to say

2. What is your age?
   - Below 25 years
   - 25-34 years
   - 35-44 years
   - 45-54 years
   - 55 or above

3. What is your monthly income?
   - Below Rs. 11,000
   - Rs. 11,000-Rs. 20,000
   - Rs. 21,000-Rs. 30,000
   - Rs. 31,000-Rs. 40,000
   - Rs. 41,000 or above

4. Customer buying behaviour estimates the effect of green marketing on purchasing preferences

5. Customer awareness estimates understanding of eco-friendly products affected by marketing actions

6. Perceived green product value estimates the judgment of customers of environmental advantages and satisfaction

7. Marketing channels evaluate the efficacy of various platforms in advancing green products

8. Brand image and reputation estimate how green marketing impacts prevailing company perceptions

9. Customer buying behaviour reflects actual purchasing decisions designed by green marketing efficacy

10. Customer awareness, exploited by marketing, displays the reach and influence of initiatives

11. Perceived green product value estimates customer premises in the eco-friendliness and quality

12. Marketing channels examine the significance of various platforms in designing green perceptions

13. Brand image and reputation consider how green marketing impacts prevailing corporate credibility

Table 1: Frequency of gender distribution

1. What is your gender?		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Female	20	36.4	36.4	36.4
	Male	25	45.5	45.5	81.8
	Prefer not to say	10	18.2	18.2	100.0
	Total	55	100.0	100.0	

(Source: SPSS)

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Table 2: Frequency of participants as per the age bracket

2. What is your age?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	25-34 years	10	18.2	18.2	18.2
	35-44 years	20	36.4	36.4	54.5
	45-54 years	5	9.1	9.1	63.6
	55 or above	10	18.2	18.2	81.8
	Below 25 years	10	18.2	18.2	100.0
	Total	55	100.0	100.0	

(Source: SPSS)

Table 3: Frequency of participants as per the income range

3. What is your monthly income?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Below Rs. 11,000	10	18.2	18.2	18.2
	Rs. 11,000-Rs. 20,000	10	18.2	18.2	36.4
	Rs. 21,000-Rs. 30,000	20	36.4	36.4	72.7
	Rs. 31,000-Rs. 40,000	10	18.2	18.2	90.9
	Rs. 41,000 or above	5	9.1	9.1	100.0
	Total	55	100.0	100.0	

(Source: SPSS)

Table 4: Reliability analysis

Reliability Statistics

Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items	N of Items
1.000	1.000	5

(Source: SPSS)

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Table 5: Descriptive analysis

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean		Std. Deviation	Skewness		Kurtosis	
	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Std. Error	Statistic	Statistic	Std. Error	Statistic	Std. Error
DV_Customer buying behaviour	55	1	5	3.73	.175	1.297	-.787	.322	-.425	.634
IV1_Customer awareness	55	1	5	3.73	.175	1.297	-.787	.322	-.425	.634
IV2_Perceived green product value	55	1	5	3.73	.175	1.297	-.787	.322	-.425	.634
IV3_Marketing channels	55	1	5	3.73	.175	1.297	-.787	.322	-.425	.634
IV4_Brand image and reputation	55	1	5	3.73	.175	1.297	-.787	.322	-.425	.634
Valid N (listwise)	55									

(Source: SPSS)

Table 6: Multiple Regression

Model Summary[c]

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	R Square Change	F Change	df1	df2	Sig. F Change	Durbin-Watson
1	1.000[a]	1.000	1.000	.000	1.000	.	1	53	.	[b]

a. Predictors: (Constant), IV4_Brand image and reputation

b. Not computed because there is no residual variance.

c. Dependent Variable: DV_Customer buying behaviour

ANOVA[a]

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	90.909	1	90.909	.	[b]
	Residual	.000	53	.000		
	Total	90.909	54			

a. Dependent Variable: DV_Customer buying behaviour

b. Predictors: (Constant), IV4_Brand image and reputation

Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	95.0% Confidence Interval for B	
		B	Std. Error	Beta			Lower Bound	Upper Bound
1	(Constant)	.000	.000		.	.	.000	.000
	IV4_Brand image and reputation	1.000	.000	1.000	.	.	1.000	1.000

a. Dependent Variable: DV_Customer buying behaviour

(Source: SPSS)

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Table 7: Correlation analysis

Correlations		DV_Customer buying behaviour	IV1_Customer awareness	IV2_Perceived green product value	IV3_Marketing channels	IV4_Brand image and reputation
DV_Customer buying behaviour	Pearson Correlation	1	1.000**	1.000**	1.000**	1.000**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000	.000	.000	.000
	N	55	55	55	55	55
IV1_Customer awareness	Pearson Correlation	1.000**	1	1.000**	1.000**	1.000**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000		.000	.000	.000
	N	55	55	55	55	55
IV2_Perceived green product value	Pearson Correlation	1.000**	1.000**	1	1.000**	1.000**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000		.000	.000
	N	55	55	55	55	55
IV3_Marketing channels	Pearson Correlation	1.000**	1.000**	1.000**	1	1.000**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000		.000
	N	55	55	55	55	55
IV4_Brand image and reputation	Pearson Correlation	1.000**	1.000**	1.000**	1.000**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000	
	N	55	55	55	55	55

**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

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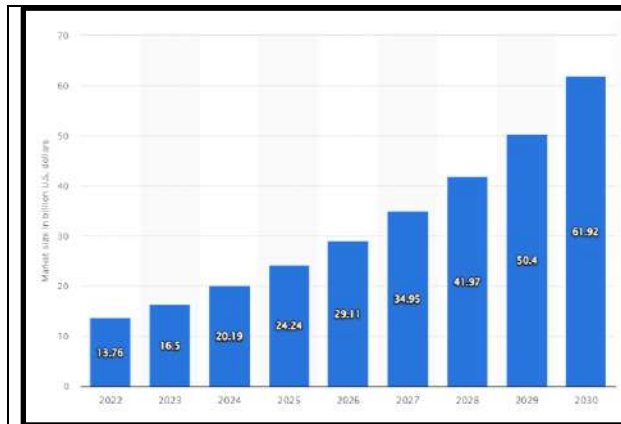
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Figure 1: Green technology and sustainability market worldwide, 2022-2030
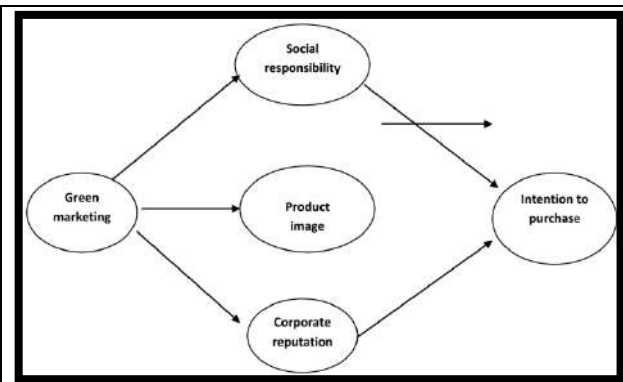
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Figure 2: Effect of green marketing on consumer behaviour

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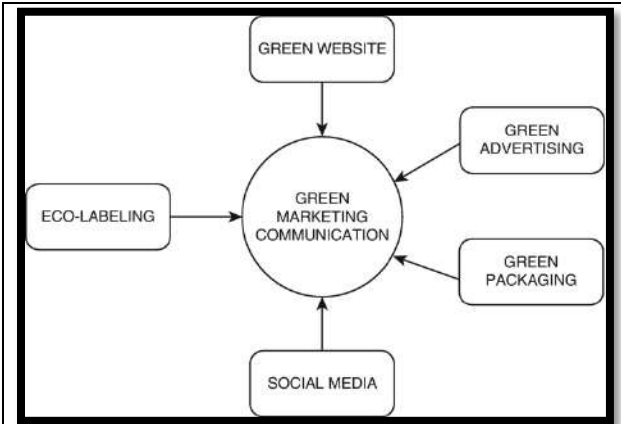
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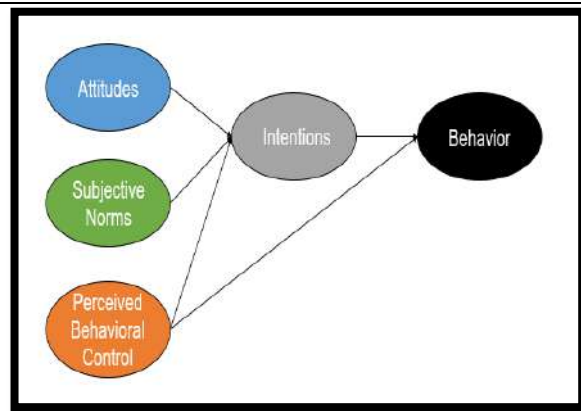
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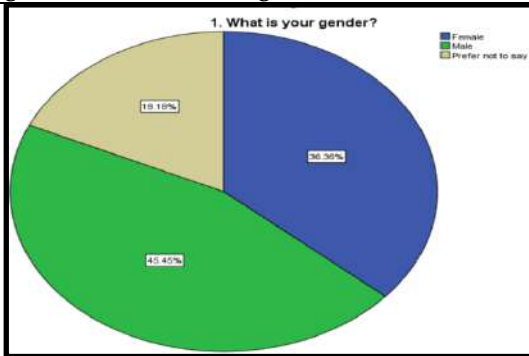
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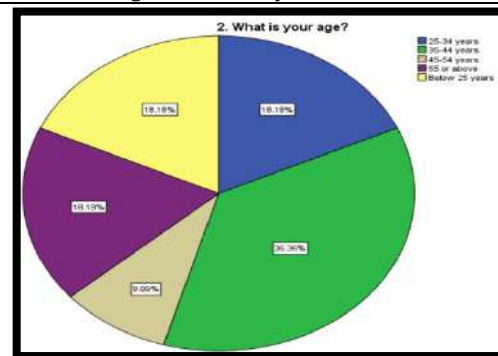
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Figure 5: Percentage of gender distribution

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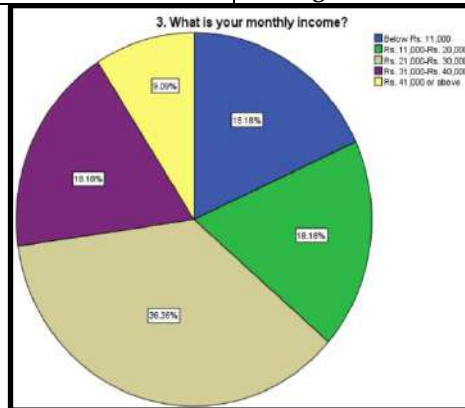
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Figure 7: Percentage of participants by income range

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Talent of Teachers: Does it Influence the Employability of Graduates in India – An Analysis

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ABSTRACT

Employee performance is measured in many ways, either by comparing with a standard or based on the satisfaction of beneficiaries. SERVQUAL is one of such standards in which the quality of service is evaluated based on the satisfaction of beneficiaries. The talent of teachers will be evaluated based on the response of the students. The methodology used in this research is 'comparison using T test' in which one data is self-evaluation of teachers and peer review are taken while the other is the student feedback. The T-test is effective in two ways in which the negative sign shows which data is higher and the value gives the quantitative measure of how much to improve and who should improve. The data is given as the difference in mean, the difference in standard deviation and t value.

Keywords: Self evaluation, Student feedback , T test , talent, employability

INTRODUCTION

National Education Policy (2020) is one of the effective educational reforms to improve the quality of education and to ensure the employability of students. At the graduation level, the education system is integrated with regular learning and vocational learning. In the graduation level itself, there are four levels- Certificate (First years), Diploma (Two rears), graduation (Three years) and Honours (4 years). It includes research apprenticeship and project work in the course. In higher education, inculcating of employability is the prime objective. Teachers play a relevant role in every learner's life as a catalyst to transform an individual from unskilled to a total professional through training, inspiring, motivating and mentoring in life. They are the gateways to self-reliance, career, performance and achievements. If the life of any successful person is analyzed, there are many influences on their life in which at least a few will be teachers as all learnt spent a large portion of their time in their early in educational institutions and they developed their career, talents, and knowledge in educational institutions. Education is the period at which an individual develops his/her identity in their professional space. Hence the facilities, and

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curriculum. The talents of teachers and the learning environment defines the capability of an institution to mould the 'next generation' with skills, knowledge and other attributes. Library, sports facilities, laboratories, and the quality of teachers determine the quality of students in developing agility, adaptability and adaptability. This emphasizes the importance of the talents of teachers in higher education. The management world was first introduced to the term 'talent' in the 90s when McKinsey''s spoke about „warfor talent" among companies. At an individual level, "talent is something typical that certain people have" (Garavan *et al.*, 2012). It has also been addressed as capital, identity, giftedness (Dries,2008). In an organizational context, it is described as individuals who can add value to enhance organizational performance(Tansley et al., 2007; Goffee and Jones, 2009). Redford (2005) describes it as "the collective sum of potentialwhen employees perform at their best" (p.20). Another comprehensive definition comes from Stahl et al. (2007)that suggest that "Talent consists of those individuals who can make a difference to organizational performance, either through their immediate contributionor in the longer term by demonstrating the highest levels of potential."

Talents of teachers
A few skills of teachers seemed to be good and they are, (1) questioning skills, (2) reinforcement skills, (3) variation skills, (4) explaining skills, (5) learning skills opening and closing, (6) small group discussion guiding skills, (7) small classroom management skills, and (8) small group and individual teaching skills(Gultom, Hutauruk, & Ginting, 2020). This will be possible only if a few teaching principles are discussed. They are,
- the ability to arouse the attention of students on the subject matter
- Use a variety of media and varied learning resources.
- Arouse the interest of students to be active in thinking and searching and finding their own knowledge
- develop students' attitudes in nurturing social relations,
- investigate and explore the differences in the participants individually in order to serve students in accordance with these differences (Arifudin, 2015)
- the guide helps to understand science objectively and reason,
- train students to help to involve students in thinking while solving problems or questions,
- to get responses and feedback from students on understanding and overcoming their misunderstanding
- appreciate and get a process of reasoning and solving the problem.

Talent development and retention in Higher education
Talent development in higher education is different from schooling level in three aspects: bridging the gap in knowledge and skill between academia and industry so that students can adapt fast and easy, understanding trends at the socio-economic level to form proactive strategies and train students and enabling the students to adopt the changes and demands to their career development and adapt to the industry easily. Talent development refers to an organization's efforts to "identify, retain, and deploy its talent in the most effective manner" (Iles et al., 2010) to maintain its position as a market leader. When companies invest in their employees' skill sets, they grow a pool of capable individuals from whom to meet their future competency requirements. It might be claimed that in the workplace, growing talent at the organizational level is impossible without first cultivating potential at the individual level. Since they complement one another, it is important to explain them both at the same time (Gallardo-Gallardo and González -Cruz, 2013). The demands of both the person and the organization must be considered simultaneously. TD occurs on a micro level, within each worker, as a result of their own personal interactions and the surrounding environment Gagne (2000).

Job Fit and Talent Development
Job-fit theories provide the basis of employability evaluation. Person-Environment (P-E) (Chatman,1989; Muchinsky Munahan, 1987) job fit is broken down into P-O (Kristof, 1996), P-P (Vianen- 2000), P-G (Werbal & Johnson, 2001), P-V (), and P-J (Werbal & Gilliand, 1999) dimensions. To be employable, you need to have the abilities that companies value. It's different for every position and serves as a yardstick to evaluate an applicant's viability for an opening. The potential employee's P - O fit (Person to Organization) will be a major factor in the company's decision to hire him. This research uses the Employability Skills Evaluation Model (USEM) to analyze employability skills (Yorke &

Knight, 2006) in terms of job fit theory based on responses from actual employers. Employability skills are broken down into four categories in the USEM model: topic understanding (U), skills (S), efficacy (E), and metacognition (M). The letters 'U' and 'S' are connected to the letters 'O' and 'P' and 'G' and 'V' and 'J' and 'E' and 'M' to the letters 'O' and 'P' and 'G' and 'V' and 'J'. This correlation is useful for assessing how each talent will be evaluated by the employer.

P-P FIT THEORY / PERSON-GROUPS THEORY 5.1
 Festinger examines the groundwork for how an individual develops confidence in his or her talents. People who often make comparisons to other people who are similar to themselves are more likely to have realistic assessments of their talents and views, as proposed by this idea.

The PERSON-JOB FIT THEORY (or "PJ fit" for short)
According to the literature (Edwards, 1991; O'Reilly, Chatman, & Caldwell, 1991), "personal job fit" (PJ fit) refers to the extent to which an individual's knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA) are in line with the demands of the work, or their wants and desires are met by the employment. According to the personality-job fit hypothesis, an employee's adaptability within an organization may be gleaned from his personality qualities (described in the 42 competencies). Person-Organization (P-O) fit describes the degree to which an individual and their workplace values and goals align. The term "person-environment fit" describes this phenomenon as well. An employer's expectation of a new hire is that the candidate would quickly and easily adopt the company's ethos, goals, vision, and structure. Throughout the recruiting process, a company will evaluate a potential employee's skills, experience, and personality to determine if he is a good fit for the position and the company culture.

P-V fit (PERSON – VOCATION THEORY)
One's preferred career path often contrasts with one's personality type. Personality, hobbies, and habits vary from person to person. According to Brown and Brooks (1996), Parsons believed that "if individuals actively participated in selecting their vocations, they would be more satisfied with their careers, employers' costs would decrease, and employees' productivity would increase." Many ideas on professional growth continue to be based on this assumption. Several of the current assessment inventories are based on Holland's hypothesis. Knowledge of Holland's theory is crucial to good career evaluation and intervention, and the need for vocational support remains high in academia, business, and counselling. Career and vocation evaluation is greatly aided by the theory's extensive and consistent collection of constructs. The goal of these many theories is the same: to foretell how well an individual's abilities and the needs of an organization will mesh.

York & Knight Employability Model
Yoik and Knight model (2006) explained employability in terms of five components- subject knowledge, skill sets , meta-cognition, personal qualifications and efficacy. The

METHODOLOGY

The business community in South India was polled with a questionnaire. Employers were also asked to rate the value they attached to certain skill sets of faculty members. The scores were determined using an eleven-point scale, with zero representing "no skill" and ten representing "highest level of skill." An eleven-point scale gives an accurate response. The response collected comprises of three levels: self-assessment, peer assessment and student feedback. The same questionnaire is used for all three respondents.

A sample size of the data: Faculty members- 286   Student feedback: 365
According to the Job-fit hypothesis, the employer's top three lists of desired skills—"Personal," "Core," and "Process"—have been renamed "Person to Person," "Person to Vocation," and "Person to Job," respectively. Individual differences in adjusting to work settings are taken into account in P - P (person-to-person) communication.

T-test is used in this paper to analyze the data as it is a comparative analysis. The results explain to which extent the self-evaluation of faculty members and student feedback are congruent. This is an effective analysis of teaching and learning forthe improvement of students. The second level of analysis was a comparison utilizing the 'T-test between the employer's expectation and the student's performance level as an employability score. The group of skills where the mean difference between achieved and predicted levels is greater than 0.05 is the set with higher values. A greater value in this study indicates that the students performed better than expected, whereas a higher value in the industry indicates that it has higher standards. Cronbach's alpha is used to measure the internal consistency of the data, and it is found to be more than 0.65. The KMO factor for EFA (exploratory factor analysis) was reliably more than .72 and it shows a moderate data adequacy.

Analysis of Results:. Based on job-fit theory, the expected talents of faculty members. "P-P" or "P-G" (Person/Person or Group) fit, as well as their "P-V" (Person to Vocation) and "P-J" (Person to Job), fits, were analyzed based on their class interaction, commitment to job and commitment to profession (vocation).

Analysis of Results

In Job theory, for a fresher, a recruiter evaluates three levels of Job- fitness – P-P or P-G (Person / Person or Group),P-V(Person to vocation) and P-J (person to job), under the assumption that a fresher can adapt with the P-O requirements after the training.

Assessment of Gap in skills expected by the institution and Student feedback

Table: List of skills in which there is a gap between self-assessment & student feedback

Variable 1 is the mean of student feedback and Variable 2 is taken as the mean of faculty response. It is found that the difference in the mean is negative except for interaction in the class. This shows that the mean of the response of faculty is more than that of the student feedback except for interaction with students. It is high for off-class students' interaction, motivation and clarifying student doubts. There is a significant difference in self-evaluation of performance and student feedback. It demands strategic action to reduce this gap as the expectation of students and actually delivered. But the positive difference in the interaction in class is a positive sign that faculties focus on more interaction in the class while supportive activities are lagging. In class delivery and lesson planning, the t value is not significant and it shows a uniformity in lesson planning and class delivery. It is an academic management merit as a standard policy and standard

A few skills are needed for faculty to be a master in a subject, especially in research. Research is an essential part of higher education to sharpen self and to engage the students in exploring learning in their domains to enrich knowledge. Numerical, language, subject in Knowledge, class engagement and class content. There is a significant difference between the responses to student feedback and the response of faculty. A negative difference in mean demands an improvement in subject knowledge.

The t value is not significant for the variables like newness in content, written communication, listening, clarity in concept presentation and practical learning. This shows that there is no significant difference in practical/experiential learning. But still, the negative difference in listening, clarity in a concept presentation, and practical experience.

Problem-solving, commitment to the job and updated knowledge have a negative difference in mean and this difference is higher for 'commitment to the job'. Students feel a need for more involvement in student development. There is a significant difference between student feedback and faculty self-evaluation.

In the case of accountability, explaining, critical analysis, subject application, justifying and arguing, creativity and adaptability, there is not much difference between industry expectations and the student's skill level.

Discriminant Analysis

The discriminant analysis explains the effect of nominal data on measured data. In this analysis, effect of two types respondents on talent of teachers on academic process.

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The discriminant coefficients have a clear variation in coefficients. The coefficients are higher for faculty members. This shows that a boost in own skills is promoted and projected more than the response of faculty. It shows over-confidence in own skills.

Influence of talent of teachers in shaping graduates

CONCLUSION

The results show that there is a wide difference in the perception of faculty in the quality and quantity of data distribution. There is satisfaction in the quality in learning practices while more attention is needed in the utilization of facilities and develop confidence in students.

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Table: List of skills in which there is a gap between self-assessment & student feedback

Table 1.

P-G Skills	Difference in Mean	Difference in Std.Deviation	t	Sig. (2-tailed)
Class control	-.0821	.5168	-3.144	.002
Interaction with students- In Class	.2000	1.5841	2.477	.014
Interaction with students-off Class	-.2078	.7928	-5.143	.000
Confidence building in students	-.0364	.3365	-2.120	.035
Mentoring and career guidance	-.0701	.4977	-2.765	.006
Communicating placement opportunities	-.0753	.5881	-2.513	.012
Clarifying student doubts	-.1299	1.0987	-2.319	.021
Inspiration to students	-.0857	.5547	-3.032	.003
Motivation	-.1974	.7517	-5.153	.000

Table 2

SKILLS P-P	Difference in Mean	Difference in Std. Deviation	t	Sig. (2-tailed)
Class delivery	-.0234	.4232	-1.084	.279
Lesson planning	.1117	1.2606	1.738	.083

Table 3.

SKILLS P-V	Difference in Mean	Difference in Std.Deviation	t	Sig. (2-tailed)
numerical	-.0625	.5123	-2.391	.017
language	.2396	1.2640	3.714	.000
Subject Knowledge	-.1380	1.1376	-2.377	.018
Class engagement	.0833	.5582	2.926	.004
Class content	.0755	.5475	2.703	.007

Table 4.

SKILLS P-V	Difference in Mean	Difference in Std. Deviation	t	Sig. (2-tailed)
Newness in content	.0573	1.1250	.998	.319
Written communication	.0130	.8317	.307	.759
listening	-.0391	.8277	-.925	.356
The clarity in a concept presentation	-.0496	1.2512	-.776	.438
Practical/experiential learning	-.0104	.9310	-.219	.827

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Table 5

SKILLS P-J	Difference in Mean	Difference in Std.Deviation	t	Sig. (2-tailed)
Problem-solving	-.2708	1.1650	4.555	.000
Punctuality	.1875	.8527	4.309	.000
Commitment to job	-.9115	1.6470	10.844	.000
Understanding the demand forcourses in both industry and academics	.495	.4025	2.409	.016
Evaluation of Student Performance	.417	.4066	2.008	.045
Updated knowledge	-.696	.936	2.032	.048

Table 6

SKILLS P-J	Difference in Mean	Difference in Std.Deviation	t	Sig. (2-tailed)
accountability	-.0026	.7665	-.067	.947
explaining	.0443	1.0425	.832	.406
Criticalanalysis	.0443	1.0324	.840	.401
Subject application	.0260	.3949	1.292	.197
Justifyandargue	.0469	.4984	1.843	.066
creativity	.0703	.7318	1.883	.060
adaptability	.0182	.3346	1.068	.286
Case analysis/project work	-0.236	.3212	1.212	.236

Table 7. Test Results

Box's M		69.545
F	Approx.	1.232
	df1	28
	df2	689775.267
	Sig.	.000

Wilks' Lambda

Test of Function(s)	Wilks' Lambda	Chi-square	df	Sig.
1	.941	12.288	7	.041

There are two nominal variables used and they are, students and teachers .

Classification Function Coefficients

	Type respondents	
	Faculty	Students
accountability	3.984	2.199
explaining	2.839	2.399
Criticalanalysis	18.761	18.562
Subject application	16.236	14.946
Justifyandargue	4.887	4.567
creativity	8.990	8.609
adaptability	11.551	.8.434
constant	-108.902	-108.593

 Fisher's linear discriminant functions

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

The Relation between Brand Awareness and Repeat Purchases to Develop Marketing Strategy

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ABSTRACT

Customers used to repeatedly buy commodities from one organization after getting assured of that organizational product. This increases the sales and reputation of the organization. This research aims to find the relationship between brand awareness and repeat purchases as well as the impact on the marketing strategy of the organization. Brand awareness is the depth of knowledge about the organization that influences a customer to purchase a commodity. The companies face different cost management challenges to develop better quality products at lower prices. The primary data collection method helps to get real data from the respondents. Quantitative analysis like SPSS helps to analyze the most effective variables that affect the research topic. The data have been collected through survey method and respondents answered the questions based on survey questions. There is a positive relation between brand awareness and repeat purchasing. The companies used to produce better products to get belief from the consumers. The organizations produce good products to attract consumers and to increase organizational reputation in the existing market. The development of qualitative products is necessary in a highly competitive market. This creates a good relationship between the organization and the consumer.

Keywords: consumers, market, research, products, awareness

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INTRODUCTION

Brand awareness of consumers develops after using the product of an organisation. The development of brand awareness depends on the experiences of the customer. This research has analysed the relationship between the development of brand awareness and repeat purchases. Consumers used to buy known products after having good experiences from using that commodity. Better quality of products increases customer satisfaction and this is the result of developing organisational reputation. In modern times consumers used to collect information before buying a commodity and this nature of the customers increases brand awareness. This research has analysed the effect of brand awareness on the repeat purchase decision and the way an organsiation utilises this marketing strategy.

Research background

This research has analysed the factors related to the repeat purchasing nature of the customers and the way it is influenced by brand awareness. Customers are making effective decisions to purchase a commodity as there are several options available in this highly competitive market. According to the views of Fiiweet al. (2023), brand awareness of consumers helps to make effective decisions regarding purchasing a commodity. Brand awareness denotes the relation level of a consumer with a particular demand. Brand awareness depends on the quality of products and services. This means that better quality products increase the satisfaction level of the consumers. Based on the views of Fauzi & Ali(2021), the repeatative purchasing decision of a consumer depends on the product quality and services. The chances of repetitive buying increase with increases in the quality of services and products. The development of product quality is the most important thing to increase organisational sales over some time. Customers used to buy commodity which has good strength and longevity life. According to the views of Bimaruci, Hudaya, & Ali(2020), brand awareness helps to know the best product and it helps to know the most value-for-money product available in the market. The development of quality is one of the most useful marketing strategies as there are so many companies which believe in quality service.

The above figure represents the most valuable electrical companies in 2022. The market capitalisation of these companies increases with time. People used to buy reliable products from the market and the reliability of the product attracts the consumers to conduct repetitive buying. The organisational reputation increases opportunities to get better feedback from the market. The capital value of Seimens Electrical Company was 800.83 billion and this is the result of increasing organisational reputation (Statista, 2022). This means the sales of an organsiation increase with increasing product quality. Thus, organisations need to develop better-quality products to increase sales. This research has compared all the thighs which increase the tendency of a consumer to buy commodities repeatedly from one organisation. Based on the views of Ali, Zainal & Ilhamalimy(2021), the development of organisational sales depends on the marketing strategy and delivery quality of products and services. This means the purchase decision of a consumer depends on the management system of an organsiation in terms of serving the product in the existing market.

RESEARCH AIM

The research aims to analyze the relationship between brand awareness and the repetitive buying of commodities and its relation to marketing strategy

Research objectives
RO1: To know about brand awareness and its effect on the marketing strategy
RO2: To analyse the impact of better quality of products and services on organisational sales
RO3: To know the challenges that occurred in developing a good reputation for the brand
RO4: To suggest the best ways to increase organisational brand value and sales
Research questions
RQ1: What is brand awareness and the way it is interrelated with the marketing strategy of an organisation?
RQ2: How does good quality of products and services affect the development of organisational reputation and sales?

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RQ3: What are the challenges faced by an organsiation in developing brand value?
RQ4: What are the most suitable ways to increase brand value?

Research hypothesis
H1: Repeat purchase depends on the brand awareness of the consumer and the ability of the brand to care for customers
H2: Quality of products and services affect the repeat purchasing possibility of an organsiation
H3: Repeat purchases also depend on the marketing strategy of an organsiation
Hypothesis analysis
The hypothesis of this research has been prepared based on the important factors which are interrelated with the research topic. The research has been analysed based on the dependent variable and independent variable. The dependent variable of the research is dependent on the independent variable. The dependent variable of this research is repeated purchase and it depends on the brand awareness, product and service quality, and marketing strategy of an organization. This research is important as this compares all the factors that affect the repeat buying decision from an organization. According to the views of Choi, Chung & Young(2019), repeat purchase increases with increasing the reliability of the product and the organizational reputation. This means the development of organizational sales depends on the interrelated factors related to organizational development.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Concept of brand awareness and its relation with the marketing strategy of the organization
Brand awareness represents the popularity of the products and services to the customers. It makes customer familiar with their products to increase sales in the market. Social media has been playing a crucial role in promoting brand awareness to customers. According to the views of Kunamaneni, Jassi,& Hoang (2019), brand awareness focuses on the familiarity of the customers to differentiate products as well as services from other competitors in the market. It also helps the consumers to make buying decisions based on their familiarity with the products. Based on the views of Dlamini,& Chinje (2019), brand awareness increases the brand value to the consumers and Customers can compare the products with the other products available in the market.   Customers can choose the best quality as well as unique products to differentiate them from others. It helps the Consumers to identify the brand through the brand's product, logo and name which helps the organization to increase brand awareness to the people. According to the views of Dewi et al. (2021), brand awareness represents an impression through which customers buy the products based on the familiarity of the products than another competitor in the market. Organizations have got more revenue through maintaining a high level of familiarity with the products to the consumers.

The above figure has shown the valuable brands in 2020 and represents various valuable brands such as Apple, Amazon, Microsoft, Google and so on. Apple has increased 38% sales in 2020 compared to 2019 and Amazon has increased sales by 60 % sales in 2020 compared to 2019. Google has reduced its growth by 1% in the year of 2020. This figure shows that Samsung has increased its growth by 2% than the previous year 2019 (Statista, 2020). This figure has shown the brand value of different valuable companies and their growth rate in 2020 compared to 2019.
Brand awareness is considered the most essential part of making marketing strategy of an organization. It helps the organization to build a brand as well as it helps to retain the number of customers in the brand. Popular brands have spent less money on marketing and enhanced sales in the market. Organizations can increase the number of buyers through familiarising their products with the customers. Based on the views of Wang et al. (2019), brand awareness can bring brand loyalty to the customers and attract the customers through providing quality products. It has an impact on the success of an organization by providing help to the company to build credibility as well as enhance market shares. According to the views of Lee, Jeong & Qu (2020), repeat purchase helps the organization maintain customer retention and enhance sales in the competitive market.   Organizations can make marketing strategies through brand awareness and it makes the people aware of the brand. Brand awareness helps the organization to get customer trust as well as influences the buying decisions of the customers to increase sales in the market.

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Effect of producing good products and services on the sales of an organisation

The production of good quality products and services has sold the products quickly which generates more sales in the market. It has affected the levels of customer satisfaction and meets the needs of the customers. Based on the views of Djan & Adawiyyah(2020), repetitive purchase increases the brand reputation as well as brand success in the market. Organizations have produced quality products to meet the high expectations of the customers. It reduces the cost of production as well as gets returns of higher investment and enhances the revenue in the market. According to the views of Manzooret al. (2020), repeat purchases can enhance the number of consumers in the brand and increase brand awareness among people. Quality management is an important part of the success of a business which helps the company to maintain its product's performance, reliability and durability. These factors help the organization to differentiate its products from competitors in the market. It makes the customer happy and gains more revenue in the market. Based on the views of Yu, & Lee(2019), repeat purchase has increased the popularity of the brands to the customers and provides more profit to the company. Good products increase the satisfaction level of the customers and influence the customers to buy products of those brands repeatedly.

The above figure represents the world's most reputable organizations which gain more profit in the markets. This figure has shown many reputed companies such as Rolex, Google, Sony, Intel, Adidas and so on. Rolex has gained an 80.38 score out of 100 in the market based on its reputation and Lego has gained a 79.46 score which is the second-highest score based on reputation in the market. These companies have gained more reputation through providing good quality services to customers. Canon gets 78.28 scores out of 100 and Google has got 78.22 scores in the market (Statista, 2019). These scores are shown based on the reputation of the companies in the market. Quality products have provided a competitive advantage to the organization by reducing the rate of returns and fewer complaints. According to the views of Sharma & Klein(2020), repeat purchase has created a long-term relationship with the customers through fulfilling the needs of the consumers. High quality has also brought a good reputation to the organizations and it increases sales compared to the other competitors. Good quality product is produced to fulfil the expectations of the consumers and it has provided high-quality products to the customers which increases the sales of the products in the competitive market.

Challenges faced by the organisation to increase the number of repetitive buyers

The organization has been facing challenges based on the increasing repetitive buyer numbers in the shop. Buyer has repeatedly purchased those products which can meet their expectation and this brand has increased the expectations of the buyers. It has created challenges for the organization to provide unique products to the customers based on the changing needs of the customers. Based on the views of Sollazzoet al. (2020), repeat purchase has reduced the cost of the organization to engage new customers and repeat buyers have spent more money on products which increase the profit of the company. There is a variety of products existing in the competitive market and customers looking for those products that give the best deal. It has created difficulties for the organization to engage the customers in the brand by providing the best services.

Organizations have faced challenges in providing quality products at a low price to the customers and it causes difficulties in the cost management process. Customer loyalty is an important factor for the marketization of the products and customer loyalty came through the meeting of high expectations of the customers. According to the views of De Block& Vis(2019), repeat purchase represents customer satisfaction which helps to engage more customers. Challenges occur in organizations while customers show more expectations and it creates customer engagement problems in organizations through constantly providing unique and quality products to the customers.

Theoretical framework

Consumer perception theory

This study is related to the consumer perception theory and this theory analyses the consumer's behaviors as well as the motivations of the customers based on purchasing products. Consumer perception theory has shown that organization can increase their sales by focusing on the needs of the customers and this factor determines the buying decisions of the customers (Yu & Lee, 2019). Consumer perception refers to the feelings of the customers about the

organization and it relates to emotions, opinions and thoughts of a brand's products and services. The organization has used consumer perception theory to determine the perception level of the customers and this theory is used to develop organisational marketing as well as advertising strategies for retaining the current customers (Sharma& Klein, 2020).

METHODOLOGY

The methods that have been used in this research are related to the primary quantitative method. The primary quantitative method includes the primary data collection and quantitative analysis processes. This research has been developed based on the primary data collection process. According to the views of Sollazzoet al. (2020), the primary data collection process includes a survey to know the actual thing that is happening with the respondents. On the other hand, the primary quantitative methods include positivism philosophy which helps to align the social data into a numeric form. Descriptive design helps to collect data systematically and increases the overall data quality that has been used in the research. This research is based on quantitative analysis and this helps to get the best result from the analysis of collected data. According to the views of De Block & Vis(2019), quantitative analysis is scientifically based and it helps to get adequate output from the research. This is different from the qualitative analysis as that analysis has explained the result based on the observation only. Quantitative analysis includes statistical analysis to get optimum results from the input data. Thus, the primary quantitative analysis process has been used in this research.

FINDING AND ANALYSIS

Demographic Analysis
Age
The age analysis is important as this represents the background information about the respondents. The above figure represents the age data of respondents. The age of the respondents has been divided into four distinctive age groups such as 18 to 30, 31 to 42, 43 to 54 and above 54 years old. The highest number of respondents attended the survey from the age group of 18 to 30 as they were 46.6% of the total respondents. This proves that those young people were much more interested than the other age group of people.

Gender
Gender analysis is important as this represents the participation of male and female respondents. The male respondents were 80.8% and female respondents were only 19.2%. This denotes males were more interested than females in attending the survey.

Marital status
The above figure represents the marital status of the respondents who have participated in this survey. The married respondents were 41.1% and single respondents were 58.9%. These single respondents were more in comparison to the married respondents in respect of attending the survey.

Statistical analysis
Descriptive Analysis
Descriptive analysis has been represented in the above figure. This is an important analysis of statistical analysis as this helps to compare all the factors present in this research. According to the views of Mace,& Lalli(2021), descriptive analysis represents all the things and helps to analyse the data quality. This means this represents the quality of data that has been used through its values. The value of standard deviation is important as this represents the deviation of data from the mean value. Thus, this analysis is important for this research to evaluate the quality of data as well as it helps to compare all the factors too.

Hypothesis 1

The above table represents the values of the regression analysis of hypothesis 1. The most important value that represents the relation between the variables of this hypothesis is the significance value. The significance value of this regression analysis is 0.001 which is lower than 0.5 and demarcates good relation between the variables.

Hypothesis 2

The above table represents the significance value of the regression analysis between the variables of hypothesis 2. The significance value of this regression analysis is 0.001 which denotes there are quite good relationships between the variables.

The above table represents the relation of the variables present in this hypothesis. The relation of the variables could be measured through the regression analysis. The significance value of this regression analysis is 0 which determines the relationship of the variables of this hypothesis is good. The above table is the correlation table which includes all important factors which are interrelated with this research. The correlation values vary from 0 to 1 where 0 denotes negative relation and 1 denotes positive relation between the variables.

DISCUSSION

The development of brand awareness is important as this represents the depth relation of the consumers with the organsiation. The repeat purchase habits of a consumer happen when the consumer starts to believe in the quality and service of the organsiation. According to the views of Fiiweet al. (2023), consumers started to buy products from a single organisation after getting reliable products and services. This means the creativity of the organsiation increases the confidence of the consumer to buy the product from the same organisation to get the best product. The intensity of buying the product from a single organisation increases with increasing the product quality of that organsiation in comparison to the other organisation available in the existing market. Brand awareness develops with increasing consumers who become dependent on any particular organisation. Based on the views of Dewi et al. (2021), the development of organisational fame increases the chances to increase the possibility of sales and reliability is the main component to get the support from the consumer. Reliable organisational product increases confidence among the consumers and they always prefer to buy the commodity from that particular organisation.

This research has discussed all the interrelatedness of the research topic and all the objectives have been connected with the part of the literature review. The objectives of the research have been discussed in the literature review to make this research more meaningful and connected. The repeat purchase decision depends on the product and services that have been received by a consumer in the earlier time from that organsiation. As per the views of Wanget al. (2019), brand awareness developed with the development of a better management system of the organsiation. This means the confidence of the organisation increases with increased quality of the product as well as technological support to dominate the other organsiation in the market. This research has analysed that the consumers buy the product repetitively when they get confidence in the product quality. Based on the views of Manzooret al. (2020), the users of the commodities could understand the quality and they repetitively buy the same commodity after getting satisfaction. There are several organisations used to develop better quality products to increase their brand fame and increase their sales quantity. This process has been used to increase organisational sales. This is one of the important marketing strategies as this helps the organization to develop the business for the long term.

CONCLUSION

This research is based on the repeat purchasing possibility of an organsiation and the factors which affect the purchasing decision of a customer. The organisation used to develop a better marketing strategy by developing better quality products. This increases the interest and confidence of the consumer to buy the product from the same

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organsiation. This research is important as this helps to understand the demand for quality products in the existing market. On the other hand, the importance of product quality is high to attract consumers to the organisation. This marketing strategy is followed by a maximum reputed organsiation presence in the whole world.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Survey Link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwZaKTst-pbGq8REfyCfQiMCHcVOq296KlTeS56Vp35VGEKg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Appendix 2: Survey questions

1. What is your age?
2. What is your gender?
3. What is your marital status?

DV: Repeat purchase

4. Repeat purchase decision of a consumer depend on the past experiences from that organization
5. Repeat purchase of a consumer means the consumer was satisfied from the product

IV1: Brand awareness

6. The sales of an organization increases with increasing brand awareness
7. The development of brand awareness is possible through the implication of effective advertisement
8. The brand awareness also increases with the age of the brand and its business periphery

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IV2: Quality of product and services

9. Better quality of products attracts the customers toward the commodity and it increases organizational sales

10. Better quality of products increases the possibility of increasing the brand awareness as well as it influence the consumers to buy the commodity repeatedly

IV3: Marketing strategies

11. Marketing strategies increases brand awareness and it directly influence the buyer the buy the commodity

12. Production of good quality of products is one type of marketing strategy to increase the organizational sales

13. The development of the organizational sales is totally depend on the marketing strategies and this varies from one organization to another organization

Table 1: Age of participants

What is your age?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18 to 30	34	46.6	46.6	46.6
	31 to 42	20	27.4	27.4	74.0
	43 to 54	14	19.2	19.2	93.2
	Above 54	5	6.8	6.8	100.0
	Total	73	100.0	100.0	

(Source: IBM SPSS)

Table 2: Gender of participants

What is your gender?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Female	14	19.2	19.2	19.2
	Male	59	80.8	80.8	100.0
	Total	73	100.0	100.0	

(Source: IBM SPSS)

Table 3: Marital status

What is your marital status?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Married	30	41.1	41.1	41.1
	Single	43	58.9	58.9	100.0
	Total	73	100.0	100.0	

(Source: IBM SPSS)

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Table 4: Descriptive analysis of the variables

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Range	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation	Skewness		Kurtosis	
	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Std. Error	Statistic	Std. Error
DV	73	5.00	5.00	10.00	8.6575	1.72578	-1.200	.281	.172	.555
IV1	73	11.00	4.00	15.00	12.7534	3.60471	-1.936	.281	2.189	.555
IV2	73	8.00	2.00	10.00	8.1781	2.38247	-1.839	.281	2.073	.555
IV3	73	12.00	3.00	15.00	12.3562	3.42122	-1.762	.281	2.116	.555
Valid N (listwise)	73									

(Source: IBM SPSS)

Table 5: Linear regression analysis of hypothesis 1

Model Summary[b]

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	R Square Change	F Change	df1	df2	Sig. F Change	Durbin-Watson
1	.379[a]	.144	.132	1.60811	.144	11.922	1	71	.001	1.882

a. Predictors: (Constant), IV1
b. Dependent Variable: DV

ANOVA[a]

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	30.831	1	30.831	11.922	.001[b]
	Residual	183.608	71	2.586		
	Total	214.438	72			

a. Dependent Variable: DV
b. Predictors: (Constant), IV1

Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	6.342	.696		9.107	.000
	IV1	.182	.053	.379	3.453	.001

a. Dependent Variable: DV

(Source: IBM SPSS)

Table 6: Regression analysis for Hypothesis 2

Model Summary[b]

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	R Square Change	F Change	df1	df2	Sig. F Change	Durbin-Watson
1	.393[a]	.155	.143	1.59778	.155	12.998	1	71	.001	1.920

a. Predictors: (Constant), IV2
b. Dependent Variable: DV

ANOVA[a]

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	33.182	1	33.182	12.998	.001[b]
	Residual	181.256	71	2.553		
	Total	214.438	72			

a. Dependent Variable: DV
b. Predictors: (Constant), IV2

Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	6.327	.673		9.403	.000
	IV2	.285	.079	.393	3.605	.001

a. Dependent Variable: DV

(Source: IBM SPSS)

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Table 7: Regression analysis for Hypothesis 3

Model Summaryb

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	R Square Change	F Change	df1	df2	Sig. F Change	Durbin-Watson
					Change Statistics					
1	.409a	.167	.156	1.58582	.167	14.270	1	71	.000	1.872

a. Predictors: (Constant), IV3

b. Dependent Variable: DV

ANOVAa

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	35.886	1	35.886	14.270	.000b
	Residual	178.552	71	2.515		
	Total	214.438	72			

a. Dependent Variable: DV

b. Predictors: (Constant), IV3

Coefficientsa

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	6.108	.700		8.725	.000
	IV3	.206	.055	.409	3.778	.000

a. Dependent Variable: DV

(Source: IBM SPSS)

Table 8: Correlation test of the research

Correlations

		DV	IV1	IV2	IV3
DV	Pearson Correlation	1	.379**	.393**	.409**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.001	.001	.000
	N	73	73	73	73
IV1	Pearson Correlation	.379**	1	.953**	.913**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.001		.000	.000
	N	73	73	73	73
IV2	Pearson Correlation	.393**	.953**	1	.914**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.001	.000		.000
	N	73	73	73	73
IV3	Pearson Correlation	.409**	.913**	.914**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	
	N	73	73	73	73

(Source: IBM SPSS)

RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Study on Impact of Advanced Agri Technology on Agricultural Productivity with Reference to Crop in Technology Solutions in Karnataka – The Next Gen Farming

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ABSTRACT

If you concentrate on development, you will see that the expansion of agriculture is a crucial first step toward the development and transformation of the economy. Despite the many obstacles that modern agriculture confronts as a result of a more globalized world, it continues to be the main driver of growth and the foundation of the economies of the majority of nations. Despite being the backbone of the economy, agriculture faces several obstacles, including rising supply costs, a labor scarcity, and, most importantly, technical backwardness. A firm called Cropin Technology Solutions offers technical assistance to the same. The study's primary goals are to assess the usefulness of crop-in technology in agriculture's day-to-day operations and compare the advantages for farmers using it against not. The paper's focus is limited to Karnataka, but there is still room to study other regions of India.

Keywords: Agriculture, Agriculture Machine, Artificial Intelligence, CropIn, Technology.

INTRODUCTION

If you keep development in mind, you'll see that the expansion of agriculture is a crucial first step towards the development and transformation of the economy. Despite the many difficulties that modern agriculture faces as a result of a more globalised world, it continues to lead as the primary driver of development and remains the foundation of the economies of most nations. In contemporary agriculture, innovation is more crucial than ever. Massive obstacles confront the sector as a whole, including growing labor costs, shifting customer expectations toward sustainability and transparency, and increasing supply prices. Corporations involved in agriculture are

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beginning to realize that these problems need answers. Investment in agricultural technology has increased dramatically over the last ten years; in the previous five years alone, $6.7 billion and $1.9 billion have been spent. Significant technological advancements in the field have centered on precision agriculture and artificial intelligence, block chain, automation and robotics, livestock technology, indoor vertical farming, and contemporary greenhouse techniques. The term "agricultural technology" describes technology utilized in the manufacturing of farm machinery. Nearly every phase of the agricultural process has its own set of agricultural machinery. These consist of devices for tilling the ground, sowing seeds, watering the vegetation, raising crops, shielding them from weeds and pests, gathering, threshing grain, feeding cattle, and classifying and packing the final goods. Agricultural engineers are those who have received training in designing buildings, machines, and other agricultural equipment.

Technological developments have accelerated dramatically in the last several decades, especially with the emergence of the Internet and its practical uses. Technology has impacted every element of human existence, including education, communication, food, health, and leisure, if we take a moment to pause and look around. With all of its shapes and forms, technology is helping people do more with less and has given them even more of a platform on which to develop. Big data is exploding all around us as a consequence of this quickening technological boom. Structured and unstructured data that is too "big" to be handled by conventional data processing tools is referred to as big data. The volume, velocity, variety, veracity, and value—the five Vs—that make up this term's magnitude define its "big" component. Large amounts of data are being generated daily by these devices due to the continual rise in the usage of mobile and Internet of Things technologies. According to a recent research by International Data Corporation (IDC)(1), there will be 41.6 billion connected IoT devices by 2025, and those devices will produce 79.4 zettabytes (ZB) of data. Just a small portion of the projected 79 ZB of digital information that is thoroughly analyzed to provide business intelligence globally consists of the images we take with the newest smartphones, the food habits we track with fitness and health apps, our browser history in online applications, our commands to smart devices and home automation, our social media activity, and the videos taken by surveillance units. Farm machinery, crop sensors, GPS use in the field, biotechnology, precision farming, yield prediction, risk mitigation, loss reduction, sustainable farming, and many more technologies are employed in contemporary agriculture today.

Company profile

Software solutions are offered by CropIn Technology Solutions Private Limited. For real-time reporting, analysis, interpretation, and insight that cuts across borders in agribusinesses, the company provides farm management software. India is the clientele that CropIn Technology Solutions services. Agribusinesses in India and outside may use CropIn's SaaS-based services, which allow partners to assess, decipher, and get real-time information on crops and farms in order to promptly implement remedial actions. Future-ready agricultural solutions are provided by CropIn, an intelligent, self-evolving technology that is intuitive and clever. It provides agribusinesses with decisive decision-making tools that increase consistency, reliability, and sustainability. CropIn is data-managing the ecosystem as a whole and digitizing each farm.
The Company's products include
Smart Farm: Incorporates end to end operations, guidance system and alerts.
Smart Risk: Agri alternate data for accurate decision making
Smart Sales: Retailer management for order, stock and payments.
Warehouse: Comprehensive solution for pack-house and processing providing traceability to the last mile.

Research Gap

It is not always possible for researcher to formulate the positive effects of the advanced agricultural technologies on a large sector of agriculture and on most farmers simply, clearly and completely, he/she may obtain rather general information about the current positive effects of it and based on data which is available on the internet. Currently, there has been issues in collecting primary data regarding the positive effects of the advanced agricultural technology on the daily lives of the farmers in the region of Karnataka state due to the pandemic, so the data is simple and not complete but it sure gives a basic idea. The study tries to discuss the impact of advanced Agri technology on agricultural productivity with reference to CropIn in Karnataka.

Need For the Study

Agriculture is a very important part of any country. Due to the increased population growth in the future farmers and Agri-companies need to be ready to meet the growing demands of the food, feed and the crops. Understanding the positive effects of the advanced Agri-tech in the matters of agriculture and how it motivates the farmers to produce more quality crops without losing hope is what makes it important to know about the agricultural technology. Also using the advancedversions of Agri-tech makes the yield even better. Knowing the importance of using the advanced Agri-tech in agriculture improves agricultural output by tenfold.

Objectives

1) To measure the Effectiveness of CropIn Technology in the daily life of agriculture
2) To analyse Farmer's circumstances with and without the utilisation of farming Technology like CropIn

METHODOLOGY

For the study, primary data was collected to examine the objectives. We encountered some difficulties obtaining primary data because it is hard to contact farmers. Nevertheless, we were able to obtain the data by giving Google Forms to a number of farmers or members of their families who are sufficiently educated to complete the form. Even though the data is not entirely correct, it still provides us with a general understanding of how modern agricultural technology is used in Karnataka's agricultural industry.

Scope of the study

The study is limited to Karnataka state and only managed to collect 108 respondents. The study is also restricted to CropIn agro technologies solutions.

Evidence of the study

- Gross, T.; Doerflinger, J. (2012) Information and communication technologies for development (ICTD) must prioritize scalability and reusability from the outset in order to achieve long-term sustainability. A technological ICTD architecture known as the Sustainable Bottom Billion Architecture has been successfully replicated in two ICTD projects involving the cashew and shea-nut agricultural value chains in Africa.
- Sangbuapuan, N. (2013) The ICT policy framework presented in this research will improve farmers' knowledge, improve cropping yields, and boost rice production yields via Community Rice Centers. As a result, a study methodological framework and design are also developed to support the issue, serving as a helpful guide and aid in the completion of the ICT management procedures. This framework contains information on the best practices model, necessary ICT and human capital infrastructure, and issue solutions using human capital. Lastly, in an effort to solve these problems, we are working to create the framework for ICT policy.
- Ramamritham, K., Joshi, M., Bahuman, A., Chandran, A., Baru, M., Sahni, S., and Bahuman, C. (2008) Like in many other parts of the globe, rural Indians often lack access to information that is more easily accessible to their urban counterparts. Developing material that is presented in local languages, relevant to users, and provided in an instantly useable manner is a difficulty here, as well as in rural places across the world, even though rural telecenters are growing increasingly frequent. An agricultural site for Indian rural farmers employs cutting-edge database systems and information retrieval methods to solve this. By doing this, it tackles connection costs and limitations while also enhancing service.
- Author: Gandhi, N.; Lanjekar, K.; Armstrong, L.J. (2012) The influence of information and communication technology (ICT) on rural farmers' access to agricultural information in the Ratnagiri area is the subject of this research. In order to collect data on ICT usage at the home level, over a hundred randomly chosen farmers participated in the research and answered standardized questionnaires. Key stakeholders, service providers, and government representatives were also interviewed. The study's conclusions showed that knowing market prices was what farmers were most interested in learning. An analysis of the correlation between the usage of ICT tools

and other criteria including age, education, and income revealed that the only factor that determined whether or not a person used ICT tools was their income.

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Analysis

The questionnaire was circulated all over Karnataka and received 108 responses

The basic questions asked to the farmers were their age, sex and the highest level of formal education. Where the age of the farmers were mostly between 30-50 and all the respondents were male. The highest level of formal education was 10th, most of the respondents experience in agriculture was 11-20 years, finally the most number of respondents were had cultivationland of 3-6 acres.

Below are the chart which represents the questions based on OBJECTIVE 1

Findings for the questions based on Objective 1

- Most of the farmers who are using CropIn was influenced by friends to use the technology and only few were indulged in research to know about the technology.
- The farmers have observed positive changes in agricultural after using the CropIn technology, for about 91% of the farmers agreed to this point.
- Most of the respondents think that the technology is a modern solution for the agriculture.
- Almost 92% of the famers felt that the technology is user friendly.
- The overall experience was positive and the farmers were ready to recommend this technology to others as well.
- According to the respondents it is observed that the CropIn technology is effective when compared to other techniques of agriculture

Below are the chart which represents the questions based on OBJECTIVE 2

Findings for the questions based on Objective 2

- 95% of the respondents are glad that they are aware of this agro technologies, which indicates that they are ready to accept this technologies.
- The majority respondents think that agro technologies have increased the quality of agriculture as well as the standard of living of the farmers.
- The majority of the respondents do not want to go back to traditional way of cultivation.
- The profits of the majority respondents have drastically increased and the reason behind it is CropIn agro technologies says 91% of the respondents
- 86% of the respondents also witnessed that there is increased in quality of agriculture
- The major respondents said that they can completely rely upon agro technologies for agriculture.

CONCLUSION

The study was conducted to know the impact of Agro Technologies that can help the modern day agriculture to improve and give good results with reference to CropIn technology solution. As we all know agriculture is the backbone of our nation and our nation is moving rapidly towards technological upgradation, it is very important to use the technology wisely in agriculture as well. Farmers are less educated and the technologies made for betterment of agriculture has to be user friendly, keeping all these constraints in mind the study was conducted with the objectives to find out the effectiveness and the overall situation of the farmer after the use of the technology. We managed to collect 108 responses and the result was obtained on the basis of their response. Almost 85% of the farmers agreed that this technology have helped them in improving the quality of agriculture and increased the standard of living of the farmers as well as they also agreed that the modern technology is better than the traditional way of cultivation. Hence the effectiveness of these technology has positive impact on agriculture.

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Below are the chart which represents the questions based on OBJECTIVE 1

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BEING A FARMER, DO YOU RECOMMEND USING ADVANCE AGRI-TECH IN YOUR DAY TO DAY AGRICULTURAL...

WHAT WERE THE CHANGES TO BE SEEN AFTER USING TECHNOLOGY

IS THE TECHNOLOGY USER FRIENDLY

DO YOU THINK THE TECHNOLOGY IS EFFECTIVE WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER TECHNIQUES OF AGRICULTURE

Below are the chart which represents the questions based on OBJECTIVE 2

ARE YOU HAPPY OF BEING AWARE OF THE CROPIN AGRO ECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

DO YOU THINK THE TECHNOLOGY HAS INCREASED THE QUALITY OF WORK AND STANDARD OF LIVING

Nishchitha and Ashwini

DO YOU WISH TO SWITCH TO TRADITIONAL METHODS AGAIN?

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT SITUATION WHEN IT COMES TO PROFITS

IF YES, WHAT IS THE REASON FOR INCREASE IN THE PROFITS? (REFFERED TO 4TH QUESTION

IF NO, WHAT IS THE REASON FOR DECREASE IN THE PROFITS

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCE WHEN IT COMES TO QUALITY AFTER USING THE AGRO TECHNOLOGIES

OVERALL, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN COMPLETELY RELY UPON AGRO TECHNOLOGIES?

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Factors Influencing Socially Responsible Investment Intention: An Empirical Investigation

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ABSTRACT

Incorporating moral norms and environmental concerns with the TPB is the fundamental objective of the investigation. Structured questions were utilized to gather the required data for the analysis. The survey design was completed through convenient sampling. Researcher employed correlation and multiple regression for analysis. The empirical establishment demonstrates that Perceived behavioural control the only factor significantly influences the SRI intention of the investors performed by investors. The north west direction is stutistics or the relationship between the attitude from the intention varied to SRI. The second factor is the sign coefficient whole obtain was negative i.e. objective norms. The study's findings are crucial for understanding and interpreting the factors driving SRI activity among individuals, which can be beneficial for fund formulation. Thus, the research aspect is fund manager plays a vital role to maximize returns to contribute to do good, understanding of implementation of environmental concerns and moral norms with the TPB.

Keywords: Behavioural Control, Environmental Concern, Human Behaviour, Investment Intention, Moral Norms,

INTRODUCTION

Socially Responsible Investment has grown to be a worldwide phenomenon, beyond the bounds of traditional financial investment, and seeks to divert investments to moral, sustainable, and socially responsible initiatives. As a result, SRI reflects a society's awareness that economic, social, and environmental concerns are interconnected. Given decent global issues such as climate change, social disparities, and corporate ethical breach, SRI is thus a significant tool in achieving financial objectives. Socially Responsible Investment is a mechanism that can help persons and organizations align their long-term financial objectives with their principles and distinct beliefs. Socially responsible investing . In my definition and interpretation the instrument that tries to take into account environmental, social,

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and governance (ESG) variables influencing in the act of investing. Socially responsible investing is distinct from ordinary investing, which solely considers the financial outcomes of one's own opinions or values . Including non-financial factors and investing one's money in accordance with one's beliefs may result in decreased risk and increased long-term returns in the social sphere . A study has proven that out of $35.3 trillion in median sustainable investment strategies under management across the world. become an increasing urge among people who practice human capital and societal well-being in their financial priorities.

The Indian economy particularly needs to be involved in circulation socially responsible investment as the country faces urgent challenges related to social inequality, corporate governance, and sustainability issues. In this perspective, it is investors who make a significant change as their decision about the destination of the funds is driven by preferences for the tradable functionality of the enterprise as well as its sustainability and benefit for society . In other words, the Indian government and the Securities and Exchange Board of India have taken proactive policies to grow SRI in the country. As an illustration, in India, SEBI requires the top 1000 listed companies to disclose their Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report in their annual reports, offering an opportunity for investors to decide based on these indicators . Moreover, SEBI has also issued comprehensive guidelines to mutual funds for founding ESG funds which can function in a way to invest their funds in those companies which have a minimum specified based on E, S , and G criteria. Numerous research works have studied different angles of SRI in terms of age and gender differences between SRI and non-SRI investors , as well as investigated the values and motives of SRI investors compared to traditional investors. However, today, researchers still want to inquire the question regarding the behavioral intention to the consumers use or intend to use SRI. It is important, because the intention is proximal to the actual behavior . Thus, identifying the factors that either facilitate or obstruct consumers from adopting SRI would support the formulation and implementation of policies for the growth of responsible investor behaviour.

Different human behaviours could be explained by multiple theoretical developments and their perspectives. For example, individuals act to sustain a positive social identity, given that as per Social Identity Theory, "people categorize themselves into distinct social groups, and their behaviour is based on the fundamental desire to achieve or retain a positive position for their social identity" . Therefore, people are prone to behaving responsibly socially to align with their social identity values or norms. Norm Activation Theory also refers to this view, as it suggests that "people have a morality norm system that activates when people know about an amoral issue. People are inclined to act unselfishly when they feel a high moral obligation to perform a specific action" . Conversely, Altruism theories assume that people intentionally act responsibly socially because they are genuinely concerned about the welfare of others . All these theories are presented in TPB which sees that human behaviour depends on three components: attitudes reflect the individual's emotional response to a particular behaviour; subjective norms reflect the perceived societal pressure to perform or not perform the desired behaviour; perceived behavioural control . All provide insight into what one believes to do. It is essential to note that these theories provide detailed and systematic information . Therefore, given the notable lack of research on the Indian SRI intention, this will be a subject of close attention focus. Due to previous studies ignoring a significant application of moral values and environmentally friendly attitudes in the Indian setting, it was decided to additionally research these variables. .

Summarily, the present paper endeavoured to adopt a holistic approach and explore the determinants of the intention to participate in SRI within the Indian context. With the TPB as the basis, our team examined the combined influence of attitudes, social pressures or subjective norms, and perceived ability to engage in a specific behaviour – in the current study, participate in SRI, directionally referred to as attitudes and moral norms. Our team also accounted for environmental concerns, representing the second moral component of SRI.

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LITERATURE REVIEW AND HYPOTHESES DEVELOPMENT

Fishbein and Ajzen 1975 proposed a framework to understand the attitude-behaviour interrelationships, which came to be called the Theory of Reasoned Action Palacios et al. 2018 . This theory was designed and later refined into the Theory of Planned Behaviour Southey, 2011 . The TPB delineates relationships between beliefs and behaviour Ajzen, 1985 . According to the theory, an individual's behavioural intentions are determined by three main factors: attitude; subjective norms, and perceived behavioural control. The TPB presents a model that uses intention as a determinant of behaviour. Gopi and Ramayah 2007 define intention as the person's perception of their likelihood to engage in a particular behaviour. Attitudes, subjective norms, and perceived behavioural control influence it. Attitude is an individual's overall feeling of favorability or unfavorability toward a given psychological entity, whereas subjective norms represent what individuals believe a group or groups with which they identify would approve or disapprove of the specific behavior in question, and perceived behaviour control "reflects the individual's perception of the ease or difficulty of performing a behavior" Ajzen, F. , n.d. . One of the seminal concepts of the TPB is perceived behavioural control, which represents individuals' perceptions of the extent of control they have over the specific behaviour of interest Ajzen, 2002 . The theory of Planned Behaviour TPB, developed by Ajzen 1991 , has been extensively used to examine decision-making behaviour in various areas, including investment. This research will substantially contribute to the understanding of socially responsible investment decision-making by examining the impact of various determinants on the socially responsible investment decision-making process. The consideration of additional dimensions, moral norms, and ecological concerns, enhances the research's comprehensiveness and permits a more thorough examination of the stimuli affecting social investment intentions.

Attitude

Behavioural intentions are significantly predicted by attitude (Ajzen & Fishbein, 1969; Ajzen, 1971). The emotional reaction to an activity is called an attitude (Ajzen, 1971). In other words, it indicates a person's positive or negative inclination towards a particular behaviour in a particular situation. A positive relationship exists between attitude and investors' intention to invest in SRI (Nilsson, 2008; William, 2007; Wins &Zwergel, 2016). Alleyne and Broome (2011) investigated which specific elements influence the investment decisions of potential investors. They found that perceptions of regulated behaviour and attitude are important determinants of investment propensity. Moreover, a study on students' intention to invest in mutual funds in Malaysia found that attitude has a significant influence (Sharif, 2008). So, we can say that attitude describes intentions and most spontaneous actions. The point is to study how a person's attitude (positive or negative) plays a role informing intentions in the context of SRI. Therefore, in this study, we hypo the sized the relationship between attitudes and intentions towards SRI as follows:
H1: Attitude significantly influences investors' intention to engage in socially responsible investment

Subjective Norm and intention towards socially responsible investment

SN is 'the perceived social pressure to perform or not to perform a behaviour' (Ajzen, 1991). Numerous studies consider it an important factor in determining behavioural intentions (Godin & Kok, 1996; Sheeran & Taylor, 1999). Pascual Ezama et al. (2014) found that SN are important in explaining investors' investment intentions. Gopi and Ramayah (2007) and Alleyne and Broome (2011) also found similar results. A significant influence of SN was found in a study on students' intention to invest in trust units in Malaysia. In addition, SN was also an important factor in explaining individual investors' intentions and behaviour towards SRI in Malaysia (Adam &Shauki, 2014). The reason for investigating the effect of SN is that it helps to explain the possibility of the influence of friends, family, or similar groups on the decision-making process in the SRI stock decisions.
The second hypothesis is therefore:
H2: Subjective Norm significantly impacts investors' intention to make a socially responsible investment

Perceived Behavioural Control

PBC determines the ability of a person in adopting a particular behavior as well as adjusting to it taking into consideration of resources and opportunities availability Nilsson 2008. The higher the confidence that the behavior can be easily adopted, the stronger the intention to adopt the behaviour . Some authors indicate that PBC has the

greatest impact on investment intentions and behavior inclination . Therefore, it is paramount to test the relationship between PBC and investors' socially responsible intentions.

The third hypothesis is therefore as follows:

H3: Perceived Behavioural Control significantly impacts investors' intention to make a socially responsible investment.

Environmental Concern

Globally, people are more aware of environmental problems and their consequences (Marcus et al., 2013; Schultz, 2001). In India, the situation is no different. A 2013 survey of Indian consumers showed growing concern about the environment. 86% of respondents are concerned about climate change and related issues (Business Standard, 2013). Growing environmental concerns have significantly influenced consumer behaviour (Bagozzi & Dabholkar, 1994; Kashyap & Iyer, 2009) and investment decisions (Raut et al., 2020; Vishal Vyas et al., 2020). ECpositively influences investors' green investment decisions (Sultana et al., 2018). However, according to Fujii (2006), environmental concerns do not influence behavioural intentions. Given the increasing global awareness of the impact of environmental concerns on investment decisions, it is imperative to examine whether Indian investors consider environmental concerns in their investment decisions Therefore, the study intends to hypothesize the following relationship:

H4: The environmental concern of the investors significantly impacts investors' intention toward socially responsible investment

Moral Norm

MNis seen as judgments of whether a behaviour is morally right or wrong, considering one's sense of obligation to do or refrain from doing it (Adam &Shauki, 2014). Several scholars have explored MN as a predictor of behavioural intentions ((Adam &Shauki, 2014; Godin et al., 2005; Kurland, 1995; Randall & Gibson, 1991; Rivis et al., 2009). MNmakes an important contribution as one of the constructs used to explain intentions (Raut et al., 2020). Moreover, MNbecomes more crucial in predicting intentions when self-interest and social interest conflict (Diouf et al., 2016; Kaiser &Scheuthle, 2003). Therefore, when Adam and Shauki (2014) attempted to explain the SRI behaviour of investors in Malaysia, they used MN as one of the factors. Their research showed how important MNis in predicting the intention of SRI. Hence, our fifth hypothesis is as follows:

H5: The investors' moral norms significantly impact investors' intention toward socially responsible investment.

METHODS

This study attempts to comprehensively review TPB constructs, as suggested by Ajzen (1991) and Ajzen and Fishbein (2010), and examine whether TPB constructs, EC, and MN reinforce the SRI intention relationship. We also aim to build upon previous research on TPB in investor behaviour (East, 1993; Hofmann et al., 2008) and studies incorporating MN (Godin et al., 2005; Rivis et al., 2009) by investigating the role of intention in driving socially responsible behaviour. The study follows the approach employed by East (1993), who utilized the TPB to elucidate the links between investors' decision-making behaviour.

Research Design

The research utilized a quantitative approach, employing a structured questionnaire to determine investors' intentions regarding SRI. The questionnaire consisted of 22 items, organized into five constructs and necessary demographic questions. In this study, participants responded to all items across the constructs, utilizing a 5-point Likert scale.A non-random convenience sampling method was used to collect the primary data. The sample consists of individual investors investing in stock markets. The total valid responses were 275 observations (Taherdoost, 2017).

Selection and Description of Variables

The research outlines the dependent and independent variables in the following manner:

Dependent Variable

This study's dependent variable is the investors' intention toward socially responsible investment (SRI). Investors were asked whether attributes of the TPB influenced their intention to invest in SRI.

3.2.2 Independent Variables

The three core attributes of TPB and two additional variables, environmental concern and moral norms, are used to predict the SRI intention of investors:

a.　(ATT) measures behaviour toward SRI and consists of 5 items to construct the attitude dimension.

b.　(SN) measure whether important persons to respondents influence their intention toward SRI and consist of four items.

c.　(PBC), three items measured how knowledge and available opportunities influence an investor's investment intention.

d.　(EA), four items measured how environmental concern influences the investment intention of an investor.

e.　(MN) measured whether respondents felt a personal obligation toward SRI.

Table 1 presents the survey metrics, where multiple questions were posed to assess participant responses for each construct.

3.3 Regression Model

To predict the investors' intention toward SRI, multiple regression is employed. The relationship among variables can be expressed as the following equation:

$$Y = \beta 0 + \beta 1 \text{ ATTITUDE} + \beta_2 \text{ SUBJECTIVE NORMS} + \beta 3 \text{ PERCEIVED BEHAVIOURAL CONTROL} + \beta 4 \text{ ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN} + \beta 5 \text{ MORAL NORMS} + \varepsilon$$

Y represents the investors' intention towards socially responsible investments, and the TPB attributes with environmental concern and moral norms are independent variables. As a result, β1-β5 represents the regression parameters estimations, where β0 = intercept and ε = error term. SPSS was used for data analysis. For (ATT), (SN), (PBC), (EA), and (MN), the composite scores were estimated using the following formulas:

Measurement of Variables

$$ATTITUDE = \sum_{i=1}^{5} ATT_i$$

$$SUBJECTIVE\ NORMS = \sum_{i=1}^{4} SN_i$$

$$PERCEIVED\ BEHAVIORAL\ CONTROL = \sum_{i=1}^{3} PBC_i$$

$$ENVIRONMENTAL\ CONCERN = \sum_{i=1}^{4} EA_i$$

$$MORAL\ NORMS = \sum_{i=1}^{3} MN_i$$

$$SOCIALLY\ RESPONSIBLE\ INVESTMENT = \sum_{i=1}^{3} SRI_i$$

For each independent variable, a composite score as total of each subcomponent was calculated, for example, i=1…,5; ATT1…, ATT5; i=1…,4; SN1…, SN4; i=1…,3; PBC1…, PBC3; i=1…,4; EA1…, EA4; i=1…,3; SRI1…, SRI3.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 2 displays the specifics of the respondents' demographic characteristics.

Of the total respondents, 135 were male, while 140 were female, with a ratio of 49.1 percent and 50.9 percent, respectively. Our results show that 110 respondents (40.0 percent) were less than 25 years of age, implying that younger generations are more likely to invest in SRI than other generations. Additionally, the results on working experience show that 122 respondents (44.5 percent) have work experience of fewer than five years, whereas 36.0 percent have work experience of 6 - 10 years. Regarding the qualification of the respondents, the study indicates that 125 respondents (45.5 percent) have completed a Bachelor's level of education, whereas 38.2 percent of the respondents have completed a Master's.

Table 3, the (SRI) intention mean is 13.0364 (SD = 1.72956). The highest mean is registered for (ATT) is 20.4255, while for the other constructs, it ranges between 12.3636 and 16.7491. The minimum value is reported for (PBC) =5; the maximum value is registered for (ATT) = 25.
Table 4 shows that all the independent variables ATT, SN, PBC, EA, and MN are all positively (ɤ = 0.491; 0.294; 0.636; 0.597; 0.638) and significantly correlated with SRI (ϱ < 0.01).

Test of Reliability and Validity
Cronbach's alpha was used to measure the internal consistency of items. **Table 5**displays the Reliability statistics of sample data of 275 sample size. The Cronbach's alpha of 0.898 demonstrates favourable internal consistency within this sample. Various tests were conducted to ensure reliability and validity. Specifically, Bartlett's test of sphericity was conducted at a significance level of α = 0.05. Detailed results of these tests can be found in **Table 6** and **Table 7**.

The results showed that Bartlett's test was statistically significant. The KMO measures the sampling adequacy, which should be close to 0.5 for a satisfactory factor analysis to proceed. The overall KMO measure is 0.868, which is considered good. The p-value is < 0.05; hence, factor analysis is valid. *Table 6*and *Table 7*.Multiple regression analysis was employed to test the hypotheses. The dependent variable SRI was regressed on predicting ATT, SN, PBC, MN, and EA. *Table 8*summarizes regression coefficients, collinearity statistics, and Variance Inflation Factor (VIF). The results show that expected attitude (p > 0.05) and all other variables significantly impact shaping SRI. However, Subjective Norm (SN) is negatively related to SRI.
*Table 9*displays the results of the ANOVA analysis. The F-test, with 5 degrees of freedom for the predictors and 269 degrees of freedom for the residuals, yielded an F-value of 55.769. The associated p-value was less than 0.05, indicating statistical significance. Furthermore, the p-value was reported as .000b, underscoring the strong evidence of the regression model's significance in explaining the data.

Table 10 summarizes the multiple regression; here, the R^2 = 0.509 depicts that the model explains 50.9% of the variance in SRI.

The findings reveal that attitude is not correlated with intention to invest in SRI (Sig. = 0.513; Sig. > 0.05), thus rejecting hypothesis H1, detailed in **Table 8**. Results also confirm previous studies that attitude is not a significant determinant of intention (Godin et al., 2005; Haigh, 2008). Furthermore, subjective norms negatively and significantly influence socially responsible investment intention. Additionally, PBC and MN are essential determinants that positively and significantly influence socially responsible investment intention, validating hypotheses H3 and H5. Also, environmental concerns do represent a significant determinant and thus validate hypothesis H4. This study investigated the predictability of TPB attributes on the investors' intentions toward SRI. Building upon TPB, we incorporated two additional variables, EA and MN, into our theoretical framework. Prior research suggests that moral norms (Adam &Shauki, 2014) and environmental concerns (Borgers & Pownall, 2014) play significant roles in individuals' intentions to make ethical and environmentally friendly decisions. As a result, these variables were

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incorporated to enrich individual investors' comprehension of SRI. This study focuses on the intention of individual investors toward SRI. We hypothesized that TPB constructs, MN, and EA would influence these intentions. The findings demonstrated a noteworthy and statistically significant correlation between perceived behavioural control and the intention to invest in SRI. This indicates that the beliefs of Indian investors regarding their control over socially responsible investment (SRI) choices, such as convenient access to funds and trading opportunities, have a considerable impact on their intentions to invest in SRI funds. However, subjective norms negatively correlated with investors' intentions towards SRI (ß = -.092). This finding implies that investors' perceptions of social influence from essential individuals in their network do not significantly impact their SRI investment decisions. One can argue that Indian investors are not motivated by social norms. When investing in SRI. Instead, their intentions to invest in SRI instruments appear to be driven by individual considerations rather than social determinants.

Contrary to previous findings (Pascual-Ezamaet al., 2014; Adam &Shauki, 2014), this study discovered an insignificant relationship (p > .05) between attitude and intention toward Socially Responsible Investment (SRI). A crucial contribution of this research lies in the fact that TPB partially explains the choices made by individual investors regarding SRI in India. To answer the second research question, the following hypotheses H4 and H5 were postulated. With the belief that MN and EA could extend the TPB, this study examines their connection with the TPB's core constructs. From the regression analysis, a highly significant effect obtained p < .001 on moral norms. It is understood to be large enough to think that it would substantially improve the TPB's ability to describe an investor's intention to SRI. The second finding supports previous studies that have said that Indian investors are heavily influenced by self-reported ethics Adam &Shauki, 2014 . Correlating environmental concern with SRI's investment intent was found to be significant based on previous studies Vyvyan et al., 2007; Boulatoff& Boyer, 2009; Ming et al., 2015 p < 0.05 has considerable negative effect. This means that investors who are concerned about the environment will agree to invest in SRI if they only have the chance to invest in shares of environmentally friendly companies. It is essential to discuss that the use of the TPB in studying SRI intentions demonstrate to be valid and fruitful to discuss an investor's intention for SRI. The use of TPB can explain the intention up to 51%. Moreover, the model used the additional constructs MN and EA, which explains much more variance on why individual investors are using SRI in the stock market.

Implications of the study
SRI is an emerging stock market or green funding avenue that investors may consider is investment within the two axes of profit-eving and environmental management SRI. This paper uses TPB's theoretical frame to enlighten the behavioural and economic intentions of interest-sensitive investors. These are the key findings with specific tentative practice and academic results for SRI perspective markets;

Theoretical Implications
To summarize, the goal of this study was to extend the TPB theory by introducing new factors, such as moral norms and environmental concerns, to predict individual investors' investment intentions toward SRI. The study's objective was to test whether the new factors that were implemented to TPB predict investors' intentions toward SRI. The assessment of the core variables demonstrated that PBC and SN significantly predict investors' intentions toward SRI. Investors, who feel higher control over invest decisions and are norm-based regarding society, are more likely to be interested in SRI investment. Furthermore, the moderating effects of moral norms and environmental concern were tested as morality and environmental well being is proxy for social goodness. Surprisingly, both had the moderating impact sign. This means that investors feel that they have moral obligation to invest in SR stocks and are willing to positively contribute toward environmental well-being. It is suggested that moral norms and environmental concern are well-fitted to the TPB theory.

Practical Implications
The study results provide a deeper insight into investors' mindset toward socially responsible investing. Given the nature of the SRI, which consists of many stakeholders, the study's implications are manifold. First, it helps to have a deeper understanding of investors' intentions toward SRI. The survey findings can help managers of SRI funds

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devise schemes suited to such investors. Second, for companies to attract more investment, they must design their activities that are environment friendly, focus on good governance, and have a socially responsible way of doing business. Lastly, the government can provide subsidies and exemptions to companies adopting sustainable business practices in various forums. Furthermore, it can offer tax advantages to investors who invest in green or sustainable investments.

Limitations and Future Research

This study adopts the TPB model to explore investors' intentions toward socially responsible investing. The results suggest that the TPB could partially explain the SRI intention. The study highlights the significant predictive influence of moral norms and environmental concerns on SRI intentions. The research findings are significant as theyhelp to shed light on the individual investor's intention toward socially responsible investing. However, a considerable limitation of this research could be that the findings might lack generalizability. Also, future investigations should include cross-border responses to gain a global perspective. The study emphasizes the importance of moral norms in shaping intentions. However, prospective studies could consider other influential factors and moderating variables. This will provide critical perspectives into how these factors can be effectively incorporated into investment decision-making processes, potentially benefiting a wider population.

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Table 1. Measurement of Constructs

Construct Measures	Survey
Attitude	A1 I hold the belief that investment in socially responsible stocks/funds is good. A2 I hold the belief that investment in socially responsible stocks/funds is ethical. A3 Investing in socially responsible stocks/funds is a wise decision. A4 While investing, I look for companies involved in morally correct activities. A5 I critically evaluate companies' business activities that are socially and environmentally friendly.
Subjective Norms	SN1 Individuals who hold significance in my life find investing in socially responsible funds is a good idea. SN2 Individuals who hold significance in my life would think that I should invest in socially responsible funds if I were to invest. SN3 Individuals who hold significance in my life view investing in a socially responsible fund as a wise choice. SN4 Most of my friends would make socially responsible investments.
Perceived Behavioural Control	PBC1 If I want to invest in socially responsible funds, I can easily do so. PBC2 I possess the knowledge required to invest in socially responsible funds. PBC3 I have plenty of opportunities to invest in socially responsible funds.
Environmental Concern	EA1 Environmental issues influence my decisions for investment. EA2 My knowledge of the environment influences my investment decisions in socially correct businesses. EA3 The concern of environmental responsibility, such as recycling, to protect our environment influences my investment decisions. EA4 My investment decision is influenced by the support for environmental protection

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Moral norms	MN1 I feel an obligation to save the environment where possible. MN2 I should do what I can to conserve natural resources and assist society. MN3 I feel a solid personal obligation to invest in socially responsible companies.
Intention to make socially responsible investments	SRI1, I intend to start or continue to invest in socially responsible funds. SRI2 If I had the opportunity, I would invest in socially responsible funds. SRI3 I may invest in socially responsible funds in the future.

Source: Author's Compilation

Table 2. Demographic Characteristics

Demographics	Characteristics	No. of respondents	Response (%)
Gender	Male	135	49.1
	Female	140	50.9
	Total	275	100
Age	Less than 25 years	110	40.0
	25 years - 30 years	30	10.9
	30 years - 40 years	70	25.5
	40 years - 50 years	45	16.4
	More than 50 years	20	7.3
	Total	275	100
Working years	Less than 1 year	26	9.5
	1 - 5 years	122	44.4
	6 - 10 years	99	36.0
	11 - 15 years	23	8.4
	More than 15 years	5	1.8
	Total	275	100
Highest Qualification	Diploma	15	5.5
	Bachelor	125	45.5
	Masters	105	38.2
	PhD	25	9.1
	Others	5	1.8
	Total	275	100

Table 3. Descriptive Statistics for the variables

Variable	Obs	Min.	Max.	Mean	Std. Dev.
Attitude	275	12.00	25.00	20.4255	2.32663
Subjective Norms	275	8.00	20.00	15.8509	2.68062
Perceived Behavioural Control	275	5.00	15.00	12.4909	2.03144
Environmental Concern	275	12.00	20.00	16.7491	2.19130
Moral Norms	275	8.00	15.00	12.3636	1.72322
Socially responsible investment intention	275	9.00	15.00	13.0364	1.72956

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Table 4. Correlation coefficients and associated level of significance

		ATT	SN	PBC	EA	MN	SRI	
ATT	Pearson Correlation	1	.349**	.514**	.651**	.652**	.491**	
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	
	N	275	275	275	275	275	275	
SN	Pearson Correlation	.349**	1	.498**	.517**	.480**	.294**	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000		.000	.000	.000	.000	
	N	275	275	275	275	275	275	
PBC	Pearson Correlation	.514**	.498**	1	.614**	.699**	.636**	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000		.000	.000	.000	
	N	275	275	275	275	275	275	
EA	Pearson Correlation	.651**	.517**	.614**	1	.756**	.597**	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000		.000	.000	
	N	275	275	275	275	275	275	
MN	Pearson Correlation	.652**	.480**	.699**	.756**	1	.638**	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000		.000	
	N	275	275	275	275	275	275	
SRI	Pearson Correlation	.491**	.294**	.636**	.597**	.638**	1	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000		
	N	275	275	275	275	275	275	
. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).								

Table 5. Reliability Statistics

Items (Number)	Cronbach's Alpha
22	.898

Table 6: Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin

KMO Measure of Sampling Adequacy.		*.868*
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	Approx. Chi-Square	899.403
	Degree of freedom	*15*
	Significance value	*.000*

Table 7. Summary of Validity and Reliability Test

S. No.	Variable	KMO Measure	Bartlett's test of Sphericity(Approx. Chi-square)	df	Significance level
1.	Attitude	.590	183.245	10	.000
2.	Subjective Norm	.518	188.877	6	.000
3.	Perceived Behavioural Control	.697	214.804	3	.000
4.	Environmental Concern	.557	310.955	6	.000
5.	Moral Norms	.514	164.167	3	.000
6.	Intention to make socially responsible Investment	.621	207.715	3	.000

Source: Author's Contribution

Table 8. Multiple Regression Analysis

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	Collinearity Statistics	
	B	Std. Error	Beta			Tolerance	VIF
(Constant)	3.839	.699		5.492	.000		
MN	.249	.077	.248	3.249	.001	.314	3.184
ATT	.029	.044	.039	.655	.513	.514	1.946
SN	-.092	.033	-.143	-2.746	.006	.678	1.476
PBC	.318	.053	.373	5.975	.000	.468	2.138
EA	.180	.057	.228	3.185	.002	.355	2.818

**Sig at $p < 0.05$, $R^2 = 0.509$, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.463$

Table 9. ANOVA Analysis

Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Regression	417.182	5	83.436	55.769	.000[b]
Residual	402.454	269	1.496		
Total	819.636	274			

Table 10: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	Durbin-Watson
1	.713[a]	.509	.500	1.22316	2.156

Table 11: Validation of Hypotheses

Hypothesis	Description	Hypothesis Testing Results
H1	Attitude significantly impacts investors' intentions toward socially responsible investment.	Not supported
H2	Subjective Norm significantly impacts investors' intention to make a socially responsible investment.	Supported
H3	Perceived Behavioural Control significantly impacts investors' intention to make a socially responsible investment.	Supported
H4	The environmental concern of the investors significantly impacts investors' intention to make a socially responsible investment.	Supported
H5	The investors' moral norms significantly impact investors' intention to make a socially responsible investment.	Supported

Source: Author's contribution

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Innovation Management in Technology companies: Exploring the Strategies and Practices that Technology Companies use to Foster Innovation and Maintain A Competitive Edge

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ABSTRACT

In this context, IT companies are examined based on their innovation management strategies, leadership, culture, and the use of technology. Upon doing literature review as well as empirical analysis, the necessary findings and insights were obtained. This study focused on the main strategies and routines employed by technology firms to manage innovation most effectively that included, fostering a culture of innovation, open innovation practice and leveraging digital tools. Furthermore, assessment of leadership and culture as a basis for innovation was conducted, focusing on the crucial role of transformational leadership and innovation-oriented culture. The study as well showed the case of technology utilization in innovation administration through such technologies as digital tools, data analytics, and agile techniques. On these two points, innovations practices were suggested including establishing an innovation culture, investing in leadership development, implementing open innovation, utilising technology, facilitating knowledge sharing and creating diversity. The implementation of such recommendations will lead to the creation of a sustainable growth pattern as well as the ability to compete in markets that are constantly experiencing dynamic changes.

Keywords: Technology, Innovation management, Open Innovation Model, Disruptive Innovation Theory, Empowering employees, Values creativity.

INTRODUCTION

Background of the study
In the dynamic and fast-growing tech world nowadays, innovation may be the only thing defending us from our competitors. Technology companies have to constantly pursue new concepts, goods and services to satisfy constantly changing consumer needs and remain in position to face the competition [1]. Innovation management is a crucially vital strategy used by technology companies and efficient management of innovation can turn out to be the key to success or failure.

Problem Statement
    Innovation in technology is more than necessary, yet it is hard for most technology companies to handle its pace [2]. They usually don't have a strategic system for generation of innovation, and their development efforts are mostly unstructured and disordered. This may cause wasting of resources, missing of opportunities and directionless in innovation undertakings.

Research Aim and Objectives
Aim
The aim of this case study is to explore the strategies and practices that technology companies use to manage innovation and maintain a competitive edge. The study will examine the different approaches to innovation management, the role of leadership and culture, and the use of technology in innovation.

Research Objectives
- To identify the key strategies and practices used by technology companies to manage innovation
- To understand the role of leadership and culture in fostering innovation
- To analyze the use of technology in innovation management in companies
- To provide recommendations for technology companies to improve their innovation management practices

Research Questions
- What are the key strategies and practices used by technology companies to manage innovation?
- How do leadership and culture play a role in fostering innovation in technology companies?
- How can technology be used to support innovation management in technology companies?
- What are the challenges faced by technology companies in managing innovation, and how can they overcome them?

LITERATURE REVIEW

Encouraging a culture of innovation
An environment that nurtures innovation is critical for technology corporations seeking to forge ahead. Such instigation would entail nurturing a culture imbued with imagination, exploration, and being bold. In order to realize this, companies should allocate their staff with the needed resources and mentorship they may require to try out new methodologies and perspectives. For instance, Google used the 20% time allotment for self-directed projects which went on to become Gmail, Google Maps and many other significant innovations [3]. Another important tool that technology companies use in order to generate innovation is the funding of research and development (R&D). This is achieved through the application of a major part of the business` funds to the creation of new goods, services and technologies. Apple's expenditure on R&D is considerable, and it prioritizes the creation of products like the iPhone and the MacBook Air, which are both innovative [4]. This investment has been instrumental in making Apple stay at the top of the hierarchy technologically.

Embracing open innovation practices

The use of open innovation practices is a strategy that technology companies to come up with innovative ideas is one of the things. it will do this by establishing a critical mass in the innovation community and drawing upon the expertise of the external actors rather than depending only on our own resources [5]. Imagine this: platforms like Kickstarter and Indiegogo that rely on crowdsourcing allow businesses to source out ideas and skills from a global community of creators. This strategy has been a major contributor to market presence of the companies like Pebble Watches and Oculus in the consumer segment.

Role of Organizational Culture and Leadership in fostering innovation

An innovative mindset is the prerequisite of the culture which needs innovation. Technology companies can generate a creative atmosphere in which their employees are urged to think out of the box, take risks and be open to new thoughts inside their organizations [6]. This could be achieved via offering training sessions which concentrate on skills like creative thinking, problem solving and design thinking. Furthermore, businesses can urge their personnel to join local professional groups to be updated on the most recent trends and technologies.

Theoretical Implication
Disruptive Innovation Theory

This type of research can be successfully implemented by utilizing the disruptive innovation theory as it is a process through which a small company with limited resources overthrows the market's big players already in the industry [7]. This strategy is implemented through the narrow-down approach, disrupt the market, bring up the new one and finally gain the leadership in that market. Foundational concepts include that of "low-end disruptors" where new products or services are initially weaker than established products but progress and gain the acceptance of consumers and the notion of "disruptive DNA" which here implies a unique combination of qualities and capabilities allowing a disruptive company to be successful.

Open Innovation Model

The open innovation model is a strategy of some technology companies that is aimed to stimulate innovations by means of the use of external resources, information and knowledge. This method instead is contrary to the traditional closed innovation model, where companies rely solely on their corporate research and development (R&D) units to develop new concepts [8]. The open innovation paradigm enables businesses to have access to the worldwide knowledge base and to cooperate with external partners, including startups, academia and neighboring companies, to jointly develop innovative solutions.

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The technique will use secondary data to analyze 100-unit sizes. Secondary data allows us to analyze industry reports, case studies, and academic publications, making the process useful in many ways [9]. This broadens the study by using several sources. The 100 sample size allows for a comprehensive examination to prove the findings' reliability. This reveals patterns, trends, and correlations in technology company deployment plans and practices. Data analysis will include statistics, theme coding, and content analysis. Qualitative and quantitative analysis assist explain numerical patterns and linkages, whereas qualitative research explores innovation management causes and settings [10]. This study was successful because it revealed how technology businesses innovate and stay ahead. The in-depth analysis of 100 samples revealed innovation management success factors, risks, and best practices. It also allowed cross-organization comparison, which strengthened the study results.

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS

Strategies employed by leading technology companies
Leading IT organizations utilize a variety of strategies to ignite innovation and gain an edge. Create an adaptable culture that promotes learning, risk-taking, and experimentation. This involves allowing workers autonomy and freedom to create innovative ideas and initiatives [11]. They also partner with startups, academics, and industry peers to get external information, technology, and market insights. To create products and remain ahead of the market, prominent IT businesses spend heavily in R&D. To reduce time-to-market and adapt to client input, they employ agile methods and digital technologies in innovation.

Effectiveness of Open Innovation Strategies
The impacts of Open Innovation on technology companies are displayed in their abilities to incorporate external know-how, intelligence, and resources to boost innovation. Open innovation helps these companies gain access to a wider pool of resources such as knowledge, technologies, and markets than their closed organizational systems [12]. This is a way to solve problems faster, unleash creativity, and achieve collaboration among players such as startups, research institutions and customers. Besides, the open innovation tactics foster knowledge sharing as well as new ways of thinking not only in ideas but also in technology progress. For instance, open innovation method which is collaborative shortens the R&D cost and settles the risk element that comes with internal development.

Role of Leadership and Organizational Culture
Leadership and organizational culture play a major role in technology firms to foster innovation and have competitive edge. Transformational leadership is the backbone of inspiring teams, ensuring that innovation takes place with employees who are bold enough to take risks and experiment with different ideas [13]. Innovation oriented leaders provoke a culture that emphasizes creativity, continuous learning, and a capacity to change to meet new challenges. This culture of innovation enables employees to bring their creativity to the table, team up across functions, and contest the ruling norms, which are the foundation of unique breakthroughs and streamlining the competition. Organizational culture is one more factor influencing innovation as it determines the kind of norms, values, and behaviors that will allow creativity and at the same time stimulate risk-taking [14]. Cultures that make diversity an essential thing, allow the free flow of information, and reward risk-taking are more likely to be innovative and thrive. Apart from this, rigid, hierarchical and conservative cultures have the potential to put an end to innovation initiatives.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusion
The study analysed innovation management in technology organizations considering the significant impact of strategies, leadership, culture, and open innovation models. The findings revealed that creating a culture of innovation, promoting the curiosity, willingness to accept challenges, and persistence of the people were vitally important. Collaborative partnerships, agile methodologies and customer-centric approaches where the main tactics adopted by trailblazing technology companies to keep pace with innovation and remain competitive. The success of this open innovation method is that the company has managed to attract external expertise, to share knowledge and to decrease R&D costs.

Linking with Objectives
Objective 1 aligns with the literature review by pointing out the key strategies and practices that fuel culture of innovation, open innovation, and investment in research & development (R&D). The results additionally verifies these methods as vital parts of successful innovation management, citing their roles in boosting creativity, cooperation, and additions to the competitiveness of the market. **Objective 2** assists me in the comprehension of

leadership and culture influence on the creation of innovation reflects the study of literature review on transformational leadership and organizational culture impact on innovation achievements. The results confirm that the leadership styles which put emphasis on innovation, as well as a culture of creativity, risk-taking, and knowledge sharing, are of paramount importance. Objective 3 guided the evaluation of the effect of technology on innovation management processes which corresponded with the literature review of chapter 4 about utilizing digital tools, data analytics and agile methodologies for innovation. The results affirm the way technology firms utilize technological advancements in innovation process to speed up development, better decision-making, and ultimately lead to the customer-centric innovation.

Future Scope

The study of innovation management in technology companies points to the directions of many meaningful research and exploration threads. Going further, research can also look into particular influence of different innovation strategies, like open-innovative models or agile methodologies, on organizational output and competitiveness [15]. Being knowledgeable about how these strategies change over time and can adapt to the changing dynamics of market is important as it would help to find scopes to boost the innovation management practices of the companies. The examination of the role played by emerging technologies such as AI, blockchain, and IoT in management of innovation provides potential research topic for future researches. While examining how these technologies shape the innovation processes, the product development, and the customer experience can provide understandings which can in turn show the new options and difficulties for technology companies. Besides that may also cover cross-cultural differences in the management of innovation as well as the acquisition and use of novel technologies in respect to different industries and regions of nations and compare between them.

Recommendations

- There is a need to inspire creativity, experimentation, and possibility thinking by creating an environment in which original ideas, continuous education, and cooperation between teams and departments is valued [16].
- As leaders need to master the art of transformational leadership which must focus on fostering innovation, enhancing employee engagement and leading strategy to support innovation.
- Stimulating external partnerships, crowdsourcing platforms, and circular networks to bring onboard a greater school of intelligence, proficiency, and resources for innovation.
- Through digital tools, data analytics, and agile approach to integration into innovation processes to reduce process operations and speed up products development cycles and in order to enhance customer centric innovation [17].
- It is critical to create platforms and forums where employees can communicate the insights, best practice examples, and lessons learned during innovative projects in order to build a culture that supports ongoing enhancement and innovation [18].
- Ensuring diversity of teams, views, and ideas so as to stimulate creativity, drive innovations, and develop solutions which resonate with all customers segments.

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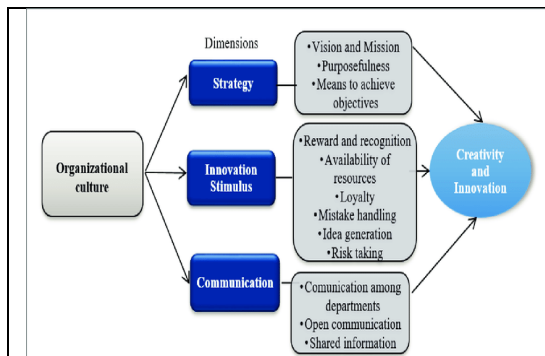
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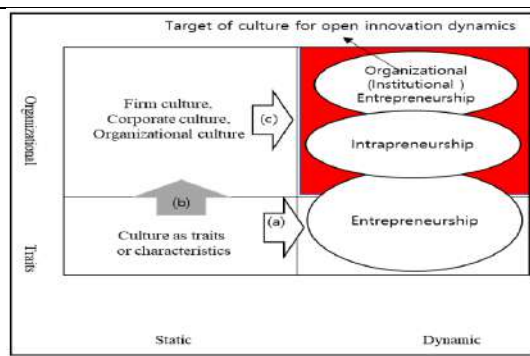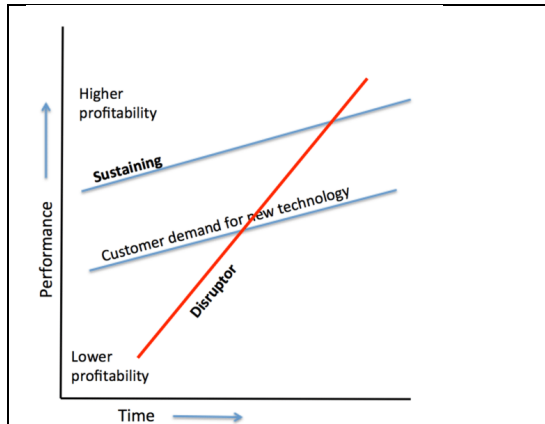
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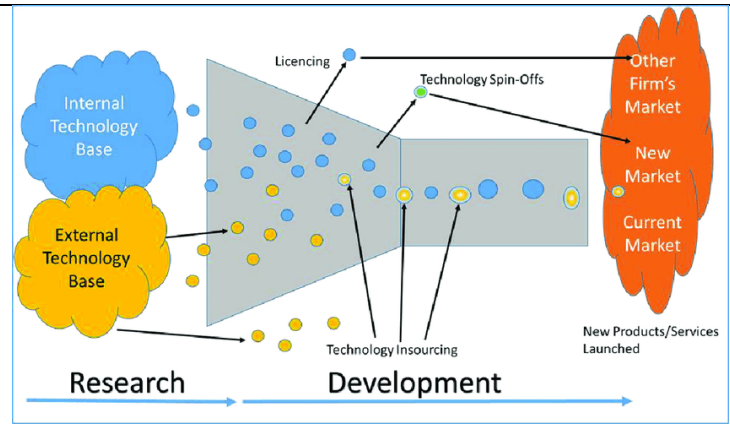
RESEARCH ARTICLE

Strategic Management in Times of Crisis: Analyzing Adaptation Strategies during the Covid-19 Pandemic

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ABSTRACT

COVID-19 pandemic has become one of the toughest tests in the history of businesses that require immediate and pro-active decisions to handle unpredictability. The objective of this study is to explore how firms have adjusted their management strategy approach which could aid in the survival of the organization during the crisis. We employed a qualitative research approach by carrying out in-depth interviews with the managers and executives from different industries to gain insights into their strategic performance during the pandemic. By using content analysis of interview data, the core themes that are related to performance adaptation have been identified, such as agile leadership, innovative business models and employee's well-being. These discoveries emphasize the need for forward thinking, utilizing flexible resources, and cooperation with stakeholders during crisis management. In addition, we find out the difficulties organizations have in adopting strategic transformations and offer advice on how to handle these roadblocks. The outcome of this study goes out not just academia but also for practice; it has very important practical views on strategic management during crises, and it informs further studies. Knowing how companies have gone through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic would not only be important for the policymakers and practitioners but could be of great help for the future crises too allowing better preparation and response which key elements for sustainability and resilience.

Keywords: COVID-19 Pandemic, Crisis Management, Adaptation Strategies, Business Resilience, Strategic Management.

INTRODUCTION

The global business environment in which companies compete has been deeply unfavorably affected by COVID-19 as well as the challenges it has introduced have been of a scale not seen before. The high rate of virus dissemination together with lockdown measures contribute to the emergence of supply chain breakdowns, less consumption and financial crisis. In such unprecedented and chaotic dynamics, strategic management becomes the central pillar for guiding organizations through complexity and turbulence. Through using strategies of proactivity and adaptability, they can ensure that their risks are minimized, they can optimize on the opportunities that are emerging, and they can sustain their long-term resilience. The primary objective of this paper is the analysis of different adaptations made to the strategic management processes in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, evaluating the effectiveness of different approaches and pinpointing the key aspects for success. This study aims at providing a comprehensive analysis of strategic responses in crises or strategic decisions in order to contribute to crisis management and strategic decision-making.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Resilience in Crisis Management

Crisis management during the epidemic emphasises resilience. It represents organisations' resilience, adaptability, and resilience to extremely disruptive calamities that endanger their operations and sustainability. Resilience helped firms survive the COVID-19 pandemic, while others failed and suffered the repercussions. Crisis management resilience depends on readiness and anticipate. Continuous risk assessment and scenario development help firms identify weaknesses and develop solutions. Companies that had strong contingency planning before the epidemic could adapt quickly and effectively [1]. It indicates the necessity for strategic forethought and readiness to increase resilience in the case of an unexpected crisis.

Resilience in the modern world includes the capacity to adapt and create in the face of disruptions. In the COVID-19 pandemic, various corporations expanded or changed their business models, products and the services offered according to the changing needs and the market demand. One of the most remarkable changes included restaurants offering online delivery services, manufacturers reshaping their production lines to produce medical supplies, and educational institutions replacing in-person learning with remote teaching platforms [2]. The resilience and flexibility enabled companies to keep in pace with disruptions and remain competitive factors. Crisis management resilience requires coordination across departments and with external stakeholders. Transparent and open communication helps departments collaborate on a single purpose and activities. Open communication with stakeholders including workers, consumers, suppliers, and regulators builds trust and confidence that organisations can solve issues. Stakeholder-engaged and transparent communities can handle challenges and recover stronger.

Adaptive Strategic Responses

Adaptability remains a linchpin underpinning organizational resilience during and post crisis times as uncertainty and volatility serve as compelling reasons for organizations to consistently monitor, adapt and realign strategies to changing scenarios. Rising up in front of previously unseen challenges, old-fashioned and unbending strategies could no longer meet the needs, hence highly functional and adaptive approaches are indispensable [3]. Another point is the way during which adaptive strategic responses are connected to real-time data for the sake of making valuable decisions. In the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses encountered a rapidly shifting situation causing unusual consumer behavior, supply chain disruptions, and new rules. Organizations that made data-driven processes were better equipped to understand how these developments affected their business activities and they changed their strategies according as needed. Organizations are able to profit from the technologies of data analytics and artificial intelligence as tools for gathering information on emerging trends and patterns, so as to be able to act timely in making important decisions [4].

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Agile tactics also involve the readiness to test and come up with new ideas to explore the existing opportunities. The situation of COVID-19 made many companies reconsider their traditional method of operations and try out other ways of earning. Examples of such solutions are the increased adoption of e-commerce and omnichannel strategies by retailers and the introduction of virtual platforms for service-oriented companies so that they deliver their offerings to customers without physical contacts. Through such promotion of an experimental and innovative culture, the organizations unlock new and novel solutions for existing problems and go ahead for the future prospects [5].

Agility in Decision-making Processes
Due to the fast-changing environment and uncertainties, organisations must respond quickly and flexibly to crises like the COVID-19 epidemic. Sluggish, hierarchical decision-making methods are unsuitable for dynamic, unexpected crisis circumstances. Agility encourages quick decision-making, which helps organisations overcome difficulties, seize opportunities, and stay competitive in changing environments. Delegating power and engaging frontline workers in decision-making is key to agility. Decentralised decision-making empowers individuals who understand the problem, making responses faster and enabling management to seize chances. Using analysis, intuition, and experimentation speeds up decision-making. In unpredictable times, past data and modelled tactics may not be enough. But management must create a data-driven culture that empowers leaders to make choices based on intuition and experience [6]. Companies learn and adapt continually to solve complex challenges and handle difficult circumstances with resilience. Speedy decision-making requires simpler processes and established communication. Information flow and quick choices are hindered by lengthy and hierarchical bureaucratic organisations. A simplified decision-making process, defined decision rights, and open communication contribute to rapid and effective decision-making, allowing organisations to quickly respond to new challenges and opportunities.

METHODOLOGY

Methodology is a key part in research as it depicts the systematic way how the research questions were brought to light and study objectives were achieved. In the context of studying the way organizations adapt their management of strategies during times like the COVID-19 pandemic having a strong methodology ensures the findings credible and solid. In this study, the qualitative research approach was adopted in order to elucidate hidden details of strategic management of companies in COVID-19 crisis. Qualitative techniques are great for studying large scale complexity problems and understanding the feelings, views and behaviors of individuals and organizations in their natural habitat [7]. The process of data collection included carrying out interviews of executives, managers, and other key participants of different industries using a semi-structured approach. In collaboration with field specialists and a literature study, the interview procedure was created. Semi-structured questions were used to gather data on company strategies throughout the epidemic and how it influenced strategic management practices. Interviews provided information on strategic planning, decision-making tools, resource allocation, communication, and organisational culture. Thematic analysis identified interview patterns, themes, and trends. After that, data knowledge began with coding, classification, and theme creation. Finally, the study team discussed and agreed on the main topics [8]. This method was used to assure thorough analysis and process credibility.

Honesty was sought by using triangulation of data obtained from different sources e. g. interviews, archival documents and observation notes for comparison and comparison. This is member checking whereby participants are provided with a summary of the finding to verify accuracy of the findings and interpretation of their responses. Ethical issues were raised as we worked through the research process, from obtaining informed consent, keeping confidentiality and anonymity, and compliance with the regulations and ethical standards applying to all field research involving human subjects.

Theoretical Framework

The theoretical framework of this study draws upon two prominent theories: Organization Development Theory and the Theory of Dynamic Capabilities [9]. These theories offer significant findings about how the strategic management processes of the organizations can be effectively streamlined during the disasters like COVID-19. Organizational Resilience Theory claims that the organizations contain the characteristics which enable them to absorb and adjust from disruptive events, but the important features and structure are still operated. This approach to strategic management during crisis is based on the idea that resilience can be established through pro-active risk control, flexible organizational structure and adaptable strategies. Organizations that score higher on resilience are better prepared in anticipating crisis, they are faster both in responding to the crisis and mounting a quicker post-crisis recovery, and at the end, they grow stronger. While the Dynamic Capabilities Theory revolves around the capacity of organizations to acquire, integrate, and recombine their resources and capabilities parallel with the external environment that changes rapidly, the strategy of strategic adaptation may be found at the core of this model, which implies the search for emerging possibilities and potential threats, and then the modification of the strategies and processes accordingly [10]. While crises can be a challenge to business models, dynamic capabilities will help companies to rethink their strategies, adapt, and innovate in accordance with their customers. Using these ideas as a base, the full framework for studying strategic management during crises includes a number of important factors that affect how strategies are changed:

Leadership and Vision: A good crisis management includes qualified leadership that effectively articulate the vision and direction of the organization. Strategic decision-making of leaders is a necessary condition of the organizational resilience and agility. As a result, leaders build confidence in their team by providing agility and toughness at the same time. Organizational Culture and Mindset: The organizational culture is how employees view and respond to crises. Cultures that harness discovery, teamwork, and learning are powerful tools for strategic adaptation [11]. Furthermore, creating a growth minded environment, which encompasses adaptability and willingness to explore new ideas, will allow organizations to welcome uncertainty and deal with crises, while at the same time feeling confident. Strategic Planning and Execution: Strategic planning processes serve as a map of an organization during a simple crisis. Conversely, adaptability and reactivity are especially relevant because decisions may need to be made instantaneously as information is evolving. Successful strategy implementation requires coordinated and well-timed activities, integration of different functions, and consistency of goals and actions.

Resource Allocation and Optimization: Strategic adaptation stands for the redistribution of resources to maintain the focus on the most important objectives and discovering new opportunities as they appear. Organizations should pay attention to the ratio between short-term operations and long-term sustainability when distributing their resources to maximalize impact and minimize risks.

Example of Analytical case studies.

Instead of physical interactions, Amazon realized the dire need to have a strategic management outlook that could accommodate the increased shopping demand during the COVID-19 pandemic. The implementation of lockdowns and consumers' dependence on online shopping led Amazon to increase the number of employees and implement safety protocols in its warehouses as well as the delivery of essential goods ahead of the shipment of all other orders [12]. With this agility Amazon has also been able to overcome the rise in customer demand, thus it kept its position as a leader in the online retail sector. Also, Zoom rode on the momentum of the switch to remote work and virtual communication by modifying how it performed its strategic management functions. The business registered an exponential growth over the user and revenue during the pandemic, leading it to providing for schools for free, and to the security improvements to respond to privacy issues. Zoom's forward-thinking approach to respond to any evolving needs of the customers helped to strengthen its position on the market as a key provider of remote communication options [13].

Contrary, J. Crew, a prominent physical retailer, failed to make the necessary adjustments in the face of the coronavirus disease. The retail industry was hit hard by the closings of stores and dwindling consumers wallets.

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Which resulted in losing sales revenues for J.Crew and accumulating debt. Sears Holding's sluggish move to swiftly adopt e-commerce and inability to relate to the evolving customers eventually triggered a bankruptcy filing in May 2020. Lack of J.Crew's innovation and diversification made its revenue streams susceptible to the disruption in retail industry. Tesla, an electric automobile manufacturer, exemplified sustainability and adaptability by installing creative techniques to keep manufacture and delivery amidst the pandemic. However, Tesla's factories stop operations momentarily but pick the pace back in and offer contactless delivery options to protect the health of its customers and team members. Through its agility strategies and innovation, the business was able to deal with the adverse effects of the pandemic, and it made all-time record sales and profits.

DISCUSSION

A discussion of results in terms of existing literature indicate some key understanding of strategic management during crises which can be generalized for COVID-19 context. This study will take a theoretical framework that combines theory and practice to contribute not just only to theory but also to practice in strategic management [14]. The result of such an analysis will be that companies with high levels of resilience, agility, and innovation are better-positioned to handle a crisis in the long term than other organizations. The fact that the examples of companies like Amazon and Zoom show how one need to be response somehow to diversity of market conditions and customer requirements is the point. This corresponds with what is mentioned in the different theories of organizational resilience and dynamic capabilities that showcase the importance of the sense of flexibility, adaptability, and resourcefulness in the face of disastrous events.

This would mean that the models of strategic management by tradition may need to be updated in order to include the dynamic and unpredictability of crisis nature [15]. Concepts like tactical flexibility, adaptability, and organizational strength contribute a lot to understanding how companies can cope with crisis situations and find opportunity in emerging circumstances. Implementing these theories into their strategic planning allows companies to improve their forecasting capabilities and consequently remain competitive. From a practical viewpoint, these study results bring forth many direct implications both for the managers and the policymakers. It undoubtedly highlights the role of leading risk management and scenario inventing in the prevention of future crises. Organizations need to develop solid backup plans, to extend their revenue streams, and create flexible delivery channels that will help minimize the impact of interferences [16]. Beside that, creating culture which focuses on innovation, cooperation, and continuous improvement is also core to successful strategic adaptation and enhanced resilience within organizations.

But we should be aware of some study limitations of it. One repercussion of the quantitative approach may be that the findings cannot be generalized since the sample size and selection criteria may be limited in terms of representing all industries and organizational contexts [17]. It is recommended that further research should utilize qualitative and quantitative methods or longitudinal method for a more detailed picture of crisis management practices. Additionally, the examination of the effect of leadership, organizational culture, and an external environment represented by governmental policies and Industry regulations will contribute to the better comprehensive knowledge [18].

CONCLUSION

Through this study the following salient aspects of strategic management practices in crises were revealed pointing out the significance of resilience, adaptability and creativity in an organization responding to the crisis. Through the use of theoretical frameworks, practical examples are included in the course which helps develop a better understanding of the companies responses to turbulent situations such as COVID-19. The practical implications for the managers and the policy makers are embracing the need for the proactive risk management in their systems and development of a culture of innovative thinking and investing in flexible strategies that will help them navigate

successfully through uncertainties. Therefore, as a result this research presents the vision for strategic decision-making during crisis times.

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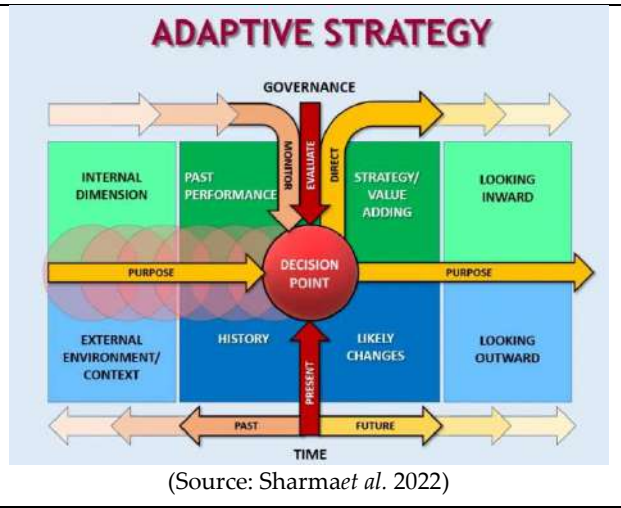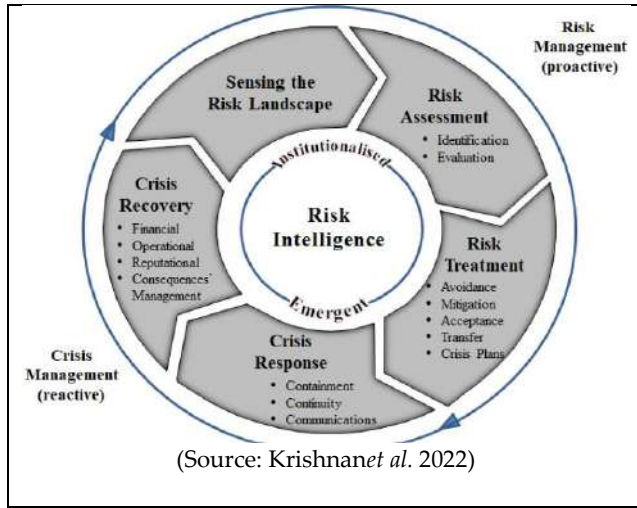
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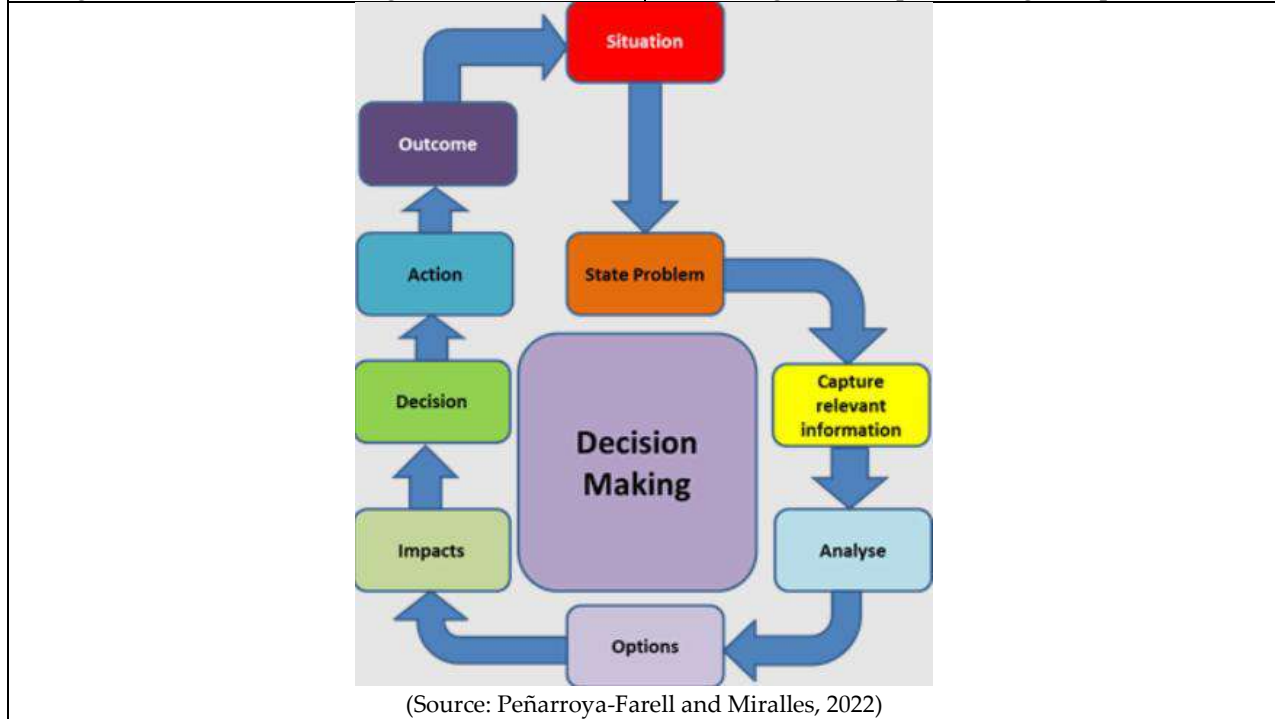
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Figure 3: Aspects of Agility in Decision-making Processes

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Consumer Behaviour towards Ready to Eat Products With Reference to Rayalaseema Region of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT

As the present lifestyle moves at a faster pace, consumers need fast and convenient food alternatives that can easily be prepared and eaten in no time. Cup noodles, pancakes, chicken nuggets, instant rice, mixed vinegar and mixed pancake, and so on, are consumed by people. Especially, young people like this simple food. These are a few examples of how people, especially young people, desire simple foods to consume. Consumer needs have been met by Radiofrequency transseptal needles, with which many meals can be made simply and easily without investing so much time and labor in cooking. This study is limited to 102 respondents aged 15 to 45, who were surveyed in Tamil Nadu as part of a short interview in which 59.8% male and 40.2% female participated. The short interview questionnaire was conducted with Tamil Nadu individuals. Therefore, this study assesses participants' attitudes toward ready-made foods, identifies relevant factors affecting purchasing decisions, considers consumer preferences and how they enjoy consuming 'ready-made meals'. The feeling that is likely to affect the consumer most is that they prefer convenience, taste, and availability. Many of the individuals favor meals that are simple to prepare and have a lengthy shelf life. They also agreed to spend more money on a healthy product. In conclusion, my study on the consumption of RTE foods may yield helpful information. Moreover, the study will also motivate me to examine further research on the potential consequences of consuming RTE foods.

Keywords: Consumer Health, Food Industry, Heathy Product, Unhealthy Fats, Quality of Life.

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INTRODUCTION

Consumers around the globe have taken a liking to ready-to-eat meals for their ease of use, quickness, and plentiful options. The entire market for pre-made food is booming, with the industry estimated to grow to $233 billion by 2027. However, concerns about their impact on consumer health and comfort abound. They are convenient and efficacious, but several products and ready-made foods'strengthen is being challenged because they are loaded with salt, sugar, and unhealthy fats. To put it another way, everything is associated, including government, quality of life, food costing, uprightness, and so on. People and all other living organisms are reliant on food and nourishment. All living organisms eat to survive. A food with the label and packaging "ready to eat" is one that can be eaten immediately. Individuals nowadays choose to cook fast rather than squander their time due to the stresses of life. Ready meals' rise in the global and Indian market significantly altered bribery behaviours. As people become more knowledgeable about food, their intentions and attitudes towards prepared foods are also changing. The food supply has changed and this has an impact on the food industry. This research article aims to investigate consumer attitudes towards ready-to-eat foods, focusing on identifying factors that influence consumer decision-making, behavior, customer satisfaction and understanding of these products.

OBJECTIVES
1) To know the factors affecting the consumer's purchasing and consumption of ready-made food.
2) To know how beneficiaries can purchase the prepared food.
3) To know what consumers think about ready-to-eat foods.
4) To evaluate customer satisfaction with ready-to-eat foods.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY
The importance of studying consumer behavior towards ready-to-eat foods includes understanding consumer preferences, satisfaction, attitudes and behaviors towards such foods and exploring various factors that influence their consumption.

READY TO EAT INDUSTRY
There are five basic processes for RTE food production (Nevo, 1998): pelletizing, flaking, chopping, puffing and extrusion. With the exception of Nestlé, all major food manufacturers started operations in the United States and today do the majority of their business in the United States. Since the 1980s, the Federal Trade Commission has been investigating and prosecuting three major food manufacturers for cartel practices (Wall Street Journal, 1980). Advertising is the main source of competition in this industry, especially television advertising (Ippolito and Mathios, 1990). TV ad spending ranks second behind automakers. Advertising accounts for approximately 13% of sales, compared to only 2% to 4% in the grocery industry. Today's customer focus has changed as business was born with the convenience trend. Eating out is slowly changing as one of the most popular consumer choices for purchasing ready-to-eat food. More than half of men and women reported considering nutritional factors such as fibre, vitamin and sugar content when purchasing prepared foods. Women worry most about sugar and fat, while men worry about vitamin content.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A study published by Verma and Chandra in 2018 investigated the effects of consumer perception on behavior intending to purchase ready-to-eat foods. The results of the research state that tastiness, convenience, and variety were more correlated to purchase behavior whereas health perspective and nutritional factor were inversely related. Too in depth detail.summary of the article we see a type of eating behavior in terms of causality volume and the degree to the response of the Presyag Anos the 2nd study reveals a study named The article published by Schermel et al. in 2013. The purpose of the article is to explore the nutritional aspects of consumption among ready-to-eat

meals in Canada. According to the article ready-made meals in Canada contained Salz and Satureted Cap and they were beyond consumption as a respondent buying and third research which type of article we see is hazard hazard and purchase behavior from the regulatory romack has named the study on informed buyers that Neal et al. in 2017.opts too detail it must be less than or equal to 0 As for the article, it explores the influence of packaging on desire and readiness to purchase among consumers.

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

The research is based on primary and secondary data

Primary data
Primary data is collected through survey of 80 users using Google Text which is used in social media like Whats appl ication.

Secondary data
Secondary data is collected from websites, research articles and booksResearch and Technology

DATA ANALYSIS
Data analysis is the process of transforming raw data into useful information that can inform decisions and improve results. It involves various methods and techniques to analyze and interpret data and is an important part of research. Data analysis involves analyzing and interpreting data collected during research to draw conclusions and make informed decisions. The study was limited to 80 participants in Andhra Pradesh who were contacted through social media. The below is the response sheet from 61 people.

1.   How Frequently you purchase Ready to rat Products
A.   Every day
B.   Once a week
C.   Twice a week
D.   Rare

Interpretation: From the above analysis it is clear that 32 Respondents buy ready to eat food rarely, 12 respondents buy once in a week,10 respondents buy every day and 5 respondents said they buy twice a week.

2.   What is the primary use to purchase Ready to eat products
A.   Breakfast
B.   Snacks
C.   Dinner
D.   Lunch

Interpretation: From the above analysis it is clear that 4 Respondents buy ready to eat food as Snacks, 9 respondents buy as breakfast,,3 respondents buy as lunch and 3 respondents said they buy for dinner.

3.   What are the factors influencing while purchasing and consume Ready to eat products
A.   Quality
B.   Cost
C.   Availability
D.   Convenient

Interpretation: From the above analysis it is clear that 22 Respondents said quality influencing while purchasing and consume Ready to eat products, 18 respondents said convenience,10 respondents said cost, 7 respondents buy based on availability.

4.   Where do you buy Ready to eat products
A.   Online
B.   Store
C.   Both

Interpretation: The above analysis says 43 respondents says, they but Ready to eat food in both store and online, 19 respondents buy in Store and 4 respondents said they buy in online.

5.   What is your satisfaction level of Ready to eat products after consumption
A.   Strongly Satisfied
B.   Satisfied
C.   Average
D.   Not satisfied

Interpretation: From the above analysis 24 respondents are satisfied in consuming Ready to eat food, 7 are strongly satisfied, 4 are not satisfied and 24 respondents are neutral.

FACTORS AFFECTING CONSUMER BEHAVIOR IN THE READY-TO-EAT FOOD INDUSTRY

Consumers lead busy lifestyles and often look for ready-made food. RTE Foods is an ideal solution and method, particularly for people who are unable to prepare one. The second issue is that people are increasingly concerned about the quality of the RTE food products consumed and seek out alternatives that are both safe and nutritious. This issue is exemplified by the growing demand for organic, naturally extracted, and plant-based produce. Taste plays a crucial role in determining the consumer's behavior in the RTE food market. Buyers expect products to be delicious, and they are more likely to purchase those that meet their personal tastes. Price determines the consumer's decision in any market. RTE food is no exception, with consumers more likely to buy those that are friendly to their pockets. Consumers prefer purchasing food from a manufacturer or producer with a reputation for delivering quality and safe products. The majority of consumers prefer buying foods from a manufacturer with a proven track record of delivering trustworthy goods. The packaging of the ready-made product determines whether consumers will buy the product or not. Products that individuals can comfortably carry, store, utilize, and dispose of after usage will sell more. Finally, Marketing and advertisements also raise awareness and pique individuals' attention about the product. Smart packaging, including color and design, can likewise pique people's interest and curiosity about groceries.

CONSUMER DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IN PURCHASING RTE FOODS

Another critical area that is necessary for understanding consumer behavior towards RTE foods is consumer decision-making process. Consumer decision-making process can be defined as the process of getting through various steps before making an actual purchase by a buyer. In the context of the developments within the RTE food market, it can be argued that the consumer decision-making process is influenced by numerous factors, such as social, cultural, personal, and psychological factors . More specifically, the consumer decision-making process that is typical for acquiring RTE foods can be illustrated with the help of the following stages:

1. Need recognition: at this stage, the consumer identifies or recognizes the need for a product. Consumers recognize their need for RTE foods in cases when they lack time to cook or resources to acquire the required ingredients.

2. Information search : once the need for RTE foods is identified, consumers begin to search for information. In this case, the information can be received from friends or family, found in reviews in the internet, or assessed on the level of specific RTE products with regards to nutrition, taste, and convenience.

3. Alternative evaluation: when the information on the alternatives is accessed, consumers evaluate these alternatives. It can include an assessment of taste, nutritional value, pricing, and convenience.

4. Purchase decision: based on the information from the previous stage, consumer makes a purchase on the RTE food they believe better suits their needs and preferences.

5. Post-purchase evaluation: finally, consumers evaluate how they liked the purchase of RTE food. Tastes and convenience can be assessed and buyers can make a conclusion about whether they would like to acquire the same one.

FINDINGS

1. From this research it has been found out that 52% of the respondents are Consuming Ready to eat Food Rarely and 16% of respondents consume daily.

2. The study depicts that 72% of the respondents take Ready to eat food as Snacks and where as 15% of respondents consume it as breakfast.

3. From the study it has been found that 36% of the respondents are influenced by Quality and 31% of respondents are influenced by Convenience.

4. It has been found that 56% of the respondents purchase ready-to-eat foods in both store as online and 31% of respondents buy in store.

5. It has been found that 39% of the respondents are Neutral on satisfaction of consuming Ready to eat food and 38% of respondents are satisfied.

SUGGESTIONS

1. Increase the variety of healthy and nutritious Ready to eat Food options to meet customer preferences.
2. Improve the quality and taste of RTE food products to satisfy customers.
3. Use sustainable packaging options to reduce your environmental impact.
4. Provide clear and accurate labeling to inform consumers about the nutritional content of consumed foods.
5. Prepared foods should be available in stores.
6. The quantity should increase and the price should decrease.

CONCLUSION

Convenience food, also known as ready-to-eat food or tertiary processed food, is food that has been professionally prepared (usually by processing) to maximize convenience of consumption and be readily transportable while maintaining a decent shelf life. The kinds of ready-to-eat food items differ depending on the nation and area. These goods are often offered for sale as hot, ready-to-eat meals, room temperature, shelf-stable goods, or food items that just need to be heated or chilled. Foods that have been processed to "make them more appealing to the consumer" have also been referred to as ready to eat items. Any kind of value addition to agricultural or horticultural goods is referred to as food processing. It also includes procedures like grading, sorting, and packing that extend the shelf life of food items. Industry and agriculture are linked and synergized via the food processing sector. The present study offers insight into the research patterns about the variables impacting customers' preferences for ready-to-eat food goods in Kabul's Shahr-e-Now. The survey shows that customers have the greatest preference for ready-to-eat goods. Furthermore, around 25% of customers use both ready-to-eat and non-ready-to-eat items. The study's key conclusion about the variables affecting consumers' preferences for ready-to-eat food items in Shar-e-Now, Kabul, was that taste and flavor were the most significant factor (mean score of 68.67) influencing the purchase of ready-to-eat food products. The study suggests that the demand for ready-to-eat food items would continue to rise in the future due to

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factors including a rising population, fast urbanization, changing customer tastes, etc. The snack food sector in Kabul city has a huge possibility if it has a well-integrated supply chain and an effective marketing plan.

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Table 1. SOME READY TO EAT BRANDS IN INDIA

Brand	Product
Haldiram's	Potato Chips Drinks Snacks Sweets
Maggi	Soups Spices Noodles
Tata Q	Tea, Coffee Pulses Poha and Beans Spices
Kitchens of India	Snacks Chocolates Biscuits and Cakes Dairy Products
Aashirvaad	Spices Wheat Fast Mixes Noodles
MTR	Breakfast Mixes Snacks Masalas and Spices Drinks
Cup Noodles	Noodles Spicy Chunky Chicken Masala
Gits	Dal makhani Pav bhaji Rajma Palak paneer

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Kellogg's	Pringles Rice Krispies Corn Flakes Cheez-It
MOM – Meal of The Moment	Poha, veg biryani Red Thai curry rice Chinese fried rice

Timestamp	1. How Frequently you purchase Ready to Eat Products	2. What is the primary use to purchase Ready to eat products	3. What are the factors influencing while purchasing and consume Ready to eat products	4. Where do you buy Ready to eat products	5. What is your satisfaction level of Ready to eat products after consumption
9/12/2023 11:27	A. Every day	B. Snacks	B. Cost	B. Store	C. Average
9/12/2023 12:00	D. Rare	A. Breakfast	A. Quality	B. Store	C. Average
9/12/2023 12:01	B. Once a week	B. Snacks	A. Quality	B. Store	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 12:02	B. Once a week	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 12:06	D. Rare	D. Lunch	A. Quality	B. Store	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 12:07	Never	None	None	I don't buy	None
9/12/2023 12:09	D. Rare	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	B. Store	A. Strongly Satisfied
9/12/2023 12:14	D. Rare	B. Snacks	A. Quality	B. Store	C. Average
9/12/2023 12:19	A. Every day	B. Snacks	B. Cost	C. Both	A. Strongly Satisfied
9/12/2023 12:19	A. Every day	B. Snacks	B. Cost	C. Both	A. Strongly Satisfied
9/12/2023 12:30	B. Once a week	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	C. Both	C. Average
9/12/2023 12:30	B. Once a week	B. Snacks	C. Availability	C. Both	C. Average
9/12/2023 12:33	D. Rare	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 12:33	D. Rare	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	C. Both	C. Average
9/12/2023 12:35	D. Rare	B. Snacks	B. Cost	B. Store	C. Average
9/12/2023 12:36	A. Every day	B. Snacks	A. Quality	C. Both	A. Strongly Satisfied
9/12/2023 12:37	A. Every day	B. Snacks	A. Quality	C. Both	B. Satisfied

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9/12/2023 12:47	B. Once a week	B. Snacks	D. Convenient		C. Average
9/12/2023 13:02	D. Rare	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	B. Store	C. Average
9/12/2023 13:02	D. Rare	B. Snacks	C. Availability	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 13:02	A. Every day	B. Snacks	C. Availability	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 13:02	B. Once a week	B. Snacks	B. Cost	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 13:03	D. Rare	B. Snacks	Taste	A. Online	C. Average
9/12/2023 13:03	A. Every day	A. Breakfast	A. Quality	A. Online	A. Strongly Satisfied
9/12/2023 13:03	D. Rare	B. Snacks	B. Cost	C. Both	D. Not satisfied
9/12/2023 13:03	D. Rare	B. Snacks	B. Cost	C. Both	D. Not satisfied
9/12/2023 13:04	B. Once a week	A. Breakfast	A. Quality	A. Online	C. Average
9/12/2023 13:04	A. Every day	B. Snacks	B. Cost	C. Both	A. Strongly Satisfied
9/12/2023 13:04	B. Once a week	A. Breakfast	A. Quality	A. Online	C. Average
9/12/2023 13:05	D. Rare	B. Snacks	C. Availability	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 13:05	D. Rare	A. Breakfast	A. Quality	C. Both	C. Average
9/12/2023 13:06	B. Once a week	B. Snacks	B. Cost	B. Store	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 13:08	D. Rare	A. Breakfast	A. Quality	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 13:19	D. Rare	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	C. Both	C. Average
9/12/2023 13:21	D. Rare	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	B. Store	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 13:22	D. Rare	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	B. Store	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 13:24	D. Rare	B. Snacks			
9/12/2023 13:55	D. Rare	D. Lunch	D. Convenient	C. Both	C. Average
9/12/2023 14:05	B. Once a week	C. Dinner	A. Quality	C. Both	A. Strongly Satisfied
9/12/2023 14:05	D. Rare	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	B. Store	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 14:06	D. Rare	D. Lunch	D. Convenient	C. Both	D. Not satisfied

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9/12/2023 14:26	C. Twice a week	B. Snacks	C. Availability	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 14:36	D. Rare	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 14:38	D. Rare	B. Snacks	A. Quality	C. Both	C. Average
9/12/2023 14:42	D. Rare	C. Dinner	D. Convenient	B. Store	C. Average
9/12/2023 14:42	D. Rare	B. Snacks	A. Quality	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 14:54	C. Twice a week	B. Snacks	A. Quality	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 14:57	C. Twice a week	A. Breakfast	A. Quality	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 15:03	B. Once a week	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	B. Store	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 15:07	D. Rare	B. Snacks	A. Quality	B. Store	C. Average
9/12/2023 15:12	C. Twice a week	B. Snacks	A. Quality	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 15:13	D. Rare	A. Breakfast	A. Quality	B. Store	C. Average
9/12/2023 15:25	A. Every day	B. Snacks	C. Availability	C. Both	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 15:31	A. Every day	B. Snacks	A. Quality	C. Both	C. Average
9/12/2023 16:05	D. Rare	A. Breakfast	A. Quality	C. Both	D. Not satisfied
9/12/2023 16:17	D. Rare	B. Snacks	D. Convenient	B. Store	B. Satisfied
9/12/2023 18:12	No I don't eat ready to eat products	No I don't purchase			
9/12/2023 18:24	C. Twice a week	B. Snacks	C. Availability	B. Store	C. Average
9/12/2023 18:33	B. Once a week	B. Snacks	A. Quality	C. Both	C. Average
9/12/2023 18:42	D. Rare	B. Snacks	B. Cost	B. Store	C. Average
9/12/2023 19:30	D. Rare	C. Dinner	D. Convenient	C. Both	C. Average

Table 1. How Frequently you purchase Ready to rat Products

How Frequently you purchase Ready to Eat Products	Response
Every Day	10
Once a week	12
Twise a week	5
Rare	32

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Never	2

Table 2. What is the primary use to purchase Ready to eat products

What is the primary use to purchase Ready to eat products	Response
breakfast	9
Snacks	44
Lunch	3
Dinner	3
Never	2

Table 3. What are the factors influencing while purchasing and consume Ready to eat products

3. What are the factors influencing while purchasing and consume Ready to eat products	Response
Quality	22
Cost	10
Availability	7
Convenience	18
No Option	4

Table 4. Where do you buy Ready to eat products

Where do you buy Ready to eat products	Response
Onine	4
Store	19
Both	34
No Option	4

Table 5. What is your satisfaction level of Ready to eat products after consumption

What is your satisfaction level of Ready to eat products after consumption	Response
Strongly satisfied	7
satisfied	23
Average	24
Not satisfied	4
No Option	3
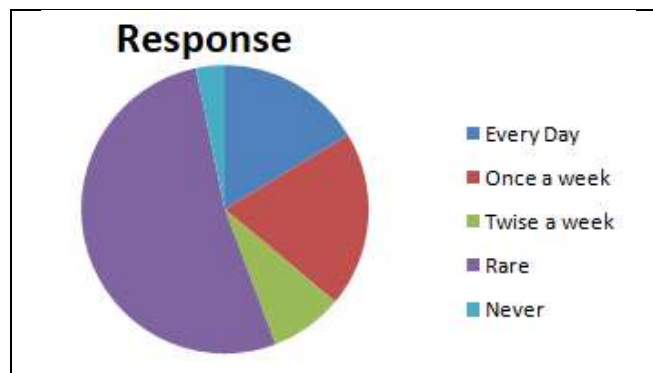
Fig. 1 . Response of purchase Ready to Eat Products	**Fig. 2. Response of primary use to purchase Ready to eat products**
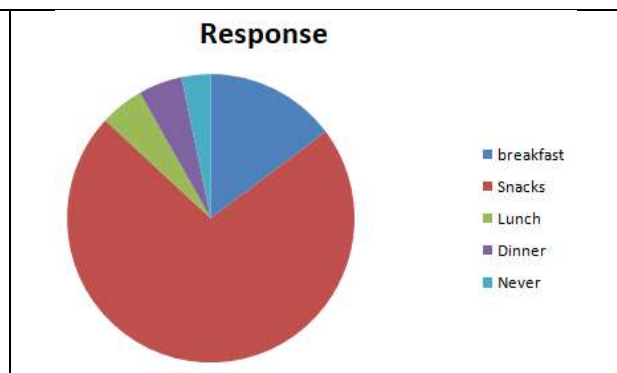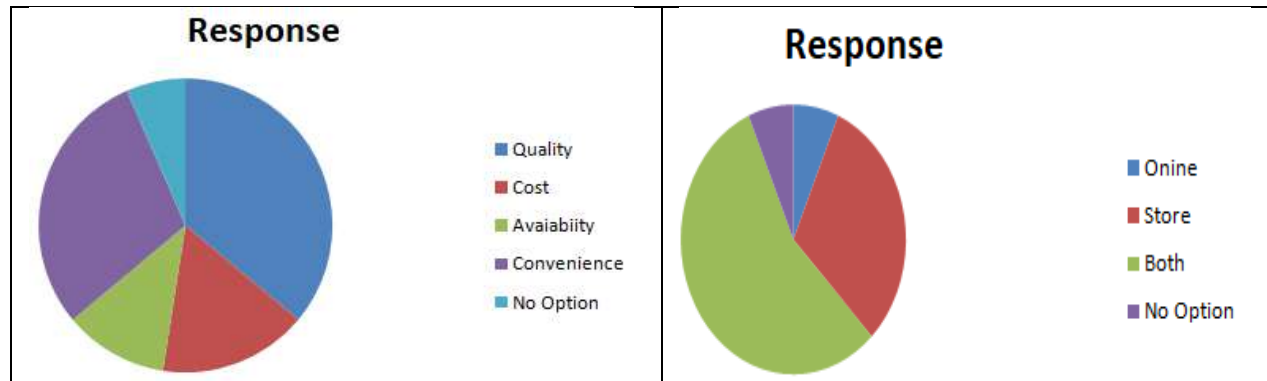
Fig. 3. Response of purchasing and consume Ready to eat products

Fig. 3. Response of buy Ready to eat products
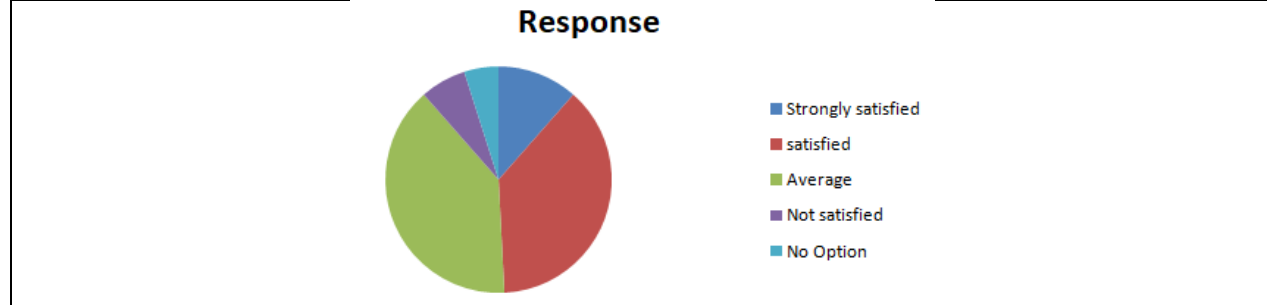
Fig.4. Response of Ready to eat products after consumption

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Aspirations, Efforts and Challenges of Unemployed Graduates of Jammu District: An Empirical Study

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ABSTRACT

Unemployment is one of the major challenges being faced by India today. A significant number of youth graduating from academic institutions every year with academic degrees struggling in the job market. The problem of unemployment in the Jammu Kashmir UT have grown to terrified proportions. The percentage of educated students struggling for employment increased every year due to lack of employment opportunities and mismatch to the job market demand. The March 2022 unemployment rate in JK UT was 25%, nearly three times of the national Monthly average reported by Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).The current unemployment rate of J&K is 23.1% having third highest unemployment rate among all the states of India. It is also reported in the news that due to the lack of job policy, 2,50,000 educated youth in Jammu and Kashmir face the brunt of the unemployment and struggle to find employment, which puts their families at risk(Peer, 2020). Jammu and Kashmir has had rapid economic expansion but has been unable to match the ambitions of its youth, who seek educational and career possibilities. The current research made an attempt to explore the Aspirations, Efforts and Challenges of Unemployed Graduates of Jammu District. A total of 411 unemployed graduates has been chosen conveniently for pulling the required data by employing semi-structured questionnaire. It was found in the study that 86% of the unemployed graduates prefer to get jobs in a specific location, i.e. Jammu-Kashmir and found 53% unemployed graduates preferred to get State Government jobs, 38%

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Central Government jobs, 5% Private jobs and 5% self-employment. It was also found that 82% of the participants were found to put efforts for improving communication skills through reading English newspaper and practicing self-preparation to get the job (70%). The study reported that 68% of the unemployed graduates did not get any job offer from the Employment Exchange Office even though they registered. The study exposed that 56%unemployed voiced that very less job opportunities were notified by government of Jammu and Kashmir. Hence, the investigators recommended that academic institution needs to develop curriculum in such a way that focuses on enhancing the required skills for the job market immediately after the completion of their degrees. The government may also initiate trainings, workshop and orientation programs for the unemployed youth for enhancing their skills as per the demands of the job market.

Keywords: Unemployed-graduates, Aspiration, Efforts, Difficulties encountered.

INTRODUCTION

The Largest segment of demographic structure will be formed by the Indian youth population that is going to enter into the commercial world of trade and labout Market in the upcoming years. But a significant number of them are not having the access of required education and skilled training institution as a result they have to work in the unorganized sector of economy. The Indian Educational institutions are increasing the capacity of the intake of students but further the problem of dropout students is still there that results in lack of acomlishment of educational goals. The vocational education system of India seems unable to develop the skills among the students that is required for working in the industries. So, in order to take benifits from its "demographic dividend," various policies have been reformed to pick up the pace of developing of skills. **According to Ministry of Education,** the nation's socioeconomic structure can be restored and balanced in a large way via education. Since its people are its most significant resource, India needs to nurture and care for its billion-strong population by providing them with good basic education so that their life have some worth. Building solid educational foundations will enable our citizens to flourish holistically as a result.

Unemployment
Unemployment is one of the biggest uncertainties faced by majority of the nations in the whole world. The fact is that both industrialized (developed) and non-industrialized (underdeveloped) nations frequently experience unemployment. Many people and society at large experience difficulty, deprivation, and suffering primarily as a result of it. While occupation affects a person's chance of living a tranquil and fulfilling life. It also affects our thoughts, feelings, and actions. Many satisfactions of work, such as accomplishment, acclaim, accountability, and pure joy, can be attained. Employment also imposes a schedule, offers chances for social connection as well as the formation of identity and self-worth. According to National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) employment and unemployment are defined on the subsequent activiy statuses of an individual: Working (engaged in an economic activity) i.e. 'Employed' andSeeking or available for work i.e. 'Unemployed'. Neither seeking nor available for work. In simple words unemployment can be defined as unavailability of employment when a person is in search of job with having required skills. It is considered as the economical health. Un employment is usually measured by the rate of unemployment i.e. the total no. of unemployed is divided by the total number of people who are working.

Unemployment in Jammu Kashmir UT
The geographical conditions and socia- economic settings of the JK UT are quit different in various aspects from the other regions. As for as the development is concerned the JK UT is lacking behind without any hope for the learned youth. Various economic policies that have been developed for provisions of providing employment to the youth starting from the first five year plans left behind a significant number of unemployment. As a result the plans the

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strats with great enthusiasm to reduce the unemploybility leads to left more unemployed youth as comparision fronm the begning of that particular plan. It representes that jobs are not created according to the required numbers. .However, many actions have been taken for eradicationg or uprooting the unemployment among youth, still the unemployment rate in India rose to a three month high of 7.80% in March as per CMIE whereas Jammu Kashmir holds the third highest rate of unemployment of 23.1%. According to Economic Survey (2022-23) report revealed that 14.16 lakh job cards issued under MGNREGA and 225 lakh mandays generated.4,911 youth trained and 2760 placed under Himayat/ Deen Dayal Upadhaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana.

Government of Jammu kashmir has implemented National Education Policy (NEP-2020) with vision and mission to reimagining and strengthening the undergraduate, post-Graduate curriculum and research excellence that connect disciplines. The mission is to build on traditional and emerging strengths, leveraging the digital initiatives of the Government. Optimizing the opportunities to address the skill deficiency is the underlying mission of NEP (2020). Jammu Kashmir has taken the following strides in the Higher Education sector.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Unemployment increased at a very fast rate every year resulted from low rate of employment. There is a great difference in the registration and placements of the educated youth. It affected the youth psychologically as well as socially. The youth in the age group of 20-40 years were affected a lot because it was a critical period to experience high stress & other psychological problems, which played a major role in the individual's life. Unemployment upsurges various struggles for the youth related to finance, Socio-economic stutus and the mental stress and it also effects the families those are suffering from the issues that are faced by the unemployed youth in the present scenario (Singh, 2002; Guddimath, 2016; Gupta 2018). The occupation shift due to the unemployment from agricultural practices to the white coloured jobs in the market and to the comptetion of industries that too is meeting the challenge of development. The backwardness of youth in farmimig has alarmed the situation of unemployment in the JK UT. The fact is that there technological sector of JK UT is not so advanced to crearte job opportunities for the youth. (Sehgal, et. al. 2011). The unemployment rate of Males and females of JK UT is 3.1 and 20.6 Percent respectively. The unemployment rate of rural areas is less the that of urban areas OF JK UT. According to the 68th Round of the National Sample Survey (2011–12), the unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir's urban areas was 7.8 percent, while it was 3.9 percent in rural areas. In Jammu and Kashmir, urban male unemployment (4.7 percent) was higher than rural male unemployment is 2.7 percent (Akram, 2017). Many unemployed educated rural youth are ready to accept even lower grade jobs (Saritha, 2017). The rate of the population was one of the vital factors to slow down the rate of employment. Lack of Skill training and unaccessibility of educational institutions leaded to shortage of skilled workers in India. Therefore, the need felt to bridge the gap existed in the Higher Education and development of Skills for seeking employment. A large number of students were pursuing higher education in order to obtain a high level of employment. Moreover, with higher education, students expect more secure career paths and to have a better chance of finding work (Hussain, 2018; Ali & Jalal, 2018; David 2019). Kerala, J&K, and the Northeast continue to have significant unemployment rates. While the states with the biggest population and agriculture have lower unemployment rates. That Jammu was the vital district to hold largest unemployment rates. 26.22 percent unemployment was coming from Graduate level. It was found from the study that the rural sector tends to have a higher poverty rate than urban sector irrespective of both measures of poverty in the J&K state overall (Yangzom, 2020; Kaushik, 2020). Several factors were found responsible for unemployment, including maximum dropout rate, fragmentation of land, lack of interest in less paid jobs, less jobs at village level, mechanization, etc. Unemployment is immensely affected by the location preference because people were more concerned about their family health, which was also needed. (Kaur 2022; Dass 2022).

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Need and Significance of the Study

To earn the better livelihood and better life style people do work in different sectors according to their abilities. It also enhances the status of an individual in the society. Therefore, employment is defined as the work based activity that provides earning source to the individual. JK UT has been struggling with the challenge of unemployment as the other states of the Nation (Zahoor Ahmad Dar 2023). The 68th round of NSS data (July 2011 to June 2012) reported that JK UT has the highest unemployment rate of 4.9% among neighboring states. Female unemployment is the highest at 20.2% compared to 3.7% nationally. The report by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy claims that J&K's unemployment rate for March 2022 was 25%, almost three times the national average for the month and current unemployment rate of J&K is 23.1% having third highest unemployment rate in India. The number of students those who leave the schools at secondary level, graduation and post graduation level are unemployed from many years because of the availability of job opportunity (Zahoor Ahmed Dar 2023). The Economy of the JK UT has been growing but on the other hand the educational and vocational opportunities to the youth are very limited. The industrial sector and private investments in the JK UT has very limited scope. The education level of the students is undoubtedly increasing at an alarming rate. Every Year thousand of the students complete their graduate and post graduate degrees and are still not getting the job even after putting efforts for the employment. The unemployment of the educated and skilled youth is the serious and threatening challenge for the government (Khan, 2022). Socially, psychologically and economically the educated unemployed are very much disturbed, frustrated, isolated and helpless. If the alarming issue of the unemployment of educated not is not tackled by creating job opportunities, the UT will have to face the disastrous effects in the coming days. As Graduation is the basic qualification for most of the jobs and every year more than 22 Lakh students get enrolled in colleges in J&K (CEIC, 2010-2019) and the Government is also taking steps for employment generation, but still JK UT ranked the third highest unemployment rate in the country (23.1%). Therefore, the investigator is interested to ponder upon what efforts and challenges do the unemployed graduate students are facing to get employment? What aspirations they have in order to get employment? Hence, the investigator constructed thefollowing research questions to find answers for them.

Research Questions

1. What kind of aspirations do the unemployed graduates have for getting employment?
2. What efforts are being initiated by the unemployed graduates for improving their requisite skills in order to get employment?
3. What problems are being faced by the unemployed graduates in getting job of Jammu District?

Objectives of the study

1. To find out the aspirations of unemployed graduates for getting employment in desired fields.
2. To understand the efforts initiated by graduates for improving their requisite skills in order to get an employment.
3. To ascertain the problems faced by the graduates in getting employment in of District Jammu.

METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY

From the Table 3 it can be seen that the majority of the participants involved in this study were two hundred fifty nine females and one hundred fifty two males. Also observed that inhabited point of view majority of them was identified as rural area dwellers. Also, it's understood that participants of 22-25 years were 52%, 26 – 30 years of age group were 41% and 30 years were 7%. It is observed that 38% belonged to Science stream, 50% belonged to Arts stream and 13% belonged to commerce stream. It showed that 70% of the participants were found to have Graduation, 28% were Post-Graduates, 1% were having M.Phil. and 1%were Ph.D. Also observed that 61% participants completed their school education from Private and 39% from Government schools. The above Table also indicates that 86% participants had English as medium of instruction at school level and 14% had Hindi as the medium of instruction in school.

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From the Table 4 it can be understood that the majority (86%) of the participants preferred to get employed in a specific location, whereas the rest of them were in opposite view (14%). Also observed that the majority of the participants were not engaged in part time job (66%) whereas (35%) were engaged in any part time job. From the Figure 1, it can be understood that, out of 411 participants, 61% of participants preferred to get employed in Jammu Kashmir,whereas 27% responded that they would do the job anywhere in India,10% preferred within North India and 2% of them were ready to do the job outside India also. From the Figure 2 it can be observed that more than half of the participants (53%) alleged to get employed in state government, 37% replied to get employed in central government, 5% was ready to get employed in private sector, and 5% gave their preference for self-employment. From the Figure 3, it can be seen that 30% of the participants preferred teaching profession as their aspiration,23%were interested in administrative jobs, 17% civil services, 15% Police/Armed forces, 12% Banking and only 4% preferred to join Railway Jobs. From the Figure 4, it can be understood that the majority of the participants (63%) were good in their studies (62%), whereas 14% replied best, 14% replied average, also 9% replied above average, 0% below average and only 1% uttered to be poor in their studies.

From the Table 5, it can be observed that the majority of the participants (82%) were found to express reading of English newspaper for improving communication skills, whereas 18% were of the opposite view. Further, when they were probed who agreed with reading English newspaper,Out of 82%, 55% participants replied that they were reading English newspapers on a regular basis. It is also noticed that 70% of the participants were found to have self-preparation to get jobs, whereas 30% were attending various coaching centers and tution points for preparation. Also understood that the majority of the participants (77%) stated that they had competencies in using computer applications,whereas a few of them (23%) were disagreed with it. Even though they registered in the employment exchange office, 68% said that they did not receive any job offer from it whereas 32% agreed with it. From Figure 6 it can be seen that 40% participants responded that they were spending 1-2 hours of time, 23% said 3-4 hours were spent, 20% participants studied for 5-6 hours. It also noticed that only 17% were found to spend 7-8 hours of time for preparing their jobs.

It can be observed from the above Table 6 that 13% of the participants responded that due to their poor socioeconomic condition, i.e. not having a source of income to attend coaching centres, being a general category candidate, unaware of employment opportunities, lack of time for preparation, etc. were factors for their unemployment. Also, 17% stated psychological factors, i.e. low confidence, nervousness, lack of concentration, slow learners, high aspirations, etc. could be factors. One of the participants responded that *"I've a lack of confidence and beside that my communication skills are not so good."* Further, 23% replied that they were trying for multiple jobs in the government sector simultaneously. Also 13% blamed the Government for not conducting examinations on time, also corruption, scams, lack of transparency of the board, etc. in exams. One of the participants replied that *"I'm trying my best to hold a Government job, but our state selection board is playing with our future, the Board is only advertising the vacancies for several departments, but no exam till date since three years are conducted."* Also 10% agreed with that they were lacking skills in them i.e. communication skills, less interaction with people, lack of attainment of practical knowledge, lack of fluency in speaking English, etc. It was also observed that 24% expressed that they had no weakness. One of the participants stated that *"I didn't find any weakness in myself as I'm a hardworking student and I know everyone is putting their efforts to get a job ....but due to some scams we are lacking behind and our age are also going which in turn creates a lot of tensions and frustration in our life."*

From the Table 7, it can be seen that 24% of the participants agreed that they had a lack of fluency in English to get a job, whereas 76% disagreed with it. Although, the majority of the participants (95%) were found to put efforts to get jobs they wished to join, it is noticed that 51% of the participants faced instability of internet connection while their preparation. It can be also understood that 61% of them were found to have awareness about the schemes launched by the J&K Government for educated youth, whereas 39% were unaware of it. Figure 7 it indicates responses of unemployed graduates related to the problems faced in getting jobs. It shows that more than half of the participants (56%) responded that a very few jobs vacancy were found to be notified in the Government sector, 36% participants

stated lack of preparation, 28% participants mentioned a faulty selection procedure in the recruitments. It was also observed that 25% of the participants responded that they faced lack of private job opportunities in J&K. Also observed that 14% of the participants voiced about non-cooperation from family during their preparation and also for the profession they choose. They also replied that they lacked skill and competencies required for the job they were aspiring (10%) and lacked communication skills (9%) which are very necessary to get any job. From Figure 8 it can be observed that 58% of the participants stated that they were good in the fluency of the English language, 23% were having better fluency, 11% replied excellent fluency in English language. The table also shows that 7% of the participants 'responses indicates that they were having very poor fluency and 1% of them revealed that they were worst in English language fluency. From Figure 9, it was observed that 46% of the participants were found to be preparing for the job for one year only. The figure also shows that 24% of them were preparing for the job from last two years while 30% revealed that they were preparing for the job since from last three years.

Major Findings of the Study

In the light of the data analysis and interpretation, some of the significant findings have been emerged and presented as follows:

- The study found that a majority (86%) of the unemployed graduates' responses was found to seek their employment in specific location i.e. Jammu Kashmir only.
- The study revealed regarding the type of jobs preferred by unemployed graduates, State Government jobs were preferred by 53% of the unemployed graduates, 38% preferred central government jobs, 5% stated private jobs and 5% planned for doing self-employment.
- When unemployed graduates were probed regarding availing information about employment opportunities, The present study notices that more than half of the participants (55%) were found by consulting Newspapers and advertisements to get information about employment.
- The study also revealed that majority of the unemployed graduates (82%) were found to have the habit of reading English Newspaper for improving their communication skills in order to get a job. The newspaper assisted them to know the development in Science, technology, sports, etc.
- The current study exposed that 70% of the unemployed graduates' responses have been found to prefer self-preparation in order to get employment.
- It was noticed from the study that although they registered in the employment exchange office, 68% of the unemployed graduates declared that they did not get any job offer from the Employment Exchange Office.
- The study revealed that 51% of the unemployed graduates responded that they were encountering instability of internet connectivity during their preparation for jobs.

Suggestions for further researches

- The present study confined to unemployed graduates of Jammu District only, a similar study may be replicated by covering all the unemployed graduates of other districts also as well as at the state level.
- The present study was a descriptive survey in nature. For exploring in deeply about the problems encountered by unemployed graduates for getting job, a qualitative study may be undertaken to explore the reasons for their unemployment.
- An Investigation may be conducted to identify the skills required to be developed get an employment with Graduation.
- A qualitative study may be undertaken to analyze the curriculum at graduation level by concentrating on what extent existing curriculum focuses to improve skills and competencies required to get employment among the target group.

CONCLUSION

From the present study on unemployment and the difficulties faced by the graduates, it is found that curbing the growing unemployment is the need of the hour. According to the present study the educated unemployed youth of

Jammu is facing frustration, stress, anxiety, etc. in their daily life. Nearly 50% of educated unemployed youth is facing financial issues in their daily life. It is also found that only 5% of the graduates were found to have an interest in self-employment. May be because of the lack of financial support and lack of knowledge, skills were found to be reasons less interested in the self-employment. There are a large number of youth graduating from academic institutions every year with academic degrees having little connection with the job market. However, the youth does not have the required skills as per the market demand and thus there is a widening of the skill gap. Therefore, Government as well as education has to equip the youth with market driven skills with the acquiring degrees simultaneously. Hence, academic institutions need to develop curriculum in such a way which will enhance the required skills for the job immediately after the completion of their degrees. Spreading awareness through education about self-employment and financial literacy among graduates is important. Government can also initiate trainings, workshop and orientation programs for the youth for enhancing their skills as per the job market. It is also found that 61% of the graduates prefer to get employment within the state, whereas in the J&K industrial sector has not so developed (Zahoor 2023). Therefore, the Focus of the Government should be on the development of the industrial sector, which will curb unemployment from the state. Also,the role of family is very significant. Families should also understand the abilities and interest of their children in order to admit them into the courses in which they would excel.

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Table 1. Policies for Strengthening Employment among youth of Jammu Kashmir

S.No.	Policies	Recommendations
1.	**Mission Youth**	Aimed to facilitate youth engagement and empowerment through customized systematic interventions in livelihood generation, skill development, education, psycho-social support, recreation and sports. Following is the brief about the achievements of Mission Youth (FY 2021-22).
a)	**Mumkin**	It is a customized livelihood generation program under which youth of J&K is being facilitated to procure Small Commercial Vehicles for establishing a sustainable line of livelihood.
b)	**Tajeswani**	This scheme is for the employment of young women of Jammu Kashmir for tailoring under which young girls are provided with systematic assistance to establish independent livelihood means.
c)	**Endeavor to Empower**	Under this initiative, customized Market-Driven Skill Development Programs in about 100 different trades are being implemented in a targeted manner in Collaboration with reputed organizations/ institutions/ corporate houses of the country.
d)	**PARVAAZ**	A novel initiative of the Government of Jammu Kashmir for sponsoring coaching for various professional competitive examinations, including those conducted by UPSC/ JKPSC/ SSC/ JKSSB.
e)	**Super 75 & Super**	Aimed to provide financial support of 1 Lakh to meritorious students belonging to

	B75	the marginalized sections of society for pursuing their academic aspirations.
f)	**Youth Volunteer Program**	For positive youth engagement at the grass root level under which special youth groups "Youth Clubs" are constituted in every Panchayat / Urban Wards of J&K.The members of these youth clubs are being engaged in various community oriented programs intiated by Government of India.
2.	**Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)**	This Scheme is focused on developing the skills among the youth so that they can find employment in the industrial sector for earning their livelihood.

Table 2 Methodology of the study

Methodology of the study	
Method Used	Descriptive Survey Method
Population of the study	Unemployed Graduates who have registered themselves as an unemployed and as a job seeker in the District Employment & Counselling Centre, Jammu constituted the population of the study.
Sample of the study	The investigator has obtained the recent list of 600 unemployed registered graduates with the District Employment & Counselling Centre, Jammu. They had been consulted and taken their consent for collecting required data. Out of those 600 unemployed graduates, A total 411 unemployed graduates responded to the given tool (response rate was found to be 69%)
Sampling Technique	Convenience Sampling
Tools used for the collection of data	Self-made semi- structured questionnaire with 26 items and converted into Google form.
Data Analysis Technique Adopted	Frequency, percentage calculations and content analysis.

Table 3 Profile of the Research Participants

Specifications of Participants	Frequency	Percentage
Male	152	37%
Female	259	63%
Locale of the Participants		
Rural	193	47%
Urban	145	35%
Semi Urban	73	18%
Age		
22 to 25 years	213	52%
26 to 30 years	169	41%
30 above	29	7%
Stream		
Science	154	38%
Arts	204	50%
Commerce	53	13%
Qualification		
Graduates	289	70%
Post Graduates	117	28%

M.Phil.	3	1%
Ph.D.	2	1%
Schooling done from		
Private	249	61%
Government	162	39%
Medium of instruction of school		
English	352	86%
Hindi	59	14%

Table 4 Responses related to employment aspirations of graduates (N=411)

S. No.	Items	Agree	Disagree
1.	Prefer to get employed in a specific location	86% (353)	14% (58)
2.	Presently holding a part-time job	35% (142)	66% (269)

Table No. 5 Shows efforts kept by unemployed graduates to get jobs

S. No.	Items	Agree	Disagree
1.	Reading of English newspaper for improving communication skills	82%	18%
2.	Taking coaching to get a job.	30%	70%
3.	Having competencies in using computer applications.	77%	23%
4.	Any job offer received from employment exchange.	32%	68%

Table 6 Indicates drawbacks of unemployed graduates for not getting employment (N=411)

S.No.	Drawbacks	Frequency	Percentage
1.	Socio- Economic conditions	*52*	*13%*
2.	Psychological Factors	*68*	*17%*
3.	Preference to Govt. job	*95*	*23%*
4.	Delay on the part of Govt. agencies	*55*	*13%*
5.	Lack of skills	*43*	*10%*
6.	No weakness	*98*	*24%*

Table 7 Problems/Difficulties encountered by unemployed graduates in getting a job (N=411).

S. No.	Items	Agree	Disagree
1.	Lack of fluency in English	*24%*	*76%*
2.	Unable to put efforts to get jobs which I wish to join	*5%*	*95%*
3.	Lack of awareness about the schemes provided for educated youth by J&K Govt.	*39%*	*61%*
4.	Facing non-availability/ instability of internet connection, while preparing for the job.	*51%*	*49%*
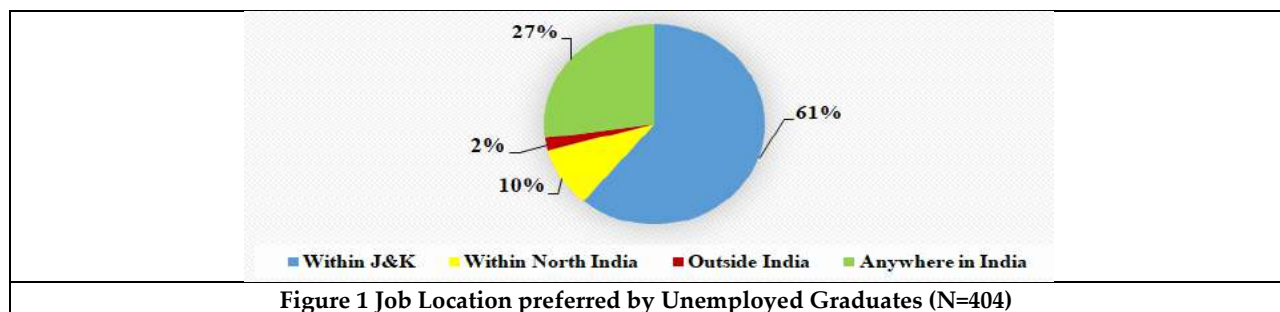
Figure 1 Job Location preferred by Unemployed Graduates (N=404)

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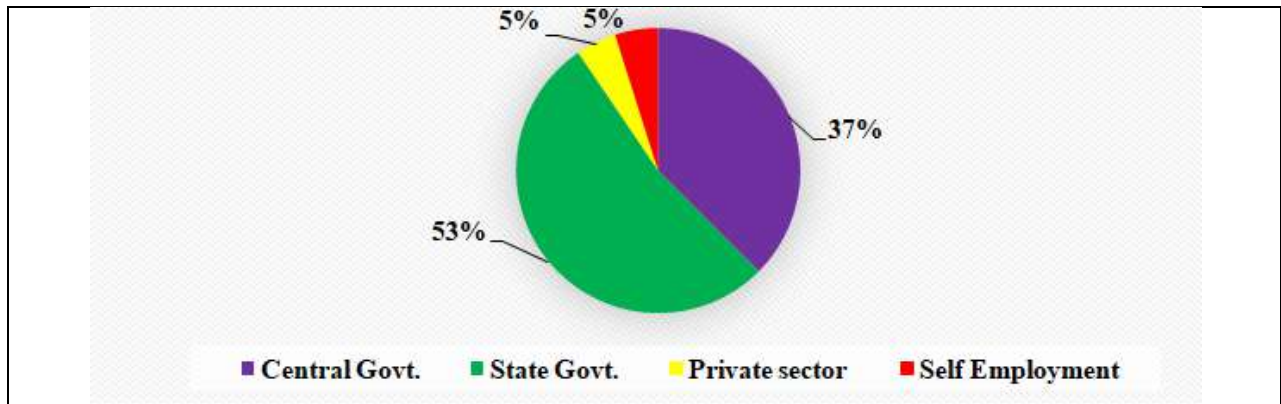
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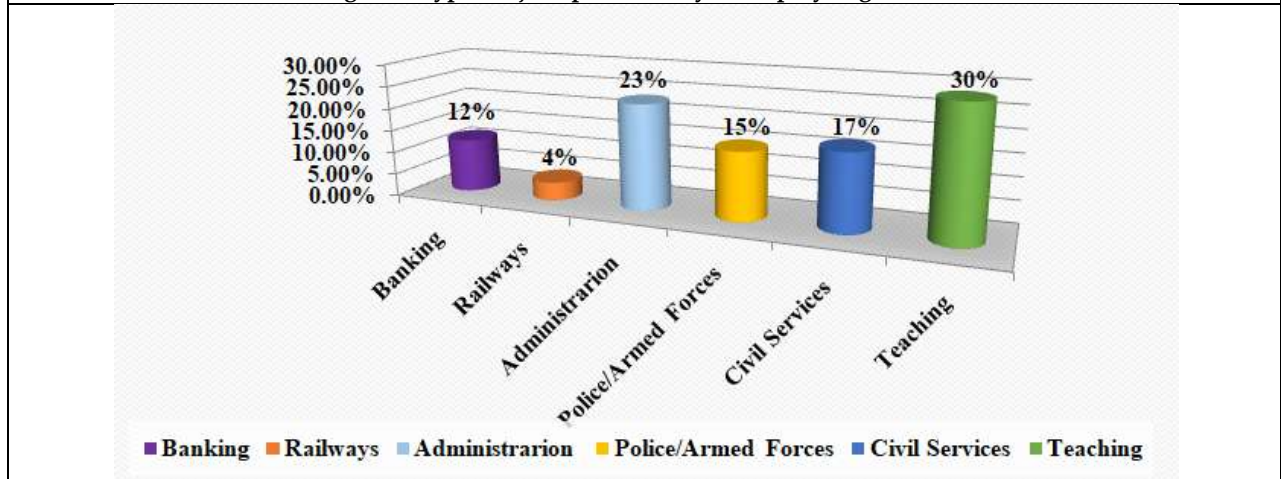
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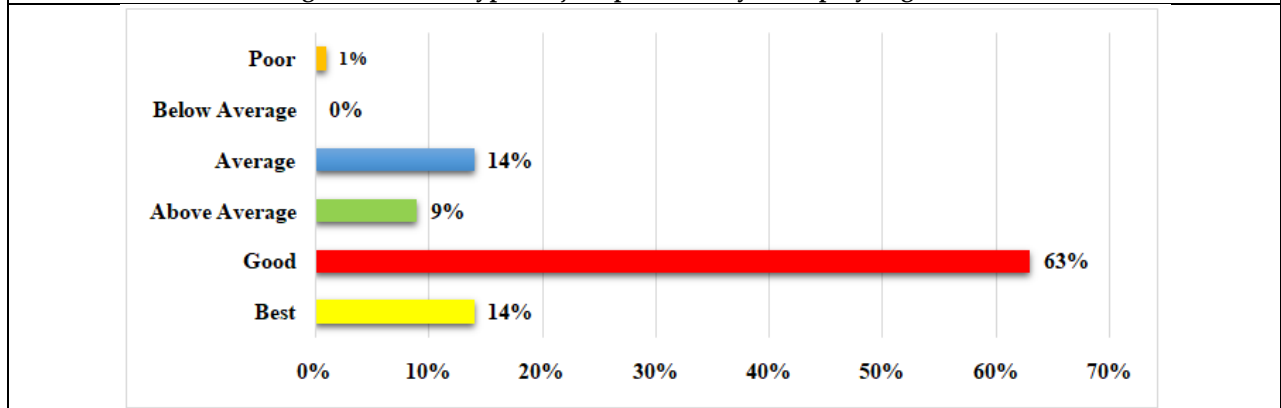
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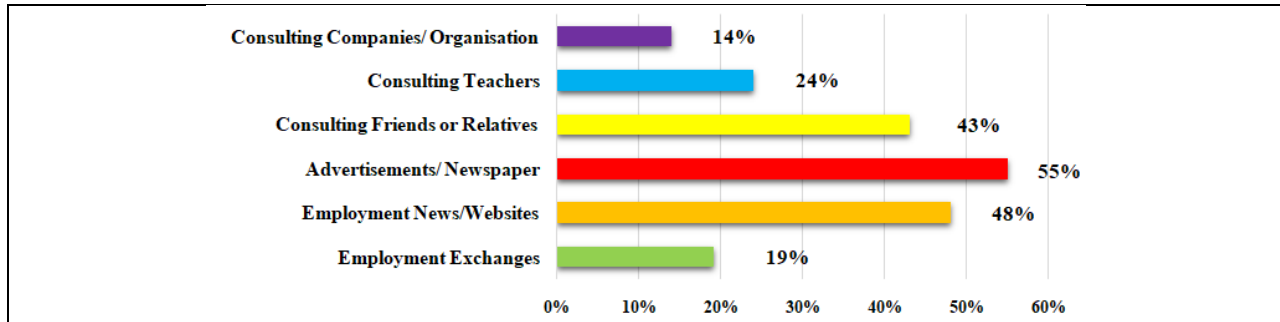
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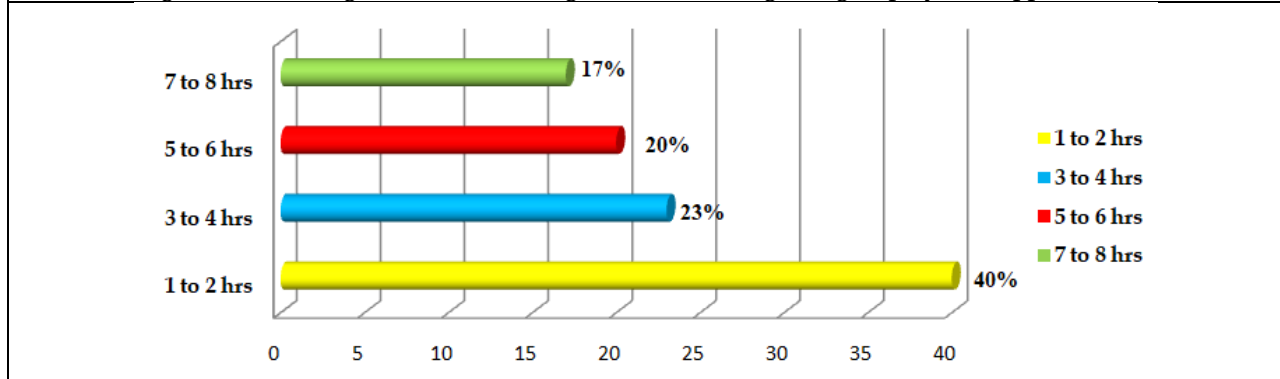
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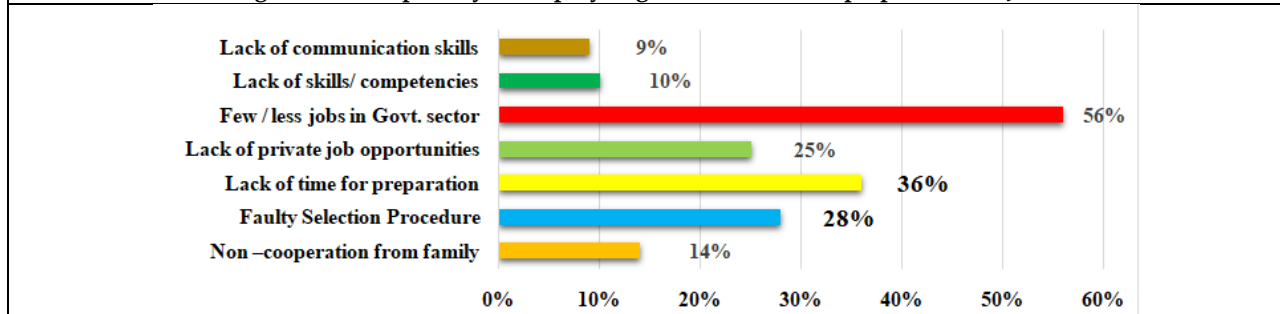
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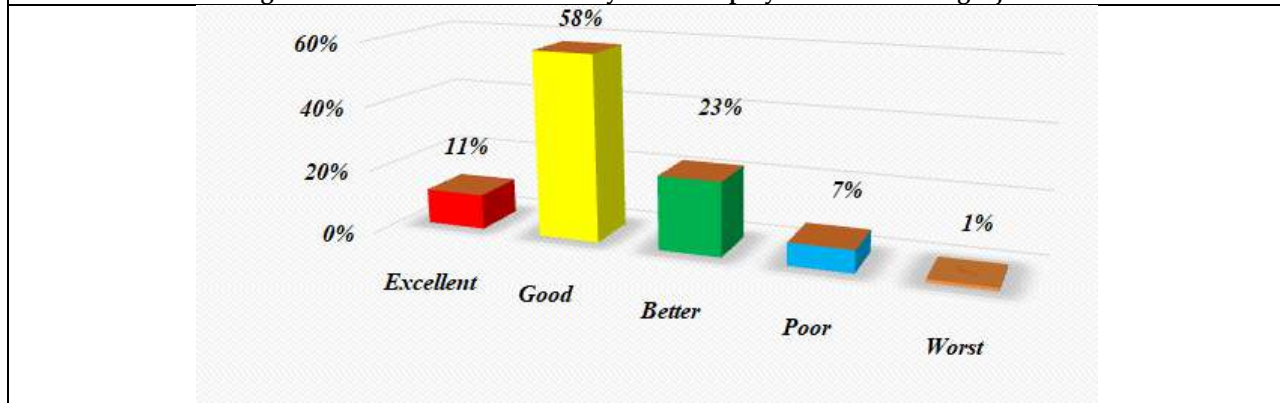
Figure 8 Reponses of unemployed graduates related to fluency in English language (N=411).

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Figure 9 Length of time spent by unemployed graduates for preparing job (N=411).

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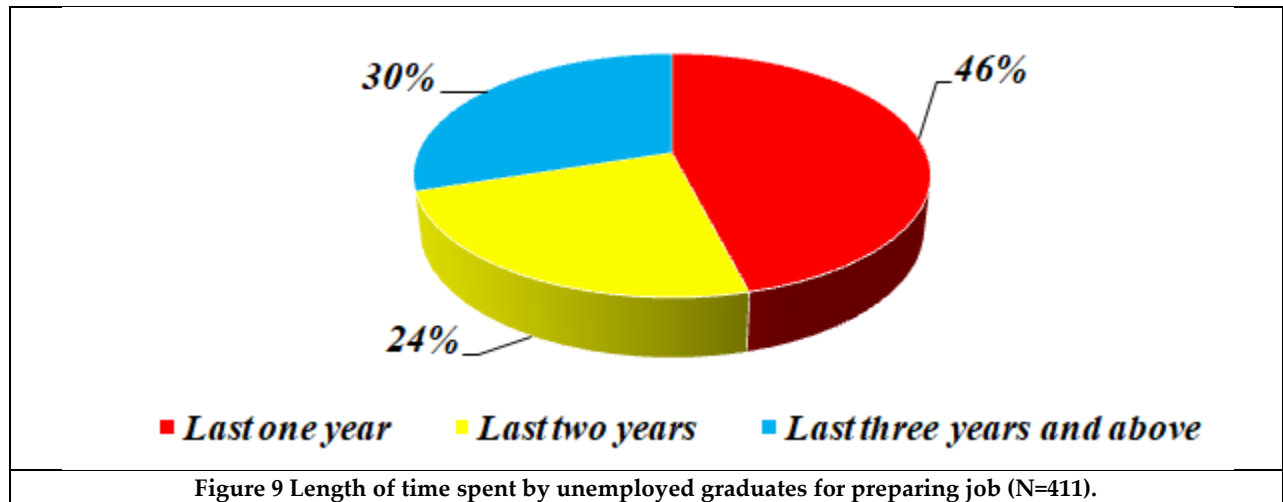
Shaping the Future of Libraries: Innovations in Materials and Services

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ABSTRACT

Libraries have traditionally served as repositories of knowledge and information, offering resources and services to meet the diverse needs of their communities. As society evolves in the digital age, libraries must adapt to remain relevant and effective. This paper explores the evolving landscape of library materials and services, focusing on innovative approaches to meet the changing needs of patrons. Through a review of current literature and case studies, this paper examines emerging trends in library collections, technology integration, and user-centered services. It also discusses the challenges and opportunities presented by these advancements, including issues of accessibility, equity, and sustainability. By embracing innovation and collaboration, libraries can continue to fulfill their vital role as centers of learning, culture, and community engagement in the 21st century.

Keywords: Augmented Reality, Digital Era, Future Library, Library Materials, Library Services.

INTRODUCTION

In the 21st century exploration into the transformative journey of libraries. In this dynamic volume, we embark on a captivating voyage through the evolving landscape of library science, where traditional paradigms are being reshaped and visionary approaches are driving libraries towards unprecedented heights of relevance and impact. Libraries have long been revered as bastions of knowledge and learning, but in today's fast-paced digital era, they are undergoing a profound metamorphosis. No longer confined to the confines of physical spaces filled with rows of books, libraries are emerging as vibrant centers of innovation, community engagement, and lifelong learning. We delve into the realm of materials, exploring the expansion of collections to encompass not only print resources but also digital archives, multimedia content, and interactive learning tools. Furthermore, we examine how libraries are embracing a culture of innovation, fostering creativity, and empowering patrons to become active participants in the

creation and dissemination of knowledge. By studying the latest trends, best practices, and forward-thinking initiatives, we gain invaluable perspectives on how libraries can continue to evolve and thrive in an ever-changing world. Whether you are a librarian, educator, policymaker, or simply a curious enthusiast, "Shaping the Future of Libraries" invites you to embark on a journey of discovery, inspiration, and possibility. Together, let us reimagine the role of libraries as catalysts for positive change and champions of lifelong learning in the digital age.

Technology Integration in future Library

i. **Artificial Intelligence and Chatbots:** Libraries may employ artificial intelligence and chatbots to provide personalized assistance, answer reference questions, and offer recommendations to patrons. AI-driven chatbots can streamline routine inquiries, freeing up library staff to focus on more complex tasks and user interactions.

ii. **Blockchain for Authentication and Copyright Management:** Libraries may explore blockchain technology for authentication, copyright management, and digital rights management. Blockchain-based systems can provide secure and transparent mechanisms for verifying digital identities, tracking intellectual property rights, and ensuring fair use of digital materials.

iii. **Data Visualization and Analytics:** Libraries may utilize data visualization tools and analytics software to analyze usage patterns, assess collection relevance, and identify emerging trends. This data-driven approach enables libraries to make informed decisions about resource allocation, collection development, and service improvements.

iv. **Digital Collections and Access:** Libraries will continue to expand their digital collections, offering e-books, audiobooks, digital magazines, streaming media, and online databases. Patrons will have seamless access to these materials through library websites, mobile apps, and digital lending platforms.

v. **Internet of Things (IoT) Integration:** Libraries may integrate IoT devices and sensors to enhance operational efficiency, monitor environmental conditions, and improve user experiences. IoT-enabled smart shelves, RFID tags, and beacons can automate inventory management, track item locations, and provide personalized notifications to patrons.

vi. **Maker and Innovation Spaces:** Libraries will continue to establish maker spaces, fab labs, and innovation hubs equipped with 3D printers, laser cutters, robotics kits, and other maker tools. These spaces will foster creativity, collaboration, and hands-on learning, empowering patrons to prototype ideas and develop new skills.

vii. **Remote Access and Virtual Services:** Libraries will offer remote access to digital resources and virtual services through online platforms, video conferencing, and virtual reference desks. Patrons can access library materials, attend virtual programs, and receive assistance from librarians remotely, expanding access to library services beyond physical locations.

viii. **Virtual and Augmented Reality:** Libraries may incorporate virtual and augmented reality technologies to provide immersive learning experiences, virtual tours, and interactive simulations. Patrons can explore historical sites, scientific concepts, and cultural artifacts in virtual environments, enhancing engagement and understanding.

Innovative Library Materials in future library

The future of library also involves offering innovative materials that cater to diverse interests and learning styles. Here are some ideas for innovative library materials:

i. **Augmented Reality (AR) Books:** Libraries can feature books with augmented reality elements that come to life when viewed through a smartphone or tablet. AR books can incorporate interactive animations, videos, quizzes, and other multimedia content to engage readers in new and exciting ways.

ii. **Digital Art and Design Tools:** Libraries can offer access to digital art and design tools, such as graphic design software, drawing tablets, and video editing programs, to support creative expression and digital literacy skills. Patrons can use these tools to create artwork, animations, videos, and multimedia projects.

iii.   **Digital Collections:** Libraries can expand their digital collections to include e-books, audiobooks, digital magazines, streaming media, and online databases. Providing access to digital content allows patrons to conveniently borrow materials from anywhere, at any time.

iv.   **Educational Games and Puzzles:** Libraries can curate collections of educational games, puzzles, and brain teasers that promote critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. These materials can appeal to patrons of all ages and provide alternative modes of learning.

v.   **Multilingual Materials:** Libraries can expand their collections to include materials in multiple languages to serve diverse communities. This can include books, films, music, and periodicals in languages other than English, as well as resources for language learning and cultural exploration.

vi.   **STEM Kits:** Libraries can offer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) kits that contain educational materials and hands-on activities for learning about topics such as robotics, coding, electronics, and physics. These kits can be borrowed like books and used at home or in educational settings.

vii.   **Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences:** Libraries can offer VR experiences through VR equipment that allows patrons to explore virtual environments, visit historical landmarks, engage with educational simulations, and more. VR experiences can enhance learning and provide immersive educational opportunities.

Innovative Library Services in future library

The future of libraries lies in their ability to evolve and adapt to changing technological landscapes while remaining true to their core mission of providing access to information and knowledge. Here are some innovative library services that could shape the future of libraries:

i.   **Community Engagement Initiatives:** Libraries can serve as hubs for community engagement by hosting events, workshops, and discussion groups on topics of local interest. They can also partner with local organizations to address community needs and promote civic participation.

ii.   **Data Literacy Programs:** With the increasing importance of data in society, libraries can offer workshops and resources to help patrons understand and analyze data effectively. This could include courses on data visualization, programming, and critical data analysis skills.

iii.   **Digital Humanities Support:** Libraries can support digital humanities research by providing access to digital archives, offering workshops on digital scholarship methods, and collaborating with scholars on digital projects.

iv.   **Digital Preservation and Curation:** With the growing volume of digital content, libraries play a crucial role in preserving and curating digital collections for future generations. This includes digitizing analog materials, managing born-digital content, and ensuring long-term access to digital resources.

v.   **Embedded Librarianship:** Librarians can embed themselves in academic departments, community organizations, or businesses to provide specialized research support and information services tailored to the needs of specific user groups.

vi.   **Makerspaces and FabLabs:** Libraries can provide access to tools and equipment like 3D printers, laser cutters, and CNC machines, empowering patrons to create and innovate. Makerspaces can also offer classes and workshops on topics like electronics, robotics, and digital design.

vii.   **Open Access Publishing Support:** Libraries can support open access publishing initiatives by providing funding, resources, and expertise to authors and researchers interested in publishing their work in open access journals or repositories.

viii.   **Personalized Learning Platforms:** Using machine learning algorithms, libraries can develop personalized learning platforms that recommend resources based on users' interests, reading habits, and learning goals. These platforms could integrate with library catalogs and digital collections to provide tailored recommendations.

ix.   **Remote Access Services:** In an increasingly digital world, libraries can provide remote access to their resources through digital platforms, allowing patrons to borrow e-books, access online databases, and participate in virtual programs from anywhere.

x.   **Virtual Reality (VR) Libraries:** VR technology can create immersive learning experiences, allowing users to explore historical events, visit far-off places, or interact with digital collections in new ways. Libraries can offer VR stations or even virtual meeting spaces for collaborative projects.

Challenges and Opportunities in Shaping the Future Library
Challenges:

i.   **Budget Constraints:** Libraries often face limited budgets, which can restrict their ability to invest in new materials and services. Acquiring innovative materials such as VR equipment or STEM kits can be expensive, requiring libraries to find creative funding sources or reallocate resources from other areas.

ii. **Changing User Needs:** Understanding and anticipating the evolving needs and preferences of library users can be challenging. Libraries must continuously assess their communities' interests and demographics to tailor their collections and services effectively.

iii. **Copyright and Licensing Issues:** Acquiring digital materials often involves navigating complex copyright and licensing agreements, which can limit libraries' ability to provide access to certain materials or restrict how they can be used. Libraries must advocate for fair and equitable access to digital content while respecting copyright laws.

iv. **Digital Divide:** While digital resources offer many benefits, they can also exacerbate existing inequalities. Not all patrons have access to the internet or digital devices, making it challenging for libraries to provide equitable access to digital materials and services. Bridging the digital divide requires innovative approaches to digital inclusion and outreach.

v.   **Technological Obsolescence:** Rapid advancements in technology can lead to the obsolescence of materials and equipment, making it difficult for libraries to maintain up-to-date collections and services. Libraries must navigate the balance between investing in cutting-edge technologies and ensuring long-term sustainability.

Opportunities:

i.   **Advancements in Technology:** Emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, augmented reality, and blockchain, present opportunities for libraries to enhance their collections and services in novel ways. Embracing technological innovations can enable libraries to offer personalized experiences, streamline workflows, and improve access to information.

ii. **Collaborative Partnerships:** Libraries can leverage partnerships with other organizations, such as schools, universities, community centers, and businesses, to expand their reach and enhance their offerings. Collaborative initiatives can enable libraries to access additional resources and expertise while reaching new audiences.

iii. **Open Access and Open Educational Resources (OER):** The open access movement presents opportunities for libraries to provide free and unrestricted access to scholarly research and educational materials. By promoting OER and open access publishing, libraries can support lifelong learning and knowledge sharing within their communities.

iv. **Professional Development and Training:** Investing in the professional development and training of library staff is essential for implementing innovative materials and services effectively. Providing staff with opportunities to learn new skills, stay abreast of industry trends, and experiment with new technologies empowers them to drive positive change within their libraries.

v.   **User-Centered Design:** Adopting a user-centered approach to library design and service development allows libraries to better understand and meet the needs of their patrons. Soliciting feedback, conducting user surveys, and implementing usability testing can inform the development of innovative materials and services that align with user preferences.

Some of the Case Studies:

• The Library of Things at Sacramento Public Library, USA:

Sacramento Public Library introduced the Library of Things, offering non-traditional items for borrowing such as tools, kitchen appliances, musical instruments, and sports equipment.This initiative expanded the library's role beyond books, attracting new patrons and increasing community engagement. It addressed the needs of patrons who may not have access to these items otherwise, promoting sustainability and sharing economy principles.

- BiblioTech Digital Library, San Antonio, USA:

BiblioTech was the first all-digital public library in the United States, providing access to e-books, audiobooks, digital magazines, and other digital resources.By eliminating physical books and embracing digital resources, BiblioTech significantly reduced operating costs while providing convenient access to a wide range of materials. It served as a model for other digital libraries and inspired similar initiatives worldwide.

- Dokk1, Aarhus Public Library, Denmark:

Dokk1 is a state-of-the-art library and cultural center that combines traditional library services with community spaces, event venues, and digital resources. It features innovative architecture, interactive exhibits, and flexible spaces for collaboration and learning.

Impact: Dokk1 has become a vibrant hub for residents and visitors, hosting a wide range of cultural and educational activities. Its emphasis on user experience and community engagement has earned international acclaim and inspired the design of libraries around the world.

- The Studio at Anythink Libraries, Colorado, USA:

Anythink Libraries launched The Studio, a dedicated space equipped with digital media tools such as 3D printers, laser cutters, sound recording equipment, and video editing software. The Studio has empowered patrons to explore digital creativity, learn new skills, and engage in hands-on projects. It has fostered innovation, collaboration, and entrepreneurship within the community, supporting lifelong learning and digital literacy.

CONCLUSION

The future of libraries is shaped by innovative approaches in materials and services. The shift towards digital collections and open access resources reflects a broader movement towards accessibility and inclusivity. Libraries can serve diverse communities regardless of geographical or socioeconomic barriers. Diverse formats and languages contribute to this mission. Innovative library services like digital literacy programs, maker spaces, and personalized learning initiatives empower patrons to engage with information meaningfully. Technology integration enhances user experiences and streamlines operations. User-centered approaches emphasize community engagement and inclusivity. Libraries can strengthen their role as hubs of learning, culture, and civic engagement through outreach efforts and partnerships. Challenges like the digital divide, privacy concerns, funding constraints, and staff training require strategic planning. By embracing innovation in materials and services, libraries can continue to fulfill their vital role as stewards of knowledge, culture, and community.

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Discussing the Trauma Theory, and the Concept of the Viewer Trap of Suspicion in the Film Texts - Shutter Island and the Machinist

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, psychological thrillers such as Martin Scorsese's SHUTTER ISLAND, and Brad Anderson's THE MACHINIS are chosen as primary texts for the study. As a psychoanalytical study on these three films, the dissertation is divided mainly into three chapters: "Freudian psychoanalysis and trauma theory", "Madness of interpretation, viewer trap of suspicion".

Keywords: psychological, Machinis, trauma

INTRODUCTION

In the first chapter 'Freudian psychoanalysis and Trauma theory', the main focus is on Freudian theories which particularly explore the concepts such as repression and hysteria in relation with the traumatic Experiences of the protagonists of the given film texts (Andrew Laedd is from Shutter Island, and Trevor Reznik from The Machinis). Further, various other psychological traumas of the protagonists (such as Paranoid Schizophrenia, paranoiah, delusions, hallucinations, PTSD,hysteria), the causes and the effects of it are also discussed in detail. For example, Teddy's condition of extreme repression and aversion towards the reality, and Trevor's condition of OCD where he washes his hands in bleach regularly etc. In the second chapter, 'Madness of interpretation, viewer trap of suspicion', the main focus is on various interpretations and conclusions other than what's directly shown by the director, which can be drawn by the careful viewership of the film and the directorial techniques in picturizing the film to achieve this so that the conclusion becomes kind of ambiguous and therefore leads to the madness of interpretation. This technique urges the audience to such an extent that they will not be able to just take the film as it as and hence they tend to analyze the film in different ways and interpret the films in such ways that they fall into the viewer trap of suspicion without their knowledge, created subtly by the director. By doing this, and viewing in such a way, viewers

actually help the director end up successful in his trick of manipulating the viewers. This is possible when the audience who watch the film think that there's another way of viewing the film and that they should find the solution to the hurdles which arrive in those indirectly interpreted analyses. Viewers are convinced that the plot which is shown at the face value isn't true and there's another way of looking into it. We can easily see that all the three films, Shutter Island, and The Machinist are concluded in a sort of ambiguous way which provokes further analysis and interpretations and leave the audience in a state where they end up drawing various conclusions which aren't actually shown in the movie directly.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Although the main goal of psychoanalytic study is to bring unconscious material into consciousness and enhance the functioning of the ego, helping the individual become less controlled by biological drives or demands of the super ego; and to understand the personality through levels of awareness and our three minds : conscious, subconscious and unconscious; the aim of this project is to enhance the thinking capacity of the readers and the viewers in terms of how they read, watch, perceive and interpret novels, books, films and therefore think in a different way whenever they come across unique pieces of information. This project also helps to understand the psyche of an individual in a scientific way, the capacity of human mind, the way mind can lead to the total destruction of a person, problems of mind, how these problems can isolate an individual from the real world or reality and provoke the sufferer to live in a world of their own. Another objective is of course to perceive and comprehend the brilliant way the directors' direct films by giving extreme amount of attention to detail, thereby putting the viewers in a sense of dilemma in comprehending the actual plot of the films and hence making the readers and the audience fall into the trap of suspicion they have subtly created.

METHODOLOGY

This study is qualitative in nature, purely based on the primary film texts. It is exploratory research involving close viewing of selected primary film texts with reference to the chosen theoretical work. The main theories based on which this research is done are popular cultural theories, psychoanalytical theories of Sigmund Freud such as repression, hysteria, psychological traumatic theories, and interpretational theories.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS USING THE TWO THEORIES

Discussing trauma theory through Sigmund Freud's psychoanalysis
Edward Daniels, the protagonist of the movie Shutter Island is subject to an extreme amount of trauma. He was an army veteran and was said to be exposed to the most gruesome aspects of many deadly wars including the massacre at Dachau which shows the horrifying visual of the man at the time when Teddy is listening to a tune by Mahler. In the visual a man had shot himself in the mouth. He was still alive when Teddy entered the room, gurgling. Who tried to shoot Teddy but wasn't able to. He dies after one hour of gurgling. Teddy is shown as a person with incredible psychological will. For him to bury the trauma completely, involving Dolores and frame a web of delusion that excluded the situation somehow indicates the profound psychological impact the event has had on Teddy. Multiple aspects in his life made him repress multiple traumas which resulted in him suffering from multiple mental and psychological issues. There are a lot of instances which prove that Andrew is also suffering from PTSD (Post traumatic stress disorder) and lot of scenes to prove that Andrew is suffering from Paranoid Schizophrenia. Schizophrenia is a mental disorder where people lose touch with the reality. The sufferer suffers with distorted perceptions thoughts and behavior. Inappropriate emotions, reactions, confusions, hallucinations and delusions are also seen as symptoms. PTSD is an anxiety disorder which follows a traumatic event. It includes relieving such traumatic events in dreams or thoughts. Irritability. Hyperawareness and insomnia are its other major symptoms. We can see the symptoms of PTSD in Teddy Daniels (Andrew) quite often. Teddy relives his time in the World War 2

and his part in the liberation of the concentration camp at Dachau. We can see a lot of instances where Teddy imagines the scenarios and dreams about it and lives with all those memories. It's clearly evident that Teddy is suffering from PTSD as he dreams of the death of his wife few years' prior and being to appear increasingly irritable as he investigates. We can see a lot of scenes where Teddy dreams about his dead wife, even Hallucinates her all the time. Teddy also suffers from a state of psychosis because he has a tendency where his thoughts and emotions are so impaired that he has lost the contact with the external reality and cannot distinguish between what's real and what's a delusion or a hallucination. There are whole lot of instances and situations which prove that Andrew is actually suffering from Paranoid Schizophrenia. Andrew starts believing that the hospital staff is out to get him and capture him even though his partner works for the hospital and is actually his own Primary Psychiatrist Dr Lester Sheehan. He hallucinated speaking to the real Rachael Solando in a cave and this hallucination of Laeddis in the form of real Rachael Solando makes him believe firmly in the delusion that Nazi experiments, brain surgeries and trans orbital lobotomy is going on in the island. Hallucinated Rachael Solando also makes him firmly believe that hospital people such as doctors, nurses and staffs are trying to commit him in the hospital by giving him in neuroleptics through cigarettes, food from the canteen, water, pills to make teddy go insane.

But the biggest proof for Andrew's Paranoid Schizophrenia are his dreams, delusions and hallucinations of his wife. Andrew sees his wife and hid daughter Rachael in his dreams and his hallucinations pretty often and he's seen talking to his hallucinations. He's even portrayed as a person who gets irritated pretty soon. As we can see in the scene where Teddy is interviewing the patients, he gets irritated by a patient who talks wrongly about Rachael Solando and starts provoking him in return by scribbling aggressively on a paper. All these instances give the audience a clear picture that he's not at all in touch with reality which goes to prove that he's suffering from Delusional Disorder, PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and Paranoid Schizophrenia. Trevor Reznik, the protagonist of the movie The Machinist suffers from psychological problems and mental illness which are somewhat similar to that of Teddy Daniels from the movie Shutter Island. Like Teddy, Trevor is also seen as a person who is suffering from a lot of psychological problems like repression(hysteria), anorexia nervosa, extreme insomnia, PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorders) and even a lot of symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia can be seen as well.

The catastrophic event of Trevor killing the child and not checking up on the kid made Trevor go through so much trauma that his mind created an alternative reality where he wasn't the person who committed the crime, instead he was innocent. These Instances made him go through multiple psychological issues. Reznik can also be seen as a person suffering from extreme Insomnia as the crime he had committed has disturbed his mind so much that his mind is not able to deal with the situation resulting in loss of sleep due to extreme stress and worries. A person who doesn't sleep for many days starts to see hallucinations and can also starts to believe in delusions. In the condition of Hysteria, our mind defends our actions so well that the person suffering from it can actually deny the reality as false. Person suffering from it also gives reason to say that the reality is false and that others are falsely trying to make the patient accept something he hasn't actually committed, and therefore declaring himself innocent. And when the reality tries to pop-up, mind starts to behave in a violent way resulting in all sorts of uneasiness like migraines, brightened visions and hence trying to repress the reality back.

Trevor is consumed by his own delusions and hallucinations which are induced directly from the hit and run accident he had committed. His actions, dialogues and visuals are also induced by the same hit and run incident. Trevor has poor coping skills and allows his memories to torment him. Trevor's coping technique of thought repression to handle the crime committed makes him feel extremely guilty. This implicit guilt Trevor experiences is explicitly seen by his sticky notes in his home throughout the film. Trevor is also seen suffering from OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder) as we can see Trevor scrubbing the bathroom floor with bleach and a toothbrush and cleaning his hands with bleach multiple times especially whenever he feels uneasy and uncomfortable both mentally and physically. Such behaviors which are self-destructive in nature have an inextricable link with guilt. Trevor also deals with many other issues. He suffers from a state of anxiety disorder beyond OCD. Trevor's dramatic weight loss drawing comments from those around him, proves this state. Trevor can also be seen a suffering from Anorexia Nervosa in which symptoms such as dramatic weight loss, sunken eyes, puffy cheeks, improper appetite, nausea,

exhaustion, lack of sleep. Socially withdrawal, losing touch with reality(paranoia), delusions, hallucinations and short of breath are clearly shown and contributes to the proof that Trevor Reznik is suffering from Anorexia Nervosa. We can also see a lot of instances which show Trevor Reznik as suffering from schizophrenia. It's clearly evident that Trevor is suffering from multiple personality disorders in the form of Ivan, not entirely Multiple personality disorder but a mild state. Trevor also suffers from delusions and hallucinations which is a symptom of schizophrenia. Although it's not exactly paranoid schizophrenia, but some scenes can prove that Trevor is a patient of Schizophrenia. Trevor also suffers from a state of psychosis because he has a tendency where his thoughts and emotions are so impaired that he has lost the contact with the external reality and cannot distinguish between what's real and what's a delusion or a hallucination.

The main trauma however is Trevor's guilt, which haunts him in the form of Ivan. In spite of whatever he does, his guild doesn't vanish, he wasn't able to fully erase it from his memory. It's clearly evident that Ivan haunts him everywhere he goes. Even though Trevor kills Ivan, he doesn't die and is seen again calling him "partner" which can symbolize partner in crime. This scene also symbolizes that his guilt is not gone whatever he does, Trevor finally realizes what he has done by the end of the film. 'A KILLER'. After realizing this, Trevor turns surrenders himself to the police for the crime he had committed. We can see that as soon as he does this, it shows that Trevor has accepted his mistake and Ivan also bids farewell once Trevor steps inside the police station and Ivan is never seen again. Trevor is finally able to sleep peacefully inside the prison as he accepts his mistake and surrenders. This final scene also symbolizes that Trevor is no guiltier of his crime and has accepted his mistake.

Discussing Shoshana Felman's theory of Madness of Interpretation: Viewer trap of suspicion using the primary texts
Every one of us watch movies and some of us are attached to the movies quite a lot. But there are few genres of films such as scientific fictions and psychological thrillers which might sometimes challenge our understanding, comprehending and interpretive skills. A lot of such movies are shot in a way where the plot of the film seems to question our understanding about the plot comprehension. Mostly directors design the movies in such a way purposefully to leave a hard impact on the viewer's mind and in turn forces the viewers to interpret the plot in different ways. Of Course, one interpretation is but not interpreting anything other than what's shown at the face value. Just to watch the movies in the way they're shown, accepting it at the face value and forgetting about it without much analysis or investment into the films. There's one advantage in such viewership. The viewer stays out of all kinds of masked traps set by the director.

There's another type of viewership. This is where a lot of interested audience or viewers do not simply watch the movie but watch 'through' the movie. This means that the movies that possess complicated plots are viewed in such a way where the viewer refuses to believe what's shown in the film at the face value. Interested audience view the films in such a way where they analyze and view the shadowy lineaments which the movie is indirectly leading towards. in simple words, viewers do not fully accept the plot shown in the film as true but think about the indirect intension of the director in showing a scene in that particular way. By doing this, and viewing in such a way, viewers actually help the director end up successful in his trick of manipulating the viewers. This is possible when the audience who watches the film and think that there's another way of viewing the film and that they should find the solution to the hurdles which arrive in those indirectly interpreted analyses. Viewers are convinced that the plot which is shown at the face value isn't true and there's another way of looking into it and thus fall into the trap known a 'VIEWER TRAP OF SUSPICION'.

The movie Shutter Island is shot in such a way that the viewers upon interpretation and analyses might even end up believing that whatever Teddy believed would happen with him at the initial part of the film, is actually true. In simple words, that movie has a dimension to it which can clearly prove that Teddy Daniels was a US Marshall who got on the island to investigate the missing case of Rachael Solando and that the hospital people were actually faking an escape not to treat Teddy with his mental illness but to actually commit him to the hospital claiming that he's insane. Why, because as he himself says that while he was in Boston, he started asking around about Ashcliff trying

to get there to exactly know what's going on in that hospital, and after coming here he himself tells Chuck (who is also a doctor in Ashcliff) that he is planning to go back and blow the lid off the place. One cannot deny the fact that whatever fear Teddy had about the hospital in the beginning about committing him there, whatever real Rachael in the cave told will happen to him, whatever George Noyce told will happen to him, actually ended up happening in real even though Rachael is considered as Teddy's hallucination and George Noyce as delusional. At the end we see Teddy being declared as a mental patient of the institution because of the traumas that took place in his life in the past, which was exactly what Rachael told will happen. This leaves the audience in a state of ambiguity.

Director Martin has purposefully cinematographed the film in this way to engage the audience and have them in a state of dilemma deciding the real conclusion to the film and therefore unknowingly capturing them in his trap. This dimension to the movie can be proved by various scenes and dialogues. The major proof is the story itself. Till the point of the conclusion the whole plot travels in a direction which prove this interpretation that Shutter Island is trying to commit Teddy there claiming him as insane. At the beginning of the movie, we see Teddy and chuck travelling in a boat towards and Teddy is seen suffering from sea sickness which is quite common with a lot of people, but after he smokes the cigarettes Chuck gives him, all his psychological problems start to happen. The weird stares of the officers and unusual behavior of the deputy warden leads to a question. Yes, according to the movie, the guards and the deputy warden are staring at Teddy and acting weirdly because they know that Teddy is a mental patient but one can also prove from this scene that maybe the guards and the deputy warden knows that he was the one whom, the hospital is trying to capture and that he's, their prey.

The so-called imaginary Rachael Solando according to Dr Cawley makes some statements which in the end turn out to be true. She talks about trans orbital lobotomy which the hospital does on patients. One can clearly agree to the fact that all these claims what Rachael made turns out to be true in the reality even though she is claimed to be Teddy's hallucination. As Rachael mentioned before, at the last scene, Teddy Daniels is told by Sheehan and Cawley that he had murdered his wife because she murdered their children and this was the reason Laeddis became mentally insane and eventually at the end this even leads him to get himself lobotomized, which was exactly what Rachael said before. The interesting part in the claim of Dr Cawley that this whole scene wasn't real and it was a part of Teddy's imagination is that, there's not a single proof to actually agree with Cawley's claim that this whole scenario is Teddy's imagination and not real, except for what he says.

In this way every single scene has some proof claiming that whatever Teddy believed and heard initially was true because as Rachael claims along with reasons, Doctors of Ashcliff were actually successful in declaring Teddy insane and committing him to the hospital and there was nothing Teddy could do about it. These are the ways in which Martin Scorsese confuses the audience and makes them interpret the film in a different way which is anything other than what's shown in the movie directly. And thus, capturing the audience in his trap, or simply the 'viewer trap of suspicion'. Brad Anderson's The Machinist can also be taken into consideration when we talk about madness of interpretation because of its unique cinematography. The psychological thriller is shot with so many subtle symbols in a way that the viewers can extract many interpretations out of the film or look at the film from multiple dimensions other than what's shown at the face value.

This film, like Shutter Island is also shot from the point of view of the protagonist Trevor Reznik, who is suffering from many psychological issues. A lot of scenes and dialogues might give the audience various perspectives and interpretations upon the movie, especially because Trevor is shown as suffering from serious insomnia. Studies show that the person who doesn't sleep for a long time might start seeing hallucinations and suffer from delusions too which Trevor does. Throughout the film, Trevor is seen interacting with two women, one is Stevie, a prostitute and the second women is Marie, who isn't actually there because Marie is the mother of Nicolas who was killed by Trevor in a hit and run car accident. In the movie Trevor is seen telling Stevie that he hasn't slept in a year and he even mentions that no one has ever died of insomnia. Which isn't exactly true because Trevor is seen taking micro naps throughout the film and there are studies which state that people can actually die if they don't sleep for a very long time. The director has shot this film in a way where the viewer might extract multiple interpretations from the

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cinematography even falling into the traps subtly created by the director through many open-ended scenes. One of such unique interpretations which is outside what's obviously shown in the movie is that, the director has shot the movie, especially some scenes which convinces the viewer that Trevor is dreaming. Viewers can get a lot of proofs in proving the fact that whenever Trevor sees Marie, Ivan, Nicolas he is actually dreaming and isn't seeing them in the reality. Lot of scenes provide a proof to this claim.

We can see a lot of instances where Trevor Reznik dozes off without realizing for few seconds and wakes up due to some noise or some things dropping. One can interpret this in a way that whenever Trevor dozes off for few seconds and wakes back up, he's not really waking up again in the real world but he is waking up in his dream world or in simple words he starts to dream from the point when he dozes off. Trevor, obviously isn't aware of this because whenever we dream, we usually don't realize that we are dreaming and everything happens as if its reality. On top of this, Trevor is already suffering with many psychological problems, Trevor because of all these things, couldn't tell the difference between his reality and his dreams and thinks that he hasn't slept in a year and whatever he sees, everything is happening in his real life. All these instances, scenes and dialogues give the audience a clear proof that Trevor Reznik is actually dead and this whole movie is taking place in limbo (hell) and finally concludes in heaven. Through this the director succeeds in creating the perfect viewer trap of suspicion.

CONCLUSION

The research aimed to psychoanalytically analyze the film texts, Martin Scorsese's SHUTTER ISLAND, and Brad Anderson's THE MACHINIST by applying the concepts of Trauma theory, madness of interpretation, and viewer trap of suspicion. All the films have sort of similar protagonists who are mentally disturbed even disabled, suffer from many psychological problems and have a disturbing past which made them the way they are. These factors are mainly discussed in the trauma theory along with Sigmund Freud's concept of Repression and Hysteria. In this concept the protagonist's repressed reality and disguised 'self' shown in the film is portrayed and the causes and effects of this condition are also discussed. Further, these films have another similar quality, that's making the audience believe what they are seeing isn't true and therefore provoking them to find another conclusion which isn't directly shown in the movie at all. By doing so film is silently making the audience fall into its trap, and that's the 'Trap of Suspicion'. This art is subtly created by the director who has constructed the plot in a dilemmatic way in order for the audience to interpret it in multiple ways other than what's portrayed at the face value.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Inhibition of Anti-Oxidant and Anti-Ulcer Activity of *"Pleurotus ostreatus* (Jacq.) P.Kumm

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ABSTRACT

Gastric H + / K + ATPase enzyme is a central biomolecule that controls gastric secretions and its inhibition is reported to correlate with healing and symptomatic relief in both gas- troesophageal reflux disease and peptic ulcers patients. The present study was aimed to evaluate the antioxidant and anti-ulcer activity of ethanolic extract of *Pleurotus ostreatus* (OYME). Using the DPPH technique, the antioxidant activity of Pleurotus ostreatus (OYME) ethanolic extract was investigated. Additionally, the H+-K+ ATPase inhibition experiment was carried out with varying amounts of OYME ethanolic extract included.The extract's high antioxidant activity was demonstrated by the results, which included a 74.5% suppression of free radicals (DPPH). In the goat stomach mucosal homogenate, the extract exhibited strong proton pump inhibitory action that was on par with standard.

Keywords: *Pleurotus ostreatus* (Jacq.) P.Kumm, Anti-ulcer, Antioxidant H+-K+ ATPase inhibition assay, DPPH.

INTRODUCTION

An ulcer is a disease of the body's or an organ's epithelial cells that causes an open sore in the epithelial cell lining or a deep lesion in a particular area that leads to its degeneration, impairing the organ's normal physiology [1]. Previously, ulcers were thought to be only caused by an increase in pepsin, acid, and offensive substances; however,

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it has been discovered that acid secretion. Most ulcer are cause by *Helicobacter pylor'* [2]. *Helicobacter pylor (H. pylori)* induced pathogenesis of gastric disease is multifactorial [3]. Gastritis can be brought on by a number of endogenous aggressive factors, including excess synthesis of pepsin and hydrochloric acid, leukotrienes, refluxed bile, and stress oxygen species [4]. Each year, gastrointestinal disorders—which include peptic ulcer disease, Helicobacter pylori infection, gastroesophageal reflux disease, inflammatory bowel disease, celiac disease, and functional gastrointestinal dysfunction—claim the lives of more than 8 million people worldwide [5]. Peptic ulcers are among the most prevalent chronic digestive issues that plague people globally [6]. It might be challenging to diagnose clinically because it manifests with gastrointestinal symptoms akin to dyspepsia [7]. Peptic ulcers are defined as acid-peptic damage to the digestive system that reaches the submucosa by mucosal breakage [8]. It is an acid-peptic illness marked by the breakdown of the esophageal, stomach, or duodenum's epithelial mucosa's protective layer [9]. Peptic ulcer disease (PUD) is a long-term damage that can happen anywhere from the pylorus to the heart tissue, resulting in lesions or mucosal breaks in the stomach and duodenum. A gastric ulcer is a type of stomach ulcer that especially causes mucosal damage. When the balance between protective mucosal factors, such as mucin production and antioxidant enzymes, and unpleasant gastric factors, such as pepsin and acid secretion, is upset, gastric ulceration results [10]. The H + / K + -ATPase enzyme, often known as the gastric proton pump, is a crucial protein for the secretion of stomach acid. Inhibiting H + / K + -ATPase has been one treatment method used to lower gastric juice output and regulate hyperacidity in the stomach. It has been observed that healing and symptom improvement in both peptic ulcers and gastroesophageal reflux disease are correlated with inhibition of gastric H + / K + ATPase. [11].

Several gastrointestinal hormones, including endothelin (ET), motilin (MTL), and gastrin (GAS), control the secretion of gastric acid. The intercellular Ca2+ level was also affected by these gastrointestinal hormones, and ultimately, H+-K+-ATPase was activated. For a number of years, there has been a lot of interest in the prevention of stomach ulcers through inhibition of protons pumping H+-K+-ATPase. H+/K+ ATPase, which is involved in the release of H+ ions creating an acidic environment, may also be impacted by other factors such as gastrin, histamine, muscarinic, and prostaglandin-E2signaling [12]. In Chinese medicine, mushrooms are referred to as the "elixir of life" and are considered superfoods with exceptional nutritional value. Worldwide recognition is owed to edible and wild mushrooms for their high mineral and water content as well as their abundance in hydrocolloids, which include proteins, fibers, and carbohydrates [13]. Polysaccharides found in mushrooms have demonstrated medicinal qualities, including anti-obesity, anti-diabetic, anti-cancer, and antibacterial effects. Numerous studies have documented the presence of mushrooms possessing significant bioactivities, such as strong antibacterial and antioxidant capabilities [10]. The human relationship with mushrooms is remarkable since, throughout the past few decades, they have been used for both food and medicine [14]. Mushrooms are prized for being a special delicacy because of their distinct unami flavor and texture. Medicinal mushrooms increase insulin sensitivity, lower blood sugar, and assist manage diabetes [13]. Species of Pleurotus have great therapeutic value. These mushrooms' constituents have been shown to be effective in treating a number of chronic illnesses, such as hypertension and hypercholesterolemia [15]. It has been reported that several antiulcer medications enhance the secretion of stomach mucus. The first line of defense against ulcerogens is gastric mucus [11]. Pleurotus mushrooms are thought to be healthful due to their abundance in fiber, vitamins, minerals, and proteins [16]. It has been successfully shown that mevinolin, nicotinic acid, and a higher concentration of b-glucan components present in Pleurotus species are beneficial dietary supplements for decreasing blood cholesterol levels in people with heart diseases [17]. The oyster mushroom, or Pleurotus ostreatus, is used to maintain bodily fitness as well as nourishment. Protein, carbs, fat, fiber, water, various vitamins, minerals, and secondary metabolites are all present. Additionally, it has been discovered that this mushroom helps treat diabetes, cancer, microbial infections, and other conditions [18].

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Preparation of Plant Sample
10gm of plant sample (OYME:1) were taken and add 100 ml of Ethanol. To Dissolved the plant sample and incubated at $4^{o}C$ for further investigation. The plant sample was immersed in ethanol the extract was separated filtered by Muslin cloth, Filter paper and Whatman No.1 paper and dried by rotary evaporator.

DPPH Radical Scavenging Activity
With minor modifications, DPPH radical scavenging was performed in accordance with W. Brand-Williams [19]. DPPH testing is frequently employed in studies on antioxidants present in natural products. The fact that this ethanol is sensitive and basic is one of the causes. The idea behind this assay is that an antioxidant is a hydrogen donor. It measures compounds that are radical scavengers. Figure 1, below, shows the mechanism by which DPPH accepts hydrogen from an antioxidant. One of the few stable and easily obtained organic nitrogen radicals on the market is DPPH. In test samples, the antioxidant effect is correlated with the elimination of DPPH. UV spectrometer monitoring of DPPH has been the most widely used approach due to its accuracy and simplicity. The greatest absorption of DPPH is strongly detected at 517 nm (purple). The hue changes from purple to yellow when hydrogen is absorbed from an antioxidant, and DPPH is created. This process has a stoichiometric amount of absorbed hydrogen atoms. As such, tracking the decrease in UV absorption at 517 nm simplifies the evaluation of the antioxidant effect. To prepare 0.1 mM of DPPH solution in ethanol and add 100 μl of this solution to 300 μl of the solution of sample *Pleurotus ostreatus* (OYME) at different concentration (500, 250, 100, 50 and 10 μg/mL). The mixes must be briskly mixed and left for 30 minutes to stand at room temperature. Then the absorbance has to be measured at 517 nm using a UV-VIS spectrophotometer. (Ascorbic acid can be used as the reference). Higher free radical scavenging activity is shown by reaction mixture absorbance values that are lower. The following formula can be used to determine the capacity to scavenge the DPPH radical.

DPPH scavenging effect (% inhibition) = [(absorbance of control- absorbance of reaction mixture)/absorbance of control] X 100

Anti-Ulcer Activity
Acid Neutralizing Capacity
The acid neutralizing capacity value for solution of Sample (OYME) mixture using different concentration (500, 250, 100, 50 and 10 μg/ml) was compared with the standard antacid Aluminium hydroxide + Magnesium hydroxide (50 mg/ml). A minute of mixing was done after adding water to the 5 ml amount of this combination to produce the final volume 70 ml. The standard and test preparations were then combined with drops of phenophthalein solution after 30 milliliters of 1.0 N HCl had been added and swirled for 15 minutes. Drop by drop, 0.5 N sodium hydroxide solution was added to the surplus HCl until a pink hue was achieved.

The moles of acid neutralized is calculated by,
Moles of acid neutralized = (vol. of HCl ×Normality of HCl) - (vol. Of NaOH × Normality of NaOH)

$$\text{Acid neutralizing capacity (ANC) per gram of antacid} = \frac{\text{moles of HCl neutralized}}{\text{Grams of Antacid/Extract}}$$

H+/K+ - ATPase Inhibition Activity
The stomach of a fresh goat was acquired from the nearby butcher. The fundus's gastric mucosa was severed and opened, and the stomach's inner layer was removed to reveal the parietal cell. After homogenizing the stomach parietal cell in 16 mM Tris buffer (pH 7.4) containing 10% Triton X-100, the cell was centrifuged for 10 minutes at 6000 rpm. The supernatant solution was then used to block H+/K+-ATPase. According to Bradford's approach, protein content is determined using BSA as a standard [20]. The sample's reaction mixture, which contained 300μg of

enzyme extract and various concentrations of plant extract (500, 250, 100, 50, and 10µgml), was incubated for 60 minutes at 37 ºC. Addition of 2 mM MgCl2 (200µL) and 10 mM KCl (200µL) started the process. 4.5% ammonium molybdate was added to terminate the reaction after 30 minutes of incubation at 37 oC. Then, 60% perchloric acid was added, and the mixture was centrifuged for 10 minutes at 2000 rpm. The inorganic phosphate was determined at 660 nm using spectrophotometry. In short, 1 milliliter of supernatant, 4 milliliters of Millipore water, 1 milliliter of 2.5% ammonium molybdate, and 0.4 milliliters of ANSA were added after 10 minutes at room temperature. Absorbance at different extract dosages has been measured at 660 nm inorganic phosphate; the enzyme activity has been computed as micromoles of Pi released per hour. The outcomes were contrasted with the well-known PPA inhibitor anti-ulcer Omeprazole and expressed as Mean ± SEM 16 % enzyme inhibition has calculated using the Formula: Percentage of inhibition = [Activity (control) - Activity (test)/Activity (control)] × 100.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Antioxidant Activity

When compared to other approaches, the model of scavenging the stable DPPH radical is a frequently used technique for quickly evaluating antioxidant activity [21]. An antioxidant is a chemical that prevents oxygen from being absorbed. Conversely, antioxidants serve as radical scavengers, electron donors, hydrogen donors, peroxide decomposers, metal chelating agents, and enzyme inhibitors [22]. Since they can be beneficial and harmful to the body, free radicals and oxidants have a dual function in it. They can be produced in situ by normal cell metabolism or ex situ from exposure to radiation, smoking, pollution, or medications. When excessive amounts of free radicals are produced and cannot be removed, oxidative stress occurs. Oxidative stress may cause a wide range of illnesses, such as cancer, aging, autoimmune disorders, cardiovascular disease, and neurological problems. However, the body has several defense mechanisms against oxidative stress, some of which originate from naturally occurring sources like in situ production or external sources like food or supplements [23]. Results showed table-1 that the The DPPH test results for Pleurotus ostreatus (OYME) extract show excellent antioxidant activity (53.6%), indicating that the extract is rich in antioxidants as seen by the reduction of the free radical DPPH. The findings were presented as (µg/ml). For the calibration curve, many sample concentrations were constructed. The percentage of DPPH inhibition was also computed. The ascorbic acid (as a standard solution) was associated with a 74.5 % inhibition of the DPPH radical at 10 µg/ml concentration, while the DPPH radical scavenging activity increased in a concentration-dependent manner at 10 µg/ml with 21.04 % inhibition of DPPH, 50 µg/ml with 26.95 % inhibition of the DPPH radical, 100 µg/ml with 32.62 % inhibition of the DPPH radical, 250 µg/ml with 40.42 % inhibition of the DPPH radical, and 500 µg/ml with 53.66 % inhibition of the DPPH radical.

Anti-Ulcer Activity

Nature provides a plethora of medications and may hold all the remedies to human illness. Nature remains to produce a vast array of therapeutically valuable medications. Liver and ulcer disorders are two of the main, rising health issues. Many medications are used today to treat hepatic disorders and peptic ulcers, but these medications come with a variety of side effects, including relapse rates and drug interactions. Plant-based medications are becoming more widely used to treat hepatotoxicity and peptic ulcers. Purified phytochemicals are hard to find as hepatoprotective and antiulcer medications. It takes a lot of time and costs a lot of money. There are no medicinal plants that are used to cure liver and ulcer problems, according to reliable literature sources [24]. The pathogenesis of peptic ulcers is unknown in most cases, however an imbalance between aggressive and protective elements is known to cause the condition. Various medicinal substances, including plant extracts, are employed to restore equilibrium [2]. One of the most significant gastrointestinal issues has long been acknowledged to be ulceration. This composition has been tested and found to be helpful in treating and managing ulcers, which is in line with the ever-increasing interest in herbal treatment [2]. The current study's findings revealed that the (OYME) has strong anti-ulcer properties and it is increased in a concentration dependent manner at 10 µg/ml with 37 % inhibition, 50 µg/ml associated with 40 % inhibition, 100 µg/ml associated with 42 % inhibition, 250 µg/ml associated with 44 % inhibition

and 500 µg/ml associated with 45 % inhibition whereas the control was associated with a 45 % inhibition, at 10 µg/ml concentration (Table-2).

H+/K+ - ATPase Inhibition Activity

Many experimental investigations have assessed the therapeutic benefits of plant extracts in the prevention and treatment of stomach ulcers. The pharmacological benefits have been attributed to a number of pathways, including H + / K + -ATPase inhibition, anti-secretory, cytoprotective, improving antioxidant defense system, and anti-Helicobacter pylori actions [11]. This study describes how an extract of Pleurotus ostreatus (OYME) inhibits the proton pump enzyme H + / K + ATPase, which has antiulcer properties. The H+/K+-ATPase inhibitory activity of ethanol extract was tested at a range of concentrations (10, 50, 100, 250, 500 µg/ml), and the results were compared to those obtained using control (Table-3). The quantity of action the extract exhibits is significantly influenced by the dose. The extract exhibited a maximum percentage inhibition of 45.51 percent at 500 µg/ml, while the control showed 100 percent.

CONCLUSION

Current study suggests that ethanolic extract of *Pleurotus ostreatus* (OYME) possesses significant antioxidant and antiulcer activity. Therefore, these mushroom can be recommended as potential natural sources for further investigation of medication research.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors have no conflicts of interest regarding this investigation**.**

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Table-1: Percentage of inhibition of *Pleurotus ostreatus* (OYME

S. No	Tested sample concentration (μg/ml)	Percentage of inhibition (in triplicates)			Mean value (%)
1.	Ascorbic acid 10 μg/ml	69.50355	77.30496	76.59574	74.46809
2.	500 μg/ml	59.57447	46.09929	55.31915	53.6643
3.	250 μg/ml	41.13475	37.58865	42.55319	40.42553
4.	100 μg/ml	30.49645	33.33333	34.04255	32.62411
5.	50 μg/ml	29.07801	26.95035	24.8227	26.95035
6.	10 μg/ml	24.11348	18.43972	20.56738	21.04019

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Table-2: Anti-Ulcer Activity of *Pleurotus ostreatus* (OYME)

S.NO	Sample concentration	Reading a burette	Moles of acid neutralized	Acid neutralizing capacity (ANC) / antacid (g)
1.	500 µg/ml	1.5	2.25	45
2.	250 µg/ml	1.6	2.2	44
3.	100 µg/ml	1.8	2.1	42
4.	50 µg/ml	2.0	2	40
5.	10 µg/ml	2.3	1.85	37
6.	Control	1.5	2.25	45

Table-3: Percentage of inhibition of *Pleurotus ostreatus* (OYME)

S. No	Sample concentration (µg/ml)	Percentage of inhibition	(in triplicates)		Mean value (%)
1.	Control	100	100	100	100
2.	500 µg/ml	46.48276	47.31034	42.75862	45.51724
3.	250 µg/ml	39.03448	41.7931	41.51724	40.78161
4.	100 µg/ml	27.03448	25.51724	35.17241	29.24138
5.	50 µg/ml	21.24138	23.31034	15.31034	19.95402
6.	10 µg/ml	13.65517	8.413793	10.48276	10.85057

Figure-1	Figure-2: Percentage of inhibition of *Pleurotus ostreatus* (OYME)
Figure-3: Percentage of inhibition of *Pleurotus ostreatus* (OYME)	Figure-4: Percentage of inhibition of *Pleurotus ostreatus* (OYME)

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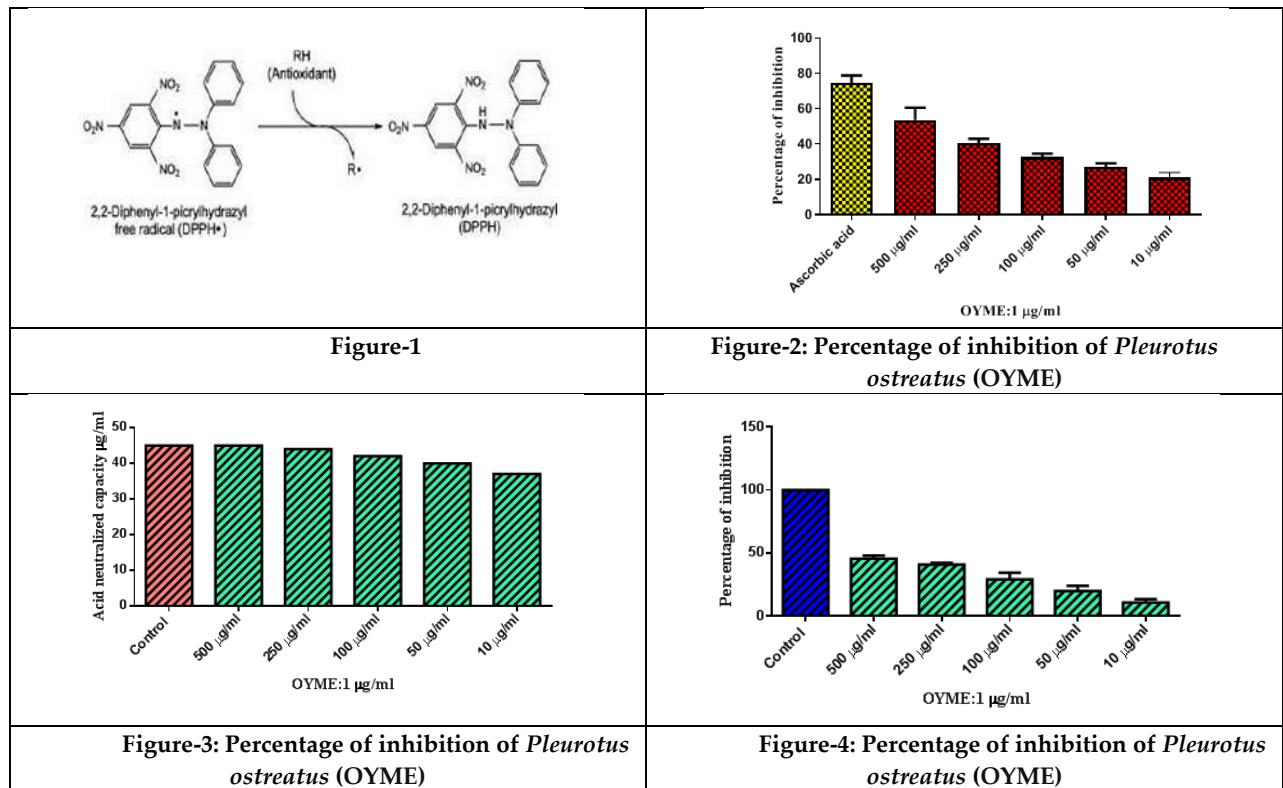
Ocean Acidification on the Corals and their Impact on Aquatic Terrain – A Review

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ABSTRACT

The excessive atmospheric carbon dioxide absorption by the sea water is the primary cause of the ocean's acidity. The marine ecosystem, fish population, biodiversity and global economy are all put under serious threat by this. Both marine life and humanity benefit greatly from coral reefs. However, a variety of physical and chemical environmental conditions, like as temperature, depth, salinity and turbidity limit their capacity to flourish. Furthermore, coral reefs provide essential services to nearly 500 million people worldwide. However, they are seriously in danger as a result of coastal development, ocean acidification, and climate change. Ocean acidification has a local and regional effect on coral reef ecosystems. Corals, molluscs and various forms of planktons are examples of calcifying organisms that are particularly sensitive. The increased acidity reduces the availability of carbonate ions, which these organisms need to build their shells and skeletons. The result could be weaker, thinner, and slower expanding shells. Because of the effect on primary producers like phytoplankton and algae, the entire marine food web may be disturbed. Fisheries, biodiversity, marine ecosystems, and the global economy are all significantly impacted by the complex problem of ocean acidification. In order to solve this issue, CO_2 emissions must be reduced and steps taken to protect and enhance the health of our oceans.

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INTRODUCTION

The earth's ecosystems with the greatest diversity are coral reefs. They provide a variety of advantages to human existence as well as a habitat for many different species of marine organisms. The tourism, fishing, and drug discoveries made possible by coral reefs generate significant sums of money for coastal nations. Sea grass and mangrove ecosystems, along with coral reefs, offer natural coastal protection. Numerous marine animals use coral reefs as a feeding, nursing, and breeding habitat from an ecological standpoint [1]. Physical and chemical environmental conditions can limit coral reef growth since they are susceptible to them. Temperature, depth, salinity, and turbidity are physical environmental elements that have a substantial impact on the formation of coral reefs. Aquatic macrophytes and micro flora, as well as many other species, can be found on coral reefs [2]. A diversity of ecosystem facilities and functions are provided by coral reefs, which are found in many tropical and subtropical places worldwide. Coral reefs feed more than 500 million people directly worldwide and have the highest richness of any environment, but they are also among the most endangered due to the unprecedented effects of climate change and ocean acidification, as well as mounting local pressures [3]. The effectiveness of ocean acidification, coastal development, and climate change range from regional to extremely local scales on coral reef ecosystems [4].

Globally, the ocean takes in about a third of the CO_2 molecules that are released into the atmosphere by both natural and human sources. One of the many pressures that coral reef ecosystems are currently facing is ocean acidification. As a result, it is crucial to comprehend how important symbiotic microorganisms react to ocean acidification in order to comprehend how coral halobionts adapt and how they are evolving [5][6]. The vulnerability of coral reefs to ocean acidification was one of the first ecosystems to be recognized. The majority of research into the impacts of ocean acidification on coral reefs has, up to this point, focused on the reefs' extraordinary capacity to generate large volumes of calcium carbonate [7]. By the middle of this century, it has been predicted that the two primary coral and calcifying macro algae reef-building species will calcify 10–50% less than they did before industrialization. They may be less able to function within the ecosystem, which almost surely will have an impact on the ecosystem's functioning as a whole. This decreased calcification is likely to have an impact on both of these things. On the other hand, the organisms' ability to create reefs is also impacted by ocean acidification. Calcium carbonate production is declining, and calcium carbonate dissolution is rising [8]. The impacts of ocean acidification on zooplankton ecosystems in situ are still largely unknown. We demonstrate a threefold decrease in demersal zooplankton biomass in high-CO_2 locations compared to sites with ambient CO_2 using naturally occurring volcanic CO_2 seep sites near tropical coral reefs. Over two reefs and three voyages, differences were persistent [9].

Most taxonomic groups saw decreased abundances. Ocean acidification appears to influence the quantity of food, but not the quality, for nocturnal plankton feeders, since there were no regime shifts in the makeup of the zooplankton population and no variations in fatty acid composition between CO_2 levels. Branching coral species become gigantic bouldering coral species as a result of ocean acidification. Ocean acidification cause a problem when CO_2 dissolves in seawater, it quickly produces carbonic acid (H_2CO_3), which reacts to produce free hydrogen ions (H^+) and bicarbonate (HCO_3). Seawater is naturally saturated with carbonate, which can interact with [H^+] to create additional bicarbonate ions. As this carbonate depletes over time, seawater may become less saturated in crucial calcium carbonate minerals that serve as the essential building blocks for numerous significant marine species, including corals, zooplankton, and shellfish. Reef development requires organisms to sequester $CaCO_3$ at a rate that is greater than physical, biological, and chemical erosion, and a projected continuous decline in $CaCO_3$ production over time will likely represent a significant deficit for many coral reefs [10].

CONSTRUCTION OF CORAL REEFS
Reef construction, or the accumulation of calcium carbonate framework and sediments, is almost certainly going to change in the future because both carbonate production, which is almost entirely biogenic to decline and its removal via mechanical transport of material off the reef and chemical dissolution is probably going to rise [7]. A precise balance must be maintained between calcification, carbonate sediment disintegration, and transport of sediment

away from the reef in order to determine the extent of ocean acidification's effects on coral reefs. The ability of reef growth to preserve the reef structure or whether it will instead cause it to erode is a crucial concern. On many reefs, the rate of dissolution can be fairly high, especially in places with high concentrations of magnesium calcite and at night when respiration is still occurring but photosynthesis has stopped, causing CO_2 to build up in the water column. When seawater pH is falling, sediment dissolution may act as a buffer and offer some "relief" to calcifying organisms in some regions where water mass residence time is rather long (on the order of days as opposed to hours) [11]. Most reefs, however, are thoroughly irrigated with seawater from the open ocean and won't receive this kind of protection. Lagunal and other back-reef areas, which are ordinarily shielded by reef structure, may become exposed to greater wave energy, currents, and sediment transport, which may accelerate the loss of reef sediment for disintegrating reefs [9]. From reef to reef, there will be a wide variation in the point at which coral reefs transition from net production/accretion to net dissolution/erosion. These variations are the result of a complex interplay of variables, including the metabolic performance caused by community composition, seasonal variation in calcification and dissolution rates, variation in sediment composition, the level of biologic control over calcification and dissolution mechanisms, and the mixing rates of water masses overlying substrate areas. Slow-growing reefs with a stable carbonate budget will be the first to transit from a reef-building to a reef erosion condition if ocean acidification continues [12]. Due to the waters' lower temperatures and increased acidity, as well as probably less winter light penetration, reefs at higher latitudes generally have slower net growth rates. They also dissolve at higher rates. Reefs in warmer, more tropical places are often better developed than those at higher latitudes, although even in the warm tropics, accumulation of new material may be delayed, for instance, the reef is growing in waters that are murky or if storms carry a significant amount of the surplus carbonate off the reef [13].

Despite the fact that coral communities can persist on eroding substrates, recent research has shown that the normally rough and uneven surfaces of reefs are not ideal for coral colonies. Reduced habitat diversity and thus lower biodiversity will result from the loss of architectural complexity. The persistence of coral reef and fish populations in the future is threatened by the loss of biodiversity, especially when combined with the extinction of coral reef species due to bleaching, disease, and overexploitation. Although it is difficult to predict how long coral reefs will survive solely due to ocean acidification, there is a significant possibility that they will become less common [14]. The formation of the mineral $CaCO_3$ involves the combination of the ions of calcium (Ca^{2+}) with carbonate (CO_3). It is best when the process as bio calcification when biology helps it along compared to the rates of inorganic $CaCO_3$ precipitation, and happens at orders of magnitude faster rates. Although there is some disagreement on the process's beginning in marine species, the under-seawater conditions with substantially higher $[Ca^{2+}]$ it developed as a detoxification mechanism. The organisms depositing complex shells, tests, and skeletons comprised of materials, regardless of their source. Several advantages of $CaCO_3$ include enhanced energy, predator protection, structural support, and increased mechanisms to maintain elevation over the surface area [10]. Since the Last Glacial Maximum (about 22,000 years ago till the present), when sea levels rose and the continental shelves began to flood, coral reefs and carbonate platforms have been distributed in their current locations. Given that the expansion of space, the occurrence of $CaCO_3$ deposition on shallow surfaces under intense lighting this time period has seen a substantial improvement in the coastal environment that extent of the coral reefs and the production of $CaCO_3$ during the Last Glacial. Maximums of 20% and 27%, respectively, of the current area and production, were imposed. Estimates indicate that the amount of $CaCO_3$ deposited in marine sediments is increasing.

Nearly half of the total quantity of $CaCO_3$ that builds up in marine sediments is stored in shallow coastal and shelf settings, including coral reef environments [3]. Corals and different calcifying algae are credited with producing the majority of the $CaCO_3$ on coral reefs, however their relative contributions vary. These reefs are arguably best referred to as coral gal reefs since in some reef systems; $CaCO_3$ generation by algae is more significant than calcification by corals [13]. Different species and localities have different coral and algal development rates, seasons, settings, etc. Temperature, food and nutrients, hydro graphic conditions, and light are likely the factors that have the most impact on how quickly hermatypic corals calcify and grow. Individual coral colonies can develop up to several centimetres per year for branching colonies that grow more quickly, and their growth rates can range from a few millimetres to a few centimetres per year for huge colonies. The green alga*Halimeda* can produce up to 2,000-4,000 g $CaCO_3$ m^2 per

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year, and crustose coralline algae have the ability to produce 1,500–10,300 g $CaCO_3$ m^2 per year. In addition to acting as the glue or cement that holds the coral reef's surface together; crustose coralline algae also play other crucial roles on coral reefs by releasing chemicals into the water column that act as cues for coral larvae to settle [15]. In addition to echinoderms, molluscs, bryozoans, and benthic foraminifera, coral reefs also support a variety of other calcifying species that produce $CaCO_3$. At the local level, their contributions to the $CaCO_3$ budget can be very large; for example, estimates for benthic foraminifera range from 150 to 2,800 g $CaCO_3$ per year. However, they are probably insignificant in comparison to the overall contribution of corals and calcifying algae. The majority of a coral reef is made up of sedimentary settings with substrates generated by damaging physical and biological processes, rather than the coral structure [10]. These sediments are usually made up of around 60% aragonite, 25% Mg calcite, and 15% calcite/low-Mg calcite, according to the normal sediment composition of shallow subtropical and tropical habitats. Within reefs, between reefs and in different geographic areas, and over time, coral reef growth rates vary. Between 0.2 to 16 m per thousand years are estimated [16].

BREAKDOWN OF CORAL REEFS BY PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL FACTORS
Long-term erosion and shaping of the reef structure is continuously occurring because of currents and waves. Contrarily, powerful storms and high waves can quickly destroy coral reefs' structural integrity and transport a significant amount of $CaCO_3$ sediments into deeper waters. By eroding reef structures mechanically and chemically, biological and chemical erosion promotes physical breakdown of the reef system. Because of the consequent rise in the surface area to volume ratio, the physical breakdown of $CaCO_3$ structures and substrates to smaller sizes might then further encourage biological and chemical dissolution [2]. In addition, these substrates may act as nucleation sites for inorganic precipitation on their surfaces in seawater that is supersaturated in a particular $CaCO_3$ mineral phase. The amount of $CaCO_3$ dissolution and export from coral reefs has not been well quantified, and the relative contributions of various bio erosion and dissolution mechanisms are also poorly understood. According to current estimates, coral reefs create 0.9 Pg $CaCO_3$ per year on average, of which 0.7 Pg accumulates inside reef regions and the remaining 0.2 Pg is either exported or dissolved. However, these are only approximations, and we don't really know how much each of these pathways contributes in relation to the others [17]. Environmental and metabolic dissolution are two different categories of chemical dissolution. The former describes the dissolution of a $CaCO_3$ substrate submerged in seawater that is not sufficiently saturated for a specific mineral phase (<1). Current tropical and subtropical coral reefs are submerged in surface seawater that is well supersaturated with respect to calcite and aragonite, and this super saturation will persist even in the worst-case scenario of CO_2 emission. The environmental dissolution of these mineral phases is therefore unlikely, with the exception of rare circumstances when, for instance, river and groundwater inflow or upwelling may create significant less saturation of saltwater with regard to these phases. On coral reefs, however, a sizable portion of the carbonate material is made up of magnesium calcite, which may be more soluble than calcite and aragonite [13].

Some of these mineral phases may be in the vicinity of a metastable equilibrium with seawater, which might become less saturated as a result of minute adjustments to the CO_2 chemistry of the seawater. Seawater less saturation with respect to the frequently occurring carbonate phases can be created in microenvironments within the reef matrix and in sediment pore waters despite the fact that coral reef environments are submerged in surface seawater that is supersaturated with respect to these mineral phases. This is because microbial remineralisation of organic material, which produces CO_2 and drives dissolution, causes seawater to be less saturated with respect to these mineral phases. Additionally, calcifying macro algae, which have long been acknowledged as significant elements of coral reef ecosystems, have revealed that ocean acidification slows their rate of calcification [8]. In the phylum Rhodophyta, coralline red algae and calcifying green algae are the two most prevalent kinds of algae. The branching and crustose forms of coralline algae (many of which form free floating live nodules known as "rhodoliths") create significant amounts of high-Mg calcite, which is the most soluble form of the common marine carbonate minerals. The equatorial to Polar Regions and the deepest reported depths for benthic photosynthetic organisms are all home to this group, which is extraordinarily ubiquitous in the ocean. Unfortunately, with no evidence of an ability to adapt, specific species that form reefs are particularly susceptible to disintegration under rising CO_2 concentrations [18]. For instance, in mesocosms with CO_2 levels boosted by 365 ppm over present-day circumstances, rhodolith

calcification rates declined by as much as 250%, and coralline algae recruitment success was reduced. Studies on other tropical algae show that under high CO_2 conditions, the calcium carbonate can be dissolved. However, a common coralline alga from the Mediterranean Sea did not exhibit a robust reaction to calcification as long as the algae was still alive, and decreased calcification only happened when temperature was also enhanced [19]. Nevertheless, disintegration rates were two to four times higher in elevated-CO_2 circumstances when skeletons were exposed to seawater directly after tissue death. Thus, even if the algae can continue to calcify in high-CO_2 environments, dissolution of exposed skeletons poses a serious threat to this group [13]. In the Mediterranean, at a field location close to a shallow underwater CO_2 vent, a group of crustose coralline algae species were not present (where the average pH was 7.7). For the establishment of coral larvae and the subsequent transformation and growth of those organisms, coralline algae are known to be a preferred substrate. Crustose coralline algae's decreased surface cover may therefore have an impact on the recruitment of other species [20]. In a similar vein, the branching coralline alga Amphiroa is recognised for encouraging the establishment of bivalve larvae; this genus is also thought to be vulnerable to ocean acidification. In reef habitats, calcifying green algae of the species *Halimeda* and *Penicillus* generate significant amounts of sand- and mud-sized sediments, respectively. The measured $CaCO_3$ production rates of Halimeda meadows can be higher than those of coral reefs, and the Halimeda banks on tropical shelves can be substantial and widespread. Many marine creatures rely on these structures as vital habitat. The removal of CO_2 from the intercellular gaps by photosynthetic means is promoting the consequences of ocean acidification on Halimeda and Penicillus[10]. As a result, a rise in ambient CO_2 concentration is anticipated to diminish these organisms that calcify.

INVOLVEMENT OF SCIENCE
OCEAN CHEMISTRY

The main factor in regulating the pH of seawater is dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC), one of the most significant chemical equilibriums in the seas. In saltwater, DIC can be found in four different forms: CO_3, HCO_3 aqueous CO_2, and carbonic acid (H_2CO_3). 88% of DIC at pH 8.2 is in the form of HCO_3, and 11% is in the form of CO_3. CO_2 and H_2CO_3 make up only 0.5% of the total. The net result of CO_2 dissolving in saltwater is a rise in H_2CO_3, HCO_3, and H^+ concentrations, a decrease in CO_3 concentration, and a drop of pH. The average ocean surface pH fell by 0.1 pH units on account of increased H^+ by 30% due to atmospheric CO_2 (pCO_2) levels that are currently 100 ppm higher than pre-industrial levels of 280 ppm [6][13]. Although this pH drop may appear insignificant, it represents a deviation from one of the most fundamental environmental standards that marine life has relied on throughout the course of its evolutionary history. The saturation state of $CaCO_3$, determines how much calcifying marine life is impacted by such changes. This varies for each of the three types of $CaCO_3$ that marine life produces: high magnesium calcite (secreted by coralline algae), aragonite (secreted by zooplankton), and a few molluscs, corals, and macro algae and calcite (secreted by most molluscs, forams, as well as corals from the Paleozoic). The fundamental reason that surface water saturation states are highest in the tropics and lowest at high latitudes is that CO_2 is more soluble in cooler waters, which reduces the concentration of CO_3^{2-}.The depth at which $CaCO_3$ becomes soluble. $CaCO_3$ solubility also increases with referred to as the saturation horizon. This horizon's latitudinal variable and typically shallow depth the Polar Regions, but also fluctuates locally as a result of modifications to ocean circulation patterns, such as in areas of the upwelling. The heights of the calcite, aragonite, and high magnesium calcite saturation horizons are extremely distinct [18].

PHYSIOLOGY

When algal symbionts are involved, which respond to various environmental factors, the process of calcification by marine biota is much more intricate and not fully understood in terms of ocean chemistry. Temperature, light, environmental history, acclimatisation, location, respiration rate, photosynthesis, net production, reproductive effort, symbionts, and morphology (massive or branching) are a few of the actual or possible factors that may alter physiological responses [2]. It is previously known that several of these factors working together can alter how pCO_2 reacts to certain stimuli [28]. For instance, it has been discovered that temperature changes at elevated pCO_2 influence various taxa in varying ways, including decreasing, increasing, or remaining unaltered. Other organisms,

especially those that can utilise elevated HCO_3 levels, exhibit accelerated rates of calcification brought on by elevated pCO_2[5].

ECOLOGY

As Scleractinia corals are the primary biological builders of coral reefs, they are referred to as "Ecosystem Engineers." Although the diversity of the majority of metazoan phyla peaks in reef habitats, it is still not possible to quantify the percentage of marine species that live on coral reefs. However, this percentage is expected to constitute at least 25% of all marine biodiversity. As a result, impacts on reef diversity are extremely important globally. Due to the carbonate architecture of the majority of reef habitats, any decrease in coral variety will have a significant negative ripple effect on all taxa that live on reefs [21]. Rainwater, which frequently has a pH of 5.6 or less, is one natural way that reef corals are affected by acidification. Rainwater's low salinity can kill reef flat corals, but those that do survive are undoubtedly resistant to short-term acidity [22]. These have a sizable, typically excavated middle space and an exterior rim of a live colony. This excavation may be the result of bio erosion, but it is more likely to be accelerated by dissolution if water is regularly ponded for many hours during each tidal cycle in locations with heavy rainfall. Whether this is the case or not, the colony's living portion demonstrates a high level of resistance to repeated short-term acidity. In close proximity to urban coastal developments, open-ocean coral communities are now frequently degraded, particularly in southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean's outer edge. Although clear-water impacts are rarely studied, many of them could be useful locations for water quality assessments that take into account local factors like community metabolism, sediment dissolution, freshwater input, and organic carbon cycling, the primary causes of most cases including sedimentation, salinity change, physical damage, mass bleaching, and *Acanthaster* outbreaks are visually evident in most cases [23].

CALCIFICATION

One of the most well-known effects of ocean acidification is a reduction in skeletal growth in coral reef building species and coralline algae, despite our inadequate understanding of the precise mechanisms that regulate calcification [24]. There have been a variety of reactions seen, but generally speaking, the calcification rate of coralline algae and reef-building corals declines by around 10% to 50% for every doubling of pre-industrial atmospheric CO_2 concentration. The good news is that the reaction can be stopped (reversing acidification will result in increased calcification). The bad news is that it is extremely unlikely that ocean acidification can be stopped, and we have no idea yet whether corals and coralline algae can adapt to these changes. In addition to seawater carbonate chemistry, other factors including temperature, light, and nutrition also influence the rate of calcification in scleractinian corals (stony, or hard, corals) and calcifying macro algae [7]. The impacts of temperature are particularly significant, and tiny increases in temperature can occasionally outweigh the effects of ocean acidification as long as they don't result in bleaching or otherwise harm the physiology of coral. When it became clear that ocean acidification would have an impact on coral calcification, researchers examined the records of cores obtained from enormous Porites corals, particularly from the Great Barrier Reef, to see if calcification rates had altered over the previous century. Ocean acidification, however, may have an impact on the larval stages of corals and many other reef species, as the coral lifecycle involves more than just adults [25].

NON-CALCIFYING ORGANISMS

Although many reef-dwelling creatures do not produce calcium carbonate, their reactions to the acidification of the oceans can be very significant. Sea grasses, for instance, are frequently cited as potential winners from ocean acidification. The growth of sea grasses is greatly increased in elevated-CO_2 environments in nutrient-rich conditions, according to several studies. Though sea grasses might spread across reef flats, displacing corals and other calcifies, current research suggests that sea grasses may actually be beneficial to calcifiers, as some coralline algae calcify more quickly in the vicinity of sea grasses due to the removal of CO_2 from the water column [9]. As was shown in *Porphyrayezoensis* and two *Gracilaria*species, elevated CO_2 may also promote growth in other noncalcifying macro algae. This is especially true for algae like *Lomentariaarticulata* that employ CO_2 rather than bicarbonate for photosynthesis. "*Euendolithic*" algae, or algae that eat away at the skeletal material of reefs, are one of the effects of ocean acidification that is most intriguing. These algae dissolved roughly 50% more carbonate when the CO_2

concentration was doubled because they were able to penetrate the skeletal material more deeply [10]. If this reaction occurs everywhere on reefs, then the enhanced disintegration caused by these ubiquitous but little-known microscopic algae could be the one factor that transforms many reefs from a state of reef development to one of reef destruction. The majority of reef fish are not thought to be at risk from ocean acidification, however one study examined how pH variations affected larval clown fish's capacity to detect suitable habitat via their chemosensory system. Surprisingly, larvae exposed to lower pH levels exhibited a loss in their capacity to differentiate between favourable and unfavourable settings [7].

PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES

By causing acidosis in the tissues and bodily fluids of marine organisms, including fish, elevated CO_2 partial pressures (hypercapnia) will impact the physiology of water-breathing animals. Alterations in pH, bicarbonate, and CO_2 levels within the organism have long-term consequences on metabolism, growth, and reproduction, all of which may be detrimental to populations and species. Increased CO_2 has both short- and long-term effects on fish, with the former including changes to the acid-base balance, respiration, blood circulation, and nervous system activities. Few research has examined the effects of high CO_2 exposure on fish eggs, larvae, and juveniles, although it has been demonstrated that fish in their early developmental stages are more sensitive to environmental change than adults [2].

IMPACT ON CORAL COMMUNITY

The diversity and richness of fish on coral reefs nearby these ecosystems are increased by sea grass meadows and mangroves, which serve as vital nursery grounds for young fishes, many of whom migrate to coral reefs as adults [1]. Assuming the water quality is good enough for photosynthesis to take place, the net effect of rising CO_2 on sea grass ecosystems will likely increase the sea grass biomass and production. Given these circumstances, it is likely that a rise in the total area of sea grass will result in better habitat and environmental conditions for related invertebrate and fish species [19]. However, the combined impacts of increased coral bleaching and decreased carbonate saturation on surface waters will likely have a detrimental overall impact on many reef-building marine calcifiers, making ocean acidification a significant threat to coral reef ecosystems. Predicting the degree of ecosystem responses to ocean acidification and other environmental changes acting synergistically as well as the overall effects on fish variety and abundance is challenging. Because there are so many unanswered questions regarding the long-term impacts of rising CO_2 on fish physiology, metabolism, and potential range shifts as a result of warming oceans, predicting the net effects on fish populations is made much more difficult[18]. By absorbing dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) in the saltwater, marine macrophytes like seagrasses can reduce the effects of OA. They can also act as a natural carbon sink by storing organic carbon in sediments [15]. According to a study conducted over the entire coast, seagrass ecosystems can elevate local pH levels and raise the average pH of seawater [26].

EFFECTS OF OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

When exposed to rising CO_2 levels, a variety of organisms that secrete aragonite, calcite, or high magnesium calcite, among other calcium carbonate-containing minerals, exhibit changes in skeletal growth. Corals and calcifying macro algae appear to be particularly vulnerable to ocean acidification in coral reefs, where they make up the two primary calcifying groups [23]. However, coral reef noncalcifying creatures will also be impacted. It is difficult to anticipate the total effect on coral reefs of some species emerging as "winners" and others emerging as "losers" in an ocean with a steadily decreasing pH, but the extinction of reef builders threatens both the biological and geological identities of this ecosystem [12]. The body of research on organismal sensitivity to high CO_2 levels has grown quickly, and in marine biology, ocean acidification has transformed in the last ten years from a frontier science to a developed subdiscipline that carefully examines species susceptibility. Exemplifying this pattern is research on the effects of high CO_2 levels on fish [2]. The formation of otoliths, calcium carbonate structures in the ear, shows unexpected sensitivity to current and upcoming CO_2 levels in fish, despite the fact that some appear to be able to correct for disturbances to acid-base balance under high CO_2 settings. The mitochondrial activity, metabolic rate, intake of larval yolk, activity, neurosensory processes, and behaviour, including settlement into a particular environment at the end, are fish ears that contribute to balancing early stages of life [12]. The GABAA neurotransmitter system may be

interfered with by altered fish physiology in high-CO₂ environments [19]. The effects of GABAA signalling disruption in fish due to ocean acidification are still being identified because GABAA is implicated in a wide range of sensory and behavioural pathways in animal nervous systems [23]. Fish species differ significantly in sensitivity, and the effects of acidification on sensory perception should be taken into account alongside a variety of other human changes to the sensory system [26].With effects on marine ecosystems on a time scale of decades, centuries, and longer, ocean acidification is a perturbation of marine environmental conditions that is a prolonged and escalating ecological pressure [14]. The effects of acidification may first be seen in coastal ecosystems that express a warming tendency, similar to the marine heat wave episodes that interrupt the warming trend brought on by climate change. The greater variation in carbonate chemistry and the potential to sporadically cross biological thresholds is sensitive. The structure of the coral community may change as a result of acidification, and these changes may indirectly affect the invertebrate and fish groups that live near the reef [22]. For instance, the occurrence of huge, mounding corals as opposed to structurally complex corals, as seen close to natural CO₂ leaks, can decrease the invertebrate communities nearby and the habitat's structural complexity. As an alternative, increasing macroalgal abundance that gives prey a place to hide or a habitat's structure can positive indirect impacts on fish behaviour and predator avoidance can still improve fish populations [16]. Despite the fact that several studies of fish behaviour and population dynamics in naturally acidic environments have been conducted, the spatial scale of the impacted regions in this research is often substantially smaller a limited range than many fish species.

SHIFTS IN ECOSYSTEM

The fact that several kinds of coral reef species, including corals and coralline algae, the "ecosystem engineers" of reefs, appear to be impacted by the effects of ocean acidification on coral reefs is a major cause for concern. Many other species that depend on them are impacted when these keystone species disappear. The repercussions of coral bleaching episodes ripple across the reef ecosystem as the species that depend on them are also harmed [27]. Even when the reef appears to be in good health, these changes can reduce its resilience, or its capacity to withstand disturbance. Eventually, the reef will no longer be able to withstand even minor disturbances, making it vulnerable to an ecological "regime shift," or a sudden change in the state of an ecosystem. The most famous instance of such a regime change took place on a coral reef in Jamaica; it was triggered by the extinction of both fish herbivores and sea urchin herbivores (due to overfishing and disease, respectively), which allowed the ungrazed macro algae to outgrow the reef. Coral reefs in Australia, the eastern Pacific, and the Indian oceans have all experienced other regime transitions [2]. Increasing numbers of species will be impacted if ocean acidification continues. Some species, like corals, will lose out while others, like sea grasses, will gain an advantage, but the greater the number of species affected both winners and losers the more likely it is that an ecosystem's primary functions, like reef building, grazing, filter feeding, and sediment turnover, will cease to exist, resulting in a regime shift. Given that ocean acidification occurs concurrently with other stressors like temperature increases and overfishing, it is challenging to forecast how future regime shifts will play out. Previously, macro algae-dominated ecosystems predominated on reefs, but soft corals and their skeleton less relatives, the corallimorpharians, have also taken over [7].

CONCLUSION

Ocean acidification, driven primarily by the absorption of excess atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) by seawater, poses significant challenges to the marine environment. Ocean acidification leads to a decrease in seawater pH levels, making the ocean more acidic over time. This disrupts the natural balance of marine chemistry. Calcifying organisms like corals, molluscs, and some types of plankton are particularly vulnerable. The increased acidity reduces the availability of carbonate ions, which these organisms need to build their shells and skeletons. This can lead to weaker, thinner shells and slower growth rates. As primary producers like phytoplankton and algae are affected, it can disrupt the entire marine food web. Zooplankton and small fish that rely on these primary producers for food may face reduced food availability. Ocean acidification can impact fish behaviour, including sensory and predator-prey interactions. Some fish species may experience reduced olfactory abilities, which can affect their ability to locate food and avoid predators. Coral reefs, critical ecosystems for biodiversity, are under immense threat. Coral

bleaching, a phenomenon exacerbated by ocean acidification and warming waters, can lead to the decline of these vibrant ecosystems. Ocean acidification is a multifaceted problem with far-reaching consequences for marine ecosystems, biodiversity, fisheries, and the global economy. Addressing this issue necessitates reducing CO2 emissions and implementing strategies to protect and restore the health of our oceans.

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Role of Technology in Enhancing the Work Life Balance of Lecturers in Management Institutions

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ABSTRACT

The function of technology in achieving work-life balance is to enhance the efficiency of tasks for employees, the implementation of technology has been observed to decrease the necessity for employees to work beyond their regular hours, leading to an enhancement in the equilibrium between their professional and personal lives. The objective of the study is to understand the role of technology in reducing the workload which in turn enhances the work life balance of the lecturers. The research method used is descriptive, and information is gathered using a carefully crafted survey. The population was assumed to be comprised of 135 Lecturers at various management institutions in Bangalore, using the Cochran formula. Scale analysis verified the validity and reliability of the questionnaire. In this work, we used AMOS R software to conduct a Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA). The results of the study indicate the use of current technologies in the education field have reduced the administrative burden from the lecturers in terms of updating mark sheets, attendance sheet, automatic updating of progress report, evaluation and assessing of assignments online. This research is a novel approach to understand the role of technology in perspective of the lecturers.Generally previous studies are focussing more on IT, BFSI and technical areas. Studies in education field are scarce. The study will be useful to management institutions in adopting to technologies which will enable smooth functioning of the institutions as well as enable lecturers to strike a balance between personal and professional life.

Keywords: Technology, Work life balance, Lecturers, Management Institutions

INTRODUCTION

The role of technology in attaining work-life balance is to optimize task efficiency for employees. The utilization of technology has been noted to reduce the need for employees to exceed their standard working hours, resulting in an improvement in the equilibrium between their professional and personal spheres. The aim of this study is to examine the impact of technology on alleviating the workload of lecturers, thereby improving their work-life balance. The integration of technology is increasingly pervasive within contemporary educational systems. Numerous educational institutions are allocating financial resources to facilitate the implementation of the "one-to-one" initiative. One-to-one initiatives in education, commonly denoted as 1:1, pertain to the implementation wherein educational institutions provide each enrolled student with a computing device, such as a laptop or tablet. The purpose of this provision is to enable students to access the Internet, digital course materials, and digital textbooks, thereby establishing a one-to-one relationship between students and technology devices. Given the frequent integration of technology in educational settings, it is imperative for schools to remain abreast of the dynamic advancements in this domain. Based on a recent survey conducted among students in New York, aged between 12 and 15, it was found that all participants reported owning a screened device, with an additional 97% of respondents indicating possession of a cell phone (DiMartino & Schultz, 2020). Based on the provided information, it is evident that the trajectory of education and society is undergoing rapid transformation.

Throughout the 2019-2020 academic year, there was a notable demonstration of the rapid transition within the education system towards technology-driven and virtual learning experiences. The onset of the pandemic necessitated a rapid acquisition of technological proficiency among school districts, educators, students, and parents, enabling the continuation of remote learning. Educators experienced a rapid influx of novel technological tools, activities, programs, and devices that necessitated their integration into their current "virtual classrooms". During the course of the pandemic, educators experienced a notable sense of overwhelming emotions. In addition to the stress induced by the proliferation of technology programs, educators were also subjected to physical discomfort in the form of headaches and eye strain resulting from the excessive amount of screen time imposed upon them. Lecturers are feeling immense pressure due to the introduction of technologies in education. Also, the new technologies help in ease of tasks such as administrative works. With this background the current study aims to understand the Role of technology in enhancing the work life balance of lecturers in Management Institutions. The initial section of the study provides a comprehensive overview of the objectives of the study. The subsequent section of this study centers on the critical examination of existing literature. The third section of the paper outlines the research methods employed, while the fourth section provides an exposition of the study's findings. The final segment of this study culminates by addressing the limitations and proposing avenues for future research.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The present study utilized a systematic literature review methodology to examine prior academic literature that was relevant to the research questions being investigated. The articles were obtained from reputable academic journals and underwent rigorous examination to assess the level of quality demonstrated by each study. **Goldbell Rachel and Dr. K. Suresh Babu (2018)** Previous studies have provided a comprehensive examination of the diverse obstacles and concerns encountered by female workers in attaining work-life balance (WLB) and its associated practices. These include challenges related to career progression, work-related stress, professional aspirations, conflicts between work and family responsibilities, and the provision of childcare within the framework of WLB and its practices **Ashok Kumar Bansal and Lekh raj (2017).** Achieving work-life balance poses a significant challenge for female employees in the contemporary era due to the nature of their domestic responsibilities and the consequent intermingling of personal and professional spheres **Satinder Singh (2013).** The organization is employing the concept of quality of life as a strategic instrument to attract and subsequently retain individuals, placing emphasis on the importance of upholding a work-life equilibrium while simultaneously upholding a superior level of productivity and commitment in the workplace **K. Agha, F.T. Azmi and A. Irfan (2017)**. In this paper, it is asserted

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that women are increasingly entering the workforce, while their roles and responsibilities persist unchanged. To effectively manage their professional and familial responsibilities, numerous women are embracing multiple personas. The majority of women in India experience concerns and face significant societal pressures **Dr. Anila K.P and Dr. V. Krishnaveni (2019).** Based on the findings of previous studies , it has been observed that the spillover effect from family to work is more pronounced among women, while the spillover effect from work to family is more pronounced among men **Sneha Rachel Samuel Kutty (2019).** The concept of work-life balance elucidates strategies for effectively navigating the challenges associated with maintaining multiple employment roles while minimizing interpersonal conflict. The topic of work-life balance has emerged as a highly contentious issue in the present context **Hochschild AR (1997).**

Maintaining work-life balance can pose challenges for female employees who work full-time, irrespective of their designated work hours. This is especially true for those who have children. **Hayman J (2005)** Maintaining a harmonious equilibrium between one's professional and personal life is of utmost importance when pursuing a dual career that encompasses both familial responsibilities and work commitments. The paramount objective is to facilitate employees in achieving a harmonious equilibrium between their professional and personal spheres. The concept of work-life balance pertains to the distinction between the requirements of professional obligations and the requirements of one's personal life. According to a study conducted by researchers **Robbins SP (2005),** it is recommended that educational institutions prioritize the resolution of work-life balance challenges faced by their staff, with a particular focus on women. To effectively support teachers in managing their work-life balance, a comprehensive approach should be adopted in the development and implementation of policies within these institutions. The objective of this study was to assess the satisfaction level of female employees in relation to different factors affecting work-life balance **MacInnes (2005).** Additionally, the study aimed to identify the primary determinants of work-life balance among women employees in the I.T. industry, categorized by various job positions.

Furthermore, the study sought to evaluate the overall work-life balance experienced by women Academicians, regardless of their specific job roles. The existing body of literature indicates that work-life balance and its associated practices and policies have a significant impact on various aspects of individuals' quality of life.

These include job satisfaction, work stress levels, career growth opportunities, turnover rates, absenteeism rates, levels of appreciation, and the overall competitive environment within organizations. The advancement of technology has afforded educators with ample opportunities for learning **Al Braiki, B., et al. (2020).** The utilization of technology to enhance educators' skills fosters the creation of affinity spaces that diverge from traditional settings characterized by bureaucratic and hierarchical structures. Without a doubt, the education approach has undergone significant modifications due to the emergence of technology. Technology offers numerous benefits, such as enhancing the allure and efficacy of education through advancements **Nagao, K. (2019).** The utilization of technology enhances students' active participation and acquisition of knowledge by catering to their individual preferences. The matter at hand is widely acknowledged within the realm of education in contemporary society **Goh, P. S., and Sandars, J. (2020).** The integration of technology caters to the audiovisual sensibilities of students. The pervasive presence of technology in our daily lives necessitates a reevaluation of the concept of incorporating technology into educational curricula, with a particular emphasis on integrating it into the learning process **Knox, J. (2020).** Technology has become a crucial element in the learning process and a significant concern for educators, encompassing the preparation of the learning experience as well as the actual process of learning and instruction. In terms of equipping learners for the contemporary digital landscape, educators play a pivotal role as primary agents in integrating technology into daily classroom practices. This is primarily attributed to their ability to create a dynamic and engaging educational environment that fosters active learning **Golden, S., et al. (2006).** The integration of technology in education endeavors to improve and expand the quality, accessibility, and cost-efficiency of instructional methods. Additionally, it acknowledges the advantages of forming learning communities to address the challenges posed by contemporary globalization. The adoption procedure is not completed in a singular step. Nevertheless, the process exhibits a continuous and uninterrupted sequence of actions that facilitate the acquisition of education, learning, and access to sources of knowledge **Dai, Y., et al. (2020).** Technology plays a pivotal role in

enhancing tasks for students and exerts a considerable influence on educators' pedagogical strategies. If educators do not incorporate technologies into their educational practices, they will be unable to keep up with the advancements in instructional methods. Hence, it is imperative for educators to possess comprehensive knowledge of said technologies when imparting instruction on subject competencies.

RESEARCH METHODS

Haydam and Steenkamp (2021) propose a conceptualization of the research process wherein it is likened to an onion, wherein each layer symbolizes a step that is increasingly comprehensive. The present investigation adopts a positivist approach, drawing upon prior research on role of technology in education. The study employs a monomethod quantitative analysis approach, utilizing women lecturers in management Institutions as the participants in the research. This choice is based on the inherent characteristics of the study. A sample size of 100 lecturers was deemed appropriate for estimating the population of Chaokromthong, K., and Sintao, N. (2021) using the Kregcie Morgan formula, with a margin of error of 7.5%. The researcher administered a total of 135 questionnaires, of which 98 responses were included in the study after excluding any outliers. The researcher developed a data collection instrument in the absence of a standardized scale to assess the role of technology on the worklife balance of lecturers. The questionnaire was developed by modifying the items mentioned in prior research to assess various forms of stress. The questionnaire underwent initial validation by a panel of three experts within the academic domain, after which a pilot study was conducted. The initial findings from the pilot study indicate that the instrument used in the research demonstrated a high level of reliability and consistency. The questionnaire's validity was assessed through several measures. These included the CR (Composite Reliability) value, which needed to be greater than 0.70. Additionally, the AVE (Average Variance Explained) value needed to be greater than 0.50. The MSV (Maximum Shared Square Variance) value needed to be greater than the AVE value. Lastly, the MaxR(H) (Maximum Reliability) value needed to be greater than the MSV value. The questionnaire affirmed to all the criterias and was fit for the study. The researcher used the SPSS software and AMOS software for the statistical analysis of the study.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Demographic profile of the lecturers

41% lecturers are in age group of 25-30 years, 28% belong to 31-35 years age brackets. A small 9 % lecturers are in age group of 36-40 years and 16% lecturers are above 40 years of age. A majority of 68% lecturers have completed their post-graduation, 20% have completed either NET/ KSET or M.Phil along with their graduation. 49% are Assistant professors and 13% are Associate Professors. 38% lecturers have less than 5 years' experience and 35% have 6-10 years of experience. A majority of 83% lecturers in the survey did not have any industry experience prior to teaching background.

Impact of Technology on work life balance of the lecturers

Technology was measured using two constructs, use of technology for administrative purposes (with 3 items) and use of technology for teaching purposes (with 3 items) . The work life balance variable was measured using 4 items.

Step -1 Exploratory Factor analysis

The KMO measure of sampling adequacy, with a value of 0.911, and Barlett's Test of Sphericity, with a significance level of 5%, both demonstrate statistical significance. The chi-square analysis revealed that the Bartlett test yielded a Chi-square value of 29871.99, with a significance level below 0.05 and 190 degrees of freedom. These results indicate that the correlation matrix is not an identity matrix and suggests that it is likely factorable. Communalities pertain to the extraction values assigned to each item, with a recommended threshold of 0.300. In the case of stress items, their communalities ranged from 0.562 to 0.385. Approximately 67.737% of the original loadings has been accounted for by the cumulative sum of squared loadings that have been removed. In the field of social sciences, a cumulative Rotation Sums of Squared Loadings is deemed satisfactory when it surpasses the threshold of 50%. The study's

findings indicate that two distinct components were identified through the application of Factor Analysis. The analysis of the rotated component matrix revealed that all items in the study were retained, as their factor loadings were deemed suitable.

Step -2 Run the model

The table above displays the essential statistics for model fit. The chi-square divided by degrees of freedom ($\chi2$ / df) falls within the acceptable range of 3 (specifically, 2.523). The observed Goodness of Fit value (0.916) surpasses the proposed attributes. The boundary estimation yields a value of 0.039 for the RMR. The model in question has garnered significant recognition within the academic community, and its measures of fit are reasonably appropriate. The results of SEM Analysis illustrate (Relationship between variables of unstandardized estimates)

➢ When use of technology in admin process goes up by 1, the Work life balance goes up by 53 times (B=0.534, b = 0.231) and this relationship is statistically significant at $p<0.05$

➢ When use of technology in teaching process goes up by 1, the Work life balance goes down by 12 times (B= -0.125, b = -0.189) and this relationship is statistically significant at $p<0.05$

The results of the SEM analysis show that there is a significant impact of Use of technology in education on work life balance. The results show that the use of tech in administrative works has made their work easier and enhancing their worklife balance. But the use of technology in teaching has created a lot of disturbance among the women lecturers leading to reduced work life balance. The past decade has seen a significant increase in research and findings related to the integration of technology into educational frameworks as an effective learning tool **Bauwens, R., et al. (2020)**. The advent of the digital age and the importance of integrating new technologies have greatly transformed the methods of learning and communication **Chen, L., et al. (2020).** The societal impact of technology is profound and difficult to fully grasp, as the widespread adoption and popularity of the Internet following its inception have led to substantial transformations within our collective social fabric. Furthermore, in the current context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the integration of technology into online language education has garnered significant attention **Chan, K. S., and Zary, N. (2019).** Despite the challenges associated with integrating technology into language education and learning, the COVID-19 pandemic has expedited the process of merging technology into these domains. Undoubtedly, contemporary technology has been extensively integrated into the realm of education to facilitate the learning process across various discipline. Moreover, the utilization of technology has the potential to augment learners' engagement. Presently, the rapid advancement of technology has outpaced the capacity of traditional educational and instructional approaches to fully enable learners and educators to achieve their utmost potential **Shenoy, V., et al. (2020)** . The utilization of technology facilitates the enhancement of education and learning, thereby introducing novel dimensions to the field.

Learning a language, especially under critical circumstances, can be significantly enhanced through the utilization of this particular approach, which has proven to be highly efficacious **Yates, A., et al. (2021)**. Given the necessary information, skills, and resources needed to integrate technology, adequate preparation becomes crucial in the present circumstances. Academic institutions worldwide are actively advocating for the integration of consolidated academic technologies within their educational curriculum. The integration of technology has proven to be highly effective in academic settings, particularly in the realm of language education and learning **Puspitarini, Y. D., and Hanif, M. (2019)**. The utilization of computers and the Internet has provided a wealth of resources and opportunities, leading to the development of novel approaches, strategies, and tools in these processes. Educators have access to a wide range of computer and mobile applications, as well as learning management systems. The convergence of technology is not merely an opportunity, but rather a vital necessity for educators. Consequently, a decreased inclination to utilize technology can only exacerbate the situation. This shift is primarily attributed to the enhanced convenience, increased enjoyment, and greater autonomy in regulating the learning material that technology offers **Graham, M. A., et al. (2020)**. Academic scholars have asserted that the integration of technology into teaching practices can serve as a means to enhance the efficacy of educators' instructional methods and facilitate more effective learning experiences for students **Sahin, D., and Yilmaz, R. M. (2020)**. In contemporary society, the integration of technology in education has led to a strong endorsement of technology-infused learning, with

academic technology being utilized primarily within classroom settings. A multitude of scholars have conducted research endeavors aimed at determining the potential benefits of integrating technology within the classroom for both learners and educators in this domain. The scholarly community across multiple disciplines has extensively examined the effects of integrating technology into teaching practices **Amhag, L., et al. (2019)**. Consensus among researchers is unanimous, as they concur that the utilization of technology empowers educators to augment their instructional approaches, while simultaneously enabling students to enhance their comprehension **Li, B. (2022)**. Educators have begun incorporating the Internet into their educational practices, and this utilization has become a consistent aspect of the concluding phase of their professional development program **Hero, J. L. (2020)**. A study was conducted to evaluate the effects of an extended professional development academy on technology skills, self-efficacy in using personal computers, and attitudes and behaviors related to technology integration.

CONCLUSION

The utilization of technology in achieving work-life balance is aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of tasks for individuals in the workforce. The application of technology has been observed to decrease the necessity for employees to surpass their regular working hours, leading to an enhancement in the balance between their professional and personal domains. The objective of this study is to investigate the influence of technology on mitigating the workload of lecturers, consequently enhancing their work-life equilibrium. The incorporation of technology is becoming more and more prevalent in modern educational systems. Academic instructors are experiencing significant levels of stress as a result of the integration of technological advancements within the realm of education. Additionally, the implementation of new technologies has facilitated the completion of administrative tasks, thereby enhancing efficiency and productivity. The present study seeks to investigate the impact of technology on the improvement of work-life balance among lecturers in management institutions, building upon the existing knowledge in this area. The findings derived from the structural equation modeling (SEM) analysis indicate a statistically significant influence of the utilization of technology in the field of education on the equilibrium between work and personal life. The findings indicate that the utilization of technology in administrative tasks has resulted in increased efficiency and improved work-life balance for individuals in these roles. The integration of technology in educational settings has generated significant disruption among female lecturers, resulting in a diminished equilibrium between their professional and personal lives.

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Table 1 - Measurement Model - Impact of Technology on work life balance of the lecturers

Model Fit Summary				
CMIN				
Model	NPAR	CMIN	Degrees of Freedom	CMIN/DF
				($\chi 2$/df)
Default model	126	412.997	163	2.523
Criteria				<3.000
RMR, GFI				
Model	RMR	GFI	AGFI	PGFI
Default model	0.039	0.916		
Criteria	<0.100	>0.80		

Table 2- Structural relationship model - Impact of Technology on work life balance of the lecturers

			Unstd Estimate	Std Estimate	P values
Work_life_balance	<---	Tech_Admin	0.534	0.231	***
Work_life_balance	<---	Tech_Teaching	-0.125	-0.189	***

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Optimistic People are More Contented, Responsible, and More Conscientious: An Analysis of the Novel A Matter of Time by Shahi Deshpande

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ABSTRACT

This study recounts the analysis of characters in *A Matter of Time* and their understanding of the causes of problems and struggles in their lives and the means by which they make themselves strong enough to face the world with an optimistic attitude. Shashi Deshpande is a humanitarian novelist. She underlines the strategies the characters adapt to find their ways to exhilarate themselves from ignorance to intelligence, rebellion to rejoice, distress to development, detachment to reconciliation, and emotional imbalance to emotional intelligence. This study also gives a candid understanding among the readers that sometimes the number of tragedies that strike over the course of one's life might outnumber the happy moments and it is only a positive mindset that can aid one to accept tragedies that are out of one's control and help in moving on with life.

Keywords: reconciliation, responsibilities ,moving on, resilient, patience.

INTRODUCTION

A Matter of Time revolves around a middle-class family. Sumi, the central character of the novel and her children Aru, Charu and Seema become more confident through their travails and miseries and also support their family members with their experiences in life. Shashi Deshpande believes that accepting failures and mistakes in life will help people in enhancing their skills. It will also motivate them to work harder and failures will become a driving force to attain success. She brings the importance of patience in one's life like the holy Bible asserts that there is a

time for everything in human life. So, it is important for human beings to possess the quality of being patient to see the positive results that time gives. *The Bible* advocates:

> To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; and a time to plant, a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill and time to heal; and time to break down, a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and time together ; and time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing ; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak ; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. (*KJV, Ecclesiastes* 3:1-8)

Therefore, Shashi Deshpande asserts that people must acknowledge that if things are not falling in place, they must have patience, so that time will put everything in place. One must learn to respond to situations and to people rather than reacting, because only responding will aid people in moralising their thoughts. Accepting responsibilities with satisfaction elevates people's lives. Sumi, the protagonist of the novel, accepts the responsibility of her family as her husband Gopal leaves the house. She decides to move to her parent's house with her children as she needs help to raise her children. She understands that it is not only the duty of a father to take care of the family but also the responsibility of a mother. Hence she does not stop her husband from going away from the family. This she does hoping that time will pacify her husband and will bring him back to the family in future. She decides to give her best to the family like Mark Turner advocates in *Cognitive Dimensions of Social Science*: "Blends let you do what you cannot do, be what you cannot be, not always so you can escape your situation, but instead, often, so you can learn about, make decisions about, and develop consequences for your situation, especially your mental and social reality" (43). Though Sumi knows that she has no experience in bearing the accountability of a family, she does not repudiate it, she makes a decision to acquire new skills in her life and becomes strong to face the challenges that life throws at her.

Sumi takes it as an opportunity in life and moves on with self-reliance. Her optimism in life is proved when Devi, her relative, feels pity and cries for Sumi's life. Sumi is very strong and lucid in telling her that she neither likes to moan for the tragedies that she undergoes in life nor is interested in her relations moaning for her. She wants to raise her kids in the best way possible and stresses on Gopal's words; "Destiny is just us" (*MO*T 25) these words give her a positive mindset in accepting the new role that life has to offer and she feels: "Destiny is just us and therefore inescapable, because we can never escape ourselves. Certain actions are inevitable because we are what we are. In a sense, we walk on chalked lines drawn by our own selves" (*MO*T 26). She develops enough confidence to fight her battles. Also, she compares her life to that of a magician's bag, as she never knows what she might get hold of when she puts her hands in the bag as nothing can be predetermined until she takes her hand out of the bag. However, she is sure that she is an entertainer like a magician who has to fight against the hazards in life.

Sumi is motivated and inspired by looking at the spider scuttling to the center and then back. It does it over and over again to go ahead with its life even after failing multiple times. Sumi gets inspired looking at the spider and decides to be an achiever regardless of failing repeatedly in life. She always admires nature and acquires knowledge and happiness through nature like Latimer, the main character of the novella *The Lifted Veil*. Latimer says "My least solitary moments were those in which I pushed off in my boat, at evening, towards the centre of the lake; it seemed to me that the sky, and the glowing mountain-tops and the wide blue water, surrounded me a cherishing love such as no human face had shed on me since my mother's love had vanished out of my life" (8). Nature motivates and keeps people happy when they feel lonely and miserable, so one should possess the mindset to admire nature. People ought to get motivated and inspired by anything and everything that they see around them in life. Alexander Pope expresses in his *Essay on Criticism*:

> First follow Nature, and your judgement frame
> By her just standard, which is still the same:

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> Unerring Nature, still divinely bright,
> One clear, unchanged, and universal light,
> Life, force, and beauty, must to all impart,
> At once the source, and end, and tests of Arts. (60)

Sumi possesses great admiration for nature and learns from the spider to fight against the problems that life brings. Sumi's indulgence is proved every time when her children enquire about their father. She creates a moral opinion about her husband to her children under every circumstance. She starts hunting for a job to take care of the children, and manages well as a single parent. Unlike her daughters, she never tries to find the reason for her husband's escape from the family as she is aware that knowing the reason will not help her in any way in her life and only accepting the situation will help her in handling it without any repulsion and panic. Sumi tries hard to forget the whys and tries hard in changing the wrong notion of her daughter Aru about her husband Gopal as Aru thinks that man-woman relationship is full of betrayal and cruelty. Sumi helps her in understanding the problem of her father's fear in administering the family and requests her to concentrate on her father's strengths and not on his weaknesses. She also reaffirms that her husband has precious and unique qualities that other men in the society fail to possess. She says: "Gopal himself who could cross the barriers between the sexes with ease, who was able to do something most men found hard-present the whole self to a female, not just a part of himself" (*MO*T 107). Sumi respects the emotions of her husband and forgives him for his disappearance from the family. She also expresses that Gopal surrenders his complete self to her and never took pride of a man when he has been with her.

Sumi tries hard to create a good relationship between the father and the children. Amy Grant, an American singer, opines: "Every good relationship, especially marriage, is based on respect. If it is not based on respect, nothing that appears to be good will last very long" (Qtd. in Sayre 19). Shashi Deshpande expresses that men and women ought to have the mindset of accepting the responsibility of a family happily and they have to fathom that family is all about equality, respect and benevolence. The freedom of choice in marital relationships is the vital source of any relationship in the society. Sumi never enters the space that her husband has for him. Even when Sumi's mother and daughters worry about their father's exit, Sumi consoles them saying: "God knows none of us wants it, but there it is, we're stuck in this situation. So let's make the best of it" (*MO*T 37). She also promises her daughters that she will provide the best that they desire in their lives. Having said this, she feels that she is alone in the horde and bottles up her love and compassion for her husband. However, she hopes for the next day with a bright light like the character Isabella in *Twilight by* Stephenie Meyer. Isabella finds herself in a new place with three thousand people and feels that she did not relate well to her friends and she feels:

> Even my mother, who I was closer to than anyone else on the planet, was never in harmony with me, never exactly on the same page. Sometimes I wondered, if I was seeing things the same things through my eyes that the rest of the world is seeing theirs. Maybe there was a glitch in my brain. But the cause didn't matter. All that mattered was the effect. And tomorrow be just the beginning. (11)

Similarly, Sumi hopes for the best and awaits a new morning in her life. She has no time to regret for the bygones, and so she concentrates on her future. Ultimately, the freedom that she bequeathed to her husband brings him back to the family. Sumi is similar to the character Mrs Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Mrs Bennet carries the commitment of getting her daughters married to wealthy men in the society after the death of her husband, Mr. Bennet. Sumi bears the responsibility of getting her three daughters married because of her husband's inability to be a responsible father and husband. Besides all her positive skills, Sumi also possesses the good heart to forgive others and she accepts that mistakes are common in human life like the aphorisms of Alexander Pope in *An Essay on Criticism:* "To err is human; to forgive is divine"(Lines-322-332). Sumi's daughters- Aru, Seema and Charu misunderstand Sumi, start disrespecting her and end up calling her 'she' and Aru starts fighting with Sumi asking her to file a case against Gopal, but Sumi convinces them saying that she is not interested in getting a divorce as she strongly feels that divorce is not what she wants in her life and that she has already forgiven him and never

wants to carry the retaliation on anyone. She is very clear about what she wants in life. Her words and deeds are similar to the lines in the book *Discover the Diamond in You*: "If you know where you are travelling to and what you want in life, everything else becomes clear, and your journey reaps the maximum rewards" (Chaudri 87). Sumi wishes her daughters also to forgive their father and to have respect and love for him. Shashi Deshpande imparts the virtuous quality of forgiving in the minds of her readers and also makes people understand that time is essential for a person to realise, accept and correct his mistakes. Though Sumi faces upheavals in her daily life, she never gives up the art of writing. The writing and rewriting of the story, 'The Gardeners' encourage and enrich her with confidence and knowledge and it is the success of this particular play on the stage that gives Sumi the wisdom to shape her second play '*Supanaka*'. Shashi Deshpande highlights the importance of perseverance and its positive effect in life through the character Sumi. In the modern materialistic world, people ought to have persistence in their hobbies as hobbies help people in leading a stress-free life.

Sumi's intellect in understanding the exquisiteness of life is proved at the end of the story when she tells Gopal that she has started looking at life differently: "It's all mixed up with the seasons and festivals and flowers and fruits. It's a cycle. Nothing is over; things keep coming back over and over again. They all are connected" (*MO*T 219). She gives an example saying that everything in life is connected like: "Ganapati and the rains, Dushhara and marigolds, Diwali and wintry feelings, Tulsi lagna and Tamarinds" (*MO*T 219). Sumi proves that she has become judicious and cogent enough in understanding life. She insists to Gopal that she wants their daughter's life to be easy and comfortable and want them to relish it and not to spit it out as it is bitter. She also advocates to him that she has become so bold even to face death unlike her mother and has gone through several stages of civilization to move onwithlife like Renuga M.(2008), who opines "In the process of evolution, human beings have gone through several stages of civilization. In their attempts to find out the means of a successful and significant life, they have framed and sought solace in many philosophical vocations". (1).

Thus, the author asserts that if people perform their roles exceptionally well when they live; they will be satisfied and will not be scared of dying. Similarly, Shashi Deshpande expresses in A *Matter of Time* that life is: "Like a bird that flies in, Perches in the courtyard And then flies away. The very same instant. So should one live" (84). Shashi Deshpande asserts that life is an opportunity given to people and it has to be spent in the right way like birds in the courtyard and if it is utilised well, people will not be scared of dying and they will consider it as an art. The secret of life always lies in expecting the unexpected, but most of the people are not prepared enough to accept the unexpected problems in life and end up in destroying their lives. Gopal, Sumi's husband appears to be very petrifying in most of the crucial circumstances and expects everything to flow smoothly in life. For instance, Gopal resigns his university job as his students attack him. He also sticks to the cliché: "It is difficult to be the only male in the family of females" (*MO*T 60). Gopal feels that his unhappiness always lies onward and his happiness lies far and behind. Shashi Deshpande conveys to the readers that human beings should learn that each one has his or her own opinion, ideas and views. As Swami Vivekananda says: "We see the people as we are, but not as they are" (Brainy Quotes). So people must know to respect every ones' opinion and accept their own weaknesses and must also learn to handle situations judiciously and rationally.

Gopal remains hopeless and tells Sumi on an occasion: "It's two hearts beating and it can never beat in such unison" (*MO*T 24). He also fights for the word 'sa-hriday' which means: "oneness is impossible that there's only one sound" (*MO*T 24). Sumi is only eighteen years old when she listens to all these invaluable cliché's from Gopal. If a married couple thinks that oneness is possible between them, it is possible; so it wholly depends on the attitude of the couple. Shobhaa De, an Indian columnist and novelist, states in her *Spouse:* "Marriage is what people make of it". She also says: "Marriage is for those who believe in it, who actively want it, who enjoy it" (De xii). Gopal is unable to find his own reason for abandoning his family and undergoes a great deal of suffering in making others understand his problems. He struggles to accept humiliation and asserts: "It's a kind of illness, a virus, perhaps which makes me incapable of functioning as a full human being, as a husband and father" (*MO*T 41). He also expresses to Sumi that he has stopped believing in life and everything seems to be so unreal to him and feels that he cannot go on with life anymore and leaves the house without any regard for his wife and daughters. Through Gopal, Shashi Deshpande

advocates that people must be responsible for making the right choices and have to be prepared to face the consequences in life without being intimidated. Aru, Gopal's daughter, meets him and questions him rudely regarding his expel from the family and makes him feel low. He becomes speechless and realises the love and respect that his wife has for him. Gopal says: "I knew I needed her, her warmth, her humanness, her womaness" (*MO*T 68). He also senses that Sumi is the only person with whom he can share everything and waits eagerly for Sumi to come and meet him. These memoirs of him prove the care and love that he has created for his wife and family with time and experience. Mandy Hale, a researcher opines: "A season of loneliness and isolation is when the caterpillar gets its wings" (Brainy Quotes). Similarly, the loneliness in Gopal's life makes him apprehend his own complications and especially the value of his loved ones. Another proof of Gopal's love for his wife is proved in an incident when he visits the Dilwara temple. Each picture and each situation he sees reminds him of Sumi's life with him. Especially, the glowing idol of Parvathi reminds him of the grace that his wife possesses. He realises: "We are searching for the truth; you, O bee, have found it'. Found it? Yes, for a while it was that way. After years of blundering I had found the truth in my feelings for Sumi, my love for my children. But now I know I had only lost myself in that beautiful, dens green foliage" (*MO*T 45). It has become a habit for people to realise the value of love for one another at the end of their lives. They must know that the early understanding of one another will help them in enjoying the sweetness of life.

Sumi also recognises the positive changes in Gopal when she meets him in his work place. When she sees the coconut fibers that cling outside Gopal's house, empty coconut shells, a jerrycan lying outside and the rubbish in the house, she connects these disconnected things with Gopal's life and feels that his life is like a picture in bits and pieces all disjointed. He has been suspended from life and his life is filled with nothingness but the clarity and the positivity in his conversation with her makes her realise that he has moved on with his life. Certainly, Gopal apprehends the prominence of his presence in the family and ascertains the love he has concealed from his wife and children. He wishes to convey to Sumi's mother, Kalyani, that he has nothing against Sumi and never expects her to create the world that he has wished for. Gopal also understands the purpose of life like J.S. Mishra mentions in his book

Happiness is your choice:

> The world around us is nothing but a reflection of our wishes, fears, dreams and fantasies. It reflects what we have within us. Our reactions, responses, behaviour and general disposition towards life depend on our inner-state of mind. By regulating our thoughts, emotions, feelings and reorienting our energies, we can change the course of our life. By way of altering our attitudes, we can definitely change our life to be happy and joyous (17).

Gopal also wants to put forward that he loves her forever and regrets deserting the family inadvertently. Shashi Deshpande supports people in understanding their own problems and struggles in life and also benefits them to find solutions for their problems. Gopal, having recognised his mistakes is able to augment his life with courage, compassion and love. Through Gopal, Shashi Deshpande points out: "it is the human will that shapes human lives" (*SP* 141). If each one discovers his or her own mistakes and corrects them in life, then the chances of leading a very blissful and gratified life are very high. Thus, Shashi Deshpande conveys that sometimes people might feel that the whole world is unbalanced when distressing occurrences take place, but if people are conscientiousand responsible and most importantly positive minded like the characters of Shashi Deshpande, they will be able to lead a contented and meaningful life.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Harnessing Nature's Remedy: *Glycyrrhiza glabra* L. Root Extract for Tooth Decay

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ABSTRACT

Dental decay or caries has become one of the most prevalent problems in recent days. The adaptation and multiple drug resistance nature of the microorganisms cause tooth decay to find new and effective therapeutic compounds for controlling the occurrence. This study focused on understanding the efficacy of the root extract obtained from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* showing antimicrobial properties and its effect on inhibiting biofilm production. The results obtained showed that the ethanolic extract of the *Glycyrrhiza glabra* root showed a maximum zone of inhibition of 15 mm against the bacteria *Bacillus vietnamensis* compared to the chloroform extract. Further, the minimum inhibitory concentration of the ethanolic crude extract was found to be 6.25 µL. Also, to understand the multi-drug resistance property of the isolated bacteria antibiotic susceptibility tests were performed in which the results showed that the bacteria is resistant to Nalidixic acid, Chloramphenicol, and Clindamycin and confirmed that this bacterium is multi-drug resistant. The overall study on *Glycyrrhiza glabra* root extract enlights that this crude extract or bioactive compound that are obtained from the crude can act as a therapeutic regime in the future treatments for the tooth decay.

Keywords: Dental decay, multi-drug resistance, *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, antimicrobial activity

INTRODUCTION

Tooth decay, also known as cavities or caries, is caused by bacteria present in plaque that forms on teeth, as well as sugary foods and beverages and a lack of dental hygiene. Dental decay affects people of all ages. It is brought on by leftover food particles from drinks and sweets as well as poor dental hygiene [1]. It is most common in recent days without any age limit. The earliest indication of dental decay is white or brown patches on teeth. The severity can damage the teeth's roots and nerves, as well as eventually result in cavities on the surface of the teeth. This makes teeth sensitive to sugar and hurts while eating cold or sweet food. Plaque, bad oral hygiene, and consuming a lot of sugar-filled foods are the three main causes of tooth decay [2]. The severity can damage the teeth's roots and nerves, as well as eventually result in cavities on the surface of the teeth. This shakes teeth sensitive to sugar and hurts while eating cold or sweet food. Plaque, bad oral hygiene, and consuming a lot of sugar-filled foods are the three main causes of tooth decay. Plaque, which is composed of food particles, saliva, and germs, coats the teeth like a film. Saliva can transmit the bacteria that cause tooth decay[3,4]. Dental caries was present in India in 54.16% of cases overall, with age-specific prevalences of 52% in patients over 18 and 52% in those between the ages of 3 and 18. It was discovered that those between the ages of 18 and 34 were the ones most impacted by dental decay [5]. Worldwide, for thousands of years, people have utilized medicinal plants as traditional remedies for a wide range of illnesses. Biological metabolites produced by plants have positive stable health effects and are also useful in the treatment of certain disorders. In particular, the compounds that have therapeutic effects on humans are the secondary metabolites [6]. The World Health Organization estimates that more than 75% of the world's population (WHO), depend on plants and their extracts for medical requirements.

Medicinal plants have long been utilized in dentistry and are used all around the world [7]. Various medicinal plants are used to treat numerous tooth-related diseases such as cuts and wounds in mouth, inflammatory periodontal diseases, tooth loss, oral cavity lesions, and tooth decay etc., includes *Acmellacaulirhiza, Allium sativum, Datura stramonium, Syzygium aromaticum, Camellia sinensis, Solanum incanum, Catha edulis forsk, Citrus aurantifolia swing,Gaultheria procumbens, Curcuma longa, , Hypericum perforatum,, Matricaria chamomilla, Melaleuca alternifolia, Mentha piperita, Myrmecodiapendans, Pistacia lentiscus, Lippiasidoides cham, Zingiber officinale,* etc. [8]. Ancient people utilized the medicinal herb *Glycyrrhiza glabra* as a cure for a variety of ailments and sweeteners[9]. Bioactive components found in licorice extracts, such as Glycyrrhizin, Galbridin, Licoricidin, Licorisoflavan A, etc, have been demonstrated to be effective in treating and preventing oral conditions such as periodontitis, caries, gingivitis, and recurrent pharyngitis.[10]. The licorice root extract has great antimicrobial activities against various microorganisms such as *Candida albicans*[9,11], *Candida parapsilosis, Micrococcus luteum, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Bacillus megaterium*[12], *Bacillus subtilis*[13] etc. Multi-drug-resistant organisms are microbes that have become resistant to certain antibiotics. When a single microorganism is resistant to more than one antibiotic it is said to be multi-drug resistant [14,15]. Due to the widespread use of commercial antibacterial medications in the treatment of infectious diseases, diverse drug resistance has emerged in human pathogenic microorganisms nowadays. One of the main contributing causes to the emergence of antibiotic resistance has been determined to be an inappropriate prescription of antibiotics and their use[16]. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, vancomycin-resistant Enterococci, gram-negative bacteria that produce extended-spectrum β-lactamase, and other resistant organisms are examples of multi-drug resistance organisms[17]. The term "biofilm" refers to microbial populations that are adhered to a surface. Biofilm is formed where the nutrient supply is high for the bacteria. The reason for the existence of the biofilm is that it provides a platform for microorganisms to stick and multiply on its surface[18,19]. A series of processes leads to the formation of dental biofilm, which contains species-rich microorganisms with a functional organization and structure. Dental caries can emerge in areas where oral biofilm formation occurs on the surface of the teeth [20]. Dental caries is a biofilm-dependent disease associated with a diet high in carbohydrates that ferment quickly and produce acidic byproducts when converted by the biofilm bacteria.[21].

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sample Collection from Decayed Tooth:

The samples were collected from random volunteers having decayed tooth. Volunteers were asked to rinse their mouths thoroughly with warm water to remove unwanted materials, and then the sample was collected by gently rubbing the decayed tooth surfaces with a sterile cotton swab. The cotton swab containing the sample was carefully dipped in Phosphate Buffer Saline (PBS) for further processing.

Isolation and Biochemical Characterization

All the bacterial colonies were isolated using spread plate technique by placing 0.1 mL of each sample in PBS inoculated in the De Man–Rogosa–Sharpe (MRS) agar plate. The plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 h. Distinct colonies were selected based on shape, color, and size for pure culture. Individual colonies were pure cultured using the quadrant streak plate method. The plates were incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. Biochemical characterization (IMViC) were performed [22,23].

Plant Sample Collection and Identification

The roots of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* were collected from the local market, Venthamarai Nattu Marunthu Kadai, Perungalathur Chennai 600048. The root was rinsed thrice thoroughly under running tap water for the removal of dust and foreign materials and further rinsed using double distilled water. The washed root part was taken for extraction and further procedures [24].

Preparation of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* Root Extract

The gathered roots were pulverized using a machine grinder after being dried in the shade. To obtain the extract, 500 g of the dry powder was dissolved in 100 mL of 70% (w/v) ethanol and chloroform. After filtering the extract, the residues were concentrated by keeping them at 55–60 °C in a water bath, and they were then moved into a hot air oven to dry. Further research was conducted using the crude extract [25–27].

Estimation of Phytochemical Constituents in *Glycyrrhiza glabra* Root Extract:

The *Glycyrrhiza glabra* root crude extract was subjected to a phytoconstituent test qualitative screening to determine the presence of secondary metabolites. The following chemicals were identified from the crude extract: proteins, carbohydrates, flavonoids, alkaloids, steroids, terpenoids, saponins, tannins, Phlobatannins, anthraquinones, glycosides, and phenolic compounds [28,29].

Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry analysis:

The following parameters were utilized to analyze the Glycyrrhiza glabra root extract by GC-MS using a Thermo GC-Trace ultra-version 5.0 gas chromatography interfaced to a Thermo MS DSQ II mass spectrometer apparatus: DB5-MS The capillary standard non-polar column (30×0.25 mm×μm) and carrier gas, which was 99.99 percent pure helium flowing at a constant flow rate of 1 ml/min, were used to programmed the oven to achieve 260°C at a rate of 6 °C/min. The temperature was maintained at 70°C. The mass range was 45–450 m/z. In 36 minutes, the entire running time was over. The mass of each fraction was then determined by mass spectrometry analysis of the chromatogram that was produced using gas chromatography. Retention duration and mass spectrometry were used to identify the bioactive components by comparing the mass spectra with those kept in the Wiley 9 GC-MS library and unknown peak data. In doing so, the names, molecular weights, and structural details of the test material's constituent parts were determined [30].

Antimicrobial Activity of Crude Extract Using Well Diffusion Test:

The antibacterial activity of the ethanol and chloroform extracts of Glycyrrhiza glabra was assessed using the agar well diffusion method. Spread plate method was used to inoculate 100 μL (1×107 CFU) of 18-hour-old bacterial cultures onto Muller-Hinton agar (HiMedia, Mumbai, India) plates. After letting the plates dry for five minutes,

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sterile borer wells with a diameter of five millimeters were created. Subsequently, 50 µL of different Glycyrrhiza glabra extract concentrations (0.1 mg/mL; 25-100 µL) were added to the wells, and the plates were incubated for 24 hours at 37 °C. The diameter of the inhibitory zone surrounding the well, measured in millimeters, was used to calculate the inhibition of bacterial growth following incubation. Three duplicates of the growth inhibitory experiment were performed[31].

Minimal Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) Analysis
Using the serial tube dilution approach, the MIC was ascertained. To each MIC test tube, 200 µl of the Brain Heart Infusion broth (BHI) was added. After adding 200 µL of broth to the first test tube, 200 µL of stock was added. 200 µL was added to the second test tube after thoroughly mixing. This process persisted until the final test tube. The concentration of licorice root powder was obtained by the following serial dilution method: 100%, 75%, 50%, 25%, 12.5%, 6.25%, 3.06%, and 1.53% respectively [25].

Antibiotic Susceptibility Test
The isolate was subjected to a susceptibility test using the conventional disc diffusion method (Kirby-Bauer) method and the antibiotics tested include Chloramphenicol (30µg), Vancomycin (30µg), Tetracycline (10 µg), Clindamycin (10 µg), Gentamycin (50 µg), Levofloxacin (5 µg), Nalidixic acid (30 µg), and kanamycin (30 µg) [32].

Extended Spectrum Beta Lactamase Activity (ESβL)
Double disc synergy tests (DDST) were used to screen all gram-negative bacteria resistant to ceftazidime or ceftriaxone to identify isolates that produced ESβL. Each Petri dish containing Muller-Hinton agar was inoculated with 0.1 mL of isolate per plate and allowed to stand for 30 min for the pre-diffusion of the organisms. A petri dish was centered with an Augmentin, and 15 mm apart from it were Ceftriaxone (30 µg) and Ceftazidime (30 µg). Given that the isolated strains showed an inhibitory zone of 37 mm for ceftriaxone and 22 mm for ceftazidime, these strains likely produce EsβL [33,34].

Detection of Biofilm Production
Congo red agar method (CRA)
We slightly modified the method of screening for biofilm production using a unique medium as described by Freeman et al. (1989). Congo red and 5% sucrose were added to the brain-heart infusion broth (BHI) as supplements. An unclear result was suggested by a darkening of the colonies that lacked a dry crystalline colonial shape. Triplicates of the experiment were run (Pramodhini et al., 2012).

Tissue culture plate method (TCP)
Brain heart infusion (BHI) broth containing 2% sucrose was preincubated at 37 °C for 18-24 h under stationary conditions. The turbid broth was diluted in the ratio of 1:100 with fresh medium. Around 200 µL of diluted cultures were added to each well of a flat-bottom polystyrene plate. The broth without culture was used as a reference to ensure sterility, and the plate was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h to prevent nonspecific binding.Following incubation, the well's components were carefully taken out and washed with 200 µL of phosphate buffer saline (PBS, pH 7.2) for four times to get rid of the free-floating "planktonic" bacteria. Further, the biofilm secreted by the adherent "sessile" organisms was allowed for fixation using sodium acetate (2%) for 30 mins and then stained with crystal violet (0.1% w/v) for 30 mins. The excessive stains in the plates were rinsed with deionized water thoroughly and dried completely.The adhering bacteria that were stained were graded by Christensen et al 1985's methodology and their optical densities were determined using a micro-ELISA auto reader operating at 570 nm. These optical density (OD) readings were regarded as a measure of the bacteria's ability to stick to surfaces and create biofilms. Every experiment was carried out three times. [36].

Tube method (TM)
The bacteria that were inoculated in the BHI broth with 2% sucrose were left overnight, decanted, and then washed using saline buffer and dried. After staining the dried tubes for 30 minutes, crystal violet (0.1 percent) was removed.

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After the surplus dye was scraped out of the tubes and dried, it was taken to observe the formation of biofilms. The presence of the stained film along the wall and at the bottom of the tubes verifies that biofilm secretion is occurring. The staining revealed whether the biofilm secretion was weak, moderate, or robust. Triplicates of each experiment were carried out[36,37].

Molecular Level Identification of Bacterium

The microbes were identified using the 16s rRNA sequencing analysis method. The isolated organisms were pure cultured and taken for the characterization studies.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Isolation and Characterization of Bacterium

Around 13 bacterial colonies were isolated from the volunteer's sample. All the isolated cultures were differentiated and pure cultured with their distinct shape, size, and color (Figure 1). Out of 13 isolates one bacterium showed high biofilm production and further biochemical characterization was performed. The obtained results from Table 1 depict the isolated bacteria were found to be rod-shaped gram-positive bacilli, showing positive for glucose acid production, Voges- Proskauer, methyl-red and citrate utilization test. Hence the isolated bacterium can belong to the genus *Bacillus* sp.,

Phytochemical and GC-MS analysis of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* Root Extract

The roots of the plant were dried and ground to get the powder (Figure 2). The powder was extracted in ethanol and chloroform and used for further studies. According to Table 2, a preliminary phytochemical examination of licorice root extract revealed the presence of flavonoids, alkaloids, steroids, terpenoids, saponins, tannins, and glycosides, among other compounds. GC-MS analysis was used to identify the bioactive chemicals, which are listed in Table 3.

Antimicrobial Activity of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* Root Extract

The antimicrobial activity of crude root extracts against isolated *Bacillus* sp., was carried out using agar well diffusion method. The zone of inhibition around the well defines the antimicrobial activity of the root extract of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* against the bacteria. In this study, Figure 4 depicts the antimicrobial nature of the root extract towards the bacteria. Where ethanolic extract of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* shows high antimicrobial activity compared to the chloroform extract of Glycyrrhiza glabra. Further, the zone of inhibition for ethanolic extract was found to be around 15 mm at the maximum concentration of 100 μL (0.1 mg/mL) than chloroform extract showing a minimum zone of inhibition around 11 mm at 100 μL (0.1 mg/mL). The minimum inhibitory concentration was found to be around 6.25 μg/mL for the ethanolic extract.

Antibiotic Susceptibility and Resistant Pattern Analysis of Bacteria

Antibiotic discs were used in the disc diffusion method (Figure 5) to perform the antibiotic sensitivity pattern against*Bacillus vietnamensis*has showed highresistance to nalidixic acid, clindamycin, and chloramphenicol (Table 5). So, it is considered as multidrug-resistant (MDR)

Extended Pattern of EsβL production

The pattern of ESβL was studied by the disc diffusion method using standard antibiotics against bacteria. The isolates were highly resistant to ceftriaxone (37mm) and ceftazidime (22mm) (Figure 6).

Biofilm-producing ability by the Bacillus sp.

The bacterial sample was analyzed for the biofilm-producing ability using various methods. The Congo red plate method revealed the presence of black colonies with a dry crystalline shape, indicating that the isolate possesses a strong capacity to produce biofilms (Figure 7). Similarly, the tissue culture plate method showed an OD value >0.68 (2.72 ± 0.015) at 570 nm confirming the effective production of biofilm.

Molecular level identification of Bacteria

The isolated organism from the decayed tooth was *Bacillus vietnamensis*.

DISCUSSION

An ordered series of events results in the formation of dental biofilm, which is composed of species-rich microorganisms with a functional organization and structure. Dental caries can develop at specific locations, such as the tooth surface where oral biofilm forms. A diet high in rapidly fermented carbohydrates, which the biofilm bacteria regularly convert to acidic end products, is associated with dental caries, a biofilm-dependent illness[18,38]. Multi-drug-resistant organisms are microbes that have become resistant to certain antibiotics. When a single microorganism is resistant to more than one antibiotic it is said to be multi-drug resistant [17]. Currently, treating patients in hospitals and communities presents a significant therapeutic challenge due to the broad, complicated, and quickly growing collection of plasmid-mediated enzymes known as extended-spectrum β-lactamases. The infections induced by ESβL producers range from mild urinary tract infections to life-threatening sepsis [33]. In this study, The root extracts revealed flavonoids, saponins, tannins, and other compounds, in line with the findings of earlier research [39]. The antimicrobial studies are showing similar results as reported by Rodino et al, isolated bacteria Bacillus sp., has shown maximum inhibition of 15 mm with the ethanolic extract of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* compared to the chloroform [40]. The minimum inhibitory concentration of the ethanolic extract was found to be 6.25 μg/mL which is confirmed with the previous studies that showed 62.5μg/mL of inhibitory concentration with *Porphyromonasgingivalis*, one of the common bacteria causing tooth decay [41]. All the above results have confirmed that the root extract shows an effective antimicrobial property that helps in protecting the teeth from decaying and further diseased conditions. Analysis on EsβL and antibiotic susceptibility has confirmed that the isolated bacteria is multi-drug resistant and effective in biofilm production. Therefore, the role of root extract obtained from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* can control the production of biofilm and withstand the β- lactamase enzyme producing bacteria. Hence the above results from the studies show that the crude extract and identification of bioactive compounds from the ethanolic and chloroform extract of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* can act as an effective pharmaceutical regime to control and cure the tooth decay and periodontic diseases etc.,

CONCLUSION

Dental cavities or tooth decay is one of the common diseases that caused by the bacteria that producing plaque on the teeth. This is caused due to sweet foods, drinks and lack of oral hygiene. The availability of medications is showing multi-drug resistance carrying the prevalence and disease conditions in higher rate recent days. Therefore, our study focused on *Glycyrrhiza glabra* root extracts effect on bacteria obtained from the volunteer's samples. The obtained results showed that the crude extract of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* has effective antimicrobial property and inhibiting the production of biofilm from the bacteria by which this root extract directly or by purifying the specific bioactive compound can act as a novel therapeutic regime in the future perspective studies.

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Table 1. Biochemical Characterization (IMViC Test)

S.NO	TESTS	RESULT
1	Indole test	-
2	Methyl red test	+
3	Voges- Proskauer test	+
4	Citrate utilization test	+

Table 2. Phytochemical Analysis of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* root extract

S.no	Phytoconstituents	Test performed	Results
1	Proteins	Copper sulphate test	(-)
2	Carbohydrates	Molisch`s test	(-)
3	Alkaloids	Dragendroff`s test	(+)
4	Flavonoids	Lead acetate test, NaOH solution test	(+)
5	Terpenoids	Salkowski`s test	(+)
6	Glycosides	Keller-killani test	(+)
7	Saponins	Froth test	(+)
8	Steroids	Lieberman`s test	(+)
9	Phlobatannins	HCl test	(-)
10	Anthraquinones	Benzene test	(-)
11	Tannins	Ferric chloride test	(+)
12	Phenolic compounds	Ferric sulphate test	(-)

Table 3. GC-MS Analysis of the Crude extract of *Glycyrhizza glabra* root

RT	NAME OF THE COMPOUND	MOLECULAR FORMULA	MOLECULAR WEIGHT	STRUCTURE
2.684 min	Disiloxane, hexamethyl	C6H18OSi2	162	
2.956 min	tert-Butylpentamethyldisiloxane	C9H24OSi2	204	
3.051 min	Silanol,trimethyl-, carbonate (2:1)	C7H18O3Si2	206	
3.940 min	Acetamide, 2,2,2-trifluoro-N-methyl	C3H4F3NO	127	
4.252 min	Pyridine	C5H5N	79	
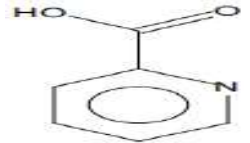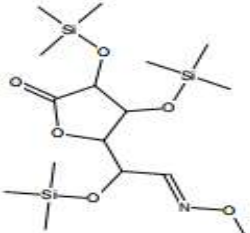
4.375 min	2-Pyridinecarboxylic acid	C6H5NO2	123	
25.345 min	D-(+)-Glucuronic acid γ-lactone, tris(trimethylsilyl) ether, methyloxime (anti)	C16H35NO6Si3	42	

Table 4. Minimum inhibitory concentration of Ethanolic and chloroform root extract of Liquorice

Concentrations	100	75	50	25	12.5	6.25	3.06	1.53
Ethanol	-	-	-	-	-	β	+	+
Chloroform	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

Table 5. Antibiotic sensitivity and resistant pattern of organism by disc diffusion method

ANTIBIOTICS	SENSITIVE	INTERMEDIATE	RESISTANT	RESULTS
Kanamycin	18	14-17	13	**24 (S)**
Chloramphenicol	18	13-17	12	**11 (R)**
Nalidixic acid	19	14-18	13	**11 (R)**
Levofloxacin	16	13-15	12	**28 (S)**
Gentamycin	15	13-14	12	**37 (S)**
Clindamycin	17	14-16	13	**12 (R)**
Tetracycline	19	15-18	14	**27 (S)**
Vancomycin	17	15-16	14	**20 (S)**

Figure 1. Isolated bacteria from the volunteer sample (a) Primary bacterial colonies obtained from the sample	**Figure 1. (b) Pure culture of the Bacillus sp., Bacteria.**
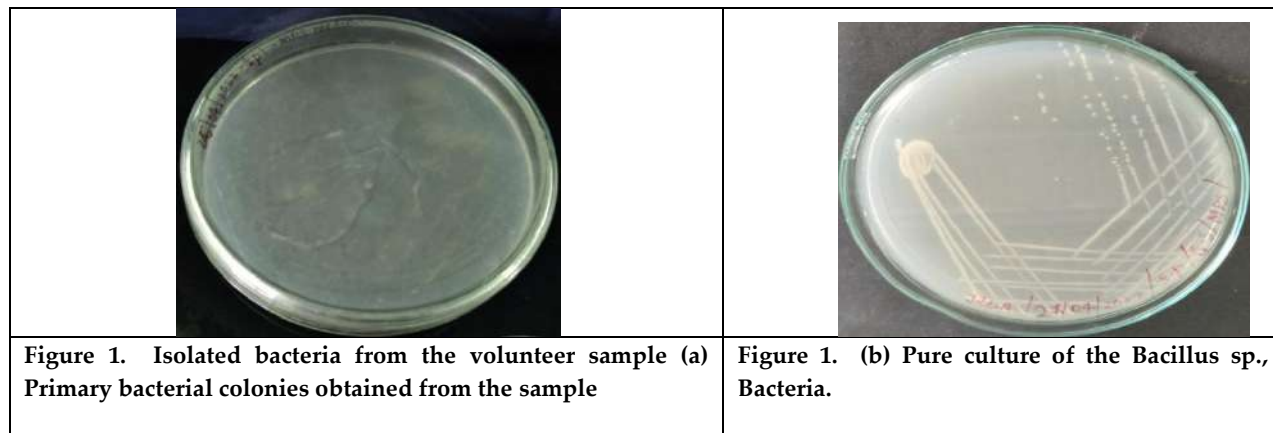
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Figure 2. *Glycyrrhiza glabra* (a) root sample collected from the local market

Figure 2. (b) powdered form of root extract.
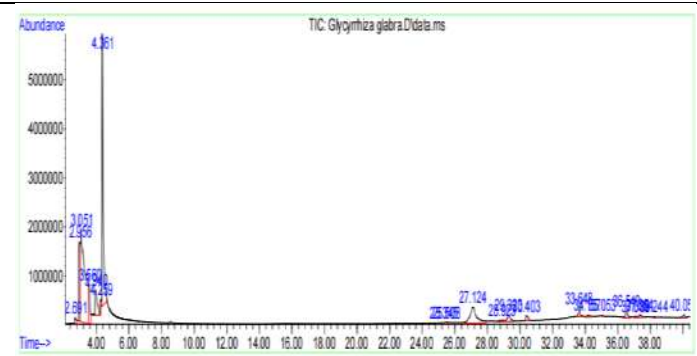
Figure 3. GC-MS Peak analysis of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* root extract.

Figure 4. Antimicrobial Property of the crude extract of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* against the bacteria with different concentration (25, 50, 75, 100 µL) (a) ethanolic extract
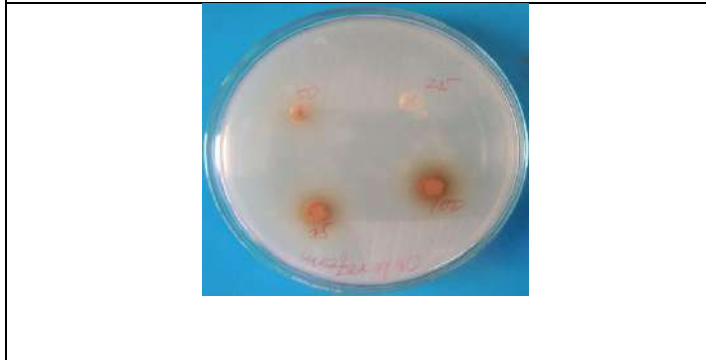
Figure 4. (b) chloroform extract
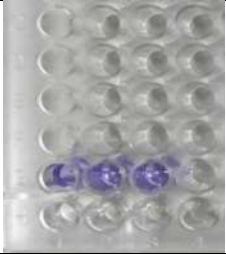
Figure 4. (c) control plate.

Figure 5: Antibiotic susceptibility test by disc diffusion method (a) Bacteria inoculated plate with antibiotics Vancomycin, Clindamycin, Gentamycin and Levofloxacin

Figure 5: (b) Bacteria inoculated plate with antibiotics Chloramphenicol, Kanamycin, Nalidixic acid and Tetracycline

Figure 6. Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase (ESβL) activity by disc diffusion method (a) plate containing Ceftazidime and Ceftriaxone

Figure 7. Bioflim production by the *Bacillus vietnamensis* (a) Appearance of black colony in the Congo red agar plate method

Figure 7. (b) control for CRA plate

Figure 7. (c) test tube method

Figure 7. (d) tissue culture plate method.

REVIEW ARTICLE

The Early Prediction of the 3D-Model Magnetic Resonance Imaging Gliomas on the Brain Tumour with Different Machine Learning Algorithms

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ABSTRACT

The brain tumour early prediction is most important to save the human life. A small cyst or unwanted cell development in the brain in as changed into tumour or cancer. In this paper, to review the created model and accessed Magnetic Resonance Image (MRI) report. To examine the brain tumour in two different ways. One is to Computed Tomography CT scan, and another one is the 3D- model MRI scanning. Compared to the CT, MRI is the best image helps to detect the tumour from the image at the earlier stage. The CT will capture the brain image in the 2Dimenssional model image. This is not enough to identify the problem automatically. It should be manually examined by the expert doctors frequently. After the few months only it able identify. This proposed work is to detect the any unusual development in the brain with in a week. This may helps to avoid the patient dead. Few of the authors used the Convolutional Neural Network and morphological algorithm for the prediction. And applied the bi-lateral image classification techniques to be reviewed in this work.

Keywords: Magnetic Resonance Image(MRI), computed tomography (CT)Scan, 2D and 3D Model based image, CNN Algorithm, Granulometry algorithm

INTRODUCTION

According to the International Health Survey every day 2% of the population was infected from the brain tumour in india. They don't have any knowledge to handle the issues at the earliest stage. The people is just take it easy at beginning. Once the problem arise, they move on to doctors to find the solution or for the treatment. In every year around 28000 people were affected the unusual development of the cell in their brain. More than 24000 people who dying because of the undetected health issues. The Indian government has creating the awareness to the all people from june 8, 2000 as a world brain tumour day. This may create the awareness to the Indian people to handle the situation. The brain tumour, generally affect the other organs of the body. This is not only affect the brain of the human also changed into cancer on the rest of the human organs. Once the person got any suspect about their brain health, the doctor always suggests taking the scan CT or MRI. From the examination only the disease going to be identify.

Classification of brain tumours
The brain tumour basically types. From the observation it can be classified to an two different types. Those are:
- Malignant brain tumour
- Benign brain tumour

The Malignant brain tumour is an abnormal cell development in the brain. That could be spread to an the other human organs. That will affect one by one simultaneously to influence all other human body organs. The Benign brain tumour is also the abnormal cell development in the human brain will grow slowly. That will not affect the other organs. At the same time it never changed into an cancer. The mostly this disease will affect the children and old age people. The head ache is most important symptoms of the brain tumour. In india many woman were affected by the malignant brain tumour.

RELATED WORK
The MRI image is the one of the best way to identify the brain tumour[4]. To consider the problem, the image has been taken from the MRI machine. That could be 3Dimenssinal based image. This image helps to identify the cyst in the brain. The image going to be classified with the help of created model[9]. This is commonly used to reduce the manual examination and avoid the surgery. In computer vision techniques, the images are predominated in different ways. The Residual Neural Network is one of the Convolutional Neural Network algorithm to analysis the images and identify the cyst on brain.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Many literatures are reviewed, from the observation the research gap has identified.

Common Architecture of the Image classification and Segmentations
The general architecture of the 3D Image segmentation and classification is to read the images. Those images are kept at the earlier stage. The images are loaded into an model, that will pre-process the data.The image taken from the MRI Scanning machine as in the form of three dimensional representations. The image is filled with full of noise or any other natural defects. For that reason, to preprocess the image to remove the noise. To convert the RGB image into gray scale image. The colour contrast usually made some issues to find the defected cells from the image. After creating the binary format of an gray scale image, the colour need to be adjust. The bilateral filtering techniques is used to avoid the blur image or fog image. Apply the segmentation techniques to segment the image for clinical inspection of the brain tumour. Once the segmentation completed, the features are extracted from the image. The trained data loaded on the CNN Model, it predict the defected area of an tumour on the scanned image.

METHODOLOGY AND ALGORITHMS

The Convolutional Neural Network based algorithms are used to identify the infected area with the proper measurement. The CNN Algorithm create the four stages of layer is to convolution the images[2]. The most used algorithms are Faster R-CNN, Residual Networks, CNN, Transferring Learning, MixUp Data Augmentation, Deep Learning Optimization Algorithms, YOLO, Faster R-CNN, Detectron2, VNet, ResNet, Thresholding, Segmentation, UWB patch antenna. These algorithms mostly concentrate the images in the form of gray scale binary data. The applied algorithm is probably identifying the unusual development of the cell in the brain image that could be compared with the normal brain image as the trained dataset. The following steps to be applied for the prediction of the brain tumour from the video footage which is taken from the MRI imaging video.

Process 1: To analyse the image, then apply the different data pre-processing algorithm like Gaussian filter, Noise removal methods.
Process 2: The segmentation of the image is done with the CNN algorithms and morphological algorithm. These algorithms are finding the specified threshold point of an image.
Process 3: To extract the features from the trained dataset, it may be an exact image binary format. Apply the model to fix the problem of detection.

Data Sets
The dataset is in the form of video as .mp4 format. Then the images are extracted from the video footage, each 10 seconds the image frame set has been assigned and it kept as a single frame. That image could be processed by the trained model. The medical image datasets are available in the free website repository like kaggle, NHI images, UCI Depository and V7labs in the recent year dataset as on 2022. For the proposed work the Three Dimensional Magnetic Resonance Images are parable. This BraTS annotation and structure is the site to give the recent year original dataset may able to download. This image generally is in the form of video, once it recorded then the frame set has to be assigned and modified the layers of the images.

Common identification of the Disease
The brain tumour can be identified by the different ways. The main method is to identify the suspected cell development in the brain from the brain image as to be examined by the manual. Let consider the brain image recording the system will automatically identify the disease. Sometimes the image can be examined by the way of vein in your arm during your MRI study. It is generally identified from the observation of the image is to unusual increased cells in the near to the blood nerves or the brain nerves. On the first image is to normal image of an brain, there is no increased development of the cell in the brain. In the second image easily identify the respective brain which contain the some of the unwanted development in the brain. Then it causes the brain tumour of the human body.

CONCLUSION

The brain tumour can be detected by the machine learning model in numerous way, the proposed work is to find the best solution for the problem of identify the image from the video footage, This may causes the image segmentation and classification techniques. Trying to reach the best result of an identification in automated way. The deep learning algorithm is used to create the model for the MRI machine to handle the patient health issues.

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Title of the paper & author with publication	Year	Algorithm Applied	Prediction	Research Gap
"Brain Tumor Diagnosis with Transfer Learning and Data Augmentation", Deniz Kavi, Turkey, IEEE Xplore	2021	Residual Networks, CNN, Transferring Learning, MixUp Data Augmentation	detects the presence of brain tumors in MRI scans, along with their types	Progressive resizing
"Brain Tumor Segmentation and Survival Prediction using Multimodal MRI Scans with	2022	Deep Learning Optimization Algorithms	Brain tumour detection @92%	Early prediction not concentrated, Image segmentation

Deep learning Algorithms", Anjanayya S1 , V. M. Gayathri1 and R. Pitchai2, IEEE				
"Brain Tumor Detection Using Various Deep Learning Algorithms", IEEE Xplore	2022	YOLO, Faster R-CNN, Detectron2	Compared the different algorithm to predict the tumourv@95.07%	Data Preprocessing
"Brain Tumor Segmentation and Tumor Prediction Using 2D-VNet Deep Learning Architecture", Deependra Rastogi1 , Prashant Johri2 , Varun Tiwari3	2021	VNet, ResNet	Brain Tumor Segmentation	Colour contrast and 2D MRI Scan Image
"Brain Tumor Segmentation to Calculate Percentage Tumor Using MRI", Annisa Wulandari1,ACE	2018	Thresholding, Segmentation	RATIO OF BRAIN TUMOR AREA	Average Error 10%
"Effective Modeling of GBC Based Ultra-Wideband Patch Antenna for Brain Tumor Detection", Md. Ahasan Ibna Aziz, ACM	2021	UWB patch antenna	scan the human head phantom in CST-MWS 2015 software	head model, biocompatibility analysis
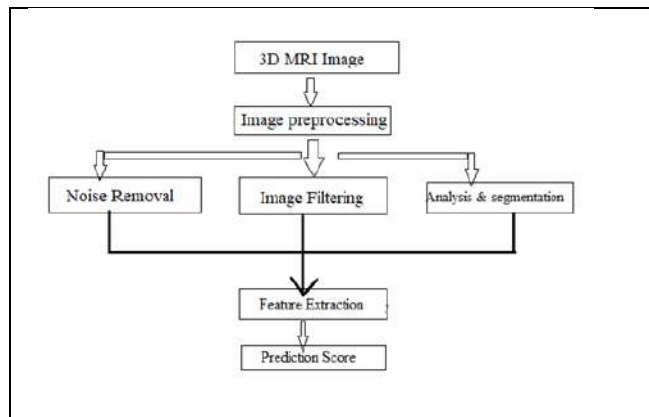
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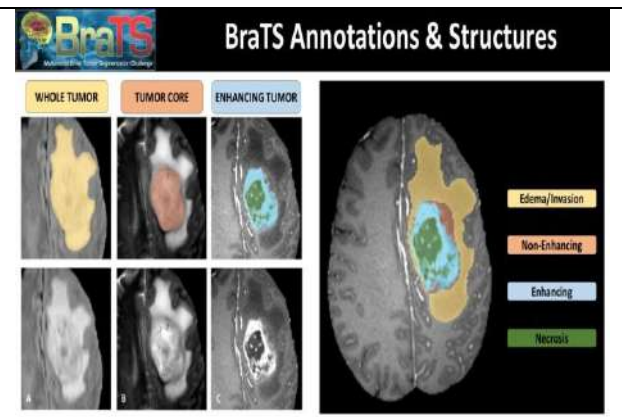
Fig 2. Sample 3D Based MRI imaging of brain
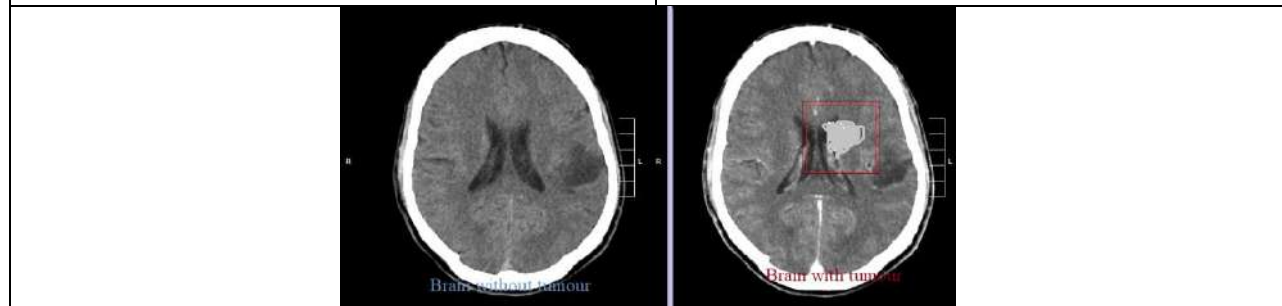
Fig 3: Common examination of the brain with or without tumour

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Colostrum – Nature's Gift for Health and Wellness

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ABSTRACT

Colostrum is an initial lacteal secretion produced by bovine animals and is associated with numerous health benefits. The chemical composition of colostrum differs depending on the species of mammal; nevertheless, its content is typically high for lipids and proteins, but low for carbohydrates. In addition to promoting growth and development, several types of immunological components, especially immune globulins and growth factors, are found in colostrum, and these components are responsible for safeguarding newborns from becoming infected. Colostrum promotes the proliferation of good microbes in the gut, alleviates inflammatory bowel disease symptoms, improves immune system performance and strengthens the intestinal barrier. The growth factors present in colostrum improve muscle tissue growth and regeneration, culminating in greater muscle mass and strength. Colostrum can also enhance exercising capacity, decrease muscle fatigue, and hasten recovery. Colostrum powder is manufactured by employing a spray- or freeze-drying process; this powder may be kept for a longer period of time and does not need refrigeration. Freeze-drying retains nutrients and immune factors in colostrum, whereas spray-drying is a more rapid and inexpensive drying method; however, it may destroy certain nutrients and immunological proteins in colostrum. Colostrum has applications as a food component in several

types of dairy products, such as yoghurt, cheese, and ice cream. Additionally, they have the potential to be incorporated into processed dairy foods to improve their nutritional value and the immune system.

INTRODUCTION

"Colostrum is described as the lacteal secretion obtained from the mammary glands of cow or buffalo up to three to five days of parturition but preceding the actual production of milk". Bovine colostrum (BC) contains lipids, proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and bioactive substances such as immune globulins and lactoferrin, which are necessary for the development of the immune system in newborns, to protect them from illnesses and infections. BC has become a popular nutritional supplement owing to its many health advantages. It also contains bioactive substances that have antibacterial, antiviral and antimicrobial properties and assist in the prevention of infections and maintenance of normal cell growth (El-Loly,2022). BC has been considered a reliable source of health benefits; however, certain individuals might experience small adverse consequences, such as nausea and gas. BC also demonstrated efficacy for sports person performance during rigorous exercise and recovery (Poonia and Shiva, 2022). Most commercial colostrum products are generally available as spray- or freeze-dried powders. Processing and preservation technology became a hurdle for most industries to provide nutritional benefits of bovine colostrum to human beings. BC is dried to preserve its immune-boosting characteristics, as dried colostrum powder is easy to preserve, transport and reconstitute for various applications. Itcan be processed into pharmaceutical and nutraceutical products that provide consumers with specific health benefits beyond basic nutritional value(Board and Singh, 2018). The objective of this review article is to provide an overview of the composition and salient nutritional significance and health benefits of BC.

COMPOSITION OF COLOSTRUM AND ITS NUTRITIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
BC differs from mature milk in composition since it contains a markedly higher concentration of protein and fat but a lower lactose content. The composition of colostrum is influenced by several factors such as the species of animal, environmental conditions, prepartum diet, season, breed, duration of the dry period and vaccination. The major compositional differences between bovine colostrum and mature milk are shown in Table 1.

Salient features of the colostrum components
Colostrum comprises macronutrients, micronutrients, growth factors, immunoglobulins, lactoferrin, etc. All of these components are discussed in this review article.

Protein
BC is generally higher in protein (i.e. ~15% vs. 3.5% in bovine milk) especially whey proteins viz., β-lactoglobulin (β-LG) and α-lactalbumin (α-LA). The initial concentration of β-LG in BC ranged between 7.9 and 30 mg/mL and subsequently decreased to 8 mg/mL upon subsequent milking. It also contains 2.63 mg/mL bovine serum albumin; however, it decreases markedly within 24 hours, reaching normal levels followingthe second week of calving. In addition to these major proteins, BC contains several minor proteins, such as fibrinogen β-chain, chitinase 3-like 1, α-antitrypsin, complement C3 α-chain, gelsolin and apolipo protein H (Yamada *et al.,* 2002; McGrath *et al.,* 2016; Sangild *et al.*, 2021).

Fat
The fat content of BC is reported to be approximately 7%. It is rich in several fatty acids such as myristic, palmitic, palmitoleic acids and conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) compared to that of bovine milk. The functions of CLA include

a marked reduction in cancer risk, atherosclerosis, inflammation, obesity and diabetes in both humans and animals (Linehan *et al.,* 2023).

Carbohydrate
Compared with bovine milk, BC and human colostrum contain a greater amount of lactose by 1.2% and 2-2.9%, respectively. 3'-Sialyllactose is the most prominent bovine colostrum oligosaccharide (BCO), and represents 70% of the total oligosaccharide content present in BC. The major functions of BCO include competitive inhibition of pathogenic bacteria such as *Escherichia coli*, *Cronobactersakazakii* and *Helicobacter pylori*by mimicking the surface carbohydrates of gut epithelial cells and occupying adhesion sites(McGrath *et al.,* 2016; Sangild *et al.,* 2021).

Vitamins and minerals
BC comprises fat-soluble (A, D, E, and K) and water-soluble (B_1, B_2, B_3, B_5, B_6, B_7, B_9, B_{12} and C) vitamins. Fat-soluble vitamins and some minerals (i.e. calcium, sodium, copper, selenium, iron, zinc, magnesium, manganese and phosphorus) are found in greater amounts in BC than in mature milk(Puppel *et al.,* 2019).

Antimicrobial factors
The numerous bioactive components found in BC include immunoglobulins, lactoferrin, lysozyme, etc. In addition to these, certain minor components such as cytokines, growth factors and hormones are also discovered.

Immunoglobulin
BC assists in the protection of calves from infection thanks to the presence of immunoglobulins (i.e. IgG, IgA and IgM). IgG is the most prominent immunoglobulin, representing 85–90% of the total immunoglobulin. Ig aids in restricting pathogens from binding to host cells, presenting pathogens to macrophages for destruction, enhancing T- and B-cell immune activation, maintaining a balanced intestinal microflora and inducing IgA production. IgG is responsible for transmitting immunity against specific pathogens. For example, BC has proven to be effective in preventing and curing various types of infections, such as diarrhoea and respiratory infections, as well as improving the immune system and overall health of individuals. Human colostrum was effective in preventing 'rotavirus' infection, treating upper respiratory tract infections and reducing the severity of diarrhoea in children suffering acute gastroenteritis (McGrath *et al.,* 2016; Sangild *et al.,* 2021; El-Loly, 2022).

Lactoferrin
Lactoferrin is a red glycoprotein that binds to iron. Its concentration in BC ranges from 0.34 to 1.96 g/L. The health benefits of Lactoferrin include protection against bacteria, fungi and viruses, reduction in cancer risk and inflammation, regulation of the immune system and promotion of cell growth. Lactoferrin squeezes out iron from the medium and prevents microbes from utilizing it, as this process is necessary for microbial growth(El-Loly, 2022).

Lysozyme
Lysozyme is a powerful antimicrobial agent found in BC that is effective against several types of bacteria except for lactic and propionic acid bacteria, and plays acrucial role in protecting calves against infection in the early stages of their life(Puppel*et al.,* 2019).

Lactoperoxidase
The concentrations of lactoperoxidase in BC ranged from 13 to 30 mg/L. Ituses hydrogen peroxide to convert thiocyanate ions into reactive products that kill bacteria such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Staphylococcus aureus*. As an antioxidant enzyme, it also protects cells against free radical damage (Linehan *et al.,* 2023).

Proteinases
BC contains 10-fold higher concentrations of plasmin (a serine protease) compared to mature bovine milk. The activity of plasmin decreases in BC following the fifth day of milking. In BC, cathepsin D and protease enzyme activity are lower than in mature bovine milk (Poonia and Shiva, 2022).

Cytokines
Cytokines such as 'interleukins (ILs), tumor necrosis factors (TNFs), and interferons (IFNs)' have profound biological effects at small concentrations (i.e. 10 to 1000 pg/mL)."Specific examples of cytokines found in BC include IL-1, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-8, IL-10, IL-12, IL-13, IL-16, IL-18, IFN-γ, TNF-α, and TNF-γ receptors"(McGrath *et al.,* 2016; Linehan *et al.,* 2023).

Leukocytes
BC contains approximately 10^6 leucocytes (i.e. lymphocytes, macrophages, epithelial cells and polymorphonuclear cells) per mL and helps to maintain the immune system (Poonia and Shiva, 2022).

Hormones
A number of hormones are detected in BC, including growth hormone, prolactin, somatostatin, oxytocin, luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone, leptin, thyroid-stimulating hormone, thyroxine, calcitonin, estrogen and progesterone. These hormones improve the growth of the calf by entering the bloodstream through the intestinal barrier, as calves are particularly permeable in calves (Linehan *et al.,* 2023).

MAJOR HEALTH BENEFITS OF THE COLOSTRUM
Colostrum helps improve the immune system, control immunological responses, maintain THE intestinal flora and promote tissue growth. BC is an excellent nutritional supplement for geriatrics(older aged individuals) to fight against the immune-suppressing consequences of stress, illness etc.

Immunological Support
Physically active adolescents can increase their secretory Ig A levels through the consumption of colostrum supplements. BC successfully lowered the severity of upper respiratory tract infections in children with IgA deficiency. The immune-stimulating characteristics of BC have been demonstrated to prevent tongue, oesophageal, bladder, lung and colon cancers. The bioactive substances found in BC are highly beneficial to human health, especially in terms of improving the immune system, maintaining the balance of the intestinal flora and promoting tissue regeneration. However, supplementation with BC has a minor effect on improving the serum immunoglobulin concentration in trained and physically active individuals. α-lactalbumin can help increase immune responses and promote glutathione synthesis. Leukocytes found in BC are used as a defensive mechanism against pathogens that invade the mammary gland (Wasowska and Puppel, 2018;Ghosh and Iacucci, 2021; Nili *et al.,* 2022).

Antimicrobial properties
Lactoferrin has favourable effects on certain types of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and Friedreich's ataxia. Lactoferrin induces apoptosis, acts as an antioxidant, influence microbial growth and adhesion, and serves as an immune mediator by modulating oxidative stress and systemic inflammatory responses. It also plays a role in cytokine production, is found application in infant formulas, and contributes to intestinal health while addressing issues such as arthritis and allergic inflammation. Notably, when an infant consumes 500 mg of polymeric IgA (p IgA), approximately 150 mg of IgA remains undegraded in the small intestine. This quantity of antimicrobial protein plays a significant role in improving mucosal host defence in infants. The primary function of p IgA is the prevention of microbial pathogens from adhering to the intestinal epithelial surface. Along with secretory IgA (S IgA) and lysozyme, LF plays vital roles in the antibacterial defense mechanisms of the intestinal mucosa (Yadav *et al.,* 2016; Fasse *et al.,* 2021; Mehra *et al.,* 2021).

Anti-inflammatory effects

Cytokines and interleukins modulate the immune system by enhancing T-cell activity, and exerting antiviral effects, contributing to inflammatory responses, demonstrating efficacy in chemotherapy and playing a pivotal role in cellular communication. Interleukins 1 to 6 (IL–1-6), tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-α), and interferon-gamma (INF-γ) regulate TNF-induced inflammation are involved in the autocrine or paracrine functions, cell proliferation, immune response mediation during infections, stress and bronchial asthma. TNF-α and IL-4 and 5 are associated with eosinophil activation, while IL-10, 13 and IL-17 (pro inflammatory Th1 cytokines secreted by T helper cells) exhibit anti-inflammatory effects (in arthritic joints) and are involved in signaling pathways and IgE-mediated allergic responses (Chae e*t al.,* 2016; Lee *et al.,* 2019; Mehra *et al.,* 2021; Sienkiewicz *et al.,* 2021;Ooi *et al.,* 2022; Grigaleviciute *et al.* 2023).

Wound Healing Properties

BC exhibits a remarkable ability to promote the growth and repair of the musculoskeletal and is involved in muscle and cartilage repair. It contains two crucial growth factors viz., transforming growth factors alpha and beta (TGF-α and TGF-β),as well as insulin-like growth factors 1 and 2 (IGF-1 and IGF-2). TGF-α and TGF-β are essential for normal cellular activities, embryonic development and cell proliferation. The role of BC in wound healing has a marked influence on recovery after trauma and surgery. IGF-1 (wound-healing and anabolic hormone) effectively mitigates catabolism and is the sole growth factor capable of independently stimulating muscle growth and repair (Uruakpa*et al.,* 2002; Kim *et al.,* 2022).

Athletic Performance and Muscle Recovery

BC has gained significant prominence as a valuable dietary supplement due to its various health benefits for overall body development and muscle building, particularly for athletes and fitness trainers engaged in strenuous training regimens. Leptin and IGF-1 play pivotal roles in metabolic processes and contribute to increasing lean body mass while simultaneously reducing body fat, hence diminishing the propensity for weight gain. Intense physical exercise often leads to chronic fatigue syndrome in athletes and fitness trainers, primarily due to a reduction in T-lymphocytes and NK cells, which compromises the immune system. Another challenge associated with aging is the loss of muscle mass and the increased difficulty of shedding excess fat and IGF-1 present in BC proves instrumental in fostering the growth of lean muscle tissue (Buckley *et al.,* 2002;Uruakpa*et al.,* 2002; Shing*et al.,* 2006; Kotsis*et al.,* 2018; Cieslicka*et al.,* 2022).

Amino Acids and Functionality of the Thymus Gland

Insufficient dietary intake of tryptophan can lead to a reduction in serotonin levels within the central nervous system, thereby engendering pronounced behavioral alterations (such as hyperactivity, depression, anorexia nervosa, anxiety disorder and impulsive conduct) in pediatric individuals. The presence of proline-rich polypeptide (PRP) in BC plays a pivotal role in the regulation of thymic gland functionality. The PRP component also exhibits a notable capacity for mitigating the manifestation of pain, inflammation, and swelling, which typically arise from an unwarranted overproduction of lymphocytes and T cells. Such overproduction is frequently associated with allergic reactions and autoimmune disorders, suggesting PRP is a promising therapeutic agent for such immunological problems (Playford and Weiser, 2020; Sangild *et al.,* 2021; Wiener *et al.,* 2022).

Role of epidermal growth factors in human health

Epidermal growth factors found in BC have diverse functions such as wound healing, addressing inflammatory diseases, repairing damaged gastrointestinal tissues and rejuvenating damaged gastric and intestinal tissues, as well as in the differentiation and proliferation of epidermal cells. Moreover, the presence of PRP may prevent cardiovascular diseases, autoimmune disorders and allergies. IGF-1 contributes to increased high-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels and lowering low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels, potentially reducing the risk of arterial atherosclerosis. BC also shows promise as a novel therapy for the treatment of drug-induced gastrointestinal damage (Uruakpa*et al.,* 2002; Linehan *et al.,* 2022).

Colostrum powder

Colostrum powder is a colostrum-based product obtained by drying colostrum by suitable methods while retaining the essential nutrients of colostrum.

Colostrum Powder Production

Spray Drying

Spray drying for powder production has been limited due to heat-induced damage to colostrum proteins since the product remains above the air outgoing wet bulb temperature. Colostrum powder was made by spray drying under specific conditions, such as (i) feed temperature of 32°C, (ii) an atomizer pressure of 0.7 MPa and (iii) inlet and outlet air temperatures of 125°C and 49°C respectively. Investigations indicate that spray drying reduces IgG levels in colostrum by approximately 50% compared to those in untreated colostrum. Importantly, the cost of spray-drying colostrum was approximately 2.5 times lower than that of freeze-drying and microwave vacuum evaporation methods (Borad and Singh, 2018; Borad*et al.,* 2021).

Freeze Drying

Freeze-drying is a favorable technique for drying heat-sensitive biological materials owing to its minimal processing temperature, and one of the most successful process for obtaining high-quality colostrum powder. This process rapidly transforms frozen material from a hydrated to a dehydrated state, effectively minimizing nutrient loss; hence, the biological activity of Ig is reduced by only 10%. Freeze-dried colostrum is known for its stability, ease of handling and suitability for passive immunization. Some limitations restrict the industrial application of freeze-dried colostrum powder with stable bioactive components, such as high production costs, lengthy processing times and difficulties in scaling up the freeze-drying process. For the preservation of heat-sensitive PRP and IgG proteins in BC, low-heat pasteurization and low-heat indirect drying have been explored as alternatives (Mehra *et al.,* 2022).

APPLICATION OF BOVINE COLOSTRUM

Specialized dairy products enriched with colostrum-derived immunoglobulins (Igs) offer a promising avenue to improve immune function in individuals with compromised immune systems, including infants, children and elderly individuals. Notably, IgG plays a pivotal role in providing passive immunity, making it a significant component of BC that contributes to immunological activity against infectious diseases (Bagwe*et al.,* 2015) The inclusion of bovine or buffalo colostrum in the manufacture of various dairy and food products (such as milk-based drinks, butter, ice cream, white soft cheese, fermented milk, yoghurt, kefir, beverages, infant formulas and nutritional chewing gums) has been explored by several researchers. The encapsulation of colostrum in milk desserts has also been developed through the use of a double emulsion technique to safeguard sensitive ingredients, particularly Ig(Playford and Weiser, 2020; El-Loly, 2022). The gelling property of colostrum has a longstanding tradition in northern India, particularly in the state of Haryana. Conventionally, *Khees* is prepared from colostrum obtained from the first to fifthday of milking.Two types of sweeteners viz., jaggery and cane sugar (constituting 13 to 14% of the ingredients), were successfully employed forpreparation of *khees* with desirable sensory quality(Poonia and Shiva, 2022). Biotest Pharm GmbH, based in Frankfurt, Germany, manufactures a product known as 'Lactimmunoglobulin' Biotest, which was designed for human use. This product includes immunoglobulins sourced from the colostrum of non-immunized cows. In the commercial domain, colostrum-based products, often categorized as nutraceuticals, are produced in various formats such as tablets, capsules, and powders by multiple companies. 'BiostrumNutritechPvt. Ltd.' employ buffalo colostrum,'APS BioGroup' utilizes cow colostrum, while 'Capra Whole food Nutritionals'use goat colostrum in their respective formulations (Centi*et al.,* 2022).

CONCLUSION

Colostrum offers many health benefits to individuals who want to improve their immune system, increase muscle growth, decrease inflammation and enhance athletic performance. Owing to such health benefits, colostrum found has been applied in various food and pharmaceutical products. It can be successfully incorporated in the production

of various food products, such as milk-based drinks, butter, ice cream, fermented milk, yoghurt and infant formulas. The application of colostrum or its products as therapeutic agents requires further clinical trials on humans and animals to estimate the optimum dosage and ensure long-term safety.

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Table 1 Major compositional differences between bovine colostrum and mature milk

Colostrum component (mg/mL)	Range in bovine colostrum	Range in Mature milk
Total Solids	24-28%	12.90%
Fat	41.0-83.0	39.00
Protein	116.0-166.0	36.00
Lactose	12.0-52.0	49.00
Immunoglobulins		
1. IgG	38.10-67.80	0.257
2. IgA	0.50-4.40	0.04-0.06
3. IgM	1.10-21.0	0.03-0.06
Lactoferrin	0.10-2.20	0.10-0.30
Lactoperoxidase	11.00-45.00	13.00-30.00

Source: Linehan *et al.* (2023)

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Maximizing HR Analytics in the Telecommunication Sector: Enhancing Performance and Efficiency with Data-Driven Insights

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ABSTRACT

Big data analytics are increasingly being castoff in the field of people resource development in the current universe. The statistical methods that make up HR Analytics serve as a tool for the gathering, analysis, measurement, and forecasting of data. Descriptive, predictive, prescriptive, and diagnostic data analytics are the different subtypes. Talent acquisition, training and evaluation, and retention are some of the reasons why HR analytics and big data are used in the workplace. Finding a stability between technology and the people function in businesses of the forthcoming is a problem for HR teams in this changing climate. I believe that the principal task what HR teams are facing is not care up with updated technology and learning new services like information analysis. This study also gives more idea on HR Metrics and Analytics, Problem Identification and Solving Strategy using the applications of Big Data. This study will also provide the advantages and limitations of implementing and using HR analytics in corporate.

Keywords: Big data, forecasting of data, predictive analytics, automation, talent acquisition

INTRODUCTION

In the present world, the application of big data analytics to human resource development is growing quickly. We'll talk about Airtel's predictive hiring strategy, HR analytics on employee retention, and how they tackled the issue and came up with a solution in this article. Bharti Airtel encountered a significant staffing difficulty when the organization started the process of digital transformation. Although Airtel was expanding into technological platforms, it was experiencing trouble finding qualified applicants. Only 20% of offers were accepted by Airtel, which had a startling 80% offer drop rate. The hardest part of hiring, according to 52% of talent acquisition leaders, is selecting individuals from a sizable applicant pool. The highest business cost is a 150% increase in poor hiring decisions.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Kirtane (2015) - HR analytics is a comprehensive procedure that enhances both individual and organizational performance by facilitating better decision-making in people-related matters. It heavily relies on statistical tools and analyses, necessitating top-notch data quality, carefully selected objectives, skilled analysts, effective leadership, and widespread acknowledgment of analytics as a valid and valuable means to enhance performance. Dooren, (2012) as in Lochab et al. (2018) - This methodology aims to comprehend and assess the cause-and-effect connection between HR practices and outcomes in organizational performance, including factors like customer satisfaction, sales, and profit. Its primary objective is to establish credible and dependable grounds for making human capital decisions that influence business strategy and performance. This is achieved by employing statistical techniques and experimental approaches that leverage metrics of efficiency, effectiveness, and impact. Jain and Nagar (2015) - It involves a blend of quantitative and qualitative data and information that yields valuable insights to assist management in making informed decisions. Vihari and Rao (2013) as in Ben-Gal (2018) - It refers to employing advanced data mining and business analytics techniques in the realm of HR. Pareto Analysis explained with pareto chart and examples from the website softwaretestinghelp.com Vijayakumari (2017) This research thesis, conducted by a research scholar, focuses on conducting an empirical study on the work-life balance of employees, with a specific emphasis on the telecom sector. In today's global business landscape, the pursuit of innovation is crucial for companies to achieve a competitive advantage (Bersin, 2013d; Gardner, McGranahan, & Wolf, 2011; Giuffrida, 2013). HR professionals recognize that effective recruitment and retention of the right talent play a vital role in a company's success. Prominent organizations like Best Buy, Sysco, SAP America, Inc., Marriott Vacation Club, and others utilize HR analytics (HRA) to monitor various aspects such as employee engagement, incentives, leadership, absenteeism, and emerging trends (Bassi, 2012). Given the proven competitive and financial advantages of implementing HRA, it raises the question of why more companies are not adopting it. If companies express a desire to leverage analytics.

OBJECTIVES OF STUDY - ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN RECRUITING
Finding great employee in the coming centuries will be based on the hiring manager's capability to logically systematize their process. Artificial Intelligence applications for re-recruiting include ML and decision making, which a system can apply to the recruitment process. This latest knowledge is intended to modernize or mechanize few aspects of the employing process, particularly tedious high-capacity works. This knowledge is envisioned to simplify or systematize a portion of the hiring workflow, principally monotonous, high-capacity works. AI recruitment software also kinds routine of your wealth of information to collect perceptions into your capacity pool. Artificial intelligence can assist hiring people with canopy transmission to reduce partiality, as well as prominence into previous selected peoples who stayed with organisation. We are going to discuss about Airtel's recruitment policy.

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METHODOLOGY - THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

When Airtel began the procedure of cardinal revolution inside the company a few years ago, it challenged a significant recruiting policy. The organization was transformed from a telecommunications stream to a technology company. It had grown into a large corporation with three divisions: telecommunications, entertainment, and payment banking. They needed a diverse set of skills but were only attracting telecommunication graduates and people related to that field. Airtel now desired to recruit not only for telecommunication but also for their entertaining divisions such as Wink, Airtel Movies, and the latest expenditures bank division. In 2015, only two out of every ten job offers made by Airtel were accepted. The offer-to-job ratio was as high as 80%. Something had to be done for them right away. In today's world, both digitization and digitalization are gaining tremendous traction and transforming the way businesses operate. The telecommunications industry had no other go. Because the invention and knowledges must today be delivered to clients connected rather than in person, they required diverse skills from outdated network engineers. When it came to analyzing why the right skilled wasn't impending its way, Airtel discovered some sobering realisms. They are listed below,

- To begin with, the Engineering graduates they were attempting to recruit felt that Airtel was not an applicable place to work because it was not a technology company.
- It was excessively lengthy hiring process, lasting four to five weeks on average.
- Compensation, they discovered that benchmarking salaries against traditional telecom companies was not working for them.
- They also discovered that the job titles were unappealing to the Engineers because internal job categorizing was very telecom focused on with the job titles they gave to their employees.

IMPLEMENTATION

To attract the right Engineering candidate, it was necessary to relocate Airtel as an expertise company to the Engineering civic, that Airtel is not only a place for supervisory work but also a place for hardcore coding. As a result, Airtel launched a social campaign as well as created TV advertisements describing the engineering task at Airtel. To report the issue of compensation, they decided to make a separate practical pathway for engineers. When Airtel discovered that it had no demand for the engineers it was attempting to fascinate, the job grading was very telecom based, with job titles such as Assistant Manager. Developers want titles like Principle Engineers or Principal Designers or Senior programmer. As a result, they devised those designations. This creation aided them in the introduction of these new roles. Finally, one significant hiring innovation implemented by Airtel was the creation of a bench for forthcoming people. Airtel and its net, identified capacity it thought would be a perfect fit, and offered them a job at particular point. Through predictive hiring, Airtel reduces hiring time from three to four weeks to three to four days and offers a drop rate of 80% to 26% in two years. In 2015, the drop rate was around 80%, 50% in 2016, and 26% in 2017. This means that seven of the ten candidates have accepted the offer.

HR ANALYTICS

Using HR analytics, one can answer the questions which is followed below about the company's HR system:
- What is your employee income rate?
- Do you know how many employees will leave your organization within this year?
- How many percentages of employee income is regretted no profit?

Many human resource specialists can able to easily answer the first thing for his/her company. However, answering the other two questions is difficult, particularly if you lack detailed data. As an experienced professional, you need to combine data from different sources and thoroughly analyse it for answering the other two questions. Human resources often find a large data but are unsure how to make use of it. Use it right here to assess the human capital to make sound decision making. Active HR analytics begins when an organisation begins to analyse their people problems using the collected data. The four main types of data analysis are as follows:

- Descriptive Analytics – Employee Retention
- Diagnostic Analytics – Because of weaker designations

- Predictive Analytics – Hiring people from all domains
- Prescriptive Analytics – Introducing many job roles

Some HR analytics tools are Python, R, Tableau, Power BI and even MS Excel is used for analyzing the big data.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

Pareto Analysis is a decision-making method also known as the 80/20 rule.

- This principle states that 80% of impacts can be attributed to 20% of causes.
- Pareto Analysis emphasizes that a significant proportion of problems arise from a relatively small number of primary issues.
- Widely utilized by managers across various industries, Pareto Analysis is one of the fundamental tools employed to enhance productivity and quality.

The following are the primary causes and effects:

- A small fraction, 20% of the workforce, carries out the majority, 80%, of the job tasks.
- The majority, 80%, of the work is completed within a concentrated portion, 20%, of the days' time.
- Approximately 80% of the storage space in the warehouse is occupied by a select 20% of the items stored.
- A minority, 20%, of the employees account for a significant portion, 80%, of sick days taken.
- About 80% of users only utilize 20% of the functionalities available in a software app, website, or smartphone.
- A small fraction, 20%, of the total contributions contribute to a significant majority, 80%, of the overall contribution.
- A concentrated portion, 20%, of the code is accountable for the majority, 80%, of faults experienced.

HR analytics encompasses the utilization of statistical methods or algorithms to address the mentioned challenges and various others. Data collection can be achieved through formulating inquiries, conducting surveys, and analyzing relevant company records such as costs. An appropriate calculation, such as *[(Training Benefits - Training Cost) / Training Cost]* can be employed to assess ROI of a training program. The HR Analytics Dashboard using Power BI are as follows, Now in the below table, we will see the interpretation of data in terms of employee retention.

FINDINGS - NEW INNOVATIVE IDEA IN HIRING PROCESS

This idea is not only helpful for company like Airtel but also for all companies which are into Manufacturing, IT, Healthcare, Retail, Medicine, Pharmacy, Biotechnology etc., The idea is based on a Mobile Application in which recruiters can easily hire the right person for a job and job seekers can easily get the job without wasting more time. The details of idea are as follows:

1. In this app, the first step is to register. Candidates have to fill their basic information such as Contact details, E-mail, Name, Gender etc.,
2. The second step is to enter the details like whether they are fresher or experienced. In case of fresher, they have to enter their qualification and in case of experienced, they have to fill the details of previous experience.
3. Based on their qualifications and experience, Jobs will be shown in the feed and they can find by typing the job profile in search option.
4. Once they find the relevant job profile, they have to check the Job Description carefully.

5. Important thing is Skills needed for that particular job is not mentioned in the job advertisement. It was there in the backend where recruiters can edit, modify, add, remove but job seekers can't see it. Job seekers have to fill their own skills in the space provided and AI will analyse the skills entered by the candidate with what recruiter have been given in the backend.
6. If it was more than 70% matched, those candidates will be contacted and scheduled for interview.
7. If it was in between 50% - 70% matched, those candidates receive mail regarding in which area they have to get well versed. It will help them to crack the interview in future.
8. If it was less than 50% matched, those candidates receive mail as they are not eligible for the interview

process.

9. Some of the advantages of this idea are time saving, spending more time in searching candidates through various job portals, screening resumes, checking resume is not needed etc.

CONCLUSION

Human resource management is a vital aspect of everyday works in the contemporary biosphere. On the one aspect, both soft and hard human resource practices have an influence on the professional and permit rapid development. It can increase talent enthusiasm in the office and boost them to pay consideration to company strategies and regulations, which can progress business efficiency and lead to increased earnings. Trade unions support talents in early concession triumph, empowering them to rock-bottom for favourable occupied circumstances. However, because it is additional stringent and favourable to maintaining employee reports, employ law is currently progressively ahead kindness around the world on other hand. Human Resources Management still have a function in every firm in the future. Thus, we can draw the conclusion that in the present day, HR analytics tools, metrics, and AI are also playing a significant role in automating human resource activities.

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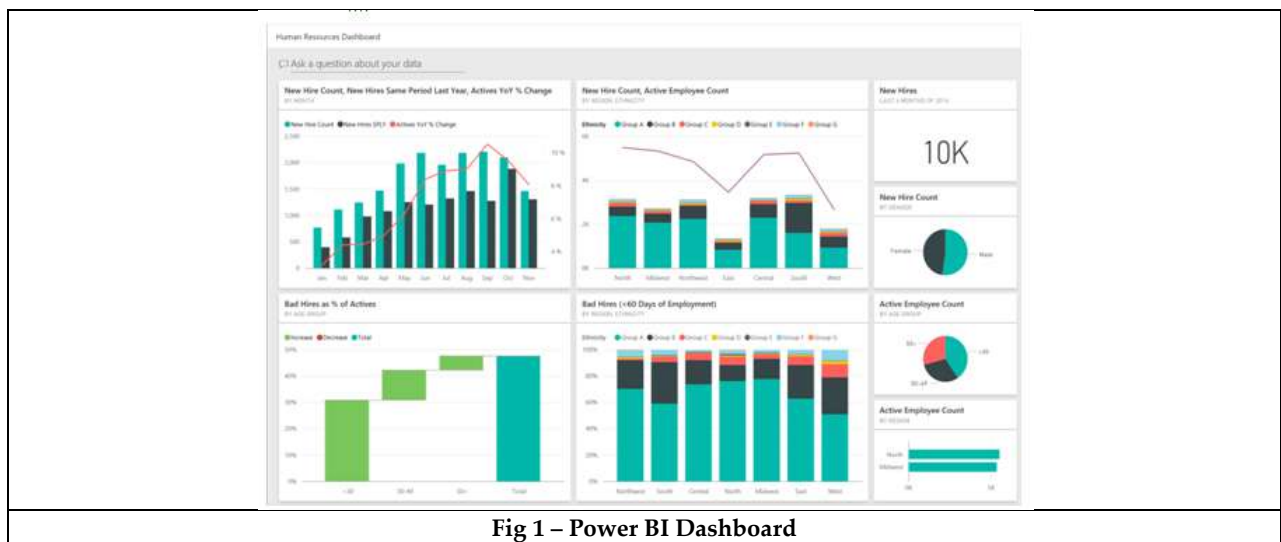
Fig 1 – Power BI Dashboard

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Comparison of Social Adjustment Level between Male and Female Secondary School Students

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to compare the social adjustment level between male and female secondary school students. The descriptive survey method was used in the study to acquire appropriate and detailed information. For the present study, 240 (120 male and 120 female) students studying in classes 9th and 10th of secondary schools were selected through stratified random sampling technique from Jalandhar and Kapurthala districts of Punjab State. The data was collected by applying R. C. Deva's Social Adjustment Inventory (1990). After the collection of the data, the t-test was applied. The findings revealed that male and female secondary school students possess the same level of social adjustment when compared to each other. So it was concluded that they do not differ from each other in social adjustment.

Keywords: Social, Adjustment, Male and Female, Secondary School Students.

INTRODUCTION

The word social adjustment can be considered as either a process or an evaluation. As a social process, social process is a dynamic concept that includes both doing and feeling. It is the ongoing activity by which a person attempts to satisfy his needs in terms of his roles in society's expectations of behavior that constitute his roles. It is that kind of relationship that engages the adjustment of a person to circumstances in his social environment for the contentment of needs or drives. It is the adaption of the person to the social environment. The process of adjustment can never cease once it starts. A person and his necessities are constantly changing according to the requirements of the shifting exterior environment. As a result, it can be expected that the conditions of a person's adjustment alter from time to time. Adjustment is obligatory on the part of every human being. If the person believes only in terms of fulfilling his

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requirements without considering the priorities of his society, he cannot be adapted to his environment. Adjustment may be described as, a process and the conclusion in the shape of some accomplishment. When a deprived child studies under the street light because he cannot have the funds for lights arrangement at home he attempts to adjust himself according to the circumstances. The achievement of success in his examination is not anything but the consequence of his adjustment to his surroundings. Thus, adjustment as a success means how effectively and adequately an individual can work in changed circumstances and regard us in achievement that is proficient poorly or healthy. It was found by Sarojini, S. (1971) that males have more emotionality and adjustment problems than females through the stage of late childhood and pre-adolescence. It was also revealed that the pupils from co-educational institutions face more emotionality and adjustment problems than those in single-sex schools. During puberty, male pupils had more adjustment problems than their counterparts. Social adjustment is an effort made by a substance to manage the morals, qualities, and prerequisites of a general public with a specific end goal to be recognized. It can be particularly a psychological process. It connects with managing fresh benchmarks and features. In the specialized dialect of brain research "synchronized with the individuals from humanity as well as can be expected" is known as alteration. Plato considered the individual is a social being. In a common community each individual structures conviction about every other. We attempt to act according to the norms of the general public so we can modify with others. Patial VS in his study on social adjustment level among secondary school students found that the majority of the samples possessed Average/Moderate and Poor/Low levels of social adjustment. Light of the identity of every individual is a novel association it is not simply talking. One association needs to attempt specific efforts to modify with other elite associations. Social change is the way, that instructor effort to move modification expertise in their understudies: Teachers ought to offer emphasis on the alteration of the understudy in the school. They have to help the understudy limit through the dynamic conditions of the school. They have to add to increase the social atmosphere of the school. Sunita (1986) found that girls were better adjusted at home than boys. Boys were more socially adjusted than girls. Boys were more emotionally adjusted than girls.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The major objective of the present study was to compare the social adjustment level between male and female secondary school students, so a descriptive survey method was used in the study. The stratified random sampling method was used to select the samples for the present study. The sample for the present study werestudents studying in classes 9th and 10th of secondary schools situated in the Jalandhar and Kapurthala districts of Punjab state. A total of 240 (120 male and 120 female) subjects were selected for the present study. To achieve the objective of the study Social Adjustment Inventory (SAI) by R. C. Deva 1990 was applied.To find out the level of social adjustment between male and female secondary school students-test was applied.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

After administering a social adjustment inventory to assess different levels of social adjustment among male and female secondary school students, the numbers and percentage of male and female secondary school students in different levels of social adjustment were calculated and results have been presented in table 1. It is clear from the table 1 that the numbers of female secondary school students in Extremely Poor (03), Very Poor (07), Above Average (30), and High (16) levels of social adjustment are more than male secondary school students in Extremely Poor (02), Very Poor (03), Above Average (11) and High (08). The numbers of male secondary school students with Poor (47), Average (40), and Extremely High (09) levels of social adjustment are more than female secondary school students with Poor (31), Average (30), and Extremely High (03). The numbers between male and female secondary school students in different levels of social adjustment are also presented in Figure1. After administering the scale pertaining to social adjustment, mean score, SD, SEM, and t-value of social adjustment among secondary school male and female students were computed and results have been presented in Table2. Table 2 reveals that the mean scores of male and female secondary school students in social adjustment are 128.242 and 123.183 respectively. The value

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for standard deviation in the case of male students was 32.485 and for female students, it was 33.408. It is obvious from the above table that the t value (1.189) obtained by comparing the mean scores of male and female secondary school students on their social adjustment is insignificant at a .05 level of significance. It shows that male and female students do not differ from each other on social adjustment. Hence, the null hypothesis that there exists no significant difference in social adjustment among secondary school students with respect to their gender was accepted. The mean difference in social adjustment scores of males and femalesis also presented in Figure 2.

CONCLUSION

It was apparent from the analysis that male and female secondary school students possess the same level of social adjustment when compared to each other. So it was concluded that they do not differ from each other in social adjustment. Therefore, the null hypothesis that there exists no significant difference in social adjustment among secondary school students with respect to their gender was accepted.

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Table 1: Numbers between male and female secondary school students in different Levels of Social Adjustment

Sr. No.	Status	Z –score Range	Male	Female
1	Extremely Poor/Low	+2.01 and Range	02	03
2	Very Poor/Low	+1.26 to +2.00	03	07
3	Poor/Low	+0.51 to +1.25	47	31

4	Average/Moderate	-0.50 to +0.50	40	30
5	Above Average	-0.51 to -1.25	11	30
6	High	-1.26 to -2.00	08	16
7	Extremely High	-2.01 and below	09	03
Total			**120**	**120**

Table 2: Mean scores. Std. Deviation, Std. Error Mean, df, and t-value for Social Adjustment between male and female secondary school students

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean	df	t-value
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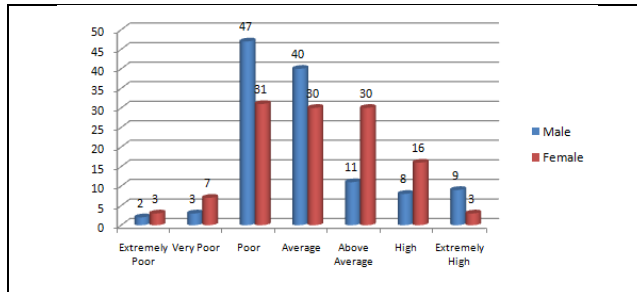
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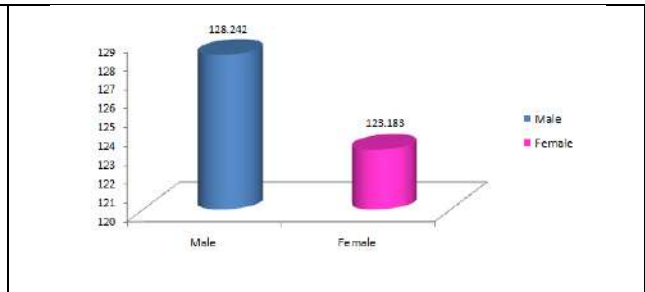
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Tissue Engineering in Dentistry

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ABSTRACT

During the last 50 years we have realized that science is the fuel for the engine of technology. Scientific discoveries from cellular, developmental, and molecular biology have truly revolutionized our collective understanding of biological processes, human genetic variations, the continuity of evolution, and the etiology and pathogenesis of thousands of human diseases and disorders. This is particularly evident when considering the opportunities to understand the etiology, pathogenesis, treatments, and outcomes related to endodontic and periodontal diseases and disorders, and the science of dental and medical tissue engineering. Today, the field of tissue engineering has established the essential foundations for the design and fabrication of neo tissues in two or three dimensions for transplantation.

Keywords: Stem cells, Morphogens, Scaffold, Bioreactors

INTRODUCTION

Tissue engineering represents the confluence of a complex array of pre-existing lines of work from three quite different domains: the worlds of clinical medicine, engineering, and science. However, tissue engineering is also remarkable for the breadth of its "footprint" in fundamental and applied biomedical research, in areas such as cell and developmental biology, basic medical and veterinary sciences, transplantation science, biomaterials, biophysics and biomechanics, and biomedical engineering [1]. Each year approximately $400 billion is spent treating Americans suffering some type of tissue loss or end-stage organ failure. This includes 20,000 organ transplants, 500,000 joint replacements, and millions of dental and oral craniofacial procedures, ranging from tooth restorations to major reconstruction of facial soft and mineralized tissues. The regeneration or replacement of oral tissues affected by

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inherited disorders, trauma, infectious diseases is expected to solve many dental problems. Within the next 25 years, unparalleled advances in dentistry and endodontics are set to take place, with the availability of artificial teeth, bone, organs, and oral tissues; as well as the ability to stimulate endodontic regeneration. Patient demand for tissue engineering therapy is staggering both in scope and cost [2].

Definition of tissue engineering:-

Langer and Vacanti defined tissue engineering as "an interdisciplinary field that applies the principles of engineering and life sciences toward the development of biological substitutes that restore, maintain, or improve tissue function", MacArthur and Oreffo defined tissue engineering as "understanding the principles of tissue growth, and applying this to produce functional replacement tissue for clinical use."

Why tissue engineering is necessary?

Most tissue cannot regenerate when injured or diseased

Even tissues that regenerate spontaneously may not completely do so in large defects (e.g. bone)

Replacement of tissue with permanent implant is very limited

Preclinical and clinical accomplishments of tissue engineering in dentistry:-

It can be categorized into 3 categories 3 –

◎ Conductive approaches
◎ Inductive approaches
◎ Cell transplantation

Conductive approaches

Conductive approaches utilize biomaterials in a passive manner to facilitate the growth or regenerative capacity of existing tissue. An example of this that is very familiar to dentists, and particularly periodontists, is the use of barrier membranes in guided tissue regeneration. Nyman et al. were the first to successfully use osteoconductive mechanisms in providing a means for selective wound healing by supporting the ingrowth of the periodontal supporting cells, while excluding gingival epithelial and connective tissue cells from reconstruction sites. Another example is osseointegration of dental implants.

Inductive approaches

This involves activating cells in close proximity to the defect site with specific biological signals. The origins of this mechanism are rooted in the discovery of bone morphogenetic proteins (BMPs). Urist first showed that new bone could be formed at non-mineralizing, or ectopic sites after implantation of powdered bone (bone demineralized and ground into fine particles). Contained within the powdered bone were proteins (BMPs), which turned out to be the key elements for inducing bone formation. These proteins are now available in

recombinant forms and produced on a large scale by biotechnology companies.

Cell transplantation

This approach involves direct transplantation of cells grown in the laboratory. The transplantation of cells grown in the laboratory provides another inductive means to engineer new tissues. Cell transplantation is extremely attractive when inductive factors are not known for a specific tissue, when a large tissue mass or organ is needed, or when tissue replacement must be immediate. However, this approach requires the needed cells to be expanded in the laboratory. The most successful application of cell transplantation involves the development of a tissue engineered skin equivalent. For example, 250,000 square feet of skin tissue can be manufactured from a one- square-inch sample of starting tissue. The other being cartilage formation and full organ transplantation Currently the literature describes three general Tissue Engineering approaches. These principles are closely related to each other and may be applied to create new tissues.

These approaches include

1. Design and grow human tissues in vitro for later implantation to repair or replace

diseased tissues: The most common example is the skin graft, used for the treatment of burns. Skin graft replacements have been grown in tissue culture and used clinically for more than 10 years – in vitro

2. Implantation of cell-containing or cell-free devices that induce the regeneration of functional human tissues: "signal" molecules, e.g. growth factors may be used to assist in biomaterial-guided tissue regeneration. Also novel polymers have been created and assembled into three-dimensional configurations, to which cells attach and grow to reconstitute tissues. An example is the use of a polymer matrix to form cartilage – In-vivo

3. The development of external devices containing human tissues designed to replace the function of diseased internal tissues: This approach involves establishing primary cell-lines, placing the cells on or within structural matrices and implanting the new system inside the body. Examples of this approach include repair of bone, muscle, tendon and cartilage, endothelial cell-lined vascular grafts and heart valve substitutes. – Ex-vivo

Application of tissue engineering in dentistry
The effect that tissue engineering may have in the field of dentistry stems from its wide- spread application to many different types of tissues related to the oral cavity, including bone, cartilage, skin and oral mucosa, dentin and dental pulp, and salivary glands.

Bone –
Replacing bony defects using auto grafts, allograft, and synthetic biomaterials.
Guided tissue regeneration (GTR) after periodontal surgery
Construction of the entire mandible

Cartilage –
Cartilage destruction is associated with trauma and a number of diseases including degenerative articular cartilage destruction at the temporomandibular joint.
Transplantation of cells without a carrier is now used clinically to repair small articular cartilaginous defects.
New cartilaginous tissue with precisely defined sizes and shapes relevant to maxillofacial reconstruction (e.g., nasal septum, temporomandibular joint) can be engineered using appropriate biodegradable scaffolds for transplanting the cells.

Skin and oral mucosa –
The most successful application of tissue engineering to date is the development of skin equivalents. Skin tissue is needed in adjunctive esthetic treatment of individuals who are severely disfigured following severe burns, in radical resective surgery to treat invasive cancers, and for major trauma wounds (like shotgun wounds and knife lacerations)
A similar approach has also been developed for the replacement of oral
mucosa, although this procedure has not yet been marketed.

Dentin and dental pulp –
Dental caries remains one of the most prevalent young adult and childhood diseases, while the phrase "root canal" is probably the most dreaded term in dentistry. There are several ways in which one can potentially engineer lost dentin and dental pulp.

Salivary glands –
The most challenging goal of tissue engineering is replacement of complete organs, and significant progress has been made in efforts to engineer salivary gland function.
One method in treating salivary gland functional deficiencies makes use of an inductive gene therapy approach. The aim in this approach is to make existing non-secretory ductal epithelial cells (following irradiation therapy) into secretory cells capable of fluid movement.

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Key elements of tissue engineering [4,5]
The key elements of tissue engineering are stem cells, morphogens, and a scaffold of extracellular matrix.
Adult Stem/Progenitor Cells
Adult stem/progenitor cells reside in a variety of tissues. Adult stem cells have unique characteristic;
(a) They exist as undifferentiated cells and maintain this phenotype by the environment and/or the adjacent cell populations until they are exposed to and respond to the appropriate signals,
(b) They have an ability to self-replicate for prolonged periods,
(c) They maintain their multiple differentiation potential throughout the life of the Organism
Progenitor cells retain the differentiation potential and high proliferation capability, but have lost the self-replication property unlike stem cells.

Scaffold –
The scaffold provides a physicochemical and biological three-dimensional micro- environment for cell growth and differentiation, promoting cell adhesion, and migration. The scaffold serves as a carrier for morphogen in protein therapy and for cells in cell therapy. Scaffold should be effective for transport of nutrients, oxygen, and waste. It should be gradually degraded and replaced by regenerative tissue, retaining the feature of the final tissue structure. They should have biocompatibility, non toxicity, and proper physical and mechanical strength.

Natural polymers such as collagen and glycosaminoglycan offer good biocompatibility and bioactivity, and synthetic polymers can elaborate physicochemical features such as degradation rate, microstructure, and mechanical strength. Commonly used synthetic materials are poly(lactic acid) (PLA), poly(glycolic acid) (PGA), and their copolymers, poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA). Synthetic hydrogels include poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG) based polymers, and those modified with cell surface adhesion peptides, such as arginine, glycine, and aspartic acid (RGD), can improve cell adhesion and matrix synthesis within the three-dimensional network Stem cells in dentistry

A stem cell is essentially the building block of the human body. The stem cells inside an embryo will eventually give rise to every cell, organ and tissue in the fetus's body. Unlike a regular cell, which can only replicate to create more of its own kind of cell, a stem cell is pluripotent. When it divides, it can make any one of the 220 different cells in the human body [6].

Use of the term "Stem cell" dates back at least to William Sedgwick, who used it to describe the regenerative properties of plants in 1886.All tissues originate from stem cells. A stem cell is commonly defined as a cell that has the ability to continuously divide and produce progeny cells that differentiate (develop) into various other types of cells or tissues.

Properties of stem cells
Stem cells differ from other kinds of cells in the body. All stem cells regardless of their source have three general properties:
i. They are capable of dividing and renewing themselves for long periods
ii. They are unspecialized
iii. They can give rise to specialized cell types

Stem cells are capable of dividing and renewing themselves for long periods Stem cells may replicate many times. They are not like other cells such as muscle cells, blood cells, or nerve cells, which do not replicate themselves. When cells replicate themselves many times over, it is called "Proliferation". If the resulting cells continue to be unspecialized, like the parent stem cells, then these cells are said to be capable of long term self renewal.

Stem cells are unspecialized
Stem cells do not have any tissue-specific structures that allow it to perform specialized functions. A stem cell cannot work with its neighbors to pump blood through the body (like a heart muscle cell); it cannot carry molecules of

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oxygen through the bloodstream (like a red blood cell); and it cannot fire electrochemical signals to other cells that allow the body to move or speak (like a nerve cell).

However, unspecialized stem cells can give rise to specialized cells, including heart muscle cells, blood cells, or nerve cells. Stem cells can give rise to specialized cells
When unspecialized stem cells give rise to specialized cells, this process is called as
"Differentiation". Cell differentiation takes place by triggering of two signals:

1. Internal signals
2. External signals

A "Cell genes" control the internal signals.
The external signals for cell differentiation include chemicals secreted by other cells, physical contact with neighboring cells, and through certain molecules in the microenvironment.

Morphogens/ growth factors
Growth factors are proteins that bind to receptors on the cell and induce cellular proliferation and/or differentiation. Many growth factors are quite versatile, stimulating cellular division in numerous cell types, while others are more cell specific. Currently, a variety of growth factors have been identified, with specific functions that can be used as part of stem cell and tissue engineering therapies. Many growth factors can be used to control stem cell activity, such as by increasing the rate of proliferation, inducing differentiation of the cells into another tissue type, or stimulating stem cells to synthesize and secrete mineralized matrix.Growth factors, especially those of the transforming growth factor- beta (TGF) family, are important in cellular signaling for odontoblast differentiation and stimulation of dentin matrix secretion. Fibroblast growth factors(FGF) : Are members of at least 9 related gene products. Named for its general growth-promoting effects on most fibroblastic cell types, it also stimulates angiogenesis, wound healing and cell migration. Studies on the effects of fibroblast growth factor on individual cell types have shown that it can stimulate endothelial cell differentiation of odontoblast and periodontal ligament cell migration and proliferation .In vivo, FGF has shown to increase bone formation and rate of fracture repair.

Advantages
1. The local concentration of cell signaling molecules, including tissue growth factors increased within the wound by use of PRP. This elevation in the growth factors enhances bone formation.
2. The use of autogenous bone graft provides the scaffolding .
3. The use of autogenous bone grafts also increase the population of cells known to be responsive to the PDGF and TGF released from the platelets.

Scaffold
The primary function of the scaffold in Tissue Eingineering is to provide a template to introduce the progenitor Mesnchymal Stem cells to the specific site of interest and to provide interim mechanical stability for tissue growth and integration. The role of the scaffold in tissue engineering is to provide a matrix of special configuration on which seeded cells may grow to produce the desired tissue or organ. Biomaterials used as scaffolds are broadly classified into two categories – naturally derived and synthetic. Advantages of naturally derived scaffolds include the ability to support cellular invasion and proliferation. Synthetic materials offers ease of processing and mechanical strength.

Biomaterials can also be divided into ceramics and polymers. These biomaterials may be produced into solid blocks, porous sponges or foams or hydrogels. Over the last decade there has been significant interest in biocompatible biodegradable scaffold materials including synthetic biodegradable polymers such as polyglycolic acid (PGA), polylactic acid (PLA), copolymers of PLA and PGA (PLGA), polycaprolactone and natural polymer gels such as hyaluronic acid (HA), fibrin, alginate, collagen and agarose hydrogels. In addition to the various polymers used as

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scaffold materials, there are also many different shapes, sizes and structural forms of 3D scaffolds including meshes, foams, fibres and sponges.

Cell seeding

The transfer of cells onto the scaffolds or carriers is done by a process known as cell seeding. Cell Seeding can be done by various methods

1. Static seeding: cells and scaffolds are brought into direct contact and the cells allowed to grow undisturbed.

2. Spinner flask: commonly used method in which the scaffold is suspended in a stirred suspension of the desired cells. This produces favorable results but has a distinct disadvantage of being time consuming and less efficient at low concentration of cells.

3. Centrifugal seeding: by application of centrifugal force which allows the transfer of cells onto the scaffold. This method has superior seeding efficiency with better cellular distribution within the scaffold and requires lesser time than other methods.

Bioreactors –

Bioreactors may refer to any device or system that supports a biologically active environment (IUPAC definition) The term "bioreactor" refers to a system in which conditions are closely controlled to permit or induce certain behavior in living cells or tissues. The fact that physical stimuli can modulate cell function and tissue development has motivated the development of biomechanically active simulation systems to recellularise tissues in vitro by exposing them to physiologically relevant mechanical and/or hydrodynamic stimulation. Bioreactor technologies intended for tissue engineering can be used to grow functional cells and tissues for transplantation, and for controlled *in vitro* studies on the regulation effect of biochemical and biomechanical factors on cell and tissue development. The primary objectives of these systems are to establish spatially uniform cell distributions on three dimensional scaffolds, to maintain desired concentrations of gases and nutrients in the culture medium, and to expose developing tissue to appropriate physical stimuli.

The requirements for tissue engineering will vary depending on the dimensions, complexity, and physiological environment of the tissue to be engineered. The overall goal is to have systems that reliably and reproducibly form, store, and deliver functional tissues that can sustain function in vivo Tooth regeneration using stem cell therapy – Because stem cells are capable of differentiating into several different types, they are attractive for the tissue engineering of complex organs or structures. The concept of using stem cells for dental tissue engineering was explored by Paul Sharpe and his research group. They demonstrated that it is possible to engineer teeth of normal size and structure using stem cells. The same group has also demonstrated that adult stem cells of non-dental origin can be used to engineer teeth.

The discovery of dental stem cells in the pulp tissue of permanent teeth and also in primary teeth raises the exciting possibility of retrieving these cells, expanding them in culture and seeding the m in biodegradable scaffolds for tooth engineering. These cells have 2 characteristics that make them attractive for dental tissue engineering

Dental pulps can be easily obtained from the patient who needs tooth replacement. Stem cells can be retrieved and isolated from pulp with relatively minimal morbidity. This is especially true for the pulp of exfoliated primary teeth, which were shown to be a feasible source f stem cells that can be frozen and used later in life

⊚ Dental pulp stem cells are pluripotent cells, i.e., they have the capability of differentiating into most, if not all, cells that give rise to tooth structures. Human embryonic stem cell lines (hESC) approved for use by the National Institutes of Health, adult mesenchymal stem cells (MSC) which can be non-dental and dental, and human epithelial stem cells (hEpSC) would be surveyed with the goal of identifying the optimal stem cell population for production of the regenerated tooth. However there are some impediments towards achieving this goal. These existing challenges are The identification and characterization of suitable dental progenitor cell populations that can be obtained easily and used for autologous tooth tissue engineering practices

◎ The development of methods to reproducibly manipulate dental progenitor cells to bioengineer dental tissues and whole teeth of predetermined size and shape in a timely fashion. Harvesting teeth created by tissue engineering [7,8]. The ability to create in the laboratory teeth that can be harvested and implanted into patients to restore extracted or lost teeth long has been a goal for dental research.

We propose that the future creation of replacement teeth for patients involve a chair-sid technology with the following process:

◎ The first step is to create a computer-aided biomodel of the oral cavity and analyze the aesthetics of existing teeth.

◎ The second step is to use a database of tooth sizes, shapes, and aesthetics as a blueprint for designing a replacement tooth.

◎ The third step is to biomanufacture the tooth using a scaffold and three-dimensional cell pattern printing and deposition methods. Slabs of biosynthetic enamel and dentin are cut into the shape of the tooth.

◎ The forth step is to implant the tooth surgically into the patient and reconnect blood flow, nerves, and periodontal ligaments.

Much of this technology already exists or is close to development, and the goal for dental researchers is to put the technology together and make it work reliably.

There are four stem cells which are of interest they are SHED, adult dental pulp stem cells (DPSCs), stem cells from apical papilla (SCAP) and periodontal ligament stem cells (PDLSCs).14,16

Regenerative dentistry: Making dentin:-

It is known that the currently available materials do not mimic all the physical, mechanical and esthetic properties of the enamel and dentin. Whenever the restorations are done, patients frequently return either with restorative or tooth fracture that may lead to the need for tooth extraction. Such patients might benefit from dentin regeneration and the strengthening of tooth structure, if such a therapeutic strategy were available. Much research has been done in the area of biological inducers of dentin mineralization, and the following is a brief summary of the work of many investigators. Early work on the biological induction of dentin was inspired by a seminal paper by Urist, which demonstrated, for the first time, that demineralized bone powder had inductive potential and led to ectopic bone formation [12,13].

Regenerative dentistry: Making Enamel [10]
If there is pulp exposure, the undifferentiated mesenchyme from the pulp differentiate and forms odontoblasts and form dentin. In contrast, amelobalsts are no longer present in teeth with complete crown development. Therefore, an in situ cell-based strategy to regenerate enamel is not feasible. However with the use of tissue engineering and nanotechnology the scientists have been able to develop synthetic enamel with fluoride. Non-carious enamel is a highly organized structure made of enamel prisms consisting of bundles of nanorod-like calcium hydroxyapatite crystals arranged roughly parallel to each other. The prisms can be considered micro architectural units of enamel. Surfactants which may mimic the biological action of enamel proteins in enamel development, can be used as reverse micelles or microemulsions to synthesize nanoscale structures that may self-assemble into "one-dimensional building blocks. The resulting hydroxyapatite nanorods are similar in size and composition to natural enamel crystals.

Regenerative dentistry: Making dental pulp.
The maintenance of dental pulp vitality is an underlying goal of most restorative procedures. The pulp necrosis in immature teeth makes endodontic procedures quite challenging. In addition, these teeth present very large chambers and incomplete lateral formation of root structure. The current treatment for these teeth is induction of the apical losure followed by conventional endodontic treatment. But the results are unpredictable with frequent failures. A tissue engineering-based approach that results in new pulp tissue could potentially allow for the completion of vertical and lateral root development and perhaps prevent the premature loss of these teeth.

Engineering dental pulp will require application of the basic principles of tissue engineering. Key elements for dental pulp engineering are Molecular signals which induce the differentiation of cells that constitute dental pulps

◎ Cells that will respond to the signals

◎ Scaffolds that will either carry or attract these cells and provide an environment where they can proliferate, differentiate and develop a tissue with the characteristics and function of normal pulp.

CONCLUSION

Although the problems of introducing these technologies are substantial, the potential benefits to patients and the profession are equally promising -a cure for caries and diseases, a cure for oral cancer, correction of congenital defects, and the regeneration of teeth and tissues to restore oral functions. The field of tooth tissue engineering is certainly one in which there are more questions than answers. Regenerating tooth structures is a complex proposition. The question the field faces is: Can we do it in a way that is predictable, clinically feasible and practical, High quality research and effective collaborations between basic scientists and clinicians is the way to move this field towards its ultimate goal of regenerating either individual tooth structures or the entire tooth as a means to treat the consequences of tooth-related diseases.

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Table 1: Stem cells are also commonly subdivided into totipotent, pluripotent, and multipotent categories according to their plasticity.

Stem cell type	Cell Plasticity	Source of stem cell
Totipotent	Each cell can develop into a new individual	Cells from early (1–3 days) embryos
Pluripotent	Cells can form any (over 200) cell types	Some cells of blastocyst (5–14 days)
Multipotent	Cells differentiated, but can form a number of other tissues	Fetal tissue, cord blood, and postnatal stem cells including dental pulp stem cells

Table 2: Classification of stem cells
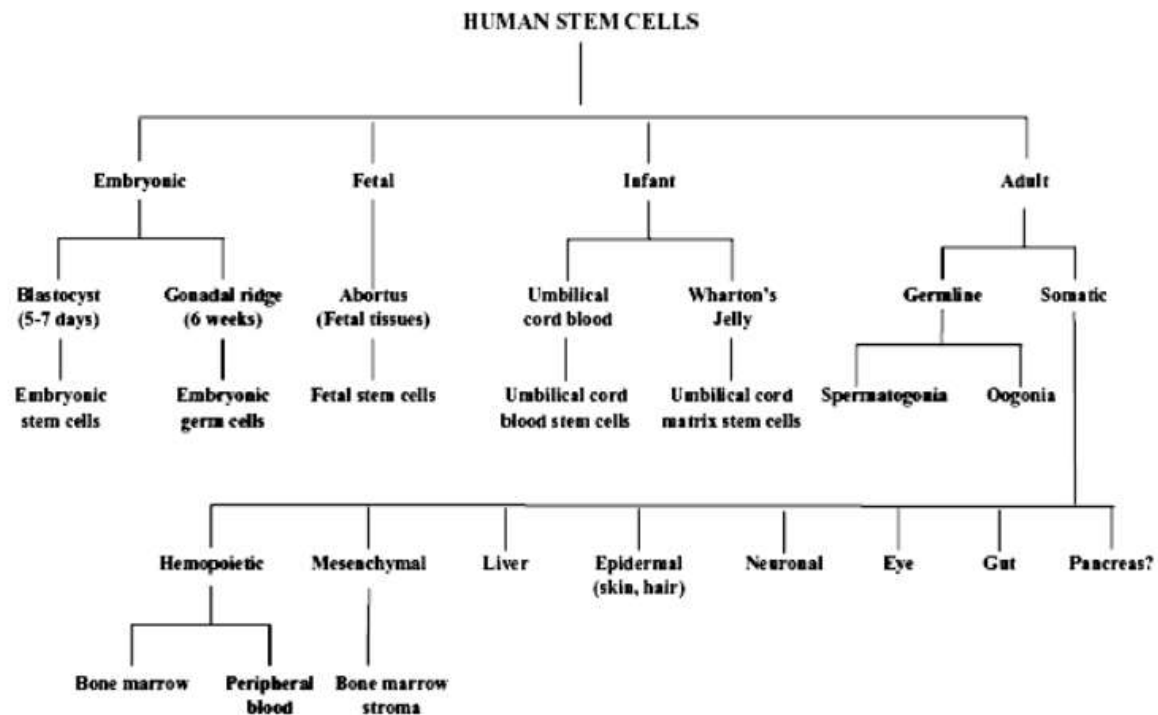
Table 3.. Ideal structural parameters of a tissue engineering scaffold

SCAFFOLD FUNCTION	SCAFFOLD DESIGN PARAMETER
Not to provoke inflammatory response or toxicity *in vivo*.	Must be biocompatible, non-toxic and non-carcinogenic.
To assist in the growth of three-dimensional tissue and organs.	Three-dimensional scaffold of specific shape.
Give way to a uniform high cell seeding density.	High porosity and high interconnectivity between pores.
To provide the appropriate surface for cell attachment, proliferation and differentiation of function.	Optimum polymer surface chemistry and topography
To allow significant cell surface interactions such as cellular attachment.	High surface-area to volume ratio.
To promote cell proliferation and migration leading to tissue growth throughout the scaffold.	Optimum pore size to allow for cell penetration, with high porosity and interconnectivity between pores.
To direct the orientation of cells, ECM and new tissue.	Correct fibre orientation within the scaffold.
To allow for the movement of nutrients and waste in and out of the scaffold.	High porosity and interconnectivity between pores.
The scaffold may degrade to leave only natural tissue.	Rate of degradation to match rate of tissue formation. Polymer degradation products must not be toxic or promote inflammation *in vivo*.
Possess sufficient structural integrity to retain shape *in vivo*, with enough mechanical strength to support developing tissue and withstand *in vivo* forces.	Scaffold should equal mechanical properties of developing tissue.

RESEARCH ARTICLE

The Role of Social Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Community Development

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ABSTRACT

Social entrepreneurship (SE) is the process of creating social benefits through creative techniques, which frequently entails an advanced level of risk than traditional entrepreneurship. SE is an emerging field that promotes community development. The rationale of the study was to identify and describe case studies of the best social entrepreneurship initiation in Karnataka. For the current study Case studies of three notable social entrepreneurship programmes in Karnataka i.e., India-SELCO, Deshpande Foundation, and SAP-UNDP Women Micro/Social Entrepreneurship programmes. These three case studies demonstrate how SE is transforming the lives of the marginalized and how these efforts have brought novel solutions to poverty, support to micro-entrepreneurs, and empowered women in rural domicil. The study concludes by emphasizing the call for policy reforms to foster the augmentation of social entrepreneurship in India. It advocates for tackling long-standing legislation, tax issues, and infrastructure constraints that social entrepreneurs confront, as well as the need to generate local money to lessen dependency on international organisations.

Keywords: Social entrepreneurship, Sustainability, Community Development, Social problem, Social change.

INTRODUCTION

Social entrepreneurship (SE) is the practice of creating social benefits through creative techniques, which frequently entails a higher level of risk than traditional entrepreneurship. Social entrepreneurship is an emerging field that promotes community development. There is still no understanding of what constitutes social entrepreneurship (Choi & Majumdar, 2014), but a definition should logically draw on entrepreneurial processes that necessitate opportunity

exploitation and resource combination processes (Newth & Woods, 2014). As a result, the following scientific working definition can be used. SE is practised when an individual or a group aims to generate social value. Either absolutely or prominently, demonstrates a potential to identify and materialise opportunities to create value ("envision"), employ novelty, range from outright invention to adapting someone else's innovation, create and distributing social value and be ready to accept a moderate amount of risk in creating a social value (Peredo & McLean, 2006). A SE is a business with a primary social goal whose profits are used to reach those objectives. It is different from a traditional business since it does not generate and maximize profit for the benefit of the shareholders. They are also more likely to innovate and experiment with their different services that both the private and public sectors cannot shoulder (Ised Solutions, 2018). Most of these social enterprises focus on small communities to be capable of providing a sense of identity and confidence to the locals.

Social Entrepreneurs
As the founders or managers of the social enterprise, social entrepreneurs are considered central to social entrepreneurship. They are frequently thought to be the individuals (or groups of individuals) who identified the opportunity to solve the problem and then took action (Choi & Majumdar, 2014). A person's personality is important for pursuing an entrepreneurial career in general and social entrepreneurship in particular (Stephan & Drencheva, 2017). Stephan and Drencheva examined empirical studies on the motivations, traits, identities, and skills required to be a social entrepreneur. Their primary finding was that people engaged in social entrepreneurship have more proximity than different with their profit-oriented counterparts. However, there is some evidence that empathy and moral obligations are more distinguishing characteristics associated with social entrepreneurs, though this finding requires more robust evidence (Stephan & Drencheva, 2017). They also got evidence that social entrepreneurs aim to create an innovative organisation by stimulating socially responsible cultures, whereas for-profit entrepreneurs stimulate competitive cultures for the same reason.

How Do Social Enterprises Function?
First, social enterprises choose a social problem rampant in a particular area. The scope can encompass a small community, a town, or a whole country. Once this social concern has been identified, social enterprises look for the problem's roots. This can be completed through market research. A community needs assessments, survey reports, field analysis, and observation methods. Once they are certain of the causes, social enterprises try to link them with the current societal patterns and trends. By this method, they can arrive at ideas that can help them address the societal issue they have identified. These strategies should make sure that it would bring a change in the society's attitude and lifestyle to answer the said problem. Afterwards, these social enterprises make sure to create a team of change-makers with similar advocacies and goals. This action step can assist them draw more funders who can assist them attain their primary objective (Ised Solutions, 2018).

The Role of Social Enterprises in Community Development
Social enterprises have a substantial impact on community development. These effects can be classified as follows. Social enterprises provide a logical reasoning to a community. Most locals are tapped by these businesses to provide income while also responding to the call for change in their community. They can bring fulfilment to their hearts by participating in this type of social action. When residents engage in social enterprise, they feel more linked to their neighbours. A huge number of the population is essential to establish a social business like this. As a result, collaboration is required to sustain social enterprise in their rural communities. Social enterprises are also viewed as a tool for developing the skill sets of locals. Finance, problem-solving, creativity, technical work, risk management, and other areas are all enclosed in this business. They are in a difficult environment. The knowledge they gain here will be functional for future community development initiatives. Creating social enterprises exposes communities to the realities of the world. Familiarizing themselves with these issues motivates them to take action to better their communities.

The significance of social entrepreneurship in community development can be distributed into three types based on the development of the community. The three areas are identified as the social sector, the economic sector, and the environmental sector. The SE in the social sector can be in the progress of a better education curriculum, sanitation,

health care systems, and the relational well-being of individuals in society (Khatiwada, 2014). Social entrepreneurship can also be focused on developing personal skills for individuals through capacity building to train women who have volunteered in the health sector, leadership training, skills training in the health sector, and training on family, sex, and community sanitation. In the economic sector, social entrepreneurs can provide better ways to manage finances and how businesses can reduce costs while increasing profits. Social entrepreneurship can also provide more opportunities for people to find work and create wealth for society, thereby reducing poverty and raising living standards. The environment sector is the final component of SE's role in community development. Social entrepreneurship has the potential to innovate and create better methods of dealing with industrial waste. Handling industrial waste protects the community from pollution such as noise, water pollution, and air pollution. When all roles are performed efficiently, the organisation can grow productively.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Social entrepreneurship is a relatively new and compound phenomenon. Various authors have given diverse definitions of SE. They comprise social justice, social value, viable socioeconomic structures, forging a fresh equilibrium by employing innovation, entrepreneurial skills, market gaps, and problem-solving, as well as social entrepreneurship as a change agent (Zahra et al., 2009). Diab(2019) assessed SE and sustainable development in Lebanon. The goal is to investigate social entrepreneurship's role in promoting sustainable development. The study investigates SE as an effective tool for resolving social problems, noting that SE analysis can provide a solution to sustainable development challenges. Evidence suggests that SE can play a major role in poverty reduction, job creation, economic prosperity, environmental justice, pollution-free ecology, good governance, terrorism reduction, peacekeeping, corruption control, and other areas, providing opportunities to achieve community sustainable development. We can summarize that social business models create fundamental frameworks that allow social entrepreneurs to actively contribute to sustainable community development. Palacios-Marquesa et al. (2019) discuss the impact of SE on a company's organisational performance. It also seeks to demonstrate the positive relationship between the amount to which SE is implemented and the development of distinctive marketing competencies, in addition to the mediating role these competencies play between SE and organisational performance. The findings indicate a constructive relationship between the level to which an organisation introduces social entrepreneurship and its organisational efficacy, social entrepreneurship and the development of distinctive marketing competencies and the task of distinctive marketing competencies as a mediating variable in the connection between the degree of social entrepreneurship implementation and organisational performance.

Sekliuckiene and Kisielius (2015) attempted to tackle the lack of investigations on the social entrepreneurship phenomenon by proposing a conceptual framework that includes the development process of social entrepreneurship initiatives, contextual factors, and social value. The main findings are based on a breakdown of the social entrepreneurship process and the development of a conceptual framework for SE initiatives. Theoretical research has revealed that circumstances and the social-entrepreneurial context are important factors in all stages of social entrepreneurship initiatives. The above reviews reveal that social enterprises help to build sustainable individuals, organizations and communities.

The rationale of the Study
Nowadays, entrepreneurship has opened a space for itself in all areas. Many researchers are looking to present the context of entrepreneurship development in their related areas according to their specialities. Entrepreneurship is a vital component in social, organizational and individual success. One of the important approaches in entrepreneurship is social entrepreneurship, which also seems to be a practical tool in actualizing the social sustainability of businesses (Spitzeck, Boechat, & França Leão, 2013). One of the most important aspects of sustainability is the social dimension. Entrepreneurship, according to conventional wisdom, means of money making. People who decide to start a business rather than be hired are often in areas where they think they are taking more than they are giving, whether through the finding of avenues, or the introduction of innovative items

and services (Santos, 2012). Economic accomplishments are critical for long-standing survival. However, it should be illustrious that recent scientific and executive developments, as well as a focus on the community rather than the economy, have resulted in the emergence of social entrepreneurs. Case studies gradually demonstrated that social entrepreneurs could generate profit while also creating social value. As a result, the new SE approach has made its way into the scientific literature on top of executive organisation practice (Ratten, 2018). In the 1970s, social entrepreneurship was proposed as a sustainable way to address social issues. The term "Social Entrepreneurship" was first used by Joseph Banks in his 1972 book "Sociology of Social Movements." He used this term to describe managers' need to investigate social and business issues. The first sponsoring organisation for social entrepreneurs, Ashoka, was founded in the 1980s to address social entrepreneurship (Agrawal & Sahasranamam, 2016). Furthermore, Drucker's work defined the term "Social Innovation" (1990). He discussed the magnitude of using managerial activities in non-profit organisations to improve the competence and effectiveness of social product production. Examining the definitions of SE over time revealed the quality of problem-solving in SE over and above the mutual emphasis on carrying out actions that have measurable outcomes in the form of changed social outcomes/impacts. The total of distributed capital and the range of persons and groups that lead from their gainful performance, before the profitability rate, define social business success. SE aims to lead business while also achieving social goals; a higher mission is to achieve long-term positive effects in the community (Mulyaningsih & Ramadani., 2016). As a result, SE considers the development of new tools for effecting positive and constructive social change. Social entrepreneurs are those who direct capital to achieve social objectives. The main target of SE is to benefit large communities and have a deep developmental impact on its customers rather than just escalating the profit of beneficiaries.

METHODS AND MATERIALS

The present study was explorative in nature hence explorative research design was adopted and narrated case studies of three important organizations that have transformed the lives of the poor through social entrepreneurship initiations in Karnataka such as SELCO, Deshpande Foundation and SAP- UNDP Women Micro/Social Entrepreneurship programme in Karnataka. The need for social entrepreneurship in the Karnataka scenario, how social entrepreneurship sustains community development and the policy changes required were discussed in this study. The both primary and secondary data was used for this study. The primary data was collected by adopting interviewing the beneficiary participants of the three projects.

Objectives of the Study
- To ascertain social entrepreneurship initiation in Karnataka
- To narrate case studies of the best Social entrepreneurship initiation in Karnataka

Case Studies
For this study, three notable cases of social entrepreneurship initiations were chosen to analyze the transformation of people, especially women in rural Karnataka. SELCO, Deshpande Foundation and SAP- UNDP Women Social Entrepreneurship initiations were chosen for this study.

SELCO Social Entrepreneurship Initiation in Karnataka
An entrepreneur is a rational being who invests money, time, and energy in the hopes of financial empowerment, whereas a social entrepreneur is a social animal who invests knowledge, compassion, and effort in the hopes of bringing about social change. Harish Hande, co-founder and CEO of SELCO India (Solar Electric Light Company, India), a social enterprise that provides reasonable and pragmatic solutions for the energy demands of the marginalised sections of society, is one such social entrepreneur. Dr Hande, a PhD holder in Energy Engineering, began learning about the socioeconomic conditions of village and suburban communities that relied on small-scale subsistence economic activities for income in the early 1990s and realised that the technology that the modern world innovates is not "the technology built for the poor." In 1995, he co-founded SELCO India with Neville Williams to

provide low-cost solar energy to underserved communities through micro-financing. SELCO India has partnered with solar power distributors who have installed solar panels on their roofs to harness energy in small batteries as a viable interventional solution. Later, these batteries are rented to street vendors, small businesses, and households to meet their various energy needs. Initially, this energy service was provided to meet the lighting needs of communities; however, over time, the technology was customised to meet a variety of needs, such as sewing, grinding, pot making, butter churning, water heating, and printing at the door. SELCO also provides Solar Powered Smart Class Rooms to many rural schools. SELCO India now works as a social change agent in the states of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala. By customizing the need-based services of the vulnerable sections, SELCO India is sustaining itself as a financially compatible, environment-friendly sustainable Tech Leader (Ahmed, 2021)**.**

Deshpande Foundation Entrepreneurship Initiation in Karnataka
Micro-entrepreneurship is intended to assist micro-entrepreneurs in growing their businesses. The programme provides mentorship, assistance, and support to small entrepreneurs who have unique products but lack the essential resources to grow their businesses. They also have a wide range of activities aimed at assisting micro-entrepreneurs in reaching their full potential. A rigorous selection procedure will be followed for identifying and capacity-building of entrepreneurs. The registration process in which one provides all of the details of their business entity to participate in Micro-entrepreneurship activity. It includes training in areas such as business marketing, digital payment worship mentorship sessions with industry experts, and so on. Business plan creation training will be provided to all registered women entrepreneurs. It assists them in understanding their company's market position and evaluating its potential for future growth. Allows one to set a business goal and align with the methodology or procedures to achieve it within the time frame specified. After training to expand their business networking services will be provided. Micro-entrepreneurship assists them in increasing the visibility of their business through its connections and assists micro-entrepreneurs in growing their businesses. The organisation assist them in achieving these goals through online and offline promotions such as Micro-entrepreneurship Sammelana, Mentorship sessions, and Santhe's.

Assessment of viability (Screening process) will be provided to scale up their business. Measuring business growth and paving the way to identify scalable opportunities for the company. Once the screening process is done they will be linked with credit sources. Assisting in the financial support essential for business operations and connecting them to various banks, MFIs, etc. Micro-entrepreneurship facilitates market linkages through platforms such as exhibitions, public events, flea markets, and so on. It also aids in various other online forums such as social media and direct selling forums. The organisation acts as a liaison between vendors and customers, which increases productivity in terms of bulk selling (Deshpande Foundation, 2022). Nagaraj Chakrasali from Haveri is a terracotta entrepreneur, after participating in the Micro-entrepreneurship programme, he realised that his products were far more valuable than he had previously imagined. He received valuable advice from his mentors, and his designs have greatly improved, and he was earning a higher profit due to the better pricing of his products. Sharavva a quilt, bag, and ladies' dressmaker opined that, Micro-entrepreneurship programme focuses on long-term business growth to meet customer expectations, primarily through effective marketing Micro-entrepreneurship entrepreneurs.

Suresh Bhat Coconut Businessman stressed that, Micro-entrepreneurship offers extensive networks that connect micro-entrepreneurs with experts in their fields, bringing mutual benefits to both parties.

SAP- UNDP Women Micro/Social Entrepreneurship programme in Karnataka
Raichur is one of Karnataka's aspirational districts. Women have a 36% literacy rate, and the majority of employed women are unskilled, they are either unpaid or underpaid. This forces women and families to migrate to cities or towns in search of work. The need for entrepreneurship is unavoidable for economic activities in such a district. Here, women have begun organizing themselves into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) further to catalyse economic opportunities and meaningful income through collaborative means. Sumitramma Vishwakarma, 40, from Devadurga Taluk in Raichur, Karnataka, is one such woman. Sumitramma has been unpaid and has no way of supporting her

impoverished family. She has been eager to find ways to improve her family's financial situation. She does not know entrepreneurship or the concept of a Self-Help Group. Sumitramma joined SAP-UNDP's joint Social Entrepreneurship Initiatives. First, she learned how to organise an SHG of 12 women and how to work as a team. She enrolled in the "Unnati Sakhi" Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP). The initiative aims to organise women into SHGs and provide them with digital and digital financial literacy, basic business concepts, marketing, and long-term business development.

Summitramma and women or SHGs like hers are also linked to SHG financing and government finance schemes for social entrepreneurs through the Unnati Sakhi EDP programme. Sumitramma now has not only community support but also around 50 women who work under her SHG and produce pickles. They not only use digital and digital financial techniques, marketing, and management to drive their business. These 50 women were all a part of a 6 month EDP. They have not only started a sustainable business but also increased their revenue. Chandramma from Doddaballapura taluk, became the bookkeeper for her SHG through Gram Panchayat Federation. During the COVID-19 pandemic, SHGs faced business shrinkage issues. Simultaneously, Chandramma completed Unnati Sakhi training, which helped her gain insights into customer needs and how to cater to the same customer base. Chandramma and SHG began producing face masks for the local population. She increased her customer base and began earning a profit of Rs. 20 per piece due to economies of scale. These are just a small number of the thousands of examples that would pave the way for inclusive and long-term economic development.

Job creation is a key development priority in contemporary India as the population is getting younger. In the next ten years, India's working-age population will grow by 115 million people. Economic development can be attained through meaningful job creation and long-term social entrepreneurship. It is vital to increase women's participation and role in economic development. Local economic development led by women is vital to achieving inclusive, equitable, and sustainable rural development. An enabling ecosystem for Nano and micro-enterprises is critical for achieving the goals of economic empowerment for women and rural growth. According to India's experience with rural enterprise development, the majority of women-owned non-agricultural enterprises are subsistence in nature, usually formed to hedge against agricultural losses. The number of female entrepreneurs is even lower. According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation's Sixth Economic Census, women account for approximately 14% of all entrepreneurs. As a result, it is critical to capitalise on the untapped potential and leverage the opportunity of women-led social/micro enterprises (Patel, 2021).

Suggestions
Based on the findings of the study it was evident that many marginalized and vulnerable groups have begun to engage in SE and have transformed their financial lives. However, proper awareness and encouragement from all stakeholders are missing. Hence government must come forward to plan and develop a model which converges all stakeholders i.e., Government departments, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) so that we can bring sustainability to SE further which will lead to sustainable community development. As well we must also develop a model which demands people's participation cutting across all stages from project planning, implementation and evaluation. Newer policy reforms at various levels are required to aid growth. New policy reforms are required at all levels of government. These kinds of projects can create a social impact and bring sustainable community development.

CONCLUSION

Many marginalized and vulnerable groups have begun to connect in SE and have transformed their financial lives on account of the above three case studies. SE, also known as altruistic entrepreneurship, is the practice of conducting business for a social purpose. Their success is measured not only in terms of profit but also in terms of how they have improved the world. Top social entrepreneurs are generally motivated by a strong desire to improve people's lives. The future of India, particularly Karnataka, is bright, with new social entrepreneurs creating their paths;

however, newer policy reforms at various levels are required to aid growth. New policy reforms are required at all levels of government. The Union Government must address long-pending policies, taxation issues, and infrastructure and bureaucracy barriers that startups face. Furthermore, targets must be reconsidered to achieve attainable goals, as well as the need to focus on generating local funds from within the country rather than being overly reliant on international agencies. The national level ecosystem must be further developed so that it is easier to hire new employees and other expenses such as costs and taxes can be reduced through smoother regulations.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Study on Green Human Resource Management, A New Development in Human Resource Practices

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ABSTRACT

Green human resource management (GHRM) extends its reach to various organizational dimensions. This includes fostering a culture of sustainability among employees through effective communication and engagement strategies. Organizations employing GHRM principles often integrate environmental awareness and responsibility into their corporate values and mission statements, thereby instilling a sense of collective ecological stewardship among employees. Moreover, GHRM involves developing and implementing policies and procedures that promote eco-friendly practices throughout the employee lifecycle, from recruitment to retirement. This may encompass initiatives such as fostering telecommuting and flexible work arrangements to reduce commuting-related carbon emissions, encouraging the use of environmentally friendly modes of transportation, and incorporating sustainability criteria into performance evaluations and promotion decisions. By aligning human resource practices with environmental objectives, organizations can not only reduce their ecological footprint but also enhance their reputation as socially responsible entities, attracting environmentally conscious talent and gaining a competitive edge in the marketplace.

Keywords: Human Resource Management (HRM), Green HRM, Sustainability practices, Brand image, Environment, Waste management, Organization, Corporate Image.

INTRODUCTION

The heightened corporate interest in environmentalism worldwide can be attributed to various factors, including international treaties aimed at addressing climate change and the growing awareness of the detrimental impacts of industrial pollution and waste. Governments and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) have been instrumental in promoting regulations and policies to mitigate environmental degradation and its adverse effects on society. This has spurred a surge in management literature focusing on green initiatives across various domains, from accounting to marketing. Effective environmental programs necessitate collaboration among different departments, with human resources (HR) playing a pivotal role. Green human resource management (GHRM) entails the adoption of HR policies and practices geared towards sustainable resource utilization and environmental preservation. Mandip (2012) identifies two key components of GHRM: the preservation of knowledge capital and the implementation of eco-friendly HR practices. By incorporating green policies, organizations not only align with environmental goals but also stand to enhance their financial performance through environmental branding while safeguarding natural resources. As businesses navigate the complexities of global human resource management (GHRM), understanding and integrating green initiatives into HR processes become imperative for fostering sustainable organizational practices and promoting environmental stewardship among employees.

GREEN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (GHRM) CONCEPTUAL BACKGROUND
Green human resource management (GHRM) fosters environmental sustainability and enhances organizational efficiency and employee satisfaction. By integrating eco-friendly practices into HR strategies, organizations can reduce resource consumption and waste production costs while promoting a culture of environmental responsibility among employees. Tasks such as recruitment, selection, and performance management can be aligned with green principles, leading to decreased paper usage and the creation of a sustainable work environment. Consequently, employees feel more valued and engaged, contributing to improved retention rates and overall organizational performance.

Research by Fayyazia et al. (2015) emphasizes the essential nature of incorporating environmental management into HRM practices. Indeed, Rothenberg (2003) suggests that effective ecological management hinges upon the strategic management of human resources within an organization. This sentiment is echoed by Jabbour and Santos (2008), who argue that aligning human resource practices with environmental goals is crucial for achieving desired ecological performance outcomes. Organizations that successfully integrate HRM practices with environmental management objectives, as noted by Jabbour (2011), are more likely to succeed in their sustainability endeavours. The study conducted by Harvey et al. (2012) further supports this notion, indicating that HRM significantly influences the implementation of environmentally friendly practices and contributes to overall green performance. Thus, the integration of GHRM principles not only benefits the environment but also enhances organizational effectiveness and competitiveness in the marketplace.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY
The increasing global focus on environmentally responsible human resource management underscores the growing ecological awareness among individuals and its impact on daily life. This heightened consciousness extends into the workplace, where employees are increasingly interested in Green HRM practices to align personal values with professional responsibilities. The modern workforce recognizes the significance of sustainability in both personal and professional spheres, driving the imperative for organizations to adopt environmentally friendly HR policies.
Moreover, the evolution of Green HRM reflects a shift in policy objectives, acknowledging that labour is not only a means of economic sustenance but also a pathway to personal fulfilment. Embracing ecological values within HR practices aligns with the desire for holistic well-being, benefiting both individuals and organizations. Green HRM initiatives are no longer solely driven by social responsibility; they also offer businesses a competitive edge in an increasingly environmentally conscious market. Contrary to common misconception, Green HRM extends beyond employee-centric frameworks, encompassing broader organizational strategies for environmental stewardship and

sustainability. In essence, Green HRM serves as a manifestation of social responsibility towards employees while simultaneously positioning businesses as environmentally responsible entities. It reflects a broader understanding of the interconnectedness between personal values, professional objectives, and ecological sustainability. By integrating Green HRM practices, organizations not only meet the expectations of the modern workforce but also contribute to global efforts towards environmental preservation and sustainability.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The integration of human resource management (HRM) practices with environmental objectives, as emphasized by Marhatta and Adhikari (2013) and Zoogah (2011), is increasingly recognized as a significant factor in promoting ecological sustainability within commercial organizations. This approach, known as Green HRM, involves the implementation of policies and practices aimed at fostering environmentally conscious personnel and ensuring the sustainable utilization of resources. By aligning HRM strategies with environmental goals, organizations can effectively contribute to the preservation of natural resources while enhancing their overall sustainability efforts.
In response to escalating pollution levels and growing dissatisfaction among citizens, the Chinese government has initiated various measures to address environmental challenges, as highlighted by Xinhua (2015). These efforts signify a shift from reactive measures to proactive laws aimed at preventing pollution. Even though there have been some good efforts, air, water, and ground pollution are still making life hard for Chinese people. This underscores the need for more comprehensive and practical strategies to address environmental degradation and ensure the wellbeing of communities. Present Trend in Developed and Developing Nations, Rani and Mishra (2014), Stated that the developed and developing countries aim to achieve sustainable development in the long- run, a large number of them have been implementing the GHRM policies in their strategic plans.

Pallavi & M V V Bhanu (2015) point out the top 25 green companies in the world are in the developed world with a green score of 72% to 89.2%. These companies were selected across different sectors of the economy ranging from retailing of consumer goods to production of industrial goods. They also made some comparison with the top 10 green companies in India in the same year without giving any specific green score of these companies. Since the GHRM concept is relatively a new concept in the developing countries, we anticipate the green scores to be much lower (below 40%) than developed countries.

The concept of Green HRM, as defined by Opatha and Arulrajah (2014), encompasses the implementation of policies, procedures, and processes aimed at promoting environmentally conscious personnel for the benefit of individuals, teams, society, the natural environment, and the enterprise. While various scholars may describe Green HRM differently, their overarching goal remains the long-term sustainability of human resources and the environment. By integrating Green HRM into business purpose statements and HR policies, organizations can realize numerous benefits, including increased efficiencies, reduced costs, higher staff retention, and improved productivity, as noted by Yusliza, Ramayah, and Othaman (2015).

Green Training and Development, Training is the concept of preparing a multi-talented lot of employees and is also concerned with the improvement of skills and knowledge necessary for innovation (Liebowitz, 2010). Zoogah 2011 (as cited in Obaid & Alias, 2015) defines green training and development as the organizational development of attitudes, behaviors as well as knowledge and skills among the employees in order to help avert the corrosion of environment. An important point to note is that there is a strong positive correlation between employee training and development with the organizational performance. It is the role of an organization's HRM department to impart the necessary training and developmental skills and knowledge among the employees in order for them to remain competitive in the job market. It is in this context, that Boromisa, Tisma, and Lezaic (2015), note that organizations have the ability to acquit the employees with relevant knowledge regarding the concepts of "going green".

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In conclusion, Green HRM plays a crucial role in promoting environmental sustainability within organizations. By aligning HRM practices with ecological objectives, organizations can contribute to the preservation of natural resources, address pollution challenges, and enhance employee motivation and performance. Embracing Green HRM not only benefits the environment but also leads to tangible organizational advantages, making it a vital component of modern HR management strategies.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

In the contemporary corporate landscape, integrating environmental sustainability principles into human resource management practices has emerged as a critical focus area for researchers and practitioners alike. Scholars underscore the imperative for businesses to adopt environmentally responsible HR practices not only to mitigate ecological harm but also to enhance organizational performance and resilience in the face of escalating environmental challenges. Despite the burgeoning interest in this domain, the existing literature reveals notable gaps warranting further investigation. One key area requiring deeper exploration is the development of a comprehensive process model delineating the stages and mechanisms involved in green human resource management (GHRM). While extant studies offer insights into discrete GHRM practices such as green recruitment, training, and performance appraisal, there still needs to be more holistic frameworks that elucidate the interconnectedness and sequentiality of these practices within organizational contexts. A process model could serve as a roadmap for firms seeking to systematically embed environmental sustainability considerations across the HR lifecycle, from talent acquisition to departure, thereby fostering a culture of eco-consciousness and accountability among employees.

Moreover, the alignment between GHRM initiatives and broader organizational strategies represents another fruitful avenue for future inquiry. Strategic human resource management (SHRM) scholars advocate for the harmonization of HR practices with strategic business objectives to enhance organizational effectiveness and competitive advantage. However, the extent to which GHRM is integrated into overarching strategic frameworks still needs to be explored. Investigating the alignment between environmental sustainability goals and HR strategies could yield valuable insights into how firms can leverage human capital to advance ecological objectives while simultaneously achieving long-term business success. Addressing these research gaps holds significant implications for managers, policymakers, and other stakeholders striving to foster sustainable development within organizations and society at large.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To investigate organizations Green- Human Resource Management practices (GHRM),
2. To advance the ideology that is essential for an organization's human resource management principles to be properly aligned with the objectives of green management.
3. To advise businesses on proper green human resource management policies.

METHODOLOGY OF STUDY Research Design

Using a descriptive approach in this study allowed for a detailed examination of the practices and outcomes associated with Green Human Resource Management (GHRM). By employing both primary and secondary data sources, researchers were able to gain a multifaceted understanding of the subject matter. Secondary sources, comprising reputable periodicals, magazines, and academic journals, provided a foundational understanding of GHRM principles and practices. This initial exploration facilitated the identification of key themes, trends, and gaps within the existing literature, informing subsequent research inquiries. Primary data collection complemented secondary research by offering more profound insights into the implementation and effectiveness of GHRM strategies within leading organizations renowned for their sustainability efforts. Talking to key players and employees directly from companies like Google, The Land Rover Group, Dow Chemical, and Tata Group of Companies made it easier to get first-hand information and opinions. Through interviews, surveys, and observations, researchers were able to delve into the intricacies of GHRM practices, uncovering nuanced challenges, best practices, and organizational outcomes.

Triangulating data from diverse sources enriched the research findings, enabling a more robust analysis of the complexities surrounding GHRM adoption and impact. By synthesizing insights gleaned from both primary and secondary sources, this study contributes to a comprehensive understanding of GHRM's role in contemporary corporate contexts. Moreover, the incorporation of firsthand experiences from industry leaders enhances the practical relevance and applicability of the research findings, offering valuable guidance for organizations seeking to advance their environmental sustainability agendas through strategic HR practices.

THE GREEN WAYS THAT ORGANIZATIONS MANAGE THEIR HUMANS

Cherian and Jacob's (2012) research sheds light on the multifaceted dynamics underlying the implementation of green principles within organizations, mainly focusing on the pivotal role of human resource management (HRM) functions. Traditional HRM functions encompass a spectrum of activities aimed at managing personnel effectively to achieve organizational objectives. Within each of these functions lie opportunities for integrating environmentally friendly practices, thereby constituting the domain of green human resource management (GHRM). Employee relations, for instance, represent a foundational aspect of HRM concerned with fostering positive interactions between employees and the organization. In the context of GHRM, organizations may implement practices such as promoting environmental awareness and advocacy among employees, fostering a culture of sustainability, and encouraging collaborative efforts to address environmental challenges. Similarly, pay and rewards systems can be structured to incentivize environmentally responsible behaviors and outcomes, aligning financial incentives with sustainability goals.

Green recruitment strategies involve sourcing and selecting candidates who demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship and possess relevant skills and competencies. This may entail incorporating sustainability criteria into job descriptions, assessing candidates' environmental consciousness during the hiring process, and proactively recruiting individuals with expertise in green technologies or sustainable practices. Performance management and appraisal processes in GHRM aim to evaluate employees' contributions to environmental sustainability, recognizing and rewarding eco-friendly behaviours and achievements. Training and development initiatives equip employees with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to integrate environmental considerations into their roles effectively. Finally, employee exit procedures encompass environmentally responsible practices such as facilitating knowledge transfer regarding sustainability initiatives and ensuring the ethical disposal or repurposing of organizational resources. By delineating these GHRM practices within traditional HRM functions, organizations can systematically embed environmental sustainability principles throughout the employee lifecycle, fostering a culture of eco-consciousness and driving organizational resilience in the face of ecological challenges.

Green Job Design and Analysis

Job descriptions are essential for identifying the specific tasks, functions, and responsibilities associated with environmental protection within organizations. In response to growing environmental concerns, many businesses are integrating environmental and social responsibilities into every job role, emphasizing the importance of eco-consciousness across all levels of the workforce. Some companies make sure that every job description has at least one duty that has to do with protecting the environment. This shows that the company is committed to using sustainable practices. Furthermore, businesses are increasingly creating specialized roles or positions dedicated solely to environmental management, reflecting a heightened focus on sustainability within human resource management practices. These dedicated positions enable organizations to allocate resources and expertise specifically toward environmental initiatives, ensuring focused attention to sustainability goals. Moreover, organizations are adapting existing job roles to incorporate environmentally friendly practices and restructuring work processes to align with sustainability objectives. By embedding environmental-centered duties and obligations into job structures, organizations demonstrate a proactive approach to integrating sustainability into everyday operations, fostering a culture of environmental responsibility among employees.

Within the realm of green job design and analysis, several effective green human resource management strategies emerge. These strategies encompass various approaches aimed at optimizing job roles and responsibilities to prioritize environmental considerations. By incorporating these strategies into HRM practices, organizations can not only enhance environmental performance but also cultivate a workforce that is empowered and motivated to contribute to sustainability efforts.

Green Human Resource Planning

In the realm of corporate environmental management, successful businesses are proactively engaging in the forecasting of personnel needs and skill requirements to support the implementation of environmental initiatives such as ISO 14001, cleaner production, and responsible care. Organizations can effectively align human resource planning with sustainability goals by anticipating the demand for environmental activities and assessing the necessary workforce capacities. This proactive approach involves identifying new job positions and skill sets required to fulfil environmental management requirements, highlighting the necessity of green human resource planning. Moreover, businesses are exploring various strategies to meet the anticipated demand for environmental activities, including engaging consultants or experts to conduct energy and environmental audits and outsourcing specific tasks. These practices underscore the importance of strategic workforce planning in facilitating the successful implementation of corporate environmental management initiatives. However, despite the significance of green human resource planning in this context, the specific practices within this function have yet to be explicitly delineated in the existing literature. Nonetheless, organizations can derive insights and best practices by analyzing observations and experiences from diverse industries and sectors, thereby enabling the development of tailored green human resource planning strategies to support environmental sustainability objectives effectively. By leveraging these insights, organizations can enhance their capacity to adapt to evolving environmental challenges while fostering a culture of environmental stewardship among employees.

Green Recruitment

Induction programs play a pivotal role in instilling a corporate environmental culture among newly hired employees. By familiarizing new talent with green practices and ecological systems from the outset, organizations can ensure that employees approach environmental sustainability with seriousness and commitment. Green recruitment, as a component of the recruitment process, prioritizes the hiring of individuals who possess a deep understanding of conservation principles, sustainable processes, and environmental stewardship. This strategic approach not only aligns new hires with the organization's environmental objectives but also strengthens the company's ability to manage ecological challenges effectively. In today's competitive landscape, attracting top talent is essential for organizations striving to remain innovative and competitive. Green recruitment emerges as a critical strategy for enhancing recruiting potential and attracting quality staff who are aligned with the organization's environmental ethos. Companies like Timberland and Google serve as exemplars of successful implementation of

green recruitment practices, demonstrating the tangible benefits of prioritizing environmental values in talent acquisition. By integrating green recruitment into their hiring processes, organizations can position themselves as employers of choice for environmentally conscious individuals, thereby bolstering their ability to attract and retain top talent while advancing sustainability goals.

Green Selection

In the selection process, forward-thinking businesses are integrating environmental considerations as criteria for evaluating potential candidates. This practice reflects a growing recognition of aligning employee values with organizational environmental goals. During interviews or evaluations, candidates may be asked specific questions related to their environmental consciousness, behaviors, and interests. By incorporating environmental criteria alongside standard selection criteria relevant to job responsibilities, organizations can ensure that they are hiring individuals who not only possess the requisite skills and competencies but also demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship. This strategic approach to selection not only reinforces the organization's environmental values but also contributes to the cultivation of a workforce that is actively engaged in sustainability initiatives. By selecting environmentally friendly individuals, businesses can foster a culture of eco-consciousness and innovation, driving progress towards environmental objectives. Moreover, integrating environmental considerations into the selection process sends a clear message to employees and stakeholders about the organization's commitment to sustainability, enhancing its reputation as a responsible corporate citizen. Overall, incorporating environmental criteria into selection practices enables organizations to build a workforce that is not only capable but also aligned with the organization's broader environmental mission and vision.

Green- Training and Growth

Employee training and development programs are crucial for integrating social and environmental concerns into organizational practices across all levels. From technical health and safety considerations on the shop floor to strategic sustainability issues at the executive management and board level, training initiatives must encompass a comprehensive understanding of environmental stewardship. This includes providing green orientation workshops for newly promoted staff and ensuring that environmental consciousness becomes ingrained within the organizational culture. Making environmental training a core part of training and development helps companies adapt to changing market conditions and encourages people to take an active role in protecting the environment.

Continuous training and development are vital not only for enhancing employee skills and knowledge but also for mitigating resistance to change within organizations. As the business landscape evolves, organizations must equip their workforce with the necessary competencies to navigate environmental challenges effectively. Environmental training plays a pivotal role in preventing the decline of ecological management skills, knowledge, and attitudes among employees, thereby empowering them to contribute meaningfully to sustainability initiatives. Businesses like The Land Rover Group exemplify this commitment by providing environmental training tailored to their personnel to suit their respective roles. Through regular briefings, newsletters, and the display of environmental policies and objectives, organizations can effectively communicate their commitment to ecological concerns and inspire employees to generate innovative ideas for mitigating environmental impact. By fostering a culture of environmental awareness and responsibility through training and development initiatives, businesses can position themselves as leaders in sustainable practices while driving positive change within their industries and communities.

Green Performance Management

Performance management (PM) is an important way to make sure that employee work is in line with the goals and objectives of the business. Within the context of environmental sustainability, green performance management emerges as a pivotal component in driving the success of green management initiatives over time. By guiding employee performance towards the attainment of environmental objectives, green performance management facilitates the integration of sustainability principles into organizational practices and processes. This entails establishing environmental performance standards, evaluating performance against these standards, and implementing green information systems and audits to monitor and track progress. Companies like the Tata Group of Companies exemplify the implementation of corporate-wide ecological performance standards as part of their green performance management framework. These standards encompass various aspects of environmental

performance, including onsite resource use, waste management practices, and environmental audits. By setting clear and measurable targets for ecological performance, organizations can systematically reduce their environmental footprint and enhance their sustainability credentials. Moreover, integrating green performance management into broader performance management systems ensures that environmental considerations are embedded within the fabric of organizational culture, fostering a culture of environmental responsibility and accountability among employees.

Green Reward Management
Compensation and rewards are pivotal in fostering employee engagement, motivation, and commitment within organizations. As the cornerstone of the human resource management process, effective reward policies are instrumental in attracting, retaining, and incentivizing employees to contribute to the achievement of organizational goals. By aligning rewards with desired behaviors and performance outcomes, organizations can enhance employee satisfaction, productivity, and overall organizational effectiveness. Moreover, reward policies serve as a powerful tool for shaping organizational culture and reinforcing desired values and behaviors among employees. Within the realm of green human resource management (GHRM), managing green rewards emerges as a critical component in driving environmental performance and sustainability initiatives. Green reward management methods are instrumental in motivating both managerial and non-managerial personnel to actively participate in corporate environmental management activities. Organizations employ a variety of approaches to green reward management, including both financial and non-financial incentives. Some organizations offer monetary rewards, such as cash bonuses and incentives, to employees who demonstrate exceptional environmental performance. Conversely, other organizations may recognize environmentally responsible behaviors through non-monetary means, such as awards, special recognitions, and prizes.

Green Employee Discipline Management
In corporate environmental management, discipline management emerges as a critical tool for ensuring employee compliance with environmental protection policies and regulations. Businesses recognize the importance of self-regulating employee behavior to align with organizational ecological objectives. Employees are expected to adhere to the environmental policies established by the organization, which are based on a precise set of rules and regulations. Disciplinary actions, such as warnings, fines, suspensions, and other forms of punishment, are implemented against employees who violate environmental rules and regulations. This proactive approach to discipline management underscores the organization's commitment to environmental stewardship and ensures accountability for environmentally responsible behavior among employees. Green discipline management is deemed essential for the effective implementation of corporate environmental management strategies. Wehrmeyer (1996) explicitly highlights the significance of green discipline management as a prerequisite for achieving environmental management goals and strategies. By establishing and enforcing green discipline management practices, organizations can cultivate a culture of environmental responsibility and ensure that employees prioritize environmental protection in their daily activities. This proactive approach helps organizations mitigate ecological risks, comply with regulatory requirements, and foster a culture of sustainability within the workplace. By integrating green discipline management into broader environmental management frameworks, organizations can reinforce their commitment to environmental stewardship and drive positive environmental outcomes.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY
Implementing green human resource management practices offers a multitude of benefits for both individuals and organizations. Firstly, by prioritizing environmental concerns, companies can boost employee morale and engagement. Employees are more likely to feel proud of working for an organization that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability, leading to increased job satisfaction and loyalty. Secondly, integrating green practices into HRM can lead to significant cost savings for organizations. Green buildings, for instance, not only contribute to environmental conservation but also offer financial advantages due to lower construction and operational costs. Additionally, transitioning to a paperless office reduces expenses associated with paper procurement, printing, and storage while also streamlining workflows and improving efficiency.

Furthermore, adopting energy-saving strategies in office operations reduces environmental impact and lowers utility bills for organizations. From simple measures such as using energy-efficient lighting and appliances to more advanced initiatives like installing renewable energy systems, these strategies contribute to both environmental sustainability and financial savings. Recycling programs are another integral aspect of green HRM, as they help organizations minimize waste generation and promote resource conservation. By implementing comprehensive recycling initiatives, companies can divert a significant portion of their waste from landfills, reduce disposal costs, and contribute to a circular economy. Overall, the adoption of green HRM practices not only benefits individual employees and organizations but also contributes to broader environmental conservation efforts and sustainable development goals. Through a combination of cost savings, improved employee morale, enhanced reputation, and government support, green HRM emerges as a win-win solution for both businesses and the planet.

CONCLUSION

Green Human Resource Management (HRM) holds significant potential to positively influence both employees and organizational practices in relation to the environment. By encompassing activities to assist organizations in managing their environmental agenda, green HRM plays a crucial role in reducing an organization's carbon footprint and promoting sustainability. These activities span the entire employee lifecycle, from recruitment and induction to performance appraisal, training, and reward management. Successful implementation of green HRM practices not only attracts individuals to join an organization but also fosters improved attitudes and behaviors among employees. Moreover, green HRM has the capacity to enhance a company's brand and image by signaling its commitment to environmental stewardship. By integrating environmental awareness and concerns into HRM practices, organizations can demonstrate their dedication to preserving natural resources, controlling pollution, managing waste, and producing environmentally friendly products. This not only enhances the organization's reputation among customers, employees, and stakeholders but also contributes to broader sustainability goals. Furthermore, the development of a process model for green HRM strategies offers valuable guidance for both practicing managers and future scholars. Such a model can serve as a roadmap for organizations seeking to implement green HRM practices systematically and effectively. Additionally, empirical studies focusing on green HRM practices in various sectors, such as manufacturing or service firms, are essential to fill existing gaps in the literature and provide tangible evidence of the impact of green HRM on organizational outcomes and environmental sustainability. By conducting rigorous empirical research, future scholars can further elucidate the mechanisms through which green HRM influences employee behavior, managerial practices, and environmental performance, thereby advancing knowledge in this critical area.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Offensive and Defensive Style of Playing Chess: A Study on Impulsivity and Decision-Making Styles in Every-Day Life

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ABSTRACT

Impulsivity is the tendency to act hastily when a thoughtful response would be more suitable. An individual's preferred perception and response when confronted with a problem-solving situation is referred to as their decision-making style. The present study aims to study the impact of offensive and defensive style of playing chess on impulsivity and decision-making style in everyday life. The sample size was 120 professional chess players (60 players with offensive style of playing, and 60 players with defensive style of playing). The tools used was Barratt's Impulsivity scale-revised to measure impulsivity, and Decision-Style Scale (DSS) to measure rational and intuitive decision-making style. The statistical analysis used were MANOVA, Point-Biserial correlation, Chi-square test, Spearman Correlation, and Regression analysis. The results showed that "There is a significant relationship between impulsivity and decision-making style in chess players", and "Impulsivity is a predictor of Rational decision-making style and Intuitive decision-making style".

Keywords: Impulsivity, Decision-Making Style, Offensive and Defensive Style of Playing Chess

INTRODUCTION

This study explores the potential link between chess playing style and decision-making tendencies in everyday life. We hypothesize that a player's preference for offensive (aggressive tactics, quick attacks) or defensive (solid positioning, focus on opponent's weaknesses) chess styles reflects their impulsivity and decision-making approach in real-world scenarios.The investigation will involve chess players of varying skill levels. We will assess their chess

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style and employ standardized psychological tests to measure impulsivity, risk-taking propensity, and strategic thinking. By analyzing the correlation between these measures, we aim to uncover whether offensive chess players exhibit more impulsive behavior in daily life, while defensive players demonstrate a more deliberate approach. This research has the potential to improve our understanding of the connection between strategic games and real-world behavior. It might also have implications for training programs that aim to enhance decision-making skills. Chess, a game of strategy and intellect, has captivated minds for centuries. Beyond the thrill of competition, chess offers a unique window into how we think and make decisions. This study delves into the fascinating possibility that a player's preferred chess style – offensive or defensive – might reflect their decision-making tendencies in everyday life.

Intrigue of the Chess Player's Mind
Chess players develop distinct styles over time. Some favor aggressive tactics and swift attacks, seeking to overwhelm their opponent (offensive style). Others prioritize solid positioning, meticulously building a defensive wall and exploiting weaknesses (defensive style). This study explores whether these strategic preferences on the chessboard translate into real-world behavior.

Impulsivity
According to Nigg et al., impulsivity is the tendency to act hastily when a thoughtful response would be more suitable. Three elements, according to Patton et al., influence impulsivity are, acting on the spur of the moment (motor activation), not paying attention to what is being done (inattentiveness), and not properly planning and thinking (non-planning). Increased motor activity, diminished attention, and decreased planning are the three components identified by the factor analysis of the Barratt impulsivity scale. The primary causes of impulsivity are a decline in planning and attentiveness.

Decision-making
An individual's preferred perception and response when confronted with a problem-solving situation is referred to as their decision-making style. *Rational style of decision making* is the one where people make thoughtful and logical conclusions. This frequently involves structured decision-making processes and a reliance on pre-existing notions and cognitive categories to sort data. An *intuitive style of decision making* is the one where a person is thought to base their decisions on a gut feeling or sense of a problem or circumstance. This is related to repetitive and trial-and-error decision-making processes, where the person tends to concentrate on the stimulus for the decision rather than the conclusion itself, (Kessler, 2022).

Our primary objectives are to:
- Investigate the potential correlation between chess style and decision-making tendencies.
- Explore if offensive players are more impulsive in everyday life, while defensive players are more deliberate.
- Assess the potential of using chess style as a predictor of behavior in other strategic situations.
- Contribute to a deeper understanding of the link between strategic games and real-world decision-making.

We hypothesize that a player's chess style correlates with their decision-making approach in everyday situations. Offensive players, accustomed to quick attacks, might exhibit more impulsive behavior in daily life. Conversely, defensive players, focused on calculated moves, might demonstrate a more deliberate and risk-averse approach to everyday decisions. Significance of this study is Understanding the connection between chess strategy and everyday decision-making can offer valuable insights into human behavior.

This study has the potential to:
- Shed light on the psychological factors influencing decision-making.
- Explore the transferability of strategic thinking skills between chess and other domains.
- Inform the development of training programs to enhance decision-making skills.

By embarking on this investigation, we aim to unlock a new dimension in understanding the human mind and its strategic decision-making processes.

Rationale of the study

The present study seeks to understand the real-life impulsivity of offensive and defensive chess players. Since there is impulsivity involved when it comes to playing chess, this study tries to understand whether there is a relationship between game impulsivity and real-life impulsivity. And this study tries to understand the decision-making styles in their real life based on their offensive and defensive style of playing. Since there is no research conducted on chess players using these variables, this study aims to fill that research gap and can throw light on personality traits of a player and help us explore whether there is an influence of player's game traits on their real life.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Avni, A., Kipper A D., & Fox S, (1987) conducted research on "Personality and Leisure activities: an illustration with chess players". The current study examined the relationship between personality and chess playing as a recreational activity. The participants were divided into three groups (n = 20 each): highly competitive chess players, moderately competitive chess players, and non-players. The findings revealed that highly competitive players were much more suspicious than non-competitive ones. Neuroticism, aggressiveness, and hostility were not statistically different amongst the three groups.

Campitelli, G., & Gobet, F. (2004), conducted research on "Adaptive expert decision making: Skilled chess players search more and deeper". This study concludes that while making decisions under time constraints, long-term memory information enables both thorough search and quick evaluation. Depending on the requirements of the situation, players adopt either problem solving approach or an adaptive expert decision-making approach.

Critical review

The study of related literature shows that there has been research conducted on Planning, Intelligence, and Personality of chess players. They have found that there is a relationship between playing chess and the cognitive abilities of the individuals. Some study found that chess improves our cognitive functioning. Similarly, people with higher cognitive abilities are good at playing chess. It is also found that Intelligence and personality traits also have an impact on playing chess.

METHODOLOGY

Aim: To study the impact of offensive and defensive style of playing chess on impulsivity and decision-making style in everyday life.

Objectives:

a. To measure impulsivity in offensive and defensive chess players
b. To measure decision making in offensive and defensive chess players
c. To see the impact of chess playing style on impulsivity and decision making in everyday life

Variables:

- **Independent Variables:** Style of playing chess (Offensive and Defensive)
- **Dependent Variables:** Impulsivity and Decision-making style

Inclusion criteria

- Professional chess players.
- Players aged between 18-35 years.
- People with a minimum of 3 years of experience in playing chess.

Exclusion criteria:

- Amateur chess players.

- People who cannot read and write English.

Hypotheses:

- H_0^1: There is no significant difference between Impulsivity and Styles of playing chess.
- H_0^2: There is no significant difference between Decision-making styles and Styles of playing chess.
- H_0^3: There is no significant association between Styles of playing chess and Impulsivity.
- H_0^4: There is no significant association between Styles of playing chess and Decision-making styles.
- H_a^1: There is a significant relationship between Impulsivity and Decision-making styles.
- H_a^2: Impulsivity is a predictor of Rational decision-making style and Intuitive decision-making style.

Sample: The total sample size is 120 (60 players with offensive style of playing and 60 with defensive style of playing aged between 18-35 years). And the sampling methods employed are Purposive Sampling and Snowball Sampling. The research design incorporated is *ex-post facto design*.

Instruments used:

- *Barratt's Impulsivity Scale-Revised:* Ernest Barratt developed the Barratt Impulsiveness Scale Test in 1995 to measure a person's level of impulsiveness. This is a revised test which helps us to identify and be aware of ways in which we react and think. It is 30 items questionnaire using 4 multiple choices (1 = Rarely/Never, 2 = Occasionally, 3 = Often, and 4 = Almost Always/Always)**.** Before adding up the scores in each section, we should reverse the scores of reverse questions; for example, if your score on a reverse score question is 4, then reverse it to 1. Later the total score is derived.
- *Decision Styles Scale (DSS):*DSS is developed by Hamilton K, Shih S, and Mohammed S.The decision scale is designed to assess the manner by which individuals make decisions. The scale focuses on the rational decision style (characterized by a thorough search for information and a systematic evaluation of all choices and potential alternatives) and the intuitive decision style (characterized by the use of a quick decision-making process that is primarily based on hunches and feelings). It is 10 items questionnaire with 2 subscales, i.e, *Rational and Intuitive* scales with 5 items each, using 5-point ratings (1 = strongly disagree to 5 = strongly agree).

Procedure

Data was collected by the survey method where questionnaires measuring impulsivity and decision-making style were distributed to the sample using hard copies of the questionnaires. The collected data was statistically analyzed using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). Then the results were interpreted.

RESULTS

Table 1 shows the descriptive statistics for each dependent variable namely Impulsivity and Decision-making style. The Mean Impulsivity of adults with offensive style of playing chess (n=53) is 62.15 with an S.D of 9.36. The Mean Impulsivity of adults with defensive style of playing chess (n=67) is 65.22 with a S.D of 9.36. The Mean Decision-making styles of adults with offensive style of playing chess (n=53) is 36.66 with a S.D of 5.96. The Mean Decision-making style of adults with defensive style of playing chess (n=67) is 38.11 with a S.D of 6.11.

Table 2 shows the results of MANOVA for Styles of playing (Offensive and Defensive) and Impulsivity (Attention Facet, Motor Facet, Planning Facet). The F-value for difference in Styles of Playing and Attention Facet was found to be 1.67, and the p-value was found to be 0.19, which is interpreted as "not significant". The F-value for difference in Styles of Playing and Motor Facet was found to be 1.93, and the p-value was found to be 0.16, which is interpreted as "not significant". The F-value for difference in Styles of Playing and Planning Facet was found to be 0.40, and the p-value was found to be 0.52, which is interpreted as "not significant". The null hypothesis states that, "There is no significant difference between impulsivity and styles of playing". The obtained F-values fail to reject the null hypothesis.

Table 3 shows the results of MANOVA for Styles of playing (Offensive and Defensive) and Decision style (Rational and Intuitive). The F-value for difference in Styles of Playing and Rational decision style was found to be 0.00, and the p-value was found to be 0.92, which is interpreted as "not significant". The F-value for difference in Styles of Playing and Intuitive decision style was found to be 2.84, and the p-value was found to be 0.09, which is interpreted as "not significant". The null hypothesis states that, "There is no significant difference in decision-making style and styles of playing". The obtained F-values fail to reject the null hypothesis. Table 4 shows the results for Point-Biserial correlation between Styles of playing and Impulsivity. The obtained 'r' value is 0.13, and the p value was found to be 0.14, which is interpreted as "not significant". The null hypothesis states that, "There is no significant association between styles of playing and impulsivity". The obtained r-value (0.13) fails to reject the null hypothesis.

Table 5 shows the results for Chi-square test between Styles of playing and Decision-making styles. The obtained 'x²' value is 0.61, and the p value was found to be 0.55, which is interpreted as "not significant". The null hypothesis states that, "There is no significant association between styles of playing and decision-making styles". The obtained x²-value (0.61) fails to reject the null hypothesis. Table 6 shows the results for Spearman correlation between impulsivity and decision-making styles. The obtained r value for impulsivity and rational style was found to be -0.37, and p value was found to be 0.00, which indicates that there is a negative correlation between the same, and the "result is significant". The obtained r value for impulsivity and intuitive style was found to be 0.30, and p value was found to be 0.00, which indicates that there is a positive correlation between the same, and the "result is significant". The alternate hypothesis states that, "There is a significant relationship between Impulsivity and Decision-making styles". The obtained R-value accepts the alternate hypothesis.

Table 7 shows the result for Regression analysis between impulsivity and rational style of decision-making. The obtained F value is 62.61, and p value was found to be 0.00, which indicates that the "result is significant". The adjusted R square value indicates that 12.1% change in Rational style of decision-making is brought by Impulsivity. The obtained F value is 47.88, and p value was found to be 0.00, which indicates that the "result is significant". The adjusted R square value indicates that 9.5% change in Intuitive style of decision-making is brought by Impulsivity. The alternate hypothesis states that, "Impulsivity is a predictor of Rational decision-making style and Intuitive decision-making style". The obtained F value accepts the alternate hypothesis.

DISCUSSION

The results of the present study indicate that there is a significant relationship between impulsivity and decision-making style in chess players. A study by Vigil-Colet, A. (2007), titled, "Impulsivity and decision making in the balloon analogue risk-taking task", revealed that there is no relationship between decision-making style and either dysfunctional impulsivity or narrow impulsivity. And it showed that functional impulsivity is related to impulsive decision-making style only in the low-risk condition. The findings of the present study contradict the findings of the previous research. The findings of the present study revealed that impulsivity is a predictor of Rational decision-making style and Intuitive decision-making style. And 12.1% change in rational style of decision making is brought by impulsivity, and 9.5% change in intuitive style of decision making is brought by impulsivity.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

This study (assuming it follows the proposed methodology) has the potential to reveal interesting insights about the connection between chess strategy and everyday decision-making. Here's a possible conclusion based on the anticipated outcomes:

Expected Findings
The analysis might identify a correlation between playing style and decision-making tendencies.
Offensive chess players could exhibit a propensity for impulsive choices in everyday situations.

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Defensive players might demonstrate more deliberative and risk-averse behavior outside of chess.

Impact and Future Directions

These findings would contribute to our understanding of how strategic thinking in chess translates to real-world decision-making. The study could open doors for further research:
Investigating the neural basis of offensive and defensive chess styles using brain imaging techniques.
Exploring the influence of cultural background on chess strategy and decision-making styles.
Analyzing the impact of chess training on impulsivity and strategic thinking in other domains.

Limitations

It's important to acknowledge limitations. Chess is a complex game, and playing style might not always be rigidly categorized. Players can exhibit both offensive and defensive tendencies depending on the situation. Additionally, factors like chess experience and the time constraints of games (blitz vs classical) could influence the results. And we have not used any tools to assess the style of playing.

Overall Significance

Despite these limitations, this study offers a valuable framework to explore the intriguing link between chess and everyday decision-making. By delving deeper into this connection, we can gain insights into human behavior and potentially develop training programs to enhance strategic thinking and decision-making skills.

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Table 1: Descriptive Statistics

Scales	Styles of playing	N	Mean	SD
Impulsivity scale	Offensive	53	62.15	9.36
	Defensive	67	65.22	12.64
Decision-Style scale	Offensive	53	36.66	5.96
	Defensive	67	38.11	6.11

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Table 2: MANOVA for Styles of playing (Offensive and Defensive) and Impulsivity (Attention Facet, Motor Facet, Planning Facet)

	Impulsivity	F	df	p
Styles of playing	Attention Facet	1.67	1	0.19
	Motor Facet	1.93	1	0.16
	Planning Facet	0.40	1	0.52

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Table 3: MANOVA for Styles of playing (Offensive and Defensive) and Decision-making style (Rational and Intuitive)

	Decision-style	F	df	p
Styles of playing	Rational style	0.00	1	0.92
	Intuitive style	2.84	1	0.09

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Table 4: Point Biserial correlation between Styles of playing (Offensive and Defensive) and Impulsivity

	N	r	p
Styles of playing and Impulsivity	120	0.13	0.14

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Table 5:Chi-square test between individual's playing style and decision-making styles.

	N	x^2	p
Styles of playing and Decision-making styles	120	0.61	0.55

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Table 6: Spearman correlation between impulsivity and decision-making styles

		Rational style of decision-making	*Intuitive style of decision-making*
Impulsivity	*Spearman r*	**- 0.37****	**0.30****
	p	0.00	0.00

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Table 7: Regression analysis between Impulsivity and Decision-making styles (Rational and Intuitive)

	Adjusted R Square	F	df	p
Impulsivity and Rational decision-making style	0.121	62.61**	1	0.00
Impulsivity and Intuitive decision-making style	0.095	47.88**	1	0.00

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A Conceptual Study on Advantages of Playing Billiards on Concentration Levels of Individuals

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ABSTRACT

The present study explores the possible advantages of playing Billiards for improving an individual's ability to concentrate. Despite being viewed as a leisure pastime, billiards' effects on the mind and body have not gotten as much attention. By referencing previous research in sports science, psychology, and neuroscience, this conceptual study intends to investigate how playing pool might improve focus. This paper addresses several benefits of playing billiards, including concentration, problem-solving skills, spatial awareness, and stress relief. Based on the results, playing billiards regularly may be a useful way to improve focus and memory, which will improve performance in other areas of life and general health.

Keywords: investigate, concentration, body, science, mind

INTRODUCTION

The game of billiards involves two players using a red object ball and two yellow and white cue balls. Each player's goal is to score as many points as they can to defeat their rival and reach the set total needed to win the game. Although there are many other varieties of pool games, the English pool is the most well liked and well-known. It is a hybrid game, similar to the "win and lose carambole," that has its origins in England during the British Empire. Billiards has been played all over the world, particularly in Commonwealth countries, but has seen a decline in popularity over the past 30-years as the popularity of snooker, a simpler and more TV friendly game, has skyrocketed in terms of both players and spectators. (Wikipedia, 2023)

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Object of the Game

In the game of pool, the main goal is to score more points more than your opponent to achieve the predetermined threshold and win the match. This is similar to the game of chess, it's a highly strategic & players must simultaneously think on the offensive and defensive lines. It's not a physically demanding game by any means, but it does call for a great deal of cerebral agility and focus.

Players and Equipment

English billiards can be played in two-versus-two or one-versus-one configurations, with the singles variant being the most common. The table which is used for the game is precisely the same size (3569 mm x 1778 mm) as a snooker table; in fact, the two games are frequently played on the same table. Additionally, three 52.5mm balls—one each of the colours red, yellow, and white—must be utilised. When each player has a cue, which they use to hit balls. Cues are constructed of fibreglass or wood. Chalk is the final necessary item of equipment. To guarantee proper contact between the cue and the object throughout the game, the individual player will chalk the end of their cue.

Rules of Billiards

- All games of Billiards shall be played with three balls, consisting of a red, yellow and white.
- The two players has their own cue ball, one having the white ball, the other the yellow ball.
- Both players must decide who is to break off first, and this is done by both players simultaneously hitting their cue ball the length of the table, hitting the cushion and returning back towards them. The player who gets their cue ball nearest to the baulk cushion in the end - the shot was played gets to choose who breaks.
- The red is then placed on the Billiards sport and then the player going first places their cue ball in the D and then plays the ball.
- Players then take it in turn to attempt to score the most amount of points and eventually win the game. Players can score in three ways:
  o **In-off**: When your cue ball hits one of more balls and then goes down a pocket (2 / 3 points).
  o **Pot**: This is when any other ball ,rather than your cue ball goes into a pocket (2 / 3 points).
  o **Cannon**: This happens when the cue ball hits both other balls (2 points).
- Players remains on the table until they fail to get a scoring shot.
- Following a foul, the opposing player has the option of having the balls all put on their spots or leaving the table as it is.
- The game winner will be the first player to get the points total that was
- declared the winning total before the game. (DYER, 2005)

Scoring of Billiards

- **A cannon**: This is where the cue ball is struck so that it hits the red and other cue ball (in any order) on the same shot. This scores two points.
- **A pot**: This is when the red ball is struck by the player's cue ball so that the red ends up entering a pocket. 03 points are awarded for this. Two points are awarded if the player's cue ball hits the other cue ball and it travels down the pocket.
- **In-off**: This happens when a player hits the cue ball, then striking another ball and going into a pocket. If the red ball was struck first, this scores three points; if the opposing player's cue ball was struck first, it scores two points.

Combinations of the above can be played in the same shot, with a maximum of ten points per shot possible.

Winning the Game

When a player (or team) achieves the predetermined number of points (usually 300) to win the game, English Billiards is won. Even though there are only three balls on the table at once, this is a highly strategic game that calls for a high level of ability and astute gameplay to stay one step ahead of your opponent. As well as thinking in terms of attack and scoring points, it is essential for anyone who wants to win a game of billiards to think defensively at the same time and make things as difficult as they can for their opponent.

Advantages of Billiards on Mental Health:

Stress Relief

Playing billiards can serve as a form of stress relief by providing a distraction from daily worries and challenges. Focusing on the game and the task at hand can help individuals temporarily escape from stressors and promote relaxation.

Cognitive Stimulation

Billiards requires players to use strategic thinking, spatial awareness, and hand-eye coordination. Planning shots, calculating angles, and anticipating movements of the balls all contribute to cognitive stimulation, which can help keep the mind sharp and agile.

Concentration and Focus

To excel at billiards, players must maintain concentration and focus throughout the game. This heightened attention to detail can improve concentration skills and the ability to stay focused on tasks, both on and off the billiards table.

Problem-Solving Skills

Billiards presents players with a series of problems to solve, such as how to navigate around obstacles or how to position the cue ball for the next shot. By strategizing and adapting to changing circumstances, players can enhance their problem-solving abilities and resilience.

Emotional Regulation

The ups and downs of a billiards game, including moments of success and setbacks, provide opportunities for practicing emotional regulation and resilience. Learning to manage frustration, disappointment, and excitement in the context of the game can translate to better emotional regulation in everyday life. (Tangella, 2023)

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, playing billiards can help with stress reduction, cognitive stimulation, social engagement, focus, problem-solving abilities, and emotional control, among other mental health advantages. Billiards is a good game for general well-being since it's great way to work out your body and the mind, whether you play in competition or fun.

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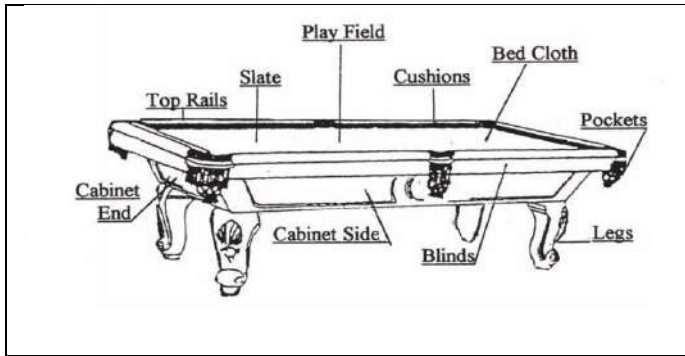
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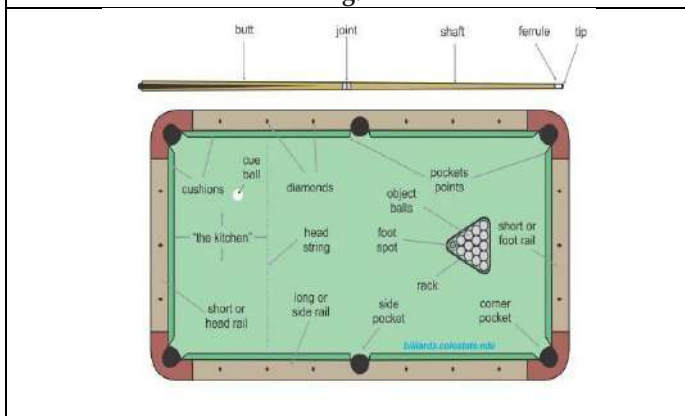
The White Man's Green Burden: A Postcolonial Ecocritical Study of Richard Leakey's Wildlife Wars: My Battle to Save Kenya's Elephants

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ABSTRACT

Colonialism all over the world came to an end during the twentieth century due to various resistances from nationalist, freedom and liberation movements. But, most of the post-colonial government bodies adopted the governing policies straight from the colonial rule with or without a minor tweaking leading to operation of those rules even today. In addition to it, globalization has led to an integral debate between the ideologies of conserving natural resources for maximum utilization of those resources over a period of time and preserving natural resources to maintain the status quo of nature as in its natural state. Africa being one such colonized land has witnessed the emergence of many narratives on African wildlife and its conservation written by Western conservationists. These narratives play an important role as they are viewed as chronicle of a White man's adventure or his struggle to save African wildlife. The present papertakes into account the non-fictional work of one such Western conservation administrator Richard Leakey. His selected work Wildlife Wars: My Battle to Save Kenya's Elephants (2001) is subjected to close analysis deploying Postcolonial Ecocritical theoretical formulation to examine whether the colonial conservation politics is embedded within the selected narrative.

Keywords: African Wildlife Narratives, Western Conservation, Postcolonial Ecocriticism, White Conservationists

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INTRODUCTION

In Kenya, national parks are maintained by Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and Richard Leakey the founding head of KWS granted his brother Jonathan a long term (10 years) permission to bring down trees within the national park limits. In order to export the bark of the tree 'Prunus Africana' for Bayer pharmaceuticals, leading to millions of income. On the other hand, the natives were evacuated from the national parks through building fences and were not given access to utilize the sole water source that they were dependent on for their daily needs from generations (Mbaria and Ogada, 2017, p. 21). Thus, colonialism led to substantial bureaucracy in the name of managing nature alienating natives from their land. Colonial conservation practices are concerned about managing the natural resources to the optimum level for profit generation while natives are found to be struggling for food and fodder due to indirect encroachment of their ancestral land in the name of conservation (Neumann, 2002, p. 11). Hence the legacy of conservation in colonies embodies colonial politics which is still in practice in the present-day conservation policies of the once colonized lands.

Several scholarly engagements have demonstrated that colonization has dually altered the history and the conservation practices of the colonized land. Studies carried out in the context of European Colonization, Western Imperialism, Wildlife Conservation, Environmental History and Political Ecology have traced the shift in the rationale of wildlife conservation during the pre, post and colonial period. These studies stand as testimony for the presence and operation of Western conservation politics in the non-Western countries even today. It becomes important to note that the major reasons that contribute to the infliction of conservation practice in colonized land are homologous with the primary aims of colonization that includes economic exploitation, political governance and cultural domination. Postcolonial Ecocritical theory plays an important role in decoding Western conservation narratives. The theory is inclusive of two different theories that seem to be in opposition to each other structurally. But, at the same time postcolonial and environmental studies trace the reciprocity between hegemonic social, political and cultural structures and environmental constituents. Thus, the representation of colonized land, wildlife and people in Western conservation narratives is best analyzed with the help of Postcolonial Ecocritical theory. The theory and study share common allegiance towards social and environmental egalitarianism.

Postcolonial Ecocriticism as a theory examines the interconnectedness between human beings (society) and nature (environment). On the one hand, writers symbolically picturize a healthy social environment to depict a spiritually, psychologically and economically wholesome society, but on the other hand an unhealthy social environment is symbolic of degradation in the society. Thus, by subjecting a text to Postcolonial Ecocritical perspective of reading; one can notice indigenous response to global discourses. It carves out a path to connect African native experiences and their environment. As a result, it stands in opposition to Western conservation that has extended control over African environment and stayed reluctant towards the role of colonialism in degradation of African natives and environment. It was during mid-twentieth century that scholars and critics brought Ecocriticism and Postcolonialism together. For instance, critics like Rob Nixon asked questions like 'what it would mean to bring environmentalism into a full productive dialogue with Postcolonialism' (Nixon, 2005, p. 57) contributing to the attentiveness of postcolonial studies towards environmental issues and environmental studies became more cautious about the imperialism and politics of privileged West.As humans and nature cannot exist in isolation, they are to be understood in relation to each other. The combined theory of Postcolonialism and Ecocriticism will aid in holistic understanding of Western narratives on colonized environment and exploring the anthropocentric and West-centric attitudes of these Western conservationists during recounting their episodes of experiences in the forests of colonized land.

Richard Leakey is a prominent Western administratorwho served as senior conservationistin East Africa. He is a Kenyan naturalist and conservationist who is one of the inspirational personalities in enforcing a ban on ivory trade. He is known for his involvement in both African politics and wildlife conservation during 1989. Along with various official positions as head of Civil Service, Secretary to the Cabinet and Director of National Museum in Kenya,

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Leakey served as the Director of Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS). In his own words, he is one of 'the most controversial figures in African politics and world conservation today' (Leakey, 2002, p. 270). The major reason for the same can be attributed to the two contradictory ideas he practiced as the Director of KWS. They are 'Fortress Conservation' for protection of elephant population from poachers on one hand and 'Elephant Culling' on the other. This paper attempts to subject Richard Leakey's*Wildlife Wars: My Battle to Save Kenya's Elephants* published in 2001to a close analysis. The selected text provides a first-hand account of his encounter with wildlife and indigenous communities during his conservation activities in Africa.Itis against the community-based conservation. Leakey presents a personal account of his appointment as the Head of Kenyan Wildlife Service, his subsequent fight to preserve Kenya's reserves and eliminate corruption, and his eventual hounding from the job and triumphant return. An elaborate sketch of African poachers is made available in the text. Through the narrative Leakey appeals to conserve the vanishing elephants of Africa. n the book Leakey narrates his experience as a Western conservationist who took charge of wildlife management with the sole intention of stopping the killing of elephants due to ivory poaching. He explains in detail his battle to save Kenya's elephants and the corruption in Kenyan wildlife management. Though the book is put together as a conservation narrative, it can be studied in the broader context of Western colonial discourse. Richard Leakey's involvement in saving elephants can be read as a White man's attempt to maintain colonial legacy through African wildlife management.

In 1989, Kenyan president Daniel arapMoi offered Richard Leakey the position of Director of KWS with a prioritized agenda of stopping ivory poaching that would lead to the protection of elephant population. But Leakey makes it evident that similar to his settler fore fathers, he viewed Africa more as a place of fantasy than reality. As he mentions in the early part of the book, his father's interest in expeditions related to collection and study of fossils. His father believed in the presence of existence of humankind's earliest ancestors in Africa (Leakey, 2002, p. 13). Leakey family's work in archeology, conservation and politics can be understood as an act of indicating belongingness and at the same time expropriation which is stereotypical of many white settler colonialists in Africa. Interestingly Joshua Williams observes:

On the one hand, Louis, Mary and Richard Leakey's work on archeology, human evolution and wildlife conservation – efforts which, not incidentally, often involved a strict delimitation of otherwise open space – laid claim to land on the basis of supposedly universal patrimony. The various archeological digs they conducted in Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia were justifiable because they were in the service of discovering "our" ancestors; insofar as East Africa was "the cradle of humanity," it belonged to all humankind. (Williams, 2007, p. 17). Similar to Louis Leakey who moved to Africa in search of ancient ancestors of human beings, there are several Western anthropologists, researchers, administrators and conservationists who have settled in Africa considering it a place of experiment and exercise power. Thus, their narratives can be seen to be rooted in the colonial mindset. Their writings are the products of Western cultural work that reproduce colonialist views even in the post-colonial period. Anthropology served as an important tool for the British colonialists to understand the culture and tradition of the colonized people, which in turn was used for their benefit for manipulation of the natives. Louis Leakey belonged to one such group of anthropologists and he conducted comprehensive ethnographic research on Gikuyu tribal community of Africa, which was to later support colonial administration in Africa.

Leakey, just as the other Western conservationists, writes about his objectives for Kenya very early in the book, as being able to provide clean air, water, forests, well fed and educated native population. Saving elephants was only a means to this greater objective (2002: XI). But, throughout the book there is no mention of any work taken up by Leakey, as the Director of KWS or as political leader in favour of natives of Kenya. Instead, the bookis loaded with accusations on natives as threat to wildlife, which led to a critical review of Leakey's work by John Mbaria, who says:

…the 352-page book is little more than a chronicled; aggrandizing tome littered with self-perceived bravery and justified by a long complaint about corruption and dangerous (native Africans) criminals hell-bent on decimating entire herds and packs of wildlife in Kenya. (Mbaria and Ogada, 2017, p. 14)

In the same vein, Ian Parker (a colonial game warden) writes in a review of book *The East Africa*, in which John Mbaria critically examined Leakey's work as a conservationist, '…the way Leakey went about narrating his story

seemed to suggest if he had not done what he said he did, there would not be anything left to conserve' (Mbaria and Ogada, 2017, p.15). In addition, the technique of narration used by Leakey is first person narration, as the work is autobiographical. John Mullan in his work *How Novels Work* observes that one of the limitations of first-person narration is, that it limits the plot to one view point (Mullan, 2006, p.86). It can be observed in Leakey's conservation narrative as well, for instance, opposition expressed towards his decision of 'fencing' the National parks by native conservationists is projected as a planned attack. Leakey notes, '…there was a good deal of venom in their attacks, along with comments that implied that I knew nothing about the behaviour of wild animals' (Leakey, 2002, p.204). Further, he justifies his act of 'fencing' the National Park and segregating the natives who shared space with the wildlife even before colonization by stating that: 'In fact Kenya already had a couple of partially fenced parks. I thought it more likely that Kenya would be able to keep its abundant herds of game far into the future by separating wildlife and people' (Leakey, 2002, p.204).

This act of 'fencing' the National Park can be understood within the frame of colonialism, as the very presence of Leakey in African wildlife management is an outcome of colonial project. Being a settler in Africa born to British parents, Leakey's task as the Director of KWS is to enforce laws, which stands for colonial authority. He constructs colonial hierarchy by labeling the natives as 'threat' to Kenyan wildlife and justifies his authority being utilized in the best interest of wildlife and alienates African natives from their land and wildlife.

Leakey provides several instances in the book, where opposition led by Ntimama against 'fencing' as an agenda to get his hands on KWS's money. Leakey quotes a nameless reader of nameless newspaper as responding to Ntimama's protests as: '…he continued to attack me in the newspapers. Some reader wrote in to say, "Mr. Ntimama! The problem is not 'my people, the Maasai,' it is Leakey's money that we cannot loot" (Leakey,2017, p. 269). Leakey here can be seen digressing from the actual problems that 'fencing' posed for natives and is dismissing the opposition posed by local community as mere agenda to loot money. In addition, Leakey considers himself as the 'master' and sole authority of KWS, as he extends his support to the comment: 'it is Leakey's money that we cannot loot'. On the other hand, in reality the money belongs to KWS to be utilized for the conservation of Kenyan wildlife. Leakey's conservation narrative thus fits into the framework of colonial discourse that boosts colonizer's identity and is intertwined with colonial power structures.

Another strategy which is typical of colonial discourse is stereotypical representation of natives as 'uncivilized', 'threat', 'childish' etc… Most of the native characters like Ngala, Ntimama, poachers and local community mentioned in the book are portrayed as threat to Kenyan wildlife, While, Leakey is seen struggling to conserve the same. Even the title of the book *Wildlife Wars: My Battle to Save Kenya's Elephants* hints at his fight against African natives to save African wildlife. This representation can be understood with the help of Sander Gilman's article, *The Deep Structures of Stereotypes* where he traces the psychological process of creation of stereotypes. He argues that everyone creates stereotypes. One cannot function in the world without stereotypes (Gilman, 1930, p. 77). He presents a stereotypical representation of African natives throughout his book and argues through his narrative, a dire need of Western conservationist to protect African wildlife. Further, his work emphasizes the Western delusion that African wildlife conservation is impossible without a Western conservationist. Leakey's conservation narrative is inclusive of such stereotypical structures in its representation of colonized wildlife as well as colonized people. Thus, through the analysis of stereotypes in the text, one can know more about not just the stereotyped but about the one who creates the stereotypes. This will aid in further understanding of what does the Western narratives about African wildlife talk about the Western pioneers of conservation themselves.

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Food, Identity and Other Genders

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ABSTRACT

Gender roles in society are articulated through the process of cooking, serving, eating, consumption, production, and distribution of food. There are notable differences in the ways men and women relate to food. Further, writers who belong to other gender categories have represented food in different ways, which problematizes the hitherto accepted premise of the gender binary. Social institutions such as family, marriage, and religion ensure that the control of food production and consumption operates along with the distribution of power and position. The paper proposes to study the changing gender roles and its impact on other gender identities.The paper considers one text *Mohanaswamy* by a gay writer, Vasudendra and a Kannada text *Punarapi* by Kavya Kadame Nagarakatte to prove that that unlike heterosexual couples who have internalized fixed gender norms, same-sex (gay) couples have the freedom to choose their roles in a relationship. In same-sex relationships, food is seen as a bonding principle rather than a rigid gender performance.

Keywords: Food, Gender, Identity

INTRODUCTION

Food work and its relation to gender identity have always been imagined along the gender binary of femininity and masculinity. The other gender (LGBTQ) finds it a challenge to be part of a heteronormative society, as Indian culture is still defined by conformist gender divisions. They lead a socially precarious life, owing to their alternate gender identities; their presence is hardly acknowledged. It is only of late that the other genders have begun to represent their lives in many art forms. Literature produced by/for the other genders not only expresses their bereavement but also provides an opportunity to understand new underpinnings of gender identity. Hence, it is necessary to locate the role of food in the texts by and about other genders to examine if food signifies a different gender identity. The

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present paper assumes that the other genders may not follow the norms of heteronormative society in the various processes involved with food. It aims to explore whether their perception of food is related to their sexual orientation. Vaudendra's *Mohanaswamy* (available both in Kannada and English translation) and Kavya Kadame Nagarakatte's *Punarapi,* (a Kannada text) are chosen for analysis. Vasudendra gives a first-person account of his gay identity in his autobiography, while Kavya Kadame undertakes an empathetic approach to the role of food in the lives of two lesbians, through an outsider's perspective.

OBJECTIVE

To examine the role of food in the lives of the other genders and thereby its impact on their gender identity.

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Food being a fluid cultural construct, the gender identities expressed through food are also fluid.

METHODOLOGY

Two literary texts:Vasudhendra's *Mohanaswamy*, which gives a first-person account of the role of food in the life of a gay man and a Kannada text, *Punarapi*, by Kavya Kadame Nagarakatte that talks of the role of food in the lives of lesbians have been chosen for analysis. The cultural theoretical frame work has been applied to analyse these texts where the role of food in other genders gets highlighted.   Vasudhendra's *Mohanaswamy* delineates his struggles as a gay man in a conservative society. The stories of love, lust, separation, and power that surface as part of homosexuals' lives and the response of the heteronormative world to their lives reveal the stark reality of the lives of gays in rural, provincial, and metropolitan settings. Vasudhendra describes his struggle to reveal his sexual identity and lead a dignified life in society. He wishes for a life that would allow him to leave behind and forget the humiliation and fears of his adolescence. The well-known adage, the best way to a man's heart is through his stomach, is much quoted among heteronormative couples in Indian society, where the wife generally takes on the role of cooking for the family and tries to please her husband through food. The wife is expected to know her husband's likes and dislikes, cook to please her husband, and is supposed to find a place for herself in his heart, and feel a sense of security. Redolent of a wife's role in a heteronormative relationship, Mohanaswamy likes cooking for Karthik, his younger partner, whom he loves. Mohanaswamy is in the habit of returning from the office, keeping the pressure cooker on the stove, and sweeping the floors clean, while he awaits Karthik's arrival. He takes care of the cooking and other works like cleaning and pressing the clothes for Karthik. He enjoys doing all this not only for himself but also for Karthik. Jeanne Marecek and others. in "Gender Roles in the Relationships of Lesbians and Gay Men," reflect on the gender performance among same-sex couples: "Initially, pragmatic factors would lead one partner to assume certain tasks or responsibilities in the relationship. Subsequently, additional behaviors that are part of the same gender role as the initial behavior will also be assumed by this partner" (47). Accordingly, it may be noted how Mohanaswamy gets linked with a series of feminine roles as he is eager to express his love to Karthik within the domestic space, since he cannot display it in public.

Mohanaswamy uses food as an important means to lay a strong foundation for his relationship with Karthik. He buys vegetables of Karthik's choice and cooks them in the way Karthik likes. Mohanaswamy hopes to continue his relationship with Karthik even after Karthik is engaged to marry and avoids meeting Mohanaswamy. At times, he prepares Karthik's favorite dishes, texts him, and tells him to come home to eat. Karthik praises Mohanaswamy often, "You cook better than my mother" (Vasudhendra 2). At a later stage in his life, Mohanaswamy has a live-in relationship with Ramadhar, a yoga teacher. Ramadhar is a calm and composed person who shows unflinching devotion towards Mohanaswamy just as Mohanaswamy had felt for Karthik. Ramadhar wants to be loyal to Mohanaswamy like how married couples in heterosexual marriages are loyal to each other and tells Mohanaswamy that "When two persons start living in, it is as good as a marriage. A marriage won't be successful unless the couple are loyal to each other" (222). Ramadhar keeps the house clean and does all the household chores. He is a good cook and prepares delicious north Indian delicacies to express his love for Mohanaswamy. However, Mohanaswamy soon

loses interest in his relationship with Ramadhar, as Ramadhar is a poised man and Mohanaswamy is not loyal to one partner in sexual matters. Food in this story reveals how role-flexibility and turn-taking are common among gay relationships. Unlike heterosexual couples who are governed by fixed gender norms, such as women taking on the role of cooking, feeding, and caring for their husbands, same-sex relationships are not governed by fixed role-playing. Marecekand others endorse this when they state that "Roles resembling the traditional gender roles could occur in same-sex couples, but there would be no systematic way to predict across couples which roles would be allocated to which partners" (47). Same-sex couples seem to be more flexible in their relationship, unlike heterosexual couples, as they are not governed by the dictums of social institutions such as family or marriage. In food work too, there are no fixed roles to be played by same-sex couples, unlike heterosexual couples. Kavya Kadame Nagarakatte's *Punarapi* is a story about two Lesbians in whose lives food plays a significant role. Anusha and Asma become close to each other while working for a social organization called Maniyoota (Homemade food). Through Maniyooota, they serve food to the houses of five seniors. One of these seniors is Loki, who is a widower. A retired bank employee and the husband of an artist, Loki is set to write his autobiography when the novel begins. Anusha who works as a reporter volunteers to type out what Loki writes. In this story, food becomes the reason for bonding among the three characters and hence can be said to be the driving force behind the narration.

Loki's day begins with newspaper reading and then he sits for hours to write his autobiography. He waits for food from Maniyoota not just to satisfy his hunger but also for the company of Anusha and Asma. The girls come to Loki's house, serve him the food that they have got for him, make coffee in his house, sit and chat with him for some time while having coffee, and then leave for their work. Loki waits for their return in the late evenings when they bring his dinner. This routine of serving food to Loki builds camaraderie among the three of them. Fissures in their relationship begin when Loki proposes on behalf of his nephew Akash, and asks Anusha if she would be willing to marry him. When Anusha tells Loki that she can love only a woman, Loki too displays a mature understanding of the two women. Asma is in distress and there are moments of awkward silence among the three after this incident.

The fear of separation drives Asma to question their role-playing in their relationship. Asma always takes care of Anusha, serves her food, and keeps the house clean. Now, Asma complains that she is burdened with cooking all the time. Anusha is shocked to hear Asma's complaint; she tells Asma that she understood her cooking as a token of love and that she (Anusha) takes care of other chores at home like paying the bills. Asma's retort that cooking is a daily chore while bills can be paid in one day interestingly exposes the unequal distribution of work in their relationship. Emotional dependence on one another and perceiving each other as equals is the strength of lesbian relationships. There is an absence of role play like in heterosexual couples and hence there is no space for a male role in such relationships. As Letitia Anne Peplau in "Research on Homosexual Couples: An Overview" reveals:

(R)esearch suggests that lesbians are more likely than gay men to live with their primary partner; lesbians may also be more likely than gay men to be in a steady relationship. The relationships of lesbians are more likely than those of gay men to be sexually exclusive. Besides, lesbians may place greater importance on emotional intimacy and equality in relationships than do gay men (6).

Asma aspires for a steady relationship with Anusha. However, she compares cooking with the work of bill paying as an unequal distribution of work, instead of highlighting it as a fixed role-playing. Unlike Mohanaswamy, Anusha and Asma are devoted to each other; despite the heated arguments between the two and going away to her native, Anusha returns to Asma. Food in this story serves as a means to invigorate the bond of friendship between the elderly gentleman and the two women. Loki regards Asma and Anusha with the same love and respect even after knowing about their lesbian relationship. The selfless, volunteer work of providing food to the homes of senior citizens becomes the driving force behind their relationship. Kavya Kadame Nagarakatte demonstrates how the lesbian relationship in her story is not bound by feminine role-playing; domestic work is considered on par with outside work. Food is shown as a bonding principle in lesbian relationships rather than a rigid gender performance. Loki also volunteers to use his resources to arrange food for the five houses to which Anusha and Asma supply food when Maniyoota shuts down due to various reasons.

CONCLUSION

The paper has demonstrated how gender identities are articulated through food. Food and gender, being fluid, the identities revealed through them are also in a constant state of flux. The paper has explored the relationship between food and other genders and it has been deduced that, unlike heterosexual couples who have internalized fixed gender norms, same-sex (gay) couples have the freedom to choose their roles in a relationship. In same-sex relationships, food is seen as a bonding principle rather than a rigid gender performance.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Web-Based Resources, Services and Facilities of Environmental Information System (ENVIS) in India: A Modular Approach

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ABSTRACT

The emerging World Wide Web (WWW) technological environment has modified information with a purpose to acquire, preserve and disseminating of statistics in effective manner and easiest methods. The web enabled gear and channels has been made the statistics available on discern factor on diverse form of customers and its development for maintaining correct nice of lifestyles of all living beings. In this paper the researcher made an try to know the character, sports, programs, sources, offerings, centers, and purposeful operations of the Environmental Information System (ENVIS) centres in India.

Keywords: Information System, ENVIS, MoEF, ENVIS India, ENVIS Centres, ENVIS Framework, ENVIS objectives, ENVIS Structure, ENVIS Functions

INTRODUCTION

In this twenty first century, statistics systems are of extreme importance in useful operation of the national, personal, and public agencies. Information structures manner and distribute facts amongst distinct people within the agency. These are designed with the reason of establishing a effective interplay among the device and its customers so that it will growth the effectiveness and efficiency of human beings acting their responsibilities. Entire sectors of the economy are nearly inconceivable without large investments in facts structures Laudon and Laudon (2007). Environmental sustainability is one of the maximum essential international demanding situations of the twenty first century. India, a huge and vintage civilization, has inherited a big place with a ramification of plant life and fauna. It

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is considered one of the biggest reservoirs of bio-variety, alongside other natural sources. To maintain and sustain such valuable resources, authorities, corporations, students and NGOs, missionaries are looking to apprehend the surroundings and its associated problems.

Experiences of wooded area fires, floods and droughts and other natural disasters display how a good deal well timed environmental data can make a difference during an emergency. Tackling today's environmental troubles and demanding situations along with adapting to climate change, managing ecosystems and herbal sources in a sustainable manner, defensive biodiversity, stopping and dealing with environmental crises which includes floods, woodland fires, and water shortage rely on the evaluation of records and information from a ramification of sectors and assets. Successful environmental data structures are notably ideal particularly in developing international locations.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (ENVIS)
Today, degradation of environment has emerged as a severe trouble all over the global. Various international locations are involved with the unfavourable outcomes of destruction of their herbal resources Problems like uncommon weather, floods, drought, ozone depletion and glass residence-effect are being attributed to pollutants in air and water mixed with mismanagement of strong waste and spread of different pollutants, Harjit Singh (1999). Environmental statistics, training, recognition, and education play a widespread role in encouraging and enhancing human beings's participation in activities geared toward conservation, protection and control of the surroundings, essential for achieving sustainable development.

Environmental Information System (ENVIS) has served the pursuits of policy components and surroundings management at all tiers of Government in addition to decision-making aimed at environmental safety and its development for sustaining right first-class of existence of all living beings. The Environmental Information System (ENVIS) became initiated in 1983 by using the Ministry of Forest and Environment (MoEF), Delhi and collaborative with World Bank as a plan programme as a complete network in environmental information series, collation, garage, retrieval and dissemination and made it to be had for varying customers together with Government (planners and decision makers), Academic (students, researchers), R & D (researcher, scientists) and additionally including public (communities, NGO's) the usage of the today's technology and share the wealth of records.

It has maintains a close cooperation with various national information systems like National Information System of Science and Technology (NISSAT), Biotechnology Information System (BTIS) and several other similar networks such as Sustainable Development Networking Programme (SDNP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), International Development Research Centre (IDRC) for exchange of environmental information as well as to avoid duplication of efforts in the concerned. It has provided platforms to deliver information related to various environmental issues such as Ecology, Climate change, Lake's conservation, Water conservation, Forestry, Waste segregation, Laws, Wildlife, Environmental business, Transport, Earth, Industries, Pollution and Infrastructure issues, as products and as services. Now more than 68 Environmental Information System (ENVIS) is being operating under the MoEF Environmental wing.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A review literature is essential, primarily to identify the work in a subject selected for investigation. The data collection has been done from the recent research intellectual output related to my study of investigation. Some of similarity job satisfaction and expectations by LIS professional' research surveys, case studies, reports, white papers, annual reports, books, journals etc. The research contribution has been contributed by the following professionals from 2000 onwards. The Vayyavuru and Nandwana (2001), Paradzayi & Rüther (2002), Haklay, M (2002), Neil & Pat (2003), Lars Jarup (2004), Jesper & Jeni (2005), Minori & Satoru (2006), Fang-Ming & Tser-Yieth (2007), Demiryurek K, & et al (2008), Mohamad & et all (2009), Luo J & et al (2010), Babalola YT & et all (2010), Sultan & et al (2011), Chisita

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(2012), Felichesmi & Michael (2013), Molola Bosede Ajoye (2014), Eleni & et all (2014), Dennis Stindt & et all (2014), George R & et al (2015), Zacharias & et al (2016), Helen & Luís (2016) and other researchers has been carried out research on same theme of our study.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY
The objective of this study is to examine towards the available resources and services offered by the ENVIS centres in India. The main objectives of the study are
1. To know the nature and types of ENVIS organizations.
2. To find the geographical distributions of the ENVIS centers.
3. To find the regional distributions of the ENVIS centers.
4. To examine the subject specification of the ENVIS centres.
5. To analyze the structural operation of the ENVIS centers
6. To know the functional activities of the ENVIS centers.
7. To find available resources and services offered by ENVIS centers.

METHODOLOGY

The data for the present study have been gathered from the various resources access to department and institutes profiles and view institutional web sites and data gathering through direct communication with the consult ENVIS staff. Based on the available data, analysis and the interpretations drawn and is given in the succeeding sections of the article.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATIONS

All necessary primary data for the doctoral study was collected from the ENVIS Portal - http://envis.nic.in/centres.html and all relevant information was consolidated and analysed data presented it in following tables and figures. It is evident from above table 01 is indicates that the Environmental Information System (ENVIS) network at present consists of a chain of 65 ENVIS Centres. out of which 37(56.92%) are on subject-specific centres are hosted by notable organizations/ institutions/ universities throughout the country and 28(43.07%) centers on the State of Environment and Related Issues by the State, Central, and Union Tertiary and government departments. The ENVIS centers were scattered in across the 28 Indian states. Above 02 is analyzed that the state-wise distributions of ENVIS centers in India, the highest 7(10.76%) numbers of ENVIS centers have located union territory of Delhi, which is capital city and headquarter of Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and the Tamil Nadu state regions. Further, the second-highest 5(7.69%) number of each ENVIS centers were established in across the Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, and Gujarat states.

The India is the 7[th] largest geographic and most populous (1.35 billion peoples) demographic country in the world, is located in southern Asia connected with Arabian and Bay of Bengal coastal belt. It is a federal constitutional republic governed under parliamentary system scattering with twenty-nine (29) states and seven (7) union territories states. Table 03 described the regional and geographical wise distributions of ENVIS centers in across India, it clearly highlights that majority of 19(29.23%) number of centers are scattered with across 8 states, and union territories of North India, followed by 14(20.58%) centers share with 11 Eastern Indian states, 18((27.69%)) centres are distributed with 9 South Indian States and Union Territories such as Telangana-Hyderabad(3), Karnataka-(4), Kerala-(1), Tamil Nadu-(7), Goa-(1), Andhra Pradesh (Simandra)-(0) & Puducherry-(1), Andaman and Nicobar-(1) and Lakshadweep-(0).

The table 4 examined the subject, thematic wise distribution of ENVIS centres in across India, and the whole 65 ENVIS centres have engaged in doing the research in different thematically filed of environmental aspects. In order

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to that the highest 28(43.07%) of the ENVIS centers are functioning on 'Status of Environment and Related Issues' and six (9.23%) centres were established on them of the Ecology, Ecosystem and Biodiversity and four (6.15%) centres were established on Waste Management.

FRAMEWORK OF ENVIS

ENVIS network at present consists of a chain of 68 network partners out of which 40 are on subject-specific and 28 on State/UT related issues. These network partners are called ENVIS Centres and are located in the notable organizations/ institutions/ State/ UT Government Departments/ Universities throughout the country. The focal point of ENVIS is located in the Ministry and assists the Environment Information (EI) Division in coordinating the activities of all the ENVIS network partners by making ENVIS a web-enabled comprehensive information system.

OBJECTIVES OF ENVIS

- ✍ To equipment up cutting-edge technologies of statistics acquisition, processing, storage, retrieval and dissemination of facts of environmental nature.
- ✍ To aid and sell studies, improvement, and innovation in environmental facts technology.
- ✍ To provide country wide environmental facts service relevant to offer needs and capable of development to meet the future needs of the customers, originators, processors, and disseminators of facts.
- ✍ To building up garage, retrieval, and dissemination abilities with the final targets of disseminating records swiftly to the users.
- ✍ To promote, national and international cooperation and liaison for exchange of environment related information.
- ✍ To promote, national and global cooperation and liaison for change of environment associated information.
- ✍ To promote exchange of information amongst developing countries. (http://envis.nic.in)

STRUCTURE OF ENVIS SYSTEM IN INDIA

For the reason of our studies, we've got prepared a Network (operational) Model (Figure-1) for ENVS which had been reviewed by way of my respected 'Guide', the 'Ministry of Forest and Environment (MoEF)', Delhi and revered officers of the 'Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI)', Bangaluru and dialogue, interaction with our colleagues, specialists and other technical staff of ENVIS.

In this network functional operations the Advisory body, Ministry of Forest and Environment, National Informatics centre (NIC) and ENVIS nodal centres are acts as four filler to set up a stable information network in the field of environment, from 2012 onwards whole website designed and maintenance work has been managing by National Informatics centre (NIC) as per the direction of Ministry of Forest and Environment and also it give technical assistance/training for staff of State/UT ENVIS centres. The advisory body is busy with find problems of network, identify new initiatives and also it gives solution and advise for MoEF and NIC to make necessary modification in the networking operations.

The last component of State/UT ENVIS centres and staff have vital role in ground level network operations, 2013 onwards the MOEF appointed three (Program officer, Information officers and IT assistant) staff for each ENVIS centres to effectively manage and organising network operations. In this level ENVIS centre libraries has leading role in order to collect and preserve the required information for ENVIS and Librarian are engaging to give necessary assistance for ENVIS staff to effective organising electronic information and also give assistance for various Government (Govt/Semi), Research and Development (R & D), Academic (Schools, Colleges and University) and Public users information requirement, they give information assistance by phone or e-mail or in case users required more details of anything they can directly visited to consult ENVIS centre for fulfilment his information requirement and recently some of ENVS centres start conduct workshop create public awareness about the ENVIS services and facilities. Next progress period planned to conduct a pilot study on availability resources, services and facilities offered by the ENVIS Centre libraries.

The performance and problems of ENVIS centres and staff has been reviewed in annual review meeting, the MoEF being organising a 2/3/4 days annual review meeting at one selected ENVIS centre in-between the month of March or

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April, the annual meeting has given a platform for all ENVIS centres and staff to interact, discuss with experts and share their problems, experiences, ideas, solutions and following best practices in their centres. The end of annual review meeting the expert committee has prepared detailed report on point out issues, opinions and possibility solutions for existing problems and same the report submitted to MoEF for take necessary actions in possibility ways to make enrichment of the ENVIS network system.

ENVIS RESOURCES, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

All centres are engaging with 17 following functioning modules, which have designed and developed by MoEF, New Delhi, such as follow are.,

a) **Major activities:** provides innovative methods, tools, techniques, policies, procedures, amendments, regulations, functions, activities have been initiated and implemented by the various institutes, decision and policymaking governing bodies and department bodies of the state as well as central.

b) **Latest News:** the function of this sub-application has been collected, organized, and updated on the current environmental activities and issues in that geographical region. The required information has been collecting from the various newspapers, portals, gateways, blogs, websites, and social networking Media.

c) **Research publications:** All ENVIS centers in India are continuously published their institutional or subordinating institutional research projects outputs in the following form of information such as a) Books, b) Conference proceedings, c) Journals, d) Newsletters e) Research reports (annual, statistical, research, survey & technical) and other governing issues.

d) **Upcoming events:** the web apps have been providing ongoing, upcoming environmental-related events such as exhibitions, uthsavasa, public awareness programs, training programs, synopusim, workshops, seminars, conferences, and workshops at state/national/international levels.

e) **Bibliographies:** template gives the bibliographical description of print as well as online resources available to access in regional ENVIS centers and its libraries.

f) **Glossary:** template helpfully to know new terminologies, abbreviations, and key terms on the various environmental thematically issues.

g) **Subject area:** The different subject oriented ENVIS centers are busy with to collect, preserve and disseminate the information on 17 following environmental themes and aspects and collected information made it available for different types of users in public.

1.Climate change - to collect information regarding Warming, Ozone, Carbon, Acid rain, mitigation, Greenhouse, Impacts, Assessments, and Prediction and upload in portal. 2. Earth Science - reliable information with respect to Soil erosion, Soil pollution, Desertification, Soil degradation Energy and Natural resources and disseminate it through portal. 3. Environment – related issues and government circulars on Ecology, Ecosystems, and disasters management information has been frequently collect and update. 4. Environmental Business - - includes Green Economics and Green GDP information collected and updated by the centre. 5. Environmental Laws - administrative and decision-making issues such as policy creation, make amendments, legal issues on water, pollution, energy, industries, mining, agriculture and irrigation related information have been collect and put it public access. 6. Forestry – information related to policy, Afforestation, Overgrazing, Forest deforestation and Developmental initiatives information will also collect and preserved by the centre. 7. Industrial development issues - such as Problems, Perspectives and Developmental efforts and Impacts and Assessments information can made available in the portal. 8. Infrastructure - information on smart cites, industrial, irrigation projects, human health, problems, perspectives, and developmental initiatives resources collected and made it for public access. 9. Lake conservation - includes Lake Ecosystem, Wetlands, Eco-zones, and Developmental initiatives will also be updated by the centre. 10. Pollution - issues related to Water, Air and Soil information also can be accessed by all. 11. Sanitation - on public health awareness and health concerning issues information available in web. 12. Tourism and Heritage - information also provide through the centre portal. 13. Transport and Transportation management - information related to transportation tools, techniques, problems, Perspectives, and developmental initiatives also collected and made it access. 14. Waste and Waste disposal - related information on tools, techniques, initiatives, problems, perspectives, and

developmental initiatives can be provided. 15. Water conservation - information on watershed, wetlands-fresh, coastal (Sea), ground, potable, sewage water, water pollutions, water projects, and developmental initiatives resources can be access from portal). 16. Wildlife – issues related to Biodiversity, Biomass, Species and Poaching information can be provided and 17. Capacity building – it frequently organised capacity building training for all stakeholders and working professionals of different sectors.

i) **Kid's corner: The** template has given information for school children such as kid's programmes, quiz competitions & awareness programs on current various environmental happenings.

j) **Photo gallery:** template has given the images information about the functional events and activities of the ENVIS centers and its organizations.

k) **Hyper-linking (related links):** The template has given the web direction to access other institutional information resources and activities.

l) **Referral services:** Some time the ENVlS center may not be possible to provide relevant or required information to its users or public; in those conditions, the center will give direction or refer where that information may be available to access or retrievable.

m) **Query Answer Service:** while facilitating by all ENVIS centers, for the purpose to interact with various kinds of users and public communities. All such queries are responded by providing substantive information in the form of oral, verbal and bibliographies, photocopies of reprints/reports, etc.

n) **Dissemination of Information**
   - Audiovisual resources (Cassettes) experts' speeches
   - Audio/video clips (experts presentation speeches)
   - ENVIS network information (Profile list of ENVIS centres)
   - New terminologies description (Glossary)
   - Numeric and statistical resources
   - Project proposals and summaries
   - **Government publications:** Acts, Acts Agreements, treaties, international conventions and protocols, Announcements, tabling and committee reports, Auditor-General reports, Bills, Budget documents, Commissions/Committees of Inquiry reports, Consultants' reports, Debates, Explanatory memoranda, Government gazette, Guideline documents, Legislation, Parliamentary committee reports, Planning documents, Policy documents, Regulations Research reports, Speeches and media releases, Statistical publications, Task Teams/Working Groups reports.

o) **Other services**

The ENVIS center libraries (ECL's) have provided traditional, electronic, web-based library services for its faculty, administrative officers or decision-makers, students, researcher, research associates, research scientists, and other collaborative organizations users request and demand.

p) **Hyperlinks to related portals**

The Information systems, Information networks, Information portals, Information gateways, Professional discussion & networking forums, etc., tools and platforms are maintained an essential role in promoting and increase the usage of library resources, services, and facilities.

CONCLUSION

We are residing inside the so referred to as 'Information society', 'expertise society' in which facts is one of the important elements of life. Everyone wishes statistics about the entirety even in his daily life. People want records right from organizational degree to the private level, from the distinctly knowledgeable and experience person to schoolchildren, from a very famous character to an everyday man or woman, for taking the proper selection in each step of life. Information is a dynamic and endless useful resource that impacts all disciplines and all walks of existence. Information also helps education, research, and development. The library is the nerve centre, or the hub round which scholarship revolves. It is a crucial instrument for intellectual improvement. A well-stocked library is a

storehouse of data, or a file of human revel into which users may also turn to for records or information. With the arrival of information and communique technology (ICTs) the character of libraries has modified appreciably. Computers are being utilized in libraries to manner, store, retrieve, and disseminate data.

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Table - 01: Nature wise distribution of the ENVIS Centres

S.No.	Nature of ENVIS Organization	Responses	
		No's	%
01	ENVIS Centres on Specific Subject Themes	37	(56.92%)
02	ENVIS Centres on the State of Environment and Related Issues	28	(43.07%)
Total		**65**	**(99.99**%)

Table - 02: State-wise distribution of the ENVIS Centers

S.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Responses	
		No's	%
01	Andaman and Nicobar	1	(1.53%)
02	Andhra Pradesh (Hyderabad)	3	(4.61%)
03	Assam	1	(1.53%)
04	Bihar	1	(1.53%)
05	Chhattisgarh	1	(1.53%)
06	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1	(1.53%)
07	Delhi	7	(10.76%)
08	Goa	1	(1.53%)
09	Gujarat	5	(7.69%)
10	Himachal Pradesh	1	(1.53%)
11	Jammu & Kashmir	1	(1.53%)
12	Jharkhand	2	(3.07%)
13	Karnataka	3	(4.61%)
16	Kerala	1	(1.53%)
14	Madhya Pradesh	1	(1.53%)
15	Maharashtra	5	(8.82%)
16	Manipur	1	(1.53%)
17	Mizoram	1	(1.53%)
18	Nagaland	1	(1.53%)
19	Odisha	1	(1.53%)
20	Puducherry	1	(1.53%)
21	Punjab	2	(3.07%)
22	Rajasthan	2	(3.07%)
23	Sikkim	2	(3.07%)

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24	Tamil Nadu	**7**	**(10.76%)**
25	Tripura	1	(1.53%)
26	Uttar Pradesh	3	(4.61%)
27	Uttarakhand	5	(7.69%)
28	West Bengal	3	(4.61%)
	Total	**65**	(100.0%)

Table-3: Regional wise distribution of ENVIS Centres

Sl.No.	Name of Geographical Region	No's	%
01	**South Indian Sates:** 1.Andhra Pradesh, 2. Karnataka, 3. Kerala, 4. Tamil Nadu, 5. Telangana, 6. Lakshadweep, 7. Puducherry, 8. Goa, 9. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	18	(27.69%)
02	**North Indian Sates:** 1.Jammu and Kashmir, 2. Himachal Pradesh, 3. Punjab, 4. Chandigarh, 5. Uttarakhand, 6. Haryana, 7. Delhi, 8. Uttar Pradesh	**19**	**(29.23%)**
03	**Western Indian States**: 1.Gujarat, 2. Rajasthan, 3. Maharashtra, 4. Dadra And Nagar Haveli, 5. Daman and Diu	12	**(**18.46%)
04	**Middle Indian Sates:** 1. Madhya Pradesh 2. Chhattisgarh,	2	(3.07%)
05	**Eastern Indian Sates:** 1. Arunachal Pradesh, 2. Assam, 3. Manipur, 4. Jharkhand, 5. Meghalaya, 6. Orissa, 7. West Bengal, 8. Bihar, 9. Mizoram, 10. Nagaland, 11. Sikkim, 12. Tripura	14	(21.53%)
	Total	**65**	**(99.98%)**

Table - 4: Specification of the ENVIS centres

Sl. No	Specification of the Centres	Responses (N-65)	
		No's	%
01	Pollution and Pollution Control	3	(4.61%)
02	Toxicology	1	(1.53%)
03	Medicinal and Occupational health	2	(3.07%)
04	Ecology, Ecosystem, and Biodiversity	**6**	**(9.23%)**
05	Marine Biology and Bioinformatics	2	(3.07%)
06	Zoology and Zoological Management	1	(1.53%)
07	Mining issues	1	(1.53%)
08	Waste Management (Hazardous, Hygiene, Sanitation, Sewage Treatment)	**4**	**(6.15%)**
09	Forestry Resources and Forest Desertification	3	(4.61%)
10	Wild Life Management	1	(1.53%)
11	Eco-Tourism	1	(1.53%)
12	Coastal Management	1	(1.53%)
13	Biotechnology	1	(1.53%)
16	Human Settlement	2	(3.07%)
14	Biogeochemistry	1	(1.53%)
15	Energy Resources	1	(1.53%)
16	NGOs and Parliament	1	(1.53%)

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17	Environmental education	2	(3.07%)
18	Media and communications	1	(1.53%)
19	Ecological Heritage	1	(1.53%)
20	Panchayats	1	(1.53%)
21	Status of Environment and Related Issues	**28**	**(43.07%)**
	Total	**65**	**(100.0%)**
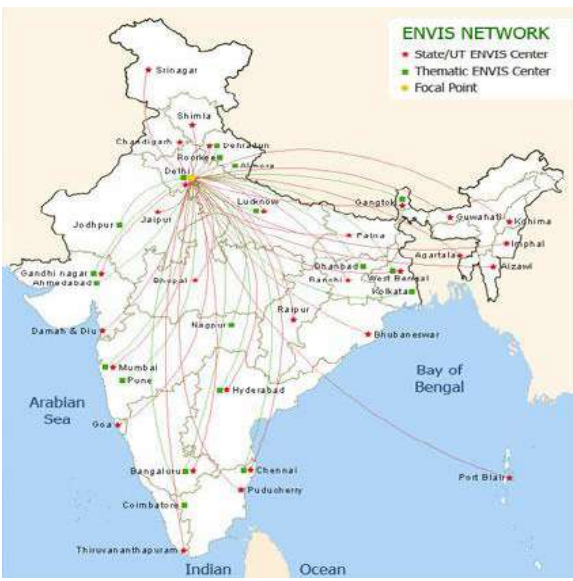
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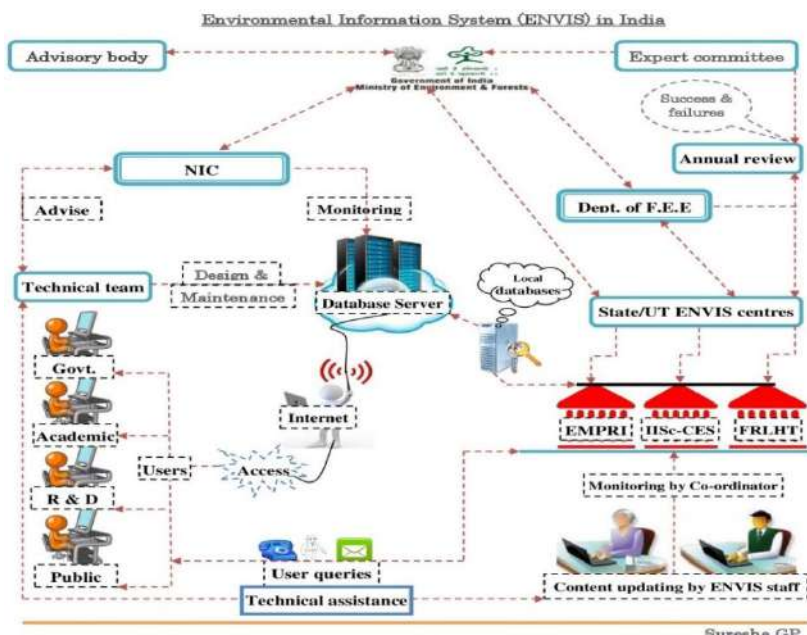
Figure-2. clearly indicated entire functional operations and activities of Environmental Information System (ENVIS) in India.

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Impact of E- Commerce Platform on Customers Perception

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ABSTRACT

The article's main goal is to gather quantitative information on Indian consumers' actual online shopping experiences in order to understand the industry's expansion and how consumer behavior has been affected. The study uses questionnaires to study consumer behavior and draws on pertinent literature. In addition, a detailed cross-national analysis of customer behavior will be conducted, along with an evaluation of how online shopping will develop going forward. This page provides support for the study's issues, which cover important aspects of consumer behavior as well as current trends and challenges in online shopping. The study's conclusions also show that perceived risk and internet client trust have a big impact on what they decide to buy. The main concerns include security difficulties, privacy concerns, and customer trust.

Keywords: consumer, shopping, security, behavior.

INTRODUCTION

E-commerce
The terms "web based business" and "electronic trade" describe a kind of commercial transactions in which data is transferred via the internet. By definition, it encompasses a wide range of commercial endeavors that leverage the internet as a medium for information sharing, money transfers, or both. THE HISTORY OF ELECTRONOMY: The invention of the telephone at the turn of the 20th century marked the beginning of e-commerce. E-commerce, defined as the networking of business communities and the digitalization of corporate information, is often considered to have begun with electronic data interchange, or EDI. Big businesses have been funding the advancement of EDI since the 1960s. The 1980s were the only decade in which it became widely accepted. The meaning of internet commerce has changed during the past thirty years. The electronic facilitation of economic transactions via the use of technologies like Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) was the original definition

of electronic commerce. These two technologies, which were first launched in the late 1970s, enable businesses to electronically exchange business documents including invoices and purchase orders. The growth and approval.

LITERATURE OF REVIEW

According to Drs. GAGANDEEP K NAGRA and R. GOPAL's research on factors influencing consumers' online shopping behavior, food items account for over 55% of Indian consumers' total consumption expenditures (June 2013). No food spending has increased more quickly than food expenses by 22%, according to an ORG poll. Customers make decisions about whether to purchase, what to buy, when to buy, where to buy, who to buy from, and how much to pay Nonetheless, a great deal of variation in digital purchasing has been noted because of the various characteristics of customers as well as the kinds of goods and services provided. Recently, Pizza Hut opened an online store, and Amazon and eBay have revolutionized the idea of digital shopping. In March 2020, Dr. Prafullkumar N. Tayade carried out study on the topic of (ECOMMERCE'S ROLE AND IMPACT IN BUSINESS AND TRADES).

E-commerce is a significant development in the commercial world. It's a "disruptive" invention that's fundamentally changing how businesses operate. A type of business model, or a subset of a model, known as electronic commerce enables an organization or individual to transact business over a computer network, most frequently the internet. E-commerce is the buying and selling of products and services via an electronic network, usually the Internet, together with the transmission of money or data. These encounters might be between businesses and consumers, between consumers and businesses, or between consumers and consumers. The transactional processes that take place in the setting of online shopping are referred to as retail.

Digital purchasing has been booming since 1996. Online shoppers are more likely to be knowledgeable consumers. Having more computer literacy makes you an informed consumer when it comes to online shopping. According to Taher Roshandel Arbatani and Alireza Mohammadpour, e-commerce opens up economies and improves national and international communication by modifying business practices and creating new marketplaces. E-commerce is a relatively new way to shop that offers several advantages. Today, the majority of transactions worldwide are made using this approach. Social media marketing is a rapidly expanding phenomenon that greatly influences consumer e-shopping preferences. Social media are those that facilitate communication and are readily available. The central inquiry of the research is if value capital, connection with capital, and brand capital all play a role.

Social media marketing acts as a mediator in the relationship between clients' decisions to use e-commerce and social media marketing. Through the modification of business practices and the creation of new marketplaces, e-commerce enhances both domestic and global communication and fosters open economies. Relational, value, and brand capital are the three mediating elements that have a direct, favorable, and noteworthy influence on SMM. The tales of Kaniz Fatema, Sadia Tasneem, and Afrina Yasmin were told. Digital marketing includes a broad range of service, product, and brand marketing strategies that predominantly use the Internet as a primary promotional channel, in addition to traditional TV and radio, mobile, and other media. Users may utilize Canon Picture Gateway to exchange digital images with friends online.Social media marketing acts as a mediator in the relationship between clients' decisions to use e-commerce and social media marketing. Through the modification of business practices and the creation of new marketplaces, e-commerce enhances both domestic and global communication and fosters open economies. Relational, value, and brand capital are the three mediating elements that have a direct, favorable, and noteworthy influence on SMM.

DEFINITION OF THE PROBLEM

E-commerce has a high success rate and is considered a major opportunity in India. Both big and small enterprises abound on the market. Do they really have a decent chance of success and will they be around for a long time in the

market? What do clients expect from them, and are they ready to satisfy those demands? Determining the impact of the E-commerce platform on consumer thinking is the aim of the research.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To gain a deeper understanding of the state and trends of modern e-commerce.
2. Determine the factors that influence visitors to e-commerce websites.
3. To ascertain whether the client is used to purchasing online.
4. To examine how consumers' perceptions are impacted by e-commerce websites.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The term "digital marketing" encompasses a wide range of activities including targeted, quantifiable, and interactive promotion of goods and services via digital technology in order to attract, convert, and retain leads. This study helps to understand the current variables, promotional strategies, and e-commerce site awareness by looking at the influence of digital marketing on e-commerce sites.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

We ran into a lot of problems when we initially started making internet purchases. Millions of customers worldwide are now able to purchase online at sites like Amazon, Flipkart, and others. Customers face a number of problems, such as:

* Product flaws erode customers' sense of security;
* Product delivery delays are another problem that disturbs customers' peace of mind;
* Certain products or goods that customers need might not be available at their address.

HYPOTHESIS FORMULATION:

H1: E-commerce site selection is influenced by respondent qualification.
H2: The kinds of items that respondents purchase are influenced by their gender.
H3: Digital marketing tactics have an impact on e-commerce product purchasing.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research Design:

- This study will be a DESCRIPTIVE RESEARCH that specifically uses the survey approach.
- As a result, it will be a mission of fact-finding with appropriate interpretation.
- It will focus on specific aspects or features of the identified problems.
- The aim of the study will be to collect descriptive data, which will be obtained via the use of a questionnaire.
- The objectives of the study, statistical techniques will be used to analyze the data.

COLLECTION OF DATA AND DATA SOURCES

Primary and secondary sources will both provide the data required for the investigation.

1. PRIMARY DATA: Convenience respondents will gather primary data with the aid of a questionnaire.
2. SECONDARY DATA: Information will be compiled from a range of sources, such as books, scholarly articles, newspaper stories, government documents, websites, and Google.

The population of the study There are an estimated 1000 or more people that use e-commerce websites to buy products.

UNIT FOR sample: The sample unit consists of people who are employees, entrepreneurs, students, and other individuals.

SUMMARY FRAME The sample frame is made up of persons who are willing to shop on e-commerce websites.

The study's respondents were customers of various ages.

A sample's size the survey was completed by 277 participants in total. A self-administered questionnaire that was distributed to respondents using Google Forms was used to collect the data for this investigation.

METHODS OF SAMPLING The sampling method is the set of guidelines and procedures used to include certain segments of the population in the sample. The sample strategy for the study uses a straightforward random sampling strategy, where participants are selected at random.

QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire has been painstakingly designed to meet the requirements of the study. The questions were modified from earlier research on the effect of e-commerce websites on consumer attitude in order to further verify the study, and some of the questions were self-structured to cover a broad variety of research themes. There are two sections to the questionnaire; the first is devoted to asking questions on demographics. The survey's second component will examine both internal and external topics, such as buyer awareness of e-commerce items and digital marketing strategies. Part A: The demography is the main topic of this section. This area contains private and delicate inquiries concerning gender, age, and occupation.

FINDINGS AND RESULTS

Customers are more inclined to make purchases from e-commerce sites that offer excellent information quality, a professional design, and genuine financial data protection, according to this poll. Because online purchases need little time for selection and payment, e-commerce also saves time. You can also save time on travel as there's no need to go to actual stores. Reduced Prices: In offline retailers, there were a lot of intermediaries, which led to higher customer spending. According to the results of this study, consumers' perspectives have significantly changed as a result of e-commerce. Time is also saved by e-commerce and the selection and payment processes involved in online purchases.With a great experience at their fingertips, shoppers may visit physical businesses without any necessity. And eventually, the items will be delivered to your door. Additionally, it was found that although e-commerce has many benefits, it also has certain disadvantages. E-commerce is beneficial to merchants as well as buyers. It can assist you in expanding your company without requiring a relocation.

Because they may shop from anywhere in the globe, customers have a large selection of products to pick from in online retailers. Additionally, the vendor may offer as many items as they desire because they are not limited by space because their company is conducted online. Due to the speedy selection and payment processes associated with online shopping, e-commerce also saves time. You can avoid going to physical stores, which also saves you time on your commute. To safeguard consumers from deceptive business practices, our nation has enacted a consumer protection law known as the Right to Inform, which stipulates that everyone has the right to know the product's quality, quantity, purity, and price. This right is granted to him by online retailers. Anyone may browse reviews, compare items, and make a purchase.

LIMITATIONS
• Because college students were the only responders willing to complete the poll, it was limited to a certain age range. Rather than using focus groups or experts, the study was centered on the unique perspectives of the respondents.
• The study's limitations include the sample size and age dispersion of the sample used in the analysis. Customers between the ages of 30 and 35 may not be able to apply the results because of the small sample size (277 persons) and the fact that nearly half of the sample was under 25. Our investigation's results allow us to build a regression model. The locations of BANGALORE, MYSORE, and HUBALI were selected for the study.
The focus of this study is India's present e-commerce situation. It starts with the introduction of e-commerce, consumer purchasing patterns, and the ways in which these elements influence customer attitudes. According to the study's scope, "digital marketing" refers to the targeted, quantifiable, and interactive marketing of goods and services through the use of digital technology in order to reach, convert, and retain leads. This research looks at how digital marketing affects e-commerce websites. It helps to understand the variables that are important in the digital environment today, as well as how to promote and increase awareness of e-commerce websites. Consequently, two

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paths need particular attention with regard to potential directions for future study. The researcher says that doing research is the first step.
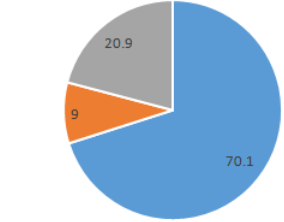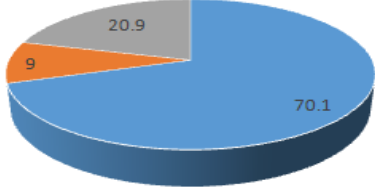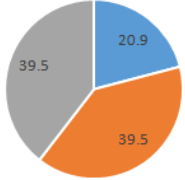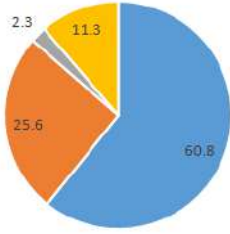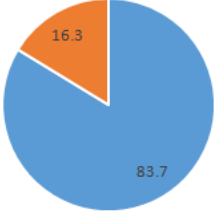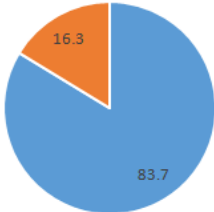
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Fig.2. Martial Status

Fig.3. Occupation

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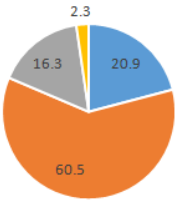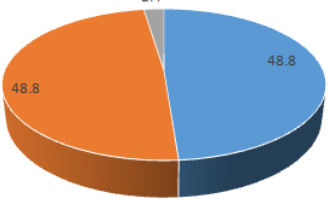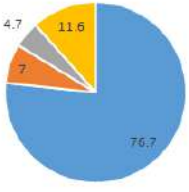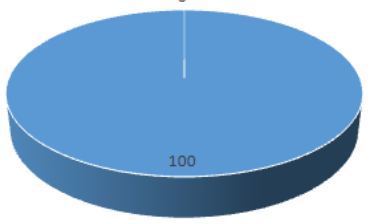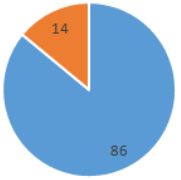
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Fig.5. For what purpose do you use E-commerce

Fig. 6. From the various types of E-commerce which According to you has the largest marketing share

Fig. 7. According to you how is E-commerce helpful to the consumer in Business domain

Fig. 8. Which E-commerce platform you prefer the most

Fig.9. Does E-commerce changes your mindset about the company or the brand

Fig. 10. Does Google reviews affect the image of any E-commerce platform

Fig. 11. What is the most essential Components of E-commerce

Fig.12. How E-commerce helps the company building up digitally

Fig.13. What is the most prominent domain in which E-commerce is used in India

Fig. 14. Do you think, is E-commerce the future of Indian market

Fig.15 . Do you agree that E-commerce can provide any alternative marketing channel by eliminating the middle man

RESEARCH ARTICLE

A study on Utility of Plastic Waste towards   Tarring of Roads using Plastic Bitumen in Bangalore City

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ABSTRACT

Solid waste disposal is one of the chronic problems of any 'MAHANAGAR PALIKE' as it is amounts to landfills and huge pile up of solid waste with in a short span of time if left unattended. Plastic waste generated under any city limits on a daily basis is growing at an alarming rate, the disposal of which is a herculean task for any 'MAHANAGAR PALIKE' and BBMP is not an exception to this problem. An honest effort is made in this research paper to know the quantum of plastic waste generated in Bangalore city from the past 3 decades and to know what is the cost of tarring one KM of road with plastic bitumen and how many kilometres of roads under BBMP limits is being tarred using plastic bitumen from 1993 till date. Necessary Secondary data was obtained from various sources. The analysis of data revealed that plastic bitumen was not extensively used in tarring of the roads during the last decade i e from 2013 to 2024 under BBMP limits in comparison with huge pile of plastic garbage. The research reveals from 1993 till 2001 and from 2005 till date there are fluctuations in using plastic bitumen in tarring the roads due to some obvious reasons.

Keywords : Solid waste management , plastic bitumen, 'MAHANAGAR PALIKE'

INTRODUCTION

Plastic has become an indispensable component in our daily life. From the Indian perspective right from early parts of 1970 citizens are using plastic for packing and packaging purposes and today the usage of plastic is not only confined to this but has taken different forms in our daily life. Though it is said that plastic is a hazardous substance which is dangerous for a living creature, the inclusion of plastic in one or the other way in our daily life cannot be

ruled out. First of all there is need to understand as why plastic is labelled as a hazardous substance, for which it is necessary to understand   definition of plastic which reads as" a synthetic material made from a wide range of organic polymers such as polyethylene, PVC, nylon, etc., that can be moulded into shape while soft, and then set into a rigid or slightly elastic form ". From the above definition it is clear that plastic is a chemical substance which is not dissolvable in nature due to its chemical composition and it is clear that, plastic is inorganic in nature and therefore it can be said that plastic is a hazardous substance.

Definition of a hazardous substance according to Environment Protection Act reads as "those that are: 'Very Toxic, Toxic, Corrosive, Harmful or Irritant.' They include all **substances** allocated a Workplace Exposure Limit". By the above definitions it can be inferred that plastic is a hazardous substance because synthetic, polymers, polythene are there in the list of hazardous substances mentioned in the Environmental Protection Act of 1986. The above mentioned facts urges the minimal usage of plastic , and owing to this the Government of India has levied certain restrictions on the usage of plastic in the form of clearly defining the microns that are permissible in plastic and polythene products. However it is seen that the usage of plastic cannot be completely eliminated as it has become inseparable parts of our daily life, take for example the pen used for writing, the pipes used for construction, the packaging of the products that we buy for our everyday requirements, containers we use for storing provisions and the list goes on without which we cannot lead our daily life. At this juncture it is debatable as how to recycle or reuse plastic which cannot be dispensed with and which we discard it as waste without creating environmental pollution. The answer to this is plastic recycling. Plastic recycling comes as a remedy to create a different platform for the plastic waste, so that it can be used in a more beneficial manner.

It is essential to know the steps in plastic recycling which goes as
1) Collection --- Plastics are available in a number of forms for example plastic containers, jars, bottles, plastic bags, packaging plastic, big industrial plastics etc., all these are collected through different sources and hence acts as the first step.
2) Sorting ---that is nothing but segregation of plastic collected into different sources.
3) Shredding --- this is cutting the plastic into pre-defined size. Huge machines are used to shred the plastic waste in a predefined size. This comes as the third step.
4) Cleaning---the sorted plastic will be cleaned and is put for further process
5) Melting ---the cleaned plastic will be melted to make plastic pellets.

After melting of plastic and converting the plastic into plastic pellets, there are different forms of recycling of plastics. For example, it would be used for making new plastic covers, bottles, containers etc., it is also seen that manufacturing of huge plastic sheets for the purpose of mulching used in agricultural fields, and plastic being used in tarring of roads, plastic used in flooring purposes in construction of building etc..

This research paper throws light on tarring of roads using plastic which is a very important form of plastic recycling and also its costing part which is being extensively used in most of the foreign countries. India also has realised the usage of plastic waste , and many states in the country for eg., Tamil Nadu, Gujurat, Karnataka etc have been using plastic in tarring of roads. This new concept fo tarring of roads using plastic waste consumes a huge portion of plastic waste and thus environment pollution can considerably be avoided. The studies revealed that, to construct 1 km of plastic road, 4 tons of plastic is required and at present it costs around Rs 30,000 at pesent . It is also found that the average plastic waste in India is about 50 to 1000 tons a day. Of which, a meagre of only 30% is being diverted for this purpose.

Statement of Problem
Plastic waste from populous cities are turning out to be a perennial problem for any city corporation. As the population grows in any city , naturally the disposed plastic waste will mount up and unless the city corporation is equipped with the latest technology to dispose plastic waste , it will create several bottlenecks and the end sufferers of these bottlenecks are citizens themselves. In this regard the role played by city corporation is pivotal , who should

scientifically dispose off the hazardous plastic waste for the wellbeing of the society at large. The city corporation's apathy in disposing such hazardous waste would always be debatable and any stake holder would be interested to know the measures being adapted by city corporations to dispose the plastic waste which is not soluble in soil and use it for other constructive purposes.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

1. **Manu sasidharan ,** Michael P N burrow (2019) from university of Cambridge and university of Birmingham respectively, undertook research with the topic "Using waste plastic in road construction". The research scholars in their article claim that the cost of constructing roads using plastic bitumen is as low as 8-10% in comparison with normal tar roads and hypothesize that the so constructed roads will have high durability and strength and their research outcome showed that the roads constructed using plastic bitumen in European countries and some African countries have enormous strength and has longer durability.

2. Shewtha N. Orkdey, M. R. Nikhar(2023), Assistant Professors, Department of Civil Engineering, B.D College of Engineering, Seva Gram, Maharashtra has done a research with a title " Use of Plastic in Road Construction", where in research scholars have highlighted only on comparison of normal roads with plastic roads with respect to its durability and sustainability."

3. Mr. S.S Verma, Associate Professor(2023),from Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Bulandshahar, U.P has undertaken research with a caption 'Roads from plastic waste' wherein the research scholar throws light only on technical aspects of converting plastic waste into Bitumen (tar).'

4. Mr. Amit Gawande and Mr. G.S Zambre(2022), Assistant Professors, Department of Chemical Engineering, Government Engineering College, Akola, Maharashtra, has undertake research with a title " Utilization of waste plastic in asphalting of roads". The Research scholars have restricted themselves as to how plastic waste is used in asphalting the roads.

5. Mr. Vinoth N. Director,(2022) , from Centre Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology, has done research with a title " Use of plastic waste in Road construction", where in research scholar throws light on the chemical composition of Bitumen only to be used in road construction.

6. Mahesh Dahatonde , Saurabh Gaware , Dhiraj Patil and Rachana Vaidya (2022) , professors from Alard college Engineering ,SPPU , university of Pune undertook research "Use of plastic waste in Roads Construction ". Their research work revolves around the technical aspects of converting plastic into bitumen and they pinpoint that only 9% of the plastic waste generation is being diverted towards roads constructions

7. S. Rajashekaran and V. Vasudevan,(2021), from Department of Chemical Engineering, Thrissur College of Engineering has undertaken research with a title " Re-use of waste plastic coated aggregates- Bitumen mix composite for road application- A Green Method." The research scholars highlights on threshold levels of Bitumen composition under various circumstances like extreme heat, cold, natural calamities etc.,

8. N.K Sonuna and N.Y Bhora (2021) in the paper titled "Plastic in road construction" opines that plastic road would be a boon for India's hot and extremely humid climate where durable and eco-friendly roads which will relieve the earth from all the types of plastic waste.

9. Huda Shafiq and Anzar Hamid (2016) professors, Dept. Of Civil Engineering , university of Kashmir , undertook research with the title "Plastic Roads : A Recent Advancement in waste management ". The outcome their research points out that the roads constructed out of plastic bitumen was strong and with better durability

RESEARCH GAP
The above review of literature clearly identifies the research gap. From the research gap it can be inferred that there is a scope for undertaking research in connection with the above statement of the problem and therefore the topic selected becomes researchable.

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OBJECTIVES
1. To know the quantum of roads being tarred by BBMP using plastic bitumen during the previous 3 decades;
2. To know the progress undertaken by BBMP to dispose the plastic waste in tarring the roads
3. To know the cost of constructing the plastic road for one KM and to know the ups and downs in cost if any
4. To suggest remedial measures to BBMP, in case required with the help of analysis of the data.

LIMITATIONS
1. The study is confined only to plastic waste management with specific reference to tarring of roads only, leaving apart the other methods.
2. The study is restricted only to the BBMP limits;
3. The study takes into consideration only the secondary data, for the purpose of analysis and interpretation.
4. Data unavailable regarding tarring of roads using plastic bitumen prior to 2005. It is known that only 37 KMs of roads were constructed using plastic bitumen prior to 2005.

DATA PRESENTATION
Data Set 1: Table 1 showing the plastic waste generation 1993 to 2023 up to June
Data Set 2: Table 2 Showing the Data Of Recycling Of Plastic Waste From 1993 To 2023
Data Set 3: Table 3 Showing The Data Of Number Of Kilometres Of Roads Costructed Using Plastic Waste From 1993 To 2023
Data Set 4: Table 4 showing the cost of construction of plastic roads from 1993-2023
Data Set 5: Table showing the roads asphalted with plastic bitumen

FINDINGS
Chart showing the Plastic waste Generated and Recycled during the last 3 decades . From the chart it is evident that there is a huge difference in the percentage of plastic recycling as compared its production as plastic garbage. Even during the recent past , recycling is just standing at a meagre of 30% in the decade from 2013-2023 up to June and it is not at all encouraging .

Chart 1 showing the comparion of plastic recycled and number of KMs of roads constructed using plastic bitumen

From the chart 2 it is apparent that the plastic bitumen used in the construction of roads is discouraging. Figures are really disturbing when we take a look at the present decade ending on June 2023 where we can find a huge pile of 14100 tonnes of recycling of plastics and only 457 kms of plastic roads constructed.

Chart 3.showing the cost of Construction of plastic bitumen roads.
From the below chart 3 it can be found that the cost of construction of plastic bitumen roads is increasing from 3 decades. As compared to the 1993 to 2003 decade the cost of construction is almost escalted by 66.67% during 2013 to 2023 up to June . Chart 4 showing comparison of plastic waste generation and the number of KMs of roads constructed with plastic bitumen from 2005 to 2023 up to June. From the below chart 4 it can be found that from 2005 to 2013 plastic waste recycled is 1872 tonnes per year on an average and from 2013 to 2023 up to June its 4172 tonnes per year on an average. But the worrying factor is that sufficnet KMs of plastic bitumen roads were not utilised using these plastic recycling. It is apparent from the chart that only 2.29% of the plastic recycling is diverted towards the construction of roads from 2005 to 2013. From 2013 to 2023 up to June only 3.09% of the total plastic recycled is diverted towards the construction of plastic bitumen roads.

Suggestions to BBMP
1) Identify the new landfills for exclusively dumping plastic waste
2) Increase the number of centres who are into shredding , cleaning and melting
3) Identify the roads which can be tarred with plastic bitumen

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4) Call for tenders for tarring the roads using plastic waste
5) Intensify tarring of roads with plastic bitumen proportionately to the wastage generated .

CONCLUSION

BBMP has been making consistent efforts to tar the roads under its limits using plastic bitumen right from 1993 and was successful in tarring the roads using plastic bitumen till 2011 with a constant pace. From 2005 till 2020 there has been lots of fluctuations in tarring the roads the reason could be primitive technology or unavailability of plastic waste towards tarring the roads   or due to tarring of roads using some other inputs. BBMP has been making consistent efforts in tarring roads but off late it is not in tune with magnanimous plastic waste being generated under city limits. It can finally be concluded that BBMP has lot of scope of tarring the roads with plastic bitumen in the days to come and can turnout to be one of the most effective MAHANAGARA PALIKE in the country with regard to disposal of plastic waste and thus can be instrumental in controlling environmental hazards .

Further scope for research
Extensive research may be undertaken as what are the other sources through which plastic waste is being collected from BBMP and how it is being channelized towards effective solid waste management.

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Table 1. showing the plastic waste generation 1993 to 2023 up to June

Year	Plastic waste generated(Average Tonnes per year)
1993-2003	7,800
2003-2013	17,400
2013-2023 up to June	49,200

Source : Secondary Information

Table 2. Showing the data of recycling of plastic waste from 1993 to 2023

YEAR	PERCENTAGE	PERCENTAGE OF PLASTIC WASTE RECYCLING (OUT OF TOTAL PLASTIC WASTE GENERATED)
1993-2003	24%	1872 Tonnes
2003-2013	28%	4872 Tonnes
2013-2023 up to June	30%	14760 Tonnes

Source : Secondary Information

Table 3. Showing the data of number of kilometres of roads costructed using plastic waste from 1993 to 2023

Time period	Number of KMs of roads
1993-2003	37
2003-2013	112
2013-2023 UP TO June	457

Source : Secondary Information

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Table 4. showing the cost of construction of plastic roads from 1993-2023

Time Period	Cost of construction (Per KM on Average Basis)
1993-2003	Rs 18,000
2003-2013	Rs. 26,000
2013-2023 up to June	Rs 30,0000

Source : Secondary Information

Table 5. showing the roads asphalted with plastic bitumen

Year	No: of kilometres of road tarred	Incremental kilometres of roads tarred	Cumulative figures
2005	120	0	120
2006	120	16	136
2007	136	23	159
2008	159	0	159
2009	159	21	180
2010	180	14	194
2011	194	10	204
2012	204	10	214
2013	214	18	232
2014	232	21	253
2015	253	15	268
2016	268	13	281
2017	281	19	300
2018	300	24	324
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2020	346	0	346
2021	346	93	439
2022	439	134	573
2023 up to June	573	116	689

Source: Secondary data
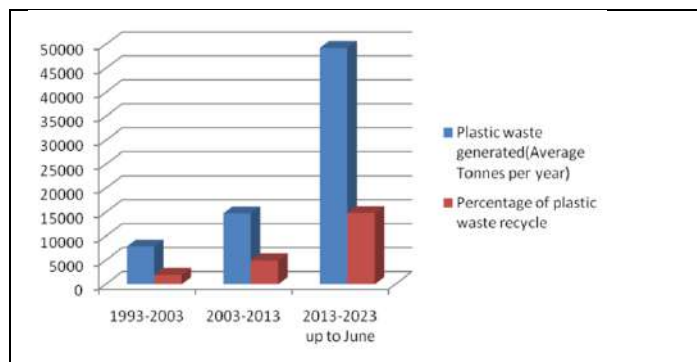
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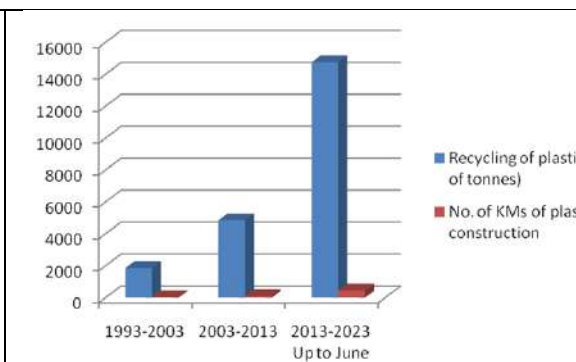
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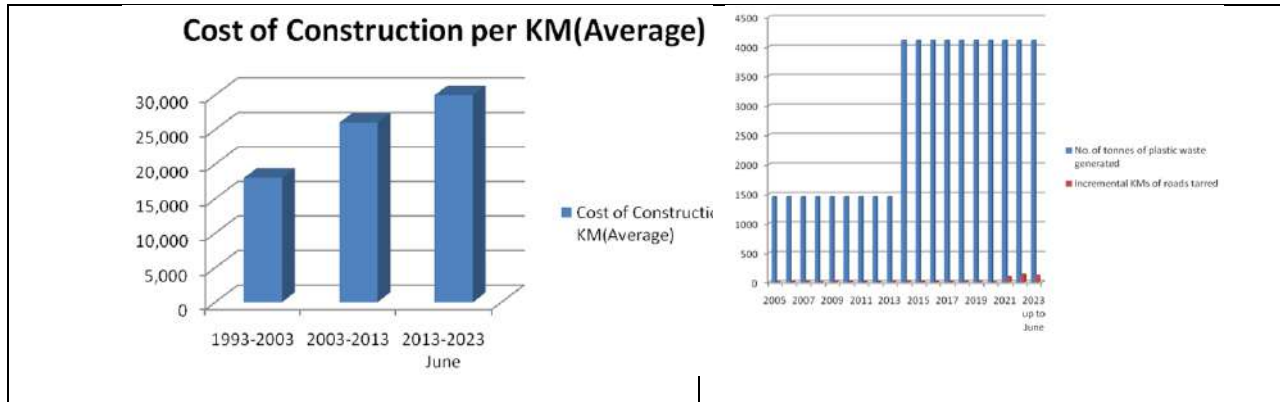
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A Study on Digital HRM on Organisational Effectiveness – Information Technology Bengaluru

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ABSTRACT

The global marketplace, the increasing importance of digitalization, and the quick speed of change have forced businesses to prioritize customers more and streamline internal operations like new product development. To stay competitive, businesses need to develop strategies to change their operational processes and adapt procedures, techniques, and resources to Implement these novel concepts. Human resource management (HRM) has advanced with the use of IT, electronic media, social media, and mobile devices. This is known as digital HRM. With this update, HRM gains even greater relevance in the contemporary setting, enabling organizations to take ownership of their management and accountability. By leveraging Social, Mobile, Analytics, and Cloud (SMAC) technology, Digital HRM helps businesses to promote appropriate behavior and adhere to global norms. This study aims to demonstrate how digital HRM can leverage secondary data to enhance an organization's performance. The study's findings are essential for improving organizational effectiveness and implementing electronic HRM in for-profit companies. In the future, HRM will be more useful and relevant due to digitization.

Keywords: Digital Transformation, Technology,

INTRODUCTION

Human Resource Management is crucial to the expansion of any organization. of the company. In recent trends human resources are become digitalized to increase the effectiveness of the production in the organization. In the Covid Scenario, companies performed their work through digitally. So it's time to measure how digitalized human resources work for the fever of the organization and reaching the organization goal. In Human Resource Management needs many factors like Selection, Recruitment, Training, Development and evaluation of performance and reward and Recognition. So those process has to conduct in digital mode and manage the Resource. How this digital resourcing in human management in an organization. These days, computer technology has supplanted all manual labour (Cöster et al., 2019). Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other intelligent computer programmes have supplanted intellectual jobs that do not require repetition and can access larger amounts of data, generally referred to as "Big data" (Makridakis, 2017; Shah et al., 2017). As more digital tools - the "Internet of Things"—are linked to the internet, the traceability likewise rises (Ebersold & Glass, 2015). Everything that can be digitalized is digital (Halid et al., 2020). not only modifies human interaction and communication but also alters how organizations function (Larkin, 2017). Thus, this study aims to explore HRM in greater detail in the digital era. More precisely, the goal of this research is to learn more about the field of digital HRM research and how it relates to organizational performance.

Purpose of the Study: This study explores the relationship between digital HRM research and organizational performance, focusing on the role of digital tools in HRM and their impact on organizational growth and effectiveness.

Objective of the study
1)	To evaluate how multinational corporations used HR IT tools in information technology.
2)	To understand digital transformation strategies and how they benefit human resources. 3)To offer suggestions to make Digital Transformation easier and more effective.

METHODOLOGY

The study consists of a thorough analysis of reports and articles on technology and HR. Specifically, the authors have restricted the study's analysis to concepts connected to technology. The authors reviewed the body of literature, made conclusions, and recommended further reading.

LITERATURE REVIEW

According to (Sušnjar et al., 2016), DHRM is a practice that is heavily utilized for both the organization's hiring, hiring, socializing, training, and career development of participants as well as for the organization to select and hire the best candidate. DHRM was defined by (Bredin & Söderlund, 2011; KAVANAGH et al., 2009) as procedures pertaining to the interaction between workers and the company they are employed by. Indeed, HRM The evolution of DHRM has been significantly influenced by the advancement of information technology. According to Maditheti (2017), all technologies are resurfacing in the business world in new forms to draw in and increase the number of hires for the company. The primary shift in HRM occurred with the implementation of new policies and strategies to draw in organizations, moving from traditional HRM to Digital HRM. According to (Saini, 2018), DHRM is the process of utilizing technology to maintain all HRM tasks through multiple applications and an internet connection. (Iwu, 2016) studied the effects of digitization on HR development, talent management, and performance at work. The study was conducted at universities in sub-Saharan Africa, and the maximum percentage of employees agreed that E-HRM would increase their performance. The study's conclusions show that digital transformation has a favorable effect on every variable.

Tripathi & Kushwaha, (2017) strongly advised that businesses implement digitalization into their HRM procedures, as it is becoming increasingly important. (Shah et al., 2017) shown that, the digitization of HRM processes makes it possible to eliminate a lot of repetitive tasks, lower the possibility of human error, and give experts more authority to handle big problems so they can apply their knowledge and abilities to solve business problems more successfully. Accordingly, prior research indicates that an organization's ability to perform better and stay relevant in the digital age depends on how well its digital HRM is implemented. Dr. A. Varadaraj & Dr. Belal Mahmoud Al Wadi (2021) For any business, digital human resource management is regarded as a basic necessity.When it comes to digitalization, every business organization still has a way to go. The management-employee interaction is strengthened with the aid of digital HRM. The goal of Varadaraj et al. (2021) is to emphasize how digital HRM may enhance an organization's performance. Secondary data were employed in this study. The research findings hold significant importance for the implementation of digital human resource management in corporate organizations, as well as for the enhancement and improvement of organizational performance. According to Altun (2022), employee wellbeing is not significantly impacted by job advancement or rewards; nevertheless, employee wellbeing is significantly impacted positively by compensation, communication, and training, in that order. Regarding the digital human resources aspects, the study found that only digital training-related activities had a substantial influence on employee welfare, with other digital HR activities having no effect.

ANALYSIS:
THE MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND DIGITAL HUMAN RESOURCES
International trade has been impacted by globalization, which has closed communication channels and integrated financial and economic patterns. In today's digital world, businesses need to have high-performance digital HR management. HR needs to update policies in response to the digital revolution. It can be difficult to manage complexity and adjust to the digital transformation, though. Organizations need digital human resources because they foster internal capability and momentum. According to Maditheti (2017), In the contemporary business world, the main objectives of the HR manager are performance enhancement, future planning, and market adaptation. The efficacy of HRM is assessed during the hiring process. Gaining insight into the interplay between HR and IT in an Internet-driven society is helpful in enhancing productivity and striking a balance between creative and practical elements.

A THOUGHTFUL PERSPECTIVE ON DIGITAL HRM
The image showcases a modern office with integrated digital HRM systems, enhancing employee engagement through vibrant colors, graphic elements, and accessibility. HR managers use analytics dashboards to monitor performance metrics and trends. The effectiveness of digital transformation depends on implementation. But as they engage in this shift, all businesses can take certain actions.

- Managers should set goals and gauge progress before implementing the HR digital transformation.
- Assess the company's current situation, pinpoint areas that need improvement, and then put the change into action.
- Before making a transition, have an honest dialogue with the staff and management. HR managers can make sure everyone is in agreement by taking this step.
- Verify that everyone is dedicated to the project. Ensuring that the company is aware of the changes can be achieved by providing an overview of the goals and areas for improvement.
- Managers will then be able to select the best technology for the business by developing a plan.
- Ask the staff and the leadership for their opinions and suggestions. Putting the plan into action is the next step. When selecting the right tools and procedures, managers need to exercise caution.
- Measuring the HR digital transformation's progress is one of the most important things managers should think about. Monitoring the project's development guarantees that the modification satisfies the requirements of the company.

- Managers must keep an eye on and assess the changes to ensure that they are functioning properly, even in light of the initial success of the HR digital transformation project.

TECHNIQUES FOR GOING DIGITAL

1. **Mechanization:** Automating the HR team's tasks is one of the best tactics. They are no longer required to complete time-consuming chores like data entry and form filling. Instead, by automating tasks, they can save time and concentrate on more crucial issues.
2. **Enrolment Online:** Making the move to an online on boarding process is a critical tactic that businesses must implement. Many studies were conducted that carried out following the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrate the advantages of virtual on boarding. HR directors need to make sure the procedure aids in the new hires' understanding of the organization and its culture to the same extent as traditional on boarding.
3. **Chatbots for HR:** A chatbot can assist HR department staff in responding to commonly asked questions rather than depending on human staff to handle these matters. Customers can get real-time answers to their questions and access the information whenever they need it.
4. **AI-Powered Hiring:** The time and effort needed to carefully evaluate the hundreds of resumes and portfolios they receive presents a significant challenge for HR professionals in the talent recruitment process. AI-driven hiring strategies have freed them up to concentrate on other important duties.

DIGITAL MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES BENEFITS

- **Decreasing Cost:** Digital solutions cost a lot less.than traditional procedures that need a lot of paperwork and manual labour. Additionally, they do away with pointless meetings, which saves the business and its staff money and time. (Acar, S., and Ünsal, N. Ö. [2017]
- **Increasing Effectiveness:** Through enhanced decision-making, forecasting, visibility into operations and productivity, fewer pointless meetings, less paperwork and paper trails, etc., digital HR solutions help to maximize employee productivity. This means that you can complete more tasks in less time without sacrificing accuracy or quality.
- **Raising Worker Contentment:** When new technology is integrated into their daily lives, employees feel more empowered because it gives them more control over their schedules, workloads, and other aspects of their jobs.This increases employee job satisfaction. Employee morale rises as a result, and since people prefer to stay with an employer, they feel valued by, this improves retention rates.
- **Achieving More Productivity:** Because digital solutions automate repetitive tasks, Employee productivity has increased. because they can complete their work more quickly. They also make it possible for people to plan meetings with clients, coworkers, and other parties more effectively and efficiently.
- **Increasing the Data's Quality:** staff will be more likely to input accurate data into their systems as they grow more accustomed to using it, which will increase the accuracy of reporting and forecasting, among other tasks, and cut down on the time spent on administrative duties. Workers can now work longer hours. doing what they do best and less time on low-value activities like data entry thanks to new technology!
- **Increasing Cooperation:** With digital solutions, employees will find it easier to collaborate on projects and instantly share information.
- **Enhancing the Experience for Customers:** Now that customers have access to real- time company data and order status updates, they can improve their experience and guarantee top-notch service in the contemporary world by planning a resumption and understanding delays.
- **Getting Information in Real Time:** One excellent illustration would be enabling clients to get a phone notification as soon as their order ships. By doing this, company can make sure that they won't be taken by surprise when something arrives!
- **Increasing the Bottom Line of the Business:**Real-time data allows businesses to make decisions more quickly, which boosts sales, profits, and other metrics. can work more effectively with suppliers and customers when have access to real-time data solutions.

- **Increasing Efficiency in Operations:** In businesses with multiple components, decision-making and operational efficiency are improved with real-time access to client information. This guarantees cooperation and consensus, fostering improved decision- making throughout all departments and advancing a common objective.

Examples of Top IT companies enhanced with work efficiency through DHRM

1) CISCO: Cisco is a leading global provider of technology solutions, with a focus on communication, networking, and cybersecurity. They offer data center solutions, cloud services, dependable networks, cybersecurity, and unified communications. Additionally, they are involved in the Internet of Things (IoT), which facilitates better data analysis and decision-making. Cisco additionally offers certifications and training to improve technical abilities. Awards won by CISCO: Fortune World's Most Admired Companies, Best Place to Work, CES Innovation Awards, InfoWorld Technology of the Year Awards.

2. **TCS**: It is a well-known international provider of IT services and consulting. With a large global footprint, TCS is renowned for its proficiency in offering a broad range of technology services and solutions. They are experts at offering business solutions, IT services, and consulting to companies in a range of sectors. TCS is dedicated to facilitating digital transformation and supporting companies in their efforts to adjust to the quickly changing technological environment. They employ a group of knowledgeable software engineers who create and manage programs specifically designed to satisfy the demands of their customers. TCS guarantees the effectiveness, security, and scalability of applications at every stage, from planning and coding to testing and implementation. TCS is a pioneer in the provision of infrastructure services as well. They provide complete management of IT infrastructure, encompassing servers, data centres, networks, and storage.

3. **Intuit:**is a fintech software provider with a range of accounting, tax preparation, and financial products that it offers to over 100 million users worldwideits portfolio includes tax preparation app TurboTax, small business accounting program QuickBooks, credit monitoring service Credit Karma and automated email marketing platform Mailchimp. The $14.4 billion- in-revenue company employs 17,300 employees in nine different countries, and has been acknowledged as a 'best company to work for' for fourteen consecutive years in a row.

4. **Adobe:** This software-as-a-service provider develops multimedia software for content creation. Adobe's line of creative cloud products, like image-editing program Adobe Photoshop, vector-based illustration app Adobe Illustrator and graphic design software Adobe InDesign, have become industry standard tools. Of its 29,000 global employees, 7,800 of them spread across five India-based campuses, making the country home to Adobe's largest employee base outside of the United States. And, in 2023, the company announced the opening of a new office tower in Bangalore to onboard another 2,000 workers.

5. **Infosys:** This 'super six' tech leader assists more than 1,800 clients execute a complete digital transformation using AI-powered solutions. Operating out of 56 countries, its services include app development, system integration, cloud migration and deployment, data analytics and cybersecurity. Headquartered from an 81-acre campus featuring a glass pyramid media center in Bangalore, Infosys is the only Indian company to make Time's top 100 'world's best companies' list in 2023. In total, there are 12 Infosys offices across the city.

A Case Study of Digital Human Resources and Their Application in a Well- Known Company
The topic of digitalization is very important and has attracted the interest of businesses, organizations, entrepreneurs, and various industries. This section will go into detail about how many of the world's top organizations use digital HR, as well as about its advantages and significance for the company. The company utilizing digital HR is highlighted in these case studies.

1) **Anchor Trust:** Anchor Group, a UK-based non-profit housing organization, aims to improve its hiring process by using a chatbot integrated into Facebook Messenger. This allows direct communication between management and candidates, and aids in the recruitment process. Social media campaigns and Facebook analysis helped identify the most suitable recruitment questions, enhancing Anchor Trust's hiring procedure. A mere 2% of participants in the organization's website application process were engaged in conversation during Anchor

Trust's traditional recruitment process; conversely, a 25% of participants engaged in conversation through the Chat Bot. In the past, a social media campaign would have cost 50 GBP in recruitment fees; however, this cost has now increased by approximately 18 times. Additionally, for a month, roughly 80% of the applicants were processed.

2) **Deloitte- (Making Learning all Fun and Games)**:A Harvard Business Review article mentioning Deloitte's "Made learning a game" was published in January 2013. This is a great illustration of how gamification can enhance the environment and functionality of a digital platform that serves users. The goal of Deloitte is to enhance the DLA (Deloitte Leadership Academy) training courses. It is regarded as one of the more challenging tasks because it takes a lot of effort to ensure that participants fully comprehend the training.

However, they added a number of gaming components, such as creating, participating in, and competing in the real world within the framework of a game, to make the training program engaging. Tests, quizzes, missions, and video lectures were all embedded so that Deloitte could communicate with the users. The training program's results showed that approximately 38% of users return to the Deloitte Leadership Academy on a weekly basis.

3) **Walmart: (Automation as a Path to Higher-Level Assignments):** Among the top retail companies, Walmart has always sought to be creative in every way. This company is constantly searching for ways to be creative and draw in both clients and staff. Walmart has therefore created an automated procedure that allows staff members to speak with customers directly. The result of this process can be found in the rapidly expanding retail district. By allowing customers to self-checkout and training staff members to be the best personal shoppers, they were able to reduce the number of cashiers. Walmart developed an online training platform to help employees get ready for any eventuality.

4) **IBM:** Leading corporation IBM, which employs close to 500,000 people, is embracing digital HR by putting cutting-edge strategies into practice. Using Facebook, they established Checkpoint to manage employees and workflow, enhancing goal-setting and employee engagement. Additionally, a digital platform has taken the place of their outdated learning management system, enabling staff members to publish significant work and take courses online. They have also created a career management system to help employees locate new jobs.

5) **RBC, or Royal Bank of Canada:** By using digitalization, RBC hopes to reinvent the employee experience. In order to improve security and infrastructure, they have established a new digital human resource management team in addition to information technology. Through the use of an online platform, they developed an application called Embard that allows employees to meet the team and learn more about their work and company culture. In addition to creating a digital platform for Career Development, Learning, and Job Transaction, RBC has planned to develop an application for Compelling Careers.

View on Digital HR from the Perspective of Other Countries
1. Since traditional HR pushed to be a part of this digital world, human resource management has become more digital.
2. 56% of businesses globally have redesigned their HR department to incorporate mobile phones and digital technology.
3. 51% of businesses globally have integrated digital technology into their operations.
4. According to the survey report, nearly thirty-three percent of organizations are using artificial intelligence (AI) to provide better human resource solutions, and forty percent of them have created mobile applications to provide noteworthy HR solutions for commercial organizations.

The HR division has changed dramatically as a result of companies implementing cloud-based technologies. Restructuring and implementing analytics require a structural revolution. Digital management practices, which emphasize people, organizations, workers, and work, are becoming more and more significant. The term "Digital Human Resource" will now be used to describe the resulting human resource practice. The development of digital HR was founded on years of work. HR concentrated on system upkeep and transaction automation in the 1960s and 1970s. It was fully implemented for business success in the 1980s. HR and talent management combined in the 1990s and 2000s, bringing new hiring, performance review, compensation, and training processes.

Suggestions

1) Small IT businesses can expedite the candidate sourcing, screening, and selection process by integrating machine learning and artificial intelligence into their recruitment procedures. This can improve hiring quality, decrease bias, and increase efficiency.
2) IT companies use digital HR practices to facilitate flexible policies and remote work arrangements. They also make use of digital tools and platforms to provide online training, skill development, and ongoing learning opportunities.
3) The IT industry uses people analytics to collect data on employee retention, engagement, and performance. And also Include stress-reduction techniques, mental health services, and digital wellness programs in HR campaigns.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that digital human resource management is essential to corporate structure. It is still early for all businesses to fully embrace digitalization. The tight bond between management and its workforce is preserved with the aid of digital HRM. Developing a DHRM plan will improve the performance of the organization. By developing an application from the top-ranked organization, this study aims to improve the hiring process and emphasize the significance of DHRM in the organizational aspect. The research paper's conclusion will significantly influence future DHRM research methodology and HR trends. Any business that wishes to increase productivity needs to create a digital strategy. These days, DHRM is recognize as both a vital and increasingly important field of study.

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Figure 1 : Enhanced Work Electivity via DHRM

Figure 2: Digital Human Resource Practice worldwide & its percentage utilization

RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Research of Internet of things (IoT) on E-Commerce Business Transparency to Supply Chain Management

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ABSTRACT

The abstract of the research is Internet of Things in the global infrastructure of commercial business that provides extreme transparency to supply chain management. In IOT technology, network transmission interconnection, signal processing, and computing information are common, and the continuous link is achieved between products or customers and products. The actual time data achieved through IOT technology further helps in monitoring activities of products from production to warehouse to end customer, and thus efficiency in managing the system and commercial management is possible. In this review, the trends of expansion of IOT in e-commerce through different phases or stages have been studied, starting from when commerce. Also, this study talks of various advantages this IOT technology has brought to the e-commerce industry, then talking of challenges in e-commerce enterprises which includes both technical and personal perspectives. This study also considers the working of IOT in production and commercial which are crucial for any type of supply chain work.

Keywords: Internet of Things (IoT), E-commerce, Supply chain management, Transparency, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Cloud Computing, Customer Experiences

INTRODUCTION

The study looks at how the Internet of Things (IoT) and supply chain openness to online retailers work together. This looks into how IoT improves exposure to figure out what effects it has on improving supply chain operations and building trust between online shopping stakeholders.The "Internet of Things" has changed how businesses do

business. The "Internet of Things" is a collection of objects and devices. The "Internet of Things" can be used in e-commerce. Supply chain management can be more open with the help of the "Internet of Things".More work needs to be done on the "Internet of Things" than has already been done.Improving the "Internet of Things" (IoT) means looking into it more to fill in the gaps. Recognising uncertainties makes it easier to combine different types of research, which leads to the discovery of hidden patterns and links. IoT has a significant effect on how transparent the supply chain is. It makes managing supply chains more open, accurate, and quick. This study looks at how Internet of Things (IoT) technology could improve the openness of the supply chain in online shopping. The goal is to improve processes and build trust among stakeholders, which means that all possible ways to make things better must be carefully looked into.The purpose of this is to investigate whatever means necessary to improve processes and develop confidence among both sides.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The proliferation of IoT devices has levelled the playing field for online businesses. They can get insights and data in real-time via the "Internet of Things". This section will examine the role of the "Internet of Things" (IoT) in supply chain visibility and online shopping. The authors discuss trust and transparency in order to demonstrate how essential these aspects are for improving the quality of online buying that takes place across international borders. Liu and Li, [12]. One of the critical contributions of Liu and Li's, [12]research is the empirical investigation of factors that impact the effectiveness of a framework. Positive outcomes in cross-border e-commerce supply chains are served by transparency and trust. The factors that contribute to the success of the system were shown in the study. In their study published were focused on the integration of blockchain within supply chains, offering an insightful overview with a focus on data transparency. The authors looked at how the "Internet of Things" and distributed ledger technology can be used to enhance supply chain transparency. It investigates how the "Internet of Things" and distributed ledger technology can improve the openness of the supply chain. Their research goes into detail about how to manage data and how these technologies can change things. Individuals involved in the supply chain are guided through an analysis of current efforts to improve transparency. The practical usefulness of this approach is increased by giving a complete picture of the current situation and possible ways to make things better.

The focus of the article is the use of the "Internet of Things" to enhance efficiency. The "Internet of Things" will make the supply chain more transparent. Modern demands for transparency in the e-commerce landscape are in line with the strategy proposed by Wu, [21]. Through the use of the "Internet of Things", the supply chain can achieve a level of transparency that surpasses traditional boundaries Wu, [21]. The "Internet of Things" can give stakeholders timely and accurate information about the status of products as they move through the supply chain. The speaker said that the "Internet of Things" will make the entire e-commerce supply chain transparent.According to Ahmadi*et al*. [1], the "Internet of Things" is expanding. The use of the "Internet of Things" is one of the emerging trends in supply chain management. Supply chain transparency can be improved by using a secure record of transactions. The data from the "Internet of Things" is being analysed using artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Artificial intelligence and machine learning can be utilised to improve operations. According to the literature review, the "Internet of Things" has the potential to transform e-commerce supply chain management by providing real-time data and insights into functions.Due to its real-time data and insights, the "Internet of Things" (IoT) is revolutionising e-commerce supply chain management. Much research has proven its advantages, and new trends may increase its usage in e-commerce. Review details IoT research for e-commerce supply network openness. New IoT trends are examined to determine how they might enhance the transparency and efficiency of the e-commerce supply chain. Thus, our literature analysis suggests that AI and ML may improve processes.

METHODOLOGY

In this method, a secondary analysis approach will be used, which involves analysing and interpreting existing data and literature related to the impact of the "Internet of Things" on e-commerce transparency in "supply chain management". The literature search will begin with online databases. It will use phrases such as "e-commerce," "supply chain management," and "transparency" to identify studies. The impact of the "Internet of Things" on e-commerce was the focus of the studies that were published in English between 2020 and 2023 Astill *et al.,* [4]. As per Almusaylim and Zaman, [3],the secondary studies that were picked had to meet strict standards to make sure they were correct and valuable. The study examined how "The Internet of Things" (IoT) has impacted open supply chain management. It focused on 2020–2023 English research. They collected the latest concepts and advancements that match e-commerce and IoT's rapid evolution. Qualitative and quantitative research were examined to complete the investigation. This open methodology deepened and broadened the secondary analysis, helping us understand how IoT and supply chain openness interact. Methodology flexibility allowed for a careful examination of many research methods. These research findings and conclusions were shaped by their data, demonstrating its importance for improving our understanding in this domain. The data presented in the studies was essential. The research that presented primary data or conducted a thorough analysis of existing data related to the "Internet of Things" and e-commerce was included Vermesan and Friess, [18]. The studies contributed empirical evidence through the generation of new data and critical examination of previously collected information.

The secondary analysis provided insights into the impact of the "Internet of Things" on the transparency of e-commerce businesses' supply chains, although this method presents certain challenges Ahmadi, [2]. The diverse nature of definitions, methodologies, and data sources used in the studies poses challenges in comparing results on e-commerce transparency. Results may be context-specific and applicable only to particular industries, regions, or timeframes. The data collection process was relied on the guidance provided by the studies' data and analysis, potentially complicating the assessment of how the "Internet of Things" (IoT) impacts e-commerce transparency. Despite these challenges, our secondary analysis encompasses all available research on how IoT influences supply chain management and e-commerce transparency. By synthesising this body of literature, we aim to gain a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted relationship between IoT and transparency in e-commerce, acknowledging the nuances and limitations inherent in the research landscape.It also finds essential findings, trends, and patterns that can help guide future research and real-world applications in this areaVermesan, *et al.* [20].This study utilizes additional information to identify and take a look at new writing concerning the way the Internet of Things (IoT) changes the transparency of supply chains as well as how it plays a role in online shopping. The objective of this work is to provide an exhaustive overview of this rapidly changing field by bringing together necessary study research, reports, and stories.

RESULTS

By looking at what has already been written about how the "Internet of Things" affects supply chain management, essential findings, trends, patterns, and themes that keep coming up were found. The "Internet of Things" has modified how open delivery chain management is, according to an evaluation of the research. The consequences can be summed up like this:

Better visibility into the supply chain: "Internet of Things" gadgets provide statistics about delivery chain operations in real-time. Businesses can discover inefficiencies and streamline techniques while they can see what is going on Vermesan, et al. [19].

Safer and Better-Quality Products: The "Internet of Things" has made it less complicated to make sure that merchandise meets patron expectations by making them safer and better. When an organisation recalls a product, it could harm its popularity and lose cash Farooqi,et al. [5].

More efficient paintings and decreased fees: The "Internet of Things" enables enhanced efficiency and cost reduction. Automation is a manner to improve accuracy, make things more efficient, and reduce the price of labour.

Better revel in for clients: the "Internet of Things" can give real-time updates on orders and delivery instances. Being honest could make clients happier and get them to shop again.

The benefit inside the marketplace: The "Internet of Things" can help e-trade agencies stand out. It is viable to make extra money. Several traits, patterns, and everyday subject matters were additionally observed in the literature that turned into looks:

Increasing Adoption of IoT Devices: More and more gadgets are connecting to the internet, and more companies are seeing its advantages. This means that devices are increasingly connecting to the internet.

Connecting to Other Technologies: Adding different technologies, like AI and cloud computing, to the "Internet of Things" could make it betterMarwedel, [13].

Worries about records protection and privacy: Literature stresses how important it is to have security measures in place to hold non-public records safe.

Skills and Training: To set up and run supply chain management systems, personnel need to recognize a way to use records evaluation, gadget gaining knowledge of, and the "Internet of Things"Yaqoob, et al. [22].

Future Potential: The literature underscores the immense potential for future growth and innovation within the "Internet of Things" (IoT), particularly concerning supply chain management. There is ample room for expansion and integration of new technologies, alongside leveraging data analytics to a greater extent. The study identifies emerging trends, recurring patterns, and critical themes, such as the broader adoption of IoT, concerns regarding data security, the necessity for skills enhancement, and anticipations for the future trajectory. Notably, Jamal et al. [7] Stress how the Internet of Things has changed supply chain management.

IoT speeds up supply chain operations by giving real-time information on where products are and how they're moving, protecting their quality and safety. Some of the benefits are higher efficiency, faster transaction times, happier customers, and the chance to get ahead in the market. This research shows how important IoT is in changing the way supply chains work and how it could lead to significant improvements in the future.

DISCUSSION

IOT helps people a lot in the supply chain by providing current data regarding how items are going while ensuring the products are stable and of excellent calibre, according to the research. Some benefits are faster service, more accessible for consumers, and sticking to the marketplace. According to Kelly et al. [9], according to the results of the secondary analysis, the "Internet of Things" can help with managing the supply chain. "Internet of Things" devices can give real-time information about things like inventory levels, where shipments are, and how the supply chain works. Companies that sell items online can see more clearly where their supply chains aren't working as well as they could and find any problems. This lets them use data to make decisions that will help their business run betterSadeeq, [15]. Products can change while they are being shipped because of the environment. Stores that sell things online can use this to make sure their items arrive undamaged, which lowers the risk of damage and unhappy customers. When devices connected to the "Internet of Things" are used, some issues and limits show up. That's right, the "Internet of Things" needs money to train people and set up the right tools. The "Internet of Things" can help protect data privacy and keep it safe. These problems can be solved by putting the "Internet of Things" in place in stagesLiberg, et al. [11]. Internet-connected gadgets have made processes more open, according to a secondary study. The "Internet of Things" (IoT) provides real-time supply chain information, improves product safety and quality, and simplifies data-driven decision-making. When implementing IoT systems, data privacy, cost, and security must be considered. The inquiry reveals how the Internet of Items (IoT) transforms logistics management by monitoring and securing things in real-time. This streamlines transactions improve customer service and boosts market competition. The widespread use of IoT in many different technologies creates more chances for new ideas to be made. Still, there are worries about data security and the need to learn new skills to work in IoT-driven

environments. As the Internet of Things grows and changes, it opens up many opportunities for creativity and progress. Overcoming skill gaps and lowering security risks are still significant issues that need to be fixed.

CONCLUSION

The conclusion of the supply chain management openness with the "Internet of Things". Another study on the advantages and downsides of adopting the "Internet of Things" in supply chain management taught us a lot.The "Internet of Things" provides real-time data. The "Internet of Things" may automate activities, reduce manual errors, and enhance accuracy. Real-time delivery updates may make consumers happy. Monitor environmental conditions in real-time to improve goods.There are issues in using the technology. Connecting data to existing systems is difficult. Concerns include data security and privacy. Skilled workers are few. The advantages of the "Internet of Things" outweigh the expenses. E-commerce enterprises may improve transparency, efficiency, and consumer pleasure via the "Internet of Things". Case study results may inform future research and practice. Future studies may examine how the Internet affects supply chain management. E-commerce companies might utilise the findings to develop an IoT strategy. The secondary analysis method has drawbacks. The study is outdated. The research provided no new data. The case study demonstrates how IoT affects commerce. The paper suggests further research and applications. The report may assist e-commerce companies in enhancing profitability and competitiveness by developing IoT supply chain management strategies.

Recommendations

Recommendations can be made to increase the impact of the "Internet of Things" on supply chain management. Various sensors can provide real-time data on inventory levels, shipment locations, and delivery status. Companies can use the information to be more open. Patterns and trends can be found in a business's supply chain data with this integration. This can help with better inventory management, logistics, and customer satisfaction. The internet lets companies keep a clean record of all the deals and events that happen in their supply chainKopetz and Steiner, [10]. This could help companies cut down on fraud. Businesses can get a clear picture of how their supply chains work if they work together. The partnership can help companies cut costs, make products better, and make customers happier. It can also help e-

commerce companies make the "Internet of Things" work better in their supply chainsThürer, et al. [17]. Businesses can make their supply chains safer, more open, and more efficient by putting money into the "Internet of Things", combining data with ERP systems, and working with partners and suppliers.

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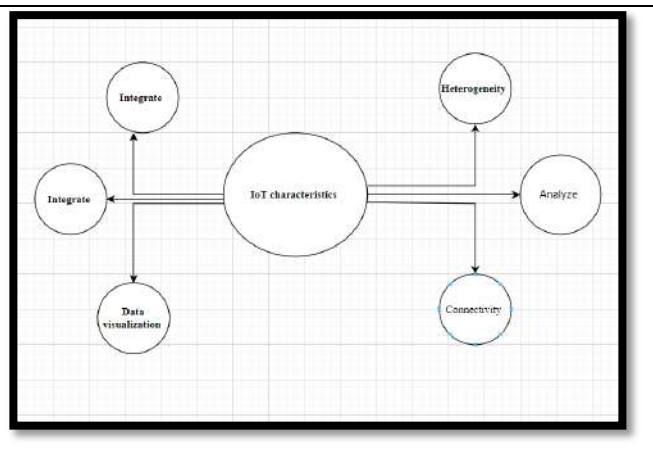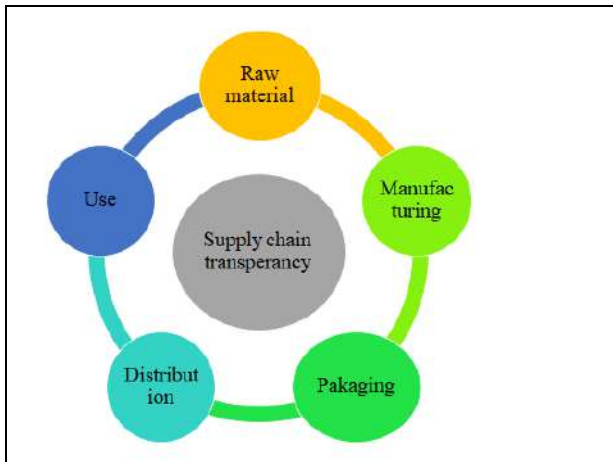
Figure. 1. Different Stages of Maintaining Supply Chain Transparency

Figure 2. Different Characteristics of IoT
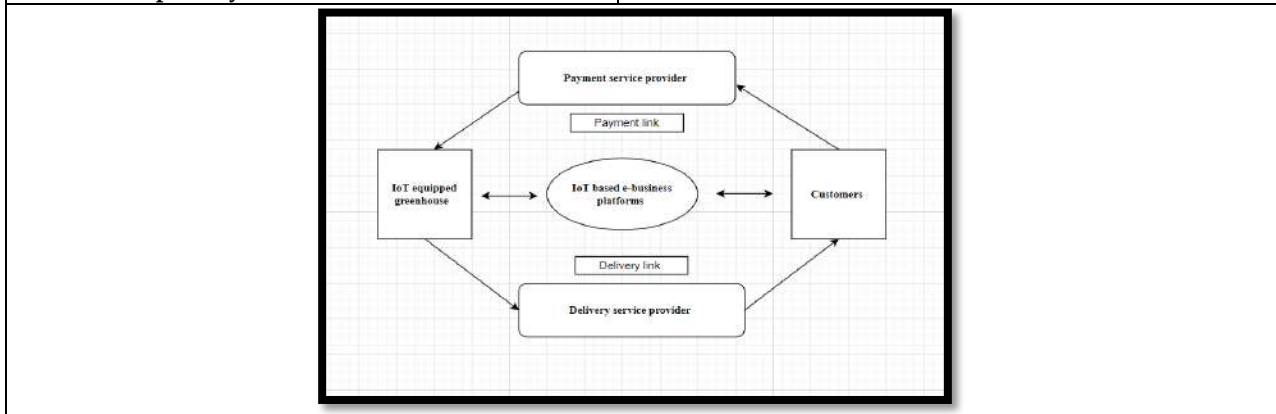
Figure.3. Use of IoT in E-commerce

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Evaluating the Library Services of the University of Agricultural Science, Dharwad: A LibQUAL+ Study

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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this paper is to evaluate the library services of the university of agricultural science, Dharwad and determine member satisfaction and expectations of library services in LibQUAL+. This research was used to survey method for collecting library service quality was measured by using 22 items taken directly from the LibQUAL scale. Approximately 96 samples were chosen by a basic random sampling method. According to the study, respondents' satisfaction levels are largely influenced by just three LibQUAL dimensions: Affect of Service, Library as Space and Access to Collection. The findings of this study would help library administrators and policymakers formulate appropriate fund allocation/reallocation based on user requirements. The library at the University of Agricultural Science in Dharwad did not meet the minimum requirements for being a good place for the users. Even though there are enough documentary and non-documentary sources available, people don't use reference collections very often. Now, fewer people use documentary sources because they might not know about them or find them difficult to use. Nowadays, libraries are focusing more on e-consortia methods.

Keywords: Service quality, University of Agricultural Science Dharwad, Library Service quality assurance, LibQUAL+.

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INTRODUCTION

Farming is the main way that many families in rural India make money. It is their main job. Agriculture universities in the state help rural areas to develop. These places help make more food and better crops so that everyone in the state has enough to eat and stay healthy. The Agricultural Science University in Karnataka started in Dharwad in 1964. It was established by the state government to teach, research, and promote agriculture and related subjects. Agricultural University libraries are important for sharing new information and helping students and researchers learn and study. Libraries are really important for providing the right information to the right people at the right time. This helps a lot with making agriculture better in the region and keeping it going for a long time. Good service quality is very important for libraries to work well and provide good services. The study uses the LibQUAL+ model to see how good the service is at the Agricultural Science University Library in Dharwad.

ABOUT LIBQUAL+
The name "LibQUAL+" means "Library Quality," and the plus sign shows that it is always changing and getting better. LibQUAL+ is when the library asks people about their experiences and what they want from the library. The results help libraries figure out what they are doing well and what they need to improve, so they can make their services better for users. LibQUAL+ is a tool that helps to check how good library services are in colleges and universities. It helps to find out what needs to be better and make the library services improve. Created in 1999, LibQUAL+ is based on a model that came from the SERVQUAL instrument. The ARL and Texas A&M University Libraries helped make LibQUAL+ better.

LibQUAL+ measures how users feel about the library's services, how much control they have over the information they need, and their overall experience of the library as a physical place. Libraries can learn a lot about what users like and what can be done better by looking at data. This can help make the library better for everyone.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Preeti (2019) conducted a observe thru LibQUAL tool at Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) Rohtak (India) to know the service satisfactory and found out that among 3 dimensions of LibQUAL+ tool, the library users have most desired expectations in "Library as Place" (LP), Dimension observed by way of "Information Control (IC)" and "Affect of Service (AS)" dimensions but usual perceived Library Service Quality (LSQ) turned into much less than their preferred stage of LSQ. Bhanu Partap (2019) conducted a comparative look at to measure the provider quality and person satisfaction in medical university libraries using LibQUAL+ device and determined that the users of each the fitness technological know-how University libraries were now not satisfied with the offerings, which became provide to them presently as maximum of the objects of all three dimensions of LibQUAL+ tool display the negative score on adequacy and superiority degree. Mallya and Payini (2019) Provide sensible insights to library managers about the notion of offerings supplied. The library administrators need to take observe of those differences inside the notion and produce the necessary alternate of their preferred working method to enhance the exceptional of offerings supplied and the hospitality student's perception of library provider satisfactory provided via the institute the usage of the well-known size model LibQUAL. A based questionnaire with 22 gadgets on 3 dimensions of LibQUAL became disbursed to undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) college students the usage of Google Forms. The suggest difference among the UG and PG have been analysed the usage of impartial pattern t-check. The findings advise that there's a big distinction within the mean belief of undergraduate and publish graduate college students about the library offerings furnished by way of the institute. Hamied NasibiSis (2019)   this study evaluates the library service first-class of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Science using LibQUAL+ version for comparing first-class provider observe assessment between trendy and specialised health facility library carrier. The final results of study is to have succeeded in satisfying the minimum expectancies of its customers but could not meet the user expectations of users in dimensions of Information Control (IC) and Library as Place (LP).   Rizky (2020) look at intention to analyse the effect of 3 additives of LibQUAL+ in Yarsi University library provider centre

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take a look at used quantitative studies and become the usage of a chance sampling technique. The result of this examine is a LibQUAL component has a tremendous and considerable indirect effect on loyalty thru user satisfaction. Bhanu Partap (2020)   Bhanu Partap revealed to evaluate the nice of services being provided by the rural and medical University libraries of Haryana and Panjab there serve and method with the use of 3 dimensions of LiQUAL+ tool. It is confined to agricultural and clinical college library. Agricultural and medical University HAU became first, PAU Second, BFUHS Third and PBDSUHS in fourth area. The observe advised ameliorating the dwindling best of library services and obtain final user's delight. Mahamood Khalid (2020) this examine measures the library carrier quality of the college libraries of the Panjab Pakistan. Used questionnaire-primarily based survey with LibQUAL Model. It has been the ordinary variety of LibQUAL respondent research observe identifies the overall poor infrastructure, area, strength, Internet lack of latest useful resource, absence of ICT tools and non-Cooperative attitude workforce has been the primary for the library customers there may be an enhance ordinary infrastructure of the libraries and the vacant posts of the libraries by way of the Govt of the Panjab, India. Rizky (2021) this observe offers comparison among public and Islamic- Based University library it uses quantitative research technique. To find out the assessment of the blended evaluation of LibQUAL and Muslim pleasant librarian. This proves that a librarian Muslim pleasant size is needed in public pc makes use of. Kamath (2022) observe deals with measuring the energy and weakness of library carrier the use of. Importance overall performance matrix evaluation (IPMA). Data accrued from UG and PG students using the LibQUAL+ device survey tool findings are the students have been happy with the library space and help by way of the library group of workers. Recommended for team of workers to integrate the importance-overall performance metrics and LibQUAL+ survey instrument to apprehend the consumer's attitude better.

AIM OF THE STUDY

This study wants to see if faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students use library services in different ways. To do this, the study uses the LibQUAL+ measurement model with 22 items in three dimensions as suggested in the model. The research is about the University of Agricultural Science in Dharwad.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1) To study the user belief of the present-day offerings of the Agricultural Science University library in Dharwad.
2) To determine the extent of users' pride with library services.
3) To examine the library provider expectancies of customers from the Agricultural Science University library, employing the three dimensions of LibQUAL+.
To examine the diploma of delight among library customers with the supplied offerings.

METHODOLOGY

The study looked at the people who use the library at Agricultural Science University in Dharwad. Among the teachers, students doing research, and students in advanced degree programs. The study used a random sampling method to do research. It used a five-point scale (with Strongly Agree as the highest and Strongly Disagree as the lowest) to collect data using LibQUAL+ questionnaires with Google Forms. We emailed 100 questionnaires to users along with instructions. Ninety-six out of one hundred people responded. We looked at the information using MS Excel and IBM-SPSS, a program for studying statistics. The factor analysed finding revealed three of library service quality. The first dimension refers Affect of Service (AS) (9 items) focused on the human aspect of library services. This dimension assesses the abilities, skills, and attitudes of library staff in delivering services. The second dimension Information Control (IC) (8 items) consisted of around the adequacy, organization, and accessibility of the library collection to meet user's needs. Additionally, it evaluates the self-reliance of library users. The third dimension Library as Place (LP) (5 items) were related to study space and the symbolic nature of the library.

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RESEARCH INSTRUMENT

To reach the primary objectives of the study was to utilize a LibQUAL+ survey, comprising 22 core items categorized into three dimensions it includes the five local queries to assess and investigate as follows.

SL. No	Details of items
AS-1	Library staff instil confidence in user
AS-2	Library staff pays personal attention to the users
AS-3	Library staff is consistently courteous
AS-4	Library staff is always ready to respond to users' questions
AS-5	Library staff has competence/knowledge to answer users' questions
AS-6	Library staff caring while dealing with the users
AS-7	Library staff understands the needs of its users
AS-8	Library staff is always willing to help users
AS-9	Library staff displays reliability in handling users service problems

Information Control: It comprised eight items designed to assess the sufficiency of library resources and measure the extent to which the library supports users in autonomously finding information.

IC-10	Electronic resources of the library are accessible from my home or office
IC-11	Web site of library enable me to locate information on my own
IC-12	Library has printed materials; I need for my work
IC-13	Library has electronic materials I need for my work
IC-14	Library has modern equipment that lets me have easy access to the needed information
IC-15	Library has easy-to-use access tools that allow me to find information on my own
IC-16	Library makes the information easily accessible for independent search
IC-17	Library has printed and/or electronic journal collections. I require for my work

Library as Place: It includes five items designed to evaluate the library facilities concerning space and comfort.

LP-18	Library has space that inspires study and learning
LP-19	Library has quiet space for individual activities
LP-20	Library has comfortable and inviting location
LP-21	Library is a gateway for study, learning and research
LP-22	Library has community spaces for group learning and group study

SAMPLING

We used a simple method to randomly choose people to study the library services at the University of Agricultural Science, Dharwad. In UAS Dharwad, there are a total of 1000 teachers, researchers, and students. So, 10% of all the faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students were chosen to be the sample size. This means they were selected as an example of the whole group. 100 are received.

DATA ANALYSIS

Characteristics of Respondents in University of Agricultural Science, Dharwad. The demographic characteristics of the respondents are indicated below:

Table 1 The overview of people's information like their age, education level, and field of study. We got 96 responses, which is a 96% response rate. The group has 56. 38% males and 43. 62% females. The people taking the survey adept into five different groups based on their age. The group of people who are 21-25 years old is the biggest group, making up 58. 3% of the total number of people in the survey. The survey showed that 20. 8% were teachers, 20. 8% were researchers, and 58. 3% were students working on their master's degrees. 125% of the people were studying Horticulture, 14. 6% were studying Agricultural Business Management, 20. 8% were studying Agricultural

Economics, 14. 6% were studying Soil Science, 10. 4% were studying Crop Physiology, 14. 6% were studying Agronomy, and 12. 5% were studying Entomology.

Table 2 shows that a large portion of users 57% are visiting the library daily, 16% are twice in a week, 14% are visiting occasionally. 8% are visiting weekly and 5% of users are visit the library monthly once. It also reveals that more than half of the respondents were visiting the library daily. **Table 3** shows that the library resources and services were used by departments in different percentages. For example, 14. 5% of the users were from the Department of Agriculture, 13. 5% were from Agricultural Business, 22. 9% were from Agricultural Economics, and so on. Each department had a different percentage of faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students using the library. Table 4 shows how long different groups of people have been using the library. It found that 32% of the people in the study had been using the library for less than 1 year. 28% had been using it for 1-3 years, 23% for 3-5 years, 8% for 6-9 years, and 5% for more than 9 years. Table 5 shows that most people (80. 4%) prefer to use the University library for information. Some people (54. 3%) use their own materials. A few people (17. 4%) use other libraries. Only 13% of people use information from friends or colleagues, which is the least preferred option. Finally, 674% of people used materials found online.

Table 6 determines the library users were inspired/Suggested by whom 31.4% of users suggested by Friends/Colleagues,51% of the users were Suggested by Guidance from the library staff, 73.9% by the self-motivated, 48.8% were from Direction by the guide for research work. Table 7 interpreted the satisfaction level of the library users. 1.84% of the users were Highly Satisfied, 678% of the users were Satisfied, 23.9% were users are in Neutral, and only .01% of the sample was dissatisfied.

Affect of Services
Affect of Service is the human dimension of service quality. The questions of this dimension relate to respondent's interactions with the general helpfulness and competency of library staff.

Sl. No	SA	5	A	4	N	3	D	2	SD	1	WARS	Rank
AS-1	36	5	17	4	8	3	1	2	2	1	372	IX
AS-2	42	5	13	4	7	3	4	2	1	1	390	III
AS-3	38	5	19	4	5	3	1	2	2	1	283	VI
AS-4	40	5	21	4	2	3	3	2	0	1	392	II
AS-5	32	5	25	4	2	3	2	2	1	1	382	V
AS-6	30	5	22	4	7	3	1	2	1	1	374	VIII
AS-7	16	5	20	4	9	3	0	2	1	1	376	VII
AS-8	18	5	22	4	4	3	1	2	1	1	386	IV
AS-9	20	5	23	4	2	3	0	2	1	1	398	I

Source of Data: Primary Data

It is inferred from the table that AS 9 -Dependability in handling users service problems stood first rank with a Weighted Average Rank Score of 398, AS-4 stood rank 2 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 392, AS-2 stood rank 3 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 390 AS-8 stood rank 4 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 386, AS-5 stood rank 5 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 382, AS-3 stood rank 6 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 283, AS-7 stood rank 7 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 376, AS-6 stood rank 8 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 374, and AS-1 stood rank 9 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 372. Overall, Dependability in handling users service problems highly affects the services of the Library and Employees who is still confidence in users least affects the services of the library.

INFORMATION CONTROL
Information Control dimensions relate to whether users are able to find required information in the library in the format of their choosing, independently and autonomously.

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Sl. No.	SA	5	A	4	N	3	D	2	SD	1	WARS	Rank
IC-10	28	5	40	4	16	3	6	2	2	1	362	VII
IC-11	38	5	38	4	10	3	4	2	2	1	382	VI
IC-12	50	5	30	4	8	3	4	2	0	1	402	IV
IC-13	34	5	50	4	8	3	0	2	0	1	394	V
IC-14	38	5	50	4	16	3	0	2	0	1	438	I
IC-15	48	5	36	4	6	3	0	2	2	1	404	III
IC-16	42	5	50	4	0	3	0	2	0	1	410	II
IC-17	38	5	42	4	8	3	0	2	0	1	382	VI

Source of Data: Primary Data

It is inferred from the table that IC-14 -Dependability in handling users service problems stood first rank with a Weighted Average Rank Score of 438, IC-16 stood rank 2 with a Weighted Average Rank Score of 410, IC-15 stood rank 3 with a Weighted Average Rank Score of 404 IC-12 stood rank 4 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 402, IC-13 stood rank 5 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 394, IC-11 stood rank 6 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 382, IC-10 stood rank 7 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 362.

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Library as a Place dimension deals with the physical environment of the library as a place for individual study, group work and inspiration.

Sl. No	SA	5	A	4	N	3	D	2	SD	1	WARS	Rank
LP-18	60	5	26	4	4	3	2	2	0	1	420	I
LP-19	56	5	28	4	6	3	0	2	0	1	410	II
LP-20	52	5	34	4	2	3	0	2	0	1	402	III
LP-21	44	5	40	4	4	3	0	2	0	1	392	IV
LP-22	8	5	46	4	26	3	8	2	2	1	320	V

It is inferred from the table that LP-18 Dependability in handling users service problems stood first rank with a Weighted Average Rank Score of 420, LP-19 stood rank 2 with a Weighted Average Rank Score of 410, LP-20 stood

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rank 3 with a Weighted Average Rank Score of 402 LP-21 stood rank 4 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 392 and LP-22 stood rank 5 with Weighted Average Rank Score of 320.

OVERALL RESULT

Sl. No	SA	5	A	4	N	3	D	2	SD	1	WARS	Rank
AS-1	36	5	34	4	16	3	4	2	0	1	372	14
AS-2	42	5	26	4	14	3	16	2	2	1	390	9
AS-3	19	5	38	4	10	3	2	2	2	1	283	17
AS-4	40	5	42	4	4	3	6	2	0	1	392	8
AS-5	32	5	50	4	4	3	4	2	2	1	382	11
AS-6	30	5	44	4	14	3	2	2	2	1	374	13
AS-7	32	5	40	4	18	3	0	2	2	1	376	12
AS-8	36	5	44	4	8	3	2	2	2	1	386	10
AS-9	40	5	46	4	4	3	0	2	2	1	398	6
IC-10	28	5	40	4	16	3	6	2	2	1	362	15
IC-11	38	5	38	4	10	3	4	2	2	1	382	11
IC-12	50	5	30	4	8	3	4	2	0	1	402	5
IC-13	34	5	50	4	8	3	0	2	0	1	394	7
IC-14	38	5	50	4	16	3	0	2	0	1	438	2
IC-15	48	5	36	4	6	3	0	2	2	1	404	4
IC-16	42	5	50	4	0	3	0	2	0	1	410	3
IC-17	38	5	42	4	8	3	0	2	0	1	382	11
LP-18	60	5	36	4	4	3	2	2	0	1	460	1
LP-19	56	5	28	4	6	3	0	2	0	1	410	3
LP-20	52	5	34	4	2	3	0	2	0	1	402	5
LP-21	44	5	40	4	4	3	0	2	0	1	392	8
LP-22	8	5	46	4	26	3	8	2	2	1	320	16

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CONCLUSION

A study found that almost everyone goes to the library. The documentary and non-documentary sources are enough, but people don't use reference collections very often. Nowadays, people don't use documentary sources as much because they may not be aware of them or find them inconvenient to use. Nowadays, libraries are focusing more on using e-consortia approaches. Agricultural libraries in India need to work together online and focus on teaching people how to find and use information. The study showed that faculty members, researchers, and postgraduate students at UAS Dharwad have different needs. The three people have different opinions about the library's services

and facilities. To fix these problems, the people in charge of the library should ask the users how happy they are with the library at different times. Also, they should make sure they consider each student's needs. The people who work in the library should spend more time learning about what students need.

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Table 1: Demographic Feature of Respondents

Features of Demographic Respondents		Frequency	Percentage (%)
Gender	Male	56	56.38
	Female	40	43.62
Age (Years)	Bellow 20 Years	00	00
	21- 25	56	58.3
	26-30	18	18.8
	31-35	12	12.5
	Above 35	10	10.4
Academic Status	Faculty Members	20	20.8
	Research Scholars	20	20.8
	PG Students	56	58.3
Discipline	Horticulture	12	12.5
	Agricultural Business Management	14	14.6
	Agricultural Economics	20	20.8
	Soil Science	14	14.6
	Crop Physiology	10	10.4
	Agronomy	14	14.6
	Entomology	12	12.5
	Total	**96**	**100.00**

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Table 2: frequency of visit uas, dharwad library users:

Sl. No.	Frequency of visit	Count	
		n	**%**
1	Daily	56	57
2	Twice in a week	12	16
3	Occasionally	15	14
4	Weekly	8	8
5	Monthly	5	5
	Total	**96**	**100**

Table 3: Department-Wise Frequency Use The Library:

Sl. No.	Departments	Frequency							
		Total	**%**	**Faculty Members**	**%**	**Research Scholars**	**%**	**PG Students**	**%**
1	Agricultural Science	14	14.5	4	4.1	3	3.1	7	7.2
2	Agricultural Business	13	13.5	5	5.2	2	2.0	6	6.25
3	Agricultural Economics	22	22.9	2	2.0	5	5.2	15	15.65
4	Soil Science	13	13.5	4	4.1	4	4.1	5	5.2
5	Crop Physiology	10	10.4	3	3.1	2	2.0	5	5.2
6	Agronomy	14	14.5	1	1.1	1	1.1	12	12.5
7	Entomology	10	10.4	1	1.1	3	3.1	6	6.25
	Total	**96**	**100**	**20**	**20.8**	**20**	**20.8**	**56**	**58.3**

Table 4: Period of Library Use

Sl. No.	Category of Respondents	Below 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	6-9 Years	Above 9 Years	Total (%)
1	Faculty Members	2%	2%	5%	6%	5%	19.9%
2	Research Scholars	6%	4%	8%	2%	0%	19.9%
3	Post Graduate Students	24%	22%	10%	0%	0%	56.2%
Total		**32%**	**28%**	**23%**	**8%**	**5%**	**96%**

Table 5: Preferences of Respondents For The Information Sources:

Categories	No of Users	Percentage (%)
University Library	37	80.4%
Own materials	25	54.3%
From other Libraries	8	17.4%
From Friends/Colleague	6	13%
Online resources	31	67.4%

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Table 6: respondent data based on advice for library

Sl. No	Inspire/Suggest By	No of Users	Percentage (%)
1	By Friends/Colleague	15	31.4%
2	Guidance from the library staff	24	51%
3	Self-Motivated	34	73.9%
4	Direction by the guide for research work	23	48.8%

Table 7: Satisfaction Level of The Users

Category	No of Users	Percentage (%)
Highly satisfied	4	1.84%
Satisfied	31	67%
Neutral	10	23.9%
Dissatisfied	00	00%
Highly dissatisfied	01	.01%
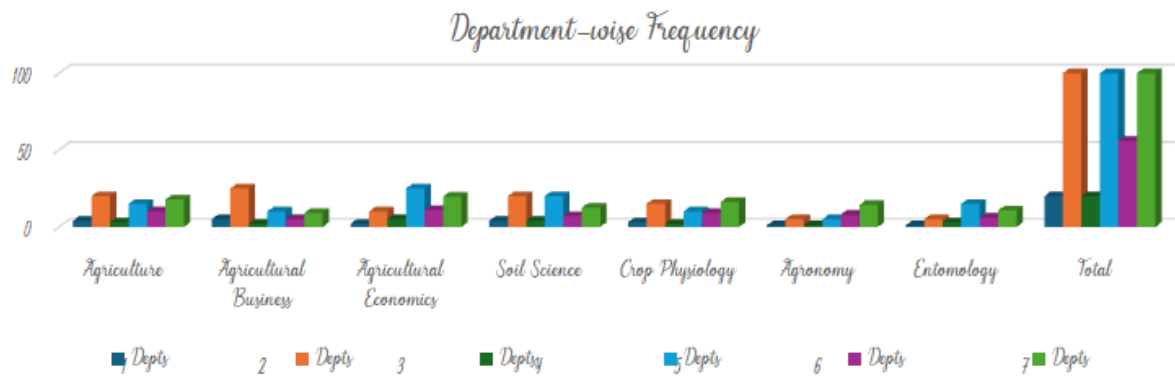
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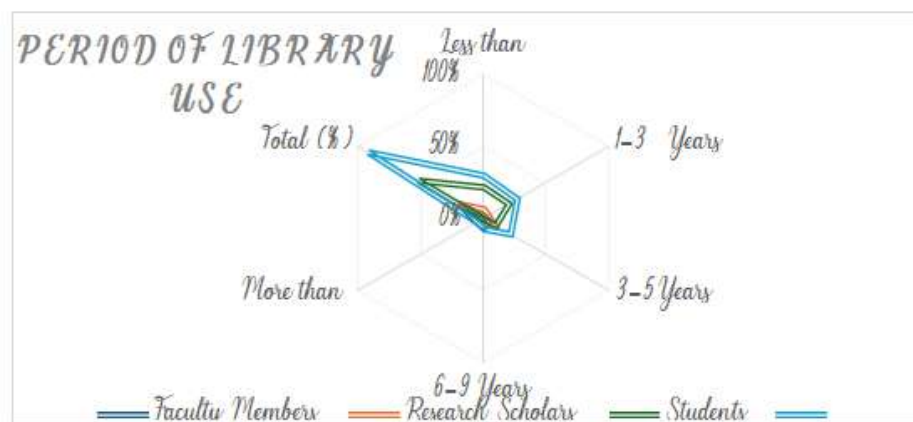
Fig 2: Satisfaction Level of the library Users

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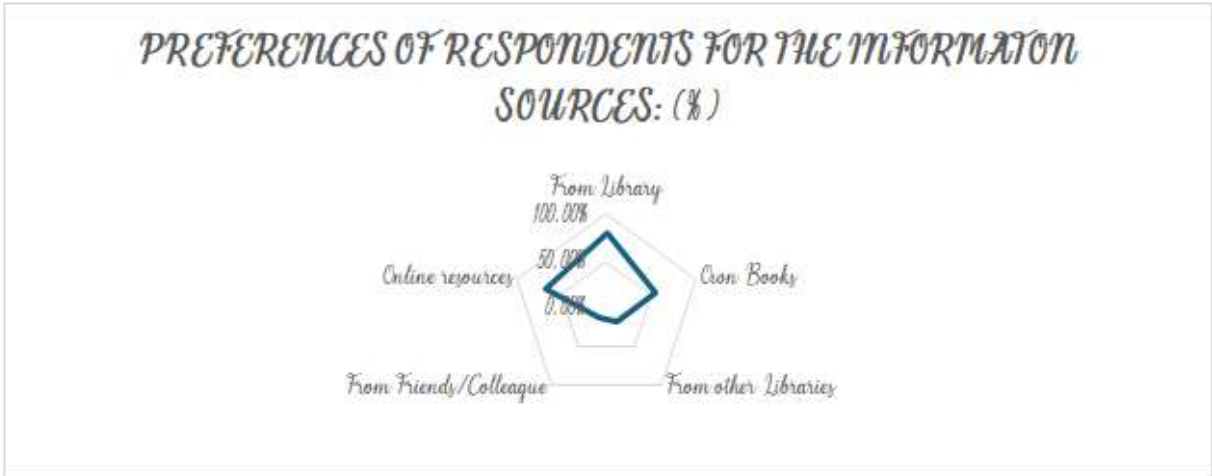
Fig 3. Satisfaction Level of the Library Users
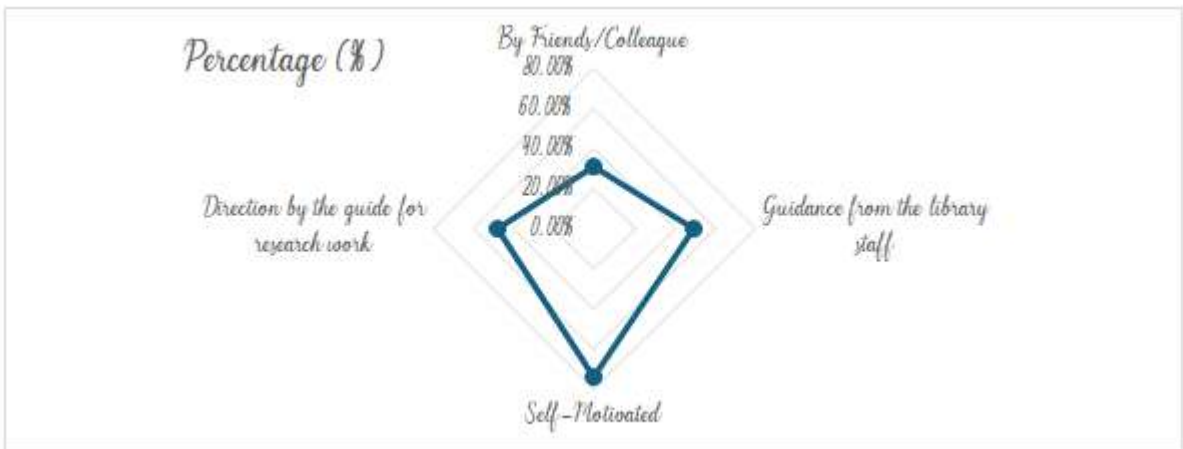
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Fig 5: Satisfaction Level of the library Users

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Applications of Artificial Intelligence and their Impact on Academic Libraries

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ABSTRACT

Artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming more popular in libraries. AI can be used to create computers that see, think, and act like humans. AI is useful for library information resources and services because it can do hard jobs. Powerful computer technology and artificial intelligence will transform libraries in the future. Library AI uses cutting-edge technology to provide libraries with computers that are intelligent. This paper describes the applications and impact of artificial intelligence in academic libraries. AI tools like REFSEARCH, POINTER, and ORA automate tasks, while machine learning and chatbots provide personalized feedback.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Chatbot, Computer, Data Mining, Robots.

INTRODUCTION

Intelligence is one's ability to think, study, and apply information and skills. Many individuals are interested in creating computers that observe, learn, reason, and act like humans. Humans' capacity to observe, reason/think, and act is natural yet evolves and improves over time due to various variables. Human intelligence is assessed by the Intelligence Quotient (IQ) from a set of aptitude tests on distinct intellectual functions. Developing intelligent machines that see, think, and act like humans is the core of AI. Computers and robots with intelligence can perform specified tasks in the face of unpredictability, monitor their surroundings, and change their activities depending on what they detect (Omame 2020). AI tries to make robots solve challenging problems like humans. It includes modelling and integrating human cognition into computer-processable algorithms. AI uses neural networks, artificial neurons or nodes that replicate biological processes. As they analyse data, these networks make educated choices and best estimates. AI originated in the 1950s and libraries adopted it in the 1990s (Ajakaye 2021). AI

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(artificial intelligence) is becoming more popular, and libraries must to utilise it. At the moment, AI is mostly used in university libraries to do different kinds of library tasks. AI's most important effect is its ability to handle jobs that humans used to do. This makes AI more important than its technology uses. AI is useful for library information resources and services because it can do hard jobs like interpreting or moving itself. Libraries can reach their goals and aims with the help of AI, which shows how important it is to society (IFLA 2016). AI is mostly represented in three areas for the future use of AI technologies in artificial intelligent libraries: Intelligent library hall space guidance; Intelligent sensing space construction should allow users to use mobile phones, wearable devices, and other mobile terminals for intelligent voice service, seat reservation, accurate information material positioning, intelligent library navigation, especially for the physically challenged, intelligent machine consultation (which can be combined with virtual reality technology), and other intelligent services (Yu, Gong, Sun and Jiang, 2019).

The Concept of Artificial Intelligence

AI has been used since the 1950s to describe a machine's ability to perform a task that would have previously required human intelligence, such as self-driving cars, robots, ChatGPT or other AI chatbots, and artificially created images (Diaz, 2023). Nwakunor (2021) defines AI as computer-controlled robots that think like humans. These robots replicate human intelligence with computer control. Thus, artificial intelligence is an evolving technology that simulates human intellect by comprehending, reasoning, learning, and using knowledge to operate, act, and replicate human problem-solving and decision-making. Library AI uses cutting-edge technology to provide libraries computers that can understand, perceive, act, and learn (Oyetola, 2023). AI in the library will affect information technology connection, actively assist information utilisation, and help patrons seek and find what they need. Future libraries will be transformed by artificial intelligence and powerful computer technology, although experts disagree on the quality (Vijayakumar & Sheshadri, 2019). The figure above illustrates the several sub-areas of Artificial intellect, including expert systems, natural language processing, pattern recognition, and robotics. These sub-areas try to replicate human intellect using computers (Vijayakumar & Sheshadri, 2019).

Impact of AI on libraries

Library personnel often exhibit an inability to accept emerging information technologies, such as card catalogues, microfilm, personal computers, and e-books. This tendency may result in delays in providing services and deficiencies in training. The sluggish acceptance of this might also lead to deficiencies in fundamental skills. The present surge of AI software and tools illustrates this problem, as libraries attempt to match the fast development of new technologies.

Information professionals

Library professionals focus on improving the quality of information management and accessibility by using artificial intelligence. Their efforts include improving the accuracy and efficiency of search and retrieval, examining digital collections in detail, and including more information. With the increasing accessibility of AI-based solutions, library professionals are going to keep in adapting and expanding their responsibilities as custodians of knowledge and collaborators within the community. In addition, they will participate in the development of AI-driven information exploration tools and provide public education on their use.

Library operations

Across the institution's extensive and challenging the past, library management systems have developed alongside associated technology. Simply integrating book loan monitoring and late fines was the primary goal. Library automation began with the ability to automate manual operations using computer technology. Library management systems are improving again because to rule-based software and AI.

User services

Libraries are using AI to customise services for certain user groups. Collection Development, Circulation, Reference, Interlibrary Loans, and Programming adapt to user needs and new technology. AI-driven chatbots are providing personalised information and introducing consumers to new AI technologies. Libraries want to employ AI in

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circulation services to provide suggestions based on customers' searches and borrowing behaviours as AI advances. More personalised and intuitive services and born-digital material accessibility will result.

Data and AI Literacy

Libraries and academic institutions have promoted information literacy since the 1970s, which involves finding and using information for problem-solving and decision-making. Today, libraries and librarians concentrate on data and AI literacy. AI literacy involves understanding its function, logic, limits, and possible effects, whereas data literacy involves finding, evaluating, and analysing data. Libraries teach clients AI literacy so they may confidently engage with a society that uses more AI tools and procedures every day.

Library analytics

Libraries use static data from circulation and use statistics to analyse and alter to answer queries like:
"Which book is missing from this collection?"
"When do most people visit the library?"
This strategy is both labor-intensive and ineffective, and it ensures that the provided data is obsolete and useless. Integrating artificial intelligence with library analytics is a rational decision. The objective of this is to use data to detect patterns in almost real-time situations. Library workers has the ability to transform this knowledge into management and planning methods in order to provide more effective services.

Use of AI tools in libraries:

Kristin (2016) states that AI applications provide libraries the chance to improve their attention and concentration. The manner in which we navigate information constantly changing. Artificial Intelligence provides a very efficient method to use this information and provide better outcomes. Libraries are strategically preparing to use the implementation of cognitive computing, namely artificial intelligence, to enhance the quality of their services.

Expert Systems in Library Services

Library activities including documents, patrons, and staff. Expert systems that enable staff-user-database conversation are promising. The expert system will let the librarian realise productivity needs improved. A well-programmed expert system improves quality.

- Reference service is an essential function provided in libraries, and the Expert System may be utilised to replace the reference librarian in the following ways: REFSEARCH, POINTER, Online Reference Assistance (ORA), AMSWERMAN, and PLEXUS are all advising systems designed to help users locate reference materials and actual information.
- Cataloging:One of the oldest library crafts is cataloguing. Due to its rule-based nature, Expert Systems have been utilised to automate descriptive cataloguing (AACR2).There are two AI cataloguing methods. A human-machine interface, where the intermediary and support system share intellectual effort; an Expert System with full cataloguing capability linked to an electronic publishing system so that online-generated texts can be catalogued without intermediary input.
- Classification is the primary process in the organising of information. Therefore, it is very significant in all systems for classifying knowledge in libraries and information centres. The use of expert systems in library categorization include the implementation of Coal SORT, EP-X, and BIOSIS.
- Expert systems are also being developed when it comes to the indexing of periodicals. Indexing a monthly article includes identifying ideas and assigning restricted vocabulary words that are conceptually comparable to vocal descriptions. The intellectual components of indexing are automated to increase uniformity and quality. The indexer helps systems find preferred phrases to automatically assign subdivisions. System may form assumptions and behave accordingly. The finest library indexing system is Med Index.
- Acquisition : Librarians and users are vital to library collection development. The innovative Monograph Selection Advisor builds library collections using new technologies. Focusing on item-by-item decision-making for topic bibliographers ensures a wide knowledge base and quick library access to needed information.

Natural Language Processing in Library Services

When we think about NLPL, we probably picture being able to speak or type an entire phrase and having a computer carry out the request. Many fields may use NLPL. Library and information science, particularly searching databases like Online Public Access Catalogues, might use this. Indexing supports document retrieval. The goal of indexing is to enhance accuracy and recall of relevant materials.

Machine learning in Library Services

AI that adapts without human intervention is machine learning. Machine learning may be supervised, unsupervised, or deep depending on the learning system. Machine learning subcategory deep learning employs complex neural networks to simulate human intelligence. Deep learning algorithms can identify complex patterns in images, text, audio, and other data to make accurate predictions.

Robotics

Robots are "an automatically controlled, reprogrammable, multi-purpose manipulator programmable in three or more axes which may be fixed in place or mobile for use in automation applications." Robots scramble, roll, soar, and ascend. They are learning how to get here alone. Libraries acquire significant amounts of printed documents as they provide more digital services and resources. The burden of offering electronic and print materials and services has caused many libraries, particularly university research libraries, to have space issues. Comprehensive Access to Printed content (CAPM) aims to construct a robotic on-demand and batch scanning system for real-time online viewing of printed content. Users will activate the CAPM system to send a robot to fetch the item. Another robotic device will open and flip the pages once the robot delivers it. The CAPM system will enable viewing of text images and finding and analysing full-text output from them utilising current scanners, OCR software, and indexing software from the Digital Knowledge Centre.

Chatbot

Chatbots are used to provide round-the-clock user services by addressing intricate and varied inquiries, facilitating personalised feedback when browsing the library website, and aiding in research by replying to requests from library users and guiding them towards particular library resources. Chatbots may enhance the efficiency and productivity of library personnel by addressing complex inquiries and reducing the time spent on recurring questions. Chatbots vary from robots in that they just provide spoken or written responses to questions, while robots demonstrate engagement by expressions, motions, verbal communication, and other human-like activities.

Data Mining

Data mining methods may extract useful information from a dataset. This Natural Language indexing technique finds particular text in vast online texts. Analytic and automated design are employed for AI data mining. An AI-powered indexing tool can automatically assign keywords based on concepts it identifies in a text through content analysis, helping academic library users find more specific and accurate research sources from different disciplines.

CONCLUSION

The impact of AI on libraries is transformative, reshaping traditional library services and ushering in a new era of efficiency, accessibility, and user engagement. AI tools have permeated various aspects of library operations, enhancing information retrieval, automating repetitive tasks, informing collection development, and improving overall user experiences. Examples such as AI-powered search engines, virtual assistants, and recommendation systems illustrate the diverse applications of AI in libraries. These technologies not only streamline processes but also contribute to the preservation of cultural heritage through digitization efforts. AI's ability to automate tasks like cataloging and metadata management frees up valuable time for librarians to focus on more complex and strategic activities. Moreover, the adaptive learning environments facilitated by AI contribute to a more personalized and inclusive library experience, catering to diverse user needs. Librarians and information professionals play a pivotal

role in ensuring that AI implementations align with ethical standards and uphold the principles of user confidentiality. As libraries continue to evolve in the digital age, embracing AI technologies not only augments their capabilities but also positions them as dynamic and responsive institutions that meet the evolving needs of their communities. The ongoing collaboration between human expertise and AI tools holds the potential to further elevate the role of libraries in providing accessible, relevant, and curated information in an ever-changing technological landscape.

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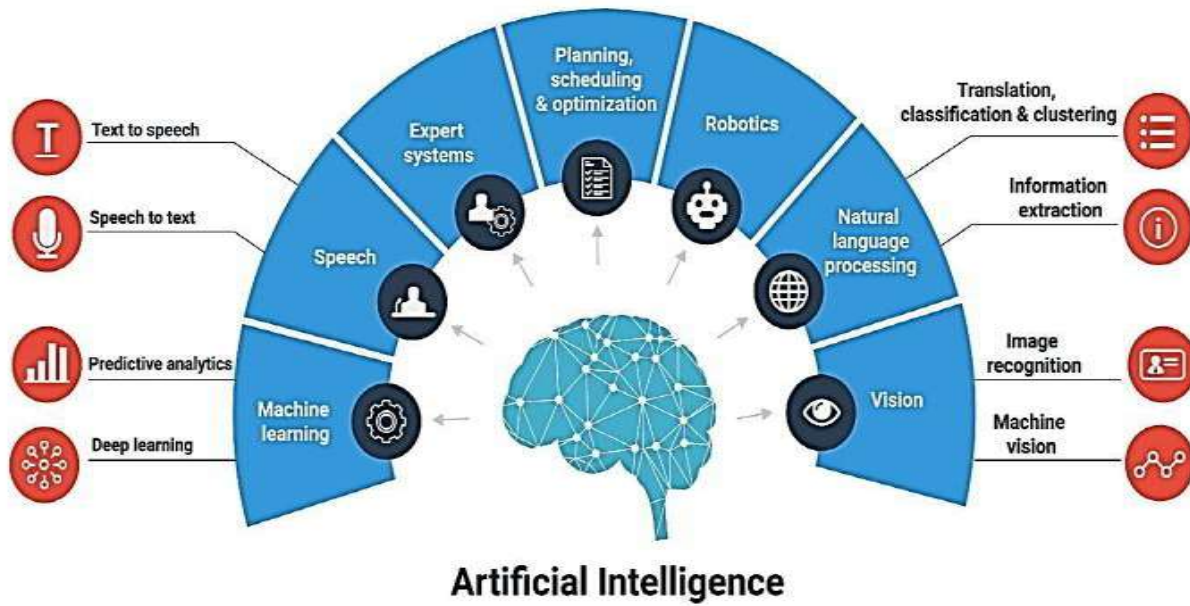
Fig: 1. Pictorial Diagram of AI Components (Source: Vijayakumar & Sheshadri, 2019).

RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Study on "Cryptocurrency in Addition to its Impact on Indian Economy"

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ABSTRACT

Crypto currency refers to a digital currency, which is another form of payment created using encryption algorithms. Crypto currencies are quite moderately new, and the market for these digital currencies is very volatile. According to the latest report, the popularity of cryptocurrency in the nation can be gauged by the element that India earlier had the highest number of crypto owners in the domain at 10.07 cr. India's population, especially the youth, is driving crypto growth rapidly. The impending of crypto currency is undefined. This reading focuses on the remaining setup and scenarios of cryptocurrency in India. According to this study, taking a stand by the government concerning cryptocurrencies as it has more likely to up bring about technological changes. Taxation on cryptocurrency gains contributes significantly to the overall pool of direct taxes collected by the IT department, potentially bolstering broader economic growth. Decisions regarding cryptocurrencies must take into account various legal and financial aspects to foster a more consumer-friendly and secure system

Keywords: Crypto currency, Virtual Currency, Indian economy, Impact

INTRODUCTION

Cryptocurrency, such as acute currency is a virtual currency secured by cryptography. It functions as a medium of exchange, with individual ownership records stored in a decentralized database. The majorattribute of cryptocurrencies is that they are not issued by the government assistance of any country, making them immune to any interference and manipulation from them

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How Do Crypto Currency Transactions work

Cryptocurrency transactions happen through electronic messages that are referred to the complete network containing instructions such as the electronic addresses of the parties involved, the quantity of currency to be traded, and a time stamp. The data from the block is transformed into cryptographic code, and miners engage in competition to solve this code. The successful miner then adds the new block of transactions to the blockchain.

Once a miner successfully solves the code, other users of the network check the solutions and reach an agreement. That it is valid. The new block of the transaction is added to the end of the blockchain.

Uses of Crypto Currency

1. Send money across borders efficiently: Cryptocurrencies can generally be held and used by anyone, making it a popular option for those supporting family members in other countries. Cryptocurrency transactions use blockchain technology to make cross-border payments more efficient simpler, faster, and even cheaper.

2. Tip yourfavourite creators directly: Have You ever wanted to pay tribute to the great work that you find online? Flipping the currency can support your beloved creators and contribute to their sustainability. Many blockchains have extremely low transaction processing fees, making direct tipping possible, brave is a blockchain-based browser that allows creators to be compensated directly by their audiences.

3. Go shopping: cryptocurrencies is commonly used for transactions, often facilitated through digital wallets. Merchants may choose to accept crypto currencies either directly or indirectly through a service provider. Companies that accept crypto payments can make their products and services available to a global customer base and bring down transaction costs. Companies can also utilize cryptocurrencies to offer rewards, typically aimed at enhancing customer loyalty.

4. Transact directly with peers: A major use case for cryptocurrency is decentralizing the legacy financial system. Blockchain technology enables decentralized finance by supporting peer-to-peer financial transactions of varying complexity. Using cryptocurrency to transact with borrow from, and lend to peers directly- with no centralized intermediary- is a foremostimprovement to the existing financial system.

5. Keep Transaction private: while blockchain technology is renowned for its transparency in financial transactions, certain cryptocurrencies, such as Monero and Zcashutilize features like ring signatures and zk-SNARKs to enhance transaction privacy, offering users a greater degree of anonymity compared to transparent blockchains like bitcoins.

Disadvantages of Crypto Currency

1. Volatility: crypto currency prices can often fluctuate. While this fluctuation can yield rapid gains it can also result in substantial financial losses for investors, particularly in certain additional circumstances, such as when the price of cryptocurrency dips suddenly. This unpredictability can be a dangerous investment choice, especially for individuals looking for steady returns.

2. Lack of Regulations: Even though cryptocurrency is legal in many developed countries, it isn't legally regulated by central governments. The lack of control and regulation in the crypto currencies market heightens the risk of crypto currency scams and market manipulation.

3. Security Risk: Although Blockchain technology offers a robust security architecture, security lapses, and hacking attempts are on the rise in the cryptocurrency ecosystem. Cybercriminals have attacked crypto currency exchanges and digital wallets, causing significant financial losses for both people and businesses. Moreover, because Bitcoin transactions are irreversible, it's difficult to recover funds once they have been stolen

4. Excessive Cost of Production: depending on its type, mining cryptocurrency may require a large supply of electricity and other resources.

Objectives of the study

- To assess the influence of cryptocurrency on the Indian Economy
- To examine the current and future views of Cryptocurrency in India

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Statement of Problem

The research is pertinent for comprehending the impact of cryptocurrency solely on the Indian economy and its market.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This Research relies on secondary data sourced from various reputable online platforms, including impact journal research papers and trusted online sources.

LITERATURE REVIEW

1. **Matheus Grasselli** states that different classes of cryptocurrenciescan be categorized based on their economic properties. Pure asset coins like Bitcoin, Ethereum, and Ripple share similarities with non-liability assets such as commodities like gold. They are distinguished by not being a liability of any economic agent, emphasizing their status as independent stores of value or mediums of exchange within the cryptocurrency ecosystem.
2. **Manikandan Subramaniyan**: The fast progress of data and communication technology has left us to depend online for our livelihood. Transacting online has become time-friendly and effective. With the growth of this, trends have changed and new concepts have emerged.
3. **Mallick and Mallick** resolute the relative among the authorized 'Indian exchanges foreign exchange rates or ICX and cryptocurrencies like 'Binance coin', and litecoin, from December 17, 2019, to June21, 2021, there was a significant positive correlation between Bitcoin and Ethereum. The relationship between these two cryptocurrencies indicates a pattern of simultaneous price movements, suggesting a degree of co-movement or interdependence in their market dynamics during that period.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

As this paper is descriptive. The study has been conducted using relevant data collected from secondary sources so analysis and interpretation are done based on data collected by secondary sources.

Influence of Crypto currency on the Indian Economy

Positive Impact
- The crypto currencies industry presently giving more employment opportunities. India's prominence in the cryptocurrency market is poised to generate numerous job opportunities, particularly in areas such as identity verification, customer support, and expertise in compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Cryptocurrency transactions facilitate the advancement of digital payments by minimizing transaction costs imposed by intermediaries such as banks and other payment applications
- Cryptocurrencies improve the transparency in data where transaction history is permanent and can't be altered.

Negative Impact
- One concern for cryptocurrency investors is that there are no provisions for carrying forward losses, which could potentially discourage investors due to the lack of tax benefits associated with traditional investment options.
- Negative Impacts is that the officials of RBI said that Cryptocurrencies negatively Impact the Indian Banking system because people may invest their earnings in cryptocurrencies which may main to an absence of resources for Banks

Current and future views of Crypto currency in India

India's cryptocurrency economy has been ranked second globally in terms of adoption, trailing behind Vietnam. The size of India's cryptocurrency market is expected to reach $241 million by 2023, growing at a rate of 14%. This growth potential could lead to the creation of 877000 jobs by then, reflecting the promising future of cryptocurrency in 2024

is a landscape defined by unprecedented growth, maturation, and integration. The industry must remain vigilant in addressing challenges such as security, regulatory compliance, and environmental impact to sustain the trust and confidence of its diverse user base. India has shown significant traction in adopting digital currency. According to the global crypto addition Index. India is ranked as the seventh-largest nation ready to adopt cryptocurrency in 2023. The bullish 2023 crypto market momentum has carried over into 2024 so far with bitcoin, Ethereum and other leading crypto trading at new 52-week highs.

FINDINGS

India, a developing country with a large economy to manage, has seen varied views from economists regarding the legislation of cryptocurrency. However, it is anticipated to have a positive impact on the economy. Many new investors and entrepreneurs are optimistic about this move as it will expand their business opportunities. In 2023, while equity investors had a good year, it was exceptional for crypto investors, with some cryptocurrencies surging by up to 16000%, delivering remarkable returns.Even blue-chip crypto like Bitcoin and Ethereum surged 160% and 90% respectively. Bitcoin process zoomed to touch dollar 44000 in early December, now it has settled around dollar 43000 about 155% higher than what it was at the beginning of the year.According to experts, the year 2024 holds promise for cryptocurrency in India due to two significant factors. First, there is a possibility that bitcoin spot ETFs might get approved, attracting big investors. Second. There is the Bitcoin halving, which ensues every few years and is scheduled for April 2024. This event could change how much bitcoinsare around affecting its price,with these two events, 2024 could be an exciting year for the crypto market.

SUGGESTIONS AND CONCLUSION

The government of India must take a proactive stance in the realm of cryptocurrency, recognizing its potential to be used in a technological revolution in the country. Taxation on cryptocurrency gains could significantly contribute to direct tax revenues fromthe IT department, further fostering inclusive economic growth. Instead of opting for a blanket ban, regulations should be established to make cryptocurrency trading easier and more reliable. There is a need to enhance public awareness about the functioning of cryptocurrency, especially in India, which ranks second in population size. Cryptocurrency holds a promising future, particularly in terms of investments and e-payments. Laws governing cryptocurrencies should be crafted with consideration for various legal and financial aspects ensure a more consumer-friendly and secure system.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Evaluating Students' Changing Perspectives on Gender Roles and Stereotypes through Mahesh Dattani's Play 'Dance Like a Man' A Student Survey-Based Study

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ABSTRACT

This research paper examines how the play "Dance like a Man" impacts graduation-level students' perceptions of gender stereotypes, exploring both acceptance and resistance towards these stereotypes, as well as strategies to challenge and overcome them. The study combines qualitative analysis with descriptive statistics to examine the comprehension and interpretation of the play's theme related to gender stereotypes. The participants, primarily students from a college, represent a demographic of rationales and digital youth, provide insights into contemporary attitudes towards gender stereotypes among modern youth. By analysing the survey data, this research aims to offer a comprehensive understanding of the impact of artistic interventions within educational settings on attitudes towards gender stereotypes.

Keywords: gender stereotypes, changing perceptions, graduation level students, mental wellbeing.

INTRODUCTION

Mahesh Dattani's play "Dance like a Man" explores the central themes of gender identity and discrimination. Within a patriarchal society, stringent gender stereotypes are imposed upon individuals, leading to social outcasts when these roles are not adhered to. The protagonists, Jairaj and Ratna, share a passion for dance but face adversity under the patriarchal figure of Amritlal. Even following Amritlal's demise, Jairaj struggles to break free from his father's expectations, eventually succumbing to depression and alcoholism. In contrast, Ratna, though facing similar

pressures, aligns with Amritlal for personal gain, persisting in pursuing her passions despite societal constraints. Dattani's depiction of Jairaj and Ratna's journeys highlights the themes of patriarchy, subjugation, and the quest for identity, ultimately portraying one character as victorious in fulfilling desires while the other merely complies with societal norms.

Gender identity and stereotypes are pervasive constructs that deeply impact individuals' lives, influencing their behaviours, employment aspirations, and societal roles. These constructs are in the form of generalized beliefs about how individuals should behave based on their gender, perpetuating rigid definitions of masculinity and femininity. It is often ingrained from a young age through cultural norms and expectations, dictating how individuals should think, feel, and behave based on their perceived gender. However, these stereotypes can have harmful consequences, perpetuating inequality, limiting personal expression, and stifling individual potential. The Paper aims to explore the impact of these stereotypes on students' understanding and perspectives, particularly in educational settings. Through an analysis of students' responses and reflections.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Gender stereotypes have long been a subject of scholarly inquiry due to their pervasive influence on individuals' behaviors, aspirations, and societal roles. Research has highlighted the detrimental effects of these stereotypes on various aspects of life, including education, employment, and interpersonal relationships. For instance, studies have shown that gender stereotypes can limit individuals' career choices and perpetuate inequalities in pay and promotion opportunities. Additionally, gender stereotypes impact children's socialization from a young age, shaping their understanding of gender roles and behaviors. Literature also suggests that exposure to alternative perspectives, such as through literature and theater, can challenge and disrupt ingrained gender stereotypes. For example, Mahesh Dattani's play "Dance Like a Man" offers a nuanced portrayal of gender dynamics, prompting audiences to reevaluate their own perceptions and assumptions. Research on media representation has similarly demonstrated the potential for inclusive portrayals to combat stereotypes and promote positive social change

Moreover, educational interventions have emerged as a key strategy for addressing gender stereotypes and promoting critical discourse. Studies have shown that classroom interventions aimed at debunking myths and promoting gender equality can positively influence students' attitudes and behaviors. By fostering critical thinking skills and encouraging open dialogue, educators can empower students to challenge prevailing stereotypes and advocate for greater inclusivity and equity in society

Scope

This research paper explores through the comprehension of the play "Dance like a Man" by Mahesh Dattani focusing on its major theme of gender identity and stereotypes and the potential for altering these perceptions through awakened students. Through a survey, this study aims to gauge the extent to which students, particularly modern teenagers, have absorbed the message embedded in the play and its implications for challenging prevailing gender stereotypes. The research is limited to a specific group of students from a single college. These students represent a demographic actively engaged in questioning and challenging gender stereotypes in their everyday lives, thereby providing valuable insights into the effectiveness of artistic mediums like theater and literary texts in promoting critical discourse and societal change.

Objectives

The main objectives of this research paper are to:
1. Evaluate students' comprehension of gender stereotypes in "Dance like a Man."
2. Assess the play's effectiveness in challenging and reshaping students' perceptions of gender stereotypes.
3. Explore students' attitudes towards gender roles and expectations pre- and post- reading of the play.
4. Examine the role of literary mediums in addressing and combating gender stereotypes in educational settings.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research paper employs combination of qualitative analysis with descriptive statistics, to examine the impact of the play "Dance like a Man" on students' perceptions of gender stereotypes. The study draws on empirical evidence gathered through a survey analysis, with participants comprising students at the graduation level who studied the play as a text in a semester. The survey was administered using a Google form. The participants predominantly consist of students from a single college, chosen for their proficiency in reading and their status as digital natives, reflecting contemporary attitudes and perspectives prevalent among modern youth. The respondents' age ranges from 21 to 23 years old. There are a total of 114 respondents for the study, with an equal distribution of 50% female and 50% male participants, resulting in a coincidentally balanced representation of both genders. All 114 respondents are students from a single college.

Data Interpretation and Analysis
Challenging readers' perceptions of gender stereotypes

"Dance Like a Man" significantly challenged them to reconsider their own perceptions of gender stereotypes. An overwhelming majority of respondents, comprising 93% of the students, indicated that the play prompted them to question their views on gender identity and stereotypes. Conversely, only a minority, 7% of the respondents, disagreed with this assertion.

Students' perspectives on gender stereotypes before reading the Play
A significant portion of students held beliefs aligned with gender stereotypes, with nearly 30% considering them accurate and another 45.6% acknowledging their limitations but still deeming them valid. This suggests that a substantial portion of the student population may have internalized societal norms and expectations regarding gender roles. Additionally, the data shows that 24.6% of students recognized the harmful consequences of gender stereotypes, indicating a growing awareness of the negative impacts these beliefs can have on individuals and society.

Advocacy for gender equality post reading the play.
Following their understanding of the Play, the majority of respondents, 63.2%, express a resounding commitment to advocate for gender equality. Another significant portion, 31.6% of respondents, indicates a partial inclination towards supporting gender equality initiatives. However, a small percentage, just 5%, do not feel particularly motivated to advocate for gender equality after experiencing the play.

Thematic messages as comprehended by the students.
The survey reveals a diverse range of perspectives among students regarding the themes of conformity, identity, and the fluidity of gender roles. A majority of 57%, perceive the play as conveying a message of conformity to societal expectations. Conversely, 30% of respondents emphasize the importance of embracing one's true identity, suggesting a recognition of the value of authenticity and self-expression. Interestingly, a smaller but notable portion, 12.3% of respondents, rigidly believe in the immutability of gender roles and stereotypes, indicating a resistance to the idea of societal change or individual agency in challenging established norms.

The impact of gender stereotypes on career decisions
The analysis indicates varied perspectives on the influence of gender stereotypes on career choices among respondents. 42%, believes that these stereotypes directly limit career options. Meanwhile, a slightly larger group, comprising 43% of respondents, perceives that gender stereotypes reinforce the idea that certain jobs are inherently associated with specific genders. However, only 14% of respondents attribute the limitation of career choices to gender stereotypes through perpetuating inequalities in pay.

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Gender stereotypes and its influence on children' development and socialization

A majority, constituting 51.8% of respondents, assert that these stereotypes significantly shape children's understanding of gender behavior. Additionally, 36% of respondents express concern over the limiting effect of gender stereotypes on children's aspirations. Meanwhile, 12.3% of respondents emphasize the role of gender stereotypes in perpetuating inequality and discrimination in society.

Stereotypes' impact on mental health and well-being:
Nearly half of the respondents, accounting for 47.4%, believe that stereotypes have a detrimental effect on mental health and well-being. 29.8% of respondents, feel that stereotypes create pressure to conform to societal expectations. Additionally, 22.8% of respondents perceive that stereotypes contribute to feelings of low self-esteem and inadequacy.

Strategies to dismantle gender stereotypes:
The majority of respondents, totaling 56.1%, advocate for inclusive representation through media and advertising as a key strategy to combat gender stereotypes. Additionally, 24.6% of respondents support educational initiatives aimed at debunking myths surrounding gender. Furthermore, 19.3% of respondents emphasize the importance of using one's rationale to challenge and break gender assumptions.

Individuals' role in challenging and combating gender stereotypes
A majority of respondents, comprising 51%, prioritize promoting equality and inclusivity in both personal and professional relationships. Additionally, 24.6% of respondents advocate for actively confronting gender stereotypes whenever encountered, rather than accepting them. Another 24.6% of respondents emphasize the importance of supporting organizations that are taking initiatives to address gender stereotypes, even if they personally may not take direct action.

The character who challenged the gender roles in the play
Based on respondent feedback, a significant majority, accounting for 78.9%, express that the character Jairaj challengesthe gender assumptions portrayed in the play. Conversely, 16.7% align themselves with Ratna for opposing gender stereotypes, while a smaller percentage, 4.4%, side with Latha.

FINDINGS

The analysis reveals a multifaceted understanding of the pervasive influence of gender stereotypes across various facets of society. Findings indicate that these stereotypes significantly impact career choices, socialization, mental health, and well-being, prompting a re-evaluation of personal perceptions and fostering a strong inclination towards advocating for gender equality. Respondents recognize the importance of combating stereotypes through strategies such as inclusive representation in media, educational initiatives, and individual efforts to promote equality in personal and professional relationships. Additionally, the majority align with Jairaj in challenging gender assumptions depicted in the play, emphasizing the need to confront societal norms and actively challenge stereotypes when encountered. Overall, the findings highlight the complex dynamics surrounding gender stereotypes and highlights the importance of proactive measures to challenge and dismantle them in pursuit of a more equitable society.

Suggestions

The following is the list of strategies as per the respondents' who are graduating students from a single college who opined that these could be effective in minimizing gender stereotypes in society.
1. Promote equality and support all genders, eliminate discrimination and increase awareness and education on gender stereotypes.

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2. Challenge societal norms and myths surrounding gender.
3. Educate children and young people about gender equality from an early age.
4. Encourage inclusive representation in media, toys, and games.
5. Support and empower individuals to pursue their passions without judgment.
6. Engage communities and grassroots actors in conversations about gender equality.
7. Implement laws and policies that protect against gender discrimination.
8. Foster a mindset of acceptance and respect towards all genders.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this research paper asserts that educational interventions, including exposure to thought-provoking plays, hold significant potential to shape attitudes and perceptions regarding gender stereotypes among contemporary youth. The study's findings carry implications for educators, policymakers, and practitioners alike, as they highlight the importance of adopting critical discourse and actively challenging prevalent stereotypes within society. By engaging with mediums such as literature and theater, individuals can gain valuable insights into the complexities of gender dynamics and be empowered to advocate for greater inclusivity and equity.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Study on the Agricultural Financing Options Chosen by Farmers in the Tamakuru District of Karnataka

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ABSTRACT

Agricultural producers residing in the Tumakuru district encounter numerous obstacles when attempting to obtain financial services due to their restricted entry into financial markets. Despite the government's implementation of various reforms, including those in the financial sector, a significant number of rural farmers continue to reside in poverty and face barriers in accessing safety nets such as loans to combat starvation and disease. The main objective of this study is to identify the variables that influence a farmer's choice to obtain agricultural financing. A survey was carried out in the district of Tumakuru. Fifty farmers participated in the administration of a pre-tested questionnaire utilising a combination of purposive and random sampling methods. Interviews were used to obtain the data because the majority of respondents were unwilling to complete the form. An analysis of the data was conducted utilising a regression model. According to the findings, farmers in the district of Tumakuru favour borrowing from cooperative banks. Additionally, demographic variables such as household size, age, gender, level of education, and level of income had a substantial impact on the decision to obtain financial services. Considerable elements such as loan amount, average processing time, and repayment of loan tenure impacted the choice of agricultural financing in the Tumakuru District.

Keywords: Agricultural Credit, , Demographic Variables, Rural farmers, regression.

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INTRODUCTION

The agricultural industry in India provides sustenance for approximately 60% of the population, the majority of whom reside in rural areas and are economically disadvantaged due to their exclusive reliance on agricultural activities. To ameliorate the state of destitution and enhance the quality of life in rural areas, access to rural finance is an indispensable element. In order to increase access to agricultural finance, rural areas should have easier access to credit and banking services. An old proverb states, "Credit sustains the farmers in the same way that the hangman's rope sustains the condemned." Regarding Indian cultivators, this assertion is entirely accurate. Therefore, in order to accelerate agricultural production, expeditious and sufficient credit is of the utmost importance. Numerous farmers take their own lives each year due to the spoilage of their harvests, which leaves them with no means of subsistence. Their living and agricultural expenses are extremely difficult, and they require financial assistance. There are two distinct varieties: institutional and non-institutional. Commercial banks, co-operative banks, microfinance institutions, and so forth, are examples of institutional sources. Sources other than institutions include moneylenders, family and acquaintances, and so forth.

Commercial Bank: From 1969 to 1975, the government nationalized commercial banks; commercial banks account for nearly 48% of total institutional credit to agriculture, while cooperative banks contribute 46%. The green revolution of the late 1960s and early 1970s did require sufficient credit availability. Nonetheless, despite efforts, the credit flow remained stagnant and commercial banks failed to adequately address the concerns and demands of small and marginal producers.

Cooperative banks : offer a diverse array of banking and financial services, including but not limited to loans, deposits, and banking accounts, to the agricultural sector. Cooperative banks serve as viable alternatives to moneylenders by ensuring that institutions obtain adequate and expeditious short-term and long-term credit at competitive rate of interest.

Microfinance: In recent years, self-help groups have emerged as a prominent platform for microfinance. A self-help group comprises individuals living in rural poverty who willingly organize themselves with the common goal of alleviating the poverty of its members. They reach a consensus to consistently contribute their savings towards a unified fund referred to as the Group corpus. The group members reach a consensus to administer this common fund and any extra funds they may receive collectively in a unified manner. After organizing a few group meetings and establishing a Self Help Group, the group is eligible to open a Savings Bank account at a Cooperative Bank, Commercial Bank, or Regional Rural Bank located in close proximity.

Professional moneylenders were the sole providers of credit to the agricultural sector until 1934. They previously levied exorbitant interest rates, which they found intolerable, and engaged in severe practices when extending and recouping loans. Subsequently, farmers were saddled with substantial obligations, many of which they continued to incur. Moneylenders extend credit to farmers without conditions, for both productive and non-productive endeavors, as well as for immediate and long-term needs. There were uprisings and discontent among farmers in opposition to these practices. They maintain close and personal relationships with the borrowers and are readily accessible; in fact, their familial ties frequently span generations. These business practices are straightforward and adaptable.

Friends and relatives: Farmers receive small amounts of credit from their friends and relatives in order to meet their daily and urgent requirements. They offer loans without or with interest and collateral.

OBJECTIVES

- To analyze socio-economic factors among Tumakuru District farmers.
- To investigate financing options for Farmers in Tumakuru District.
- To Determine the socioeconomic and institutional determinants that impact the selection of agricultural credit financial institutions in the Tumakuru district.
- To Assess farmer satisfaction with financing policies implemented by institutions.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The definition of agricultural credit is a form of financing that agricultural producers receive. In general, institutional credit agencies, independent financial institutions, tenants (including affluent farmers who lend money), retail establishments, and grain traders constitute the rural credit market. Not only do interest rates differ among lenders and regions, but they also differ based on the intended use of the loan. Consequently, individuals lacking the ability to provide the collateral mandated by the formal sector, as well as those capable but averse to doing so due to the associated risk, may request an informal loan. However, the subsequent decrease in collateral incurs a penalty, as informal lenders allocate resources towards monitoring, which must be recouped through an increase in interest rates. (Guirkinger and Boucher 2007). According to Basu (1997), the agricultural credit market comprises various entities, including retail shops, grain merchants, financial institution agencies, private financiers, landlords (including money-lending wealthy cultivators), and individual money lenders. In addition to differing among lenders and regions, interest rates also fluctuate in accordance with the intended use of the borrowed funds.

Park et al. (2003) proposed that impoverished households in developing nations face an obstacle in the form of credit scarcity, which hinders their ability to invest and generate income. Credit accessibility is a remedy to rural poverty reduction. The provision of credit facilitates the implementation of novel and potentially hazardous technologies, thereby augmenting the income of producers and consequently mitigating their poverty. The provision of credit-generated additional capital to households not only increases their expenditure but also elevates their productive assets. It is these increased expenditures that contribute to the improvement in the rural poor's consumption, encompassing both food and non-food items (Eswaran et al, 1990 and Haddad et al, 1997). According to Mansuri (2007), the unofficial market is frequently comprised of diverse non-specialists who engage in money lending as a strategy to enhance their returns from other economic endeavors. Nevertheless, not all rural households are in an equivalent position to receive loans from informal lenders. Specifically, variations in occupations among lenders give rise to methodical disparities in the expenses and dependability information each lender can obtain, as well as in the ability of the lender to enforce regulations concerning specific categories of borrowers.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the outdated rural finance paradigm was predicated on the desire of government agencies to ease the utilization of rural finance. Modernizing agriculture in order to advance agricultural development was the primary aim. Direct government intervention through government-owned lending institutions and straight donor involvement in credit markets with lenient guarantees and favorable interest rates was the prevailing strategy. Nevertheless, this system proved to be financially burdensome and unsustainable as a result of inadequate repayment, failing to yield the intended impact on agricultural production development (Meyer, 2007). According to Dutta and Basak (2008), in order for cooperative banks to survive in the highly competitive banking market, they need enhance their recovery performance, implement appropriate prudential requirements, deploy a new computerized loan monitoring system, and hold frequent workshops.

Moneylenders continue to be the primary source of credit for agricultural, despite a steady increase in institutional lending to the sector, according to research conducted in 2010 by Anjani Kumar, K.M. Singh, and Shradhanjali Sinha. They discovered that over the last forty years, agriculture has received more institutional credit. For institutions, commercial banks continued to be the primary source of financing. Yet, the expansion of agriculture was impeded by

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the diminishing proportion of investment credit. They also discovered that the farmers' employment and educational attainment, as well as sociodemographic characteristics including caste, gender, and family size, had an impact on their usage of institutional loans. Therefore, they stated that easier access to credit depends on the streamlining of credit procedures. In addition to identifying the recipients of agricultural loans from cooperative banks, Harikesh Maurya (2015) also attempted to look at the sentiments of farmers. He discovered that the medium farmers benefit the most across all size groupings. According to V. Balakrishnama Naidu, A. Shiva Sankar, and P. Surya Kumar (2013), agriculture provides a living for roughly 66% of India's population. Consequently, a key component of increased agricultural output is agricultural financing. Increased agricultural productivity and output are necessary to feed the world's population. Aside from agricultural finance, other important factors that were thought to improve agricultural output were quality of seeds, limited assistance prices, rainfall, irrigation, and environmental conditions. It was exceedingly challenging to determine the precise utilization of loan for agricultural purposes due to credit misuse.

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

The agricultural sector constitutes 70% of India's population, which resides in rural regions. Our economy is dominated by the agricultural sector, and credit is crucial to increasing agricultural output. Ensuring the availability and accessibility of timely, cost-effective, and adequate financing from financial institutions is particularly critical for small and marginal producers. Commercial banks and cooperatives are significant institutions that provide financial assistance to landowners in the area under investigation, which is the Tumakuru District of Karnataka State, India. The economy of the Tumakuru district is heavily reliant on agriculture; therefore, timely and sufficient credit provision to producers is critical.Obtaining and executing purchases pose the greatest challenge for producers. Nevertheless, the combined efforts of the financial institutions prove insufficient in eradicating the moneylenders who fund those predatory interest rates. However, the agricultural loans extended by cooperative banks have assisted farmers in decreasing their reliance on non-institutional borrowing.. Some questions arise in this environment, even if banks have been growing better at financing farmers – Do farmers in the Tumakuru district frequently borrow money to finance their crops?If yes,
Which factors impact their choice of lender?
Is their choice of financing satisfactory to them?

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The data collection process made use of both primary and secondary data. A standardized questionnaire was used to gather primary data, along with interviews with agricultural finance borrowers. The population under research consisted of borrowers from MFI, money lenders, co-ops, commercial banks, and friends and family. The RBI, the Government of India, Pro-quest, and Emerald are some of the sources from which secondary information was gathered. Fifty people from the villages in the Tumakuru district made up the study's sample. Data was gathered using a process called purposive and random sampling. Due to the majority of them being reluctant to fill out the questionnaire, the data was gathered through interviews. The Likert scale is utilized in this survey, and the findings are converted to a percentage. The Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) program was then used to analyze the data..

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

- The research primarily focuses on demographic and financial considerations in the process of identifying financial institutions that offer agricultural credit in the Tumakuru District.
- The study is based on the subjective opinions of agricultural loan borrowers. Which may contain personal biases

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Various sources available for Agricultural Loans in Tumkuru District
The aforementioned sources of available financing constitute a significant portion of this study.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION
To investigate the impact of several factors on farmers' choice of agricultural loan institutions, two hypotheses were developed. They are subjected to regression testing so that their effects can be determined . The information regarding the types of expenditures made by the participants is shown in Table 1. It is clear from the presented table that every participant has attested to the fact that they bear the costs specified in the Tumakuru district. Table 2 displays the financial institutions favoured by farmers in Tumakuru District.

The accompanying table shows that a majority of responders (54%) opt to borrow funds from cooperative societies, followed by 20% from co mmercial banks, 10% from money lenders, and 16% from family and friends. Interestingly, not a single respondent indicated a preference for borrowing from microfinance institutions in Tumakuru District. The above table shows that almost all of respondents borrow funds from institutions of finance for agricultural reasons, with only a small minority using their own funds. The data regarding the selection of the institution is displayed in Table 4.

The information in the table above suggests that farmers in the Tumakuru area choose cooperative banks because they have lower interest rates and require fewer steps to approve loans than other banks. It is strange that farmers in Tumakuru district were not interested in the many loan programmes that were available and the easy payback terms.

DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS

When choosing a financial institution for agricultural lending, characteristics such as gender, age, education, marital status, income level, and family structure are examined. Regression analysis is conducted while maintaining the financial institutions' selection as the dependent variable and the demographic characteristics as the independent components. Here is a discussion of the findings. In addition, a percentage analysis is performed to display the highest % number. H1-Demographics factors influence agriculture credit financial institution selection.

In the age range of 35 to 45, 34.04% of respondents indicated that they would rather borrow money from cooperative banks. Commercial banks are preferred by 19.14 percent of respondents who are between the ages of 46 and 55. Male respondents who are interested in borrowing from cooperative banks make up 48.93 percent of the sample. When it comes to borrowing, 36.17 percent of respondents with a high school diploma would rather use cooperative banks. According to the above table, a family of four also has a say in which financial institution they choose. Regression analysis demonstrates that the selection of financial institutions is influenced by demographic characteristics, as indicated by the p value of less than 0.05. According to regression analysis, the selection of financial institutions in Tumakuru District is significantly influenced by demographic characteristics, which supports the hypothesis.

FINANCE RELATED FACTORS
The choice of financial institution type is influenced by finance-related parameters, such as loan amount, loan period, and typical processing time. These elements are examined. A second hypothesis is developed and put to the test to determine its significance. H2- Finance-related considerations have a substantial impact on the choosing of a financial institution for agricultural financing. According to the above table, approximately 40.42% of respondents borrowed between Rs. 60,000 and Rs. 1,00,000 from cooperative banks, while approximately 29.78% of respondents borrowed between Rs. 60,000 and Rs. 1,00,000 from cooperative banks, and 10.63% of respondents obtained exceeding Rs. 1,00,000 from other financial institutions. Therefore, 70% of the 47 respondents said they would rather borrow money from cooperative banks.

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Furthermore, it can be deduced that near 46.80% of the participants had taken out a loan from a cooperative bank for less than a year, 10.63% for between one and five years, and 10.63% for longer than five years. Moreover, 4.25 percent of the landowners had taken out loans from moneylenders for one to five years. According to the above table, 34% of respondents stated that the typical time it takes to process a loan is between seven and fourteen days, while 25.53% of respondents claimed it takes more than that. 14.9% of the respondents said that money lenders process loans in fewer than seven days. This is another justification for contacting them regarding agricultural credit. In Tumakuru district, the farmers' choice of lending institutions for agricultural loans is influenced by all three of these factors. The selection of banking organizations in Tumakuru District is significantly influenced by finance-related factors, as demonstrated by regression analysis, supporting the hypothesis. Based on the data presented in the table, it is evident that the majority of respondents, approximately 63%, perceived the services offered by cooperative banks as good. Around 23.4% considered them average, 10.6% rated them as great, and a mere 4.3% found them to be terrible. The table displays the data regarding the farmers' expectations for improvement. Table 9 presents the suggestions provided by farmers in Tumakuru District. The chart indicates that 89% of the participants desire the ability to set the price for their crops. This may result in an improvement in their socio-economic status.

SUGGESTIONS

- Farmers need to regularly insure their crops to mitigate the risk of crop failure. Farmers need to be informed about several loan programs available for agricultural cultivation.
- Government can implement more initiatives to incentivize farmers, while society should offer sufficient assistance to boost farmers' confidence.

CONCLUSION

Agriculture is crucial for the economic advancement of India. Agriculture sustains about 65% of India's population and contributes less than 20% to the GDP, with a significant portion going towards exports. The agricultural sector of the Indian economy is characterized by being labour-intensive, having limited land resources, and facing a scarcity of capital. It would be challenging to achieve the benefits of agricultural modernization without providing farmers with sufficient financing at a reasonable interest rate. It is difficult for farmers to acquire financing from public and private commercial banks due to difficult socioeconomic and political conditions. Some agricultural farmers in Tumakuru are having difficulty receiving in financial services due to their limited access to financial markets. Despite the government's various changes, including financial sector reforms, many rural farmers remain impoverished, with little access to safety nettslike loans to combat famine, sickness, and other disasters. This study seeks to uncover the factors that impact a farmer's decision to obtain agricultural credit. Demographic characteristics such as income level, crop varieties planted, labour force size, and access to financial information all had a substantial impact on Tumakuru agricultural financing decisions. This includes considerations such as loan amount, processing time, and repayment period. As a result, the government and society should encourage farming operations to help farmers and improve our country's environmental sustainability.

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Table 1 types of expenses

Kinds of Expenses	No of respondents	Percentage
Payment of wages	50	100
Purchase of motor with pump	50	100
Installation pipe lines	50	100
Digging bore well and open well	50	100
Purchase of fertilizer and seeds	50	100
Transportation expenses	50	100
Purchase of agricultural vehicles	50	100

Source: Primary data

Table 2 Preference of financing institution by the respondents

Financing institution	No of respondents	Percentage
Co-operative society	27	54
Commercial Banks	10	20
Lenders	05	10
Family and relatives and friend	08	16
Small financial	0	0
Institutions		
Total	50	100

Source: Primary data

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Table 3 Loan taken by the respondents

Credit borrowed	No of participants	Percentage
No	5	10
Yes	45	90
Total	50	100

Source: Primary data

Table 4 Financial institution selection reasons

Reasons	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Rate of Interest	18(38.29%)	10(21.27%)	12(25.5%)	7(14.89%)	0 (0%)
Less formalities	10(21.27%)	19(4.42%)	15(31.91%)	3(6.38%)	0(0%)
More Schemes	8(17.02%)	12(25.53%)	18(38.29%)	7(14.89.%)	2(4.25%)
Easy Repayment	11(23.3%)	7(14.80%)	18(38.29%)	9(19.14%)	2(4.2%)

Source: Primary data

Table 5 shows demographic characteristics..

	Commercial banks	Co-op banks	Money lenders	Friends and family	Total	P Value	Sig.
Age							
Upto 25	3(6.38%)	-	-	-	3		
26 to 35		4(8.51%)	-	2(4.25%)	6		
36 to 45		16(34.04%)	-	-	16		
46 to 55	9(19.14%)		3(6.38%)	-	12		
Above 55	6(12.76%)	4(8.51%)	-	-	10	0.13	YES
Gender							
Male	13(27.65%)	23(48.93%)	-	-	36		
Female	-	7(14.89%)	3(6.38%)	1(2.12%)	11	.000	YES
Education							
No formal education	-	-	6(12.76%)		3		
School level	3(6.38%)	17(36.17%)	2(4.25%)	1(2.12%)	23		
Graduates	7(14.89%)	11(23.40%)	1(2.12%)	-	19		
others	1(2.12%)	1(2.12%)	-	-	2	.000	YES
Annual income							
<50000	3(6.38%)	22(46.80)	3(6.38%)	1(2.12%)	29		
50000-100000	-	7(14.79%)	4(8.51%)	-	11		
>100000	-	3(6.38%)	4(8.51%)	-	7	.000	YES
Family Size							
2	2(4.25%)	7(14.79%)	2(4.25%)	1(2.12%)	12		
4	7(14.79%)	18(38.29%)	4(8.51%)	-	29		
YES 6	3(6.38%)	2(4.25%)	1(2.12%)	-	6	.027	YES

Table 6 presents financial-related factors

Finance related factors	Origin of funds					P Value	Sig.
	Commercial banks	Co-op banks	Money lenders	Friends and family	Total		
Loan amount							
<60000	2(4.25%)	19(40.42%)			21		
60000-100000	7(14.89%)	14(29.78%)		1(2.12%)	21		
>100000	5(10.63%)				5	.000	YES
Tenure of loan							
>1 year	11(23.40%)	22(46.80%)			33		
1-5 year		5(10.63%)	3(6.38%)	24.25%)	10		
, 5 year		5(10.63%)			4	.022	
Average amount of time needed to process a loan							
<7 days			9(19.14%)		9		
7-15 days	3(6.38%)	12(25.53%)	2(4.25%)	24.25%)	19		
>15 days	9(19.14%)	12(25.53%)			19	.047	YES

Table 7 Opinion on the service provided

Opinion on Service Provided	No of respondents	Percentage
Good	28	59.57
Average	10	21.27
Excellent	6	12.76
Poor	3	4.34
Total	47	100

Table 9 presents the suggestions provided by farmers in Tumakuru District.

Statements	(5) Strongly Agree	(4) Agree	(3) Neutral	(2) Disagree	(1) Strongly disagree
Lower rate of interest and security	18 (38.3%)	24(51.0%)	5(10.6%)	0	0
Government intervention is required	14(29.7%)	23(48.9%)	10(21.1%)	0	0
Farmer's should have the ability to set agricultural prices.	42(89.4%)	5(10.6%)	0(0%)	0	0
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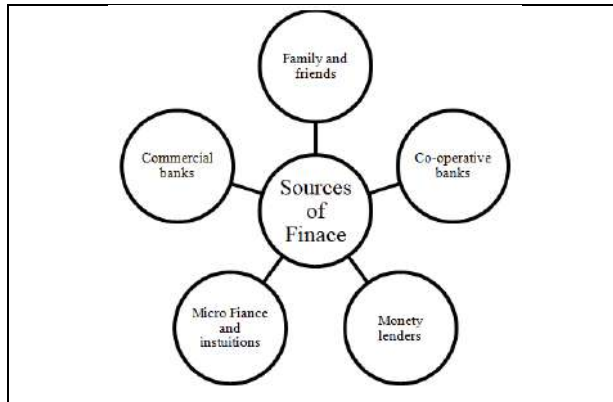
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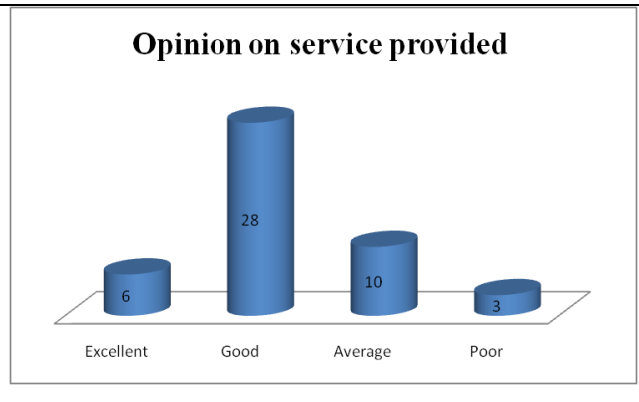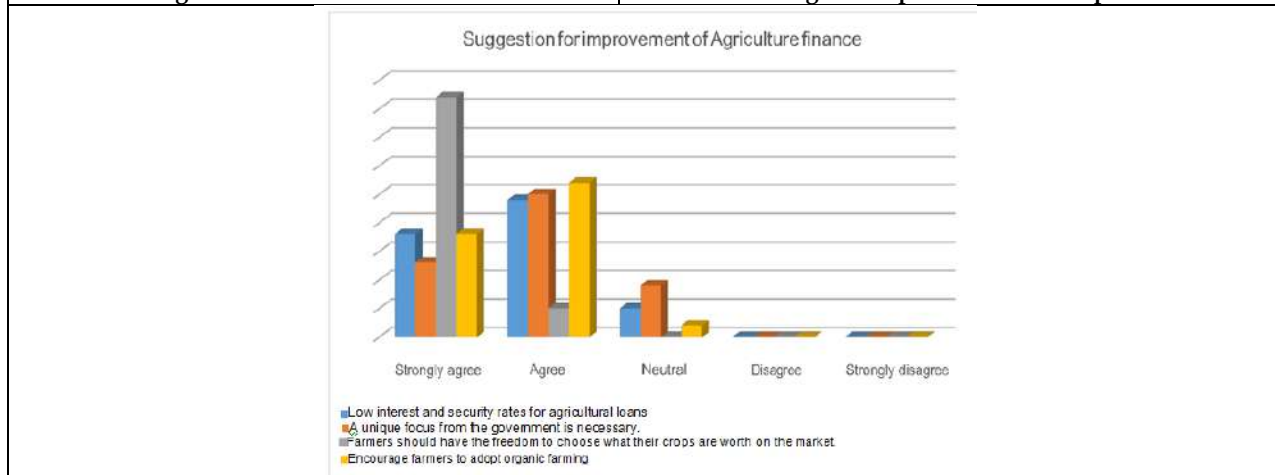
Figure 3. Suggestion for Improvement of agriculture Finance

RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Study on the Effect of Electronic Marketing on the growth of E-Commerce

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ABSTRACT

E-commerce refers to buying and selling of goods and services over the internet. Digital marketing means the techniques and instruments undertaken to increase the number of users to online stores. The fact that there has been makes it understood a considerable expansion in the marketing campaign through electronic modes which has a massive effect on the success of E commerce firms, especially the new and the smaller ones. Certain firms have come into limelight through aggressive digital advertising and marketing strategies and tools (First cry- children market segment, Mamaearth- women and personal care segment). It is also on account of the expanded use of internet and widespread network which has paved the way for the advent of electronic marketing. This paper finds a good opportunity to explore the possible effect on the E commerce firms through the new kind of marketing,

Keywords- Digital marketing, E- Commerce.

INTRODUCTION

Without a clear E-Commerce marketing strategy, organizations could face significant challenges as consumer behaviour changes. E commerce marketing strategies involve promotional tactics to drive traffic to an online store. The major digital commerce marketing and advertising strategies and tools include:

1. Website: It is the significant device for laying out the underlying relationship with the client

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2. Blogs: blogs offer an interactive tool to communicate information to customers and receive feedback through comments.
3. Email marketing: It is utilized to draw in new clients and keep up with cozy relationship with existing ones. This sends Email straightforwardly to intrigued ones and has shown to be one of the best types of showcasing interchanges.
4. Search engine marketing and advertising: This permits firms to pay web search tools for consideration in the web search tool file, getting an assurance that their firm will show up in the consequences of important ventures.
5. Social media: E Commerce businesses also use social media tools, including Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest and YouTube to create awareness, attract customers and interact directly with people.
6. Virtual communities: includes online meeting places for people who have shared interests.
7. Customer loyalty programs: loyalty programs can provide special offers, discounts and birthday wishes to strengthen the relationship between business and consumer.
8. SMS marketing: brands that want to take advantage of an SMS marketing strategy can collect phone number details from consumers and send frequent and timely offers to both prospects and customers.
9. Pay per snap publicizing is a type of paid promoting that permits showcasing groups to buy traffic to their site.

Digital marketing strategies include the following:
- Reduce abandoned carts: visitors add items to their carts but abandon their carts during the check out process. Shoppers should be reminded to complete their purchase.
- Make it easy for your customers to get what they want.
- Engage online store visitors with live chat.
- Increase customer loyalty programs.

Objectives of the study
1. To study the extent of increase in digital marketing in the recent days.
2. To explore the effect of e-commerce promoting on the growth of E-commerce

Statement of the Problem
There is no question that the wave of digital marketing can change the perception of marketing altogether provided enough scope is given to that area of marketing. Consumers are still reluctant in changing their buying behaviour and accepting the recent trend in the world of marketing due to a number of reasons. The present paper is an attempt in exploring the extent of adoption of this cost powerful advanced showcasing and also tracking it's impact the achievement and development of Web based business.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Baker (2009) expressed that consumers learn about brands through web based media. Harridge and Quinton (2012) assessed that shoppers created in excess of 500 crore impressions about item and administrations through virtual entertainment in 2011, around one fourth of the quantity of impressions made by all types of web based promoting Chris (2014) studied the objectives of marketing communications as think about the reach and possible effect of showcasing correspondence; look at the viability of every specialized instrument &establish a requirement for promoting correspondence"

Baltes and Loredana (2016) the business climate and advertising procedures is going through huge change due to digitization of world. The digitization happens in created as well as non-industrial nations and agricultural nations are being benefited as a result of digitization. There is a decent future open doors to the numerous business embracing computerized promoting procedures. IT organizations all over world like Google, LinkedIn, Facebook, YouTube and Amazon set new precedent

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Kitchen, PJ (2017) in his article expressed that the difficulties looked by promoting and brand directors are for the most part connected with in the middle among customary and disconnected deal, showcasing and correspondence and the new deals strategy of online deals, advertising and correspondence and blend in old and new. In this article they have noticed and figure out the significance of Coordinated Advertising Correspondence Groom (2008) expressed that the advertisers including strict advertiser are likewise mindful that they should change item show consistently as per crowd and as per each development of commitment. The change is undeniable in this cutting edge period and each "showcasing plan" including sell of strict item should need a component that suits to changing climate which connects with their crowd. Groom, likewise expressed in his exploration that basics of item may not change yet the manner by which the item introduced to their crowd should be changed to live up to the assumptions of crowd through progressive development of crowd

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Data for the study is collected through secondary source.
The study conducted is descriptive in nature.
Source includes journals and Magazines of several kinds.
Utilizing Advanced Showcasing, Web based business makes tremendous income as it assists with obtaining clients and brand esteem. Clients are not any more reliant simply on happy or an informal exchange prior to purchasing an item; they try to peruse the surveys about an item on every one of the stages on which the item is recorded.
As indicated by the new examination, 37 million online entertainment visits prompted 529,000 orders approx. Out of others, Facebook assists with getting more traffic to the site which prompts deals comprising normal 85% of the multitude of orders.

It has become vital to catch client's eye as they get occupied actually effectively, this is where Advanced Advertising comes into the image and help Web based business organizations to go through such difficulties.
Computerized Showcasing centers around integrating it's proper advertising channels to make it simpler for Web based business organizations

- **Consumers are 131% more likely to buy from your brand after reading or viewing educational content on your website.**
- **You can generate 3x more leads using a solid content marketing strategy versus paid lead generation. It also costs 62% less.**
- After implementing a solid content strategy, companies seen that as the quality of the leads generated was better than before they had a content marketing plan in place.

E-commerce has swept the shopping scene. According to Statistics, e-commerce accounted for nearly 20% of retail sales worldwide in 2021. Estimates indicate that by 2025, these online stores will account for almost a quarter of total retail sales worldwide. As the number of e-commerce stores has risen, the need to stand out against competitors has also increased. Considering that the e-commerce experience is virtual, digital marketing strategies are crucial to separating your image from others. In a recent study, 67% of consumers said that web-based audits were "fairly, very or absolutely important" to their online buying decisions. In another survey, 45% of respondents aged 18 and older said that understanding surveys, remarks and input via online entertainment influenced their online shopping decisions. . Retail marketers now need to consider surfacing customer-generated feedback like positive reviews and testimonials through online channels, as a complement to more traditional marketing efforts.

FINDINGS

1. Social media marketing tops the list of advanced promoting in contributing to growth in E Commerce.
2. There is a sharp increase in computerized promoting post COVID 19.

3. Traditional marketing is taking a backseat in the recent days due to increasing trend of digital marketing.
4. Digital marketing campaign can lead to savings in cost for the new E Commerce firms.
5. Technological India has paved the way for the development of digital marketing.

CONCLUSION

It is partially true that something that is new takes time to spread its deep roots into the target base, but advanced advertising isn't all that new to still take time to acquire the market. It is proven that it has a considerable influence on the rise in sales of E Commerce firms. New and small firms which enter into E Commerce segment is all set to capitalize on the strategies and tools of electronic marketing which will in turn lead to productive results in the long run. Consumers are used to these modes of marketing since there is an increased usage of internet and network coverage.

Limitations of study

1. The effects of other variables on the success of E Commerce were not explored.
2. More emphasis was given to online entertainment showcasing amongst the various other modes of digital marketing.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Study on "Navigating the Future: Digitization and Mindful Machines Role in Reshaping Jobs in the Banking Industry"

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ABSTRACT

Digitalization is playing an important role in the banking sector. Digitalization is the process of converting data into digital format. It is directly influenced by the availability of electronic gadgets and availability of network, due to which the banking industry has made digitalization a top priority. By doing so, banks are also able to offer improved consumer services. This study aims to examine whether the digital transformation of banks creates more opportunities within the banking industry or reduces bank employment within the banking workforce. Data is collected from structured questionnaires and responses are collected from bank employees, and secondary data is collected from publications, books, blogs, journals, etc. to accomplish the study & goal.

Keywords: Banking sector, Digitalization, Employment, Technology

INTRODUCTION

Artificial intelligence is playing a vital role in the process of incorporating digital technologies in various operations or activities and evolution of contemporary enterprises, viz., AI means the capability of computers' to without human intervention computers' capacity to gain and utilise the knowledge without any human intervention. It

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assures improvement in efficiency and also increasing revenue. (Kaya & Kaya, n.d.). Artificial intelligence is no more considered as an developing technology but has turned into a prominent tool in efficiency and profitability of business (Fosso Wamba, 2022). AI has a vital impact on opportunities of being hired worldwide, as it can perform continuous and repetitive works can be mechanised and also the effectiveness and precision can be maintained. (dos & Gomes, 2023). Introduction of technological facilities in the domain of banking has made the customers expect some level of customisation. Hence restructuring conventional banking services to reach the expectations will become need of the day (*AI Is Changing the Face of Digital Banking in India*, n.d.)

Objectives
1. Identifying and understanding the challenges faced by integration of AI and digitalisation in the banking sector
2. Evaluating the implications of digitalisation and AI on the banking sector workforce.

Hypothesis:
1. H_0:There isn't much relationship between digitalisation and workforce changes
     H_1: A remarkable link exists between digitalisation and workforce changes
2. H_0:The integration of AI and changes in the workforce are not significantly correlated.
     H_2 :Changes in the workforce and the incorporation of AI are significantly correlated.

Scope
The study limited to employees of banking sector in urban and rural Bengaluru.

Statement of the Problem
Study finds whether AI can replace the human resource, will it make difference in the job of banker and make bank more profitable and has made research and concluded that AI is good enough in improvising quality of banking activities but the banking technical jobs may be at stake and EI is also much needed when it comes to relationship management and AI cannot replace humans in this respect (Boustani, 2021). The author has found that even though the inputs and overall efforts are from human resource both towards clerical jobs and decision-making jobs, the number of clerks hired are showing lesser trends due to digitisation but there is no fear for officers' positions but the clerical staff recruitment is trimmed (Hazarika, 2020). Even though sufficient studies/researches have been done to find the impact of digitalisation on employment and integration of AI on employment are been made, finding the impact on employment due to digitisation and AI.

Research Design
The data is collected through primary and secondary sources. Structured questionnaire is designed for first-hand information with questions on Likert scale, dichotomy and open-ended questions are included. Responses are collected from 47 bank-employees. The sampling method used is convenience sampling. Secondary sources like online journals and articles are referred.

Data Inferences

- The highest number of responses are from women.
- After analysis and interpretation, it was found that most respondents have been employed in banks for six to ten years.
- According to analysis as well as interpretation, banks require workers with greater technical, analytical, and accounting abilities.
- Analysis and interpretation show that there has been a discernible shift in job duties and a decline in demand for traditional banking roles following digitalization and AI integration. Workers are prepared to adjust to changes in their job responsibilities, and the banking industry is also supporting them.
- It is analysed and concluded that workers in the banking sector require rehabilitation and upskilling.

- It is analysed and interpreted that employees are in a positive environment for continuous learning and training programs.
- It is analysed and interpreted that banks are facing significant challenges in the digitalisation and AI interpretation in the banking sector.
- It is interpreted that there is a decrease in pattern of recruitment for clerical jobs from the above analysis.

FINDINGS

1. Banking institutions necessitate a workforce proficient in technical, analytical, and accounting competencies.
2. Moreover, proficient communication skills and prompt customer service are imperative for their operations.
3. Following the advent of digitization and the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI), there is a heightened emphasis on the creation of novel job roles, necessitating employee adaptation.
4. While job security is prevalent in higher-ranking positions, lower-tier roles such as bank tellers perceive limited advancement opportunities within the institution, aside from acquiring advanced skills for sustainability.
5. The phenomenon of resistance to change among banking employees stems from apprehensions regarding potential job displacement.
6. Banks are urged to undertake comprehensive upskilling and reskilling initiatives for their workforce.

Suggestions

Training the employees and keeping them on par with technological changes. Only certain percentage of job/employment of lower positions may be reduced in future recruitment. Human resources are essential even after the existence of Digitalisation and AI for the customer services who are illiterates.

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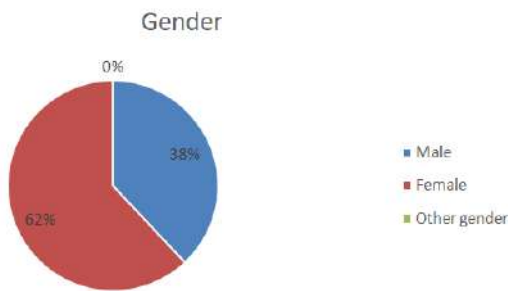
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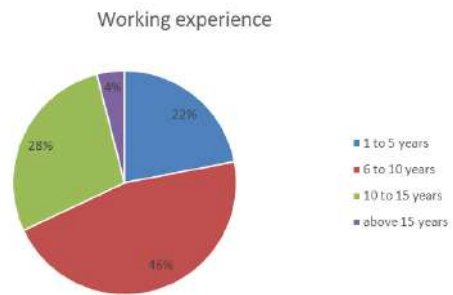
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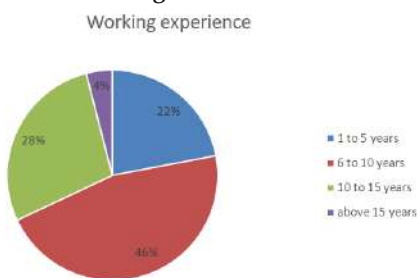
Fig. 3. Working experience

Fig.4. Level of key skills and competencies currently in demand for banking professionals.

Fig. 5. Digitization, AI and Employment

Fig . 6. Are banks currently addressing the need for upskilling and reskilling their workforce?

Fig.7. What steps are essential for ensuring a smooth transition for banking professionals into the future job market?

Fig. 8 . Bank face challenges related to the existing technological infrastructure when implementing AI and digitalization
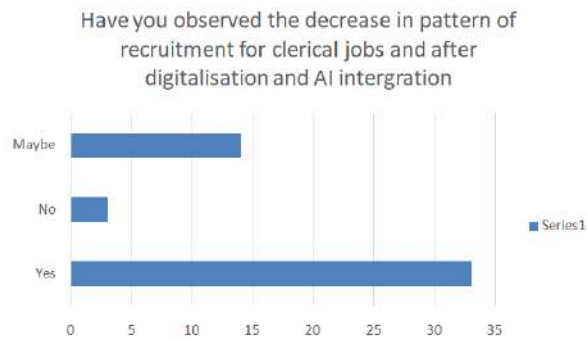
Fig. 9. Have you observed the decrease in pattern of recruitment for clerical jobs and after digitalisation and AI integration

RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Study on E-Commerce transactions with special reference to Goods and Service Tax

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ABSTRACT

We are in the twenty-first century, and e-commerce transactions are growing rapidly as a result of the government introducing new provisions through the GST as it was not in existence. Because multiple transactions are occurring at once, e-commerce transactions appear to be somewhat complicated.When a customer purchases products on an e-commerce site, two transactions take place at once. Through the e-commerce portal, the provider provides items, and the portal provides services to the supplier. These are two distinct transactions, each of which is inherently subject to GST and this paper researcher tries to focus on various provisions relating to e-commerce.

The study is conducted to understand the Applicable provisions of Electronic commerce transactions under Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017. A literature review and descriptive study method is applied and sources include reference Books, Journals, Articles, Research Publications,websites, and other available resources were used for collecting Secondary data **Dr. R**. Rupa (2017) focused on overall GST model and added that GST model even though effectivefor our economy but State Governments will face a lot of issues and challenges in initial days. GirishGarg (2014), stated that tax on Goods and services is a logical step of Government to reduce tax burden and its rates. Raj Kumar (2016), viewed that GST model will bring improvements in different sectors of our Economy by simplifying the tax structures and removing the double taxation effect Research department, ICAI (2015) concluded that GST provisions should be clear to avoid any confusion and introduce the device effective mechanism for settlements of litigation Monika Sehrawat and UpasanaDhanda (2015),came to a conclusion that effective implementation of GST going to be anenormous difficulty. AkankshaKhurana and Aastha Sharma (2016), suggested that all Indian economic sectors will be benefitted by GST but its implementation needs focused efforts from all parties involved. JaspreetKaur (2016) regarded GST as a positive change but added that it will have

different impacts on prices of different commodities. PXavierand Lourdunathan(2017),decided that the GST will benefit consumers and producers alike while also bringing in additional revenue for the government.

Keywords: e-commerce, GST, provisions , Registration under GST, digital platform.

INTRODUCTION

Section 2(44) of the CGST Act, 2017 defines electronic commerce as the supply of goods or services, or both, including digital products over digital or electronic networks. In other words, electronic commerce is the supply of goods and services through electronic mode over the internet. E-commerce Operator (ECO) i.ean electronic commerce operator is defined as any person who owns, operates, or manages a digital or electronic facility or platform for electronic commerce An electronic commerce operator is also defined as any person who provides any information or other services incidental to or in connection with such supply of goods and services through electronic platforms. Every E-commerce transaction involves below 3 parties : Seller ,Buyer and E-commerce operators.

Models of E-Commerce Business
*B2B model :*business to business model will connect business to their supplier, distributor and other parts of supply chain ex; Indiamart.com, *General electric, Shopify,*trade india.com sulekha.com, truckers.com etc.
B2C model : under this model transaction takes place between Business and individual customers who are end users. The examples are Flipkart, Amazon SnapdealPaytmWalmart, Netflix Spotifyetc,
*C2C model :*under this mode consumer interact with each other. These covered sale of used goods examples: e-bay olxolauber, Quikr, craigslist   etc.

Goods and service tax provisions with reference to E-commerce transactions:
Under section nine subsection five of Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, which addresses the chargeability of certain aspects of e-commerce transactions, notification issued by the competent authority will mention the categories of services and the taxes that, if provided through it, the digital commerce platforms shall pay. In that case, the guidelines of this will be applicable to digital commerce platforms, treating him as though he were the supplier responsible for tax payment as per the above.These rules are applicable to interstate supplies and other comparable laws. Every supplier under digital platform should essentially enrol, with no threshold exemption limit. Additionally, as per Central Government Notification No. 65/2017-C.T., dated November 15, 2017, the government has the authority to exempt specific suppliers from registration. These suppliers must not have supplied any goods/services that fall under section nine of subsection five of this law and should be supplied by electronic commerce operators. Their total turnover, calculated on an all-India basis, cannot exceed ₹20 lakh in a fiscal year. The final position resulting from notification is as follows: registration is not mandatory for the e-commerce operator who is providing service U/S 9(5) bears the liability for payment of GST; however, anyone supplying goods through digital platform is required to register under GST regardless of turnover.

Taxable event under Goods and Services Tax:
E-commerce has been defined U/S 2 (44) of CGST Act ,as the supply of goods or services, products with digital content via an electronic or digital network and Section two sub section forty five of the CGST Act defines an electronic commerce operator as any individual who owns, manages, or operates a digital or electronic platform or facility for electronic commerce. In E-commerce portal the order is placed for provision of goods or services. The E-commerce pays on theseorder to actual suppliers. Supply is done by third party unknown to the person placing order. The following are the unique clauses have been provided under GST Act 2017.

1. Payment of Tax by E-Commerce operator on behalf of Supplier u/s 9 (5)
2. Tax collection at source by e-commerce operators U/S 52
3. Registration requirements for Suppliers and E-Commerce operator

In accordance with section 9(5), an e-commerce operator, rather than actual suppliers, is responsible for paying GST in relation to services supplied through it. In these situations, the electronic commerce operator must pay the GST and these services are subject to all applicable provisions

Radio taxi/cab service	Services over passenger transportation by motorbike, omnibus, motor cab, radio taxi, or various types of motor vehicle
Hotel booking services	Services that involve lodging establishments, clubs, guest homes, or other business establishments used for lodging
housekeeping services via on line platform	Housekeeping services, including carpentry and plumbing etc.
Restaurant Services	Provision of restaurant services

Generally ,goods or services dealer is responsible for paying GST; however, if the goods or services are supplied via digital platform , then additional particular provisions apply along with the standard provisions, unless and until otherwise specified. When services covered by Section nine subsection five of the Central Goods and Service Act 2017 are offered through an e-commerce operator, supplier who registered under digital platforms bears liability equivalent to that of a service provider, in spite of operator does not receive payment directly.

Liability in case of the digital platformscharges suppliers a commission in this the e- commerce operator, is liable for payment of taxes in accordance with the existing law. The supplier will send the recipient a bill and will chargetax on such supply.

CONCLUSION

Researcher identified that major Tax reforms of our country has witnessed by introduction of unified taxation system. Though the compliance under GST has increased for the E-commerce industry, still it improves the market for the local suppliers as they can sell in any state with same tax rates, this will promote more sellers to go online and provide best services to the customers.For State government it is a major source of income from e-commerce sector subject to some practical implications but overall implementation of GST on e-commerce. The GST on the e-commerce industry may lead to greater compliance for commerce players but along with this it provides transparency and increases the revenue for the Government.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Study on E-Commerce Resilience: Examining the Dynamics of Security Threats and Protective Strategies

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ABSTRACT

E -Commerce is a term that has significantly acquired the attention of majority of consumers in the recent days. Gone are the days where people used to wait for the joy of having shopping experience loafing through streets to pick up their favourite ones. Due to the fast-changing market scenario and lack of time with buyers, digital commerce platforms have gained sufficient scope to penetrate the lives of consumers. Increased use of digital platforms to pay and purchase has paved way for hackers and fraudsters to use their knowledge in full potential to mislead and cheat buyers. By addressing these security concerns head-on, we aim to pave the way for a safer and more resilient E-commerce environment, fostering trust among consumers and ensuring the sustained growth of the digital marketplace. This paper is an attempt to study various security threats in E-commerce that is prevalent in the recent days; the paper also throws light on few protective strategies that is helpful in tackling issues related to several threats. The data for the study is collected through primary source.

Keywords: E-commerce, security threats, protective strategies.

INTRODUCTION

E- Commerce means buying and selling of goods and services over the internet. It includes a range of services like digital banking, online buying and selling, electronic payments and others. While growth in E-Commerce has improved online transactions, it has attracted the attention of the bad players in equal measures. Almost more than 69 per cent of small E-commerce stores that experience cybercrimes do not survive more than six months. A business should employ solid E-commerce security protocols and measures to keep the business and customers free from

attacks. It is also observed that cyber criminals target mostly E- Commerce businesses. E- Commerce security basics should include:

- Privacy
- Integrity
- Authentication
- Non- repudiation

The following is the list of security threats in E-commerce

- Financial fraud - It is gaining access to customer's personal information or payment information, then selling that information on the black market. It also involves fraudsters using stolen credit card information to make illegitimate purchases from your e-commerce store.
- Electronic Payments System- Digital Commerce companies use EPS that refers to paperless money transactions. It has revolutionized the payment industry by reducing paper work, labor involvement and fastening the payments. But it is prone to threats like the risk of fraud, risk of payment conflicts and the risk of tax evasion.
- Backdoor attacks- It is an unauthorized access to a system by trespassing the normal login procedures.
- Denial of Service (DOS) attack- It is the prevention of access by the legitimate (correct) users by making network resource unavailable.
- Direct attack – hacker/ attacker gains physical access to the computer to perform an unauthorized activity by installing software that can threaten the security channel.
- Eaves dropping – It is an unauthorized way of listening to the audio or private communication over the network to gain access to the confidential details of the user.
- SQL injection – a technique where hackers inject malicious code to target database using query submission forms.
- Credit/ Debit card fraud- It includes
    1. ATM- Skimming to copy information from the magnetic strip of the card to the device to get to know the details of the card holder.
    2. Unwanted presence during the use of ATM.
    3. Phishing – attacker obtains sensitive information of the user by sending unwanted SMS on mobile phones.
    4. Threats during online transactions.
    5. POS theft- an illegal way of copying card details of the user by the merchant for later use.

- Malware and website Hacking.

Some Protective strategies to combat the security issues include:

- Using multi-layer security
- Encryption – converting plain text into cipher text.
- Use of Firewalls.
- Anti- malware software.
- Complying with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard.
- Data backups.
- Tracking malicious activity.
- Regular updates of software.
- Security audits.
- Strong digital commerce platforms.

Objectives of the study:

1. To explore the possible security threats in E-commerce environment.
2. To identify the potential protective strategies to combat the threats of security in E- Commerce.
3. To study the impact of defense strategies in securing digital market place.

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REVIEW OF LITERATURE

At present, most of the economic, commercial, cultural, social and governmental activities and interactions of countries, at all levels, including individuals, non-governmental organizations and government and governmental institutions, are carried out in cyberspace (Aghajani and Ghadimi, 2018). Without doubt it is true that investing in technology ensures security to a large extent but still it is very difficult for small and new businesses to adopt.(Dobrowolska,2020). The low cost of introduction, anonymity, uncertainty of the threatening geographical area, dramatic impact and lack of public transparency in cyberspace, have led to strong and weak actors including governments, organized and terrorist groups and even individuals in this space, and threats such as cyber warfare, cybercrime, cyber terrorism, and cyber espionage (Niraja and Srinivasa Rao, 2021). Trap Doors permit an external user to accessibility software at any time without the knowledge of the computer user. Sniffers are a tool to steal usernames and passwords (Karbasi and Farhadi, 2021). Technology contributes a lot to our daily life. One of the significant contributions of technology is its applications to the way of doing business (Wang et al., 2022). It has shifted the traditional methods of doing business to the next level. Attackers usually attack customers' private data, which is the most valuable asset in e-commerce. They can either steal the data from the database of online stores, malware, ransomware, and e-skimming. They can also attack in the form of distributed denial of services (DDoS) or Phishing (Bigcommerce, 2022).

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study is empirical and descriptive based on primary sources.
Data was collected through close ended questionnaire.
Respondents include online buyers, digital platforms users and traders in E- Commerce.
Sample size is 35.
Method of sampling: Convenience sampling.
Data Interpretation:
1. What is the frequency of your online shopping?

Particulars	No of Respondents	Percentage
Rarely	5	14
Occasionally	16	46
Frequently	10	29
Very frequently	4	11

2. What could be the possible security threat that the user experiences in E-commerce environment?

Particulars	No of Respondents	Percentage
Phishing	9	26
Denial of Service	4	11
Unauthorised access	10	29
SQL injection	3	8
Payment fraud	9	26

3. Do you have confidence in the security of your account on E-Commerce platforms?

Particulars	No of Respondents	Percentage
Extremely Confident	3	9
Very Confident	5	14
Somewhat Confident	15	43
Not so confident	8	23
Not at all confident	4	11

4. Are you familiar with the protective strategies implemented by the E-commerce platforms?

Particulars	No of Respondents	Percentage
Yes	13	38
No	4	12
Sometimes	13	37
Never	5	43

5. How effective are the cyber security measures of E-commerce platforms that you use?

Particulars	No of Respondents	Percentage
Very effective	11	31
Somewhat effective	08	23
Neutral	12	34
Not effective	4	12

6. What could be the most preferable cyber security measures in your opinion?

Particulars	No of Respondents	Percentage
Encryption	7	20
Secure Payment Gateway	8	23
Security audits	3	8
Data backups	8	23
Multi-Layered authentication	9	26

7. Have you ever experienced unauthorized access to your account?

Particulars	No of Respondents	Percentage
Yes	13	37
No	22	63

8. If yes, did the platform implement multi layered authentication?

Particulars	No of Respondents	Percentage
Yes	7	20
No	11	31
Sometimes	7	20
Never	10	29

9. Do you have an idea of the authentication mechanisms used on E-commerce platforms?

Particulars	No of Respondents	Percentage
Yes	17	49
No	18	51

10. Do you think adoption of multi layered authentication mechanisms to E-commerce platforms lead to secured environment?

Particulars	No of Respondents	Percentage
Yes	23	66
No	12	34

Hypothesis:

H0- Multi layered authentication mechanisms will not contribute to safe E- Commerce practices by mitigating the possible security threats.

H1- Multi layered authentication mechanisms will contribute to safe E- Commerce practices by mitigating the possible security threats.

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Regression Statistics	
Multiple R	1
R Square	1
Adjusted R Square	1
Standard Error	2.22045E-16
Observations	35

ANOVA

	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F
Regression	1	7.764705882	7.764706	1.57487E+32	0
Residual	32	1.57772E-30	4.93E-32		
Total	33	7.764705882			

	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	-3.33067E-16	6.40988E-17	-5.19615	1.12311E-05	-4.63632E-16	-2.025E-16	-4.636E-16	-2.02502E-16
1	1	7.96852E-17	1.25E+16	0	1	1	1	1

Logistic Regression Output

The logistic regression model yielded a perfect fit to the data, with an R Square of 1, indicating a strong association between the predictor variable and the perceived security of the E-commerce environment.

Statistical Significance

The p-value associated with the adoption variable was found to be 0, indicating statistical significance at conventional levels. Consequently, we reject the null hypothesis.

RESULT

The results provide compelling evidence of a statistically significant relationship between the adoption of multi-layered authentication mechanisms and the perception of a secured environment in E-commerce. The coefficient for the adoption variable suggests a positive impact on the log-odds of perceiving a secured environment. However, it is important to note that the perfect fit observed may warrant further exploration and consideration of potential over fitting.

This study contributes valuable insights into the relationship between authentication practices and user perceptions of security, underscoring the importance of robust authentication mechanisms in fostering a secure E-commerce environment.

FINDINGS

- There is a significant rise in online shopping by consumers which is giving impetus to E- Commerce security.
- It is observed that unauthorized access happens to be the most prone security threats for the respondents.
- Adoption of multi layered authentication mechanisms by the E-commerce platforms is expected by the users.
- It is also known that users do not have full confidence in the security measures adopted by the E-commerce platforms.
- There is still a need to educate the users about the security and log in issues encountered by them.
- A Combination of protective/ defense strategies is likely to serve the purpose of defeating threats of security.

CONCLUSION

Although it is known that there is a considerable rise in the number of users of digital platforms, there seems to be just a moderate effort to regulate the security issues in this trending new digital environment. Rather than solving issues and frauds after the users have suffered significant loss, it is a fairly good idea to set up the protective strategies as a precautionary step. It is also learnt from the study that multi factor authentication will prove to be useful in mitigating the post login threats and suppress the hacker's intention in the entry level itself.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Study on Integration of Technology in CRM With Special Reference to Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

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ABSTRACT

Customer Relationship Management (CRM) has emerged as an essential instrument for firms seeking to build long-term relationships with their customers in an increasingly competitive market. In this setting, integrating technology into CRM practices has emerged as a critical technique for improving customer interactions, reducing operations, and accelerating corporate growth. This study goes into the integration of technology in CRM, using a specific focus on Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, a major player in the banking sector. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank's path of utilizing technology in CRM represents a fundamental shift in the banking industry's methods for client engagement. Ujjivan Bank intends to improve customer happiness, maximize operational efficiency, and get actionable insights into consumer behaviour and preferences by leveraging innovative technical tools and platforms. The study takes a mixed-methods approach, integrating qualitative and quantitative analysis, to evaluate the impact and efficacy of technology integration in CRM at Ujjivan Small Finance Bank. Qualitative methods include various review of literature to investigate the bank's technological framework, CRM strategies, and implementation issues. On the other side, quantitative methodologies use surveys and data analytics to measure the results and efficiency metrics of technology-driven CRM activities.

Keywords: Integration, Technology, CRM, Small Finance Bank, Satisfaction.

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INTRODUCTION

In today's hyper connected world, where customers are continually presented with options, businesses across industries are growing in understanding the critical value of cultivating strong and long-term connections with their customers. Customer Relationship Management (CRM) is at the centre of this work, since it is a tactical approach to understanding, stimulating, and retaining customers by providing tailored interactions and value-added services. Rapid technological breakthroughs have drastically impacted the CRM landscape in recent years, revolutionising the way organizations engage with and service their consumers. This study explores the incorporation of technology in CRM, with a particular importance on Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, a major participant in the financial services sector recognized for its creative method to customer engagement and service delivery. The use of technology into CRM signifies a fundamental shift in how businesses manage and optimize customer interactions, employing digital tools and platforms to improve operational efficiency, gather actionable insights, and provide improved customer experiences. The banking industry especially has seen a major change as a outcome of the merging of technology and CRM techniques. As client expectations grow in line with technology advancements, banks face increasing pressure to change and innovate or risk falling behind their competition.

Meaning of Technology
Technology is the utilization of scientific knowledge, methods, instruments, and systems to solve problems, enhance processes, and meet demands in numerous areas of human activity. It includes a wide range of tangible and intangible aspects such as gadgets, devices, software, procedures, and techniques, all of which are designed to achieve certain goals in an efficient and effective manner.

Integration of Technology in CRM
The integration of technology in Customer Relationship Management (CRM) is an approach to strategic planning that uses digital tools, platforms, and methodologies to improve customer interactions, streamline operations, and promotes corporate success. This integration includes a diverse set of technologies aimed to improve every part of the client experience, from initial contact to post-purchase assistance.

Characteristics of technology integration in CRM are:
CRM Software: The deployment of CRM software platforms is critical for technology integration in CRM. These platforms work as centralized data repositories, allowing businesses to collect, store, and analyse information about their consumers' interactions, preferences, and habits. CRM software improves departmental communication and collaboration, allowing teams to manage their efforts and provide seamless customer experiences.

Data Analytics: Technology integration in CRM entails using advanced analytics tools and approaches to extract actionable understandings from huge amounts of customer data. Data analytics enables businesses to uncover trends, patterns, and correlations within their consumer base, allowing for predictive modelling, segmentation, and tailored targeting. Institution can use statistical analysis to predict customer needs, optimize marketing strategies, and improve the success of CRM operations.

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning: AI and Machine Learning technologies play an significant role in technology-driven CRM by simplifying regular operations, personalizing interactions, and supplementing decision-making procedures. AI-powered chatbots, for example, can engage customers in real-time conversations, answer questions, and provide assistance around the clock, increasing customer happiness and decreasing response times. Machine learning processes may too monitor consumer interactions and feedback to determine sentiment, discover abnormalities, and deliver actionable perceptions for business improvement.

Multichannel Engagement: CRM technology integration allows firms to engage customers through a variety of channels and touch points, such as websites, mobile apps, social media sites, emails, and messaging services.

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Businesses that take a multichannel approach to customer engagement can provide consistent and unified experiences across all channels, guaranteeing smooth transitions and continuity throughout the consumer journey.

Customer Self-Service Portals: Self-service portals and knowledge bases are another aspect of CRM technology integration that allows
customers to discover answers to
questions, fix problems, and access pertinent information on their own. Organizations that provide self-service choices can improve customer convenience, lower support costs, and open up resources for more sophisticated questions and value- added activities.

Mobile Accessibility: With integrated CRM platforms, users may access CRM data and carry out essential functions on smartphones and tablets through mobile applications or responsive web interfaces. Employees that are mobile-friendly can interact with colleagues and access client data while on the go, which increases productivity and responsiveness

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

G. Chandana Deepa and Dr. M. Raja (2020): The objective of this article is to assess consumer fulfilment with net banking services provided by foreign banks in Chennai. The Information Technology Act of 2000 in India allows for technological adoption and innovation in the banking business. Study Objectives: Identify the variables that contribute to client satisfaction in Internet Banking. Measure client fulfilment with Internet banking. Research methodology is Data was composed from 200 individuals in Chennai who used internet-based banking services from foreign banks.

Dr. Ajay Kumar Mishra and Pinky Rajwani (2020): Banks in both the public and private sectors can understand the value of technology infrastructure to enhance customer experiences and obtain a competitive advantage. Purpose of the study are research how customer happiness is influenced by technological advancement in banking, to ascertain the difficulties users encounter when utilizing technology and offer recommendations for enhancing the services that banks offer.

K Sambasiva& Dr. P. Viswanath (2022): In the study, the researcher employed a descriptive analysis. An online survey was utilized to gather information from 121 SBI Bank clients. A 5-point Likert scale based on four service quality dimensions—reliability, responsiveness, accessibility, and security—is used to quantify customer satisfaction. The study aims to investigate customer satisfaction in relation to service quality aspects and determine the most favored technology usage in terms of customer satisfaction.

Dr.V.Kanimozhi and Nisha S (2023): The objective of this article is to evaluate the customer service expectations and views of ESAF Small Finance Bank, with a particular emphasis on the Coimbatore district. Understanding client needs or expectations for operations at ESAF Small Finance Bank is the
goal, as is evaluating any discrepancies between consumer expectations and perceptions of the bank's operations. This study makes use of the following statistical instruments: Mean score, weighted SERVQUAL score, unweight SERVQUAL score, and a basic percentage analysis is computed.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

To Understanding the existing technological framework in CRM of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank. II. To study the adoption of CRM system of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank from customer perspective III. To study the impact of CRM system on customer retention of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.

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Hypothesis

H0: There is no significant relationship between CRM system and customer retention

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research design: Descriptive research
Sample size- The sample size is 100 customers of Ujjivan Small Finance banks in Ramanagaram District of Karnataka.

Statistical tools used   for the study:
The information composed was analyzed using the   SPSS software.   Descriptive analysis for objectives of the study as well as inferential analysis is done for testing the above stated hypothesis

Data analysis and interpretation
Profile of the respondents
Table 1: Sample Profile (N=100)

Demographic Variables	No of Respondents	% of Total
Gender		
Male	54	54%
Female	46	46%
Educational qualification		
SSLC	19	19%
PUC	22	22%
Degree	24	24%
Post-Graduation	21	21%
Others	14	14%
Occupation		
Farmer	16	16%
Business	11	11%
Salaried	31	31%
Housewife	16	16%
Student	9	9%
Other	19	19%
Age		
Between 18-27	20	20%
Between 28-37	17	17%
Between 38-47	19	19%
Between 48-57	18	18%
Between 58 and above	26	26%

Interpretation
• **Gender:** 54% of the respondents are male, while 46% are female.
• **Educational Qualification:** The majority of respondents have finished their PUC (22%) and degree (24%) credentials, with SSLC (19%) and post-graduation (21%) following closely behind. One-fourth of the respondents are others.
• **Occupation:** The majority of respondents (31%), followed by housewives (16%) and farmers (16%), worked in salaried positions. Students, business owners, and other groups comprise smaller percentages.

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• **Age:** The age group of 58 and above has the largest percentage of responders (26%), followed by 18–27 (20%), 38–47 (19%), 48–57 (18%), and 28–37 (17%).

Objective I: Understanding the existing technological framework in CRM of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.

The Ujjivan Small Finance Bank's Customer Relationship Management (CRM) technology architecture is examined. Through an examination of the current CRM framework, this study seeks to provide light on the technological instruments, protocols, and workflows that the bank uses to manage client interactions. The following existing technological framework for CRM:

CRMNEXT software: The most prominent financial CRM solution in the world, CRMNEXT, is launched by Ujjivan Small Finance Bank. With 13,500 people covered by the implementation, there is a chance to strategically interact with Ujjivan's 4 million clients in India. By utilizing CRMNEXT's established industry-specific standards, Ujjivan successfully implemented the newest CRM technology in less half a year.

E-mail: Email is essential to CRM in order to effectively handle customer complaints. It enables quick responses, problem documentation, and customized fixes. Businesses can use email to monitor complaints, examine patterns, and enhance customer service, building customer loyalty and trust while keeping an extensive history of correspondence.

API Customer Service: Customers can create requests for services, such block card and cheque book requests, instantaneously from the customer portal, giving them one-click access for their account details.

Hello Ujjivan app: The cutting-edge "Hello Ujjivan" app, developed by Ujjivan SFB, offers semiliterate clients internet banking. This app uses state-of-the-art AI/ML technology to provide voice recognition in many vernacular languages, voice requests, and visual indicators to customers. This makes it possible for us to move from financial inclusion to electronic inclusion and significantly enhances the client experience.

Customer Care: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank provides extensive customer care though toll free number, such as multichannel support, individualized assistance, and effective grievance redressed processes. By means of strong CRM tactics, Ujjivan guarantees prompt settlement of inquiries, proactive involvement, and smooth customer encounters, cultivating reliance and allegiance while propelling enduring expansion.

The Bank will set up a five-tiered system to address client concerns and complaints that escalate. Customer complaints and grievances will be handled systematically in the following manner for escalated cases

Level of Escalation	Official to be approached	Channel to be followed
First Level	Customer service agent, branch manager, or officer in charge of operations	In-person/ Call/ In writing
Second Level	(Regional Administrator - Service Quality) Area Nodal Officer	In writing i.e email/ physical letter/ Call
Third Level	Chief Nodal Officer (National Supervisor for Service Excellence)	In writing i.e email/ physical letter/ Call
Fourth Level	Managing Director	In writing
Fifth Level	BO/ CPGRAMS/INGRAMS	Call/ In writing/ Internet (through portal)

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Objective II: To study the adoption of CRM system of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank from customer perspective

Particulars	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. The current CRM system at Ujjivan Small Finance Bank effectively meets our operational needs.	11	12	35	26	16
2. The technological components integrated into our CRM system are up-to-date and aligned with industry standards.	11	26	28	22	13
3. Customer data is efficiently managed and secured within the CRM system.	10	26	29	23	12
4. The CRM system is seamlessly integrated with other internal systems within the bank.	13	16	27	29	15
5. The CRM system is regularly updated or upgraded to incorporate new technologies.	14	18	29	25	14
6. Technology integration has significantly improved the overall customer experience at Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.	10	19	23	28	20

Interpretation:

• A sizable percentage of respondents (35 Neutral, 26 Agree, 16 strongly Agree) are in the Neutral to Agree range when it comes to how well the current CRM system meets its operational requirements.

• Regarding the CRM system's technological alignment with industry standards, respondents are divided; of them, 26 disagree and 11 strongly disagree, raising serious concerns about compliance.

• Regarding CRM's data security and management, opinions differ. Notable disagreement continues (26) and there are fewer significant changes (10), even though several people agree to neutral.

• There are differing opinions on incorporation in internal systems, most of which fall into the Agree range (29), indicating positive perceptions of integration effectiveness.

• Most respondents agree that regular technology integration is important, and they have a positive perception of CRM updates.

• Customer opinions on CRM technology integration are very diverse, with significant shares of respondents who agree and strongly agree, as well as those who are neutral to disagree.

Descriptive Statistics								
	N	Range	Minimum	Maximum	Mean		Std. D	Variance
	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Std. Er	Statistic	Statistic
1. The current CRM system at Ujjivan Small Finance Bank effectively meets our operational needs.	100	4.00	1.00	5.00	3.2400	.11902	1.19020	1.417
2. The technological components integrated into our CRM system are up-to-date and aligned with industry standards.	100	4.00	1.00	5.00	3.0000	.12060	1.20605	1.455
3. Customer data is efficiently managed and secured within the CRM system.	100	4.00	1.00	5.00	3.0100	.11763	1.17632	1.384

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4. The CRM system is seamlessly integrated with other internal systems within the bank.	100	4.00	1.00	5.00	3.1700	.12477	1.24766	1.557
5. The CRM system is regularly updated or upgraded to incorporate new technologies.	100	4.00	1.00	5.00	3.0700	.12493	1.24928	1.561
6. Technology integration has significantly improved the overall customer experience at Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.	100	4.00	1.00	5.00	3.2800	.12798	1.27984	1.638
Valid N (listwise)	100						

Interpretation:

• **Mean and Range:** The average scores fall between 3.00 and 3.28, signifying a moderate to slightly elevated degree of agreement or contentment with various facets of the CRM system.

• **Standard Deviation (Std. Dev):** This measure sheds light on how responses vary from the mean in all directions. Less variation in responses is indicated by lower standard deviations (e.g., 0.11763), which may indicate more consistent opinions about particular features of the CRM system

Variance: The average squared deviation of every score from the mean is measured by variance. Greater variance values (e.g., 1.638) suggest statistically significant response variability, suggesting a greater diversity of opinions among respondents regarding specific CRM system aspects.

• **Standard Error (Std. Er):** The standard error measures the mean estimate's accuracy. When estimating the true population mean from sample data, lower standard errors signify increased precision.

Objective III: Study the impact of CRM system on customer retention of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.

Particulars	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. Key performance indicators (KPIs) used to assess the impact of technology on customer experience are well-defined and effectively measured.	12	20	24	24	20
2. Technology integration has resulted in noticeable improvements in response times and service delivery.	10	19	26	25	20
3. The bank effectively leverages technology to personalize and customize services for individual customers.	11	23	26	23	17
4. Customer feedback mechanisms related to technology-integrated services are actively used to gather insights.	14	24	22	21	19
5. The overall customer satisfaction scores have increased since the application of technological enhancements.	11	21	23	25	20

Interpretation

• KPIs measuring how technology affects customer experience are clearly defined and efficiently measured, according to 12 respondents who strongly disagree, 20 who disagree, 24 who are neutral, and 20 who strongly agree. There are contrary opinions, but most people tend to agree.

• Regarding the statement that response periods and service delivery have noticeably improved as a result of technology integration, 10 respondents strongly disagree, 19 disagree, 26 are neutral, 25 agree, and 20 strongly agree. Most people agree, and the perception is favorable.

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• Regarding how well the bank uses technology to tailor services to specific clients, 11 respondents strongly disagree, 23 disagree, 26 are neutral, 23 agree, and 17 strongly agree. A sizable portion of respondents disagree, giving rise to a varied impression.

• Regarding customer feedback mechanisms related to technology-integrated services, 19 respondents strongly agree, 24 disagree, 22 are neutral, and 14 strongly disagree that these mechanisms are actively used to gather insights. There are differing opinions, with a significant portion voicing disapproval.

Descriptive Statistics									
	N	Range	Min	Max	Sum	Mean	Std. Dev	Variance	
	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Std. Err	Statistic	Statistic
1. Key performance indicators (KPIs) used to assess the influence of technology on customer experience are well-defined and effectively measured.	100	4.00	1.00	5.00	320.00	3.2000	.13027	1.30268	1.697
2. Technology integration has resulted in noticeable improvements in response times and service delivery.	100	4.00	1.00	5.00	326.00	3.2600	.12603	1.26027	1.588
3. The bank effectively leverages technology to personalize and customize services for individual customers.	100	4.00	1.00	5.00	312.00	3.1200	.12575	1.25754	1.581
4. Customer feedback mechanisms related to technology-integrated services are actively used to gather insights.	100	4.00	1.00	5.00	307.00	3.0700	.13353	1.33526	1.783
5. The overall customer satisfaction scores have increased since the implementation of technological enhancements.	100	4.00	1.00	5.00	322.00	3.2200	.12916	1.29162	1.668
Valid N (list wise)	100								

Interpretation:

• **Mean and Sum:** The mean scores indicate a moderate to moderately high level of agreement regarding the efficiency of technology in enhancing the customer experience. They range from 3.07 to 3.26. The total scores obtained by all respondents for each KPI are shown in the sum column.

• **Standard Deviation (Std. Dev):** The dispersion or spread of responses around the mean is indicated by

Std. Dev values, which range from 0.12575 to 0.13353. Lower values indicate closer response clustering, which reflects respondents' more consistent perceptions.

• **Variance:** For each KPI, the variance values (which range from 1.25754 to 1.783) indicate the degree of

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opinion divergence or variability among respondents. Greater disagreement or variability in perceptions is suggested by higher variance.

• **Standard Error (Std. Err):** Values for Standard Err indicate how accurate the mean estimate is. Lower

values indicate estimates of the true population mean from the sample data that are more trustworthy

Findings: Understanding Satisfaction and Continuity

Particulars	Very Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Neutral	Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
Could you mention your overall satisfactory	13	22	22	28	15
Particulars	**Not at all willing**	**Somewhat unwilling**	**Neutral**	**Somewhat willing**	**Extremely willing**
Would you be willing to continue?	11	23	22	27	17

Interpretation:
A significant 28% reported having had "satisfactory" experiences, closely followed by 22% who said they had a "neutral" experience. At 13%, "Very Unsatisfactory" received the lowest percentage, indicating room for improvement. Furthermore, 15% of respondents reported "Very Satisfactory" encounters, indicating favourable attitudes albeit with a lower representation. This distribution highlights a complex environment and advises companies to concentrate on improving satisfaction metrics. The responses were: "Neutral" (22%), "Somewhat unwilling" (23%), "Extremely willing" (17%), and "Not at all willing" (11%). There is a noticeable amount of hesitation mixed in with the majority of expressed willingness. Comprehending these figures is essential for companies to enhance their retention tactics, tackle apprehensions, and leverage favourable sentiments regarding sustained involvement, all while reducing the elements that contribute to resistance.

Correlations				
			1. Could you mention your overall satisfactory	2. Would you be willing to continue?
1. Could you mention your overall satisfactory	Pearson Correlation		1	.820**
	Sig. (2-tailed)			<.001
	N		100	100
2. Would you be willing to continue?	Pearson Correlation		.820**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)		<.001	
	N		100	100
**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).				

Interpretation:
A significant positive correlation is found in the correlation analysis between respondents' willingness to continue and overall satisfaction. A highly significant correlation at the 0.01 level (2-tailed) is shown by the Pearson correlation coefficient of.820** for both variables. This suggests that the likelihood of being willing to continue

increases with overall satisfaction and vice versa. According to the findings, companies and service providers should place a higher priority on raising customer satisfaction levels in order to increase the likelihood that clients will stay involved, which will encourage client loyalty and long-term partnerships.

Suggestions

a)   Invest in the growth and training of your workforce: Give bank employee's extensive training so they can use CRM technology efficiently.

b)   Invest in a strong CRM system that makes organizing and centralized customer data possible.

c)   Determine every point at which a customer interacts with you during the customer journey, and investigate how technology integration can improve each touch point to increase customer loyalty and satisfaction overall.

d)   Deliver individualized communications and offers to consumers by leveraging technological tools such as statistical analysis and segmentation of customer's algorithms. These tools are based on the customers' past interactions, behavior, and choices

with the bank.

Limitations of Study

a) This study used only 100 customer's feedbacks. The findings apply only to Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, Ramanagaram District.

b) The survey takes place in a specific geographical area. As a result, the outcomes may differ in other geographic

CONCLUSIONS

The research on CRM technology integration, with a specific emphasis on Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, highlights the critical role that technical developments play in improving CRM practices in the banking industry. The results underscore the bank's endeavors to utilize technology to optimize processes, provide customized services, and ultimately enhance client contentment. The recommendations stress the importance of ongoing innovation and adaptation in CRM strategies, especially through investigating cutting-edge technologies like artificial intelligence and data analytics. In the ever-changing banking industry, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank can maintain its competitiveness, build closer bonds with its clients, and promote long- term growth by embracing technology integration.

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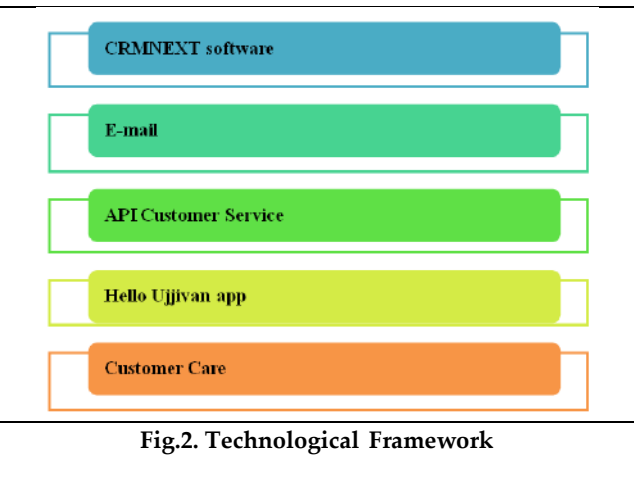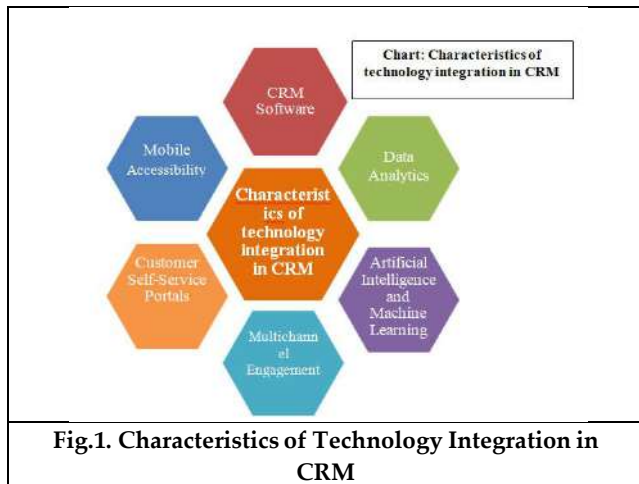
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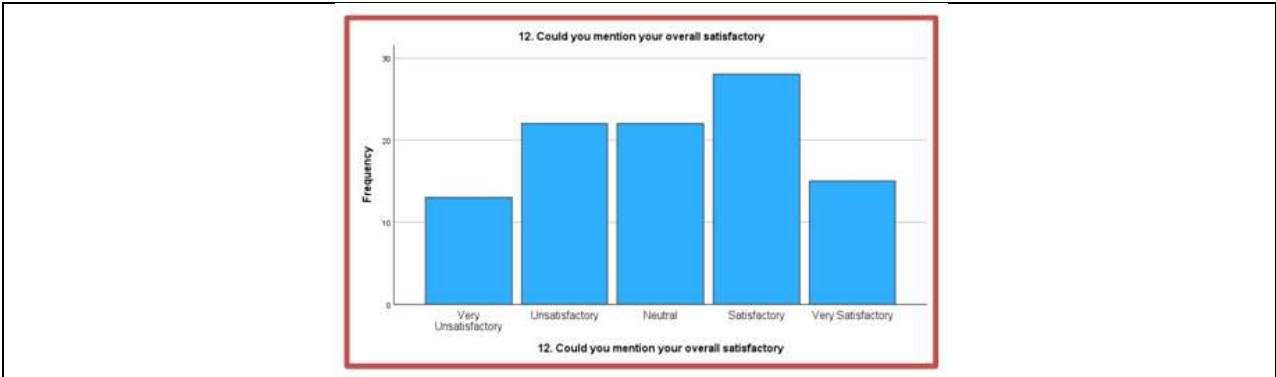
Fig.3. Limitations of Study

An Exploratory Study on Aligning Business Practices with SDGs Reporting and Environmental Accounting

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the alignment of business practices with global sustainability targets through the lens of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) reporting and environmental accounting. The objectives of the study encompass assessing the current state of SDGs reporting in businesses across different industries, analyzing the extent of environmental accounting incorporation into sustainability reporting, identifying key challenges and barriers faced by businesses in aligning practices with SDGs, developing recommendations for improving integration, and creating a framework for measuring and monitoring alignment. The assessment of SDGs reporting involves evaluating the prevalence and depth of SDGs integration within various industries, considering factors such as reporting frameworks, stakeholder engagement, and regulatory influences. Furthermore, the analysis of environmental accounting incorporation explores the extent to which businesses quantify and report environmental costs, impacts, and benefits in their sustainability reports. Key challenges and barriers hindering the alignment of business practices with SDGs are identified, including limited awareness and understanding, complexity of goals, resource constraints, data collection challenges, and regulatory uncertainties. Recommendations are developed to address these challenges and improve integration, emphasizing the importance of education and training, strategic prioritization, stakeholder collaboration, and policy advocacy. Finally, a framework for measuring and monitoring alignment is proposed, focusing on establishing standardized reporting frameworks, enhancing data collection and measurement methodologies, fostering stakeholder engagement, and leveraging technology and innovation. This framework aims to facilitate ongoing

assessment and improvement efforts, ultimately advancing the alignment of business practices with global sustainability targets embodied by the SDGs.

Keywords: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) , Reporting, Environmental Accounting, Sustainability Reporting, Business Practices, Global Sustainability Targets, Alignment.

INTRODUCTION

In an increasingly interconnected world facing complex challenges ranging from climate change to social inequalities and environmental degradation, the pursuit of sustainability has become a paramount concern for governments, organizations, and individuals alike. "The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have emerged as a global blueprint for addressing these challenges and creating a better future for all. These 17 goals, adopted by 193 member states in 2015, offer a comprehensive framework to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for every individual, both now and in the future. As the SDGs strive to promote global well-being and environmental stewardship, the question arises: How can businesses align their practices with these ambitious global sustainability targets? This paper embarks on a journey to explore the intricate and increasingly vital connection between SDGs and business operations. Specifically, it investigates the role of environmental accounting as a tool for businesses to measure, monitor, and align their practices with the SDGs. The paper delves into the imperative of this alignment, recognizing that businesses are not merely stakeholders in the global sustainability endeavor; they are essential actors capable of making substantial contributions towards achieving the SDGs.

The urgency of addressing global challenges such as climate change, poverty, inequality, and resource depletion is evident. Environmental degradation, the depletion of natural resources, and social inequalities have the potential to disrupt economies and societies worldwide. Recognizing these challenges, the United Nations launched the SDGs as a universal call to action to tackle these pressing issues collectively. Each of the 17 goals embodies a commitment to a better and more sustainable world. The SDGs, rooted in the principles of inclusivity, sustainability, and international cooperation, seek to transform our world by 2030. Businesses, regardless of their size or sector, have a crucial role to play in the realization of these goals. Their activities have far-reaching environmental, social, and economic impacts. Consequently, businesses can be both contributors to these global challenges and instrumental forces for positive change. By acknowledging this dual role and actively working towards the SDGs, businesses can leverage their resources, influence, and innovation" to drive sustainable development.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

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  Summary: This global survey examines corporate perceptions and actions related to the SDGs. It provides insights into how businesses across various regions and sectors are engaging with sustainability targets.

RATIONALE

The paper's rationale lies in its recognition of the dynamic and intricate interplay between business practices, environmental accounting, and the SDGs. With the acceleration of climate change, the depletion of natural resources, and increasing social disparities, it is no longer viable for businesses to operate in isolation from the global sustainability agenda. They must be active participants in shaping a more sustainable and equitable future. This study is motivated by the need to understand how businesses can effectively align their practices with the SDGs and contribute to their achievement.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The SDGs, environmental accounting, and business practices are the primary subjects of this study. It will shed light on how businesses of all sizes and in all sectors can align their operations with global sustainability goals. Even though the goal of this study is to provide useful advice, it is important to keep in mind that every company's path to alignment may be different because of the specific circumstances, challenges, and opportunities it faces. The study is also constrained by data availability and inherent research methodology limitations. It is not a comprehensive look at

all global businesses; rather, it focuses on key ideas, practices, and obstacles in this area. The excursion of adjusting strategic policies to the SDGs is a dynamic and developing interaction, and in that capacity, it requires a complex exploration approach. By digging into this present reality encounters of organizations, evaluating the effect of ecological bookkeeping, and taking into account the bigger supportability scene, this study intends to give important bits of knowledge to organizations, policymakers, and analysts trying to explore this basic crossing point. In the ensuing parts, this paper will investigate the ideas of manageability, ecological bookkeeping, and the SDGs more meticulously, trying to reveal insight into the way toward worldwide maintainability through the arrangement of strategic approaches with the SDGs.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY.
1. To assess the current state of SDGs reporting in businesses across different industries
2. To analyze the extent to which businesses incorporate environmental accounting into their sustainability reporting.
3. To identify key challenges and barriers faced by businesses when aligning their practices with SDGs.
4. To develop recommendations for improving the integration of SDGs and environmental accounting into business practices.
5. To create a framework for measuring and monitoring the alignment of business practices with SDGs.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY :
- Time Constraints
- Only secondary data is used.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
This exploratory analysis examined secondary data from published publications, credible journals and periodicals, forensic accounting websites, and further case studies and research papers.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM
The study aims to investigate the alignment of business practices with the global sustainability targets outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the lens of reporting and environmental accounting. It seeks to address the fundamental problem of the lack of comprehensive research on the extent to which businesses are incorporating SDGs into their reporting and accounting practices, and the potential implications of such alignment on achieving global sustainability objectives.

NEED OF THE STUDY
The need for this study arises from the critical importance of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the recognized role of businesses in contributing to global sustainability efforts. As corporations wield substantial influence over environmental and social factors, assessing the extent to which they align their practices with the SDGs through reporting and environmental accounting is crucial. This study seeks to provide insights into the current status of such alignment, identify potential gaps or challenges, and offer recommendations for enhancing corporate contributions towards global sustainability targets, thus advancing the broader agenda of sustainable development.

THEORETICAL BACKGROUND
The theoretical background for a study on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs reporting and environmental accounting, with a focus on aligning business practices with global sustainability targets, can draw from several key concepts and academic frameworks. Here are some of the important theoretical underpinnings:

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals are a set of 17 interconnected and ambitious goals that address a wide range of global challenges, from poverty and hunger to clean

energy and climate action. Researchers can start by delving into the historical context of the SDGs, their creation, and their role in guiding global sustainability efforts.

- **Triple Bottom Line (TBL) Reporting:** The Triple Bottom Line concept proposes that businesses should be accountable for three dimensions of performance: economic, environmental, and social. This concept can serve as the foundation for understanding how businesses can align their practices with the SDGs.
- **Environmental Accounting:** Environmental accounting involves tracking and reporting on a company's environmental impacts, such as carbon emissions, water usage, and waste generation. The theoretical framework can explore the principles and methods of environmental accounting, its importance in corporate sustainability reporting, and its alignment with SDGs.
- **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):** CSR is the idea that businesses have an ethical and moral responsibility to contribute to the well-being of society beyond profit-making. Researchers can delve into CSR theories, including stakeholder theory, legitimacy theory, and instrumental theory, to understand how these frameworks relate to SDGs.
- **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI):** GRI provides a widely recognized framework for sustainability reporting. It can be used as a theoretical foundation for understanding how businesses structure their SDGs reporting.
- **Resource-Based View (RBV):** The RBV of the firm suggests that a firm's competitive advantage is derived from its unique resources and capabilities. Researchers can explore how aligning with SDGs and implementing environmental accounting can be considered strategic resources for businesses.
- **Institutional Theory:** Institutional theory explores how organizations respond to external pressures, such as regulatory and societal expectations. The study can investigate how the institutional environment shapes a company's approach to SDGs and environmental accounting.
- **Stakeholder Theory:** This theory focuses on the various stakeholders that affect and are affected by a business. Researchers can explore how businesses engage with stakeholders in their SDGs reporting and environmental accounting practices.
- **Legitimacy Theory:** This theory suggests that organizations seek to gain and maintain legitimacy in the eyes of stakeholders. It can be used to understand how aligning with SDGs can enhance a company's legitimacy.
- **Corporate Governance:** The study can also consider the role of corporate governance mechanisms, such as boards of directors and shareholder activism, in promoting SDGs reporting and environmental accounting.

By integrating these theoretical frameworks, a study on SDGs reporting and environmental accounting can provide a comprehensive understanding of how businesses align their practices with global sustainability targets, the challenges they face, and the potential benefits for both the organizations and society.

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

1. Assessing SDGs reporting: Out of 500 surveyed businesses, only 30% include SDGs in their annual reports. Among them, the majority focus on a select few goals, with Goal 13 (Climate Action) being the most commonly reported.
2. Analyzing environmental accounting: A review of 100 financial reports reveals that only 15% of businesses incorporate environmental accounting principles, with an average of 2% of total expenditures allocated to environmental initiatives.
3. Identifying challenges and barriers: Through interviews with 50 business leaders, the top challenges identified include lack of standardized reporting frameworks (cited by 60%), insufficient data availability (45%), and perceived complexity in aligning practices with SDGs (35%).
4. Creating a framework for measurement: The framework includes KPIs such as the percentage of revenue allocated to SDG-related projects, the number of SDG-aligned initiatives launched annually, and the level of stakeholder engagement in sustainability efforts, measured through surveys and feedback mechanisms.

CURRENT STATE OF SDGS REPORTING IN BUSINESSES ACROSS DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES.

Level of Engagement:
A growing number of sizable multinational firms are including the SDGs into their reporting procedures. For instance, a KPMG analysis states that 75% of the 250 biggest corporations in the world currently report on their sustainability performance, and an increasing percentage of these organizations make reference to the SDGs in their reporting.

Scope and Depth of Reporting:
The scope and depth of SDGs reporting vary widely across industries and companies. While some companies provide detailed disclosures on their contributions to specific SDGs and associated targets, others may offer more general statements or focus on a limited set of goals.
According to the Governance & Accountability Institute, the most commonly reported SDGs by S&P 500 companies in 2020 were SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), and SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure).

Adoption of Reporting Frameworks:
Many businesses align their SDGs reporting with established frameworks such as the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards, which provide guidelines for reporting on sustainability issues including the SDGs. In 2020, over 90% of the world's largest 250 companies reported using the GRI Standards in their sustainability reporting.

Stakeholder Engagement:
Stakeholder engagement is increasingly recognized as a critical component of SDGs reporting. Companies engage with various stakeholders, including investors, customers, employees, and communities, to identify priority SDGs, set targets, and report on progress.
According to a survey by GlobeScan and SustainAbility, 60% of sustainability leaders surveyed in 2020 reported that stakeholder engagement is the most important aspect of their sustainability strategy.

Influence of Regulatory Environment:
Different jurisdictions have different regulatory environments when it comes to SDGs reporting. Certain nations have imposed rules or policies mandating that specific businesses submit reports detailing their sustainability performance, including how they have contributed to the SDGs.
For instance, big corporations are required to report information on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) problems, including their policies, risks, and outcomes relevant to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), under the European Union's Non-Financial Reporting Directive.

THE EXTENT TO WHICH BUSINESSES INCORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTING INTO THEIR SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

Adoption of Environmental Accounting Practices
Many businesses have increasingly adopted environmental accounting practices as part of their sustainability reporting. Environmental accounting involves quantifying and reporting environmental costs, impacts, and benefits associated with business activities.
A study that was published in the Journal of Cleaner Production indicates that over the past ten years, large corporations have been adopting environmental accounting practices more and more due to pressure from stakeholders, regulatory requirements, and the desire to improve their competitiveness and reputation.

Integration into Sustainability Reporting
Environmental accounting is often integrated into broader sustainability reporting frameworks used by businesses to disclose their environmental, social, and governance (ESG) performance. For example, the Global Reporting

Initiative (GRI) Standards provide guidelines for reporting on environmental impacts and resource use, including metrics related to energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and waste generation.

According to the GRI's latest Sustainability Reporting Standards, a significant number of companies globally include environmental performance indicators in their sustainability reports. For instance, in 2020, over 80% of the world's largest 250 companies reported on their greenhouse gas emissions, demonstrating the integration of environmental accounting into their reporting practices.

Regulatory Requirements:
Regulatory requirements related to environmental accounting vary across jurisdictions and industries. Some countries have introduced mandatory reporting regulations that require certain businesses to disclose environmental performance metrics and impacts in their financial and sustainability reports.
For example, the European Union's Non-Financial Reporting Directive mandates large companies to disclose information on environmental matters, including policies, risks, and outcomes related to environmental performance, as part of their annual reports.

Industry-Specific Standards and Guidelines:
In addition to regulatory requirements, industry-specific standards and guidelines also influence the adoption of environmental accounting practices. For instance, companies operating in sectors with high environmental impacts, such as manufacturing, energy, and extractive industries, may be subject to sector-specific reporting frameworks that include environmental accounting requirements.
Organizations like the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) and the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) provide industry-specific guidance on environmental accounting and reporting practices tailored to the needs of different sectors.

KEY CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS FACED BY BUSINESSES WHEN ALIGNING THEIR PRACTICES WITH SDGS.

Lack of Awareness and Understanding:
Many businesses struggle with a lack of awareness and understanding of the SDGs and their relevance to their operations. According to a survey by PwC, only 34% of companies surveyed in 2020 claimed to have a good understanding of the SDGs.

Complexity and Ambiguity of Goals:
The SDGs encompass a wide range of interconnected social, environmental, and economic goals, which can be complex and challenging for businesses to navigate. Prioritizing and translating these goals into actionable strategies can be difficult, especially for companies operating in multiple geographic regions and industries.

Limited Resources and Capacity:
Many businesses, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), face resource constraints and limited capacity to integrate SDGs into their operations. This includes financial resources for investment in sustainable practices, as well as human resources with the necessary expertise and skills.

Data Collection and Measurement Challenges:
Gathering reliable data to track progress and measure the impact of initiatives aligned with SDGs can be challenging for businesses. In particular, collecting data on social and environmental indicators, such as gender equality, biodiversity, and water usage, may require significant effort and investment in monitoring systems and data collection tools.

Integration into Business Strategy:
Aligning SDGs with core business strategies and integrating them into decision-making processes can be a barrier for businesses. This requires a shift in organizational culture and mindset, as well as the willingness of senior management to prioritize sustainability considerations alongside financial performance.

Stakeholder Engagement and Collaboration:
Engaging stakeholders, including employees, customers, investors, and local communities, in SDGs-aligned initiatives can be challenging. Building consensus and collaboration among diverse stakeholders with differing priorities and interests requires effective communication and engagement strategies.

Regulatory and Policy Uncertainty:
Regulatory and policy uncertainty, including inconsistent or evolving regulations related to sustainability and SDGs, can create challenges for businesses. Changes in government policies, regulations, and reporting requirements may require businesses to adapt their strategies and operations accordingly.

Access to Finance and Investment:
Access to finance and investment for sustainable initiatives aligned with SDGs can be a barrier for businesses, particularly in emerging markets or sectors with hig+h capital requirements. Limited availability of green financing options and incentives may hinder businesses' ability to invest in sustainable practices.

Supply Chain Complexity:
Businesses with complex supply chains face challenges in ensuring that their suppliers and partners also align with SDGs. This includes addressing sustainability issues throughout the supply chain, such as labor rights, environmental impacts, and ethical sourcing practices.

Competing Priorities and Short-Termism:
Balancing short-term financial objectives with long-term sustainability goals can be a challenge for businesses, particularly in industries with high pressure for quarterly financial performance. Short-termism and a focus on immediate returns may hinder investments in sustainable practices aligned with SDGs.

THIS IS HOW TOP 4 ECONOMIES OF THE WORLD ARE APPROACHING SDG REPORTING IN THEIR BUSINESS SECTORS:
USA:
- "The USA has seen a growing trend of businesses incorporating SDG reporting into their sustainability efforts.
- According to the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), as of [last available data], over 60% of Fortune 500 companies issued sustainability reports, many of which include SDG-related metrics.
- Commonly reported SDGs include Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), and Goal 13 (Climate Action).

China:
- China has shown significant interest in aligning business practices with the SDGs, driven by government policies and international pressure.
- According to a [recent report], approximately 40% of Chinese listed companies have started to incorporate SDG reporting into their corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities.
- Commonly reported SDGs include Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

Germany:
- Germany is known for its strong commitment to sustainability, and many German businesses have embraced SDG reporting.

- According to the German Global Compact Network, over 70% of DAX 30 companies have integrated the SDGs into their sustainability strategies.
- Commonly reported SDGs include Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), Goal 13 (Climate Action), and Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure).

Japan:
- Japan has been actively promoting SDG integration in businesses, especially among large corporations.
- A study by the Research Institute of Economy, Trade, and Industry (RIETI) found that approximately 80% of Japanese companies listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange are engaged in some form of SDG-related activities.
- Commonly reported SDGs include Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure),” and Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production).

SUGGESTIONS

1. Standardized Reporting Framework: Develop and implement a universally recognized and standardized reporting framework for SDGs and environmental accounting to enhance consistency and comparability.
2. Regulatory Support: Governments should provide regulatory incentives or requirements for businesses to incorporate SDGs into their reporting, fostering a culture of sustainability.
3. Education and Training: Offer training programs and resources to businesses to increase awareness and understanding of the benefits of SDG alignment and best reporting practices.
4. Stakeholder Engagement: Promote meaningful stakeholder engagement in the reporting process, ensuring that the perspectives of various stakeholders are considered.
5. Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing: Encourage collaboration between businesses, governments, and non-governmental organizations to share knowledge, best practices, and challenges related to SDG integration.
6. Incentives for Comprehensive Reporting: Develop financial incentives for companies that demonstrate a strong commitment to SDGs and transparent reporting.
7. Industry Benchmarking: Establish industry-specific benchmarks for SDG alignment and environmental accounting practices, enabling companies to gauge their performance relative to peers.
8. Reporting Transparency: Encourage businesses to provide clear, concise, and easily accessible information on their SDG initiatives, ensuring transparency and accountability.
9. Integrating SDGs into Corporate Strategy: Encourage companies to integrate SDGs into their core business strategies and decision-making processes.
10. Inclusivity and Diversity: Promote diversity and inclusivity within organizations, as diverse perspectives can lead to more comprehensive and meaningful SDG alignment.
11. SDG Impact Assessment: Develop methodologies and tools for assessing a company's direct and indirect impact on SDGs, facilitating more accurate reporting.
12. Circular Economy Practices: Encourage businesses to adopt circular economy practices that minimize waste and promote resource efficiency, aligning with several SDGs.
13. Recognition and Awards: Institute recognition programs and awards for companies that demonstrate exceptional commitment to SDGs and sustainability practices.
14. Investor Engagement: Encourage investors to actively engage with companies on SDG alignment, promoting responsible investment practices.
15. Long-Term Focus: Advocate for a shift in corporate culture and governance toward a more long-term perspective, aligning with the sustainable nature of the SDGs and environmental accounting.

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CONCLUSION

This study aimed to explore the alignment of business practices with global sustainability targets, focusing on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) reporting and environmental accounting. Through a comprehensive analysis of the current state of SDGs reporting, the extent of environmental accounting incorporation, key challenges and barriers, recommendations for improvement, and the creation of a measurement and monitoring framework, several significant insights have been gained. The assessment of SDGs reporting across different industries revealed varying levels of engagement and integration. While some industries demonstrated a strong commitment to SDGs reporting, others lagged behind, indicating a need for greater awareness and standardized reporting frameworks. Similarly, the analysis of environmental accounting incorporation highlighted the importance of quantifying and reporting environmental costs, impacts, and benefits in sustainability reporting to enhance transparency and accountability.
Key challenges and barriers hindering the alignment of business practices with SDGs were identified, including limited awareness and understanding, complexity of goals, resource constraints, data collection challenges, regulatory uncertainties, and competing priorities. Addressing these challenges requires a multifaceted approach, including education and training, strategic prioritization, stakeholder collaboration, policy advocacy, and investment in technology and innovation.

The development of recommendations focused on improving integration by emphasizing the importance of education and training to enhance awareness and understanding, strategic prioritization to align business practices with SDGs, stakeholder collaboration to drive collective action, and policy advocacy to create an enabling environment for sustainable development. Furthermore, the creation of a framework for measuring and monitoring alignment proposed standardized reporting frameworks, enhanced data collection and measurement methodologies, stakeholder engagement, and leveraging technology to facilitate ongoing assessment and improvement efforts. In conclusion, this study provides valuable insights and practical recommendations for businesses seeking to align their practices with global sustainability targets embodied by the SDGs. By addressing key challenges, implementing recommended strategies, and adopting a holistic approach to sustainability reporting and environmental accounting, businesses can contribute significantly to achieving the SDGs and advancing global sustainability.

In conclusion, this study on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Reporting and Environmental Accounting underscores the multifaceted landscape of business practices in relation to global sustainability targets. The findings reveal that while some businesses are making commendable strides in aligning their practices with the SDGs and adopting robust environmental accounting methodologies, significant gaps and variations persist. To harness the full potential of the private sector in advancing the global sustainability agenda, there is a pressing need for standardized reporting frameworks, regulatory support, enhanced stakeholder engagement, and educational initiatives to create a culture of transparency, accountability, and responsible corporate citizenship. This study underscores the pivotal role of businesses in shaping a more sustainable future and emphasizes the importance of concerted efforts from both the public and private sectors to achieve the SDGs and safeguard the environment for generations to come.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Emotional Intelligence (EI) and Psychological Capacities (PsyCap) of Information Technology Employees

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ABSTRACT

Emotional Intelligence (EI) and its four components namely "self-emotions appraisal", "regulation of emotions", "use of emotions" and "others' emotional appraisal" are examined in this research with Psychological Capacities (PsyCap) along with its four dimensions namely "hope", "efficacy", "resilience" and "optimism". There have been several previous researches that have been done to link psychological capacities to various job-related outcomes such as employee performance, attitudes and behaviours'. Even though there has been a lot of research that has been done on Emotional Intelligence, there have rarely been any studies to comprehend the connect between EI and PsyCap of employees particularly in knowledge based sectors such as Information Technology sector in the Indian context. The study is descriptive and analytical in nature and the data was collected via a survey method. The questionnaire consisted of three sections. The initial section comprised of all the demographic questions, the next section comprised of the 24-item psychological capital scale established by Luthans, Avolio, Avey& Norman in 2007. The last section of the instrument comprised of 16-item EI scale developed by Wong and Law in 2004. A survey of 200 Information Technology (IT) employees from 15 companies was conducted and the findings indicated that there is a robust correlation between workers' EI and PsyCap.

Keywords: Emotional Intelligence, Psychological Capacities, Hope, Efficacy, Resilience, Optimism.

INTRODUCTION

Innovation in organizations is the resultant of creative and out of the box ideas generated and executed by the employees in those organizations. Irrespective of which professional sector an employee belongs to, his or her initial few months in the workplace determine their long-term success in the organization (Schermerhorn, 1993). When employees socialize in the organization, they become familiar with the social knowledge and skill sets which enable them to understand their role in the organization in a much better way. It helps the employees to foster positive job related attitudes and behaviours (Louis, 1980). It is the organization's responsibility to provide the necessary information and knowledge to the newcomers in order to minimize their uncertainty and help them in understanding their role in the organization.

However, as per the study conducted by Saks &Gruman (2011), it is proved that this organizational socialization process does not really focus on reducing the newcomer uncertainty but rather focuses on enhancing their PsyCap(Luthans, Youssef, &Avolio, 2007). These psychological capacities become a job resource for the employees and enable them to work towards achieving their work goals. This concept of an individual using his PsyCap to achieve his or her work-based goals has been derived from the JDR theory developed by Bakker &Demerouti (2007). If the organizations have to undergo a transition from traditional ways of working to a modern approach, it requires a significant psychological adaptation and involvement on the part of the employees working in the organization. In other words, it can be said that the employees need psychological capacities of the above-mentioned transition has to take place and make themselves and their organizations survive and thrive in the VUCA world. For example, continuous changes in the organizations require the employees to be adaptable, increased diversity in the workplace demands perspective taking, working in teams rather than as individuals need employees to be assertive, flatter organizational structures require better channels of communication and better communication skills, boundary less ways of working demands self-control, emotional demands need employees to be resilient. Hence, it can be said that employees' psychological capacities play a major role in enabling them and the modern day organizations to survive and thrive. Luthans et al. (2007) stressed upon positive organizational behaviour by applying the right kind of psychological skills which can be measured in order to enhance the performance of employees.

There are four factors that belong to the variable PsyCap. The first factor is "Hope" which is all about setting of goals and working towards those goals persistently in order to achieve those goals. The next factor is "Efficacy" which deals with an individual's belief regarding the self-confidence that he or she has in oneself in order to achieve a goal. Thirdly, there's "Resilience," which has to do with how well a person can bounce back from adversity. The last factor is "Optimism" which deals with the positivity that an individual holds pertaining to the outcomes that lay ahead which he or she attributes to their own abilities.

There have been quite a few studies that have been carried out which have stated that some organizational employees tend to manage their emotions in a much better fashion as compared to other employees. Hence the concept of EI originated. Emotional intelligence may be described as the capacity for self-awareness and regulation of behavior and thought based on one's own and other people's emotional states (Mayer, Salovey, & Caruso, 2008). Many businesses have begun to provide emotional intelligence training for their staff members after reading Goleman's (1995) claims that this is one of the most important characteristics for professional success. These businesses hold the belief that enhancing employee performance may be achieved by training in emotional regulation (Cobero, Primi, & Muniz, 2006). EI was described by Salovey and Mayer (1997) as "the ability to monitor one's own and others' feelings and emotions, to discriminate among them and to use this information to guide one's thinking and actions." The following are the five pillars upon which emotional intelligence rests.

Self-Awareness: This is the bedrock upon which all other aspects of emotional intelligence rest. It is the capacity to identify and make sense of one's own internal states, including feelings, thoughts, and drives.

Self-regulation: It refers to how well one can adapt their feelings and actions to different circumstances. The key is to know when and where to express one's feelings, rather than trying to bury them. Social skills: An integral part of emotional intelligence, it facilitates connection, rapport, and the development of deep connections. To be emotionally intelligent, one must be able to read not just their own but also other people's feelings. Workers gain a lot when they get along well with one another on the job.

Empathy: The capacity to empathize with and comprehend the inner experiences of other people is at the heart of this field. Recognizing and reacting to the emotions of other people is an important part of it. People who are skilled at reading people's emotions are also great at influencing others, which is very useful at work. Being empathetic requires people to open up about their feelings, listen attentively, and make an effort to engage in meaningful interactions with others. Motivation: People high in emotional intelligence are more likely to be driven by internal rather than external factors. They have a stronger desire for accomplishment and are goal-oriented, and they aren't just driven by external factors like fame, fortune, or public acclaim.

THEORY

Emotional Intelligence and Psychological capacities
Both the terms namely psychological capital and emotional intelligence are relatively new areas in the field of organizational behaviour (Luthans et al 2008). Research on the link between EI and PsyCap among workers is still in its infancy, and this is especially true in the Indian setting. However, there have been studies that have found that greater emotional intelligence can lead to higher performance of employees in various industries (Cherniss, 2000; Wong & Law, 2002; Rego&Fernandes, 2005). There have been studies that have been extensively carried out that try to bring out the association betweenPsyCapand other positive work-based attitudes, performance and well-being in any of the work-based situations (Kim & Koo, 2017; Luthans et al., 2007; Youssef and Luthans, 2010). As per the study carried out by Xanthoupoulou, Bakker, Demerouti and Schaufeli (2009), when psychological resources are employed by individual employees, they become more engaged on the job and their performance level tends to enhance. There have been studies that have found a positive association between the different dimensions of PsyCap namely "hope", "efficacy", "resilience" and "optimism" with performance and their workplace attitudes (Luthans& Youssef, 2007). Psychological Capital can be defined as "HERO within" (Luthans, 2012; Luthanset al., 2017). The reason it is called HERO within is because the focus is on what individuals can achieve in the presence of PsyCap.

Very few international research have attempted to clarify the connection between EI and PsyCap. A number of studies have shown that resilient workers are more likely to draw on their positive emotions when faced with adversity (Tugade and Fredrickson, 2007). Ignat (2010) and others have shown a favorable correlation between EI and effectiveness, the latter of which is useful for surviving difficult times. Mellao and Monica (2013) conducted research in Portugal and also discovered a positive and substantial correlation between EI and PsyCap. A statistically significant correlation was discovered between the two factors by Malik and Masood (2015). While many studies have focused on PsyCap and EI in Western nations, surprisingly few have examined these concepts in Asian nations like Pakistan, India, and China. There is substantial evidence linking psychological capital, EI, and employee performance on the work, according to the majority of western-context research (Luthans, 2008). Therefore, the purpose of this article is to investigate the connection between PsyCap and EI among IT workers in India. This research aims to do two things: first, find out if there is a correlation between PsyCap and IT workers' emotional intelligence; and second, find out how PsyCap affects their EQ.

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CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK
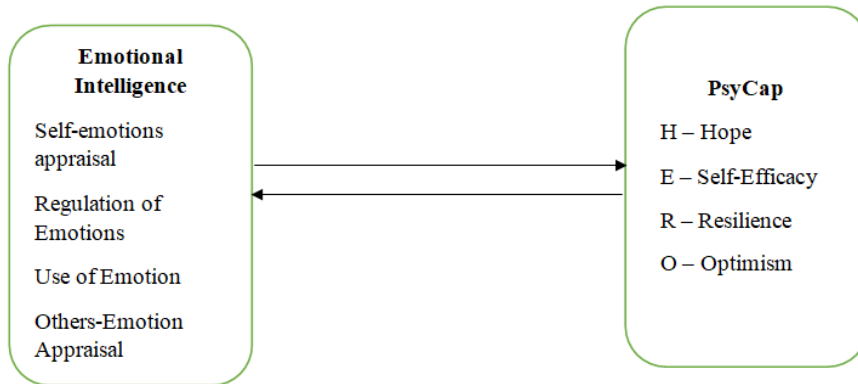
OBJECTIVES
1. To find out the level of Psychological capacities and EI of employees working in the IT sector.
2. To comprehend the link between PsyCap and EI of employees in the IT sector.
3. To know the effect of EI on PsyCap.

HYPOTHESES
H1: There is no association between EI and PsyCapof IT employees.
H2: EIdo not influence the PsyCapof IT employees.

RESEARCH DESIGN
A quantitative and descriptive research design has been chosen for this study. The scales used for this study were well-structured, validated and reliable. The questionnaires were administered to 200employees from the Information technology sector across Bangalore city. The inclusion criteria for this study were for these employees to have a minimum one yearexperience in the current organization. Judgmental sampling technique was used to select the organizations and the respondents within those organizations. A six point and seven point Likert scale was used to measure psychological capacities and emotional intelligence respectively.

Data Collection Measures
Psychological Capacities (Hope, Self-efficacy, Optimism and Resilience) – a 24- item PsyCap scale consisting of 6 items each of "hope", "efficacy", "optimism" and "resilience" developed by Luthans et al. (2007) was used for measuring the psychological capacities of employees.

Emotional Intelligence(Self-emotions appraisal, Regulation of Emotions, Use of Emotion and Others-Emotion Appraisal) – a 16-item EI scale consisting of 4 items each of self-emotions appraisal, regulation of emotions, use of emotions and others emotion appraisal developed by Wong and Law (2004) was used for measuring emotional intelligence of employees.

Data Analysis Tools
SPSS package was used for the purpose of data analysis and few statistical tests such as Correlation Analysis & Regression Analysis were carried out on the data to test the formulated hypotheses.

Respondents Profile
The sample encompassed of 56 per cent female and 44 per cent male respondents. Almost 38 per cent of the employees were between the age group between 20 and 25 years of age, and 62 per cent of them were above 25 years of age. More than 75 per cent of the respondents were unmarried while 25 per cent of them were married.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Reliability of standardized instruments:
Reliability of Psychological capacities (PsyCap): Allthe four sub-dimensions ofPsyCap were retained. The reliability alpha values were: "Hope" (0.862), "Self-Efficacy" (0.826), "Resilience" (0.770) and "Optimism" (0.716). The overall reliability coefficient for the PsyCap scale by itself is 0.882.

Reliability of Emotional Intelligence (EI): Allthe four sub-dimensions of EI were retained. The Cronbach alpha values of the four sub-dimensions were: "Self-emotions appraisal" (0.845), "Regulation of Emotions" (0.842), "Use of Emotion" (0.829) and "Others-Emotion Appraisal" (0.771). The overall reliability coefficient for the work engagement scale by itself is 0.872.

Objective: To measure level of Psychological capacities and Emotional Intelligenceof IT sector employees
The mean psychological capacities for IT sector employees was 4.17 which is moderately high and the mean score of emotional intelligence for the same IT sector employees was 4.95 indicating moderately high levels of EI. The mean score of the components of EI were as follows: "Self-emotions appraisal" (4.01), "Regulation of Emotions" (4.68), "Use of Emotion" (5.29) and "Others-Emotion Appraisal" (3.97). The mean score of the components of PsyCap were as follows: Hope (4.98), Self-Efficacy (4.45), Resilience (3.97) and Optimism (4.39).

Objective: To understand the connect between Psychological capacities and emotional intelligence of employees in the IT sector.
H1: There is no significant association between EI and PsyCap of IT employees
Table 1: Correlation between EI and PsyCap of IT employees

From the above correlation tableit is visible that there is a significant positive association between Emotional Intelligence and Psychological Capacities. The correlation coefficient was found to be 0.762 at 99% confidence interval. When a correlation test was run between EI and the components of PsyCap, it was found that the correlation between EI and Hope was the highest (0.821) following which was the correlation between EI and Resilience (0.701), EI and Efficacy (0.691) and EI and Optimism (0.554), at 1% significance level. When a correlation test was run between PsyCap and components of EI, it was found that the correlation between use of emotion for higher performance had the highest correlation with psychological capital of employees (0.773) following which was the correlation between regulation of emotion and PsyCap (0.721), then was the correlation between self-emotions appraisal and PsyCap (0.682) and finally the correlation between others emotion-appraisal and PsyCap (0.640), at 1% significance level.

Objective: To find out the effect of Emotional intelligence on Psychological capital of employees in the IT sector.
H2: Emotional intelligence does not influence the Psychological capacities of IT employees.
The above Table 2 indicates the multiple regression analysis that has been carried between PsyCap and Emotional intelligence. From the above table, it can be inferred that 32.3 per cent of variance in the Psychological capacities of the IT employees is attributed to their Emotional intelligence at a p-value of 0.000.   Hence the above mentioned null hypothesis is rejected and it can be said that emotional intelligence significantly influences the psychological capacities of employees in the IT sector.From the above correlation table, it can be said that out of the four sub-dimensions of PsyCap, Hope and Resilience of the employees is significantly influenced by their Emotional intelligence. Higher levels of emotional intelligence can result in greater levels of hope and resilience among the IT employees. Out of the four dimensions of emotional intelligence, the two main factors that significantly influence the PsyCap of the IT employees are the use of emotion by the employees for better performance and the ability to regulate their emotions which indicates emotional self-control which could be against any sort of criticism. The regression equation for Psychological capacities = 0.159 + 0.686 x Emotional intelligence. The Beta coefficients of the

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four dimensions of emotional intelligence are use of emotion (0.328), regulation of emotions (0.258), self-emotions appraisal (0.063) and others emotion-appraisal (0.037). Therefore, the final elaborated regression equation for PsyCap = 0.159 + 0.328 x use of emotion + 0.258 x regulation of emotions + 0.063 x self-emotions appraisal + 0.037 x others emotion-appraisal.

IMPLICATIONS

This study would make a useful contribution to the literature on psychological capacities as well as literature in emotional intelligence. This study could also be used by other the upper management of competitive sectors such as retail, banking and e-commerce apart from the IT sector to build the psychological resources of their frontline and core employees in order to engage them in a better manner, enhance their performance, reduce the attrition rate and retain the key organizational employees by providing suitable training to enhance the level of EI of employees. This work could be taken further by considering other organizational variables such as organizational citizenship behaviour, employee job satisfaction, employee performance etc. to be used as moderating or mediating variables. The major limitation of this study was that it was restricted to employees of only IT sector. There are other competitive sectors such as retail, banking, construction, education sectors etc. that could be considered in further studies.

CONCLUSION

This study tries to understand the importance ofEI which can enhance the psychological capacities of employees. The results of this research show that workers' emotional intelligence significantly affects their entire psychological capital, especially their optimism and resilience. When employees are trained to enhance their emotional intelligence, their psychological capacities tend to increase which can significantly boost the employees' performance&reduce the employee turnover.This study contributes to the literature on positive organizational psychology providing evidence of training interventions in enhancing the emotional intelligence and PsyCap of employees.It can be particularly useful in sectors where psychological involvement of employees is needed or is critical to their success on the job.

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Table 1: Correlation between EI and PsyCap of IT employees

Correlations		EI	PsyCap
EI	Pearson's Correlation	1	.762**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	Sample size	200	200
PsyCap	Pearson's Correlation	.762**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	
	Sample size	200	200

 ** Correlation is significant at 0.01 level.

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Table 2:   Descriptive Statistics, Model Summary, Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) and Coefficient values of Emotional Intelligence (EI) and Its Influence on Psychological Capacities (PsyCap)

		EI	PsyCap
	Mean	4.95	4.17
	Std. D	0.39	0.72
Model Summary	R^2	0.323	
ANOVA	F	119.82	
	Sig	0.000	
Coefficient	B_0	0.159	
	$B_{(EI)}$	0.686	
	t	12.479	
	Sig	0.000	

Source: The authors.
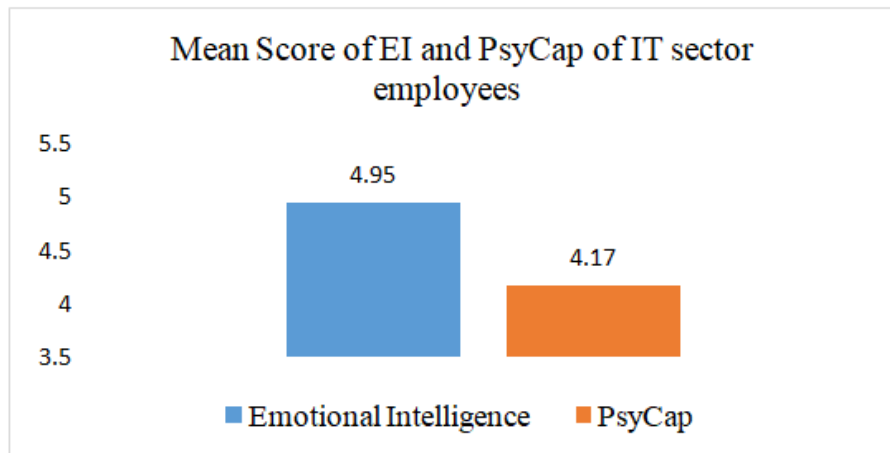
Graph 1: Mean Score of Emotional Intelligence and PsyCap of IT sector employees

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Crowdfunding and Entrepreneurial Finance: A Inclusive Analysis of Accomplishment Factors

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ABSTRACT

The study has created a reflection on progressive startups and innovative production by lowering financial costs and enhancing the cheapness of the financial revolution. Geography has been considered a different factor that is exclusively cited when they are located. The clear literature reviews that crowdfunding proposes preferable financing arrangements considering essential elements for success. Developed hypotheses are connected with social activities and causes. Using the SPSS software this study has represented a clear concept for generating positive responses as well.

Keywords: Crowd funding, Entrepreneurs, Lowes financing costs, Scientists

INTRODUCTION

Background of the study
Crowdfunding has recently become a new method of funding for entrepreneurs, especially for those starting up small businesses or just creating ideas. The study developed by Bernardino and Santos (2020), explains how to strengthen the potential for startups to execute projects and improve leadership, lower costs, and boost the financial market. Additionally, having other digital payments such as mobile money creates a ground where hopeful entrepreneurs can take part (as exploited by Bessière et al., 2019). Although crowdfunding theory appreciation remains at the academic level, there is not much empirical research in this area. Therefore, this process becomes helpful for the development of a business in the current era.

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Problem statement

This research aims to fill the gap in the knowledge about the key factors that give the likelihood of success in entrepreneurial crowdfunding efforts existing on different platforms by using data.

Research aim and objectives

Research aim

The study has focused on identifying the core determinants that lead to crowdfunding success by carrying out the rigorous analysis of more than 5000 campaigns on Kickstarter, Indiegogo, and Go Fund Me among others. The aim is to deliver useful, time and evidence-proven information which will be helpful for entrepreneurs when they think about designing their fundraising campaigns.

Research objectives

RO1: To examine the strategy of campaign settings like fundraising targets, durations, and update frequencies that affect funding success across various crowdfunding platforms.
RO2: To explore the impact of social media engagement on crowdfunding results for product and service campaigns.
RO3: To investigate whether factors such as experience, location, or number of supporters influence campaign fundraising performance.
RO4: To determine reward structures and content types to achieve the greatest success for first-time versus established creators.

Research questions

RQ1: What is the impact of chosen fundraising targets, campaign timespans, and update frequencies on successful meetings?
RQ2: Is there a meaningful, consistent relationship between social shares, comments, likes and campaign success?
RQ3: How significant are factors like topical experience, location, and existing networks to crowdfunding consequences?
RQ4: What effect do variables such as tiered rewards and creator experience have on achieving full funding versus underfunded campaigns?

Significance of the study

This research shows financial reporting has a predictable positive consequence on equity crowdfunding results, primarily for longer-running companies during economically uncertain duration.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Crowdfunding has emerged as an important alternative funding approach for startups due to the novel ways it helps bring new ventures and ideas to life. Drawing on post-2020 literature examining drivers of crowdfunding success, key insights have been gained into what makes campaigns thrive or fail (study by Allison et al. 2022). A study by Mora-Cruz and Palos-Sanchez (2023), of over 5,000 projects found Twitter engagement boosted funding across both mainstream and niche platforms, while for art projects Instagram was most impactful. Moreover, adding creators' Facebook status data to machine learning models improved success prediction accuracy by 31%. Research by Jovanovic (2020) and Böckel et al. (2020) on crowdfunding sustainability determined that 8% of all studies were on this topic, highlighting its significance. This study has reviewed 55 articles on the implications of crowdfunding platforms (CFPs) for entrepreneurship and investment choices, as noted by Andreu et al. (2022).

However, the examination of equity and reward crowdfunding data has enabled a further understanding of how these models are being used. In the case of reward campaigns, it is noteworthy that the response rate amplifies significantly from offer levels of $50 to $100 for technology, film, and video game projects. Koch and Siering (2022)

stated that geography also plays a crucial role and emphasised that campaigns were 2.1 times more likely to succeed if more than 70% of funding came from their local area. Similarly, newcomers without personal backer networks had only an 11% success rate, while 88% of the artisans with over 500 connections were successful, which points to the fact that social capital is very important (Prędkiewicz, & Kalinowska-Beszczyńska, 2021).

On balance, these identify crowdfunding as a very useful tool for entrepreneurs, but grasping what drives success is critical to getting the most returns out of it. Future work should concentrate on the platforms' technologies, the investment decision-making, and the possibility of sustaining green business models. Through the knowledge of success factors, creators can use the characteristics of crowdfunding as an alternative funding to conventional funding arrangements.

Gap in literature

The proper strategy to improve the decrement of financial cost for a business is missing in the previous literature. Also, the impact of the crowdfunding process on the enhancement of funds for social activities is less important in the previous literature. The gap in previous literature has been confident that this study tries to overcome the literature cab by providing proper strategies for the implementation of crowdfunding for the growth of a business.

METHODOLOGY

The primary quantitative data collection method was used in the study taking 65 respondents. As per the view of Torres, Serrasqueiro, and Oliveira (2024), the application of the primary quantity method of data collection handles the authenticity of the results related to the topic as they are held by the direct engagement of people related to the field. For analysingthe collected information and data, SPSS software has been used in the study. With the help of this software recreation analysis, descriptive statistics and the validity test have also been done to increase the legitimacy of the result from the test. One of the advantages of the primary quantitative Data Collection method is the simplicity of the collection of data from the respondents (Liu, Ben, S., & Zhang, 2023). Therefore, this method becomes helpful in understanding the review of the responses about the impact of crowdfunding on the growth of a business.

Hypotheses development

Alternative hypothesis (H1): There is a positive relationship between the implementation of the crowdfunding process and the improvement of the procedure for launching a product

Alternative hypothesis (H2): Investment through the online platform and the increment of awareness about the crowdfunding process are related to each other

Alternative hypothesis (H3): Proper implementation of proud funding can be the reason for growing the funds for social activities and causes

Alternative hypothesis (H4): The contribution of the startup founder and the execution of the reward-based crowdfunding process in a business are interrelated

FINDINGS

Demographic analysis

Table 1 and Figure 3 of the survey foreshadow the funding of the age of the respondents who encountered the survey. From the above data, it can be said that the most participated people are between the age of 26 to 35 years and the rate of valid percentage of the people is 32.3%. The valid percentage of people 46 years and above is 16.9%. The overhead figure and table display the gender of the respondents which illustrates that the cumulative percentage of female participants is 32.3%. From the pie chart, it can be articulated that the percentage of female parties is the lowest the value is 21% and the number of people who don't want to enter is 22%. Hence, the female parties are the least energetic for the survey.

The above pie chart of the survey characterizes the total experience of the respondents and from the chart, it can be deduced that the percentage of experience 1 to 2 years is 16.9%. The valid percentage of the people who have 3 to 4 years of experience is 33.8%. The people with experience of more than 4 years and above who participated in the survey of the percentage are 11%.

Variable-related analysis
Table 4 of the study delivers the value of skewness, Kurtosis, and the standard deviation for the DV and the IVs of the study. The value of the statistic of the skewness of the IV4 of the survey is -1.006 which implies the impact of the investment on the increment of the process of crowdfunding in the business.

Validity test
The above table of validity test of the survey defines that the value of the approximate value of chi-square is 94.225. This high value establishes the high Impact of several social causes On the growth of crowdfunding in different kinds of organizations. The value of the accuracy of the sample of the KMO test is 0.638 and this value identifies the impact of the contribution of exchange for the betterment of a business.

Pearson's correlation test
From the above table of correlation tests of the IVs and the DV of the study, it can be pronounced that the correlation value of IV1 and DV is 0.000. This value indicates that there is very little relationship between the fundraising goal and the growth of the Crowdfunding campaigns. The correlation value between the IV3 and DV of the study is 0.420 which means that the effectiveness of crowdfunding is based on the reward system and the contribution of the startup business.

Multiple regressions
The above three regression tables of the study define the regression analysis which includes the ANOVA, model summary of the study, and the coefficients between the IVs and the DV of the study. From the first table, it can be discussed that the value of the adjusted R square is 0.558 and the value is greater than 0.5 which means the better impact of the Kickstarter project on the implementation of the Crowdfunding. Also, the sum of the value of coefficients and the std. the error of IV4 is 0.045.

DISCUSSION

From the above study, it can be properly said that crowdfunding is one of the most effective and helpful resources for venturing into the economy and Finance of a business. Proper implementation of crowdfunding in the IT sector helps to raise capital that is collected from the new resources. As per the view of De Crescenzo et al., (2020), one of the main success factors of crowdfunding is the decrement in the time of project initiation which helps to implement new and innovative technology in an organisation. There are main five critical success factors that affect the implementation of strategic factors of a business to enhance the practice of crowdfunding. The application of the process makes the staff abd employees of an organization more capable and enhances the business attitude that is effective for their personal and professional growth and development. From the study, it also can be discussed that crowdfunding is one of the most valuable and important strategies to increase the rate of market share of a business. On the other hand, Fernandez-Blanco et al., (2020) said that the process of online services can be the reason to improve the achievement of the goal of a business. Therefore, with the help of the strategy, the economic and financial assets of a business can be improved.

CONCLUSION

It can be concluded from the above research that the use of four different kinds of process of crowdfunding can become helpful and valuable for the startup business. The process that is based on the reward system is one of the strategies that make a great impact on the increment of the satisfaction level among the employees by giving their proper reward as per the work quality. Crowdfunding that is based on equity is another important process that can be concluded from the study which helps to decrease the issues of inequality and increase the connection among the workers in a business. Therefore, the defined strategy increases the growth and development of a business by engaging more and more employees and increasing their enthusiasm.

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Appendix

Survey link: https://forms.gle/cj1h42vLK5Bg8Ff77

What is your age?

What is your gender?

What is your experience?

Crowdfunding has emerged as a source of venture finance

Crowdfunding is raising money from many people to fund a project, new business venture, product launch

Crowdfunding campaigns are typically conducted online through a fundraising site and intended to garner support to achieve a set fundraising goal

Entrepreneurs who want to raise funds to launch or expand their businesses have typically turned to bank loans

Crowdfunding is the process of raising capital from a group of individuals through an online platform of donations or investments

Crowdfunding has grown in popularity since the first platform for social causes

Crowdfunding is also popular with creatives to support artistic endeavors and individuals who raise funds for social causes

Reward-based crowdfunding is when donors receive gifts from the startup founder in exchange for their contributions

Crowdfunding site has its specialty and certain niches perform better than others, like gaming projects on Kickstarter

Table 1: Age of the respondents

What is your age?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	15 to 25 years	22	33.8	33.8	33.8
	26 to 35 years	21	32.3	32.3	66.2
	36 to 45 years	11	16.9	16.9	83.1
	46 year and above	11	16.9	16.9	100.0
	Total	65	100.0	100.0	

(Source: SPSS)

Table 2: Gender of the respondents

What is your gender?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Female	21	32.3	32.3	32.3
	Male	22	33.8	33.8	66.2
	Prefer not to say	22	33.8	33.8	100.0
	Total	65	100.0	100.0	

(Source: SPSS)

Table 3: Qualification of the respondents

What is your experience   ?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 to 2 years	11	16.9	16.9	16.9
	2 to 3 years	21	32.3	32.3	49.2
	3 to 4 years	22	33.8	33.8	83.1
	4 years and above	11	16.9	16.9	100.0
	Total	65	100.0	100.0	

(Source: SPSS)

Table 4: Descriptive statistics

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation	Skewness		Kurtosis	
	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Std. Error	Statistic	Std. Error
DV	65	3	5	4.00	.586	.000	.297	.049	.586
IV1	65	1	5	3.37	1.364	-.668	.297	-.983	.586
IV2	65	2	5	3.69	1.103	-.075	.297	-1.389	.586
IV3	65	2	4	3.17	.698	-.243	.297	-.894	.586
IV4	65	1	5	3.49	1.276	-1.006	.297	-.015	.586
Valid N (listwise)	65								

(Source: SPSS)

Table 5: Validity test

KMO and Bartlett's Test

Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.		.638
Bartlett's Test of Spherity	Approx. Chi-Square	94.225
	df	10
	Sig.	.000

(Source: SPSS)

Table 6: Pearson's correlation test

Correlations

		DV	IV1	IV2	IV3	IV4
DV	Pearson Correlation	1	.000	-.532**	.420**	.689**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		1.000	.000	.000	.000
	N	65	65	65	65	65
IV1	Pearson Correlation	.000	1	.378**	-.067	.011
	Sig. (2-tailed)	1.000		.002	.598	.933
	N	65	65	65	65	65
IV2	Pearson Correlation	-.532**	.378**	1	-.378**	-.357**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.002		.002	.004
	N	65	65	65	65	65
IV3	Pearson Correlation	.420**	-.067	-.378**	1	.484**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.598	.002		.000
	N	65	65	65	65	65
IV4	Pearson Correlation	.689**	.011	-.357**	.484**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.933	.004	.000	
	N	65	65	65	65	65

**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

(Source: SPSS)

Table 7: Model summary

Model Summary[b]

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	R Square Change	F Change	df1	df2	Sig. F Change	Durbin-Watson
1	.765[a]	.585	.558	.390	.585	21.175	4	60	.000	1.627

a. Predictors: (Constant), IV4, IV1, IV3, IV2
b. Dependent Variable: DV

(Source: SPSS)

Table 8: ANOVA

ANOVA[a]

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	12.878	4	3.219	21.175	.000[b]
	Residual	9.122	60	.152		
	Total	22.000	64			

a. Dependent Variable: DV
b. Predictors: (Constant), IV4, IV1, IV3, IV2

(Source: SPSS)

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Table 9: Coefficients

Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients		
		B	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	3.621	.362		10.002	.000
	IV1	.060	.039	.141	1.544	.128
	IV2	-.204	.053	-.383	-3.817	.000
	IV3	.020	.083	.024	.240	.811
	IV4	.248	.045	.539	5.486	.000

a. Dependent Variable: DV
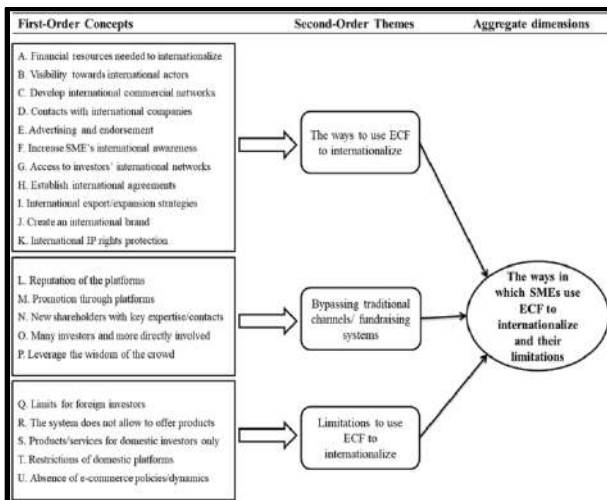
(Source: SPSS)

(Source: Troise et al., 2022)

Figure 1: Data structure of equity crowdfunding
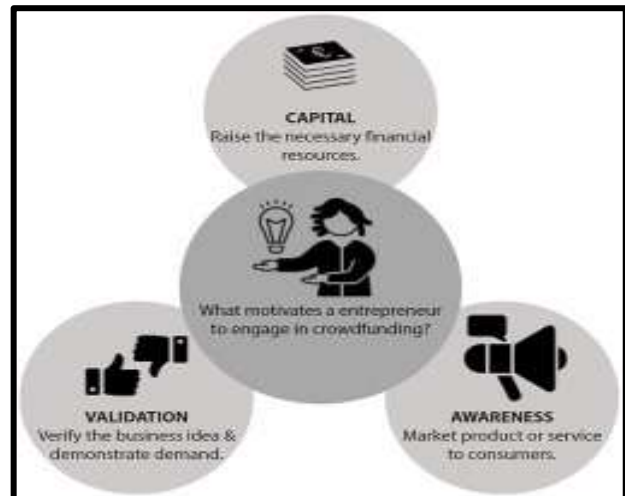
(Source: Siering, 2022)

Figure 2: Choosing the crowdfunding
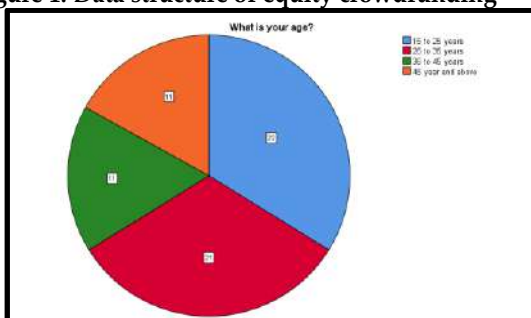
(Source: SPSS)

Figure 3: Age frames of the respondents
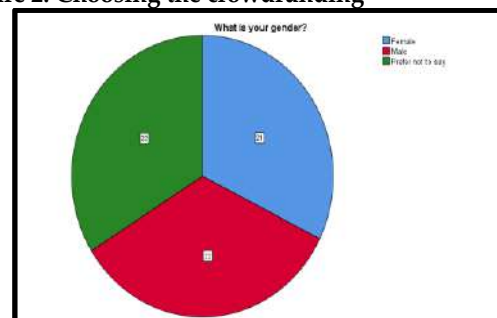
(Source: SPSS)

Figure 4 Gender of the respondents

RESEARCH ARTICLE

The Role of Energy Detection Method in Spectrum Sensing of Cognitive Radio Network

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ABSTRACT

Spectrum sensing is one of the important aspects of cognitive radio network (CRN) for spectrum management. Energy detection is one of the techniques most used for spectrum sensing because of its simplicity. This paper analyzes all the methods of spectrum sensing techniques based on energy detection with their merits and demerits. Also, the authors propose some improvement of this solution by adaptive threshold which will be able to reduce the high false alarm rate considerably. The scheme is based on neural network prediction and efficiently works in low signal to noise ratio.

Keywords: cognitive Radio Network (CRN), Spectrum Sensing, Energy Detection, Neural Network (NN), Conventional Wireless Networks.

INTRODUCTION

The notion of fixed spectrum allocation is one way that cognitive radio networks differ from ordinary wireless networks, making them acknowledged as the development in wireless networking. Conventional wireless networks are defined by policies that provide wireless spectrum to organizations for extended licensing periods covering large geographic areas, as determined by governmental bodies. There is a shortage of spectrum bands since, in comparison to earlier eras, the spectrum bands are comparatively occupied now. The licensed companies do not own all of the allotted spectrum. Therefore, dynamic spectrum access approaches were introduced in order to achieve optimality and efficiency in the use of the spectrum. Cognitive radio (CR) is the technology that allows for dynamic spectrum access. It allows licensed organizations to share the wireless channel in an opportunistic way. With the use of dynamic spectrum access strategies and diverse wireless designs, CR networks aim to provide mobile customers high bandwidth. Only dynamic and effective spectrum management systems may accomplish this optimization in sharing the wireless channels. Because of the wide variations in the spectrum that is accessible and the diverse

quality of service (QoS) demands of different applications, CR networks present difficult issues. In order to address the challenges, the CR user in the CR network must:

- Discover the available portions of the spectrum
- Choose the best one amongst the various available spectrum holes
- Other users are to be coordinated to access the available channels
- Evacuate the communication channel when a license user is detected

The four primary goals of spectrum management—spectrum sensing, spectrum decision-making, spectrum sharing, and spectrum mobility—allow for the identification of these capabilities.

SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Due to their coexistence with main networks and varied QoS requirements, CR networks provide a unique set of issues. As a result, new spectrum management functions are needed for CR networks, which must adhere to the following crucial design challenges:

- Avoidance of interference: The CR networks need to be able to stay out of the way of the principal networks that are now in place.
- QoS awareness: CR networks should provide QoS-aware communication by taking into account the heterogeneous and dynamic spectrum environment while selecting an appropriate frequency band.
- Communication that flows: CR networks should allow for smooth communication regardless of how the main users look.
- In order to tackle the aforementioned difficulties, we provide a variety of functions that are essential for spectrum management. Four main stages compose spectrum management:
- Spectrum sensing involves assigning any CR user to a portion of the spectrum that is either underutilized or underused. This allows the CR user to continually monitor the available bands in order to gather spectrum information, which in turn aids in the identification of any gaps in the spectrum.
- Spectrum decision: The first stage helps identify the channels that are available, and CR users will assign a channel based on that availability. Other considerations, including internal and external influences, should be taken into account in addition to availability when allocating resources.
- Spectrum sharing: Since many CR users are attempting to utilize the spectrum, there needs to be appropriate coordination to avoid multiple users who are present in overlapping sections of the spectrum colliding.
- Spectrum mobility: CR users are seen as entities that are temporarily present in the spectrum. Consequently, communication must continue in the unoccupied area of the spectrum if a CR user is utilizing that particular piece of the spectrum and if the main user requires that portion.

SPECTRUM SENSING

Cognitive Radio network is designed to sense the changes in the surrounding spectrum, which makes the spectrum sensing phase more significant in realizing the unused portions of the spectrum. So unused channel can be utilized optimally by the second user.

Narrow band Spectrum can be sensed by the following techniques.
- Energy detection
- Cyclo-stationary-Based detection
- Matched filter-based detection
- Covariance-Based detection
- Machine Learning based detection

Energy Detection

Energy detection is a spectrum sensing method which checks for the presence of energy in the communication channel to analyze whether the communication channel is empty or to identify if it is available to allocate that part of spectrum to another CR user. The energy detection technique is the easiest one of all other methods, but the disadvantage is that even some amount of noise in the communication channel will account for the presence of energy in the channel, which becomes little hard to distinguish between the pure signal and noise [5].

Cyclo-stationary-Based Detection

Cyclo-stationary based detection is dependent on the descriptive cyclo-stationary features such as modulation rate, carrier frequency. By considering the all the parameters this method can differentiate between noise and signal by analyzing the spectral correlation function of the signal present in the channel.

Matched filter-based detection

A linear filter is used in a matched filter-based detection approach to optimize the output ratio of the signal to noise ratio for a given input signal. This method is only used in cases when a secondary user already knows the main user signal.

Covariance Based-Detection

Covariance based technique utilizes a sample Covariance matrix of Singular value Decomposition (SVD) and signal strength of the signal. This can be generated by evaluating the structure of the received signal Covariance Matrix. The primary user signal is correlated and differentiated from the noise.

Machine Learning Based-Detection

The Machine Learning- based sensing techniques strive to detect the availability of the communication channel by devising a classification problem comprising of the classifier, supervised or unsupervised learning which will decide upon the two states free or occupied. Many methods such as K-Means and Support Vector machine can also be used to detect the presence of primary user in the communication channel.

PROPOSED SYSTEM MODEL

The easiest way to implement spectrum sensing is to go with energy detection technique where the signal energy is compared with some pre-determined threshold value and the presence of primary user is decided. No prior information about the number of primary users is required with this method. The threshold value in energy detection may be considered in two ways either by considering a single threshold or by considering two different threshold (double threshold) values Th_{e1} and Th_{e2} for different condition. If the energy value is less than Th_{e1} means the communication channel is free and available for secondary user. If the energy value is more than Th_{e2} the channel is in busy with the primary user. But in between value indicate that spectrum sensing must be executed again. Thus, the double threshold consideration increases the efficiency of spectrum sensing because at low signal to noise ratio (SNR) area energy detection performance degrades.

In the proposed technique this threshold values are generated using neural network (NN) which can be worked in an adaptive way. The NN can decide the threshold (single) based on number of samples, SNR value and lastly used threshold. Initially it is started with double threshold values and average of these thresholds is taken as input of the neural network to calculate the new threshold value. This threshold value can be used to check the presence the primary user and secondary user can be allocated accordingly.

CONCLUSION

A network with intelligence and adaptability is the cognitive radio network (CRN). Users are categorized as principal users (PU) and secondary users (SU) in CRN. The principal user in this network is originally allotted the spectrum; if the prime user is absent from the communication channel, there is a spectrum hole. The primary goal of the CRN is to make efficient use of the spectrum. This is accomplished by allowing the secondary user to take over the vacant portion of the spectrum when the primary user is not present and rescinding their use of it when the primary user rejoins the communication channel. This process is known as spectrum management. Four stages make up the complete process: mobility, sharing, decision-making, and spectrum sensing. The authors of this study go into detail on spectrum sensing and discuss the different stages of spectrum management. In order to make the process of choosing the best spectrum management strategy easier, a comparative analysis of the different spectrum sensing techniques and their categorization of spectrum kinds is presented, taking into account the network's size and scenario. The authors propose a hybrid approach in the paper's final section, which examines the merits and demerits of the various spectrum sensing techniques. This approach combines the characteristics and parameters of the energy detection technique, which is used for spectrum sensing, with a neural network that is fed three parameters: SNR, the number of samples, and the threshold value that was previously used. The neural network that was developed will determine the new threshold value for the primary user's presence in the communication channel on a dynamic basis. The spectrum sensing phase will be more optimum when the threshold value is chosen dynamically.

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Table 1. Comparative Study of the Spectrum Sensing techniques

NO.	Sensing technique	Merits	Demerits
1.	Energy Detection	• Implementation is easier • Prior Knowledge of the primary user's signal characteristics is not required	• False alarm rate is high • Not reliable for low SNR values
2.	Cyclo-Stationary	• Strong to handle noise uncertainty	• Sensing time is more

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	Detection		High energy consumption for large sample
		• Differentiating the noise and signal is much easier • Probability of false alarm rate is decreased	• High energy consumption for large sample
3.	Matched Filter Based detection	• Works well with low SNR • More optimal sensing	• Prior knowledge about the primary user signal is required
4.	Covariance-Based detection	• Prior knowledge about the primary user signal is not required • Blind detection is done	• Computational complexity is more
5.	Machine Learning Based	• Minimizes the detection delay • Complex models can be used in simple manner	• More complexity in techniques • Changes should be very quickly adapted • High data set has to be built
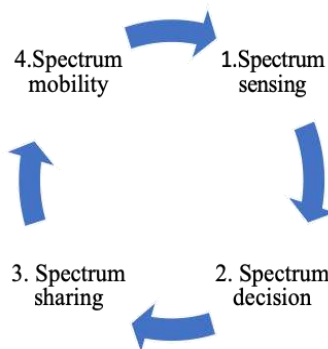
Figure 1. Cognitive Radio Cycle
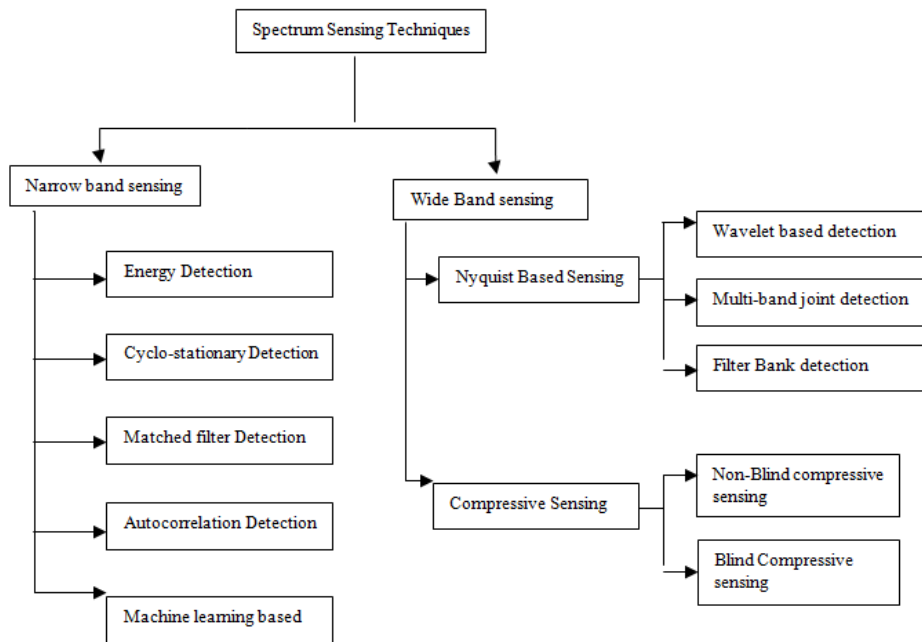
Figure 2. Spectrum Classification

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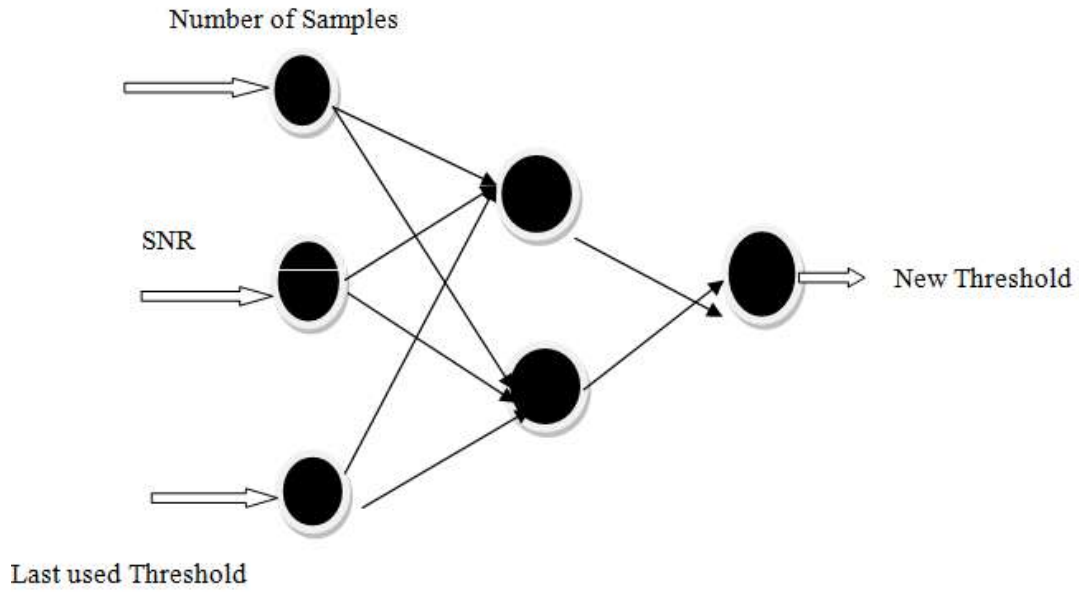
Figure 3. Neural network structures for deciding threshold

RESEARCH ARTICLE

MSME's Contribution in Employment Generation – A Study with Special Reference to Mysore

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ABSTRACT

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises play a crucial role in the economic development of a region. MSMEs significantly contribute to generating employment. This paper aims to examine the employment generation potential of MSMEs based on secondary data of firms located in the city of Mysore, India. However, this is a quantitative analysis of secondary data; in other words, the results of this analysis show the details of employment in the MSMEs' sector in one city Mysore. This data could provide some evidence on the distribution of enterprises based on the sector they serve and their size, as well as determine their composition when it comes to the workforce. The total number of workers doesn't demonstrate the share of enterprises of a specific size. Furthermore, it provides information on employment changes in recent years, which may characterize its dynamics. Although the findings remain poor from a quantitative perspective, the results provide evidence of the MSME employment generation trends. There are qualitative details that provide deeper insights into the factors that can affect MSME employment generation in Mysore. It can be government policies or initiatives, access to financial resources, policies targeted at developing the skills of workers, as well as technological or infrastructural developments. The results of the current study can expand the pool of academically valuable data on MSMEs and the employment generation potential. These findings can offer an understanding of the best strategies to alter policies, target MSMEs or workers for the best results in such areas faces problems, including Mysore.

Keywords: Electronic Control Systems, and Electromedical Equipment, Manufacturing, Microwave Components, Technological Development.

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INTRODUCTION

When it comes to creating jobs, boosting commerce, fostering entrepreneurial skills, and boosting export revenue, MSMEs are the backbone of every nation's economy. All firms often begin as small businesses or as individual-initiated small enterprises. It is believed that the growth of MSMEs would hasten the accomplishment of more general socioeconomic objectives, such as the reduction of poverty. The MSME Act of 2006 defines the classification of micro, small, and medium-sized businesses. MSME's are divided into two groups: Service enterprises are those that are involved in providing or rendering services and are defined in terms of investment in equipment. where annual turnover is less than Rs. 5cr, small enterprises' annual turnover is between Rs. 5cr and Rs. 75cr, and medium enterprises' annual turnover is between Rs. 75cr and Rs. 250cr. Manufacturing enterprises are those that manufacture or produce goods (as per the Development and Regulation Act,1951) or employ plant and machinery in the process of value addition to the final product having a distinct name, character, or use.

Research has shown that in high-income nations, MSMEs account for more than 55% of GDP and more than 65% of all jobs. In low-income nations, MSMEs and informal businesses generate more than 60% of GDP and more than 70% of all jobs; in middle-income nations, they make up around 70% of GDP and 95% of all jobs. One of the top places in India to invest in businesses, whether they are MSMEs, giant mega, ultra mega, or super mega, is Karnataka. In the Indian context, it is crucial to take use of the demographic advantage and make sure that people may still find work despite having low levels of education and ability. Over the last 20 years, the state's industrial and sector-specific policies have produced an environment that is conducive to the growth of MSMEs. The Karnataka Industrial Policy 2014–19 states that there are 4.81 lakh MSMEs registered with investments totaling 18,635 crore, supporting 28, lakh jobs. Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) and Karnataka Small Scale Industrial Development Corporation (KSSIDC) facilitate the growth of MSMEs by providing readily available infrastructural amenities to them.

LITERATURE REVIEW

1. Nasreen khan and Adil Amin Bhat(2018): An article which provides general information about female entrepreneurship and the involvement of various government programs and efforts towards female-owned MSMEs. Descriptive methods were used, and according to their findings, women are progressively accruing a role in entrepreneurship. Their prerequisite for this development is that women are provided more access to education and mobilization to create consciousness, vigilance, and capability, which aids in their successful participation in the enterprises sector.
2. Vineet Jain(2017):From the presentation of this research, we aimed at assessing how MSMEs have developed and performed in India. We also looked into MSMEs' impact on the number of units, output, and employment, among other critical economic indicators. With the substantial increase in the number of MSME's and the quantity of their production, more employment was achieved as the nation's social and economic welfare improved.
3. John N.N Ugoani(2017):The purpose of the research was to investigate the connection between the creation of jobs and entrepreneurial growth. The study used a survey research design. Based on the results, it can be concluded that the federal government created 1.90 million jobs between 1987 and 1996 via NDE (national directorate of employment) programs.
4. Dr. Sanjay P Sawant Dessai(2016): The study was conducted to identify the different schemes offered by Government of India to MSME and the financial support provided to them and as a result MSME suffers a lot of financial problem from the Government and because of that it has resulted only 10 to 15% growth over the last 5 years. So there is need of more allocation of funds for MSMEs development which can help in increasing of employment generation.

5. Das (2010):His research indicates that the MSME sector has expanded from producing basic consumer goods to producing a wide range of sophisticated goods, including microwave components, electronic control systems, and electromedical equipment. Additionally, he draws attention to how globalization has made the globe more competitive and how this has affected the management and revenue-generating capacities of these MSME in India.

6. Hunjra (2010):He conducted the research to look at the prospects and difficulties faced by MSMEs as well as the sector's contribution to the Alabama economy. He also emphasized the importance of the several support services provided by the sector's authorities. Therefore, he suggested that the government adopt a number of steps to revitalize the industry and appropriate actions to lessen their impact on it.

RESEARCH GAP

The researcher has examined a number of studies that have been conducted in the MSME sector. But there isn't any research on the creation of jobs, particularly in the Mysore cluster, in the Karnataka area. Numerous studies on the various economic aspects of MSMEs, such as growth, GDP, export, etc., have been carried out by different scholars. Studies on the creation of jobs in the Northern Region, where the expansion of MSME is completely dependent on completely different economic circumstances, have also been conducted. Furthermore, no research has been done on the contribution that MSME's make to the creation of jobs, which might greatly aid future studies and the development of the MSME policy framework in the state of Karnataka.

NEED FOR THE STUDY

It is crucial to understand how MSME's operate and meet the demands of a certain region in terms of employment. Numerous developments that have occurred in India and throughout the globe as a consequence of the introduction of the liberal global economy have contributed to the beneficial growth of the economy. It also has a lot of demographic and social ramifications. Due to an increase in economic activity, people who were formerly associated with rural regions have begun to migrate towards urban areas and from small urban areas to large metropolitan areas.

Objectives

To study the role of MSME's in catering job needs of Mysuru community.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The purpose of the present research is to explain and to communicate. The research is conceptual in nature and is only grounded upon secondary data over the previous almost two decades. All statistical information was gathered from websites of the Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd. (KSSIDC)-Mysore/Bangalore, the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB)-Mysore, the District Industries Center-Mysore, and other sources. It was also compiled from the Government of India's Annual Report on MSMEs and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)-India. Books, review reports, articles, news bulletins, institutional annual reports, magazines, journals, the internet, and other websites pertaining to the subject of research are all used as secondary sources of data. There has been usage of statistical methods such frequency distribution, ratio analysis, graph analysis, and percentage analysis.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The research is limited to the Mysore area and Karnataka State because to time and material constraints, but it may be extended to include the Indian Contest. MSMEs often use labor-intensive manufacturing techniques, which means they need a higher staffing ratio than major corporations. As a result, they provide a substantial contribution to the creation of income, the availability of chances for productive work, and the decrease of poverty. The MSME sector has shown remarkable inventiveness, adaptation, and tenacity to weather the current economic crisis and recession despite the many hurdles it has faced. Hence, study on challenges faced viz, Product Related Challenges , R&D/

Manufacturing/ Distribution Related Challenges, Technological Related Challenges , Government Policy/ Infrastructure Related Challenges , Finance Related Challenges , Managerial/Marketing Related Challenges ,Labour Related Challenges ,Raw Material Related Challenges ,Export Related Challenges and HR issues in the contest of one district may give more solution for MSME sector.

Present MSME Scenario and Industrial Profile Of Mysuru District
The development of Indian industry has been led by Mysuru, especially in the high-tech sectors of electrical and electronics, biotechnology, information and communication technology (ICT), and, more recently, nanotechnology. Mysuru's industrial structure is a combination of old consumer goods sectors and contemporary hightech capital goods and knowledge-intensive businesses. In light of this, this chapter sheds insight on Mysuru's industrial development. One of the state's most sought-after industrial sites for establishing businesses is Mysuru. big public sector industrial projects as well as big privately held companies like steel, sugar, textiles, etc. make Mysuru one of the state's Industrialized Districts. Mysuru has been the second leader in IT & BT in recent years. To provide opportunity for large-scale local employment via the private sector and to offer prospects for industrial growth across the State.

Small and medium-sized businesses Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) comprise a significant and growing portion of the industrial sector in Karnataka. According to the MSME Act of 2006, MSME units are generally classified as either manufacturing-related or service-oriented. The Karnataka economy places great emphasis on Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises due to its enormous potential for employment, development, and exports. In terms of creating jobs and contributing to output, the MSME sector is a thriving and important part of the state economy. As of March 31, 2014, there were around 4.81 lakh MSMEs registered in Karnataka, employing over 28 lakh people with a combined investment of approximately ~ 18,635 crore. 42,000 MSME units have been registered in the State for the current year 2019–20, employing 245473 people.

MSME-Clusters in Mysuru
The goal of the Cluster Development Programme (CDP) is to support a subset of the local communities of businesses and affiliated institutions in the Small and Medium Enterprise clusters to improve their overall performance and collective efficiency for sustainable development. This comprises helping central and local institutions with their programs of cluster modernization and reorganization, as well as implementing the cluster support project in a few pilot clusters. The Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises has established the Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Program. On behalf of the State Government, the Karnataka Council for Technology Upgradation [KCTU] would act as a monitoring body.

Infrastructure for Industrial Development In Mysuru
The growth of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises is directly impacted by the development of the region's infrastructure. Land, educational institutions, literacy, transportation, lending institutions for communication, etc. are important components of infrastructure. The State Government established a number of organizations and institutions to provide private sector businesses with infrastructure. All industrial development-related initiatives are coordinated by the Directorate of Industries and Commerce. In addition to the sanctioning of financial incentives, it allots power, land, and water.

Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB)
In comparison to the industrial boom in Mysuru, the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board has been instrumental in the development of the industrial sector, having established the finest infrastructure for the establishment of enterprises in the State. Established under Section 5 of the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Act, 1966 (KIAD Act), KIADB is a government agency tasked with facilitating the prompt purchase of land for industrial and infrastructural projects. In addition to creating plans with all the infrastructure needed to support industries, KIADB also buys property for different State and Federal Government departments, organizations, and single-unit complexes so they may establish their projects independently. Investors worldwide are taking notice of

Karnataka as the top location for their startups and projects because to the KIADB's ambition and world-class infrastructure.

Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation (KSSIDC)

The Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation (KSSIDC) gives basic raw materials to the industries in addition to industrial sheds and infrastructure-ready plots. Among these Corporations is KSSIDC, which was founded on April 29, 1960.Bangalore, in the state of Karnataka, served as the company's first registered office. Building of industrial sheds of various dimensions and provision of infrastructure needed containing roads, water supplies, sewage lines, and power. This is achieved through the State Government's industrial estate setup program. KSSIDC creates/develops sheds as well as plots for SSI industries for whom space is allotted in many industrial estates;

Challenges faced by MSMEs in creating employment opportunities

1. Many MSMEs face limited access to formal financing channels. Such lack of access to capital can prevent businesses from expanding operations or investing in workforce development, hence limited job creation .
2. MSMEs usually operate with limited financial and human capacity that may prevent them from investing in the technology, training, and infrastructure that will boost productivity and hence more jobs .
3. The burden of compliance with many laws relating to labor, environmental sustainability, and taxation can inhibit growth. Adherence to the law requires time, expertise, and money, hence such distraction from primary business areas can curtail the generation of more job opportunities.
4. Good workers within the affordability of MSMEs could be difficult to find. There may be a gap in the market for the skills that are in high demand and what the workforce offers, limiting the ability of MSMEs to expand .
5. MSMEs can hardly access bigger markets due to lack of visibility, marketing capital, and competition from bigger companies. It limits their ability to scale up and, therefore, better capacity to create more job opportunities.
6. Constant changes in the technology domain could hinder the ability to produce immeasurable amounts of MSMEs. Lack of money and expertise limits the ability of MSMEs to improve productivity within .
7. Bypassed infrastructure in regard to transport, energy, and communication could limit the ability to grow MSMEs. The costs to operate within poor infrastructure increases efficiency gaps and limits the potential to scale up and hence create more job opportunities.
8. In the globalization age, MSMEs face competition from foreign competitors . While expanding may seem like an opportunity, it remains a threat since MSMEs will lose in competition to access international markets that are more lucrative.

Advice on how to get around the obstacles MSMEs encounter while trying to create jobs:

Governments can collaborate with financial institutions to develop bespoke financial products and services for MSMEs, such as microfinance, venture capital, and low-interest loans.

Giving MSMEs incentives to digitize their operations can improve their yield and vitality. It can be achieved through tax subsidies, grants, and stipends to enterprises that invest in productivity systems. Other programs involve formal training and mentorship to ensure the labor effectively uses the provided technologies.

The government can fund and organize market information centers that will furnish MSMEs with data on domestic and transnational market opportunities. The branches can also engage in trade promotion activities and fund trade fair participations as well as export support programs. Establishing precise export enclaves in several places improves the capacity of MSMEs to take advantage of significant market entries.

Governments should ensure the infrastructure development projects, including transportation, power, and communications, concentrates on areas dominated by MSMEs. The provision of infrastructure will increase the connectivity rate, minimize the exchange cost, and enhance the general business mood for MSMEs to expand and actualize. Governments must build a conducive environment where MSMEs thrive, such as legal frameworks, intellectual property rights, access to low-cost utilities, and revolution and entrepreneurship. They may also promote partnerships between MSMEs, big firms, research and innovatioainer institutions.

CONCLUSION

As per the report, Mysuru is one of the state's most industrialized and developed districts, accounting for the majority of the economic growth in Karnataka. Every state's economic progress and advancement are based on its industrial relations and speed. Mysuru's friendly industrial relations have led it to become a knowledge site and a fast-growing economy. Mysuru has a history of successfully constructing and technological many industrial initiatives. Rich in natural riches, Mysuru is renowned for its pleasant climate. It boasts a large pool of highly educated human resources, supported by a vast educational infrastructure that includes prestigious universities, colleges, and research and development facilities, as well as a disciplined and diligent labor force. Above all, it has a forward-thinking, development-focused, investor-friendly administration that actively promotes public-private partnerships and passionately believes in them. These days, Mysuru is generating wealth and propelling national progress with a powerful blend of knowledge-, skill-, resource-, and technology-based goods and services. According to an analysis of the MSME list in Mysuru, the city is rich in resources for industrial exploitation, including agriculture, horticulture, minerals, and forests. As a result, a significant number of jobs are produced annually for the local population.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Identify the Risk Factors Associated with Infertility among Women with Primary Infertility in Selected Hospitals in Puducherry

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ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION

Infertility is a disease of the reproductive system defined by the failure to achieve a clinical pregnancy after the 12th month or more of regular unprotected sexual intercourse. Infertility is a global health issue affecting millions of people of reproductive age worldwide. Available data suggests that between 48 million couples and 186 million individuals have infertility globally. Infertility is a disease of the male or female reproductive system defined by the failure to achieve a pregnancy after 12 months or more of regular unprotected sexual intercourse. Due to population growth, however, the absolute number of couples affected by infertility increased from 42.0 million (39.6 million, 44.8 million) in 1990 to 48.5 million (45.0 million, 52.6 million) in 2010[2].

OBJECTIVES

1.   To Asses the Demographic Variables among the women with primary infertility
2.   To identify the risk factors associated with infertility among women with primary infertility.

METHODOLOGY

RESEARCH APPROACH: Quantitative approach
RESEARCH DESIGN: Descriptive research design
RESEARCH VARIABLES:
INDEPENDENT VARIABLE: Gynecological factors, Psychological factors, and Lifestyle factors.

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES
It includes socio-demographic variables like age, religion, occupation, type of family, marital status, family income, occupation, Source of income, and Residence. Years of married life

RESEARCH SETTING
The study will be conducted on the women attending infertility clinics at selected tertiary hospitals in Pducherry.

TARGET POPULATION
The population of the present study comprises all Women with primary infertility

SAMPLING TECHNIQUE: Convenience sampling Technique

SAMPLE SIZE: 30

SAMPLING CRITERIA

INCLUSION CRITERIA
•   Women in the age group of 23 - 45 years with primary infertility
•   Women who are willing to participate

EXCLUSION CRITERIA:
•   Women who arenot willing to participate

MATERIAL AND METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION
1. A prior Formal administrative permission was obtained from the Director- Principal, IRB, Ethical committee,

HOD OBG Department, and concerned authorities at the time of data collection.

2. Informed consent was obtained from the participants after explaining the nature and purpose of the study.
3. The Study Participant's details were confidential throughout the study period.
4. A Convenience sampling method was selected based on the inclusion criteria. Informed consent was taken from the participants before collecting data.
5. A total of 30 samples were used for this study. An assessment was done to Identify risk factors associated with infertility by using a structured interview Questionnaire. The data was analyzed in descriptive statistics by the objectives.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RESULTS
The findings of the analysis are presented in the following sections
Section 1: Description of socio-demographic variables
Section 1I: To Describe The Level Of The Risk Factors Associated With Infertility Among Women With Primary Infertility.

FINDINGS AND RESULTS

SECTION A: DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS ACCORDING TOSOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES
Table 1 Above shows the women's frequency and percentage distribution about their sociodemographic characteristics. The majority of the women 17(56.6%)belonged to the age group of 21 to 30 years, all were Hindu, 7(46.7) had only completed their secondary educationin both groups, Majority of the women were housewives15(50%) and according to the income most of their family income was Rs.10,001 – 30000.20(66.6%).The Breadwinner of the family is the husband 23 (76.6%)In terms of family type, The majority of women have Nuclearfamilies25(83.3%)withthe residence majority 18(60%) belonging to urban areas. The majority of the women have infertility problems25(83.3%) due to female factors.

SECTION 1I: **TO DESCRIBE THE LEVEL OF THE RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH INFERTILITY AMONG THE WOMEN WITH PRIMARY INFERTILITY IN EXPERIMENTAL & CONTROL GROUP.**
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CONCLUSION

This study identified certain modifiable factors contributing to infertility. The study concluded that irregular menstrual cycles, marital and familial conflicts, more non vegetarian foods, lack of exercise, etc were some common risk factors associated with infertility. The study concluded with certain awareness of the modifiable factors and ways to modify them will always contribute towards the betterment of women's health in terms of fertility. There are so many measures to diagnose infertility after its onset, but prevention is always better than cure. Likewise, by identifying the preventive and modifiable factors, infertility can be reduced in its occurrence. Also, this study takes its part in contributing, to the achievements of Infertility reduction aspects.

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Table 1: Frequency and percentage distribution of women with Primary infertility according to socio-demographic variables n=30

SL.NO	DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES		
		n	**%**
1	**AGE (in years)**		
	21-30 yrs	17	56.6
	> 30 yrs	13	43.3
2	**Religion**		
	a. Hindu	30	100
3	**Educational status**		
	Primary	7	23.3
	Secondary	14	46.6
	Graduate	9	30
4	**Occupation**		
	Housewife	15	50
	Employee	11	36.6

PART I: Distribution of participants according to thegynecological factors associated with primary infertility. n=30

SL.NO	Menstrual and Marital history	n	%
1	**Age of menarche**		
	a. 13 – 15 years	30	100
2	**The pattern of occurrence of the menstrual cycle**		
	a. Once in 28 days	15	50
	b. Once in 33 – 45 days	15	50
3	**Days of menstrual flow**		
	a. 3 – 5 days	30	100
4	**Premenstrual symptoms**		
	a. Rarely present	30	100
	a. Dysmenorrhoea, abdominal cramps		
	a. Rarely present	30	100
5	**Age at marriage**		
	a. 21 – 25years	26	86.7
	b. 26 – 30years	4	13.3
6	**Type of marriage**		
	a. Consanguineous	5	16.7

	b. Non Consanguineous	25	83.3
7	**Years of Marital Life**		
	a. 1 – 3years	4	13.3
	b. 4 - -6 years	13	43.4
	c. 7– 9 years	7	23.3
	d. > 12 years	6	20
8	**Inherited conditions**		
	a. Yes (DM)	7	23.3
	b. No	23	76.7

PART 2:Distribution of participants according to the Psychosocial Factors Associated With primary Infertility. n=30

SL.NO		f	%
1	**Marital conflicts**		
	a. Yes	17	73.3
	b. No	13	26.7
2	**Conflicts with In-Laws**		
	a. Yes	16	53.3
	b. No	14	46.7
3	**Income sufficient to run the family**		
	a. sufficient	13	43.3
	b. Not Sufficient	17	56.6
4	**Caring exhibited by a spouse**		
	a. Yes	20	66.7
	b. No	10	33.3
5	**Any job stress /social stress**		
	a. Yes	25	83.3
	b. No	5	16.7

PART 3:Distribution of Participants according to the Life Style Factors Associated With Primary Infertility Among Experimental & Control Groups. n=30

SL.NO	Life Style Factors	f	%
1	**Type of food**		
	a. Vegetarian	7	23.3
	b. Non Vegetarian	23	76.7
2	**Frequency of meals**		
	a. Regularly 3 meals	30	100
3	**Food habits**		
	a. More of vegetarian	7	23.3

	b. More of nonvegetarian	23	76.7
4	**Type of exercise do you practice**		
	a. Household works	19	63.3
	b. Walking	11	36.7
5	**Any Personal habits**		
	a.None	30	100
6	**Exposure to passive smoking**		
	a. Yes	14	46.7
	b. No	16	53.3
7	**Frequency of coitus**		
	a. Once a week	11	36.7
	b. Twice a week	7	23.3
	c. More than twice a week	7	23.3
	d. Occasionally	5	16.7
8	**Usage of Contraceptive**		
	a. Natural Method	30	100

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Cannabis-A Bespoke for Multi Medicinal Values

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ABSTRACT

Hemp, scientifically known as Cannabis sativa, is a versatile and sustainable plant that has garnered immense attention due to its diverse applications across various industries. This review aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the multifaceted potential of hemp, encompassing its historical significance, botanical characteristics, and the wide array of applications it offers. Initially utilized for fiber production, hemp has emerged as a valuable resource with applications ranging from textiles and construction materials to biofuels and food products. Its resilient nature and minimal need for pesticides make it an environmentally friendly crop with potential benefits for sustainable agriculture practices. Moreover, the therapeutic properties of hemp-derived compounds, notably cannabinoids like cannabidiol (CBD), have sparked interest in the medical and wellness sectors. Research into the potential health benefits of these compounds, particularly in managing pain, anxiety, and various ailments, continues to expand. Furthermore, the legal landscape surrounding hemp cultivation and utilization has evolved in recent years, with shifting regulations and increased recognition of its economic potential. This review consolidates current knowledge on hemp, highlighting its economic, environmental, and health-related prospects while addressing challenges and future directions. Emphasizing its significance across industries, this exploration underscores the need for continued research, regulatory clarity, and sustainable practices to harness the full potential of hemp.

Keywords: Hemp, Cannabis sativa, sustainability, applications, cannabinoids, regulations, challenges, opportunities.

INTRODUCTION

Hemp is described as an annual herbaceous plant that belongs to the *cannabaceae* family.(Hourfane et al., 2023).*Cannabis sativa* is an annual herbaceous flowering plant indigenous to Eastern Asia, but now it has been cultivated and used as a source of food, recreation, religious and spiritual moods, industrial fibre, seed oil, and medicine. Since ancient times Cannabis sativa, also known as marijuana, marihuana, or hashish, is a psychoactive plant that comes in a number of varieties, including Cannabis indica (India), Cannabis Mexicana (Mexico), and Cannabis americana (US). (Chauhan et al., 2022).In the Cannabaceae family, Cannabis sativa, sometimes known as industrial hemp, is a plant produced for its bast fibre or edible seeds. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), a chemical that gives people psychoactive effects, is present in all three products—hemp, marijuana, and hashish—it is present in far less concentrations in the hemp plant than in the cannabis used to make marijuana and hashish. *Cannabis sativa* contains an abundance of non-nutritive, bioactive phytochemicals known as phytocannabinoids, with delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol(THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) as phytocannabinoids.(Chauhan et al., 2022; Visković et al., 2023). Hemp has the possibility to be a very sustainable and ecologically crop, if correctly handled. Hemp's roots have a significant potential for absorbing and storing toxic elements such as lead (Pb), nickel (Ni), cadmium (Cd), and other harmful elements and substances, allowing the hemp plant to be utilized for phytoremediation of polluted soils. Hemp's morphological characteristics, including its quick growth, emerald-green leaves, and fragrant blossoms, make it a good choice for landscaping. *Cannabis sativa L.* start since agricultural farming started around 10,000 year ago. It is used in production of paper, wood, and fiber as well as both in the medical and pharmaceutical industry. Hemp has been recognized for its multifaceted applications, ranging from fiber and food production to the extraction of valuable compounds such as cannabinoids and terpenes. Cannabis Sativa (hemp), a versatile subspecies of the Cannabis Sativa plant, holds significant importance due to its wide-ranging industrial and medicinal applications. Historically, hemp has been cultivated for its strong fibers, used in the production of textiles, ropes, and paper, dating back thousands of years in civilizations across the globe. With its rapid growth and adaptability to diverse climates and soil conditions, hemp cultivation offers sustainability benefits, requiring minimal pesticide and herbicide application.(Esposito et al., 2011). The chemical composition of hemp is notable for its low tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content, the psychoactive compound found in marijuana, and its high cannabidiol (CBD) content, which has gained considerable attention for its potential therapeutic properties.

CBD interacts with the endocannabinoid system in the body, showing promise in preclinical and clinical studies for its anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and anxiolytic effects. Beyond medicinal potential, hemp has wide-ranging industrial applications, including the production of textiles, biodegradable plastics, nutritious food sources from its seeds, and contributions to the cosmetics and personal care industries. The diverse qualities and applications of Cannabis Sativa hemp contributes to its growing recognition and calls for further research and responsible utilization. Cannabis has been crucial in maintaining the priceless artworks inside the historic cave of Ellora16. The first people in the world to use hempcrete technology, or the mixing of hemp with clay/lime plaster for construction, were probably ancient Indian technicians. A brief mention of the discovery of hempcrete from the sixth century CE under a bridge in France, has gone unsupported by any scientific research.(Hourfane et al., 2023). Research is being done on the different medical applications of marijuana, but it appears that no studies have been done in India about hemp's carbon-negative properties and its many eco-friendly uses. Focusing on the carbon-negative properties of *Cannabis sativa L.*, India has a great opportunity to reduce its carbon footprint to a minimal level. Even basic research on this aspect of hemp, where "hemp stem hurd filter" and other inexpensive yet effective industrial hemp can be put to various eco-friendly applications, if started, can bring about a remarkable change in India's environment by reducing carbon dioxide levels. Additionally, by adding 10% Cannabis to cement, clay, or lime.(Singh et al., 2018).

HEMP CULTIVATION
In the northern hemisphere, HEMP is typically planted between March and May; in the southern hemisphere, between September and November. In three to four months, it reaches maturity. Selective breeding over thousands of years has produced variants with a wide range of features, such as adaptability to specific habitats and latitudes,

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production of various terpenoids and cannabinoids (CBD, THC, CBG, CBC, CBN, etc.), fibre quality, oil/seed yield, etc. Because it is grown in close proximity, hemp used for fibre produces tall, slender plants with long fibres.(Farinon et al., 2020). Hemp cultivation refers to the process of growing hemp plants for various purposes, including fiber, seed, and cannabinoid production. Here are some key points about hemp cultivation:

1. **Legal Considerations:** Before engaging in hemp cultivation, it is important to understand the legal framework in your jurisdiction. Hemp laws vary by country and region, so familiarize yourself with the regulations, licensing requirements, and restrictions that apply to hemp cultivation in selected area.
2. **Cultivar Selection:** Choose hemp cultivars suitable for the desired end product. Different cultivars have varying characteristics and are bred for specific purposes. For fiber production, select cultivars with long, sturdy stalks for seed production, choose cultivars with high seed yields and desirable oil or nutritional profiles, CBD-rich cultivars are selected for their high cannabidiol content.
3. **Growing Conditions:** Hemp is known for its adaptability to different climates and soil types. However, it generally thrives in well-drained soil with a pH level between 6 to 7.5. Hemp requires ample sunlight, so select a site with good exposure. Consider factors like temperature, humidity, and rainfall patterns in selected region to determine the best time for planting and harvesting.
4. **Propagation:** Hemp can be propagated from seeds or clones. Growing from seeds offers genetic diversity and is suitable for large-scale cultivation. Clones provide genetic consistency and are often used for CBD-rich cultivars. Choose the propagation method that aligns with desired goals, resources, and local regulations.
5. **Planting:** Prepare the soil by removing weeds, rocks, and debris. Hemp plants should be spaced appropriately to allow for adequate airflow and light penetration. The specific spacing depends on the cultivar, climate, and intended end use. Proper spacing helps prevent disease and facilitates optimal plant growth.
6. **Care and Maintenance:** Hemp cultivation requires regular care. Provide sufficient irrigation to ensure the plants receive proper moisture. (Nath, 2022)Monitor the crop for pests, diseases, and nutrient deficiencies. Employ integrated pest management strategies to minimize pesticide use. Implement soil testing and fertilization practices to maintain soil health and address any nutrient imbalances.
7. **Harvesting:** Harvesting time depends on the purpose of cultivation. For fiber production, hemp is typically harvested before the plants fully mature, when the fibers are strongest. Seed hemp is harvested when the seeds are fully mature and have reached their maximum oil content. CBD-rich hemp is harvested when the flowers have developed the desired cannabinoid profile.
8. **Processing:** After harvest, hemp undergoes processing to extract or utilize its various components. Fiber hemp undergoes processes such as retting, which separates the fibers from the stalks. The fibers can be used in textiles, paper, and other industrial applications. Hemp seeds can be cleaned and used for food products or pressed for oil extraction. CBD-rich hemp flowers are dried, cured, and processed for CBD oil extraction or used in the production of other CBD products.

TRADITIONAL USE OF ITS COMPOUNDS

Most of the great religions and cultures of antiquity used hemp- or marijuana-based cannabis as a component of their religious practices. Marijuana/cannabis was regarded as the ambrosia of antiquity.(Fitzgerald, n.d.) It was the deities' food, beverage, and fragrance. The Israelites, the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Asians, the Europeans, and the Indians of the Americas all employed it.(Byrd, n.d.). Industrial hemp, also known as Cannabis sativa Linn, is a high-yielding annual crop produced for its fiber-producing stalks and seeds as well as for its oil. Despite being a specialized crop, hemp farming is currently experiencing a revival. Hemp is grown in more than 30 nations, with China being the leading producer and exporter of hemp. Canada and Europe play significant roles in the global hemp business as well. Hemp outperforms other plant species in many ways, including superior fibre length, strength, and absorbency; intriguing thermal and acoustic qualities; good oil quality for both industrial and feed uses; favourable economic and environmental effects; and a wide range of uses. Hemp has been utilized as a source of proteins, fibres, and oilseed for thousands of years. Hemp is a fibre plant that has historically been used to make

construction materials, textiles, papers, and clothing. For instance, hemp was used to print the Guttenberg Bible in 1456 and cloth discovered in the tomb of Pharaoh Alchanaten dating to 1200 B.C. Hurds, a waste byproduct of the fibre industry, were used for animal bedding, seeds for human nourishment, such as flour, and oil for a variety of uses, including cooking and cosmetics. Throughout human history, hemp has also been a significant crop for the medical industry. For example, traditional Chinese medicine has used hemp for thousands of years to cure a variety of ailments.(Andre et al., 2016).

MEDICINAL USAGES

Hemp seeds are a valuable source of nourishment because they have several proven health advantages. It has the capacity to boost metabolic activity, promote healthy digestion, increase muscle mass, get rid of insomnia, treat anaemia, and enhance heart health. Additionally, hemp oil has a lot of health advantages. Antioxidants, as well as other substances including omega fatty acids, vitamins, carotenoids, phytosterols, and chlorophyll, are abundant in hemp seed oil. Magnesium, calcium, zinc, potassium, and iron are among the many minerals that can be found in it. Gamma-linolenic acid included in hemp oil encourages the synthesis of prostaglandin E1 (PGE1), which when generated in the body in excess produces premenstrual syndrome. Therefore, consumption results in a noticeable reduction in symptoms. Studies have shown that the hemp seed aids in preventing menopausal problems. The hemp industry underwent a number of notable changes and saw a surge in demand for hemp products in the second half of the previous decade. To spread knowledge about hemp, there have been initiatives in agricultural training programmes and practises that are growing throughout farming communities. State governments in India are free to establish their own rules for research and/or commercial production thanks to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS) of 1985. The requirement is that they provide empirical, scientific, and practical proof that any hemp grown will not be used for illicit activities.(Wang, n.d.)

USAGE OF FIBRES

The output of hemp fibre peaked soon after it was introduced to the New World, and it has been utilized widely throughout history. Hemp fibre has been used for millennia to make anything from industrial components to rope. Canvas for sails was frequently made from hemp. Cannabis is where the word "canvas" originates. Pure hemp has a fabric-like feel. Hemp is employed in a wide range of consumer goods today because of its adaptability for use in a variety of products, including apparel, shoes, accessories, dog collars, and household goods. In some cases, hemp and lyocell are combined for use in apparel. Plaster Hemp fibres, calcium lime, and sand are combined to generate insulating plaster made from hemp. This material can be put in layers up to 10 centimeters thick to internal walls, ceilings, and flooring. Because it is made of a porous material, the plaster can control and disperse air humidity. The material is kept from fracturing and disintegrating by the slow absorption and release of water. Hemp plaster can come in a variety of colors naturally and can also be manually colored, just like high-density fibre cement. (Karche & Singh, 2019).

STRAND AND ROPES

Hemp ropes can be braided in a variety of widths and have a high degree of strength, they are appropriate for a wide range of uses in the building construction industry. Installation of frames in architectural openings and joint connection are two examples of these uses. The ropes are also employed in the construction of bridges, tunnels, traditional residences, etc. Plastic cannabis geotextiles could be used in both wet and dry environments. Polyvinyl chloride (PVC), a substance used for plumbing pipes, can possibly be replaced by hemp-based bioplastic, a biodegradable substitute to ordinary plastic. Wood Hemp grows in about 100 days, which is a lot quicker than the typical tree used in building. The fibres could be compressed into tight wood substitutes for wall/ceiling panelling, flooring, and wood frame construction while they were still dry. (Poisa & Adamovics, 2010) Additionally, hemp may be used in more ways than wood because it is adaptable and versatile. Similarly, recycled hemp-based paper might also be used to create hemp wood.

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USAGE AS FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

Hemp, also known as industrial hemp, is a variety of the Cannabis sativa plant species. It has been cultivated for thousands of years and has a wide range of uses, including as a source of food and nutritional supplements. Hemp seeds, in particular, are highly nutritious and offer several health benefits.

Nutritional Value

- They are rich in protein, containing all essential amino acids, making them a valuable plant-based protein source. They are also high in healthy fats, including omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids, which are beneficial for heart health. Additionally, hemp seeds provide fiber, vitamins (such as vitamin E), and minerals (such as magnesium, phosphorus, and potassium).
- Protein Source: Hemp seeds are an excellent source of plant-based protein, making them suitable for vegetarians, vegans, and individuals looking to increase their protein intake. The protein in hemp seeds is easily digestible and contains a good balance of essential amino acids.
- Fatty Acids source: Hemp seeds contain a favorable ratio of omega-3 to omega-6 fatty acids, which is important for maintaining a healthy balance. Omega-3 fatty acids have anti-inflammatory properties and are beneficial for brain health, while omega-6 fatty acids play a role in maintaining healthy skin and supporting the immune system.
- Digestive Health: The fiber content in hemp seeds supports healthy digestion and can help prevent constipation. Including hemp seeds in your diet may promote regular bowel movements and contribute to overall gut health.
- Minerals and Antioxidants source: Hemp seeds are a good source of various minerals, including magnesium, phosphorus, and potassium. These minerals are essential for numerous bodily functions, such as maintaining healthy bones, regulating blood pressure, and supporting muscle function. Hemp seeds also contain antioxidants, such as vitamin E, which help protect the body against oxidative stress.
- Versatile Use: Hemp seeds and hemp-based products can be easily incorporated into a variety of dishes. They have a mild, nutty flavor and can be sprinkled on salads, added to smoothies, used as a topping for yogurt or cereal, or included in baking recipes.

It's worth noting that while hemp seeds and their derived products are highly nutritious, they do not contain significant amounts of the psychoactive compound THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) found in marijuana.(Pexová Kalinová et al., 2021) Hemp seeds typically contain less than 0.3% THC and are not associated with the mind-altering effects commonly associated with marijuana consumption. When considering hemp as a food or nutritional supplement, it's important to choose reputable sources that follow quality control measures to ensure product safety and compliance with relevant regulations.(Pierucci, 2013) As with any dietary change or supplementation, it's advisable to consult with a healthcare professional or a registered dietitian before making significant changes to your diet or incorporating new supplements.(Thiessen et al., 2020)

MEDICINAL SUPPLEMENTS

Hemp has gained popularity in recent years for its potential medicinal benefits. Hemp is a variety of the Cannabis sativa plant species, but it contains low levels of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive compound found in marijuana. Instead, hemp is rich in cannabidiol (CBD), another compound with potential therapeutic properties.(Frassinetti et al., 2018)

Here are some common medicinal uses of hemp and Cannabidiol supplements

- **Pain management:** CBD has been studied for its pain-relieving properties. It may help in chronic pain, inflammation, and neuro pain.
- **Anxiety and depression:** CBD has shown promise in reducing anxiety and depression symptoms. It may interact with serotonin receptors in the brain, which are involved in mood regulation.

- **Sleep disorders:** Some people find that CBD helps them achieve better sleep by promoting relaxation and reducing anxiety.
- **Neuroprotective effects:** CBD has been studied for its potential neuroprotective properties, particularly in relation to conditions such as Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis.
- **Skin conditions:** Topical CBD products, such as creams and balms, are often used to alleviate symptoms of skin conditions like eczema, psoriasis, and acne due to their anti-inflammatory properties.
- **Support for cancer patients:** CBD may help alleviate symptoms related to cancer and cancer treatments, such as nausea, pain, and loss of appetite. However, it's important to note that CBD is not a cure for cancer.
- Hemp medicines, specifically those derived from the Cannabis sativa plant, have gained attention for their potential therapeutic applications. Here are some hemp-derived medicines that have been studied or used for various purposes:
- **Epidiolex:** Epidiolex is an FDA-approved prescription medicine containing CBD as the active ingredient. It is used for the treatment of certain types of severe epilepsy, such as Dravet syndrome and Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, in children and adults. Epidiolex has shown efficacy in reducing seizure frequency in clinical trials.
- **Sativex:** Sativex is an oromucosal spray that contains a combination of THC and CBD in a 1:1 ratio. It is approved in some countries for the treatment of spasticity associated with multiple sclerosis. Sativex is sprayed under the tongue and is believed to help reduce muscle stiffness and improve mobility.
- **Marinol and Syndros:** Marinol and Syndros are FDA-approved medications that contain synthetic THC. They are prescribed to treat nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy and to stimulate appetite in people with AIDS-related anorexia. These medications are available in oral form.
- **Nabilone:** Nabilone is a synthetic cannabinoid similar to THC. It is used to treat nausea and vomiting caused by chemotherapy when other medications have been ineffective. Nabilone is available in capsule form.
- **CBD-based medicines for specific conditions:** While not specifically hemp-derived, CBD-based medicines are being studied for various conditions.(Rheay et al., 2021) For example, research is underway to explore the potential use of CBD in treating conditions such as anxiety disorders, insomnia, chronic pain, and certain psychiatric disorders. However, it's important to note that regulatory approval for these indications may vary by region.

SIDE EFFECTS

- The side effects of hemp usage can vary depending on the specific product and individual factors. Here are some potential side effects associated with different forms of hemp usage:
- Inhalation of Hemp Smoke: Smoking hemp flower or using hemp-derived products that require inhalation can cause respiratory irritation, similar to smoking tobacco. This can lead to coughing, throat irritation, and shortness of breath.
- Digestive Issues: Consuming hemp seeds or hemp oil orally may cause digestive discomfort in some individuals. This can include symptoms such as diarrhea, bloating, stomach cramps, or nausea.
- Dry Mouth: Hemp usage, particularly products containing CBD, may cause dry mouth, also known as cottonmouth. This can result in a parched feeling and increased thirst. Staying hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids can help alleviate this side effect.
- Drowsiness and Fatigue: Hemp products containing CBD have been reported to cause drowsiness and consumed. If you experience excessive drowsiness, it's important to avoid activities that require alertness, such as driving or operating machinery.
- Changes in Appetite: Hemp usage, especially products with higher THC content, can potentially affect appetite. It may lead to increased hunger or, conversely, decreased appetite.
- Psychiatric Effects: In some cases, particularly with higher THC concentrations, hemp usage can result in temporary changes in mood and perception. This may include feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or disorientation. These effects are more likely in individuals who are sensitive to THC or have a history of mental health conditions.

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- Drug Interactions: Hemp products, particularly those containing CBD, can interact with certain medications. CBD can inhibit the activity of liver enzymes responsible for metabolizing drugs, potentially altering their effectiveness. It is important to consult with a healthcare professional if you are taking any medications before using hemp products.
- Allergic Reactions: Although rare, some individuals may be allergic to hemp. Allergic reactions can manifest as itching, rashes, hives, or even more severe symptoms such as difficulty breathing or anaphylaxis.

CONCLUSION

Hemp, a variety of the Cannabis sativa plant species, has proven to be an extremely versatile and beneficial crop. Here are some main points in the conclusion on hemp Versatility: Hemp has numerous applications, ranging from textiles and paper to construction materials, cosmetics, and food. Its fibers are known for their durability and strength, while the seeds are nutritionally rich. Environmental Impact: Hemp has a positive environmental impact. It grows quickly, requires less water and fewer pesticides than many traditional crops, and improves soil health through phytoremediation. Furthermore, it can absorb large amounts of carbon dioxide, making it beneficial in the fight against climate change. Economic Potential: The legalization and growth of the hemp industry can have significant economic benefits. It offers new job opportunities in agriculture, manufacturing, and related sectors. Health Benefits: Hemp seeds are highly nutritious, providing essential fatty acids, protein, and a range of vitamins and minerals. Cannabidiol (CBD), a non-psychoactive compound found in hemp, is also widely recognized for its potential therapeutic effects. Legal Challenges: Despite its benefits and industrial uses, hemp has faced legal challenges due to its association with marijuana. While both belong to the Cannabis sativa species, hemp contains only trace amounts of THC, the psychoactive compound found in high amounts in marijuana. Research Opportunities: More research is needed to fully understand the potential of hemp and to optimize its cultivation and processing for various uses. Additionally, more studies are needed on the long-term health effects of consuming hemp and hemp-derived products, such as CBD.Hemp is a powerful crop that has the potential to contribute significantly to various industries, the economy, and the environment. While legal and cultural barriers have limited its usage in the past, the current trend towards legalization and increased awareness of its benefits suggest a bright future for this versatile plant.

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Fig.1

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Fig.2

SEEDS

LEAVES

STALK

HEMP

Source-The Usages Of Every Part Of Hemp Plant | Hemp Foundation

Fig.3

R&D, oil and fiber crops breeding and original hemp variety for high quality textiles

Factory processing: decortification, refining & opening, shives cleaning and sorting. Option: cottonize, degumming, bleaching

Supply of hemp fiber for high quality textiles
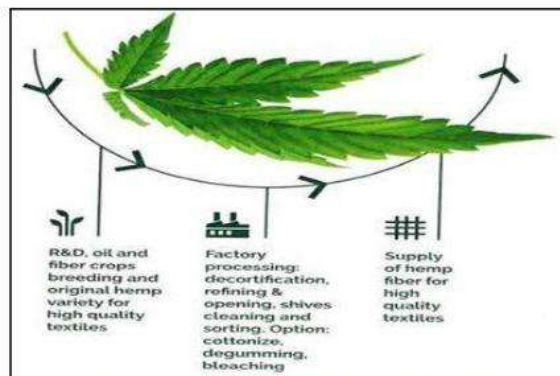
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Fig.4

RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Comprehensive Analysis of Nissim Ezekiel's Poetry, Focusing on Its Natural Aspects and the Cultural Foundation of Indian Ethos

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ABSTRACT

This essay aims to concentrate on the natural elements found in Ezekiel's poetry. His poetry is forceful and accurately captures the cultural character of India. His poems extensively delve into a variety of subjects, including relationships between men and women, marriage, the Indian married woman's ethos, superstitions, the urban ethos, love and sex, etc. Ezekiel's poetry consistently reflected the cultural ethos of India, despite his evident love of the natural world. Ezekiel has made severe criticisms of Indian society through his work. In his poetry, natural phenomena like lightning, thunder, storms, and even some creatures like bats and owls are interpreted as emblems of uninformed beliefs. In his poems, these organic components serve as symbols that represent moral principles.

Keywords: Ezekiel, Nature, Eco-criticism, Poetry, Indian Cultural Ethos.

INTRODUCTION

One of the founders of modern English poetry in India is Nissim Ezekiel. He is a poet, who has made poetry out of his personal experience and is more concerned with living in the modern world both morally and spiritually. This unique characteristic has recognized him as a major poet in the history of Indian English Poetry. Ezekiel could achieve these characteristics in his poetry because of his closeness to Indianness. It was his strong relations with the Indian surroundings that infused his poems with a lot of Indian spirit. Ezekiel's appreciation of the natural world is seen while considering Indian values and customs. Nature does, in fact, play a major role in Indian culture. In Ezekiel's poetry, the elements of nature serve as symbols for moral principles, and nature is required for productive existence.

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There is a landscape certainly, the sea
Among its broad realities, attracts
Because it is a symbol of the free
Demonic life within,
Hardly suggested by the surface facts,
And rivers what a man can hope to win
By simple flowing, learning how to flow,
Besides that all organic growth is slow. (CP 39)
In his poem "Song," Ezekiel depicts summer blossoms as a representation of the qualities of Indian culture that are associated with prosperity, generosity, and purity: "Charity, lucidity— / Stunning in the manner that seems / The end of every traffic dream I have" (CP 42).

In India, which is mostly an agricultural nation, farmers worship a variety of Gods and goddesses before harvesting their crops. They also pray to the Almighty through numerous ceremonies and rituals while they are planning to build a house.
Rain provides wealth to Indian farmers since rainwater is a classic symbol of Indian culture. In "After Rain," Ezekiel interprets the rain as a representation of purity.
And so I went, as the weather cleared,
Walking on the wet road, to know
If the scene had taken on a novel glow,
Limelight, moonlight, dripping branches, wet road
Purer, sweeter, and now I know,
It is just so. (CP 63)

In terms of Indian ethos and culture, Ezekiel's ability to convey superstitions must be appreciated. Natural phenomena such as storms, lightning, thunder, ghosts, and certain birds like bats and owls are considered symbols of ignorance in India. These symbols of unthinking ideas are depicted by Ezekiel in his poem "Occupation":
It was a stormy scene:
Thunder, lightning,
A multitude of ghost among the trees,
Darkness, cold and restlessness,
A screeching owl, bats,
Many strange voices,… (CP 24)

In Indian culture, certain birds are considered bad omens, such as bats and owls. Hinduism regards the black bird, or crow," with contempt and views it as a messenger of Yama, the god of death.
The poet in "The Crows" conveys his disdain and dissatisfaction at this bird's cry:
I hear them from my narrow bed,
I do not love, I only fear
Their cries of hidden duty's word,
Unwelcome, loud, funereal bird. (CP 41)
Nature is shown by Ezekiel as a representation of tranquility and purity. For Ezekiel, the pursuit of life's truth is motivated by nature. He explores India's previous ethos and culture through his usage of pictures from natural objects. The poet remembers "new orchids or unimagined seas" and the "discovery of cities fresh as brides" in "A Time to Change." The poet views the wind as an inspiration source in "A Word for the Wind." In "Stone," the poet becomes a worshiper of nature, much like William Wordsworth, after finding solace in natural items.

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Ezekiel's passion for natural history and ornithology is also evident in his poetry. Animals may have emotions similar to those of people. They are capable of becoming interested in the act of making love to one other as well. His poem "Aside" makes it very evident that animals, like humans, may become impatient for sex:

One cannot imagine
Elephants making love,
But it seems they do
So also tortoises
And snails,
Or even other men
With women doing
What it seems they do. (CP 93)

The poem "Urban" from The Unfinished Man is an outstanding example of an urban theme poetry; to him, the trees resemble ghosts that are losing their sense of self. In his poem "Urban," he makes use of a variety of images derived from natural items.

The hills are always far away.
He knows the broken roads, and moves
In circles tracked within his head.
Before he wakes and has his say,
The river which he claims he loves
Is dry, and all the winds lie dead.
At dawn he never sees the skies
Which, silently, are born again.
Nor feels the shadow of the night
Recline their fingers on his eyes,
He welcomes neither sun nor rain.
His landscape has no depth or height. (CP 117)

The depictions of hills, rivers, wind, skies, sunlight, and rain symbolize the city's polarity. These natural items might represent moral principles and the harmonious flow of Indian culture. They now serve as the quintessential life symbols. The poem also makes us think about the similar thoughts that T. S. Eliot had about the city of London in his poem "The Waste Land." Eliot portrays the breakdown of society and how London has turned into a wilderness as a result. In "Urban," Ezekiel expresses similar sentiments toward Bombay:

The city like a passion burns,
He dreams of morning walks, alone,
and floating on a wave of sand.
But still his mind its traffic turns
Away from branch and tree and stone
To kindred clamour close at hand. (CP 117)

The poem depicts the evolving Indian urban man's mentality and culture. He has no purpose in life, which leaves him perplexed because human aspirations are never satisfied. His deterioration is therefore the greatest. Regarding the poetry and the poet, Bijay Kumar Das says:

In addition to revealing a man's inner nature, a man's difficulties, failures, and frustrations mirror the weakness and inadequacy of the fallen city as he attempts to live in a contemporary urban culture, pursue the truth, and find identity with the community and himself. In terms of imagery, "Urban" is a rather condensed poem.

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The bride is shown as the city that "burns like a passion," and in a perfect world, a full sexual union would symbolize the achievement of identity and fulfillment. The usage of the word "kindred" in the final paragraph becomes paradoxical since the ego only "dreams" and avoids her. As a result, the persona develops an almost habitual reaction to the "city" by achieving a sort of false unity with it.

Ezekiel uses a variety of natural components to try and reveal the mindset of the average Indian man with real-life experiences. To convey Indian ethos and culture in his poems, he emphasizes on their common, superstitious, traditional, religious, social, political, and psychological perspectives. Furthermore, the themes of man-woman interactions, marriage, the ethos of married Indian women, superstitions, the ethos of urban life, love, and so forth are brought forth by his description of nature. Because of all these things, he might be considered an Indian society critic. The paper's overall discussion validates its accuracy in reflecting the Indian cultural ethos through the natural elements in his poetry.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Expanding the Heston Model: Incorporating Jump and Sentiment Factors into Asset Price Dynamics

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ABSTRACT

The Heston model is widely recognized as an outstanding stochastic volatility model used in option pricing for assessing various parameters within the financial market of the volatility. This study extends the classical Heston stochastic volatility model with the aim of more effectively capturing the fluctuations in asset prices in financial markets. The incorporation of jump and sentiment factors into the model is introduced to accommodate unforeseen price variations and changes in volatility driven by sentiment. A systematic approach was employed to describe the adjustments to the conventional Heston model and measure the significance of these enhancements on option pricing and risk management. The MATLAB code was used for all computational processes in this study, with the graphical presentation of simulation outcomes. This extension offers a more accurate illustration of the dynamics of the market and gives a possible improvement in option pricing accuracy and risk management effectiveness.

Keywords: Jump, sentiment factor, Black Scholes model, Heston Model, Simulations, Asset Price Dynamics, and Stochastic Volatility.

INTRODUCTION

In 1970, Fischer Black, Myron Scholes, and Robert Merton formulated the famous "Black-Scholes model" (earlier referred to as "Black-Scholes-Merton"), transforming the approach and influence on pricing derivatives utilizing stocks as the fundamental asset by Biswas, [3] and Hull & John [8]. The significant contribution to the study and interpretation of the financial market led to the Nobel Prize in economics being conferred upon Scholes and Merton in 1997 (Fischer Black passed away in 1995). The broad significance and need of this equation in assessing the market

price within the domain of finance and economics can easily be understood. Following the same, a great many numbers of scholars have used the Black and Scholes model very tactfully in the domain of option pricing theory. Since then, despite huge advancements in the field of option theory, the basic Black-Scholes (BS) formula for a European call option remains the most optimum and used tool. As a result of this, this is useful in the sense that it describes the relationship between the cross-section of option prices and the distribution of spot returns. The other, more important development in this regard, in financial economics, is the implication this model has on Heston's stochastic volatility model, supposed to rectify a shortcoming of the BS model. More specifically, models rooted in BS presuppose a consistent intrinsic volatility over the derivative's timeline, unaffected by fluctuations in the underlying security's price level. Such models, however, fail to be consistent with some of the more enduring features of the implied volatility surface, like the volatility smile and skew, which imply that there should be variations of implied volatility concerning the strike price and expiration. By positing that the underlying price's volatility adheres to a stochastic process rather than a fixed value, a more precise derivative modeling approach becomes feasible. Presently, the Heston model emerges as a prominent stochastic volatility option pricing framework, supported by ample evidence supporting the stochastic nature of volatility and the distribution of returns on risky assets, which deviate from a normal distribution explained by Heston [7].

The majority of authors used mathematical models to describe the option pricing model due to the significant role the model plays in discussing various real-world phenomena, ultimately leading to the enhancement of predictive accuracy. As a result, the model is commonly utilized by a multitude of researchers spanning various fields. The equation by Heston [7] necessitates the introduction of various simplifying assumptions. Theoretical frameworks suggest that financial instruments, specifically options, are significantly influenced by market dynamics. Volatility is one of the key drivers in the pricing of options within the Heston framework. Volatility represents an expected standard deviation of the underlying return of the asset, assuming that the asset's prices will follow geometric Brownian motion with constant volatility. This results in options with the same underlying but having a different strike price maturing at a common date, registering different levels of volatility, and thus giving a smile pattern when plotted against the strike price. However, this result brings up concerns as ideally volatility should be determined solely by the underlying asset. This difference suggests that the original Black-Scholes model lacks the structural capacity to effectively capture option prices and their behaviors. Previous solutions can be categorized into two situations where the assumption of constant volatility, as suggested by Black-Scholes, is relaxed. Heston models introduce an additional random component to the model, while local volatility models utilize a surface to depict volatility across various maturities and underlying asset prices. The primary objective of the local volatility model was to ascertain the local volatility function compatible with observed market prices. The well-known Heston model has been extensively researched and acts as the basis for nearly all contemporary option pricing formulas in present-day financial markets.

Conversely, the standard model neglects certain aspects of real-world dynamics, such as jumps in asset prices and the influence of market sentiment on volatility. This paper extends the modification of the Heston model by incorporating two new parameters to improve its accuracy and flexibility. More so, the extension of the Heston model by incorporating jump and sentiment factors provides a more comprehensive framework for modeling asset price dynamics. This inclusion of jump and sentiment factors in the model has been demonstrated to influence the precision of predicting the dynamics of asset prices. Several studies have proposed various improvements to the Heston model to incorporate these factors. For instance, Barczy et al [2] examine a jump-type Heston model with a non-Gaussian Levy process, illustrating that the volatility of the price process is a quantifiable function of the pricing process. Jacquier and Shi [9] examine a randomized form of the Heston model, in which the initial point of the variance process was a random variable. They demonstrated that this randomization produces a more pronounced short-maturity smile, addressing the limitation of classical stochastic volatility models in short periods. These extensions would offer valuable insight into the influence of jump and sentiment factors on the implied volatility and dynamics of asset prices within the Heston model. However,Mondal,et al [11] put forth a proposition for an expanded version of the Heston model that integrates rough volatility and jump clustering phenomena, enabling a more comprehensive depiction of the joint progression of the S&P 500 and VIX with exceptional accuracy. This

innovative approach not only successfully captures the behaviour of the implied volatility smile for both S&P 500 and VIX options, but also highlights the significance of rough volatility and self-exciting jumps in achieving such accurate representations. Furthermore, Suárez-Taboada et al. [15] conduct a thorough investigation into the influence of various parameters in the Heston model utilizing Uncertainty Quantification techniques, ultimately revealing the substantial impact that the Feller condition, influenced by these parameters, has on the model's output. Moreover, Nwobi, et al. [14] made modifications to Heston's stochastic model by integrating the Poisson Jump process. The comparison of the two models' performances involved the use of goodness-of-fit tests and Monte Carlo simulations. The study findings indicated that Heston's stochastic jump model exhibited superior performance in comparison to Heston's stochastic model, showcasing an approximate 18% decrease in error. In light of these supportive discoveries, it can be inferred that the incorporation of jump and sentiment factors has the potential to significantly augment the precision of the Heston model in the realm of asset price dynamics prediction.

Black-Scholes Equation

The Black-Scholes (BS) model is a kind of mathematical model used to price European options, where the underlying asset allows the exercise of options only at the time of expiration, and the underlying follows geometric Brownian motion. The expression outlining the pricing of a European call option can be expressed as follows:

$$C(S, K, T, r, \sigma) = S\Psi(d_1) - Ke^{-rT}\Psi(d_2)$$ 1

Where:

C = Call option price

S = underlying asset current price (e.g., stock)

K = option Strike price

T = expiration Time (in years)

r = Risk-free, interest rate (annual continuously compounded)

σ = Volatility of the underlying asset (annualized)

Ψ = Cumulative distribution function of the standard normal distribution

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S}{K}\right) + (r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2})T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}$$ 2

$$d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T}$$ 3

The European put option formula is derived from the call option price as follows:

$$P(S, K, T, r, \sigma) = Ke^{-rT}\Psi(-d_2) - S\Psi(-d_1)$$ 4

Where:

P = Put option price

Other variables are the same as in the call option formula

This formula provides the theoretical European call or put option price under the assumptions of the Black-Scholes model.

Black and Scholes (1973) marked a significant transformation in the financial market, representing a pivotal moment when individuals acquired the ability to determine option price. The model's formulation was grounded on several assumptions:

   i.   The stock price follows a stochastic process

   $$dS = \mu Sdt + \sigma SdZ$$ 5

   With μ and σ being fixed;

   ii. Un-restricted short selling of stock is permitted, allowing full utilization of short sale proceeds;

   iii. There are no taxes involved and transaction costs;

   iv. No dividends are paid throughout the option's duration;

   v.   The absence of riskless arbitrage opportunities;

   vi. The model applies solely to European options;

   vii. The constant and uniform risk-free interest rate r prevails across all maturities;

viii.   Continuous trading is assumed.

To determine the price of a call option on a non-dividend paying stock using the Black-Scholes Equation requires the understanding of the current stock price, time to maturity and volatility, risk-free interest rate and strike price. Acquiring the aforementioned input variables from the market is relatively straightforward, except for volatility. While the Black-Scholes equation remains extensively utilized in financial markets, numerous empirical studies have indicated that the underlying evidence of constant volatility is not appropriate for real-world data. Hence, this study explores the concept of volatility evolving according to a stochastic process over time, as opposed to permanent constant throughout the duration of a call option.

Stochastic Volatility of the Heston Model

Black Scholes formula presents a considerable challenge by assuming a constant volatility in the model. The Heston Stochastic Volatility Model, introduced by Heston in 1993, is an illustration of a model that integrates a stochastic process for volatility, serving as a new extension of the Black Scholes Differential Equations (SDE) involving volatility. Taking into account the non-log normal distribution of asset returns and the influence of leverage, which incorporates the relationship between the two Wiener processes, the Heston Model stands out for its distinctive characteristics in terms of the stochastic processes it hold.

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sqrt{V_t} S_t dZ_t^1 \qquad\qquad 6$$

$$dV_t = k\,(\theta - V_t)\,dt + \sigma \sqrt{V_t} dZ_t^2 \qquad\qquad 7$$

and where Z_t^1 and Z_t^2 are correlated Wiener processes with ϱ, i.e

$$dZ_t^1 dZ_t^2 = \rho dt \qquad\qquad 8$$

Where the symbol μ represents the drift factor pertaining to the stock price, while θ signifies the long-term mean of variance. Additionally, κ denotes the rate of mean reversion, and σ stands for the volatility of volatility. St and Vt correspond to the price and volatility process, respectively; where $\{V_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ is characterized as a square root mean-reverting process. This process was originally introduced with a long-run mean of θ and a rate of reversion κ. In order to incorporate the leverage effect, it is observed that stock returns and implied volatility display a negative correlation. Furthermore, Z_t^1 and Z_t^2 are associated with a correlated Wiener process, with the correlation coefficients represented by ϱ. It is essential to note that all parameters including (μ, κ, θ, σ, and ϱ) are considered as time and stated similarly.

Heston Model Partial Differential Equation Approach

Some stochastic volatility models involve the derivation of the Partial Differential Equation (PDE) to find the option price of any value. In the case of Heston's Stochastic Volatility model, a PDE can be identified, although its computation is complex due to challenges in estimating the market price of volatility risk. Pricing options within the SV model can be accomplished through the application of no-arbitrage principles or the utilization of the risk-neutral valuation technique. Initially, a discussion on the no-arbitrage approach is presented, where a riskless portfolio is constructed similar to the methodology in the Black-Scholes model, despite variations in the construction process. Notably, the SV option pricing model involves a single traded risky asset S and two random sources Z_t^1 and Z_t^2, rendering the market incomplete and preventing the flawless replication of the option price using only the underlying stock. The belief on no-arbitrage arguments alone proves insufficient in determining the option price, necessitating additional assumptions. Furthermore, balance arguments are incorporated in the subsequent derivation process. From the above observation, it is now admitted that the introduction of any option linked to stock S can help them to reach market completeness. Therefore, market completeness is established for any two traded assets: one being the underlying asset S, and another being a benchmark option V₁. Consequently, all other options can be duplicated using these two traded assets.

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To advance, we analyze a self-financing and risk-free portfolio denoted by ∏, comprising an option valued at V(S, v, t) that requires pricing, -Δ units of the underlying asset S, and, to mitigate the risk linked to the unpredictable volatility, units of a benchmark option valued at V₁(S, v, t).Hence

$$\prod = V - \Delta S - \Delta_1 V_1 \qquad\qquad 9$$

The portfolio is self-financing i.e. for risk-less portfolio, so that

$$d\prod = dV - \Delta dS - \Delta_1 dV_1 \qquad\qquad 10$$

By applying the two dimension form of Ito's formula, we have

$$d\prod = \left\{ \frac{\delta V}{\delta t} + \frac{1}{2} v S^2 \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta S^2} + \rho \sigma S v \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta S \delta v} + \frac{1}{2} v \sigma^2 \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta v^2} \right\} dt + \frac{\delta V}{\delta S} dS + \frac{\delta V}{\delta S} dv$$
$$- \Delta_1 \left\{ \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta t} + \frac{1}{2} v S^2 \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta S^2} + \rho \sigma S v \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta S \delta v} + \frac{1}{2} v \sigma^2 \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta v^2} \right\} - \Delta_1 \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta S} dS$$

$$- \Delta_1 \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta v} dv - \Delta dS \qquad\qquad 11$$

We rewrite the formula in terms of *dS, dt* and *dV*

$$d\prod = \left\{ \frac{\delta V}{\delta t} + \frac{1}{2} v S^2 \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta S^2} + \rho \sigma S v \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta S \delta v} + \frac{1}{2} v \sigma^2 \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta v^2} \right\} dt + \left\{ \frac{\delta V}{\delta v} - \Delta_1 \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta v} \right\} dv$$
$$- \Delta_1 \left\{ \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta t} + \frac{1}{2} v S^2 \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta S^2} + \rho \sigma S v \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta S \delta v} + \frac{1}{2} v \sigma^2 \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta v^2} \right\} dt$$

$$+ \left\{ \frac{\delta V}{\delta S} - \Delta_1 \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta S} - \Delta \right\} dS \qquad\qquad 12$$

By making the portfolio riskless, we choose

$$\left\{ \frac{\delta V}{\delta v} - \Delta_1 \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta v} \right\} = 0 \qquad\qquad 13$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\delta V}{\delta S} - \Delta_1 \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta S} - \Delta \right\} = 0 \qquad\qquad 14$$

We solve the Equation (13) and (14) by eliminating the terms δS and δv as follows,

$$\Delta_1 = \frac{\frac{\delta V}{\delta v}}{\frac{\delta V_1}{\delta v}} \qquad\qquad 15$$

$$\Delta = \frac{\delta V}{\delta S} - \Delta_1 \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta S} = \frac{\delta V}{\delta S} - \frac{\frac{\delta V}{\delta v}}{\frac{\delta V_1}{\delta v}} \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta S} \qquad\qquad 16$$

The portfolio may be considered to be free of risk by utilizing the process of rebalancing Equation (12) in line with (15) and (16). On the contrary, the risk-free portfolio must generate a riskless rate, precisely reflecting the (deterministic) risk-free return rate. Failing to achieve this, would create an arbitrage opportunity.

$$d\prod = \left\{ \frac{\delta V}{\delta t} + \frac{1}{2} v S^2 \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta S^2} + \rho \sigma S v \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta S \delta v} + \frac{1}{2} v \sigma^2 \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta v^2} \right\} dt$$
$$- \Delta_1 \left\{ \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta t} + \frac{1}{2} v S^2 \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta S^2} + \rho \sigma S v \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta S \delta v} + \frac{1}{2} v \sigma^2 \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta v^2} \right\} dt$$

$$= r\prod dt = r(V - \Delta S - \Delta_1 V_1) dt \quad \text{(From using Equation 12)}$$
$$\therefore d\prod = r(V - \Delta S - \Delta_1 V_1) dt \qquad\qquad 17$$

From the above two equations we have,

$$\frac{\frac{\delta V}{\delta t} + \frac{1}{2} v S^2 \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta S^2} + \rho \sigma S v \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta S \delta v} + \frac{1}{2} v \sigma^2 \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta v^2} + r S \frac{\delta V}{\delta S} - rV}{\frac{\delta V}{\delta v}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\delta V_1}{\delta t} + \frac{1}{2} v S^2 \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta S^2} + \rho \sigma S v \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta S \delta v} + \frac{1}{2} v \sigma^2 \frac{\delta^2 V_1}{\delta v^2} + r S \frac{\delta V_1}{\delta S} - rV_1}{\frac{\delta V_1}{\delta v}} \qquad 18$$

The observation can be made, that the left-hand side is dependent solely on the variable V, whereas the right-hand side is solely dependent on V₁. In order for this equation to remain valid, both sides must be equal to a particular function, specifically, g which is dependent on the variables S, v, and t. When g is set to a certain value, $\left(k(\theta - V) - \Lambda(S, v, t) \sigma \sqrt{V} \right)$, it results in a specific case of what is known as an affine diffusion process. Within this category of processes, the pricing Partial Differential Equation (PDE) can be effectively analysed through analytical methods.

In this case, we have:

$$\frac{\delta V}{\delta t} + \frac{1}{2} v S^2 \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta S^2} + \rho \sigma S v \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta S \delta v} + \frac{1}{2} v \sigma^2 \frac{\delta^2 V}{\delta v^2} + r S \frac{\delta V}{\delta S} - rV$$

$$= \left(k(\theta - V) - \text{Ⴈ}(S, v, t)\sigma \sqrt{V}\right)\frac{\delta V}{\delta v}$$
                                                                                   19

We replaced V by U (S, V, t, T) and v by V, to have

$$\frac{1}{2}VS^2\frac{\delta^2 U}{\delta S^2} + \rho\sigma SV\frac{\delta^2 U}{\delta S\delta V} + \frac{1}{2}V\sigma^2\frac{\delta^2 U}{\delta vV^2} + rS\frac{\delta U}{\delta S} - rU$$

$$+\frac{\delta U}{\delta t} + (k(\theta - V) - \text{Ⴈ}V)\frac{\delta U}{\delta v} =$$
                                                                                   20

Heston postulate that, the market pricing of volatility risk demonstrates a direct proportionality to volatility, specifically to the variance square root. The term Λ (S, v, t) is denoted as the market price of volatility risk.

$$\text{Ⴈ}(S, v, t)\sigma\sqrt{V} \Rightarrow \text{Ⴈ}(S, v, t) = k\sqrt{V}$$
                                                                                   21

Where k is constant.

We multiply both sides of Equation (21) by$\sigma\sqrt{V}$,

$\text{Ⴈ}(S, v, t)\sigma\sqrt{V} = k\sigma V$ Thus Equation (21) becomes,

$$\frac{1}{2}VS^2\frac{\delta^2 U}{\delta S^2} + \rho\sigma SV\frac{\delta^2 U}{\delta S\delta V} + \frac{1}{2}V\sigma^2\frac{\delta^2 U}{\delta vV^2} + rS\frac{\delta U}{\delta S} - rU$$

$$+\frac{\delta U}{\delta t} + (k(\theta - V) - \text{Ⴈ}V)\frac{\delta U}{\delta v} = 0$$
                                                                                   22

Therefore, Ⴈ (S, V, t) denotes volatility risk of the market price. The price of volatility risk Ⴈ (S, V, t) remains unchanged by the specific asset under consideration. It is derivable in a theoretical manner from any asset, subject to the level of volatility risk. Let K represent the strike price and T denote the expiration time. The valuation is analysed within the boundaries of a rectangular region [∞, 0] × [0, ∞], and across the horizontal time span [0, T]. Consequently, for a European call option, the pricing of the option adheres to Equation (19) along with certain boundary conditions. Drawing inspiration from Nimalin (2005) as cited in Nwobi, et al. (2019), the option price can be explained. The boundary and initial conditions imposed are:

$$\left.\begin{array}{c} U(S, v, t) = \max(0, S - k) \\ U(0, v, t) = 0 \\ \frac{\delta U}{\delta S}(\infty, \text{v}, \text{t}) = 1 \\ rS\frac{\delta U}{\delta S}(S, 0, t) + k\theta\frac{\delta U}{\delta v}(S, 0, t) - rU(S, 0, t) + \frac{\delta U}{\delta t}(S, 0, t) = 0 \\ U(S, \infty, \text{t}) = S \end{array}\right\}$$
                                                                                   23

$U(S, v, t) = \max(0, S - k), U(0, v, t) = 0$ implies that the call price will be 0 when the stock price is 0. $\frac{\delta U}{\delta S}(\infty, \text{v}, \text{t}) = 1$, implies that delta tends to 1 with increase in stock price. The call price is equals to stock price, where $U(S, \infty, \text{t}) = S$, indicates that as the volatility increases,the choice of market price for volatility risk offers us various systematic returns. .

The drift component of the provided process (9) exhibits an affine correlation with the state variable itself. The essence of this similarity enhances the model's tractability. Owing to the relationship between the variance process and the square root of variance, the product of market risk price and diffusion is closely linked to variance. As a result, the drift component preserves its affine characteristic in line with the Martingale Method. This particular market price for volatility risk enhances the model's ability to derive a closed-form solution. The utilization of the risk-neutral valuation approach in the SV model is feasible. Despite the market's lack of completeness; it is free from arbitrage opportunities. The uniqueness of the equivalent martingale method is not assured, leading to the need to choose one of these procedures for option pricing. Consequently, the option's price also varies depending on the selected martingale method.

Modified Heston Model with Jump and Sentiment Factors
The assumptions of the new model
To introduce new assumptions for the modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors, we consider the following extensions:

Correlated Jumps: We assume that the jumps in the asset price process are correlated with the jumps in volatility. This means that when there is a large positive (negative) jump in the asset price, there is also a tendency for volatility

to increase (decrease) simultaneously. This correlation captures the idea that extreme movements in asset prices often coincide with changes in market volatility.

Time-Varying Sentiment: Instead of a constant sentiment coefficient ($\Omega\mu$), we introduce a time-varying sentiment factor that evolves over the simulation period. This allows us to model how investor sentiment changes over time in response to market conditions, news events, and other external factors. We specify a stochastic process for the sentiment factor like a jump-diffusion process or mean-reverting process.

Leverage Effect: We incorporate a leverage effect by allowing the correlation coefficient between asset price and volatility (ϱ) to depend on the level of volatility. Empirical studies have shown that the correlation tends to be more negative when volatility is high, reflecting the tendency for asset prices to decline when volatility spikes. By incorporating these assumptions, we create a more realistic and flexible model that captures additional features of financial markets and enhances our ability to analyse and forecast asset price and volatility dynamics. We represent the modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors using the following stochastic differential equations (SDEs):

$$dS_t = (R - \Omega\mu)S_t dt + \sqrt{v_t}S_t dZ_t^S + J_t dt \qquad\qquad 24$$

$$dv_t = k(\theta - v_t)dt + \sigma\sqrt{v_t}dZ_t^v + v dN_t \qquad\qquad 25$$

$$dJ_t = (\alpha - \lambda J_t)dt + \tilde{\eta}dQ_t \qquad\qquad 26$$

Where:

S_t denotes asset price at time t.

V_t denotes the volatility at time t.

J_t i denotes the jump component representing the impact of jumps on the asset price.

Z_t^v, Z_t^S and Q_t are standard Brownian motions.

N_t denotes, a Poisson process with intensityΩ, representing the occurrence of jumps.

μ denotes, the average jump size.

κ denotes, volatility of the mean reversion rate.

θ denotes, volatility of the long-term average.

σ denotes, the volatility of volatility.

ϱ denotes, the correlation coefficient between Brownian motions.

ν denotes, the jump intensity.

α denotes, the mean jump size.

λ denotes, the jump mean reversion rate.

$\tilde{\eta}$ denotes, the volatility of jumps.

This system of SDEs captures the dynamics of the modified Heston model, incorporating the impact of jumps (modeled by the process Jt) and sentiment (reflected in the term $\Omega\mu$). The jump component J_t follows a mean-reverting process and its dynamics are influenced by both the mean jump size α and the jump mean reversion rateλ. We use these equations to analyse the behaviour of the modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors.

Methods of Pricing

This section explains the diverse pricing methodologies that were utilized to calculate option values based on our models. Nevertheless, this study used of the Monte Carlo methods and Fast Fourier Transform (FFT).

Fast Fourier Transform

This section presents a widely utilized technique known as Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) as developed by Black and Scholes (1973). The application of this method was employed for determining option prices within the context of this study. Fourier Transform formula of European call option price is given by:

$$C_T(k) = \frac{e^{-\sigma k}}{\prod} \int_0^\infty \left\{ \frac{e^{-\sigma k}X_T(U-(\sigma+1)i)}{\sigma^2 + \sigma - U^2 + i(2\sigma+1)U} \right\} du \qquad\qquad 28$$

Monte Carlo Simulation

Monte Carlo simulation is a computational method that involves generating numerous sample paths based on a given model and subsequently calculating the payoff of options for each path within the sample. Subsequently, the mean is computed to provide an estimate for the anticipated present value of the option. As the sample size approaches infinity, the Monte Carlo outcome converges towards the value of the option. One of the benefits of Monte Carlo simulation is its straightforwardness in the implementation, allowing for the assessment of a wide array of European options.

Model Parameters Calibration

Calibration entails the determination of model parameters to harmonize them with the market prices of a specific set of options. The efficacy of a model is significantly reliant on its capacity to produce current market prices for European options, albeit with a certain level of variance. The main aim of calibration is to guarantee that model prices closely correspond to market prices by minimizing the disparity between estimated model prices and observed market prices. This procedure involves pinpointing the parameter combination that diminishes the inconsistency between model predictions and actual market prices. Precisely, the Heston Stochastic model, under the risk-neutral measure, comprises five unspecified parameters $\beta = \{V_t, \theta, \sigma, \rho, \kappa\}$ (defined above) that necessitate calibration or estimation as opposed to Heston's Stochastic-Jump-sentiment factor-model, which involves nine unknown parameters $\lambda = \{\theta, \sigma, \rho, \kappa, \mu, \Omega, V_t, S_t, J_t\}$ that also require calibration. Hence, through the appropriate adjustment of these parameters, the aim is to achieve a trajectory for the fundamental asset that aligns with the prevailing rates of European options, thereby posing a reverse problem. The predominant strategy for addressing this reverse problem revolves around minimizing the discrepancy between theoretical prices and actual market prices, frequently resulting in a nonlinear least squares optimization challenge. To obtain the optimal parameter β, it is imperative to first establish a metric for evaluating the discrepancy between model prices and market prices. Subsequently, an iterative process must be employed to ascertain the parameter configurations that reduce said discrepancy to a minimum. A common and direct strategy involves the minimization of the aggregate of squared variances. While numerous calibration techniques exist, the focus of this study was the utilization of the Adaptive Simulated Annealing (ASA) approach.

Adaptive Simulated Annealing (ASA)

Adaptive Simulated Annealing (ASA) is a methodology utilized in the process of calibration to ascertain the most advantageous global adaptation of a non-linear constrained non-convex cost function within a domain of D dimensions through the application of statistical techniques. According to Moins (2002), the incorporation of Adaptive Simulated Annealing (ASA) in MATLAB necessitates the utilization of the function asamin, developed by Shinichi Sakata, which functions as an interface in MATLAB for ASA. Crisóstomo, R. (2014) offers detailed instructions on how to install ASA and incorporate asamin into MATLAB. Brotherton-Ratcliffe (2015) and Nwobi et al. (2019) explain that the algorithm operates by employing a guided exploration approach, creating new iterations based on historical data and introducing randomization. A key benefit of this optimization approach is its flexibility against premature convergence to local minima, facilitated by stochastic perturbations in the search process, enabling the algorithm to persist in search even after encountering a potential solution.

RESULTS

The dataset employed in this study was a random dataset. To minimize the discrepancies in the model parameters, and subsequently assess its stability, a sequence of optimization iterations was executed. We illustrate the new assumptions for the modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors using a numerically in MATLAB. We simulate asset price and volatility paths for this modified model, considering the correlated jumps, time-varying sentiment, and leverage effect.

We used the following random parameters:

i. Initial asset price (S_t): 100
ii. Initial volatility (v_t): 0.04
iii. Time horizon (T): 1 year
iv. Number of time steps (N_t): 1000
v. Risk-free interest rate (R): 0.05
vi. Mean reversion rate of volatility (κ): 2
vii. Long term average volatility (θ): 0.04
viii. Volatility of volatility (σ): 0.3
ix. Jump intensity (v): 0.1
x. Mean jump size (α): 0.1
xi. Jump mean reversion rate (λ): 0.1
xii. Volatility of jumps (η): 0.05

We implement the modified model with the new assumptions and simulate asset price and volatility paths.

Presentation of the results:
Fig. 1 shows the modified Heston Model with Jump and sentiment Factor**.**
Fig.1 illustrates the modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors; this involves understanding how variations in model parameters affect the simulated asset price and volatility paths. Here is the interpretation of the findings:

Impact of Jump Intensity (v): Increasing the jump intensity leads to more frequent and larger jumps in asset prices. As a result, the asset price paths exhibit greater volatility and more pronounced fluctuations over time. Higher jump intensities imply a higher probability of extreme market movements, reflecting increased market uncertainty and risk.

Impact of Mean Jump Size (α): Increasing the mean jump size results in larger jumps in asset prices when they occur. This leads to greater variability in asset price paths and more significant deviations from the mean. Larger mean jump sizes indicate higher market volatility and potential for sudden price changes, which reflect market reactions to unexpected news or events.

Combined Effect: The combined effect of varying both the jump intensity and mean jump size results in complex interactions between jumps and the underlying asset dynamics. Higher values for both parameters amplify the impact of jumps on asset prices, leading to more unpredictable behaviour and increased uncertainty in the market.
Generally, the sensitivity analysis highlights the importance of jumps in the modified Heston model and demonstrates how variations in jump-related parameters influence asset price dynamics. The results provide insights into the behaviour of financial markets under different scenarios and can inform risk management strategies, derivative pricing, and investment decisions.

Comparison of the Modified and Basic Model:
We consider a numerical random parameter to compare the classical Heston model with the modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors. We simulate asset price and volatility paths for both models and compare their behaviours over time.
We set the following parameters for both models:

i. Asset price (S_t): 100
ii. Volatility (v_t): 0.04
iii. Time horizon (T): 1 year
iv. Number of time steps (N_t): 1000
v. Risk-free interest rate (r): 0.05
vi. Mean reversion rate of volatility (κ): 2

vii.   Long-term average volatility (θ): 0.04
viii.   Volatility of volatility (σ): 0.3
  ix.   Correlation coefficient between Brownian motions (ϱ): -0.5
   x.   Jump intensity (ν): 0.1
  xi.   Mean jump size (α): 0.1
 xii.   Jump mean reversion rate (β): 0.1
xiii.   Volatility of jumps (η): 0.05
xiv.   Sentiment coefficient (Ωμ): 0.02

We then plot the simulated asset price and volatility paths for both models to observe their differences.
Figure 2 Shows Comparative analysis between the modified Heston Model with Jump and sentiment Factor and standard Heston model:

Fig. 2 shows the comparing option prices derived from the basic Heston model and the modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors; this involves understanding the differences in pricing behavior and their implications. It is interpreted thus:

Impact of Jumps and Sentiment Factors: The comparison reveals how the inclusion of jumps and sentiment factors in the modified Heston model affects option prices compared to the basic Heston model. You may observe from above where option prices from the modified model deviate significantly from those of the basic model. These deviations indicate the influence of jumps and sentiment factors on option pricing, particularly in capturing tail risk and market sentiment.

Volatility Skew and Smile: Analyse the shape of the volatility smile or skew implied by option prices from both models. The modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors exhibit different volatility patterns compared to the basic Heston model. Looking at the changes in the slope, curvature, and overall shape of the volatility surface, this provides insights into market sentiment, risk perceptions, and the impact of jumps on implied volatility.

Risk Management Implications: Assessing how differences in option prices between the basic and modified models impact risk management practices. Option prices from the modified Heston model better reflect tail risk and extreme market movements, leading to adjustments in risk measurement and hedging strategies. This enables investors to better understand and manage their risk exposure, leading to more informed investment decisions.

Trading and Investment Strategies: Examining how option prices from both models align with market observations and trading strategies. Differences in option prices indicate opportunities for arbitrage or trading strategies based on mispricing. Considering how market participants may react to changes in option prices and adjust their trading and investment strategies accordingly, taking into account the impact of jumps and sentiment factors on market dynamics. Generally, comparing option prices from the basic Heston model and the modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors provides valuable insights into the strengths and limitations of each model in capturing market dynamics and pricing options. By understanding the differences and their significances, professionals will make wise decisions in risk management, trading, and investment strategies. The impact of integrating jumps and a sentiment variable on the behaviour of asset prices and volatility is scrutinized, revealing a favourable outcome in comparison to the traditional Heston model.

Sensitivity analysis
This involves studying how variations in input parameters affect the output of a model. In the context of the new modified Heston model with jumps and a sentiment factor, we conducted sensitivity analysis to understand how changes in model parameters impact the simulated paths of asset prices and volatilities as shown in fig.3 below:

Fig. 3 shows the sensitivity analysis on the parameter nu (jump intensity). We vary nu across a range of values and observe how changes in nu affect the simulated paths of asset prices and volatilities over time. As the jump intensity (nu) increases, the entire volatility smile shifts upwards or downwards. This shift indicates that higher jump intensities lead to higher or lower implied volatilities across all strike prices, reflecting the increased impact of jump events on option prices. The results help market participants assess the impact of extreme events, such as jumps, on option prices and implied volatilities. Moreover, it allows for the identification of optimal parameter values that align with specific risk management objectives and market conditions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We present the results of numerical experiments conducted using the modified Heston model. Comparative analysis is performed between option prices obtained from the standard Heston model and those derived from the modified model with jump and sentiment factors. We discuss the implications of these results for option pricing accuracy and risk management strategies.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we presented a modified version of the Heston model that incorporates jump and sentiment factors for asset price dynamics. This extension provides a more accurate representation of market dynamics and offers potential improvements in option pricing accuracy and risk management effectiveness. Further research is warranted to explore the full implications of these modifications and their applicability to real-world financial markets.

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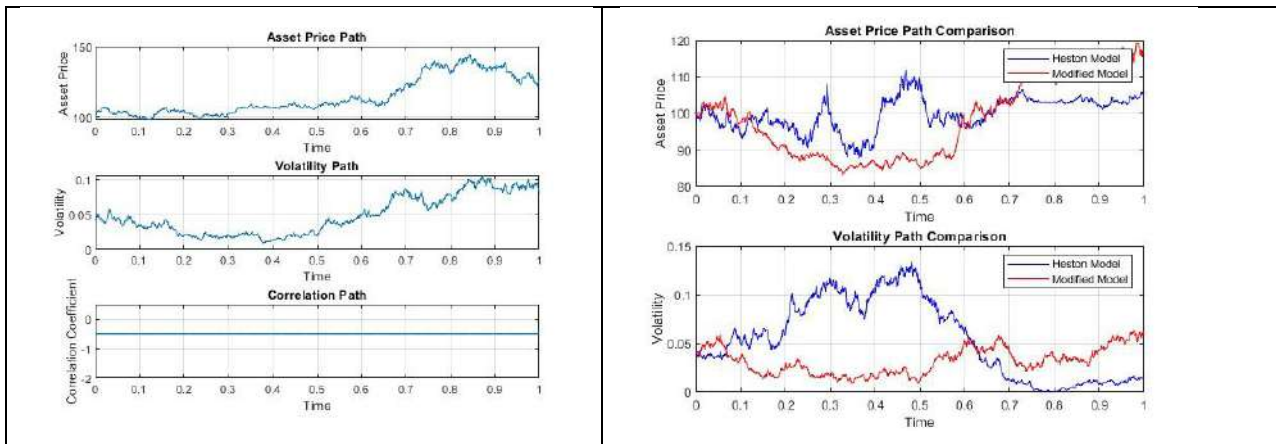
Fig. 1 Modified Heston Model with Jump and sentiment Factor.

Fig.2 comparative analysis of the modified model and classical Heston model
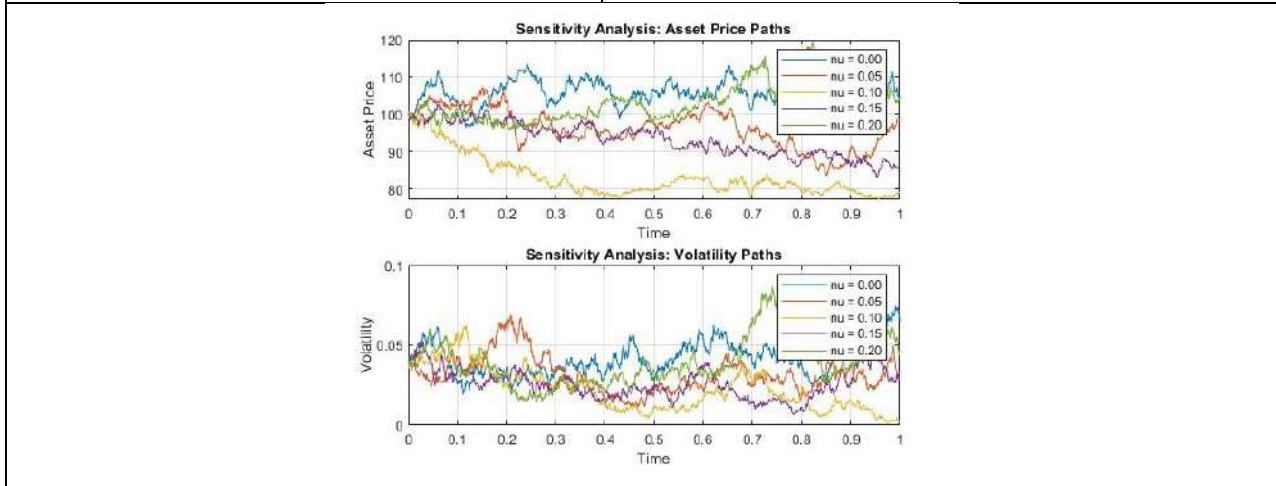
Fig. 3 sensitivity analyses on the new model

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Optimizing Financial Market Volatility Forecasting: Integrating Modified Heston Model with Jump and Sentiment Factor, using Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) Networks

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ABSTRACT

Volatility forecasting is a crucial aspect of financial market analysis, influencing various decision-making processes such as risk management, derivative pricing, and portfolio optimization. While traditional models like the Heston model have been widely used for volatility forecasting, they often struggle to capture complex market dynamics such as jumps and sentiment factor. In this research paper, we propose an integrated approach that combines the modified Heston model with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks to improve volatility forecasting accuracy. The modified Heston model incorporated jump and sentiment factors to enhancing its ability to capture market behaviours, while LSTM networks offer the capability to learn and exploit temporal dependencies in sequential financial data. The modified model is used on the LSTM network to forecast the volatility and it performance. Through extensive experimentation and analysis, we demonstrate the effectiveness of the integrated approach in providing accurate and robust volatility forecasts, thereby facilitating better risk management and decision-making in financial markets.

Keywords: Modified Heston Model, Long Short-Term Memory Networks, Volatility Forecasting, Financial Markets, Risk Management

INTRODUCTION

Volatility prediction is crucial in financial market analysis, impacting various applications such as risk management, option pricing, and portfolio management. The Heston model, a traditional volatility model, is extensively utilized for its ability to capture the stochastic characteristics of asset prices. However, these models often fail to incorporate additional market dynamics like jumps and sentiment, resulting in less accurate volatility predictions. This study proposes an integrated approach that merges the modified Heston model with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks to improve volatility prediction accuracy. The financial market comprises both money and the market, particularly the financial market, affecting the economic operational process by utilizing different financial instruments to regulate capital surplus activities. Financial markets facilitate the exchange of financial instruments such as bonds, savings certificates, and stocks. Scholars and investors continuously explore various prediction methods across generations to maximize returns (Rani and Sikka 2012; Zhong and Enke 2017).

Price fluctuations in the stock market are influenced by economic trends, cycles, structure, macroeconomic elements, industry advancements, financial stability of listed companies, and micro-level factors like investors' psychological strategies, all of which are vital in stock investments. Researchers and investors aim to identify profitable opportunities in stocks, leading to the common practice of predicting stock trends (Long, et al. 2019; Gunduz, et al. 2017; Hagenau, et al. 2013). Conventional methods include linear discriminant analysis, statistical techniques, random forests, quadratic discriminant analysis, evolutionary algorithms (Khaidem, et al. 2016; Hu, et al. 2019), logistic regression, and genetic algorithms (Chen, et al. 2016; Chen, et al. 2020; Chen, et al. 2017). The stochastic forest algorithm is notably used to develop a stock model based on historical price data (Khaidem, et al. 2016) to predict stock investment trends. Initially, genetic programming is employed to analyse the stock portfolio and derive a more accurate prediction function. Subsequently, genetic algorithms are used in various stock permutations and combinations for tasks like random number generation, selection, exchange, and mutation. The survival probability of genetic material is assessed based on profit fitness evaluations to determine optimal combinations (Chen, et al. 2016; Chen, et al. 2020; Chen, et al. 2017). Establishing a model that relation to the future price trends with historical behaviour is essential, leveraging historical market trends in the sample to forecast future prices (Kj, and Han 2000). The extraction of features is a key component in many forecasting methods, all of which presume that future price trends are influenced by past behaviour.

It is important to highlight that the design of features is subjective and models deal with in technical analysis are typically supported by certain market framework assumptions. The success of the model primarily centres on the validity of these assumptions. The advancement of information technology has led to the widespread application of machine learning. Particularly noteworthy is the artificial neural network (ANN), which plays a significant role in various societal functions such as signal processing, pattern recognition, speech recognition (Graves, et al. 2013), expert system construction (Zhao, et al. 2020), and robotics. ANN mimics human thinking, functioning as a non-linear dynamic system characterized by parallel distributed information processing and storage synergy (Chen and Li 2006; Gardner and Dorling 1998; Baba and Kozaki 1992. In Ming-Tai, et al. 2023). The artificial neural network structure, despite its apparent simplicity and limited functions, comprises a multitude of neurons with modifiable connection weights. Its characteristics involve extensive parallel processing, decentralized information storage, efficient self-arrangement, and self-learning capabilities, facilitating prompt decision-making, assessments, and processing across various domains. By continuously enhancing predictive capabilities through adaptive learning and the self-organizational features of neural networks, a robust forecasting ability is cultivated. Notably, the utilization of a neural network framework in financial markets allows for the anticipation of short-term stock closure prices by amalgamating technical, financial, economic, time series, and fundamental analyses (de Oliveira, et al. 2013). The proliferation of neural networks has propelled deep learning to the forefront (Ding, et al. 2015; Zhao, et al. 2021; Yong, et al. 2017; Wu, et al. 2020). The differentiation between ANN and deep learning primarily hinges on the network's depth, as deep learning necessitates the training of multiple neural network layers, thereby introducing an array of innovative structures and methodologies for further exploration. These fresh frameworks encompass CNN,

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LSTM, ResNet, and other models. Within CNN and LSTM, various units exist, with a focus on convolutional units in CNN (LeCun, et al. 1998; Ming-Tai, et al. 2023) and pooling units. In contrast, LSTM is primarily comprised of recurrent units (Williams and Zipser 1989. In Ming-Tai, et al. 2023) and long-short term memory units (Hochreiter and Schmidhuber 1997; Ming-Tai, et al. 2023) (Chen, et al. 2015; Fischer and Krauss 2018. Moreover, a range of algorithms including the Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM) (Cai, et al. 2012; Zhu, et al. 2014), deep multilayer perceptron (MLP) (Yong, et al. 2017), and auto-encoder (AE) (Bao, et al. 2017) have been acknowledged. The primary stages of a multilayer neural network involve the transformation of features into values, typically through manual selection. Deep learning, on the other hand, initiates by inputting a signal, followed by feature extraction, and finishes in the output of the expected value. A critical aspect is the network's self-selection capability. Notably, CNN and LSTM emerge as widely utilized components within the network. CNN addresses the challenge posed by traditional deep network parameters, characterized by excessive quantities that hinder training. This is accomplished by utilizing local receptive fields and shared weights, leading to a substantial reduction in network parameters.

Local receptive fields pertain to the input data in neural networks, which are depicted as a multi-dimensional vector; subsequent layer neurons are exclusively connected to input neurons within a specified window. Shared weights entail N × N hidden layer neurons that are associated with the input layer, where each hidden layer neuron shares the same parameters, indicating that various windows and their respective hidden layer neurons share a set of parameters. By leveraging the unique characteristics of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), scholars have extensively utilized them in the field of stock prediction (Gunduz, et al. 2017; Di Persio and Honchar 2016; Hoseinzade, et al. 2019; Siripurapu 2014; Wu, et al. 2019). Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), a specialized variant of Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), is predominantly utilized to address issues such as gradient disappearance and exploding gradients that arise during prolonged sequence training. RNN, known for processing sequential data, handles data that evolves over a sequence. For instance, words may alter meanings based on context, a scenario effectively addressed by RNN. In essence, LSTM outperforms conventional RNNs in extended sequences. Similarly, scholars often utilize LSTM in time series applications, particularly in financial markets, with expectations of favourable outcomes (Ghosh, et al. 2019; Zhang and Tan 2018; Azzouni and Pujolle 2017; Ming-Tai, et al. 2023), leveraging stock candlestick charts as input images directly fed into the input layer. Another study by Hoseinzade, et al. (2019), employed CNN to predict future market volatility by mapping historical market data, outlining a comprehensive framework. To alleviate over-fitting, the creation of a one-dimensional input for predicting within the CNN framework can be accomplished (Di Persio and Honchar, 2016).

Simultaneously, this approach relies on historical closing price data while disregarding other potential variables, such as technical indicators. Addressing these limitations, Gunduz, et al. (2017) introduced an alternative CNN-based model incorporating technical indicators for each data point. Furthermore, it considers potential interrelationships as a reasonable source of information in the stock market. In the investigation conducted by Di Persio and Honchar (2016), the S&P 500 index's historical closing prices were employed as input for LSTM, MLP, and CNN models, with findings indicating the superior performance of CNN and LSTM over MLP.However, Krollner, et al. (2010) present a thorough examination of the methodologies used in forecasting stock market trends in the realms of artificial intelligence and machine learning, highlighting ANN as a crucial tool. By leveraging the nonlinear attributes of daily returns, ANN seeks to improve short-term and long-term stock predictions.

Results from a comparative study involving five models - LSTAR, linear AR model, ESTAR smooth transition autoregressive model, JCN, and MLP - indicate that the nonlinear neural network model could be a superior predictive instrument. The utilization of artificial neural network models demonstrates enhanced accuracy in predicting stock returns, showing progress over AR and STAR models. Zhang and Tan (2018) introduced a model aimed at predicting future stock returns. Azzouni and Pujolle (2017) examined LSTM as a specialized RNN structure proficient in experiential learning, classification, processing, and forecasting time series with unknown delays, while Ghosh et al. (2019) presented a framework for analysing and forecasting a company's future growth utilizing the LSTM model and the company's net growth algorithm. At present, within the domain of financial time series, especially in stocks, feature vectors commonly comprise historical data like closing prices, opening prices, lowest and

highest prices, and transaction volumes, which are subsequently fed into relevant algorithms for forecasting purposes. This study utilizes historical stock data and leading indicators to forecast stock movements. Leading indicators are altered prior to overall economic contractions or expansions, aiding in predicting economic cycle shifts, estimating the range of economic activities, and forecasting economic trends. In the study conducted by Di Persio and Honchar (2016), they employed the historical closing prices of the S&P 500 index as inputs for LSTM, MLP, and CNN models. The findings revealed the superior performance of CNN and LSTM over MLP. Zhang and Tan (2018) introduced a model that examines the economic aspects of these indicators, showing a strong positive correlation with benchmark cycles such as inflation rates, futures, and options. This paper presents a novel network framework known as Modified Heston (Jump and Sentiment factor) with Long-short-term-memory (MH-LSTM). The primary input method of this model involves utilizing the modified model parameters in the LSTM network. The features extracted were fed into the LSTM network to detect extreme market conditions, generate suitable signals, assess performance, and make predictions. The input data consists of historical random data and leading indicators of stock markets, which when through pre-processing to transform the input vector of the proposed network in the experiment.

METHODOLOGY

Modified Heston Model (JSF)
We expanded the traditional Heston model by adding jump and sentiment variables, thereby improving its efficiency in capturing market performances. The incorporation of the jump element brings about sudden and substantial fluctuations in prices, whereas the sentiment factor considers the impact of investor sentiment on asset pricing. The modified Heston model is expressed through a set of stochastic differential equations, allowing the simulation of the asset price and volatility paths across different market situations.

The Assumptions of the New Model
To introduce new assumptions for the modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors, we consider the following extensions:

Correlated Jumps: We assume that the jumps in the asset price process are correlated with the jumps in volatility. This means that when there is a large positive (negative) jump in the asset price, there is also a tendency for volatility to increase (decrease) simultaneously. This correlation captures the idea that extreme movements in asset prices often coincide with changes in market volatility.

Time-Varying Sentiment: Instead of a constant sentiment coefficient (μ), we introduce a time-varying sentiment factor that evolves over the simulation period. This allows us to model how investor sentiment changes over time in response to market conditions, news events, and other external factors. We specify a stochastic process for the sentiment factor like a jump-diffusion process or mean-reverting process.

Leverage Effect: We incorporate a leverage effect by allowing the correlation coefficient between asset price and volatility (ϱ) to depend on the level of volatility. Empirical studies have shown that the correlation tends to be more negative when volatility is high, reflecting the tendency for asset prices to decline when volatility spikes. By incorporating these assumptions, we create a more realistic and flexible model that captures additional features of financial markets and enhances our ability to analyses and forecast asset price and volatility dynamics. We represent the modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors using the following stochastic differential equations (SDEs):

$$dS_t = R - S_t dt + \sqrt{v_t} S_t dZ_t^S + J_t dt \qquad (1)$$

$$dv_t = k\theta - v_t dt + \sigma \sqrt{v_t} dZ_t^v + v dN_t \qquad (2)$$

$$dJ_t = \alpha - J_t dt + \bar{\eta} dQ_t \qquad (3)$$

Where:
  S_t denotes asset price at time t.
  V_t denotes the volatility at time t.
  J_t i denotes the jump component representing the impact of jumps on the asset price .
  Z_t^v, Z_t^S and Q_t are standard Brownian motions.
  N_t denotes, a Poisson process with intensityΩ, representing the occurrence of jumps.
  μ denotes, the average jump size.
  κ denotes, volatility of the mean reversion rate.
  θ denotes, volatility of the long-term average.
  σ denotes, the volatility of volatility.
  ϱ denotes, the correlation coefficient between Brownian motions.
  v denotes, the jump intensity.
  α denotes, the mean jump size.
   λ denotes, the jump mean reversion rate.
  $\bar{\eta}$ denotes, the volatility of jumps.
  R denotes, the risk free interest rate

This system of SDEs captures the dynamics of the modified Heston model, incorporating the impact of jumps (modeled by the process J_t) and sentiment (reflected in the term μ). The jump component J_t follows a mean-reverting process and its dynamics are influenced by both the mean jump size α and the jump mean reversion rate . We use these equations to analyse the behaviour of the modified Heston model with jump and sentiment factors.

Long Short-Term Memory Networks
LSTM networks constitute a category of recurrent neural networks (RNN) formulated for the purpose of capturing prolonged dependencies within sequential data. Differing from conventional RNNs, LSTM networks integrate memory cells and gating mechanisms, allowing for the acquisition and retention of information across extended durations. This characteristic renders them particularly suitable for the representation and prediction of time series data characterized by complex temporal structures. Nevertheless, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) represents a variant of recurrent neural networks designed specifically to address the challenge of long-term dependencies encountered in conventional RNNs (Wu, et al. 2020; Lin, et al. 2020; Pang, et al. 2020; Ghosh, et al. 2019; Zhang and Tan, 2018; Tsai, et al. 2017). It has demonstrated successful application across diverse domains including machine translation (Cui, et al. 2015), speech recognition (Han, et al. 2017), image description generation (Kinghorn, et al. 2019), video tagging (Gui, et al. 2018), and financial time series analysis (Cao, et al. 2019). The fundamental architecture of all RNNs comprises a sequential arrangement of neural network modules, including essential components such as input gate, output gate and the forgetting gate.

Forgetting Gate
Determine useful information is:
$$f_t = \sigma \left(W_f * [h_{t-1,}\ x_t] + b_f \right)$$

If the output of the sigmoid function equals zero, a part of the information is required to be forgotten; otherwise, the information segment is further transmitted to subsequent states. The cellular state undergoes multiplication with the output of the sigmoid function via the utilization of the sigmoid function; utilizing the input from the current time alongside the output from the preceding time. In the context of the equation represented as Eq. (4), ft stands for the current output value, Wf symbolizes the current output weight, bf represents a bias associated with the current output,   ht-1,   and is the output value from the previous layer.

Input gate
Confirm updated information is:

$$i_t = \sigma\left(W_f * [h_{t-1,} \; x_t] + b_i\right) \tag{5}$$

$$\tilde{o}_t = tanh\left(W_o * [h_{t-1,} \; x_t] + b_o\right) \tag{6}$$

The principal role of the gate is to update the status of the previous unit. The forget gate layer in the previous stage is tasked with determining the information to either discard or include, and is implemented via the gate layer. Comprised of the second sigmoid + tanh function, the gate identifies the pertinent information for integration into the state. This procedure is divided, with the sigmoid layer specifying the updates similar to the initial layer, while the subsequent layer generates new information for integration into the state, like replacing the subject state from the preceding sentence. Please refer to Eqs. (5) and (6) for the precise formulas. The present output values within the input gate signify two distinct elements ft and ot. The inputs h_{t-1} and xt at time t−1 experience activation through an extra linear conversion and sigmoid (referred to as the input gate), resulting in ot output. Simultaneously, subsequent to the activation of h_{t-1} and xt through another linear transformation (tanh), they are subsequently multiplied by ft to obtain an interim result. This interim result is then combined with the one from the previous phase to yield ct.

Output gate
The output information is determined thus:

$$o_t = \sigma(W_o[h_{t-1,} \; x_t] + b_o) \tag{7}$$

$$h_t = o_t * tanh(\tilde{c}_t) \tag{8}$$

The principal role of the first two access points (door) is to offer updated regarding the status of the penetration line. The third access point (door) is allocated for computational purposes pertaining to the details within the penetration line and the results from the current input information calculation module. The gate control mechanism manages the visibility of the state value C(t) to external source at time t. Determining which information gets updated, discarded, or added remains a crucial consideration. Equations (7) and (8) are displayed. Subsequent to the activation of input h_{t-1} and xt at time t − 1 through an additional linear transformation + sigmoid (referred to as the output gate) which is the result ot. ht, is obtain by multiplying ot with ct through tanh.

The following equations describe the comprehensive workings of a contemporary LSTM model integrated with forget gates as proposed by Hochreiter and Schmidhuber (1997), In Jae and Bumshik (2018).

$$i_t = \sigma(W_{xi}x_t + W_{hi}h_{t-1} + W_{ci}c_{t-1} + b_i) \tag{9a}$$

$$f_t = \sigma(W_{xf}x_t + W_{hf}h_{t-1} + W_{cf}c_{t-1} + b_f) \tag{9b}$$

$$c_t = f_t c_{t-1} + i_t \phi(W_{xc}x_t + W_{hc}h_{t-1} + b_c) \tag{9c}$$

$$o_t = \sigma(W_{xo}x_t + W_{ho}h_{t-1} + W_{co}c_{t-1} + b_o) \tag{9d}$$

$$h_t = o_t \phi(c_t) \tag{9e}$$

In (9a-e), Wmn denotes the weight of the connection between gate m and gate n, while bn is the bias parameter to be learned, where m∈x,h and n∈f,o,c. The symbols ∗ represent the element-wise multiplication, the standard logistic sigmoid function σ, and ϕ the tanh function: $\sigma x = 1/(1+e^{-x})$ and $\phi x = (e^x - e^{-x})/(e^x + e^{-x})$. respectively. The input, forget, and output gates are indicated by, it, f(t) and o(t), respectively, with c(t) representing the internal state of the memory cell C at time t. The hidden layer value of the LSTM at time t is denoted as, vector h(t) where h(t-1) represents the output values of each memory cell in the hidden layer at the previous time. The theoretical basis of the LSTM model, utilized in the construction of our LSTM, primarily comes from the "gate" components illustrated in (9) are tailored for determining when to allow prediction error in, and when to release it. Thus, the LSTM gates offer an efficient mechanism for quickly adjusting the memory content of the cells and the internal dynamics in a collaborative manner (Veeriah, et al., 2015; Srivastava, et al., 2015).

Evaluation of Model Performance

We measured the performance of LSTM in addressing financial models through the examination of accuracy metrics, which serve as the basis for the training process, as demonstrated in the equations provided below,

Mean Square Error (MSE) or Mean Square Prediction Error (MSPE)

$$\mathrm{MSE} = \frac{1}{n}\sum(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \tag{10}$$

Root Mean Square Error (RMSE

$$\mathrm{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} \tag{11}$$

Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

$$\mathrm{MAE} = \frac{1}{n}\sum|y_i - \hat{y}_i| \tag{12}$$

where y_i is the actual value and $\hat{y}_i$ is the LSTM predicted value.

The MSE was be used as the training metric to update the weights, and to evaluate the selected LSTM.

Integration Approach:

The integration of the modified Heston model with LSTM networks involves two main steps. Firstly, we simulate a large dataset of asset price and volatility paths using the modified Heston model under different market scenarios. Next, we train LSTM networks on this simulated data to learn the underlying patterns and relationships. The trained LSTM networks can then generate volatility forecasts based on current market conditions, refining the predictions obtained from the modified Heston model.

Network Architecture Diagram:

Below is the diagram illustrating the network architecture of the integrated model:

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Figure 1: LSTM cell structure.

Training Details

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We conducted extensive experiments to evaluate the performance of the integrated approach in volatility forecasting compared to standalone models. Using historical market random data, we compared the accuracy of volatility forecasts generated by the modified Heston model, LSTM networks, and the integrated approach. Our results demonstrated that the integrated approach outperforms standalone models, providing more accurate and robust volatility predictions across different market conditions.

We employed random search for the hyper-parameters on a small-sized data set, and train the selected LSTM on a large data set. The training and validation losses remained close, which indicates that there was no over-fitting. Figure 3 shows the best validation performance of 0.80719 at epoch 2 using MSE performance indicator. In the context of the modified Heston model, the gradient indicates that the speed at which the volatility of the asset is expected to change over time or under different market conditions. A positive gradient suggests an increasing trend in volatility over time, while a negative slope suggests a decreasing trend. From figure 4 gradient values (0.15689) revealed an increasing trend in volatility over time, indicating positive gradient.

Figure 5 shows that the Error Histogram of MH-LSTM is **0.05029** indicating good performance of the model.

Figure 6 shows Regression Analysis (R^2) of HM-LSTM Training, Testing, Validation and All.

Training-R= 0.23382, Testing-R = -0.10676, Validation-R = 0.25406 and All-R = 0.193995. From figure 7 above, the goodness of fit of the model to the observed data R^2 value revealed that the regression line fits the data well at 0.193995.

Figure 7 shows the degree of relationship between the adjusted implied volatilities and the true market data. A close match between the two revealed that the combined model effectively incorporates historical patterns to refine the simulated volatilities. Furthermore, Figure 8 shows the comparison of simulated and adjusted volatility using the MH-ANN model. It enables the investor to know the patterns of a particular investment. Volatilities are adjusted or smoothed in some manner to better reflect the underlying risk of a financial instrument. Adjusted volatilities are commonly used in options pricing models, risk management, and portfolio optimization to estimate future volatility based on historical data while accounting for trends or anomalies in the investment. These volatilities are useful for scenario analysis, stress testing, and risk assessment by providing a range of potential outcomes under different market conditions.

Table 4 shows the evaluation of the MH-LSTM performance matric using MSE, RMSE and MAE. The result revealed the MSE is the best evaluation tool with the lowest error index or Value of (0.13539 and 0.1737) respectively of the parameters of the modified model followed by MAE with (0.27029, 0.283313) respectively. Figure 8 provides insights into the model's behaviour and robustness across different scenarios. For instance, parameters that exhibit significant variations in response to small changes in input features indicate sensitivity and stability in the model. Conversely, parameters with minimal variations revealed robustness to changes in the input features. Generally, sensitivity analysis enhances our understanding of the HM-LSTM model's performance and behaviour, allowing us to identify key factors influencing parameter predictions and assess the model's reliability in various scenarios. The sensitivity analysis conducted in the research aimed at assessing how variations in input features, represented by sensitivity values, influence the predicted parameters of the modified Heston model. Ultimately, the sensitivity analysis serves as a crucial tool for evaluating model performance, identifying potential areas for improvement, and gaining insights into the model's behaviour across varying conditions, thereby supporting more effective utilization of the HM-LSTM model in financial modeling and decision-making contexts. From the above results in table 5, the significance of predicted parameters lies in their pivotal role in evaluating the effectiveness and reliability of the LSTM model in estimating the parameters of the modified Heston model based on historical random data. Furthermore, the visualization of the actual vs. predicted parameters, along with the regression line as shown in Figure 9, facilitates a comprehensive analysis of the model's performance and provides actionable insights for optimizing financial strategies, risk management practices, and investment decisions.

Figure 10 shows the regression graph comparing the predicted parameters obtained from the HM-LSTM model with the actual parameters. Each point on the scatter plot represents a parameter, where the x-coordinate corresponds to the actual parameter value, and the y-coordinate represents the predicted parameter value. The red line on the plot is the regression line, which indicates the relationship between the actual and predicted parameters. By analysing the regression graph, we assess the performance of the HM-LSTM model in predicting the parameters of the modified Heston model; the points are closely clustered around the regression line; it revealed that the HM-LSTM model is accurately predicting the parameters. Deviations from the line signify discrepancies between the predicted and actual values. A tighter clustering of points around the regression line revealed a stronger correlation and better prediction accuracy, while outliers or significant deviations indicate areas for model improvement or discrepancies in the underlying dynamics captured by the modified Heston model. The LSTM network architecture comprises several key components: the input layer, which represents the input features such as lagged asset prices; the LSTM layer, serving as the core component responsible for capturing temporal dependencies and maintaining memory over time; the fully connected layer, which receives input from the LSTM layer and computes the final output, often representing the predicted parameters of the modified Heston model; and the regression layer, which computes the loss function and facilitates parameter optimization during training by comparing predicted parameters with actual parameters. From figure 11, the significance of predicted parameters is reflected in several key aspects: model evaluation; comparison with actual parameters; decision-making and planning; scenario analysis and sensitivity testing:

RESEARCH FINDINGS

The research findings indicate that the integration of the modified Heston model with LSTM networks significantly improves volatility forecasting accuracy compared to standalone models. The combined model effectively captures complex market dynamics, including jumps and sentiment, leading to more reliable volatility forecasts. Furthermore, there is high degree of relationship of optimal parameters with global and local optimal value 12.4802 and 12.9761 respectively. This has important implications for risk management and decision-making in financial markets.

CONCLUSION

In this study, an innovative approach is proposed for predicting volatility in financial markets through the combination of the modified Heston model with Long Short-Term Memory networks. Through the combination of the advantages of these two models, the precision and dependability of volatility predictions are heightened, facilitating enhanced risk management and decision-making in financial markets. Possible avenues for future research could involve investigating different neural network architectures and integrating additional market variables to achieve additional enhancements in financial market.

Recommendations

Based on the research findings, we provide the following recommendations:

1. Practitioners in financial markets should consider adopting integrated approaches that combine traditional models with machine learning techniques for volatility forecasting.
2. Further Future research directions may include exploring alternative neural network architectures and incorporating additional market factors for further improvement and to enhance the performance of integrated models.
3. Market participants should continuously monitor and update their forecasting models to adapt to changing market conditions and incorporate new information.

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Table 1: The Modified Heston parameter ranges for training the LSTM

HESTON-LSTM	Parameters	Value
Input	Initial Asset stock price　St	100
	Initial volatility　　Vt	0.04
	Time horizon　　　T	1
	Number of time steps　N	
	Time step size　　dt = T / N	1000
	Risk-free rate　　(R)	0.05
	Mean reversion rate (λ)	2
	Long-term volatility level (θ)	0.04
	Volatility of volatility (σ)	0.3
	Jump intensity ()	0.1
	Average jump size (μ)	0.1
	Initial sentiment coefficient ($\Omega\mu$)	0.02
	Initial correlation Coefficient ()	-0.5
	Threshold for leverage effect ($\bar{\eta}$)	0.1
Output	call option price performance	

Table 2: MH-LSTM Training for Comparison of simulation and adjusted Volatility

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Training on single CPU.
|==============================================================================|
| Epoch  |  Iteration  |  Time Elapsed  |  Mini-batch  |  Mini-batch  |  Base Learning  |
|        |             |  (hh:mm:ss)    |    RMSE      |     Loss     |      Rate       |
|==============================================================================|
|      1 |          1  |    00:00:00    |     0.99     |     0.5      |      0.0010     |
|     50 |         50  |    00:00:02    |     0.98     |     0.5      |      0.0010     |
|    100 |        100  |    00:00:04    |     0.98     |     0.5      |      0.0010     |
|==============================================================================|
Training finished: Max epochs completed.
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Table 3: Training at epoch 50 on MH-LSTM performance

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Training on single CPU.
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Epoch  | Iteration | Time Elapsed | Mini-batch | Mini-batch | Base Learning |
|        |           | (hh:mm:ss)   |    RMSE    |    Loss    |     Rate      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     1  |       1   |  00:00:00    |   1.70     |   1.5      |   0.0100      |
|     2  |      50   |  00:00:00    |   0.87     |   0.4      |   0.0100      |
|     4  |     100   |  00:00:00    |   0.85     |   0.4      |   0.0100      |
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Table 4: Result of MH-LSTM Performance

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LSTM training completed successfully.
Mean Absolute Error: 0.34755    0.37441    0.35774    0.36276    0.28313    0.34298    0.34846    0.354    0.33275    0.32099    0.32371    0.27029
Root Mean Squared Error: 0.42734    0.45369    0.43681    0.4389    0.33749    0.42336    0.42622    0.43379    0.40532    0.39473    0.39644    0.31993
Mean squared Error:0.31387    0.35342    0.31878    0.33925    0.1737    0.30802    0.3158    0.32054    0.28286    0.27605    0.27431    0.13539
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Table 5: Result of the predicted Parameters

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LSTM training completed successfully.
Predicted Parameters:
   0.5066    0.4642    0.4698    0.5294    0.4389    0.4694    0.5328    0.4833    0.4694    0.4651    0.4409    0.4991
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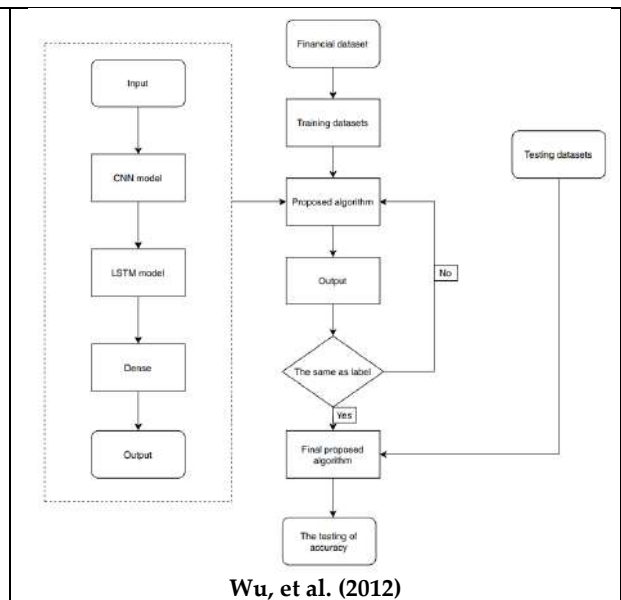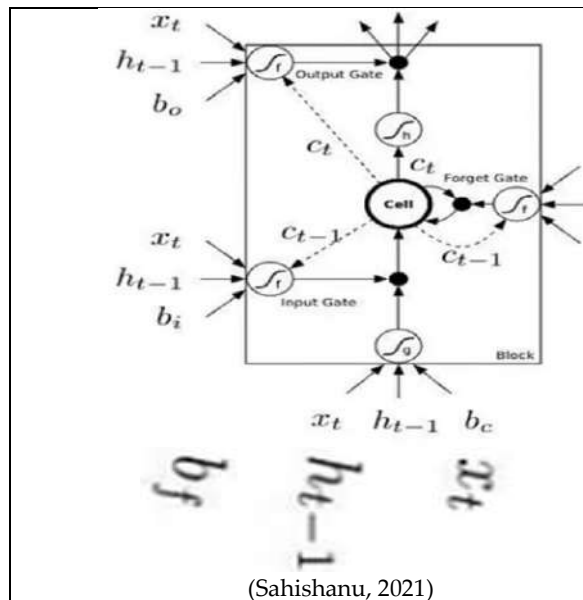
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Wu, et al. (2012)

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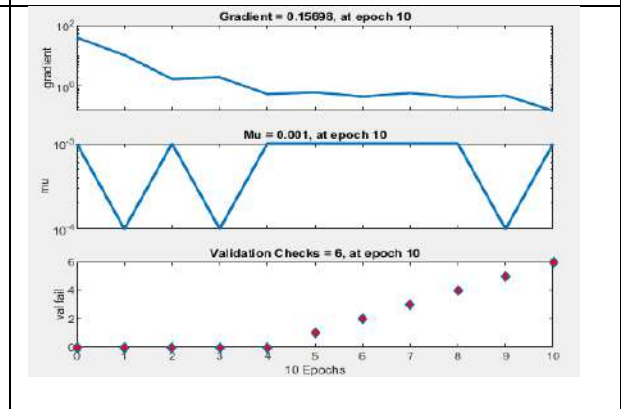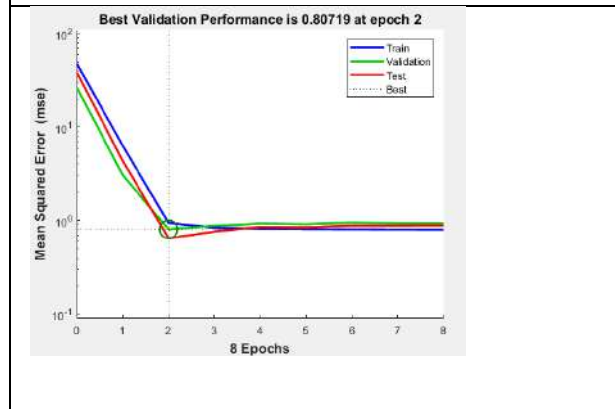
Figure 3: the best validation performance

Figure 4: Gradient Value of MH-LSTM
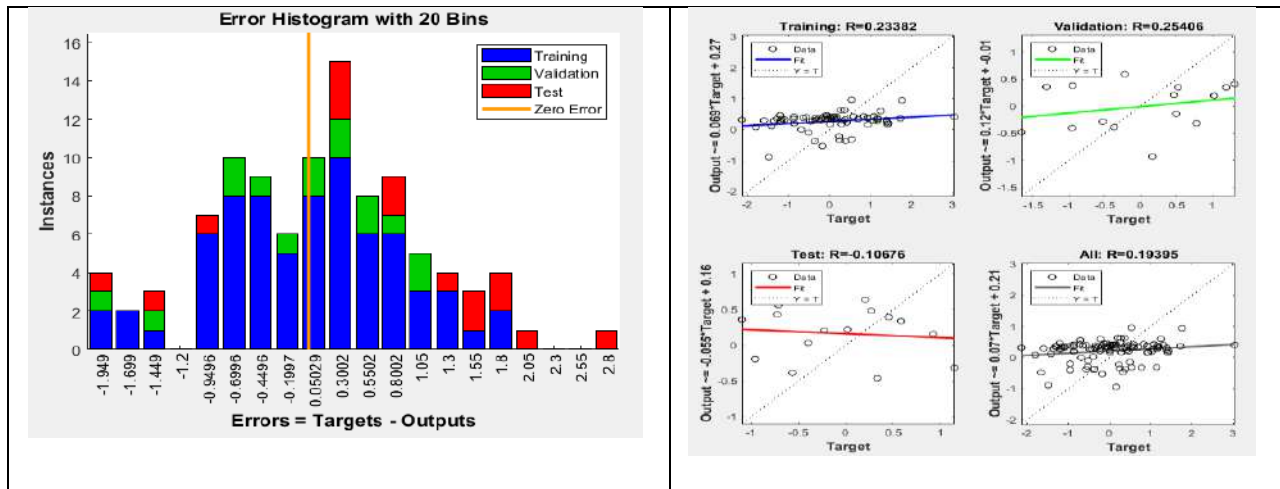
Figure 5: Histogram for MH-LSTM

Figure 6: Regression on MH-LSTM
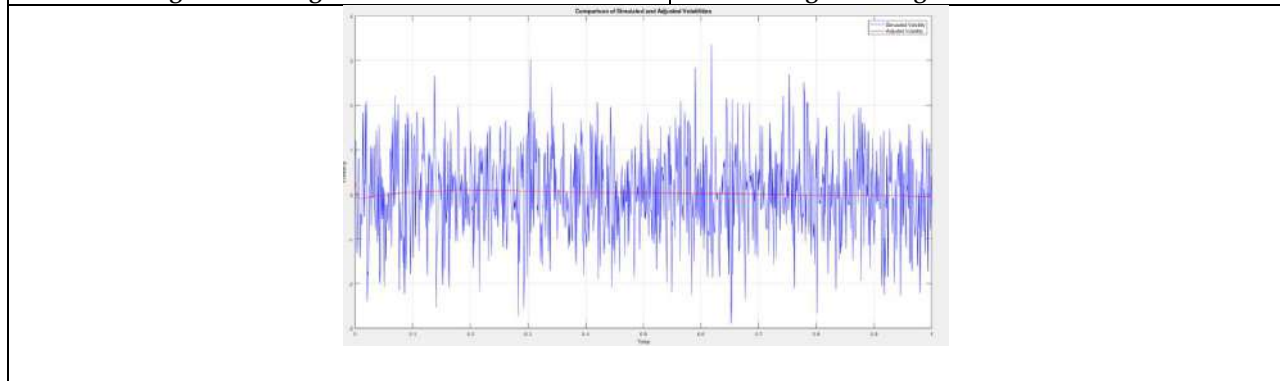
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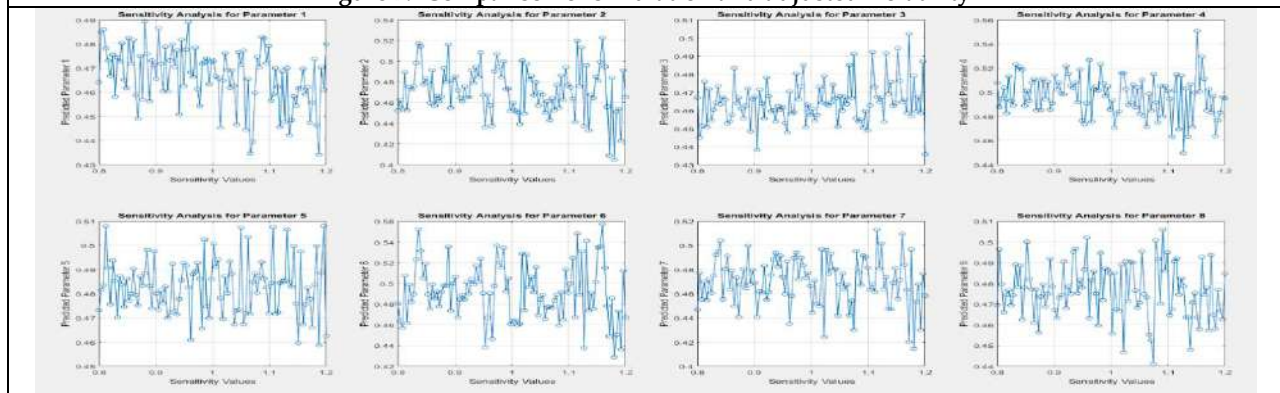
Figure 8: sensitivity analysis of the parameters

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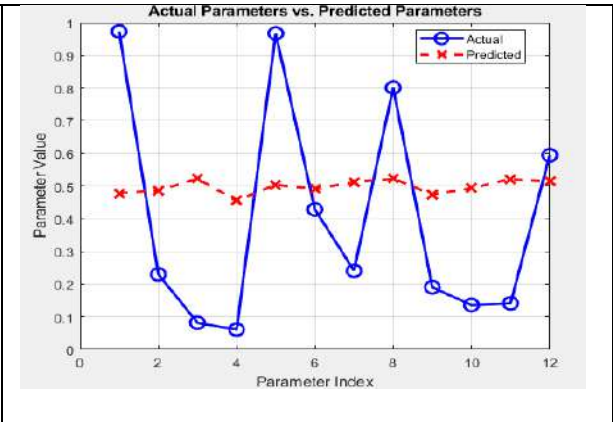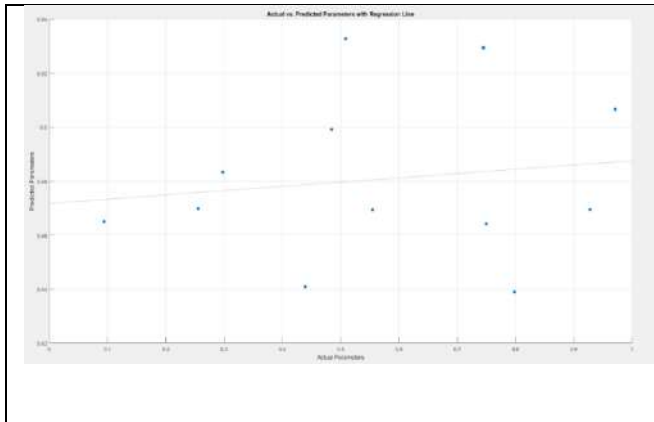
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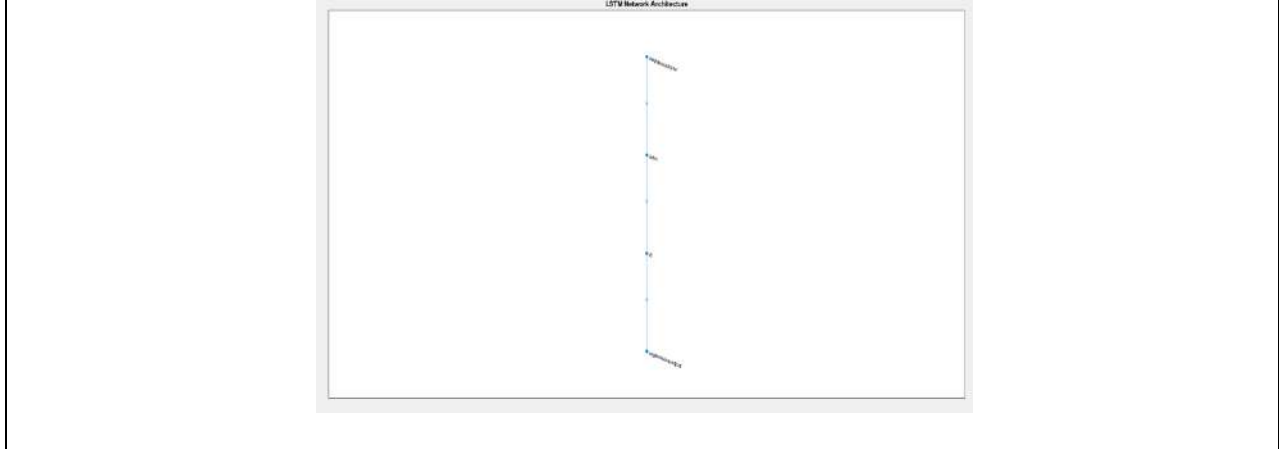
Figure 11: The LSTM network architecture

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Linear Programming Approach: Optimization of Profit and   Land Resource

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ABSTRACT

Allocating resources like land, fertilizer, crops, water, etc. requires a detailed farm plan. In this study, the LINEAR PROGRAMMING MODEL is used to identify crop combinations for a farmer in the Gurugram district of Haryana. This work provides a Linear Programming Model for RABI crops (Wheat, Mustard, and Barley (Joo)) and for KHARIF crops (Millet(bajra), radish, and rice). The optimal allocation of land is obtained with the use of MATLAB, which improves the quality of decisions. It was found that the profit can be increased by 24% for the RABI crop and 6.7% can be increased for the KHARIF crop. Also, a graph showing the comparison of the current situation and the optimal solution is shown (Fig. no.2 &3). To create the perfect model, some farm attributes—such as climate and market fluctuations—are kept constant.

Keywords: Linear programming, current situation, Optimal solution, Attributes, Market fluctuations, etc

INTRODUCTION

The agriculture sector plays a significant role in the social and economic development of India. Meeting the growing demands for food, feed, and fibre presents ever-greater challenges for agriculture, the foundation of our global economy. This vital industry that provides the majority of the world's food, faces the difficult task of balancing productivity and resource use in the face of changing social, economic, and environmental factors. As the study done by Joshi, A., Das, S., & VA seem, Mohd. [2] States that India's agricultural industry has numerous obstacles resulting from variables relating to markets, policies, the environment, and structure. The modern period of changing climatic circumstances and population expansion has made it essential to allocate resources optimally and maximize output.

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The optimal use of land and water resources is necessary for agricultural production. This means that a farm's resources must be distributed effectively. Choosing what to grow, when to plant it, what agricultural techniques are available, and how much is needed are tough decisions that farmers must make. The revolutionary potential of decision support systems in promoting sustainable development in the digital era and modernizing agricultural practices is highlighted by Zhai, Martínez, Beltran, and Martínez [10]. The financial and physical state of farms are taken into consideration when making decisions, but there is still a lot of uncertainty over this industry's planning horizon. Resources such as workers, seeds, manures, and fertilizers might have erratic production and pricing (Priya Priyadarshi and Purushothaman [8].

In order to make better decisions, allocate resources optimally, and increase the resilience, sustainability, and efficiency of agricultural systems, linear programming is essential. Its applications cover a wide range of management, policy, and production elements of agriculture and improve sustainable agriculture and rural development globally. This study sets out to investigate the use of linear programming, a mathematical method of optimization, in the field of agriculture. The work presented by N. A. Sofi, Aquil Ahmed, Mudasir Ahmad, and Bilal Ahmad Bhat [6]focuses on using linear programming (LP) as an approach to successfully handle these issues. Also, in a study of Senthilnathan S. [9] they highlighted the potential of linear programming models with the use of the MS Excel in optimizing crop selection and resource allocation in Central Greece. Based on mathematical modelling, linear programming offers a methodical way to make decisions. Majeke, F., Mubvuma, M. T., and Makaza, K. [3,4,5] worked to find the best crop combination for a rural farmer, a linear programming model was used for this study. The credit restriction was integrated into the linear programming paradigm. To maximize revenue was the goal. The objective of this work is to explore the various aspects of the linear programming approach in agriculture, clarifying its past development, present uses, and prospective future developments. Moreover, linear programming can assist in long-term planning and decision-making.

Long-term planning and decision-making can benefit from the use of linear programming. Farmers can predict future prices and demand by analysing market patterns and historical data. Alanoud and Farrukh [1]farmers can make proactive decisions on crop selection, planting schedules, and resource allocation by integrating these forecasts into the linear programming model. This will help them stay ahead of market fluctuations. The study by Poonia, Tonk, Bhatia, etc. all[7] provide a useful tool for improving farm profitability and sustainability in resource-constrained contexts by utilizing the power of linear programming.

We find the optimal solution understanding and utilizing the power of linear programming becomes essential for sustainable and effective agricultural practices in an era climate uncertainty and pressures from a growing global population need careful resource management. Therefore, this study's goals go beyond merely outlining its methods; they also include a sincere attempt to clarify the revolutionary role that linear programming can play in influencing how agriculture develops in the future. We find the optimal solution Understanding and utilizing the power of linear programming becomes essential for sustainable and effective agricultural practices in an era climate uncertainty and pressures from a growing global population need careful resource management. Therefore, this study's goals go beyond merely outlining its methods; they also include a sincere attempt to clarify the revolutionary role that linear programming can play in influencing how agriculture develops in the future.

An LP model was developed in this study to ascertain the best crop combination for a farmer in Gurugram district of Haryana, India. Wheat, Mustard and Barley (Joo) were the crops taken into account in Rabi season and Millet(bajra), radish and rice were the crops taken into account in Kharif season. The optimal solution to the problem is obtained using MATLAB. Our goal is to offer insightful information on the intricate dynamics involved in making agricultural decisions. Hence a comparison has also been done of the current situation and optimal solution suggested using LP Model with the help of MATLAB. This comparison is shown by the graph (Figure 2 and 3). The following diagram shows Optimization technique:

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METHODOLOGY

A linear programming with ''n`` decision variables and ''m`` constraints can be mathematically modelled as:

$$Z_{max} = c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + c_3 x_3 + \cdots \ldots \ldots \ldots c_n x_n$$
$$a_{11} x_1 + a_{12} x_2 + a_{13} x_3 + \cdots \ldots \ldots \ldots a_{1n} x_n \le b_1$$
$$a_{21} x_1 + a_{22} x_2 + a_{23} x_3 + \cdots \ldots \ldots \ldots a_{2n} x_n \le b_2$$
$$a_{m1} x_1 + a_{m2} x_2 + a_{m3} x_3 + \cdots \ldots \ldots \ldots a_{mn} x_n \le b_m$$
$$x_{ij} \ge 0 , j = 1 , 2 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots n$$

Data Collection

The data is collected from a small village farmer of the Gurugram district of Haryana for both the seasons, Kharif and Rabi. The crops sown by the farmer in Rabi season the crops are Wheat, Mustard, and Barley (Joo) whereas in the kharif season are Millet (Bajra), Rice, and Radish. Data regarding land allocation, man-days, costs, and the net return of each crop required for each crop is based on recent methodology used by the farmer for both seasons. The LP problem is solved by using "MATLAB", a computer programming platform.

The LP (linear programming) model is developed using exact data given by farmer to maximize the net return at the end of the Kharif and Rabi seasons.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The LP (linear programming) model is developed using exact data given by farmer to maximize the net return at the end of the Rabi and Kharif seasons.

RABI SEASON

Table **1** shows the farmer's cropping pattern (allocation of land, man-days, and operating capital required for the preparation of the crops). As the table shows the farmer uses a total of 40 acres of land for Wheat, Mustard, and Barley (Joo) with 500 total man-days and operating capital of rupees 550000 in the Rabi season which gives the net returns of 1666000 rupees. Also, as per the farmer's requirements, he needs at least 3 acres of land for wheat, at least 2 acres for mustard, and 2 acres of land for Barley.

In this scenario, the output of different crops serves as the objective function, while the land, man-days, and operating capitalrepresent the inequalities and the total requirement. Finding the ideal area for crops is now our goal.

LP model

$$Z_{max} = 50000 x_1 + 52000 x_2 + 48000 x_3$$
$$S.to. \quad x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \le 40$$
$$18000 x_1 + 14000 x_2 + 15000 x_3 \le 750000$$
$$11 x_1 + 4 x_2 + 11 x_3 \le 500$$
$$x_1 \ge 3, x_2 \ge 2, x_3 \ge 2$$
$$x_i \ge 0 , i = 1 , 2, 3$$

where x_1= acres of land allocated to Wheat
x_2 = acres of land allocated to Mustard
x_3= acres of land allocated to Barley

The LP model's recommended cropping pattern (Table 2) demonstrates that returns can be increased by allocating 3 acres of land to Wheat,35 acres to Mustard, and 2 acres of land to Barley. Hence according to the cropping pattern recommended by the LP model planting more Mustard on available land can increase returns. Since the land allocation in the LP model is different from land allocation by the farmer, so Man-days and Costs will also vary accordingly.

Thus, it is evident from the comparison graph and table that the cropping pattern suggested by the LP model can raise the net return by 24%.

KHARIF SEASON

The farmer planted Millet (Bajra), rice, and Radish as their crops. Table 3 shows that the average amount of resources available was 32 acres of land. The farmer leaves 8 acres of vacant land as fallow land,800 man-days, and 300000 rupees in operating capital during the Kharif season. Planning an appropriate farming pattern was intended to increase yields relative to the current net average return of farmers, which was rupees 1867800.Also, the farmer requires at least 10 acres of land for Millet (Bajra), at least 5 acres of land for Rice, and at least 5 acres of land for Radish.

LP Model

$$Z_{max} = 35000x_1 + 70400x_2 + 85000x_3$$
$$S.to. \ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 32$$
$$15000x_1 + 28000x_2 + 33400x_3 \leq 950000$$
$$15x_1 + 25x_2 + 40x_3 \leq 800$$
$$x_1 \geq 10, x_2 \geq 5, x_3 \geq 5$$
$$x_i \geq 0, i = 1,2,3$$

where x_1=acres of land allocated to Millet (Bajra)
x_2=acres of land allocated to Rice
x_3=acres of land allocated to Radish

The LP model's recommended cropping pattern (Table 5) demonstrates that returns can be increased by allocating 10 acres of land to Millet (Bajra) ,15.34 acres to Rice and 6.67acres of land to Radish. Since the land allocation in LP model is different from land allocation by farmer, so Man-days and Costs will also vary accordingly**.** Thus, it is evident from the comparison graph and table that the cropping pattern suggested by the LP model can raise the net return by 6.7%.

CONCLUSIONS

An LP model that establishes the ideal crop combination for the Rabi and Kharif seasons for a small farmer in the Gurugram district of Haryana is created in this study. Crops considered in the Rabi season are Wheat, Mustard, and Barley (Joo) whereas Crops considered in the Kharif season are Millet (Bajra), Rice, and Radish. For Rabi Season planting the LP model suggests planting more Mustard will increase the net returns by up to 24% and for the Kharif season planting more Rice on available land can increase net returns by up to 6.7%.

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Table 1: Farmer's methodology

Crops	Land(acres)	Man-days (days/acres)	Operating Capital (rupees/ acres)	Output (rupees/ acres)
Wheat	22	11	18000	50000
Mustard	13	4	14000	52000
Barley	5	11	15000	48000
Total	40	500	750000	

The net return = 1666000

Table 2: The Cropping Schedule as recommended by the LP Model

Crops	Land(acre)
Wheat	3
Mustard	35
Barley	2
Total	40

The net return = 2066000

Table 3: Comparison of Farmer's allocation and LP model allocation

Crops	Land(acres) allocation by Farmer	Land(acres) allocation by LP model
Wheat	22	3
Mustard	13	35
Barley	5	2
Total	40	40

Table 4:Farmer's methodology

Crops	Land(acres)	Man-days (days/acres)	Operating capital (rupees/ acres)	Output (rupees/ acres)
Millet (Bajra)	15	15	15000	35000
Rice	7	25	28000	70400

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Radish	10	40	33400	85000
Total	32	800	950000	

The net return = 1867000

Table 5: The cropping schedule as recommended by the LP model

Crops	Land(acres)
Millet	10
Rice	15.34
Radish	6.67
Total	32

The Net Return =1996000

Table 6: Comparison of Farmer's allocation and LP model allocation

Crops	Land (acres) allocation by Farmer	Land (acres) allocation by LP Model
Millet (Bajra)	15	10
Rice	7	15.34
Radish	10	6.67
Total	32	32

Figure 1: Optimization Model	Figure 2: Comparison of Land allocation

Figure 3: Comparison of land allocation

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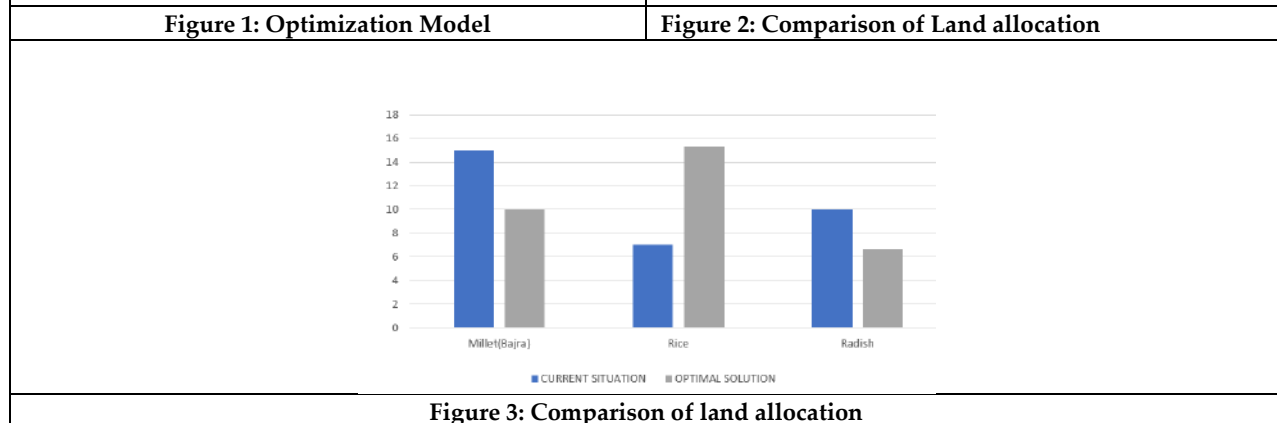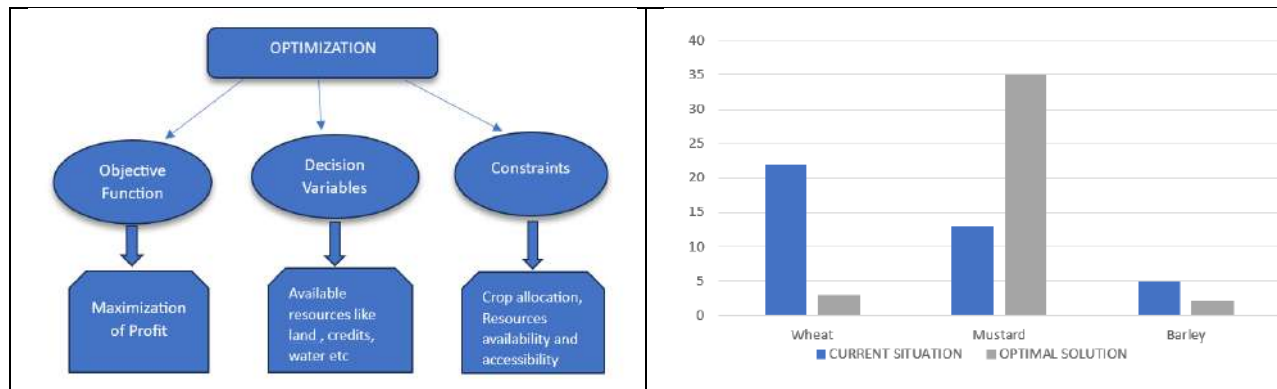
Predicting Flight Fares with Machine Learning: A Comprehensive Study

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ABSTRACT

Our project aims to develop a Flight Fare Prediction system using machine learning techniques. Air fare price increase decrease every day. The fluctuating nature of flight fares is a challenge for travelers who are often uncertain about when to book their tickets to get the best possible prices. By analyzing historical flight data we applying advanced machine learning algorithms, the proposed system aims to provide accurate predictions of future flight prices. The system utilizes historical flight data and advanced algorithms to accurately predict future flight prices. By considering factors such as airline, route, and departure time, the system provides users with valuable insights to help them make informed decisions on when to book their flights. The system is designed to be user-friendly, incorporating real-time data and allowing users to compare fare options and optimize their travel budget. The project aims to enhance the accuracy of fare predictions, benefiting both individual travelers and travel agencies.

Keywords: Flight Fare Prediction, Machine Learning, Historical Data, Feature selection, Prediction model.

INTRODUCTION

In the world of air travel, finding the best flight fares has always been a challenge for travelers. The constant fluctuation in prices, and complex airline pricing models, and it difficult to determine the optimal time to book a flight. The Flight Fare Prediction, traveller's now have a powerful tool to secure the most cost-effective fares. Flight Fare Prediction is a revolutionary technology that leverages advanced algorithms and data analytics to forecast future flight prices. By analyzing historical data, market trends, and a multitude of influencing factors, Flight Fare Prediction models can generate accurate predictions and provide valuable insights into the pricing patterns of airline

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tickets. With Flight Fare Prediction, traveller's gain the advantage of making informed decisions about their flight bookings. and randomly searching for the best deals, they can utilize data-driven predictions to strategically plan their travel and secure the most affordable fares. The benefits of Flight Fare Prediction go beyond predicting future prices. These powerful algorithms also provide travelers with valuable information on when to book, which airlines to consider, and even alternative travel dates or routes that may offer better deals. Such insights allow travelers to explore various options and make choices that align with their preferences and budgetary constraints. Moreover, Flight Fare Prediction is not limited to short-term forecasts. It can also provide long-term predictions, helping travelers plan their trips well in advance. Whether it for a vacation, a business trip, or a special occasion, having visibility into future fare trends allows traveller's to proactively plan their travel arrangements, and take advantage of early discounts. Pavithra Maria K, and Anitha K L [6] explained how to predict flight prices by using Machine Learning Techniques, Neel Bhosale et.al. [1] worked on flight fare prediction using machine learning, Jaywrat Singh et. A. [2] wrote a proposal on Indian flight fare prediction. Juhar Ahmed Abdella et. al. [5] surveyed airline ticket price and demand prediction, Zhichao Zhao et. al. [3] worked on civil airline fare prediction with a multi-attribute dual-stage attention mechanism, and Pavithra Maria K, Anithasss K L[4] analyzed how to make Flight Price Prediction for Users by Machine Learning Techniques. In this paper, we built an ML model that predicts flight fare prices based on various independent features, using a dataset of flight fare prices from Kaggle.com. The dataset includes prices for various airlines and cities between January and April 2023. The prediction results can be beneficial for both travelers. Who can use it to make informed decisions about decisions about their travel, and for airlines, who can use it to forecast competitors' rates and adjust their pricing strategies to maximize revenue while remaining competitive.

METHODOLOGY

The implementation methodology for flight fare prediction using machine learning typically involves several key steps. Here is a generalized outline of the process:

Data collection: We Collected our data of the Flight dataset from Kaggle.com.
Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA): During the Exploratory Data Analysis stage, we removed duplicate and null values from the dataset. The model's accuracy would decrease if redundant and null values are not removed. It is to gain insights into the dataset. This includes visualizing the data, analyzing feature, identifying correlations between variables, and handling missing or erroneous data. The exploratory analysis helps in understanding the dataset and identifying patterns that can be used for feature engineering.

Feature Engineering: For this One, categorical values are converted using One hot-coding and in our dataset available categorical and numerical data in any variable we use label coding techniques into values that convert the data into numerical that can be recognized by the model. it is an important project, involving the transformation and creation of meaningful features. Techniques such as one-hot encoding, ordinal encoding, feature scaling, and creation of interaction or time- based features are applied to enhance the predictive power of the model. The data for every feature is retrieved, including the days and months from the trip's date in integer format and the minutes and hours from the departure time. Destination features were of the categorical kind, therefore they had to be converted to values.

Model Selection and Training: The Machine Learning Algorithms are trained on the historical flight data, using a portion of the dataset for training and the remainder for evaluation and split the dataset into training and validation sets. The typical split is around 80-20% for training and the remaining for validation. After pre-processing dataset in python with the help of pandas we train and test the dataset and we apply 80/20 rule in dataset. Splitting dataset in 80/20 rule means we split 80 % data for training and 20% data split for Testing. With the help of sklearn model.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The Overall Prediction depends on the dataset. First, we check the dataset through different methods. Now we handle in our dataset null values, outliers, categorical data, numerical data and also do train and test with our dataset.

After doing EDA process We will do through Graph Analysis

- Here We can see which day Passengers most prefer Flight in a week.
- Here we Check Which Airline Flight Price is High.
- Here We can see all the state have almost similar price based on source. And some outlier in
- Ahmedabad and Mumbai.
- Here we can see which day and which Airlines Passenger used high.
- Here we check which day how many Passengers used which particular class.
- After done all the EDA process we apply Predictive Model in Further.

CONCLUSION

After doing all the pre-processing we can do a Graph Analysis with our data and we can see that on weekdays 16% of Passengers can travel on Monday and it is the highest percentage of rest days. We can see that the highest Airline Fare is Vistara. This airline's fare goes to 14000 and the rest airlines' Fares will be less than Vistara Airline. We can see state-wise flight Fare but we can see all the states have almost similar prices based on source. And some outliers in Ahmedabad and Mumbai. we want to see which day and which airline Passengers used most so after doing graph analysis we can see that the highest preference Airline by passengers is Vistara Airlines. The highest class Preferred by Passengers is Economy Class. The graph analysis concludes that Vistara performs better on weekday passenger, fare, State fare, and Class in these parameters Vistara Airlines performs better than other airlines.

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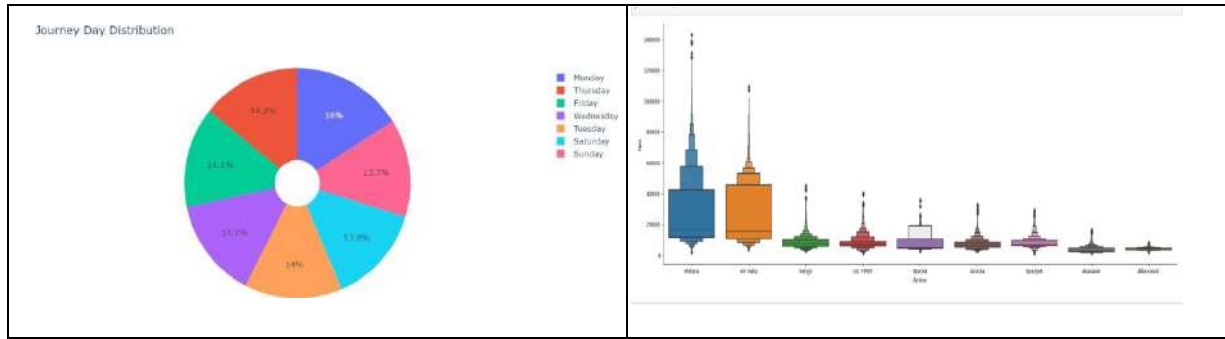
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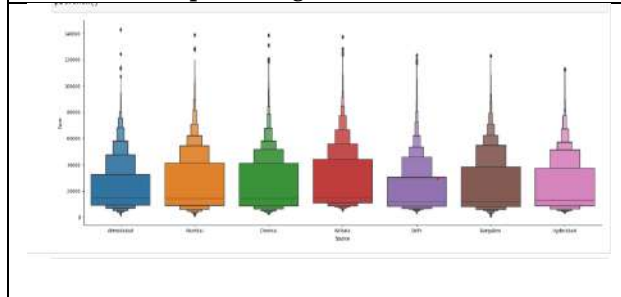
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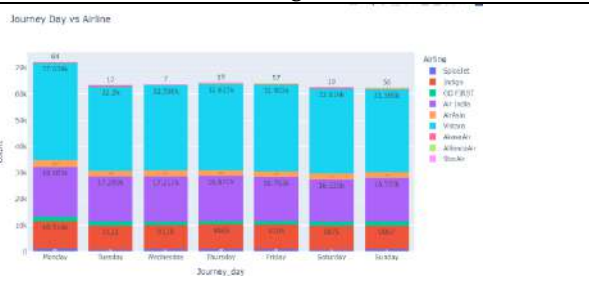
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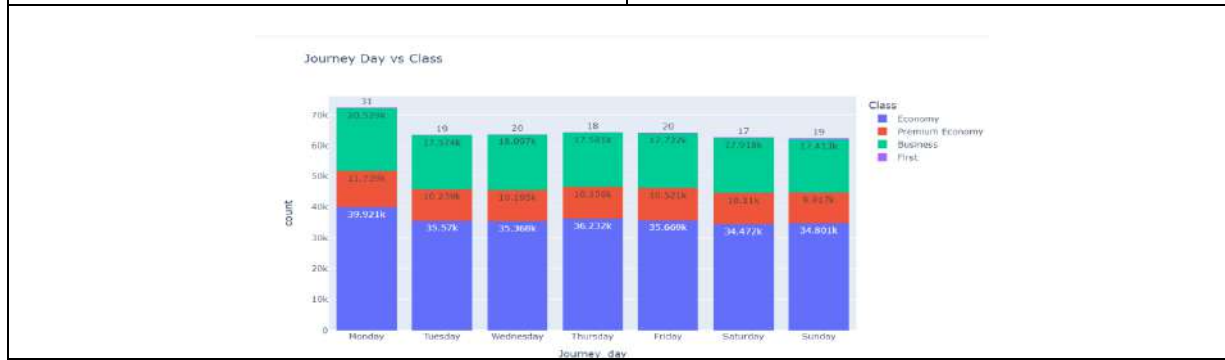
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Data-Driven Urban Futures: The Architectural Evolution of Indian Smart Cities through IoT and Big Data Innovation

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores the confluence of Internet of Things (IoT) and Big Data in the environment of smart metropolises, examining their collaborative impact on civic development and governance. As metropolises worldwide strive to come smarter and further sustainable, the infusion of IoT technologies enables the flawless integration of physical and digital architectures. This integration generates vast datasets, which, when exercised through Big Data analytics, give practicable perceptively for civic itineraries and policymakers. This paper reviews the current geography of IoT - enabled smart metropolises, emphasizing the interconnectedness of bias, systems, and citizens. It investigates the transformative eventuality of Big Data analytics in processing and interpreting the wealth of information generated by IoT bias, easing informed decision-making and optimizing resource utilization. Our study, as outlined in this paper, encompasses an introductory environment for the integration of a different array of services within smart metropolises. Also, we endorse for the perpetration of intelligent governance in megacity administration through multilevel Smart City frame.

Keywords: Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data Analytics, Sustainable development, Smart City

INTRODUCTION

Smart cities embody a transformative shift in the landscape of urban development, marking a departure from traditional models and embracing a new era characterized by the integration of advanced technologies. This paradigm shift is propelled by a collective ambition to elevate the efficiency, sustainability, and overall quality of life within urban environments. At the core of smart cities is a sophisticated network of interconnected digital infrastructure. This infrastructure serves as the foundation for a multitude of cutting-edge technologies seamlessly woven into the urban fabric.[2] The integration of these technologies is not merely a pursuit of innovation for its own sake but a strategic response to the intricate challenges posed by modern urban living.

One of the key pillars supporting smart cities is the Internet of Things (IoT), a dynamic network of interconnected devices and sensors that continuously collect and exchange real-time data. This vast network facilitates a comprehensive understanding of the city's dynamics, from traffic patterns and energy consumption to environmental conditions. The result is a wealth of information that can be harnessed to inform and guide urban policies and initiatives. Furthermore, smart cities thrive on the application of data-driven solutions. The copious amounts of data generated by the interconnected infrastructure are subjected to sophisticated analytics. This analytical process not only identifies patterns and trends but also empowers city administrators to make informed decisions. From optimizing resource allocation to predicting and preventing urban challenges, data-driven insights form the backbone of a smart city's strategic approach.

Urban challenges, such as traffic congestion, environmental degradation, and inefficient resource use, are met head-on through innovative technologies. Smart transportation systems, for instance, introduce real-time traffic management and intelligent transit networks to alleviate congestion and promote sustainable mobility options. Similarly, sustainability takes center stage, with green building practices, renewable energy integration, and efficient waste management systems contributing to a reduced environmental footprint. Crucially, the concept of smart cities extends beyond technological advancements to encompass holistic improvements in the quality of urban life. E-governance platforms usher in a new era of citizen-centric services, fostering transparency, engagement, and accessibility to various public amenities. Safety and security are augmented by advanced surveillance systems that not only monitor but also respond to incidents in real-time, enhancing public well-being. The evolution of smart cities represents a profound re imagining of urban living. By embracing interconnected technologies, data-driven decision-making, and a commitment to sustainability, smart cities endeavor to create resilient, efficient, and livable urban landscapes that respond adeptly to the demands of the contemporary world and lay the groundwork for a sustainable and vibrant urban future. [Fig.1 Smart city]

RESEARCH BACKGROUND

SMART CITY LITERATURE

Due to the relatively recent emergence of the smart city concept, a majority of current studies have been undertaken, investigating cases from a wide array of countries and cities. Consequently, diverse interpretations of what constitutes a smart city have emerged. Recent research on smart cities is ongoing and continuously contributes to the evolving understanding of this innovative urban paradigm. In[7], The study touches on architectural elements and the incorporation of sustainable practices as it examines the difficulties and potential prospects of smart cities in India. In [8], The survey of the literature addresses a number of topics related to smart cities in India, offering insights into the technology applications and architectural factors to be taken into account. In[9], This article examines how smart cities and Digital India connect in the context of urban sustainability, talking about how technological integration affects architecture. In[10], This paper provides an overview of India's Smart Cities Mission and provides insights into the architectural aspects of the program, including urban planning and technology integration. In [11], Studies that provide a thorough analysis and evaluation of India's smart city projects also address the architectural elements and execution issues.

In [14] The paper discusses the applications and architectural framework while delving into the notions of IoT evolution and its developmental milestones. In Summary, it can be observed from the literature review and analysis of related work that the evolution of smart cities in India is a complex fusion of technology, policies, and societal needs. Success in this evolution demands a holistic approach that blends technological innovation with a strong focus on citizens. This balance is vital to address India's diverse socio-economic landscape and pave the way for sustainable development. As India advances its smart city initiatives, it's crucial to prioritize citizen-centric solutions while harnessing technology for efficient urban management and environmental conservation. Overcoming challenges such as data security, digital literacy, and infrastructure gaps requires tailored policies and robust governance structures that align with sustainability goals. Adaptability to changing dynamics and responsiveness to local requirements will be a key aspect in shaping India's smart cities towards sustainability. Embracing innovation and community involvement, while integrating green initiatives and eco-friendly practices, will pave the way for inclusive, sustainable, and resilient urban environments across the country."

SUPPORTING TECHNIQUES FOR SMART CITY
IoT IN SMART SIZE
Kevin Ashton, co-founder of the Auto-ID Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), opined that the concept of the Internet of Things(IoT) did indeed emerge around 1999, and it refers to "the idea of connecting everyday physical objects to the internet", allowing them to collect and exchange data. The main idea was to use radio-frequency identification (RFID) and sensor technologies to enable objects to be identified and managed remotely.[15] The Internet of Things (IoT) is the fundamental component of the modern smart city, enabling artificial intelligence and big data analytics for smart city operations. IoT allows for the observation, collection, and analysis of data from multiple sectors as well as the remote updating of IoT sensors with the most recent software. Utilizing cutting-edge ultramodern hardware network infrastructure comprised of digital devices, the smart city is intricately linked with its physical counterpart. The entirety of digital devices within the city is interconnected through the Internet of Things (IoT) and Cloud Computing platform. This platform manages extensive data storage, computation, analysis, and decision-making processes, executing automated tasks and desired actions based on the outcomes of those analyses and decisions.

Numerous sectors, including transportation, healthcare, industrial automation, emergency response, agriculture, manufacturing etc., use the Internet of Things. IoT can significantly contribute to ensuring the provision of needed smart services. [1] IoT sensors can be set up in a smart city setting to track a variety of environmental factors, such as smoke, parking lot activity, fire detection, trash management, and many more. In order to effectively administer and manage a smart city, this article aims to make it easier for smart city to use analytics and deal with the associated enormous data sets. On the other hand, the architecture offers a complete design for real-time administration and analyses of massive amounts of IoT data from diverse IoT sensors.

BIG DATA IN SMART CITY
The big data concept's greatest strength is unquestionably its enormous impact on many facets of a smart city and, by extension, on people's lives. [17] Since 2010, the annual volume of data generated has increased. Recent estimates state that every day, 328.77 million terabytes of data are created, as stated in [16]. As a result, numerous governments have begun to use big data to aid in the growth and sustainability of smart cities globally. This made it possible for cities to uphold the fundamental qualities of smart cities while also fulfilling the criteria, tenets, and requirements of the applications of smart cities. These qualities include resilience, sustainability, governance, improved quality of life, and wise use of natural resources and urban infrastructure. The smart city has well-defined elements, including people, mobility, governance, and the environment. It also has applications and services that include energy, healthcare, transportation, and smart education. [18] Big data systems will efficiently store, process, and mine information from smart city applications to generate insights that will improve various smart city services. Big data will also assist decision-makers in making plans for future growth in smart city services, resources, or domains.

The primary advantage of smart city applications lies in their ability to generate substantial amounts of data across various sectors such as traffic, energy, education, healthcare, and manufacturing, in diverse formats. This data is consistently produced and collected in significant quantities, offering a real-time depiction of city activities. To ensure the optimal and meaningful utilization of this data within smart city applications, it is crucial to implement appropriate and efficient big data management tools. Big data management encompasses the development and execution of architectures, policies, practices, and procedures that effectively oversee the entire data lifecycle, addressing its needs throughout its utilization in smart city applications.[19] Given that the data originates from diverse sources in different formats, there is a necessity for advanced data management functionalities that can identify various data formats and sources. This includes structuring, managing, classifying, and controlling the different types and structures of data. Moreover, big data management for smart city applications should offer scalable capabilities to handle massive data, supporting both offline applications and low-latency processing to effectively serve real-time applications. This underscores the necessity for scalable and dependable software and hardware platforms. Smart city software platforms should possess high-performance computing capabilities, optimization for the specific hardware in use, stability, and reliability for diverse data-intensive applications. They should also support stream processing, exhibit high levels of fault resilience, and be backed by a well-trained and proficient team and vendor.

Given the large-scale and heterogeneous nature of big data smart city applications, adopting an open standard for their design and implementation becomes advantageous. This approach adds flexibility for upgrades, maintenance, and the incorporation of additional features into smart city applications. Furthermore, it facilitates seamless integration between smart city components and big data elements. Establishing standard rules for new applications is crucial to ensuring easy integration between existing smart city infrastructure and the introduction of new big data applications. This necessitates a comprehensive study of government entities, stakeholders, and infrastructure to assess their readiness for inclusion in a future smart city. [Fig.2 IoT System]

CLOUD COMPUTING IN SMART CITY
In cloud computing, the word "cloud" refers to the physical clouds that hold water molecules. The user has unrestricted access to cloud computing modalities at any time. When it comes to cloud computing internet services, users typically would rather employ a mediator than build their own physical infrastructure. Reducing the workload in cloud computing can be achieved by shifting the workload. Because the cloud's networks handle a lot of the work, local computers don't experience heavy loading times when using apps. As a result, there are fewer requirements for users' hardware and software. Our only requirement for using cloud computing is a web browser. All we have to do is use a web browser such as Chrome and cloud computing. Three services are provided by cloud computing, Software as a Service (SaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS) and Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS).[20]

A key component in the creation and execution of smart city projects is cloud computing. Utilizing information and communication technology, smart cities improve sustainability, efficiency, and the standard of living for their citizens. Cloud platforms offer economical and scalable options for handling and storing the enormous volumes of data produced by sensors, devices, and systems in smart cities. Data from environmental sensors, traffic monitoring, surveillance cameras, and other sources are included in this. Processing and analysis of massive datasets produced by smart city components are made possible by cloud-based analytics solutions. This makes it easier to extract insightful information that can help with decision-making in areas like energy efficiency, trash management, and traffic management.

Cloud computing is beneficial for Internet of Things (IoT) devices, which are essential to smart cities. IoT devices may be seamlessly integrated and communicated with one another thanks to cloud platforms, facilitating real-time data sharing and coordinated activities. Advanced security measures are frequently provided by cloud providers, which helps allay worries about the security and privacy of data from smart cities. Sensitive data is protected in part via authentication, encryption, and other security procedures. By removing the need for substantial physical infrastructure and lowering the costs of operating on-premises data centers, cloud computing enables smart cities to maximize their

financial resources. Pay-as-you-go approaches allow for efficient use of resources. Furthermore, cloud computing makes it possible to provide personalized, quick, and easy-to-use interactive services. It is not necessary for users of cloud computing to be familiar with operating systems, databases, software platforms, hardware, data center locations, software suppliers, or service methodologies. [Fig.3 Implementation of Sensor and Cloud Platform]

EVOLUTIONS OF SMART CITIES

"One country to another country" and "one city to another city" are not the same as the concept of a smart city. Smart city development is reliant on a nation's level of development as well as its financial and political resolve to alter and reform the urban structure. The goal of urban planners is to build the urban ecosystem, which is defined by the four pillars of comprehensive development: institutional, physical, social, and economic infrastructure. On the other hand, the long-term objective of smart cities is to create extensive infrastructure with the addition of "smartness" layers that satisfy the wants and ambitions of the populace.

SMART CITY INDIAN SCENARIO

The process of peripheral development, which sees larger villages and smaller municipalities surrounding the core city merge into the larger metropolitan area, is primarily responsible for the growth of Indian cities. Additionally, the number of cities having a population of one million or more in 1951 increased to 53 in 2011, indicating that our cities have been rising in terms of population. The Indian government has made it its goal to promote technology that produces intelligent outcomes and to raise the standard of living for its citizens through local area development. The smart city mission involved the selection of about 100 cities. These cities received support in forging their own identities and fostering their cultures.

The mission was initiated on June 25, 2015. This initiative was started by the Indian Prime Minister, and its effective execution is the responsibility of the Union Ministry of Urban Development.   Almost 11% of all projects in 2019 have been successful. Of the 6939 projects started in 2022, about 3577 were finished. The following are the main developmental components that have been applied in a smart city. [Fig.4 Smart City Core Developmental elements]

FINANCING OF THE SMART CITIES MISSION

State governments and urban local bodies (ULBs) will have to match the funds provided by the federal government to carry out the initiatives included in the Smart City Proposal under the Smart Cities Mission, a centrally supported effort.[22] [Table 1 Smart city Budget and Timeline]

LIST OF SMART CITY

Through a four-round City Challenge Process, all 100 smart cities had been selected. [22]
1. 20 Smart Cities selected in Round 1 in January 2016
2. 13 Smart Cities were selected in Fast Track Round in May 2016
3. 27 Smart Cities selected in Round 2 in September 2016
4. 30 Smart Cities selected in Round 3 in June 2017 and
5. 10 Smart Cities selected in Round 4 in January/June 2018
[Table 2 Smart city list]

CONCLUSION

In this study, this exploration delves into the synergy between IoT and Big Data in Indian smart cities, showcasing their impact on civic development. Large-scale datasets are produced by the smooth merging of digital and physical infrastructures made possible by IoT integration. Using big data analytics gives policymakers insights they may use to make decisions. Critical roles are played by supporting technologies including cloud computing, big data, and IoT. Budget allocations for the Smart Cities Mission have increased over time, demonstrating a long-term

commitment supported by collaborative financing. The list of smart cities highlights sustainability and citizen-centric solutions, indicating a national effort.

In conclusion, India is still in the process of developing smart cities, which calls for cooperation, flexibility, and an emphasis on the welfare of the populace. Urban ecosystems that are resilient, sustainable, and inclusive can be created through the integration of IoT and Big Data, which is facilitated by cloud computing. India's urban future will be shaped by its dedication to innovation and environmental preservation as it moves forward with its smart city plans.

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Table 1 Smart city Budget and Timeline

YEAR	BUDGET
2015	2,020 crore (US$250 million)
2016	3,215 crore (US$400 million)
2017	4,000 crore (US$500 million)
2018	6,169 crore (US$770 million)
2019	6,450 crore (US$810 million)
2020	6,136 crore (US$770 million)
2021	6,118 crore (US$770 million)
2023	14,100 crore (US$1.8 billion)

Table 2 Smart city list

STATE	COUNT	CITES
Uttar Pradesh	13	Agra, Aligarh, Bareilly, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Kanpur, Lucknow, Meerut, Moradabad, Prayagraj, Rampur, Raebareli, Saharanpur, Varanasi
Tamil Nadu	12	Chennai, Coimbatore, Dindigul, Erode, Madurai, Salem, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur, Vellore
Maharashtra	8	Amravati, Aurangabad, Kalyan-Dombivali, Nagpur, Nashik, Pune, Solapur, Thane,
Karnataka	7	Belagavi, Bengaluru, Davanagere, Hubbali-Dharwad, Mangaluru, Shimoga, Tumakuru,
Madhya Pradesh	7	Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur, Sagar, Satna, Ujjain,
Gujarat	6	Ahmedabad, Dahod, Gandhinagar, Rajkot, Surat, Vadodara
Andhra Pradesh	4	Amaravati, Kakinada, Tirupati, Visakhapatnam
Bihar	4	Bhagalpur, Biharsharif, Muzaffarpur, Patna
Rajasthan	4	Ajmer, Jaipur, Kota, Udaipur
Chhattisgarh	3	Bilaspur, Naya Raipur, Raipur
Punjab	3	Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana
Kerala	2	Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram
Haryana	2	Faridabad, Karnal
Odisha	2	Bhubaneshwar, Rourkela
Sikkim	2	Gangtok, Namchi
Telangana	2	Karimnagar, Warangal
Arunachal Pradesh	1	Pasighat
Assam	1	Guwahati
Goa	1	Panaji
Himachal Pradesh	1	Dharamshala
Jharkhand	1	Ranchi
Manipur	1	Imphal
Meghalaya	1	Shillong

Mizoram	1	Aizawl
Nagaland	1	Kohima
Tripura	1	Agartala
Uttarakhand	1	Dehradun
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	Port Blair
Chandigarh	1	Chandigarh
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1	Silvassa
Daman and Diu	1	Diu
Delhi	1	New Delhi
Jammu and Kashmir	1	Srinagar
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Puducherry	1	Oulgaret
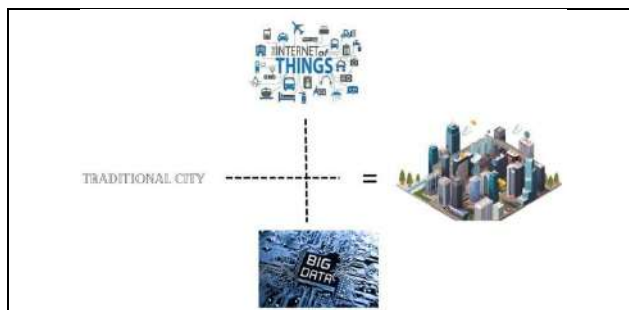
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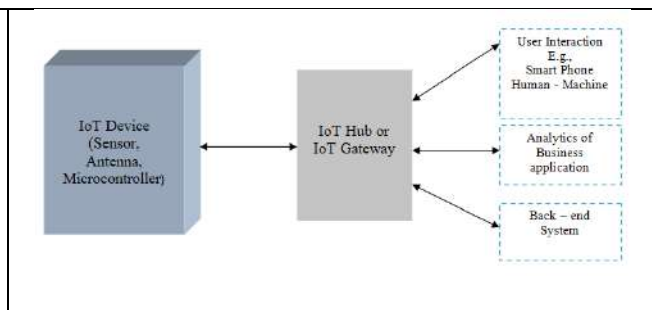
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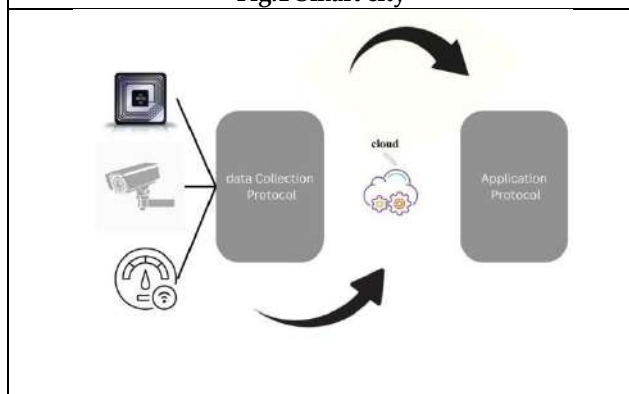
Fig.3 Implementation of Sensor and Cloud Platform

Fig.4 Smart City Core Developmental elements

RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Novel Multimodal-Imaging based Approach for Early Detection of Glaucoma using Deep Learning Techniques

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ABSTRACT

Glaucoma damages the optic nerve and is the second leading cause of blindness worldwide. Thus, early, and efficient glaucoma detection has become paramount. Existing literature has utilized only fundus or OCT images for detection which can lead to inaccurate diagnosis. Hence, the objective of this research is to present a framework for the detection of Glaucoma using both fundus and OCT images. In this work, the extracted ROI from fundus images was used for classification. Furthermore, few-shot learning was employed to detect glaucoma from OCT images. The outcomes of these models are weighted and averaged to produce the final probability of glaucoma presence. Experimental results show that the proposed ROI extraction with classification for fundus images achieves an improvement in accuracy of 2.64% when compared to existing work. The few-shot learning model for OCT images showed a 9% improvement in accuracy when compared to state-of-the-art feature extraction with classification methods.

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INTRODUCTION

Glaucoma is an eye disease that occurs due to the build-up of pressure in the optic nerve. Due to excessive build-up of a fluid called aqueous humor, it compresses the optic nerve thereby increasing the intraocular pressure in the eye. Some chronic health conditions such as diabetes and increased blood pressure might lead to glaucoma. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), around 12 million people in India suffer from glaucoma which is the second most common cause of blindness. Therefore, it is essential to detect it as early as possible to prevent loss of vision. Glaucoma was primarily detected by analyzing patient history, physical examination of the eye, and tonometry. Modern technological developments led to the invention of fundus cameras and Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) machines, which made the process of glaucoma detection more efficient and accurate. A fundus image shows a wide-angle top-down view of the retina, providing a good view of the topmost retinal layer. The image is captured using a fundus camera, which utilizes a light source to illuminate the fundus and capture the image. On the other hand, an OCT image is formed by utilizing certain light waves to create a 3D representation of the retina by capturing various cross-section images. Due to the nature of the process, the thickness of all individual layers of the retina will be visible in OCT images. Though these methods have increased efficiency, manual intervention by ophthalmologist experts is still required for diagnosis. The efficiency can be improved even more by utilizing image processing and Artificial Intelligence. The availability of high-quality fundus and OCT images led to great advancements in glaucoma detection using image processing techniques. These techniques were utilized to extract certain parameters from fundus images. The size of the optic nerve head, as analyzed from the cup-to-disc ratio, as well as the shape and the contour of the optic cup and disc, can provide indicators of glaucoma presence.

Similarly, the thickness of the retinal nerve fiber layer can be evaluated from OCT images to detect the presence of glaucoma. Another image processing method such as texture analysis can detect changes in retinal tissue and the pattern of blood vessels, which can suggest the presence of glaucoma. Various methods to detect glaucoma from fundus and OCT images have been developed using machine learning algorithms. Fundus images provide significant features indicating glaucoma such as the cup-to-disc ratio, cup volume, and rim volume. However, OCT images contain other important features such as the macular thickness and structural changes in the Optic Nerve Head (ONH) and the Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer (RNFL). Given either a fundus or OCT image, the extracted features can be fed into machine learning models for classification. As handcrafted feature extraction is required for machine learning algorithms, there was a need to automate this process and choose the best features. Deep learning techniques can be used to learn diverse and important features directly from raw image data without separate feature extraction. Deep learning algorithms can extract features automatically from input images and perform data classification. These models need to be trained on very large datasets owing to the sheer number of parameters to be tuned for classification. Thus, the availability of training data is crucial to ensure good accuracy. Due to the above reasons, traditional deep learning methods will not be suitable for cases with a lesser amount of training data. Therefore, it became a necessity to devise a deep learning technique that can work with smaller amounts of data without compromising accuracy. Thus few-shot learning [20] was invented, which is a supervised learning technique that requires only a small number of images for classification. This technique aims to detect similarities between pairs of images so that it can generalize for unseen classes. This property of few-shot learning techniques makes it possible to achieve high accuracy despite the unavailability of large amounts of training data. The importance of timely diagnosis of diseases is significant to maintain a better quality of health. Current methods for the classification of glaucoma have various limitations which render them less accurate. The volume of people who are diagnosed with glaucoma daily is huge in scenarios such as eye camps. The availability of an automated system with high accuracy would aid doctors in fast diagnosis and timely treatment. Most of the existing work performed for the detection of glaucoma has incorporated only fundus images. While predicting the presence of glaucoma during its early stages, it is possible that the fundus images might not show structural changes in the deeper retinal layers, which is indicative of glaucoma. Therefore, an approach that exclusively uses fundus images to detect glaucoma might not be very accurate. The change in the structure of the optic head can be detected in OCT images which

provide an in-depth view. Therefore, combining both these modalities would result in high accuracy of detection and deal with the disadvantage of using only fundus images. Thus, this paper focuses on the following contributions:

1. Detection of Glaucoma at the earlier stage by considering OCT images in addition to fundus images. The change in the structure of the optic head can be detected in OCT images which provide an in-depth view.
2. A Novel Early Detection of Glaucoma (EDG) Framework has been proposed to detect Glaucoma which segments the region of interest from the fundus image to find the probability score. Further, a few-shot learning model has been proposed to detect probability from OCT images. Finally, weighted average is computed to provide the probability of occurrence of Glaucoma.
3. Multiple experiments have been conducted to test the performance of the proposed approach.

This paper is organized as follows: Section 2 discusses on various Glaucoma detection techniques with similar and relevant literature, Section 3 describes the proposed hybrid approach for earlier detection of Glaucoma, Section 4 presents the experiments and results with the corresponding discussion. Section 7 encompasses the conclusion and possible future scope.

LITERATURE SURVEY

In this section, existing work for the detection of glaucoma using various methods has been discussed. These methods include deep learning techniques such as image segmentation, and classification as well as other techniques such as wavelet transforms. These methods can be classified into glaucoma detection using fundus images and glaucoma detection using OCT images. Agboola H et al. [1] proposed a glaucoma detection system based on fundus images. Their work utilizes a wavelet image scattering technique to automatically extract sophisticated features from retinal fundus images, otherwise incomprehensible by human experts. The extracted features were then used to implement lightweight classifiers. The RIM-ONE DL fundus image dataset was used, which consists of 313 normal and 172 glaucomatous retinal images. A maximum detection correctness of 98% was achieved during testing. This method performs better than a regular Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) based on superficial comparison. Alexandre H et al. [2] have attempted to detect glaucoma from OCT images. Basic preprocessing is performed for each OCT image, and each preprocessed image is represented as a 3D point cloud which reduces the required information. The image transformed to a point cloud is represented by 1000 points. The proposed model PointNet uses Geometric Deep Learning from a single 3D point cloud and is compared with the performance of a 3D CNN. The dataset is obtained from a hospital that consists of 477 glaucomatous and 2296 non-glaucomatous subjects.

The 3D point cloud had an AUC of 0.95. The performance of PointNet was superior to that obtained using a 3D CNN, with an AUC of 0.87 for raw OCT images and an AUC of 0.91 for segmented OCT images. Fan R et al. [3] proposed a system that is capable of detecting glaucoma using retinal images. Preprocessing and data augmentation techniques are performed on the dataset. A novel architecture, namely Data-Efficient Image Transformers (DeIT) and ResNet50 are trained on images from an Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study (OHTS). The system is operated under five different Primary Open Angle Glaucoma (POAG) ground truths. The proposed models are compared with one another based on the Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic (AUROC) Curve. The explainability of these models is described using the attention maps from DeIT to 3-weighted class activation maps. The AUROC is evaluated within 95% Confidence Intervals (CI) using clustered bootstrapping techniques. The sensitivity was calculated for four trials under different environments and ranged from 80% to 95%. Ghorui A et al. [4] have used color fundus images for the detection of glaucoma. Pre-processing techniques such as binary masking are used to improve the accuracy of the system by identifying the Region of Interest (ROI) by assigning binary values to image pixels. The proposed system makes use of a novel architecture called ProspectNet, which is like CNN. It is compared with two well-known models, DenseNet121 and VGG16. The datasets used to perform classification are DRISHTI-GS and a glaucoma dataset obtained from Kaggle. The sensitivity and specificity of the pre-trained model with ImageNet weights are 85% and 79%. While the DenseNet121 architecture has shown a sensitivity and specificity of

96% each, the proposed model has achieved a sensitivity of 95% and specificity of 98%. Hussain R et al. [5] have developed a method to check for glaucoma presence using image segmentation. The proposed method uses a combination of U-Net with transformers to find the cup-to-disc ratio from the image. The transformer model used has a self-attention module. The skip connections which are a part of U-Net are replaced with multiscale context extractors to extract receptive field information. The U-Net and the transformer encoders are merged with a bilinear fusion module which uses spatial and channel attention operations on parallel branches. The features available in parallel branches are fused with the Hadamard product. The extracted information is used to find the cup-to-disc ratio to detect glaucoma. Three different datasets were used to analyze the performance of the model, namely DRISHTI-GS, RIM-ONE R3, and REFUGE datasets. The proposed model achieves a dice similarity coefficient of 97.92% for optic disc segmentation for the DRISHTI-GS dataset. Juneja M et al. [6] have proposed a method for glaucoma detection using OCT images. Preprocessing is performed using the wavelet transform which removes noise in the given data. The Gray Level Run Length Matrix (GLRM) and the Grey level co-occurrence matrix (GLCM) are extracted and used to find significant features. The system uses majority voting using three models: Random Forest, KNN, and SVM. The evaluation metrics used for the above-mentioned models were precision, recall, and F1-Score. This method is found to have a high accuracy of detection with a precision of 0.95, a recall of 0.97, and an F1-Score of 0.96. Joshi S et al.[7] have come up with a proposal to identify glaucoma from fundus images.

Preprocessing is performed using the CLAHE algorithm to improve image quality, and data augmentation methods are performed to increase the number of images used to train the classifier. A combination of three pre-trained models, namely VGG16, ResNet-50, and GoogLeNet is trained as an ensemble model across five different datasets. The model achieved an accuracy of 95.64% on the DRISHTI-GS dataset and 98.67% accuracy on the HRF dataset. Kashyap R et al. [8] developed a deep learning architecture for the detection of glaucoma using segmentation in retinal fundus images. Their method uses a pre-trained DenseNet-20 model integrated with the U-Net segmentation model. The pre-trained model is used to extract various features and a Deep Convolutional Neural Network (DCNN) model is used to classify the data. The model was trained on the DRISHTI-GS dataset. Their proposed model achieved a training accuracy of 98.82% and a testing accuracy of 96.9%. Li F et al. [9] have implemented a segmentation-based method to evaluate the cup-to-disc ratio. Their technique utilizes an end-to-end Region-based Deep Convolutional Neural Network (R-DCNN) to jointly segment the optic cup and the optic disc. A local dataset of 2440 fundus images were collected from 2033 participants and public datasets such as DRISHTI-GS and RIM-ONE v3 as well. Their model achieved a Dice coefficient of 98.51% on their in-house dataset, 97.23% on the DRISHTI-GS dataset, and 96.89% on the RIM-ONE v3 dataset for optic disc segmentation. For optic cup segmentation, their model achieved a Dice coefficient of 97.63% on their in-house dataset, 94.56% on the DRISHTI-GS dataset, and 88.94% on the RIM-ONE v3 dataset. Nawaz M et al. [10] have proposed an automated framework for identifying the optic cup and the optic disc in retinal fundus images. Their technique utilizes a segmentation model EfficientNet-D0, supported by EfficientNet-B0 as its backbone. A variant of the CNN called Bi-directional Feature Pyramid Network (BiFPN), which is a part of EfficientNet-D0, performs the fusion of top-down and bottom-up key points.

The model was tested for the ORIGA dataset, and cross-validated with two other datasets, namely HRF and RIM-ONE DL. Their proposed model shows an accuracy of 97.2% for the ORIGA dataset, 98.2% for HRF, and 97.96% for the RIM-ONE DL dataset. Ovreiu S et al. [11] have detected glaucoma from color fundus images using a DenseNet architecture. The input images are preprocessed by data augmentation to increase the size of the dataset. The augmentation operations performed on the data are rotation, vertical or horizontal flipping, zooming, and brightening. The model is trained on a combination of ACRIMA and a proprietary dataset. The dataset is divided into two subfolders and is randomly split into 80% for training and 20% for testing. The model is trained for 200 epochs resulting in an accuracy of 97% and an F1 score of 0.969. Pavani V et al. [12] have proposed a method to detect glaucoma from fundus images using a novel architecture called Seeking Common Characteristics and Booking Differences Net. This network is like a type of CNN which is used to extract features from a given image. Out of a set of features available, the model is tested with multiple features to determine the perfect combination for detection. The datasets being used for training the network are the PSGIMSR dataset and the HRF dataset. The proposed system is compared with well-known CNNs such as ResNet-50 and VGG16. The precision, sensitivity, and specificity

of the proposed ensemble model are 91.13%, 86.58%, and 95.21% for the PSGIMSR dataset. For the HRF data set the precision, sensitivity, and specificity are observed to be 98.67%, 100%, and 97.40% respectively. Pascal L et al. [13] have developed an architecture for the detection of glaucoma from color fundus images. Their proposed system is a multi-task learning model which uses the given input image to segment the optic disc and the optic cup using a U-Net architecture. During feature extraction in the encoder phase, the feature map obtained at the end is passed into a pre-trained VGG16 model. The model performs four tasks simultaneously by segmenting the optic disc and cup, identifying the eye's fovea, and finding the cup-disc ratio. Independent optimizers based on alternative optimization and alternating independent gradient descent are used. The Multi-Task Learning (MTL) model was trained using the REFUGE dataset. The network is compared with Single-Task Learning (STL) networks, and it was concluded that MTL models achieve better performance than STL models. Their proposed model achieved an accuracy of 95.13%. Revathi R et al. [14] have proposed a system for detecting glaucoma from fundus images by utilizing segmentation and a fast-learning model. The input images are preprocessed using the CLAHE Algorithm. The impulse noise present in the image is removed by normalizing the image. After preprocessing, the images are segmented to derive the optic disc and optic cup using fine and rough segmentation. The model uses Complete Local Binary Pattern (CLBP) and contourlet methods to extract features from the images. Representation of a CLBP is done by having a center pixel and Local Difference Sign-Magnitude Transform (LDSMT). LDSMT is performed by subtracting the pixel value from a given point to that of the center. Contourlets are multidimensional multiresolution transforms that provide high resolution for any image type and multiple orientations.

The datasets used by the model are the RIM-ONE and HRF datasets which are open source. The extracted features are then fed to the fast-learning model called an Extreme Machine Learning (EML) model. They achieved an accuracy of 98.8% for the HRF dataset and 98.6% for the RIM-ONE dataset. Santhosh S et al. [15] have developed a retinal glaucoma detection system for fundus images. Their technique involves multi-scale CNN and image processing techniques to evaluate the cup-to-disc ratio and crop fundus images. The images used for training were taken from well-known open-access databases, and their approach achieved an accuracy of 90%. Shyla J et al. [16] have detected glaucoma from fundus images using an ensemble architecture for segmentation and evaluating the cup-to-disc ratio. Input images are resized as per the requirement of the network being used. The network being used in this system is an ensemble method of AlexNet and PatNet. The networks used perform level set segmentation which uses an active contour model. This segmentation technique uses edge, distance-regularization, and shape-prior terms which help in the segmentation of the optic disc with ease.

After feature extraction, the cup-to-disc ratio is found, and the detection of glaucoma is performed. Three datasets are used for training the proposed network, namely the LAG, DRISHTI-GS, and a custom dataset created by Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai. Their proposed model achieves an accuracy of 98.3% for the DRISHTI-GS, 98.4% for the LAG, and 98.2% for the RIM-ONE datasets. Wu W et al. [17] have proposed a system that uses Spectralis OCT images with a huge number of parameters. The extracted parameters are divided into nine feature groups and the features are selected using Mutual Information (MI). The mutual information for all OCT extracted and clinical features was calculated and iterative selection from the top 20 pool ranked concerning MI were selected for training with a Support Vector Machine (SVM) to obtain an average performance value like that of 10-fold cross-validation. The above process is performed repetitively until 10 features are selected. The selected features are then coupled with one another to understand the type of features which have a major impact on the accuracy of the model. Their approach achieved an AUC value of 0.82. It is observed from the present literature that there might be inaccuracies while using fundus images alone for glaucoma detection as it does not contain information on the structural changes with respect to the depth. Hence, the motivation of the proposed work is to improve the accuracy of detection of presence of Glaucoma at the earlier stages through the combination of fundus and OCT images as it provides structural changes of the eye with respect to depth.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

The proposed EDG Framework consists of two core modules, detection of glaucoma from fundus images and OCT images, as seen in Figure 1. The module for the detection of glaucoma from fundus images consists of two sub-modules, a U-Net segmentation architecture, and a VGG19 glaucoma detector. The module for the detection of glaucoma from OCT images contains a Siamese Neural Network (SNN). The patient's fundus and OCT images are given as input to the system. The fundus image is passed through the U-Net model, and a mask is generated. This mask segments the fundus image, extracting only the optic disc and removing the surrounding regions. The segmented image is then fed into the VGG19 network, which outputs the probability of the fundus image belonging to the glaucomatous class. At the same time, the OCT image is fed into one of the sub-networks present in the SNN. A support set is created beforehand, which consists of both glaucomatous and non-glaucomatous samples. The images from this support set are fed into the other sub-network of the SNN one by one. Thus, the patient's OCT image is compared with each image in the support set. Based on the similarities between each pair of images, the corresponding similarity scores are computed and the maximum similarity score will be given as output. As OCT images are more accurate for glaucoma detection compared to fundus images, a higher weightage of 60% is given to the probability derived from OCT images, and 40% is assigned to the probability derived from fundus images. These weights along with the probability outputs from both modules are used to compute a weighted average.

Detection of Glaucoma from Fundus Images

For glaucoma classification using fundus images, the ACRIMA dataset was used for training. To improve the model's accuracy, relevant features had to be extracted. Therefore, a segmentation model was built using the Drishti-GS dataset to extract the region of interest. An image from the ACRIMA dataset is fed into this model to generate its corresponding mask. The accuracy of mask prediction is further improved by using an adaptive binarizer. The blue pixels represent the edge pixels, and the red pixels represent the center pixels, as shown in Figure 2. An initial threshold value is computed by averaging the grayscale values of the edge and the center pixels of the segmented image. This threshold is used to binarize the image and create a mask. The ratio of the number of black pixels to the total number of pixels is calculated for the mask. Through experimentation, the empirical range of values for this ratio is found to be between 0.5 and 0.65 for optimal accuracy. If the ratio is higher than this range, then the threshold is iteratively reduced by a small value until the ratio converges into the range. Similarly, when the ratio is lower than this range, then the threshold is iteratively increased until the optimal ratio value is reached. This is repeated for every image in the ACRIMA dataset. These segmented images are then used to fine-tune the pre-trained VGG19 architecture for glaucoma detection from fundus images.

Detection of Glaucoma from OCT Images

For each image in the Zenodo OCT image dataset, normalization is performed and the image is stored in an array as Numpy values. The data is then split into a train and test set. The architecture of the Siamese Neural Network is defined by creating twin VGG16 networks along with the L1 distance metric. Positive pairs of images are created by taking two images from the glaucomatous class and negative pairs of images are created by taking one image from the glaucomatous class and one image from the normal class. These pairs are appended to their respective arrays and used to train the model. The model is then tested for the test set, and the predicted labels for the glaucomatous and normal classes are saved. The average similarity score for both classes is found by summing over the similarity scores and dividing by the number of samples.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Multiple experiments have been conducted to test the performance of the proposed architecture, based on the accuracy and the F1 score.

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Impact of glaucoma detection from fundus images on accuracy
Objective
To assess the accuracy in the prediction of glaucoma with and without considering the region of interest for classification.

Generation of masks for the ACRIMA dataset
The ACRIMA dataset was chosen to perform experiments for the EDG framework due to its balanced nature and availability of closely cropped optic disc fundus images. The existing work on this dataset has incorporated regular classification techniques. The accuracy can further be improved by using segmentation techniques before classification. As the masks for the ACRIMA dataset are not available, a U-Net segmentation model was trained on DRISHTI-GS, a fundus image dataset with available masks. This model was then combined with an algorithm to find an adaptive binarizing module specific to each input image. For every image, this algorithm considers the pixel values inside and outside the optic disc and finds a threshold value that will be present between these two values. Based on the ratio of the number of black pixels to the total number of pixels, the binarizer value is incremented or decreased by small amounts to constrain the ratio between the two optimum values. Once the optimal ratio value is reached, the binarized mask is generated and used to extract the region of interest from the input image.

Glaucoma detection using pre-trained VGG19 from segmented fundus images
The generated masks for the ACRIMA dataset are used to segment the fundus images. These segmented images are fed into a pre-trained VGG19 model for the detection of glaucoma. The pre-trained model is fine-tuned using the segmented ACRIMA dataset for 50 epochs. The existing and proposed models were tested with 50, 100, and 150 images, and the results are plotted as shown in Figure 3. From the figure, it is observed that the proposed work achieves an improvement in accuracy of 3.64% for 150 test images when compared to the existing work, as it is trained on segmented images.

Impact of glaucoma detection from OCT images on accuracy
Objective
To analyze the accuracy in the prediction of glaucoma with the consideration of the amount of training data.
Due to the unavailability of many open-access OCT image datasets, few-shot learning was utilized for glaucoma detection. A Siamese neural network was used to detect similarities between pairs of images. During testing, a support set consisting of images of both glaucomatous and non-glaucomatous classes is created. The input query image is compared with each image of the support set and a similarity score is calculated. The SNN was trained with VGG16 subnetworks created from scratch with various combinations of hyperparameters, as shown in Figure 4. When training for 200 epochs, the model trained with the Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) optimizer demonstrated a 29% increase in accuracy compared to the Adam and RMSprop optimizers. This is because the SGD optimizer takes advantage of its momentum and its stochastic nature of using only a single sample during each batch to optimize the model's weights based on the information from the loss function. Thus, it can generalize well compared to the Adam and the RMSprop optimizers and achieve better performance in this case. As the model trained with the SGD optimizer showed promising results, the SNN was tested for more epochs using the same optimizer. The model achieved a test accuracy of 85% for 800 epochs. Due to the absence of improvement in accuracy above 800 epochs, the training was automatically stopped using an early stopping mechanism. As the number of epochs increases, the model can capture more complex and abstract representations of the data. This leads to an improvement in the model's ability to generalize new, unseen information. Thus, the model trained for 800 epochs achieved better results than the models trained for 200 epochs. For imbalanced datasets, the F1 score is a better measure of the model's performance than accuracy due to its nature of incorporating false positives and negatives. As the OCT image dataset used in this work is imbalanced, it is observed from the graph that the F1 score better captures the model's capability. An existing method incorporating feature extraction followed by classification was implemented. The SNN was also trained on the same dataset. The results of both architectures are plotted in Figure 5. The traditional method of feature extraction followed by classification achieved an accuracy of 76% for 157

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test images. This is due to the lesser number of training data present, which is not sufficient for achieving high accuracy. As the SNN is trained to learn similarities between images, it can perform classification even with less training data. Thus, the proposed SNN demonstrates an improvement in accuracy of 9% when compared to the existing work.

CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

Early detection of glaucoma is essential to prevent blindness. Existing work relying only on one image modality such as fundus, are susceptible to error. This is because structural changes caused by early stages of glaucoma in the deeper retinal layers are not visible in fundus images. Thus, this research contributes the following:

1. A combination of two architectures, U-Net and VGG19, has been proposed to detect glaucoma from fundus images. Segmentation has been performed on fundus images to isolate and extract only the optic disc, thereby removing unimportant information. This ensures that the classifier can extract only the required features from the image. Moreover, the proposed method involving segmentation followed by classification is a relatively unexplored approach, which has received limited attention in the existing literature. The results demonstrated that the proposed model's remarkable accuracy of 99.64% outperforms the accuracy of 96% demonstrated by existing architecture.

2. A method to work with limited data without compromising accuracy has been implemented for the glaucoma detection module for OCT images. Due to the lack of open-access datasets for retinal OCT images, a few-shot learning method, namely the Siamese Neural Network, was implemented to detect glaucoma. The proposed few-shot learning method achieves an accuracy of 85% when compared with the traditional method of feature extraction followed by classification, which demonstrates an accuracy of 76%.

As a part of future work, the EDG Framework can be extended to consider other parameters such as the cup-to-disc ratio, the intraocular pressure, or the patient's age for the detection of glaucoma. Larger datasets can also be used to improve accuracy, and other pre-trained models can be fine-tuned to provide better performance. More features such as automated record management of patients for the future and bill generation can also be implemented to ease user experience.

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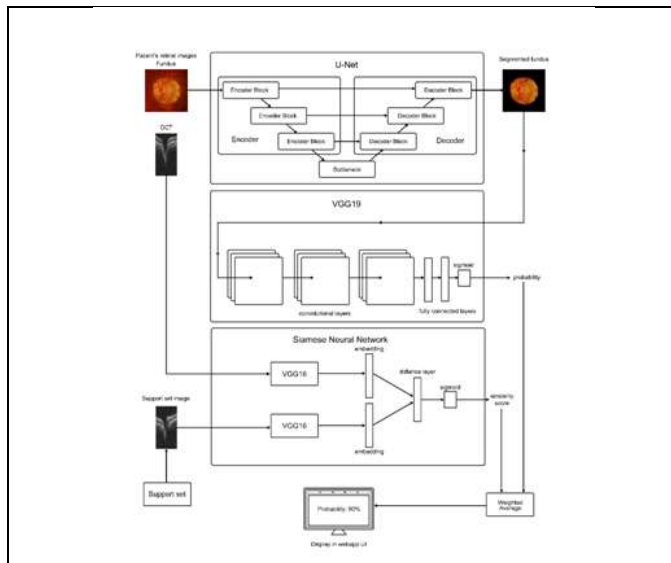
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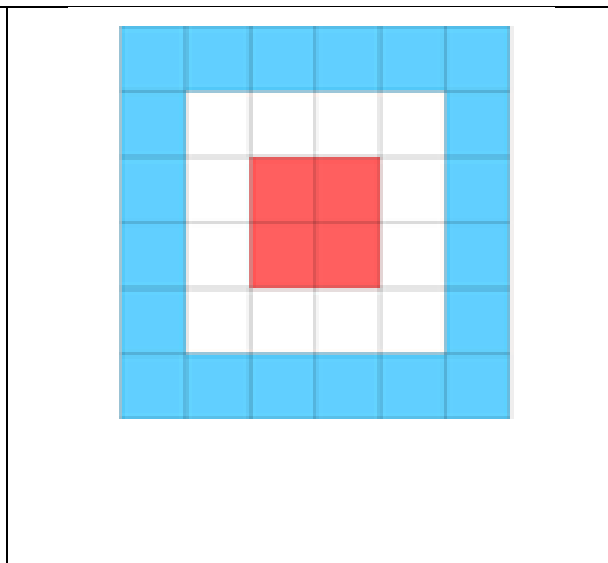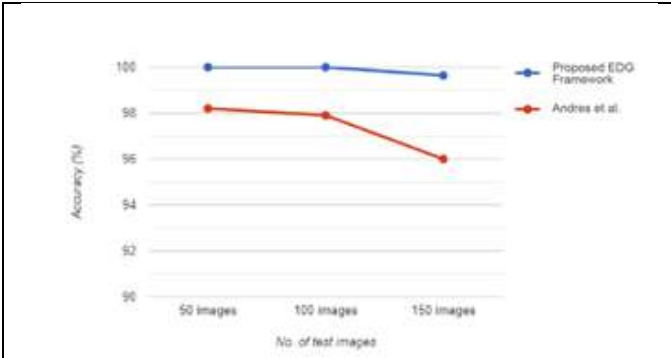
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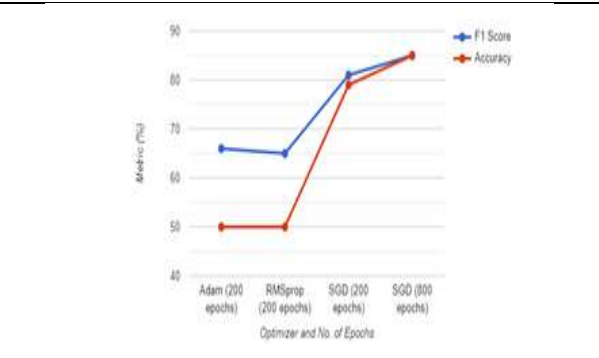
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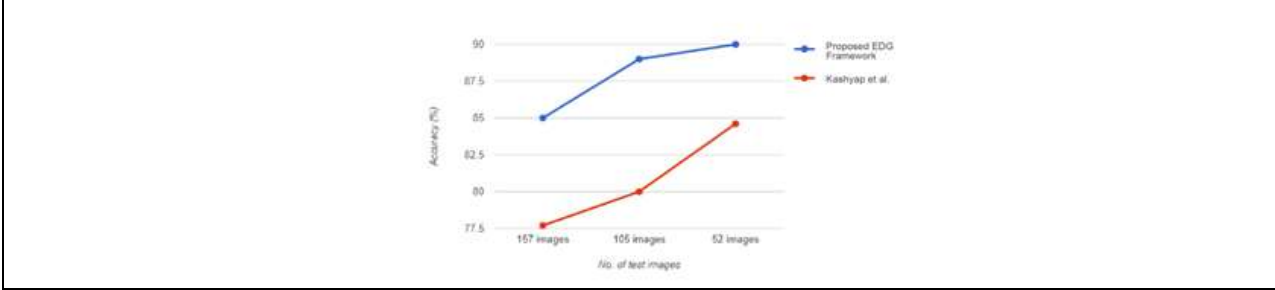
Fig. 5. Comparison of proposed EDG Framework with the work of Kashyap et al.

REVIEW ARTICLE

Unveiling the Neuroprotective Power: Exploring the Therapeutic Benefits of the Ketogenic Diet in Epilepsy Management – A Review Article

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ABSTRACT

The Ketogenic Diet (KD) has been utilized as a therapy for epilepsy since the 1920s. It has been advocated as a dietary treatment with effects similar to fasting, which is already documented in the Hippocratic collection. The KD is rich in fat (90%) and low in protein and carbohydrates. Evidence suggests that KD and its variants are a good option for non-surgical pharmacoresistant patients with epilepsy of any age, provided that the type of diet is designed individually and that less-restrictive and more-palatable diets are usually better options for children and adolescents. This review article discusses about the Ketogenic Diet during Epilepsy in children and adolescents including its types, mechanism of action, its role in management of epilepsy and complications associated with it. A literature search was performed using databases PubMed, Medline, Science Direct, Google Scholar to locate peer-reviewed articles of observational studies, clinical trials and meta-analysis showing the results of ketogenic diet therapy on epilepsy outcomes in children and adolescents. Articles were reviewed for inclusion based on their relevance to this subject matter. Total 31 articles starting from year 1976 to 2023 were reviewed in order to write this review paper. Classical Ketogenic Diet and its variants should be considered as an option for epilepsy patients of any age. Each patient requires a customized diet. It is critical to educate the patient and family about the efficacy and adverse effects of KD, and the use of authenticated websites and videos

can help with this. Effectiveness of Ketogenic Diet is demonstrated by a decrease in seizure frequency as well as a decrease in seizure severity. After 3-6 months of treatment, it will be clear which patients respond to KD and tolerate it well.Because KD is not a physiological diet, adverse effects must be identified and closely managed. Dehydration, hypoglycemia, lethargy, metabolic acidosis, and gastrointestinal symptoms are all symptoms of acute adverse effect.For children who are unable to tolerate KD due to food intake-related restrictions or adverse effects, the Modified Atkins diet may be an alternative treatment option. Ketogenic Diet is found to be effective in reducing seizure frequency, severity and in 100% seizure control with proper healthcare professional and family support.

Keywords: Ketogenic Diet, Epilepsy, Seizures, Classical Ketogenic Diet, Modified Atkins Diet.

INTRODUCTION

Epilepsy is a brain disorder characterized by repeated seizures. A seizure is typically defined as a sudden change in behaviour caused by a temporary change in the electrical functioning of the brain. Normally, the brain generates tiny electrical impulses in a regular pattern. These impulses travel along neurons, the brain's network of nerve cells, and throughout the body via chemical messengers known as neurotransmitters. The brain's electrical rhythms become imbalanced in epilepsy, resulting in recurrent seizures. The normal electrical pattern in patients with seizures is disrupted by sudden and synchronized bursts of electrical energy that may suddenly affect their consciousness, movements, or sensations. Epilepsy is typically diagnosed after at least two seizures that were not caused by another medical condition, such as alcohol withdrawal or extremely low blood sugar. If seizures are caused by a specific area of the brain, the initial symptoms often reflect the functions of that area. The left side of the body is controlled by the right half of the brain, and the right side of the body is controlled by the left half of the brain. For instance, if a seizure begins on the right side of the brain in the area that controls thumb movement, the seizure may begin with jerking of the left thumb or hand [1].

Types of Seizures

Epilepsy is a brain disorder. When a person has two or more seizures, they are diagnosed with epilepsy. Seizures come in a variety of forms. A person suffering from epilepsy may experience more than one type of seizure. The symptoms of a seizure vary depending on the type of seizure. It can be difficult to tell when someone is having a seizure. A person having a seizure may appear confused or to be staring at something that is not there. Other seizures can cause a person to fall, shake, and lose awareness of their surroundings.

Seizures are classified into two groups

Generalized seizures affect both sides of the brain.

- **Absence seizures**, sometimes called petit mal seizures, can cause rapid blinking or a few seconds of staring into space.
- **Tonic-clonic seizures**, also called grand mal seizures, can make a person cry out, lose consciousness, fall to the ground, have muscle jerks or spasms. The person may feel tired after a tonic-clonic seizure.

Focal seizures occur in only one part of the brain. These seizures are also referred to as partial seizures.

- **Simple focal seizures** affect a specific area of the brain. Twitching or a change in sensation, such as a strange taste or smell, can result from these seizures.
- **Complex focal seizures** can leave an epileptic confused or dazed. For a few minutes, the person will be unable to respond to questions or directions.

- **Secondary generalized seizures** begin in one part of the brain and spread to both sides. In other words, the individual experiences a focal seizure first, followed by a generalized seizure. Seizures can last for a few minutes [2].

Treatment Strategies and Dietary Treatment

Ketogenic Diet

The ketogenic diet is a high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet that helps some people with epilepsy control their seizures. A physician prescribes it, and a dietitian closely monitors it. It is typically used in children who have seizures that are not controlled by medication. It is more restrictive than the modified Atkins diet, requiring precise calorie, fluid, and protein measurements. The food is weighed and measured. The term "ketogenic" refers to the production of ketones in the body. (keto = ketone; genic = generating) Ketones are produced when the body burns fat for energy. Carbohydrates (such as sugar, bread, and pasta) are typically used as fuel by the body. Because the ketogenic diet is low in carbohydrates, fats replace carbohydrates as the primary fuel source. The body can function extremely well on ketones (and fats). Ketones are not harmful. They can be found in urine, blood, and breath. Ketones are one of the diet's more likely mechanisms of action, with higher ketone levels frequently leading to better seizure control [3].

Mechanism of action of Ketogenic Diet during Epilepsy

Since ATP is necessary for many cellular functions, the KD's increased ATP synthesis offers a rich environment for theories explaining the anti-seizure benefits. One strong contender is the necessity of ATP for various ion channel and transporter types. The export of ATP from neurons, which is subsequently converted to adenosine in the synapse and activates adenosine A1 receptors (A1R), activating potassium channels and causing hyperpolarization of the cell membrane and a decrease in excitability, is arguably the best illustration of the influence of ATP as an anti-seizure mechanism [4]. A further mechanism by which the KD is antiepileptic is neuroprotection, and it is closely linked to ATP and energy metabolism. It has been suggested that neuroprotective processes can raise the seizure threshold while also lessening the brain damage that seizures cause. KD has been shown to boost brain cell mitochondria [5,6] This is anticipated to be caused by the decrease in glycolysis, which doesn't require mitochondria, and the necessity of mitochondria for the synthesis of energy from lipids. Reactive oxygen species (ROS) are produced when the current mitochondria undergo a high workload at the beginning of the KD. This lowers the efficiency of ATP synthesis. The KD-induced increase in ROS levels runs counter to the KD's reported benefits because elevated ROS levels in seizures actually contribute to cell damage and death. This enhanced oxidative stress state, however, is only transient since the ROS causes glutathione and other anti-ROS systems as well as mitochondrial biogenesis to deal with the increased workload. As a consequence, neurons and glia have better cellular architecture for producing energy and lowering oxidative stress. The former modification improves neuronal homeostasis before to seizures and lessens the effects of the high energy drain during seizures by increasing the "energy reserve" of neurons. The latter is suggested to increase brain cells' resistance to the harmfully elevated amounts of ROS produced in seizure [7].

In patients on KD, increased production of certain fat species offers additional neuroprotective effects. Certain epilepsies are characterized by hypomyelination. Acetyl-CoA, derived from KBs, and aspartate, derived from TCA-cycle intermediates, are both elevated in the brain by the KD and aid in the formation of myelin [8].Polyunsaturated fatty acids are another byproduct of fat metabolism that has several anti-seizure properties (PUFAs). Patients with KD have higher levels of these fat species in their brains, and it is believed that these fat species protect neurons by mimicking the action of mitochondrial uncoupling proteins, which lower ROS production. Moreover, PUFAs can directly influence various ion pump and channel types, which lowers neuronal hyperexcitability [6]. There is convincing evidence that people on KD had better seizure control and less epileptogenesis as a result of their decreased glycolysis. In fact, when patients on a KD consume glucose or carbs, seizures quickly resume [9]. Treatment with glycolysis inhibitors can produce fast anticonvulsant effects in animal models. [10, 11]Reductions in

lactate, which is generated by glycolysis, may be responsible for the effects. ATP-dependent potassium channels in neurons can change the polarity of their membranes [12,13].

Types of Ketogenic Diets -

Modified Atkins Diet (MAD)

The modified Atkins diet (abbreviated "MAD" in the literature) modifies the traditional "classic" ketogenic diet to make it less restrictive. It is one of three "alternative diets" used to treat patients with epilepsy, along with the MCT (medium chain triglyceride) diet and the LGIT (low glycemic index treatment). The Modified Atkins Diet is a lower ratio ketogenic diet that induces ketosis. Generally, it follows a 1:1 ratio of fat: carbohydrate + protein however, there can be variations up to a ratio of 2:1. The Traditional Ketogenic Diet is usually a 4:1 or 3:1 ratio. Modified Atkins Diet is initiated without a fast, allows for unlimited protein and fat, and does not restrict calories or fluids. Recent studies have shown that this diet is effective and tolerable in refractory epilepsy [14]. Eu Gene Park et al. (2018), conducted a retrospective study at Samsung Medical Center, 26 paediatric patients (10 males and 16 females) with intractable epilepsy were treated with a modified Atkins diet. Results showed that the average age at the start of the modified Atkins diet was 10.9 years (range, 2-21) years. The diet was followed for a mean of 5.9 (range, 1-16) months. After 6 months, 10 (38.5%) remained on the diet, with six (60%) experiencing > 50% seizure reduction and two (20%) experiencing seizure freedom. Four of the 26 patients (15.4%) reported dietary side effects such as constipation (n = 2) and lipid profile elevations (n = 2). In 13 patients who followed the diet for three months, the mean BMI decreased from 22.6 to 20.9 kg/m2 (p< 0.05). Four of these patients (30.8%) were overweight (BMI > 25 kg/m2) prior to starting the diet and were pleased with their BMI changes from 30.3 to 27 kg/m2 (p 0.05). Food refusal (n = 3) and poor parental compliance (n = 3) were the most frequently cited reasons for quitting. Thus, the author concluded by saying that for children with intractable epilepsy who are unable to tolerate KD due to food intake-related restrictions or adverse effects, the modified Atkins diet may be an alternative treatment option. Diet maintenance requires the ongoing support of healthcare professionals and families [15].

Low Glycemic Index Diet (LGID)

While the ketogenic diet (KD) is a highly effective treatment for seizures, adhering to the KD can be challenging. This is caused by the diet's restriction as well as the tight methods for weighing and measuring foods that are heavy in fat and very low in carbohydrates. In addition to tracking total daily carbohydrate intake, the LGID concentrates on carbs with a low Glycemic Index. Carbohydrate consumption can be increased with the LGID; a daily aim of 40–60 grams is normal. Food amounts are determined by portion sizes rather than being weighed out to the gram. As it is based on portion rather than precise measurement, patients can lead more flexible lives, which includes dining out. The LGID also includes high-fat foods that form the foundation of the ketogenic diet, like heavy cream and high-fat meats like bacon, sausage, hot dogs, and eggs. However, compared to up to 90% on the ketogenic diet, only about 60% of calories on the LGID come from fat. The LGID works by changing the primary energy source in the diet from carbohydrates to fats, which causes metabolic changes in the body that may have a therapeutic effect on the brain. These changes include a drop in blood glucose levels and the creation of ketones [16,17].

Medium Chain Triglyceride (MCT) Ketogenic Diet

MCT fats (MCT oil) are the only fat supplement used in the MCT ketogenic diet. Compared to LCT fat, MCT fat can make ketones more readily, and it frequently does so without the body's need for carnitine (or a supplement). This implies that a lower total fat requirement is required for the MCT diet, allowing for a higher intake of carbohydrates and protein. Sixty percent of the calories in the original MCT diet, as outlined by Dr. Huttenlocher in the 1970s, came from MCT. In 1989, Dr. Ruby Schwartz and associates changed the diet due to tolerance problems with this dosage of MCT. Thirty percent of the calories in this modified MCT diet come from long-chain dietary fats and thirty percent from MCT oil or emulsion. Because it originated at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, UK, it has come to be known as the "John Radcliffe diet." Foods that naturally contain fat, protein, and carbohydrates provided the remaining energy [18]. The Institute of Child Health in London has found that these values may be too strict, i.e., 30% of MCT energy is too low to make adequate ketones, while 60% is too high and may cause negative effects. Because each child reacts differently to MCT in the diet, the dietary prescription will range from child to child. In many cases, the level may begin at 40% but must be increased to 45-50% to maintain ketosis.

Initiation of Ketogenic Diet

The goal is to achieve a ratio of four portions of fat to one portion of protein plus carbohydrate, also known as "4:1." One of two approaches, with or without fasting, may be used to achieve this level. To prevent the development of hypoglycemia and dehydration, the patient must be hospitalised for 12-48 hours, or when ketones are present in the urine [19]. This method has been shown to hasten the development of ketosis while putting the patient under more stress [20]. Once ketosis is achieved, meals are calculated to maintain a constant KD ratio while calories are added until full-calorie meals are tolerated [21]. The latter method does not necessitate hospitalisation, and the KD ratio rises weekly, from 1:1, 2:1, and 3:1 to 4:1 [22]. According to the majority of the literature, there is no significant difference between the two approaches in terms of the time required to achieve ketosis and the occurrence of hypoglycemia [23], so patients no longer fast. Given that the KD contains only trace amounts of fruits, vegetables, grains, milk, and cheese, supplementation is essential. Daily multivitamin and mineral supplements containing low carbohydrate should be taken [3].

METHODS

A literature search was performed using databases PubMed, Medline, ScienceDirect, Google Scholar to locate peer-reviewed articles of observational studies, clinical trials and meta-analysis showing the results of ketogenic diet therapy on epilepsy outcomes in children and adolescents. Articles were reviewed for inclusion based on their relevance to this subject matter. Total 31 articles were reviewed in order to write this review paper.

RESULTS

Role of Ketogenic Diet During Epilepsy

Elizabeth G Neal et al. (2008), conducted a meta-analysis in which 145 children aged 2 to 16 years who had at least daily seizures (or more than seven seizures per week), had failed to respond to at least two antiepileptic drugs, and had not previously been treated with the ketogenic diet, participated in a randomized controlled trial of its efficacy to control seizures. After three months, the mean percentage of baseline seizures in the diet group was significantly lower than in the controls (p<00001). The diet group had 28 children (38%) with greater than 50% seizure reduction compared to four (6%) control (p<00001), and the diet group had five children (7%) with greater than 90% seizure reduction compared to no controls (p=00582). There was no significant difference in treatment efficacy between symptomatic, generalized, and symptomatic focal syndromes. The most common side effects reported at the 3-month review were constipation, vomiting, fatigue, and hunger [24]. With the help of the Charlie Foundation, a multicenter study was conducted in 1998 with 51 children who had an average of 230 seizures per month prior to starting the diet. Approximately half of the children (47%) stayed on the diet for one year, with 43% experiencing > 90% seizure control and being almost seizure-free; 39% experiencing 50-90% seizure control; and 17% being non-responders with less than 50% seizure control. Lethargy, severe dehydration or acidosis, increased infections, mood changes, vomiting and constipation were all reported as side effects of the KD. The reasons for discontinuation were intolerance and difficulty of adhering to the restrictive diet. The authors believed that the seizure reduction was unlikely to be a placebo effect [25]. In the same year (1998), the Johns Hopkins KD group published a study of 150 children aged one to 16 years who had an average of 410 seizures per month prior to the diet.

One year after starting KD, 27% of children had a 90% or greater reduction in seizure frequency, 7% were seizure-free, and 50% had a 50% or greater reduction in seizure frequency. The authors also discovered that children who were successful with the KD experienced a > 50% reduction in seizure frequency during the first three months, and that reduction could improve gradually, but if a 50% reduction was not observed during that time, it was unlikely to occur in subsequent months[26,27]. Frietas A et al. (2007) conducted a study to evaluate the efficacy and tolerability of the KD, 70 children with refractory epilepsy were enrolled in a retrospective long-term follow-up study at the Children's Institute of the University of São Paulo (USP), São Paulo, Brazil. At one year, 55% of those who started the diet stayed on it, with 70% having > 75% seizure control, 25% having 50-75% seizure control, and 2.5% having 50%

seizure control. The efficacy of KD was significantly greater in generalised epilepsy than in partial epilepsy (p<0.001). Due to the unpalatability of the diet, approximately 10% of the children discontinued it, and 3.7% experienced nausea and vomiting [28]. For patients with large or finicky appetites, the Medium Chain Triglyceride Diet (MCTD) allows for more carbohydrates and a wider range of food options. The MCTD has the same seizure control efficacy as the classic KD. The MCT diet, like the classic diet, can vary by MCT oil percentage and ketogenic ratio. In intolerance and complications can be avoided with careful management. Authors have used the MCTD to treat epilepsy in children with complex disorders such as glucose transport type 1 deficiency and Mowat Wilson syndrome with Hirschprung disease and short bowel syndrome [29]. In a study conducted by MA Sills et al. (1986), Fifty children with drug resistant epilepsy were treated with the Medium Chain Triglyceride (MCT) Emulsion diet. Eight had complete seizure control (four without anticonvulsant drugs), and four had seizures reduced in frequency by 90% and ten by 50-90% with anticonvulsants. Although astatic myoclonic and absence seizures produced the best results, seizure control was improved in four children with tonic-clonic seizures and three with complex partial seizures. Food consumed concurrently with MCT reduced side effects, and an extra dose of MCT before bedtime improved control of nocturnal seizures[30]. In another study conducted by Liu et al. (2003), to show the efficacy of Medium-chain Triglyceride Ketogenic Diet for Drug-resistant Epilepsy used up to >70% MCTKD diet to maximize seizure control with gastrointestinal side effects optimally controlled. The author said as long as health care professionals carefully manage MCTKD, many more patients with epilepsy who are not appropriate for Classical Ketogenic Diet or modified Atkins diet or low glycemic index treatment will benefit from this treatment [31]. A prospective study conducted by Lambrechts et al. (2015), to show the long-term (i.e., 24 months) efficacy of the ketogenic diet (KD) as an add-on therapy in children with refractory epilepsy, with focus on seizure frequency, seizure severity, and tolerability. The MCT diet was used to treat the majority of the patients. The author came to the conclusion that MCT-KD is an effective therapy for children with treatment-resistant epilepsy. Effectiveness is demonstrated by a decrease in seizure frequency as well as a decrease in seizure severity. After 6 months of treatment, it was clear which patients respond to the treatment and tolerate it well. The majority of these patients will continue to benefit from the KD for an extended period of time. The diet was well tolerated over time [32].

DISCUSSION

Patients on the KD should be seen every three months, and their families should be able to easily contact the diet team to clear up any doubts and discuss any side effects. The seizure diary, as well as the child's cognitive development and behaviour, should be observed during each evaluation. It has been observed that it is possible to improve cognitive development and behaviour without changing the frequency of seizures. Although some authors have found no correlation between efficacy and ketosis level, it is still recommended to measure urine ketosis several times per week [3].

Complications associated with Ketogenic Diet
Because KD is not a physiological diet, adverse effects must be identified and closely managed.[21] Dehydration, hypoglycemia, lethargy, metabolic acidosis, and gastrointestinal symptoms are all symptoms of acute adverse effect. However, weight loss, high levels of low-density lipoprotein, and elevated total cholesterol are the most common side effects. Other significant adverse effects include constipation, diarrhoea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. The family should also be taught how to recognize hypoglycemia symptoms and be advised to give a small amount of juice or other forms of dextrose [33]. Nephrolithiasis may also occur; in which case an abdominal ultrasonography should be performed[3].

CONCLUSION

Classical Ketogenic Diet and its variants should be considered as an option for epilepsy patients of any age. Each patient requires a customized diet. It is critical to educate the patient and family about the efficacy and adverse

effects of KD, and the use of authenticated websites and videos can help with this. Effectiveness of Ketogenic Diet is demonstrated by a decrease in seizure frequency as well as a decrease in seizure severity. After 3-6 months of treatment, it will be clear which patients respond to KD and tolerate it well. The majority of these patients will continue to benefit from the KD for an extended period of time. The diet was well tolerated over time. For children who are unable to tolerate KD due to food intake-related restrictions or adverse effects, the modified Atkins diet may be an alternative treatment option. Diet maintenance requires the ongoing support of healthcare professionals and families. Thus, Ketogenic Diet is found to be effective in reducing seizure frequency, severity and in 100% seizure control with proper healthcare professional and family support. Although several theories exist regarding the mechanisms of action, more research is required; however, the positive results are most likely due to a combination of mechanisms.

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Table 1: Types of Generalized Seizures

Generalized seizures are described using the following words	
Tonic: Muscles in the body become stiff.	**Atonic:** The body's muscles relax.
Myoclonic: A brief jerking of the body's parts.	**Clonic:** Periods of shaking or jerking of body parts.

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Association between Oral Cancer and Periodontal Disease

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ABSTRACT

The relationship between oral disease and periodontitis has garnered significant attention in recent years due to emerging evidence linking these two conditions. Oral cancer, a malignancy affecting the oral cavity and surrounding tissues, poses a significant global health burden. Periodontitis, on the other hand, is a constant provocative problem influencing the supporting construction of the teeth,frequently prompting tooth misfortune whenever left untreated. This abstract aims to synthesize current research findings on the potential relationship between oral cancer and periodontitis. Multiple studies have shown a possible relationship among's periodontitis and an expanded gamble of oral malignant growth improvement. Shared risk factors such as tobacco use, alcohol consumption, and certain microbial infections contribute to this association. Moreover, chronic inflammation, a sign of periodontitis, may assume a part inpromoting the initiation and progression of oral cancer. Mechanistically, provocative go between and cytokines produced in periodontal tissues could facilitate tumor growth, angiogenesis, and metastasis. While a causal link between oral cancer and periodontitis has yet to be definitively established, the cumulative evidence underscores the need for comprehensive oral health care strategies. Early detection and management of periodontitis may not only mitigate the risk of tooth loss but also potentially contribute to oral cancer prevention. Collaborative efforts among dental and medical professionals are imperative to further elucidate the intricate interplay between these conditions, leading to improved preventive measures and therapeutic interventions.

Keywords: oral cancer, periodontitis, gingivitis, cytokines, inflammatory mediators

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INTRODUCTION

The gradual degradation of the periodontal complex's soft and hard tissues is a common indicator of periodontal disease.[1]Dysbiotic bacterial communities and abnormal immunological reactions in the gingival and periodontal tissues cooperate to mediate it. Periodontal infections are more numerous as the local dental microbiota becomes dysbiotic and fiery reactions lead to tissue breakdown. As a result, proteolysis, inflammation, and periodontal pathogen enrichment continue in a positive feedback loop.[2]However, ongoing investigations havebrought attention tothe significance of already unrecognised microorganisms, such as different infections, phages, and bacterial species, in the beginning of sickness.Numerous studies have shown that chronic periodontitis has a systemic impact and increases the chance of acquiring several malignancies.[1-4] Additionally, a number of confounding variables, including drinking, smoking, nutrition, age, and gender, have been linked to both oral cancer and chronic periodontitis.[5] This review intended to investigate the most recent research connecting oral cancer with chronic periodontitis.

Etiopathogenesis of periodontitis
The etiopathogenesis of periodontal disease is multifaceted and involves a complex interplay of microbial, host-related, and environmental factors. Periodontal diseases, which range from gingivitis (a milder form) to periodontitis (a more severe form), involve aggravation ofthe supporting plans of the teeth, including the gums, periodontal tendon, and alveolar bone.The process begins withthe gathering of dental plaque — a biofilm made out of microscopic organisms, bacterial products, and host-derived components—on tooth surfaces and at the gum line. Bacterial species such as Streptococcus, Actinomyces, and Porphyromonas colonize the plaque.The immune system responds to the presence of microbial plaque with an inflammatory reaction. Neutrophils and other immune cells are recruited to the site of infection, releasing cytokines and other mediators that contribute to inflammation. In the early stages, the inflammation is confined to the gums (gingiva) and is known as gingivitis. Symptoms include redness, swelling, bleeding upon brushing or flossing, and sometimes bad breath. Gingivitis is usually reversible with improved oral hygiene practices.[5,6] Over time, the biofilm matures, and more complex microbial communities develop. Pathogenic bacteria like Porphyromonas gingivalis, Tannerella forsythia, and Treponema denticola start todominate. These bacteria release toxins and enzymes that can damage periodontal tissues.If plaque is not regularly removed through brushing and flossing, it can mineralize and form calculus (tartar), which provides a rough surface for bacterial attachment and makes plaque removal more challenging.[6]

 In susceptible individuals, the immune response becomes dysregulated, leading to a transition from gingivitis to periodontitis. This shift involves a more intense inflammatory response and obliteration of the periodontal tendon and alveolar bone that help the teeth. Inflammation and bacterial products trigger the release of enzymes (e.g., matrix metalloproteinases) that degradeconnective tissue filaments and bone. Thisbrings about the formation of periodontal pockets—spaces between the teeth and gums—which can deepen as tissue destruction progresses.[6,7] As periodontal pockets deepen, bacteria have greater access to underlying tissues. Chronic inflammation and tissue destruction lead to the loss of supporting alveolar bone, causing teeth to become mobile and potentially leading to tooth loss. Periodontal sickness are related to fundamental circumstances, like cardiovascular illness, diabetes, and unfriendly pregnancy results.The inflammation and bacterial products from periodontitis can enter the bloodstream and contribute to systemic inflammation. Genetic predisposition, as well as lifestyle factors like smoking, stress, and nutrition, can influence an individual's susceptibility to periodontal disease.[7]Addressing periodontal disease involves maintaining excellent oral hygiene practices, regular professional cleanings, and, in more severe cases, periodontal treatment by dental professionals. Early intervention is crucial to prevent disease progression and the associated complications.

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Periodontal disease and systemic disorders

Periodontal disease has been increasingly recognized as a potential contributor to various systemic disorders. The relationship between periodontal disease and systemic health is complex and involves a combination of inflammatory processes, immune responses, and shared risk factors. Research suggests that chronic inflammation associated with periodontal disease may contribute to the development and progression of cardiovascular diseases, including atherosclerosis (solidifying of the veins) and coronary illness. Inflammatory mediators what's more, microscopic organisms from periodontal pockets can enter the circulation system, potentially impacting blood vessel health.[8] People with diabetes are more defenseless to diseases, counting periodontal infection. Conversely, periodontal inflammation can impact blood sugar control and worsen diabetes management. Treating periodontal disease may help improve glycemic control. Aspiration of oral bacteria from infected periodontal pockets can potentially contribute to respiratory infections, particularly in vulnerable populations. There is proof connecting periodontal illness to conditions like pneumonia and constant obstructive aspiratory sickness (COPD).Both periodontal illness and rheumatoid joint inflammation (RA) involve chronic inflammation.

Some studies suggest that periodontal disease may exacerbate RA symptoms or contribute to disease progression, possibly due to shared inflammatory pathways. Pregnant individuals with untreated periodontal disease may be at an expanded gamble of preterm birth and low birth weight infants. The inflammatory response in periodontal disease may impact pregnancy outcomes.[8-10] Emerging research suggests a potential link between chronic periodontal inflammation and cognitive decline, with some studies suggesting an association with an increased risk of Alzheimer's disease. Chronic kidney disease (CKD) and illness share normal gamble factors like diabetes and hypertension. There is evidence to suggest that addressing periodontal disease may have a positive impact on CKD management.[11]Some studies have also explored potential associationsbetween periodontal sickness and different sorts of malignant growthincluding oral, pancreatic, and esophageal cancers.[10,11] However, more exploration is expected to absolutely lay out these connections. It means quite a bit to note that while there is evidence of associations between periodontal disease and these systemic disorders, causality is often challenging to establish. The relationship is likely bidirectional, with systemic conditions potentially influencing periodontal health as well. Nonetheless,keeping up with great oral cleanliness and looking for normal dental consideration are crucial not just for oral wellbeing but also for potentially reducing the risk of certain systemic disorders and improving overall well-being.

Association between oral cancer and periodontits

The association between gingivitis (a milder form of gum disease) and oral cancer has received relatively less attention compared to periodontal disease. The interaction between malignant cells and the extracellular lattice (ECM) assumes a basic part in malignant growth development and progression. The ECM is an intricate organization of proteins,glycoproteins, and proteoglycans that give structural support to tissues and organs. While the direct link between these interactions and cellular mutagenesis is complex, several mechanisms suggest how ECM interactions may contribute to the development of mutations in cancer cells.[12] The ECM provides a platform for cell adhesion and signaling. Abnormal interactions between malignant cells and the ECM can disrupt cellular signaling pathways that regulate processes such as growth, proliferation, and apoptosis. Dysregulated signaling may contribute to genomic instability and accumulation of mutations.The ECM guides cell migration and invasion, critical steps in cancer metastasis. During invasion, cancer cells interact with the ECM to degrade it using enzymes like matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs). These interactions could expose cells to genotoxic stress, increasing the risk of mutations.[12,13] EMT, a cycle in which epithelial cells secure obtrusive and transient properties,involves ECM interactions. EMT-associated changes in cellular properties and behavior may lead to increased susceptibility to DNA damage and mutagenesis.The ECM influences the tumor microenvironment, including oxygen and nutrient availability. Hypoxia and nutrient deprivation can induce genetic instability, as cells struggle to repair DNA damage adequately.[13,14] Cancer-associated fibroblasts and other stromal cells interact with malignant cells through the ECM. These interactions may promote a pro-inflammatory environment, oxidative stress, and alterations in DNA repair mechanisms that contribute to genetic alterations.ECM interactions can influence gene expression patterns and epigenetic modifications in cancer cells. These changes may drive mutations by altering the regulation of DNA repair

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genes or promoting genetic instability.The ECM contain genetic material that can be transferred to recipient cells. These EV-mediated exchanges can lead to the acquisition of mutated genes or oncogenic material, promoting cellular mutagenesis.Interaction with the ECM can influence immune responses against cancer cells. Immune evasion can lead to the persistence of damaged cells with increased mutational loads. While the interactions between malignant cells and the ECM are complex and multifaceted, their role in promoting cellular mutagenesis is likely mediated through a combination of altered signaling, DNA repair deficiencies, oxidative stress, and microenvironmental factors. Understanding these interactions could offer insights into potential therapeutic targets aimed at disrupting these processes and limiting cancer progression.[15]

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A study published in 2017 investigated the association between oral health conditions, including gingivitis, what's more, the take an enormous risk squamous cell carcinoma . The study found that individuals with moderate to severe gingivitis had a significantly increased risk of HNSCC compared to those with healthy gums. However, this study had a relatively small sample size and further research is needed to validate these findings.[16] Another study published in 2021 examined the relationship between periodontal sickness, including gingivitis, also, the gamble of oral and oropharyngeal malignant growth. The researchers found that individuals with severe periodontal infection had a fundamentally expanded chance of oral and oropharyngeal malignant growth compared to those with no or mild periodontal disease. However, they did not specifically analyze the association with gingivitis separately.[17] A systematic review and meta-analysis published in 2020 analyzed 21 studies and found that individuals with periodontal sickness had a higher chance of creating head and neck malignant growthcompared to those without the disease. The examination uncovered a measurably huge relationship between periodontal disease andan expanded take an enormous risk disease, especially for malignant growths of the oral holeand oropharynx. However, the authors noted that more high-quality studies are needed to confirm these findings.[18] Another study published in 2017 examined the association between periodontal sickness and head and neck malignant growth in a huge partner of Swedish grown-ups. The researchers observed a positive relationship between severe periodontal disease and the gamble of head and neck squamous cell carcinoma. Additionally, the risk was higher among individuals with a longer duration of periodontal disease.[19] More exploration is required to better comprehend the potential link between periodontal disease and head and neck malignant growth. Factors like smoking, alcohol consumption, and human papillomavirus infection are known risk factors for head and neck cancer and can also influence the association with periodontal disease. Some studies have reported an expanded take a huge risk malignant growth in individuals with a history of periodontal disease.

They suggest that the chronic inflammation and the presence of certain microscopic organisms related with periodontal illness may contribute to the development of cancer. Notwithstanding, it's critical to take note of that these studies have limitations and do not provide definitive evidence.[20] Maintaining great oral cleanliness works on, including standard brushing, flossing, and proficient dental consideration, is important for reducing the risk of periodontal infection and promoting overall oral wellbeing. If you have concerns about periodontal illness or head and neck disease, it is prescribed to talk with a medical care proficient or dental specialist for customized exhortation in view of your particular conditions. When P. gingivalis infected oral cancer cells repeatedly, the host cancer cells' morphology changed into an elongated shape and their articulation of epithelial cell markers dropped, recommending that they had acquired an epithelial-to-mesenchymal change (EMT)phenotype. In addition to promoting OSCC cells' migratory and invasive qualities and giving them resistance to a chemotherapeutic drug, delayed openness to P. gingivalis is said to have caused cellular features known as EMT. Importantly, compared to uninfected controls, long-term infection with P. gingivalis increased the declaration of the disease foundational microorganism markers CD44 and CD133 and improved the tumorigenic features of infected cancer cells. Furthermore, there was a correlation between the increased creation of network metalloproteinase (MMP)- 1 and MMP-10in P. gingivalis-infected OSCC cells and higher invasiveness.[21]

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The impact of Porphyromonas gingivalis (P. gingivalis), a critical microorganism that causes constant periodontitis, on the obtrusiveness of SCC-25, OSC-20, and SAS cells from oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC). The over expressionof grid metalloproteinases (MMPs), explicitly MMP-1and MMP-2,was a result of exposure to p.gingivalis and improve the invasive capacity of OSC-20 and SAS cells. However, neither the low expression levels of MMPs nor the invasive characteristics of SCC-25 cells infected with P. gingivalis changed.We originally resolved the convergence of interleukin-8 (IL-8), a notable fiery cytokine, in P. gingivalis-tainted OSCC cells in order to identify the molecular actors that regulate the invasiveness. Following P. gingivalis infection, IL-8 discharge was markedly elevated in the OSC-20 and SAS cells yet not in the SCC-25 cells. SCC-25 cells' obtrusivecapacity and MMP level were considerably raised when IL-8 was administered directly to them. Furthermore, OSC-20 and SAS cells infected with P. gingivalis had their MMP levels and propensity for invasion reduced as a result of IL-8 down regulation.[21]

Known sources of inflammatory stimulation in the tumour microenvironment as well as epigenetic alterations are known to help cancer cells become more invasive. Therefore, finding drugs that can reduce the intrusiveness of disease cells caused by inflammationmight be crucial for treating disease and enhancing the forecast ofcancer patients. An anti-inflammatory flavonoid called acetylshikonin prevents oral cancer cells from proliferating and causes them to undergo apoptosis. In the current work, the mechanisms behind the counter intrusiveactivity of acetylshikonin on YD10B oral malignant growth cells tainted with Porphyromonas gingivalis, a prominent microbe associated with persistent periodontitis, were examined. First, we looked at whether P. gingivalis infection made YD10B cells more invasive. The findings suggested that P. gingivalis infection makes YD10B oral cancer cells more aggressive. Secondly, by preventing IL-8 and IL-8-subordinateMMP discharge, acetylshikonin dramatically reduced the invasion of P. gingivalis-infected YD10B cells. The evidence points to acetylshikonin as a potentialpreventive and helpfulagent for oral malignant growth that is persistently contaminated with periodontalbacteria.[21] The goals of this review were to describe the job thatchronic periodontitis plays in the emergence of oral cancer and to evaluate how sensitive this malignancy is to chemotherapeutic drugs. We first assessed the rate of tumour formation and alterations in the blood cytokine profiles in mice that had been controlled Porphyromonas gingivalis, a prominent contributor toconstant periodontitis. In comparison to the control mice, the P. gingivalis-treated mice had more elevated levels ofpaclitaxel resistance and slower rates of tumour formation. Additionally, animals treated with P. gingivalis had higher serum levels of interleukin-6 (IL-6) than control mice. Additionally, mice fed P. gingivalis had dramatically increased tumour xenograft susceptibility to paclitaxel when given the anti-inflammatory drug ibuprofen.

Role of inflammatory mediators in oral cancer
Inflammatory mediators assume a vital part in the complex process of oral malignant growth metastasis. Metastasis is the spread of malignant growth cells from the essential cancer site to far off organs or tissues, contributing to the aggressiveness and lethality of the disease. In the context of oral disease, several incendiary mediators contribute to various stages of metastasis, including initiation, progression, invasion, and dissemination. Inflammatory mediators, such as cytokines (e.g., interleukins, tumor necrosis factor-alpha) and chemokines, establish an inflammatory microenvironment within the tumor and its surroundings. This environment fosters tumor growth, angiogenesis, and immune evasion, promoting a suitable niche for cancer cells to initiate metastasis. Cytokines, which are small proteins contribute to a complex network of interactions between cancer cells, immune cells, and the tumor microenvironment. Cytokines, for example, interleukins (IL-6, IL-8), cancer putrefaction factor-alpha (TNF-α), and changing development factor-beta (TGF-β) can promote cell proliferation, survival, and resistance to apoptosis (programmed cell death) in oral cancer cells. They contribute to the growth and expansion of the tumor mass.[22] Cytokines, particularly vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), invigorateangiogenesis—the development of fresh blood vessels. Angiogenesis is critical for providing supplements and oxygen to the growing tumor, enabling its sustained growth and potential for metastasis. Cytokines play a key role in orchestrating the immune response to oral cancer. Some cytokines, such as IL-1 and IL-6, promote inflammation in the tumor microenvironment. Chronic inflammation can facilitate tumor progression, invasion, and angiogenesis. Additionally, cytokines contribute to the recruitment and activation of immune cells (e.g., T cells, macrophages) that can either inhibit or support tumor growth. Cytokines like TGF-β are involved in inducing EMT, allowing cancer cells to become more invasive and

metastatic. Cytokines influence various steps of the metastatic process, including invasion, intravasation (passage into veins), extravasation (exit from veins),and colonization offar off organs. They can regulate the interactions between cancer cells and the extracellular matrix, facilitating invasion and dissemination.[23] Cytokines can modulate the immune response in the tumor microenvironment, potentially helping cancer cells evade immune surveillance and destruction. Some cytokines create an immunosuppressive environment that inhibits the activity of immune cells targeting the tumor.They can influence the response of oral cancer cells to various treatment modalities, such as chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and immunotherapy. They may affect the sensitivity of cancer cells to these treatments and contribute to resistance mechanisms.It also stimulates angiogenesis (development of fresh blood vessels), providing supplements and oxygen to growing tumor cells.

This process aids in the establishment of a blood supply for metastatic growth and dissemination. Inflammatory mediators activate enzymes that degrade the extracellular matrix, facilitating cancer cell invasion into surrounding tissues and blood vessels. This enables cancer cells to invade adjacent structures and enter the bloodstream or lymphatic vessels, a crucial step in metastasis. Inflammatory mediators contribute to immune suppression by impairing the function of immune cells. This allows cancer cells to evade immune surveillance and destruction, promoting their survival and spread. Inflammatory mediators induce Epithelial-Mesenchymal Progress, a cycle in which cancer cells procure a more migratory and invasive phenotype. EMT enables cancer cells to detach from the primary tumor and invade distant sites, aiding metastatic dissemination. Inflammatory mediators released by the primary tumor can "pre-condition" distant organs, making them more receptive to cancer cell colonization. This phenomenon, known as pre-metastatic niche formation, involves the recruitment of immune cells, fibroblasts, and other components that facilitate cancer cell survival and growth. Inflammatory mediators facilitate the entry of cancer cells into lymphatic and blood vessels, allowing for dissemination to regional lymph nodes and distant organs. Understanding the intricate interplay between inflammatory mediators and oral cancer metastasis is vital for developing targeted therapies that disrupt these processes. Targeting specific inflammatory pathways may hold promise for inhibiting metastasis and improving the forecast of patients with oral malignant growth.

CONCLUSION

All in all, the relationship between oral disease and periodontal diseases reveals a complex interplay of shared risk factors, chronic inflammation, and potential pathways. While a definitive causal relationship remains elusive, compelling evidence suggests that poor oral health, chronic inflammation, and common risk behaviors like tobacco use and excessive alcohol consumption contribute to the convergence of these conditions. Collaborative efforts between dental and medical professionals are crucial for early detection, effective management, and preventive strategies. Further research is needed to unravel the intricate mechanisms underlying this association, paving the way for enhanced patient care and improved overall health outcomes.

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Biochemical Analysis of Edible Insects, Health Benefits and Prospects of Food Security - A Review

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ABSTRACT

In the context of population growth all over the world, the edible insects have already drawn attention from researchers as they are the potential source of nutrients and many bioactive compounds indicating their possible efficacy against many serious health issues. However, social taboo against traditional insects eating habit especially in Western countries, risk associated with allergen, microbial and parasite load as well as an aversion to their taste, flavor and palatability, have still restricted the acceptability of insects as food. This paper has discussed the nutritional value and health benefits of insects as well as prospective for future food security.

Keywords: Nutrients, Bioactive compound, Entrepreneurship, Food security, social taboo.

INTRODUCTION

The population of the entire world is increasing at an alarming rate and is assumed to reach an estimation of 9.8 billion by the year 2050 directly leading to food crisis all over the world [1]. It is evident from various reports that food production is fluctuating from year to year due to climate changes, unusual seasonal distribution and often scanty rain [2]. Besides, livestock production worldwide accounts for 70% of the agricultural land and ruminant meat products followed by other meat and dietary products score highest in the emission of greenhouse gases, land use, energy use, acidification potential and eutrophication. Under these circumstances, there is an urgent need to transform diets and food production systems [3].

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Entomophagy, the practice of insect eating is being practised all over the world and especially very popular among the ethnic tribes since years. Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations (2013) suggests that edible insects have a high nutritional value and their farming is environmentally friendlier compared to other animal protein sources [4]. Since then, the studies on edible insects have gained exponential interest from researchers, policymakers and entrepreneurs. Some researchers demonstrated that farming of insects generates less greenhouse gas emissions when compared to conventional livestock [4-6]. However, it is important to denote that entomophagy has limited acceptance due to it being an unfamiliar practice for almost all western cultures and even considered a cultural taboo, which has limited its incorporation in the current western diet. In this context, and to provide further scientific-based information, research has been done on the sustainability, nutritional and health benefits of edible insects [7]. The aim of this paper is to review current practices of entomophagy and their implications for nutritional security which is an important factor for human welfare. Besides, the edible insects have a potential income generation for poverty alleviation in rural areas through insects farming. Increased appreciation would also contribute towards conservation of threatened biodiversity of insects.

Diversity of edible insects

Around 113 countries are reported to have consumed an approximate number of 2000 edible insects [13]. 164 insect species were identified as being sold for food according to the survey conducted in Bangkok, Thailand [14]. Another report by[15] mentioned about the presence of more than 2100 edible insects which are divided into 18 orders and among those are, Coleoptera (659 species), Lepidoptera (362 species), Hymenoptera (321 species), Orthoptera (278 species), Hemiptera (237 species), Odonata (61 species), Isoptera (59 species), and Diptera (37 species) are the most abundantly present, are of easy access, and mostly consumed by humans [16]. According to Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the year 2022, consumption of over 1900 edible insect species are reported throughout the year along with it being a part of their nutrition rich diet since years. The most commonly consumed species globally are beetles, caterpillars, bees, wasps and ant followed by grasshoppers, locusts and crickets, cicadas, leafhoppers and bugs, termites, dragon- flies, flies along with some other species are also reported to be consumed [8]. Africa, Asia and Latin America is reported to have a large number of edible insect consumers. Also, consumption of insects is reported to be low in most European countries, as it is still not acceptable culturally [8]. Amongst all the continents of the world, the highest concentration of edible insects are found in Asia, Africa and South America. Asia leads the list in terms of the presence of highest number of edible insects. In Asia, countries like China (272 species), India (256 species) and Thailand (311 species) have high diversity of edible insects. In India, the country where we authors belong to, entomophagy is being practiced since ancient times due to harmonious coexistence between tribal communities and natural resources. [17] revealed that 255 edible insects are consumed by the different tribes of India and Coleopteran insects consumption was recorded as the highest constituting 34%, followed by Orthopterans 24%, Hemipterans 17%, Hymenopterans 10%, Odonata 8%, Lepidoptera 4% and the least occupied by Ephemeroptera which is 1%. [17] also depicted edible insect diversity in different states of India as follows- Arunachal Pradesh (158 species), Manipur and Nagaland (41 species each), Assam (38 species), Meghalaya (16 species), Kerala (5 species) and Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh (1 species each).

Our native place North East India, one of the biodiversity hotspots of the world, represents rich diversity of edible insects consumed by different tribes as a part of traditional cuisine. Documentation of edible insects enlisted 102 species of which, 40 belonged to the order Coleoptera, 26 to Orthoptera, 12 to Hymenoptera, 8 to Hemiptera, 5 to Homoptera, 3 to Ephemenoptera, 4 to Odonata, 2 to Plecoptera, 3 to Dictyoptera, 2 Isoptera and 3 diptera [18]. Another study reported 41 species belonging to 8 orders, under 24 families and 36 genera are from Manipur that are consumed as food (Shantibala *et al.,* 2012). [19-20] reported 106 edible insects from Nagaland. In the state of Meghalaya, 102 species of insects[18] were reported to consume as food. In Assam different workers reported 22-40 edible insects. [21-23]. However, the known number of edible insect species is only a fraction of the already discovered insect species. The small relative number of insect species consumed is perhaps based on availability, personal dietary preferences and traditional habit. It is also important to note that the diversity and abundance of insects in different habitat types have an observed correlation with the entomophagy attitude of a particular region.

Therefore, research indicates the importance of documentation region specific diversity of edible insects to avoid the dependency of limited number of insects through insect farming.

The life stage of insect consumed as food

The consumption stages are different for different types of edible insects. Adult, Eggs, Larvae and Nymphs are the most commonly consumable life stage depending on the species, palatability, taste, nutritional value, medicinal value, availability and religious customs [18].

Season and source of availability

Although edible insects generally occur throughout the year, their densities and diversities are determined by their food plants as well as seasonal conditions. Observations on the seasonal availability of edible insects by the authors themselves indicated Coleopterans are seen during June to September (premonsoon and monsoon) whereas their number falls during winter to early spring [24]. Insects belonging to order Odonata and Orthopterans are mostly abundant in September and October (late summer). Aquatic hemipterans (Belostoma) are mostly available from October to January during the winters. Hymenopterans like ants, bees, hornets and wasps can be found all throughout the year. Weaver ants are available for consumption from May to July. Availability of Lepidopteran (Silkworms) for consumption is mainly seen from May to December. But an exception is Eri silkworm which can be reared widely throughout the year. Also, some of the edible insects like certain bugs and ants are available and are used throughout the year [25]. The insects are mostly collected from the natural sources like local agricultural field, forest/backyard forest habitat, swampy area, open field and local market at the time of availability [23]. To utilize the seasonal spike of abundance and diversity of edible insects, development of novel preservation technique can be fruitful to continue the chain of nutrient supply throughout the year or at the time of food scarcity. On the other hand, [27]and[28] stated that seasonal availability of insects is declining with time. Further, anthropogenic disturbances and deforestation are bound to destroy species composition, community structure and insect diversity. This calls an urgent need for ecosystem restoration to sustain the distribution pattern and abundance of edible insects.Depending upon the type of insect, groups they belong to, edible life stage and food habit of various ethnic community, the insects are consumed in the form of raw, roasted, fried, curry, smoked chutney and other dish ingredient [29,24].

Nutritional value of edible insects

The content of essential nutrients is a baseline criterion while selecting insect species. Edible insects show great variation in their nutritional composition depending on the species, sex, consumable life stage, growth environment and diet of the insect [10]. It is also important to note that the method of preparation and processing before consumption like drying, cooking, frying etc. effect the nutritional value to an extent.[38-39] stated that insect nutritional composition shows high diversity within groups of the same species also. On average, the protein content of edible insects ranges 35%-60% dry weight or 10%-25% fresh weight[38-39] which are higher than plant protein sources, including cereal, soybeans and lentils [41]. Insects can be an even more efficient source of protein than animals and[39] revealed that insects contain values of between 9.96 and 35.2 grams of protein per 100 grams, compared with 16.8-20.6 grams for meat. The average protein content in dry insect matter is found to vary between 35% in termites, 61% in crickets, grasshoppers, locusts and so on [5]. To fully document the protein quality, more studies of digestibility of protein are needed, using *in vivo* methods standardized for evaluation of digestibility in humans [42]. Studies have suggested that insect protein digestibility is 77%-98% without after the exoskeleton. [9] stated that insect protein digestibility is highly variable due to the presence of hard exoskeleton with high proportion of chitin component that are especially difficult to digest. Hence, removal of exoskeleton through a part of processing is a viable option to increase the digestibility of edible insects. Most edible insect's species meet satisfactory amounts of essential amino acids recommended for adults in respect of phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, threonine and lysine (WHO, Geneva, 2007). Cereal proteins that are key staple in diets all around the world are often low in lysine and in some cases, lack amino acids tryptophan and threonine. In some edible insects, these amino acids are very well represented [41]. The amount of leucine in Coleoptera is higher than that in other types of protein sources including livestock. Similarly, the amount of phenylalanine in Hemiptera is higher than that in all other known

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protein sources. Compared with edible insects at other stages, nymphs are usually the most abundant source of nearly all kinds of amino acids. They are especially rich in arginine which benefits heart and blood vessel conditions and boosts the immune system. Arginine is more than twice as abundant in nymphs of cockroaches as in beef and pork [15].

The average carbohydrate content of edible insects varies from 6.71% to 30.80 % [43,44]. Carbohydrates in insects mainly exist in two forms of chitin and glycogen. The former is a polymer of N-acetyl-D-glucosamine that is the primary component of exoskeleton [41,38]. Studies claim that chitin is a type of carbohydrate polymer to improve human gut microbiology and is reported to be helpful for gastrointestinal health owing to its pre-biotic potential accounting its presence in at least 10% of whole dried insects. [45,46] revealed that chitin is an insect exoskeleton derived fibre and varies between 7.4% to 17.8%. Chitin and chitosan (produced by deacetylation of chitin) have sparked the interest of researchers due to their biological activity, which includes immune-boosting properties, antimicrobial and anti-fungal effects, anti inflammatory, anti-tumor and antioxidant activity [47,48]. Lipids, after protein are the most important compounds of edible insects. The nutritional quality of fat, in terms of the composition of the fatty acid, is highly variable between insect species and also changes depending on what the insects have eaten [49]. Fatty acid profile of insects seems to be genetically similar to animals' fats and vegetable oil [50]. Composition of omega-3-polyunsaturated and some other fatty acids in mealworm is comparable to that of fish and higher than pig and cattle [51]. Generally, fat in insects is characterized as comparable to fat in poultry and fish, but likely to contain more of the desired unsaturated fatty acids, either monounsaturated or the more healthy polyunsaturated fatty acids [5]. There is increasing awareness of the role of polyunsaturated acids as food supplements in the human diet and in the prevention of different diseases. Apart from containing essential fatty acids and polyunsaturated fatty acids and exert healthy effects, it has been demonstrated that fatty acids, as components of insect cuticular lipids, play an important role in fungal infection resistance [52]. Not only insect lipids are constituted of triacylglycerols, but also phospholipids, sterols, waxes, glycolipids among others [53].

Crude Fibre is an important constituent of food which stimulates digestion. [2] depicted crude fibre content 8.75 % to 33.47 % in some edible insect species from India. Different workers reported crude fibre values in edible insects between 2.20 g/100g to 30.56 g/100g [35,54,55]. It is worth noting that the energy levels of edible insects are high and only a small quantity is needed to meet the daily requirements for adults [55]. The mean value for energy was 458.62 kcal/100g with the lowest energy recorded being that of *Henicus whellani* (Ground cricket) (286.3 kcal/100g) and the highest being that of *Phasus triangularis* (762 kcal/100g) [44]. [43] stated that some insects (e.g. grasshoppers, crickets, termites, mealworms, mopane caterpillar) are rich source in iron, zinc, calcium, copper, phosphorus, magnesium and manganese. According to [41] most of the edible insects have similar iron content to beef. [45] stated that consuming edible insects can provide the high proportions of daily mineral recommendations for humans, particularly in terms of iron. WHO has flagged iron deficiency as the world's most common and widespread nutritional disorder. Thus, the high iron content in edible insects may be a strong control measure against anaemia in developing countries in upcoming days.

Information regarding vitamin content is in edible insects are limited. Available data indicate that edible insects contain carotene, vitamin B_1, B_2, B_6, C, D, E and K [44]. In particular, orthoptera and coleopteran are rich in folic acid [5]. They also stated that caterpillars are especially rich in B_1, B_2 and B_6. Similarly, Bee brood (pupae) is rich in vitamin A and D. Red palm weevil (*Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*) is a good source of vitamin E [41]. The establishment of solid scientific evidence of the nutritional composition of edible insects requires systematic studies of contents and variation of each relevant nutrients. Such studies on nutritional composition of edible insects should meet standards to be included in international food composition databases [58]. Processing and conservation methods also need to be considered [59].

Bioaccessibility and Bioavailability of Nutrients and Bioactive compounds
Bioaccesibility has been defined as the fraction of a compound which is released from the food matrix in the gastrointestinal lumen and thereby made available for intestinal absorption [62]. Bioavailability is the proportion of a

nutrient that is digested, absorbed and metabolized through normal pathways. Consequently, it is not enough to know how much of a nutrient is present in a dietary supplement, the more important issue is how much of that present is bioavailable [63]. To meet this standard, the case needs to made that an oral dietary supplement must undergo *in vitro* test requirements for disintegration and dissolution. [64] stated that the bioavailability of macro nutrients i.e. carbohydrates, proteins and fats, is usually high with more than 90 % of the amount ingested being absorbed and utilized in the human body. On the other hand, micronutrients such as vitamins and minerals, and bioactive compounds such as flavonoids, carotenoids, can vary widely in the extent to which they are absorbed and utilized after ingestion. They also stated that the bioavailability of nutrients is highly variable and can be influenced by numerous factors. Different nutrients and the forms in which they exist in the ingested medium, will react in different ways to inhibitors and enhancers and the hosts' nutritional status, all contributing to the complex variability of nutrient bioavailability. The nutrients can interact with one another or with other dietary components at the site of absorption, resulting in either a change in bioavailability or if enhancers and inhibitors cancel each other out –a nil effect.

Food safety of edible insects

Reports suggests that the rigid outer covering present in most of the insects called chitin might become difficult to digest for human and this is due to the reason that diets these days lack chitin which is directly causing deficiency of enzyme chitinase which helps in the cleaving of this chitin if consumed by humans. Also, it is seen that individuals having lower amount of chitinase enzyme seems to suffer from a kind of allergic reactions in them when they consume insects having chitin outer layer (EFSA, 2015). Another consideration is the presence of some antinutritional factors (e.g. oxalates, tannins, alkaloids, phytates and saponins) which can impact the digestibility of protein and the absorption of minerals and subsequently reduce their bioavailability [60]. Oxalate was the most reported with a mean 3.07±3.54 mg/100g while tannins, saponins, alkaloids and cyanide were the least reported [65]. The allergenicity of silkworm pupae has been extensively reported and the key allergen is the silkworm pupae protein or peptide, such as 27-kDa glycoprotein, Chitinase precursor, Paramyosin and Profilin [66]. Twenty-six protein-based allergens which can cause hives, dizziness, itchy skin and even shock in some people who consume silkworm pupae have been identified [61]. Currently, many feasible methods/operations such as cooking, fermentation, heat treatment, enzymatic digestion and acid base treatment have been explored to reduce or mitigate the allergenicity of silkworm pupae [95]. On the other hand, it is important to note that, edible insects rich in saturated fat content is not recommended for people with heart disease risk, obesity or metabolism issues [39].

Prospects of insects as food resources

Despite of numerous advantages of insect consumption, the future of insect industry is unfavorable in Western societies, [68,7] given that existing cultural distaste cannot be changed rapidly [29]. Fortunately, the increased consumer knowledge about edible insects also increases the willingness to pay for insect food [69]. To increase acceptance, social, practical and contextual factors affecting food consumption must be emphasized to consumers [70]. Such efforts involve continuous education and promotion regarding the potential for edible insects to solve environmental, population and land availability problems today and in the future. It is important to note that scientists and technologies have used both traditional and new processing methods in order to improve their sensory and nutritional qualities as well as their shelf-life; as strategies to incorporate insects, in a non-recognizable form, into novel ingredients and products, thus increasing their availability and consumer acceptance/receptiveness [71,72].

CONCLUSION

With a still growing population and skewed demographic structures across most societies of the world, the role of edible insects as nutrient rich food has been increasingly advocated by researchers and policymakers globally. Existing researches have already established the considerable nutritional and medicinal values of edible insects. However, any indication of health benefits needs to be confirmed in human studies or in standardized assays accepted in health research prior to be claimed. Both farming and processing that requires a standard industrial line

to ensure the quality of insect products. Communication between farms and industries are advocated for efficient co-operation and further profits. Edible insects also provide an opportunity for insect conservation by combining food security and forest biodiversity conservation issues ensuring sustainable development of mankind.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Efficacy of Hypoglycaemic Agents in Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus with Associated Co-Morbidities: A Prospective Observational Study

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ABSTRACT

Diabetes mellitus has been a known disease for a long time and has now become a modern-day epidemic, recognized as a global health issue. Our study aimed to bring attention to the current prescribing trends and effectiveness measures for type 2 diabetes mellitus patients with co-morbid conditions. The study was conducted for six months; the Department of General Medicine at Santhiram Medical College and General Hospital conducted an observational study based in the hospital. The study analysed prescriptions for 165 patients, of which 63.03% were males and 36.9% were females. The majority of the patients were between the ages of 51 and 65. It is essential to note that Hypertension and Diabetes were often co-morbid, with the latter affecting a significant proportion of the global population. Of the various oral hypoglycaemic agent combinations available, the metformin-glimepiride 2mg combination is the most commonly prescribed, accounting for 19.39% of such prescriptions. Additionally, Metformin is the most widely prescribed drug among oral hypoglycaemic agents. When it comes to managing diabetes mellitus, experts recommend the use of combination therapy. Our recent study has

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indicated a shift in treatment trends, specifically toward using Metformin with Insulin. It is worth noting that this finding differs from the results of other studies in the same field.

INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a prevalent disease that has been recognized for a considerable period and has become a concerning health issue. The escalating occurrence of diabetes is attributed to multiple factors, including population growth, urbanization, and an increase in obesity and sedentary lifestyles. DM is a collection of metabolic disorders that result in elevated blood sugar levels and impact carbohydrate, fat, and lipid metabolism, leading to chronic complications such as microvascular and macrovascular disorders. There are three types of DM - type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes. Type 2 Diabetes is widespread as it can develop in individuals of any age group, and India has the highest prevalence of this type of diabetes worldwide. Type 2 diabetes is a major cause of premature morbidity and mortality, primarily due to microvascular and macrovascular complications. Given that it is a progressive metabolic disorder, it can lead to other health conditions such as Hypertension, Stroke, and Renal disorders [1-4]

Analysing prescription patterns is a valuable tool to gain insights into current drug usage, which can lead to more rational and effective treatment, ultimately improving patients' quality of life. This practice also helps identify trends in healthcare and promotes better management. When it comes to managing type 2 diabetes, a range of oral anti-diabetic medications are available, including sulfonylureas, biguanides, Alpha-Glucosidase inhibitors, Thiazolidinediones, Meglitinides, and the more recently introduced dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitors [5-6]. This study was to conduct the current prescribing trends in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients along with co-morbid conditions and efficacious drugs to treat the diseases.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study design and Site
The study was a hospital-based observational study designed to gather patient data prospectively. This data was collected via follow-up procedures and continued until the patient's discharge from the hospital. The study was conducted at the Department of General Medicine in Santhiram Medical College and General Hospital (SRMC&GH), Nandyal.

Study duration
The present study was conducted for six months, from November 2021 to April 2022, in the Department of general medicine of SRMC and GH.

Inclusion and exclusion criteria
Participants were willing to join the study and given written informed consent forms; patients in the age group 20 to 70 years, patients with type-2 diabetes, and patients with gestational diabetes were included. Participants were unwilling to join the study; patients with type-1 diabetes, pregnant women with pre-diabetes, and patients with impaired glucose tolerance were excluded.

Sample size
The total sample size was 165 patients; the sample size was taken based on the previous literature. As per the below formula, the sample size was determined. The values to substitute in the formula include Z was 1.96 at a 95% confidence interval, Standard deviation (SD) was 32, and Precision or absolute error (d) was 5.

$$n = \frac{z^2 \times SD^2}{d^2}$$
$$n = \frac{1.96^2 \times 32^2}{5^2}$$
$$n = 157$$

Ethical Approval

The conducted study on humans was the IEC of Santhiram Medical College and General Hospital, Nandyal. The institutional ethics committee permission number was IEC/2021/045. After the permission, the study participants were taken upon the patient's consent and through the inclusion and exclusion criteria.

Statistical analysis

The collected data were entered in Microsoft Excel 2016. The data was further subjected to the mean, standard deviation, and proportion. The chosen statistical test was paired test based on the before and after data. The GraphPad Prism 9.4.1 version was used to conduct the statistical test. The acceptance of statements was based on the P value. The < 0.05 P-Value was considered as a statistical significance.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Patients won't come to know about diabetes until they get any symptoms or any clinical features. The long-term increase in severity and duration of hyperglycaemia represents the significant causes of morbidity and mortality in people with type 2 diabetes.

Demographics, co-morbidity, therapy categorization of subjects

The study involved 165 patients in total. According to our research, men (63.03%) had a higher risk of developing diabetes than women (36.9%), and Gautam Sahu et al. reported similar outcomes concerning the demographics.[7] These can be a result of their alterations in lifestyle and social habits. This was due to the biological susceptibility of males to the condition, whereby they also have a lower body mass index than females. Prevalence of Diabetes is more in the 51- 65 age group (46.67%) followed by 36-50 years (20%), 66-70 (19.39%), and 20-35 age group (13.94%) respectively, Mohammad Yaseen Abbasi et al.[8] Their study also revealed that the maximum number of patients was in the age group of 51-65. These may be due to a decrease in the physiological functions of organs in the body, lack of exercise, and stress.

The categorization of diabetic patients was as follows, out of 165 patients, Type 2 diabetes mellitus with co-morbid conditions accounted for 107 (64.85%), type 2 diabetes mellitus patients accounted for 43 (26.06%), gestational diabetes mellitus accounted for 15 (9.09%). We observed that type 2 diabetes, along with co-morbidities, was found in more patients. This was because diabetes was a progressive disorder, and effective management was required to control glycaemic levels. Due to poor management and adherence to type 2 Diabetes mellitus, patients were more prone to co-morbid conditions.

The duration-wise distribution of type 2 diabetic patients was primarily patients who had a diabetic history of 3 to 5 years (30.23%) followed by <3 years (25.58%), 5-10 years (23.25%), 10-15 years (13.95%), and >15 years (6.98%), respectively, similar results were reported by Dev Priya et al.[1] Based on this result type 2 Diabetes mellitus was most rapidly spreading over the past three years, this may be due to environmental and lifestyle changes resulting from industrialization and urbanization.

The distribution of type 2 diabetic patients along with co-morbid conditions; in our study, we observed that Hypertension accounted for 53.27%, followed by Hypertension with Stroke (22.43%), Stroke (20.56%), AKI (1.86%), Stroke with AKI (0.94%) and Hypertension with AKI (0.94%). Hypertension was highly associated with co-morbidity

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in type 2 Diabetes mellitus patients; similar results were reported by Mohd Mahmood et al.[2]Hypertension is common among individuals with diabetes due to the way Insulin affects the body's metabolism. These two conditions are linked and can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, Stroke, and kidney problems. The prevalence of Hypertension is high among people with diabetes because of Insulin's metabolic action.

The type of prescribing pattern of hypoglycaemic agents in which dual therapy accounts for 47.27% followed by triple therapy (36.36%) and monotherapy (16.37%) similar findings were reported by Taruna Sharma et al.[9] The age and gender-wise distribution, categorization of diabetic patients, duration-wise distribution in type2 diabetes, and distribution of type2 diabetic patients along with co-morbid conditions and type of prescribing pattern of hypoglycaemic agents concerning information was displayed in Table.1

Distribution in subjects with co-morbid conditions
In our study, we observed that 61-70 (49.53%) age group diabetic patients were prone to the co-morbid condition, followed by 41-60 years (44.86%) and 20-40 age group (5.61%). The study conducted by Inmaculada Guerrero-Fernandez de Albaet al.[10] also stated that more than 65 years of age group diabetic people were experiencing co-morbid conditions. These may be due to decreased insulin secretion, modification of environmental factors, lack of physical activity, and loss of physiological functions of different organs. In the duration-wise distribution of type 2 Diabetic Mellitus patients along with co-morbid conditions, patients with a diabetic history of more than five years (74.77%) were mainly seen compared to 0-5 years (25.23%) co-morbid conditions. Similar results were reported by Mohammad Yaseen Abbasi et al.[8] He stated that patients with a long duration of diabetes were at a higher risk of developing complications. In our study, we observed that, as the duration of type 2 diabetes increased, patients were more prone to co-morbid conditions. They may also develop multi-co-morbid disease due to insulin resistance and end-organ damage. Age-wise distribution and duration-wise distribution in type 2 diabetes mellitus with co-morbid conditions related information showed in Table 2.

Categorization of therapy based on HbA1c levels
Regarding the distribution of diabetic patients with HbA1c levels, in our study, we observed that the majority of patients had HbA1c levels ranging between 6.5-8.5 (46.66%), followed by 8.5-10.5 (40%), >10.5 (6.67%), and < 6.5 (6.67%) similar finding had also observed in a study conducted by the Mohd Mahmood et al.[2] Initially, patients with lower HbA1c levels were prescribed monotherapy along with lifestyle modifications. As HbA1c levels increased, combination therapy was preferred for effective glycaemic control due to increased insulin resistance in pancreatic beta cells. This information is provided in Table 3.

Prescribing pattern of hypoglycaemics
The prescribing pattern and efficacy of hypoglycaemic agents in Type 2 Diabetes in which Metformin with Insulin accounted for (6.06%) followed by Metformin with Glimipride 2 mg (6.06%), Metformin with Glimepiride 2 mg + Insulin (4.88%), Metformin (2.42%), Metformin with Glimipride 1 mg (3.64%), Metformin with Glimepiride 1mg + Insulin (1.21%) and Metformin with Vildagliptin (1.21%).

The prescribing pattern of hypoglycemic agents in type2 diabetes with co-morbid conditions in which Metformin with Glimipride 2 mg (13.34%) followed by Metformin with Teneligliptin+ Insulin (12.12%), Metformin with Insulin (10.9%), Metformin with Glimipride 2 mg + Insulin (8.48%), Metformin with Glimipride 1mg + Insulin (7.87%), Metformin with Glimipride 1 mg (7.27%), Metformin (3.64%), Metformin with Glimipride+ Pioglitazone (0.6%) and Metformin with Glimipride+ Sitagliptin (0.6%).

Metformin does not raise congenital malformations and is typically well tolerated, so it was prescribed to most pregnant women with gestational diabetes mellitus. Because gestational diabetes mellitus prevents maternal weight growth compared to other drugs, serious side effects are uncommon. In addition, Hamid Nasri et al.[11] investigations revealed that Metformin is equally safe and effective as Insulin for treating gestational diabetes. Equally a result,

Metformin is currently the preferred treatment if glucose objectives are not met with dietary interventions. According to some studies, mothers who used Metformin instead of Insulin may be healthier.

The overall prescribing pattern of hypoglycaemic agents mostly Metformin with Glimipride 2 mg accounted for (19.39%) followed by Metformin with Insulin (16.96%), Metformin (15.15%), Metformin with Glimipride 2 mg + Insulin (13.35%), Metformin with Teneligliptin+ Insulin (12.75%), Metformin with Glimipride 1 mg (10.9%), Metformin with Glimipride 1mg + Insulin (9.09%), Metformin with Vildagliptin (1.21%), Metformin with Glimipride+ Sitagliptin (0.6%) and Metformin with Glimipride+ Pioglitazone (0.6%). This information is shown in Table 4.

Efficacy of hypoglycaemics

In our study, we observed that patients were prescribed metformin and glimepiride 2 mg combination followed by Metformin with Insulin for the treatment of type 2 diabetes with or without co-morbidities. Initially, treatment was started with monotherapy, Metformin, considered a safe drug in terms of hyperglycaemia. It is a peripheral sensitizer of Insulin and is helpful in case of insulin resistance since it does not promote weight gain and is an essential factor in the pathogenesis of type 2 diabetes. Thus, it was the first drug of choice for most patients with type 2 Diabetes mellitus. After this, the patient was referred to a renal function test; if they had a normal renal function, they continued with Metformin. If the patient's glucose levels were uncontrolled, they switched to glimepiride.

In lean patients, second-generation sulfonylureas were preferred to control their glycaemic levels. Glimepiride has the advantage of a long half-life and better compliance, which reduces the risk of hypoglycaemia. It increases insulin released by the pancreas, which lowers blood glucose levels. However, if patients on long-term sulfonylurea treatment experience increased blood glucose levels, this is known as sulfonylurea failure. In these cases, insulin sensitizers and combination therapy can be preferred to effectively control glucose levels, especially in patients with co-morbid conditions. In instances of Stroke caused by high lipid abnormalities, Metformin with Teneligliptin and Insulin is highly recommended. Teneligliptin improves 24-hour blood glucose levels by increasing active incretin levels and early-phase insulin secretion, reducing the postprandial insulin requirement, and decreasing glucagon secretion. Our study found that Metformin with Insulin was the most effective drug in patients with type 2 diabetes alone. In co-morbid conditions like diabetes with Hypertension, Metformin with Insulin showed high efficacy, and in other situations like Diabetes with Stroke and Diabetes with Hypertension and Stroke, Metformin with Teneligliptin along with Insulin showed high efficacy; this information displayed in Table 5 and Table 6. The effectiveness was measured based on the mean difference of HbA1c. The above-mentioned effective medications all show statistical significance with a P value of < 0.05.

Burden of Diabetes

The burden of diabetes increases day by day in terms of disease and along with co-morbidities. Diabetes in long-term duration chance to the occurrence of co-morbidities as discussed above. The expected expenditure burden of diabetes in monetary will be 750 billion USD by 2030. To reduce the burden, make sure that proper lifestyle modifications are needed.[12] The clinical pharmacist plays an important role in prescribing, to correct the prescription in terms of Dosage regimens, Appropriateness of medication with the usage of Guidelines, Medication errors, Efficacy, and safety. Thus, the clinical pharmacist is the most needful healthcare personnel and stakeholder to improve the outcome of the patient. The following issues aid to understand the various risk factors and consequences to increase in cost burden in geriatrics.[13-24]

Limitations

Our study on GDM patients was limited by its short duration and small sample size, which hindered our ability to conduct further research on patterns and effectiveness. To gather more comprehensive data, we recommend continuing the prescription pattern study over a more extended period of time to account for year-to-year variations and assess trends.

CONCLUSION

According to the report issued by the study, male patients aged between 51-65 years are at a higher risk of developing diabetes mellitus, with a prevalence of 46.67%. Hypertension is a commonly observed co-morbidity in such cases. Dual therapy, at a rate of 47.27%, is the preferred approach for regulating glucose levels. Among the many options available, sulfonylureas and biguanides are the most frequently prescribed combination. Nonetheless, Metformin has been the oral hypoglycaemic agent of choice, with many prescriptions being issued for its use. Recently, there has been a shift in the trend, with a preference for combining Metformin with Insulin, which is a departure from previous studies. It is important to note that all prescriptions are in compliance with the guidelines laid down by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

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Table 1: Description and type of prescribing pattern in subjects

Age and Gender wise distribution			
Age	**Male (%)**	**Female (%)**	**Total (%)**
20-35	6(3.64)	17(10.3)	23(13.94)
36-50	22(13.33)	11(6.67)	33(20)
51-65	52(31.52)	25(15.15)	77(46.67)
66-70	24(14.54)	8(4.85)	32(19.39)
Total	104(63.03)	61(36.97)	165(100)
Categorization of diabetic patients			
Type	**Male (%)**	**Female (%)**	**Total (%)**
Type - 2 DM	29(17.58)	14(8.48)	43(26.06)
GDM*	-	15(9.09)	15(9.09)
Type-2 DM with co-morbid conditions	74(44.85)	33(20)	107(64.85)
Duration-wise distribution in type-2 Diabetes			
Duration of Diabetes	**Male (%)**	**Female (%)**	**Total (%)**
<3 years	7(16.28)	4(9.3)	11(25.58)
3-5 years	8(18.6)	5(11.63)	13(30.23)
5-10 years	6(5.60)	4(9.3)	10(23.25)
10-15 years	4(9.3)	2(4.65)	6(13.95)
>15 years	-	3(6.98)	3(6.98)

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Total	25(58.14)	18(41.86)	43(100)
Distribution of type-2 diabetic patients along with co-morbid conditions			
Co-morbid condition with diabetes	**Male (%)**	**Female (%)**	**Total (%)**
Hypertension	38(35.51)	19(17.76)	57(53.27)
Stroke	17(15.89)	5(4.67)	22(20.56)
AKI*	1(0.93)	1(0.93)	2(1.86)
HTN*+Stroke	16(14.95)	8(7.48)	24(22.43)
Stroke+AKI	1(0.94)	-	1(0.94)
HTN+AKI	1(0.94)	-	1(0.94)
Type of prescribing pattern of hypoglycaemic agents			
Type of therapy	**Male (%)**	**Female (%)**	**Total (%)**
Monotherapy	9(5.46)	18(10.91)	27(16.37)
Double therapy	52(31.52)	26(15.75)	78(47.27)
Triple therapy	43(26.06)	17(10.3)	60(36.36)

*GDM=Gestational diabetes mellitus, HTN=Hypertension, AKI=Acute kidney injury

Table 2: Age and duration-wise distribution in subjects with co-morbid conditions

Age (Y)	HTN	Stroke	HTN+Stroke	HTN+AKI	Stroke+AKI	AKI	Total (%)
Age-wise distribution in type 2 diabetic patients with co-morbid conditions							
20-40	2(1.87)	2(1.87)	2(1.87)	-	-	-	6(5.61)
41-60	25(23.36)	11(10.28)	11(10.28)	-	-	1(0.94)	48(44.86)
61-70	30(28.03)	9(8.40)	11(10.28)	1(0.94)	1(0.94)	1(0.94)	53(49.53)
Duration-wise distribution in type 2 diabetic patients with co-morbid conditions							
Age (Y)	HTN	Stroke	HTN+Stroke	HTN+AKI	Stroke+AKI	AKI	Total (%)
0-5	17(15.88)	3(2.88)	7(6.54)	-	-	-	27(25.23)
>5	40(37.38)	19(17.75)	17(15.9)	1(0.94)	1(0.94)	2(1.86)	80(74.77)

Table 3: Therapy based on HbA1c levels

Therapy	6.0-6.5	6.5-8.5	8.5-10.5	>10.5	Total (%)
Therapy based on HbA1c* levels					
Mono therapy	5(3.03)	19(11.51)	2(1.22)	1(0.61)	27(16.37)
Double therapy	5(3.03)	32(19.39)	38(23.03)	3(1.82)	78(47.27)
Triple therapy	1(0.61)	26(15.76)	26(15.76)	7(4.23)	60(36.36)
Total	11(6.67)	77(46.66)	66(40)	11(6.67)	165(100)

*HbA1c=Glycated haemoglobin or Haemoglobin A1c.

Table 4: Prescribing pattern of hypoglycaemic agents in subjects

Drug	Met*+gp1*	Met+gp1+ins*	Met+gp2*+ins	Met+gp+sita*	Met+gp2	met	Met+ins	Mg p*	Met+vil*	Met+ten*+ins
Prescribing pattern of hypoglycaemic agents in type 2 diabetes										
Diabetes	6(3.64)	2(1.21)	8(4.88)	-	10(6.06)	4(2.42)	10(6.06)	-	2(1.21)	1(0.6)
Prescribing pattern of hypoglycaemic agents in type 2 diabetes with co-morbid conditions										
HTN	8(4.84)	7(4.25)	10(6.06)	1(0.6)	13(7.88)	3(1.82)	14(8.49)	1(0.6)	-	-
Stroke	2(1.21)	3(1.82)	2(1.21)	-	4(2.42)	2(1.21)	1(0.6)		-	8(4.84)
AKI	-	-	1(0.6)	-	-	-	1(0.6)	-	-	-

HTN+Stroke	2(1.21)	2(1.21)	-	-	5(3.03)	1(0.6)	2(1.21)	-	-	12(7.31)
HTN+AKI	-	-	1(0.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stroke+AKI	-	1(0.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	12(7.27)	13(7.87)	14(8.48)	1(0.6)	22(13.34)	6(3.64)	18(10.9)	1(0.6)	-	20(12.12)
Prescribing pattern of hypoglycaemic agents in gestational diabetes mellitus										
GDM	-	-	-	-	-	15(9.1)	-	-	-	-
Overall	18(10.9)	15(9.09)	22(13.35)	1(0.6)	32(19.39)	25(15.15)	28(16.96)	1(0.6)	2(1.21)	21(12.75)

*Met=metformin,   gp1=glimepiride1mg,   ins=insulin,   gp   =glimepiride,   sita=Sitagliptin,   gp2= glimepiride2mg,mgp=metformin+glimepiride+Pioglitazone, vil= Vildagliptin, ten= Tenelgliptin

Table 5: Efficacy of hypoglycaemics-based HbA1c

Drug	Pre (HbA1c)	Post (HbA1c)	Difference	P value
Efficacy of hypoglycaemics type 2 diabetes				
Metformin	8.56	8.06	0.5	0.0001 S*
Metformin+Glimepiride 1mg	7.85	7.4	0.45	
Metformin+Glimepiride 1mg+insulin	8.6	8.1	0.5	
Metformin+Glimepiride 2mg	7.96	7.31	0.65	
Metformin+Glimepiride 2mg+insulin	9.26	8.71	0.55	
Metformin+insulin	9.84	8.99	0.85	
Metformin+Vildagliptin	6.8	6.4	0.4	
Metformin+Tenelgliptin+insulin	11.5	11.3	0.2	
Efficacy of hypoglycaemics in type 2 diabetes with Hypertension				
Metformin+Glimepiride 1mg	8.26	7.92	0.34	0.0015 S*
Metformin+Glimepiride 1mg+insulin	8.58	8.14	0.44	
Metformin+Glimepiride 2mg	8.01	7.6	0.41	
Metformin+Glimepiride 2mg+insulin	9.28	8.77	0.51	
Metformin	7.1	7.06	0.04	
Metformin+insulin	9.1	8.45	0.65	
Metformin+Glimepiride+Sitagliptin	9.7	9.5	0.2	
Metformin+Glimepiride+Pioglitazone	9	8.8	0.2	
Efficacy of hypoglycaemics in type 2 diabetes with Stroke				
Metformin+Glimepiride 1mg	7.65	7.15	0.5	0.0005 S*
Metformin+Glimepiride 1mg+insulin	8.83	8.23	0.6	
Metformin+Glimepiride 2mg	9.2	8.47	0.73	
Metformin+Glimepiride 2mg+insulin	11	10.5	0.5	
Metformin	7.5	7.1	0.4	
Metformin+insulin	9.3	9	0.3	
Metformin+Tenelgliptin+insulin	8.92	7.96	0.96	
Efficacy of hypoglycaemics in type 2 diabetes with Hypertension & Stroke				
Metformin	7.5	7	0.5	0.0022 S*
Metformin+insulin	9	8.25	0.75	
Metformin+Glimepiride 1mg	8.1	7.15	0.95	

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Metformin+Glimepiride 1mg+insulin	8.25	7.75	0.5	
Metformin+Glimepiride 2mg	8.66	7.48	1.18	
Metformin+Tenegliptin+insulin	8.08	6.65	1.43	

S*=significant, P Value < 0.05 considered as significant

Table 6: Statistical analysis of hypoglycaemics

Category	Efficacy	Sum		Mean & SD		P value
		Before	After	Before	After	
Type 2 diabetes	Metformin+Insulin	98.4	89.9	9.84 ± 0.43	8.99 ± 0.56	<0.0001
	Metformin+Glimepiride 2mg	79.6	73.1	7.96 ± 1.31	7.31 ± 1.27	<0.0001
Diabetes with HTN	Metformin+Insulin	127.4	118.3	9.1 ± 1.48	8.45 ± 1.35	<0.0001
	Metformin+Glimepiride 2mg	104.2	98.8	8.01 ± 1.23	7.6 ± 1.09	0.0034
Diabetes with Stroke	Metfromin+Tenegliptin+Insulin	71.4	63.7	$8.92+0.67$	7.96 ± 0.61	<0.0001
	Metformin+Glimepiride 2mg	36.8	33.9	9.2 ± 0.66	8.47 ± 0.68	0.0046
Diabetes with HTN + Stroke	Metfromin+Tenegliptin+Insulin	88.5	79.9	8.04 ± 0.52	6.65 ± 0.50	<0.0001
	Metformin+Glimepiride 2mg	43.3	37.4	8.66 ± 0.96	7.48 ± 0.52	0.0169
Overall treatment		1262.6	1166.8	8.64 ± 1.33	7.99 ± 1.29	<0.0001

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Comparative Evaluation of Three Different Provisional Restorative Materials for Surface Roughness using Two Different Polishing Agents - An *In vitro* Study

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ABSTRACT

To evaluate and compare the surface roughness of three provisional restorative materials after polished with two different polishing agents. In this study, three provisional restorative materials were used (polymethyl methacrylate (DPI), bis acrylic composite resin (Protemp 4) and Urathane dimethacrylate (UDMA) (Revotek LC), Two polishing agents (Aluminium Oxide paste and Diamond Polishing paste) were also used. A total of 90 samples were fabricated (15 mm x 2 mm x 2 mm dimention) and divided into 3 main groups (30 samples each) (Group A, B, and C). The three main groups were subdivided into 3 subgroups (A1, A2, and A3) based on the polishing agent used (Control, Diamond, or Aluminium Oxide). Each sample was then finished and polished. Surface roughness was verified using the Surface

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Roughness Test Mitutoyo (Japan) Model SJ 210.Data were analyzed with a two-way analysis (Post hoc Tukey's Test). The smoothest surface roughness was observed when Protemp 4 was polished with Revotek LC (dimond polishing paste) follwed by DPI. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used to compare Protemp 4 and Revotek LC with DPI. There was a statistically significant difference between Bis Acrylate Composite Resin (Protemp 4), Urathane Dimethacrylate (UDMA) Revotek LC, and Polymethyl Methyl Acrylate (DPI). Within the limitations of this study, Among the three temporary restorative materials used, bisacrylic composite (Protemp 4) was determined to have the lowest surface roughness compared to polymethyl methacrylate (DPI) resin and lightweight polymer composite (Revotek LC). Of the two abrasives used, the samples polished with diamond polishing paste showed the lowest surface roughness compared to the sample polished with aluminum oxide polishing paste.

Keywords: Surface roughness, provisional restorative materials, DPI, Protemp 4, Revotek LC

INTRODUCTION

In present era of dentistry, where aesthetics has become the prime concern of the majority of the population, fabrication of provisional restoration is one of the major steps in any fixed partial denture case.[1] The interim treatment promotes numerous adjunct benefits to definitive prosthodontic treatment. It should be fabricated in such a way that it completely mimics or imitates the definitive prostheses and fulfills the biological, mechanical, and esthetic principles.[2,3] Currently, with the development of new dental materials,professionals have many options which includes poly methyl methacrylate (PMMA), poly ethyl methacrylate (PEMA), polyvinyl ethyl methacrylate (PVEMA), urethane methacrylate, bisphenol glycidyl methacrylate (bis- 4 GMA), and bis-acryl compounds.[4] The materials and techniques used for these purposes must reflect these variable treatment demands and requirements. It is well acknowledged that the surface roughness of intraoral hard surfaces has a significant impact on the initial adhesion and the retention of oral bacteria in detail.Finishing and polishing is a crucial step in achieving good aesthetics and surface smoothness. The discoloration and increased roughness increase with the length of time the material is exposed to several elements (diet, mouth hygiene, water sorption, and chemical reactivity).[5,6,7] So, the rationale of this study was to compare the surface roughness of methyl methacrylate–based, bis-acryl composite-based and urethane dimethacrylate-based provisional restorative material for a fixed partial denture.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The 30 specimens of each provisional restorative material (i.e., DPI, Protemp 4, & Revotek LC) were divided into three main groups A, B, and C following three subgroups of 10 specimens, each for different surface polishing agents.

Three groups were divided in the following manner
Subgroup 1: Control group with no polishing agent applied to the specimens.
Subgroup 2: Specimens polished with diamond polishing paste.
Subgroup 3: Specimens polished with aluminium oxide polishing paste.
A three-piece, well-finished, and polished stainless-steel disc-shaped mold was been made according to ADA specification no 27.[8] Each material was mixed and polymerized as directed by the manufacturer. Each specimen was finished by removing excess flash with an acrylic trimming bur, followed by 10 seconds of dry and wet sandpapering from coarse to fine-grained (sandpaper no.150 m, 180 m, 220 m). Each specimen was polished with a contra angle handpiece, a Prophylactic rubber cup, polishing paste and distilled water. Following the polishing procedure, all specimens were thoroughly rinsed with distilled water, placed in an ultrasonic cleaner to remove any debris, and dried with tissue paper. Average surface roughness (Ra) was measured at 3 locations (vertical,

horizontal, and oblique directions) randomly on the surface of each specimen by using a Surface Roughness Tester. (Mitutoyo, Japan. Model SJ 210). This portable device is having measuring drive unit having measuring force of 0.75mN, and having tip radius of 2μm and Tip angle of 60°.

RESULTS

The results were subjected to statistical analysis. The analysis of variance (ANOVA) test was used to compare between three provisional restorative materials. The results obtained indicated that surface roughness of Bis-acryl composite resin(protemp 4) was least as compared to Polymethyl methacrylate acrylic resin (DPI) and urethane dimethacrylate composite resin (Revotek LC). Between the two polishing agents used specimens polished with diamond   polishing paste displayed least surface roughness as compared to specimens polished with aluminium oxide polishing paste.

DISCUSSION

Prosthodontic treatment is often incomplete without accurate provisional or interim restorations. Often, provisional restorations are imperative in decision-making regarding final treatment modalities and serve as constant guide posts to both the doctor and patient.[9] As, all dental restorations should have surfaces of optimal smoothness for various reasons. Smooth surfaces offer little retention for food debris, epithelial cells, and bacteria facilitating oral hygiene, thus, reducing the risk of plaque formation, and preventing negative effects on periodontal tissues.[10] Surface smoothness can be affected by finishing and polishing procedures, which is linked to early discoloration. Polishing procedures are performed on the surface of provisional restorative materials to reduce surface roughness and cracks caused by finishing devices. Finishing and polishing devices, materials, and procedures, according to Jefferies et al[11] and Sen et al[5], are intended to produce intentional, selective, and controlled wear of dental restorative-material surfaces. Numerous studies on the polishing of resin-based provisional restorative materials have revealed that the polishing procedures on provisional restorative materials should be performed using appropriate polishing systems and methods.[12,13,14] The results in the current showed that the specimens polished with diamond polishing paste in subgroups A2, B2, and C2 had the least amount of surface roughness, while the specimens polished without polishing in subgroups A1, B1, and C1 had the highest amount of surface roughness compared to the other two groups. The specimens polished with aluminum oxide paste in subgroups A3, B3, and C3 had intermediate surface roughness, suggesting that diamond polishing paste is the most effective polishing agent when compared to the other polishing agent used. Similarly, polishing pastes increased efficiency and produced smoother surfaces in both acrylic and bis-acrylic resins, according to Tupinambá IVM et al[15] and Sen et al[5].

Additionally, they claimed that the diamond pastes outperformed the aluminum oxide pastes in terms of outcomes. The mean surface roughness value (Ra) of specimens in subgroup A3 of Group A i.e. DPI has shown higher surface roughness values, while specimens in subgroup B3 of Group B i.e. Protemp 4 has shown lower surface roughness values, and specimens in subgroup C3 of Group C i.e. Revotek LC has shown intermediate values, indicating that protemp 4 with aluminum oxide polishing agent used has lower surface roughness as compared to other two materials. As a result, protemp 4 has less surface roughness than the other two materials. According to a survey conducted by Bollen et al48, Ra values less than 0.2 um could only be obtained on composites or acrylics using multistage procedures involving the sequential application of prepolisher, flexible disks of three grades. Likewise, Kumar V et al16, Lara-Jara NU et al[17], Gantz L et al[18], and Tupinambá IVM et al[15] assessed and compared the surface roughness of various provisional restorative materials. The best results were obtained by using Protemp 4 material with minimal surface roughness. They came to the conclusion that the bis-acrylic resins had significantly smoother surfaces than the acrylic resins. These values, however, differ from those reported by Sen et al[5], Haselton et al[19], and Rutkunas et al., who found that the roughness surface values of acrylic resins were lower than those of bisacrylic resins. The authors explained this result by contrasting the homogeneous acrylic material composition

with the heterogeneous design of the bisacryl composites. Polishing can be influenced by the size and distribution of acrylic resin particles, the composition of the resin matrix, and the chemical nature of the material.

CONCLUSION

The surface roughness and polishing method of provisional restorative material used to fabricate provisional dental prostheses have an impact on the final prostheses' quality. Within the limitations of this in-vitro study, it was concluded that, of the three provisional restorative materials used in this study, bis-acryl composite resin (Protemp 4) had the lowest surface roughness when compared to polymethyl methacrylate resins (DPI) and light polymerized composite resin (Revotek LC). Specimens polished with diamond polishing paste had the lowest surface roughness when compared to specimens polished with aluminum oxide polishing paste.

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Table No. 1: Comparison of surface roughness in each material according to methods of polishing

Material	Polishing	Mean	Std. Deviation	P value
DPI	No polishing	3.847	0.725	<0.001*
	Diamond polishing	2.240	0.414	
	Aluminium oxide polishing	2.737	0.361	
Protemp4	No polishing	1.997	0.129	<0.001*
	Diamond polishing	0.850	0.258	
	Aluminium oxide polishing	1.565	0.262	
Revotek LC	No polishing	2.176	0.277	<0.001*
	Diamond polishing	1.371	0.328	
	Aluminium oxide polishing	1.877	0.284	

Table No. 2: Pairwise comparison of surface roughness in each material according to method of polishing

Polishing	DPI	Protemp4	Revotek LC
No Polishing vs Diamond Polishing Paste	<0.001*	<0.001*	<0.001*
No Polishing vs Aluminum oxide Polishing Paste	<0.001*	<0.001*	<0.001*
Diamond Polishing Paste vs Aluminum oxide Polishing Paste	0.106	<0.001*	<0.002*

* indicates significant difference at p≤0.05

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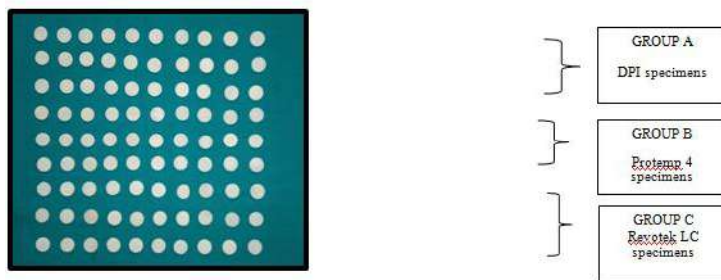
A Clinical Investigation into the Efficacy of Shirodhara and Abhyanga in Managing Generalised Anxiety Disorder (Atatvabhinivesh)

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ABSTRACT

Ayurveda identifies mental disturbances as a result of imbalances in *Rajas* and *Tamas* - the two mind *Doshas*, alongside physical dysfunctions from *Vata,Pitta*, and *Kapha* imbalances. These cumulative disturbances manifest in various mental disorders, one being *Atatvabhinivesh*, correlated to Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) in modern terms. Ayurveda offers Panchakarma-based interventions targeting these root causes. This study explored the efficacy of a 14-day *Shirodhara* and *Sarvanga Abhyanga* treatment, using *Ashwagandha* and *Jatamansi siddha TilaTaila*, on 30 GAD patients. The Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale (HAM-A) provided the assessment framework, with evaluations at baseline and post-treatment. Post-treatment, a significant reduction in HAM-A scores was observed (mean reduction of 52.04%, p = 0.000), signifying a substantial alleviation of anxiety symptoms. The study supports the efficacy of the Ayurvedic regimen in GAD management. While short-term benefits are evident, extended treatment periods may offer more profound therapeutic effects.

Keywords: Anxiety, Atatvabhinivesh, GAD, *Shirodhara, Abhyanga, Ayurveda*

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INTRODUCTION

In the current era, characterized by rapid technological advancement and evolving lifestyles, there is a noted increase in the incidence of psychosomatic disorders. The convenience brought by advancements in science and technology is often offset by the complexities and stresses of modern life. This juxtaposition has contributed to a significant rise in mental health issues[1]. Ayurveda offers a holistic approach to health, emphasizing the balance of physical and mental well-being. In Ayurvedic philosophy, the concept of *Doshas* extends beyond the physical (*Sharirika Doshas: Vata, Pitta*, and *Kapha*) to the mental realm, with *Rajas* and *Tamas* being identified as the mental *Doshas* responsible for psychological disturbances[2]. These *Doshas,* when imbalanced, lead to various mental health conditions (*Manasa Vikars*) such as *Unmada[3]*(psychosis), *Apasmara* [4](epilepsy), and *Atatvabhinivesh* [4]. The latter is closely aligned with the modern diagnosis of Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD), a condition characterized by persistent and excessive worry, often about everyday matters, leading to significant distress and impairment. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines health as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease [5]. Consistent with this definition, GAD presents a multifaceted clinical picture, including psychological symptoms like persistent worry and physical symptoms such as restlessness, fatigue, difficulty concentrating, irritability, muscle tension, and sleep disturbances [6]. These symptoms can profoundly affect daily functioning, reducing overall quality of life. Conventional pharmacotherapy for anxiety disorders, while effective, is often limited by side effects such as dependency, withdrawal symptoms, and drowsiness [7]. This necessitates exploring alternative therapeutic approaches. Ayurveda, with its focus on restoring balance and eliminating the root causes of diseases, [8] offers promising interventions. *Panchakarma* procedures, a cornerstone of Ayurvedic treatment, are particularly noted for their efficacy in addressing the underlying causes of diseases. For the treatment of GAD, a specific Ayurvedic formulation, *Ashwagandha* and *Jatamansi Siddha TilaTaila*, has been chosen for investigation in this study. *Ashwagandha* is known for its antistress and psychotropic properties,[9] while *Jatamansi* is a recognized central nervous system depressant with tranquilizing effects.[10] The therapeutic potential of these herbs, combined in the *Siddha TilaTaila*, will be evaluated through Ayurvedic procedures such as *Shirodhara* and *Sarvanga Abhyanga*. This study aims to assess the effectiveness of these Ayurvedic treatments in the management of GAD, offering a potentially holistic alternative to conventional therapies.

METHODOLOGY

a. **Ethical Clearance and Registration**: The study commenced following ethical approval from the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC Reference: DSRRAU/UPGIAS&R/IEC/20-21/400). The trial was registered with the Clinical Trials Registry of India (CTRI Registration Number: CTRI/2022/09/045565).
b. **Preparation of Medicinal Oil:** The therapeutic oil, *Ashwagandha* and *Jatamansi Siddha TilaTaila*, was formulated in-house at the pharmacy of DSRRAU, Jodhpur. The preparation followed Ayurvedic methods, ensuring the correct proportion of ingredients as per classical texts.
c. **Participant Selection:** Patients visiting the outpatient and inpatient departments of Panchakarma, Post Graduate Institute of Ayurveda (PGIA), Jodhpur, were screened for eligibility.

Inclusion criteria encompassed:
- Age range: 21 to 45 years.
- Clinical diagnosis of Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) as per DSM-V criteria.

Exclusion criteria included:
- Severe systemic illnesses (cardiac, renal, respiratory, etc.).
- Contraindications to *Shirodhara* and *Abhyanga* therapies.
- Ongoing treatment for GAD from other modalities.

Discontinuation criteria:

- Patient himself/herself want to withdraw from the treatment.
- If patient developed hypersensitivity or reactions from any constituent of trial drug.
- If any serious condition or urgency occur during the trial which require urgent medical treatment.

Consent Process: Informed consent was obtained from all participants after explaining the study's purpose, procedures, potential benefits, and risks.

d. **Study Design:** This was a single-arm clinical trial conducted over 14 days. Thirty eligible patients underwent daily treatment sessions consisting of *Shirodhara* followed by *Sarvanga Abhyanga.*

e. **Treatment Protocol**
   - *Shirodhara*: Involved gently pouring medicated oil over the forehead for a duration of approximately 45 minutes. The oil temperature and flow rate were carefully controlled to ensure patient comfort and also for maintaining uniformity in the treatment procedures.
   - *Sarvanga Abhyanga*: A full-body massage using the same medicated oil, performed for 45 minutes. Techniques included specific strokes and manipulation to cover all body parts, ensuring proper absorption of the oil.

f. **Dosage and Administration of Oil:** The *Ashwagandha* and *Jatamansi Siddha TilaTaila* was warmed to a suitable temperature before use. The quantity of oil used for each session was recorded and standardized across all patients.

g. **Assessment Criteria** The primary outcome measure was the change in the Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale (HAM-A)[11] scores. The scale consists of 14 substance; each item is scored on a scale of 0 (not present) to 4 (severe), with a total score range of 0 to 56, where less than or equal to score of 17 indicates mild severity, 18 to 24 mild to moderate severity and 25 to 30 moderate to severe. (Annexure-I)

a. Assessments were conducted at two time points:
   - Baseline (Day 0): Prior to the commencement of the treatment.
   - Post-treatment (Day 14): Immediately after the completion of the 14-day treatment period.

h. **Data Collection and Management** Data were collected using a standardized Case Report Form (CRF), capturing demographic details, clinical history, and HAM-A scores. The data were securely stored and managed to maintain confidentiality and integrity.

i. **Statistical Analysis** The data were analysed using appropriate statistical methods to assess the significance of changes in HAM-A scores from baseline to the end of the treatment.

j. **Quality Control and Assurance** Throughout the trial, stringent quality control measures were employed, including the monitoring of treatment administration, adherence to the study protocol, and accuracy of data recording. Regular audits were conducted to ensure compliance with ethical and scientific standards.

OBSERVATIONS & RESULTS

In the study cohort of 30 participants, the demographic and clinical characteristics were as follows:

- Age Distribution: Participants predominantly fell into the 41–45 years age bracket, comprising 23.33% of the total.
- Gender: The majority were male, accounting for 56.67% of the sample.
- Religious Affiliation: All participants (100%) identified as Hindu.
- Marital Status: A significant portion, 70%, were married.
- Residency: A plurality of 43.33% resided in urban areas.
- Education Level: Graduates constituted 26.67% of the participants.
- Employment Status: Those engaged in private sector employment comprised 26.6%.
- Family History: A substantial majority, 80%, reported a negative family history for the condition under study.
- Dietary Habits: The proportion of vegetarians in the study was 63.33%.

- Ayurvedic Profiles:

  - Digestive Fire (*Agni*): 53.33% exhibited *Vishamaagni*(irregular digestive fire).
  - Bowel Habits (*Koshtha*): 70% were classified as *Madhyama Koshtha* (moderate bowel movement regularity).
  - Body Constitution (*Sharira*): 66.67% were identified as having *Madhyama Sharira* (moderate body constitution).
  - **Appetite Levels:** Half of the participants (50%) reported having a poor appetite.
    - Socioeconomic Status: A majority of 73.33% belonged to the upper-middle-class segment.
    - Lifestyle Habits: Tea consumption was prevalent in 53.33% of the participants, while sleep patterns were divided equally between *Anidra* (insomnia) and *Alpa Nidra* (reduced sleep), each affecting 50%.
    - Bowel Regularity: Regular bowel habits were noted in 63.33% of the participants.

Ayurvedic physiological attributes

- *Prakriti* (Body Type): *Vata Pitta Prakriti* was observed in 53.33% of participants, indicating a combination of air and fire elements in their constitutional makeup.
- Mental Constitution: 66.67% were categorized under *Rajasika Prakriti*, suggesting a dominance of the Rajas quality in their mental constitution.
- Additional Ayurvedic Parameters:
  - *Sara* (Physical Strength and Endurance): 87% fell under *Madhyama Sara* (moderate level of strength).
  - *Samhanana*(Body Built): 63.33% were identified with *Madhyama Samhanana* (moderate body built).
  - *Satmya* (Adaptability): 76.67% had *Madhyama Satmya* (moderate adaptability).
  - Psychological Strength (*Satva*): 70% showed *Avara Satva* (lower mental strength).
  - Digestive Capacity: *Avara Ahara Abhyavaharana Shakti* (lower food digestion and assimilation strength) was noted in 46.67%, and *Avara Ahara Jarana Shakti* (lower digestive capacity) in 60%.
  - Physical Activity Capacity: *Avara Vyayama Shakti* (lower physical activity strength) was observed in 73.33% of participants

The Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale (HAM-A) was employed to quantitatively assess the anxiety levels of the participants before and after the treatment. Initial HAM-A scores averaged at 34.72 with a standard deviation of 6.31, indicating a moderate to severe level of anxiety among the participants. Following the treatment, these scores significantly decreased to an average of 16.66, with a standard deviation of 4.44, reflecting a notable reduction in anxiety symptoms. This change represented an overall efficacy of 52.04%, which was statistically significant with a p-value of less than 0.0001. (Annexure – I Fig. no. 1, Table no. 1) In terms of symptom-specific relief, the greatest improvement was observed in cardiovascular complaints, with a 63.27% reduction in symptoms. In contrast, gastrointestinal complaints showed the least improvement, with a 31.65% reduction in symptoms post-treatment. A detailed analysis of the overall therapeutic impact, as measured by HAM-A scores, revealed the following: (Annexure – I Fig. no. 2)

- A marked improvement was noted in a small subset of the cohort (3.45%, or 1 out of 30 participants).
- A majority of the participants, accounting for 55.17% (16 out of 30), experienced moderate improvement in their symptoms.
- A significant proportion, 37.93% (11 out of 30), showed mild improvement.
- Notably, one participant (3.45%) did not exhibit any response to the treatment.

These findings suggest a differential response to the treatment across the study population, highlighting the varied impact of the Ayurvedic intervention on individual symptom profiles.

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DISCUSSION

The clinical trial aimed to evaluate the efficacy of *Shirodhara* and *Sarvanga Abhyanga*, using *Ashwagandha* and *Jatamansi Siddha Tila Taila*, in the management of Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD), also known in Ayurveda as *Atatvabhinivesh*. The results indicated a significant reduction in Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale (HAM-A) scores post-treatment, suggesting the therapeutic potential of these Ayurvedic practices. This section discusses the implications, probable underlying mechanisms, and relevance of these findings in the context of both Ayurvedic and modern medical paradigms. For the clinical trial, a proprietary Ayurvedic formulation known as *Ashwagandha* and *Jatamansi Siddha TilaTaila* was utilized for administering *Shirodhara*and *Sarvanga Abhyanga* treatments. This medicated oil, a *Kalpita Yoga,* consists of *TilaTaila* (Sesame oil), *Ashwagandha* (*WithaniaSomnifera*), and *Jatamansi* (*Nordostachys Jatamansi*). The oil's composition is characterized by the presence of *Madhura* (sweet), *Tikta* (bitter), and *Kashaya* (astringent) *Rasa, Snigdha* (unctuous) *Guna, Ushna* (hot) *Veerya, Madhura Vipaka*, and *Vata Shamaka* (*Vata* balancing) properties. *Ashwagandha* is known for its antistress, psychotropic, CNS depressant, antioxidant, hypotensive, and sedative effects [12]. *Jatamansi* exhibits CNS depressant, tranquilizing, anti-epileptic, hypotensive, analgesic, anticonvulsant, and anti-anxiety properties [13].*Tila Taila* is rich in the amino acid Tryptophan, a precursor of serotonin. This composition suggests that upon transdermal absorption, these components may exert systemic effects, potentially inducing sleep and reducing anxiety [14]. According to Ayurvedic texts, especially those of *Acharya Charaka*, the head (*Uttamanga*) is pivotal in governing the sense faculties (*Indriyas*), which are often disrupted in psychological disorders. *Shirodhara,* therefore, is posited to strengthen *Prana* and *Indriyas,* [15] thereby alleviating symptoms of psychological distress. The technique involves a continuous flow of oil on the forehead, particularly over the *Agya Chakra*, a vital energy point associated with intelligence and cognition. This continuous flow, adhering to the principles of conservation of energy, transforms potential energy into kinetic energy,[16,17,18] which may influence neurophysiological processes. The pressure and vibration from the oil flow, augmented by the hollow sinus in the frontal bone, are proposed to modulate cerebral activities through the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), potentially normalizing neurotransmitter levels like serotonin and catecholamine[19]. In addition, *Sarvanga Abhyanga*, which involves a full-body massage with the medicated oil, is a form of external oleation therapy in Ayurveda. This practice is believed to prevent degeneration (*Jara*), fatigue (*Shrama*), and *Vata* imbalances, enhancing tolerance to stress and tension. The technique of *Sarvanga Abhyanga* aligns with the Ayurvedic principles of holistic treatment, addressing both physical and psychological aspects of well-being[20]

Interpretation of Results

1. Significant Reduction in Anxiety Symptoms: The most notable outcome was the substantial decrease in HAM-A scores, which implies a marked reduction in anxiety symptoms. This aligns with the Ayurvedic understanding of *Atatvabhinivesh,* where imbalances in mental *doshas, Rajas* and *Tamas*, along with physical *doshas*, contribute to psychological disturbances.
2. Effectiveness of *Ashwagandha* and *Jatamansi: Ashwagandha* (*Withania Somnifera*) and *Jatamansi* (*Nordostachys Jatamansi*), key ingredients in the *Siddha Tila Taila*, have been documented in Ayurvedic literature and also supported by the studies for their anti-stress, psychotropic, CNS depressant, and tranquilizing properties. These properties potentially synergize in the oil formulation to exert a calming effect on the nervous system.
3. *Shirodhara* and *Sarvanga Abhyanga* Mechanisms: *Shirodhara's* therapeutic effect is likely attributed to the continuous pouring of oil over the forehead, creating a soothing sensory experience and probable electromagnetic and neurochemical action might have promotes mental relaxation. *Sarvanga Abhyanga*, through full-body massage, might facilitate systemic absorption of the therapeutic compounds in the oil, contributing to overall well-being and stress reduction.
4. Alignment with Modern Psychological Understandings: The study's findings resonate with contemporary approaches in psychology that emphasize holistic treatments for anxiety disorders. The reduction in anxiety symptoms suggests that traditional Ayurvedic practices like *Shirodhara* and *Abhyanga* can complement modern therapeutic approaches.

Clinical Relevance and Implications

1. Alternative to Conventional Therapies: Given the limitations and side effects associated with standard pharmacological treatments for GAD, such as dependency and withdrawal symptoms, Ayurvedic treatments provide a promising alternative or adjunct therapy.
2. Integrative Healthcare Approach: The results advocate for an integrative approach, combining Ayurvedic and modern medical treatments, to enhance patient outcomes in mental health care.
3. Promotion of Holistic Health: This study underscores the importance of a holistic view of health, addressing both physical and mental aspects, which is a fundamental principle in Ayurveda.

Limitations and Future Research Directions

1. Sample Size and Generalizability: The relatively small sample size limits the generalizability of the findings. Future studies with larger, diverse populations are needed to validate these results.
2. Assessment Tools: The reliance on HAM-A, a subjective assessment tool, could introduce bias. Incorporating objective physiological measures in future studies could provide a more comprehensive evaluation of treatment efficacy.
3. Long-Term Effects and Follow-Up: The study lacked long-term follow-up to assess the durability of treatment benefits. Subsequent research should include extended follow-up periods to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of these treatments.
4. Comparative Studies: Comparative studies with other treatment modalities, both within and outside of Ayurveda, would provide deeper insights into the relative efficacy of *Shirodhara* and *Sarvanga Abhyanga.*

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the study presents compelling evidence for the effectiveness of Shirodhara and Sarvanga Abhyanga in managing GAD. These findings contribute to the growing body of research supporting the integration of traditional Ayurvedic practices into modern therapeutic regimens, offering a more comprehensive approach to mental health care.

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Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale (HAM-A)

Below is a list of phrases that describe certain feeling that people have. Rate the patients by finding the answer which best describes the extent to which he/she has these conditions. Select one of the five responses for each of the fourteen questions

0 =Not present   1=Mild   2=Moderate   3=Severe   4 = Very severe.

1   Anxious mood   0 1 2 3 4
Worries, anticipation of the worst, fearful anticipation, irritability.

2   Tension 0 1 2 3 4
Feelings of tension, fatigability, startle response, moved to tears easily, Trembling, feeling of restlessness, inability to relax.

3   Fears 0 1 2 3 4
of dark, of strangers, of being left alone, of animals, of traffic, of crowds.

4   Insomnia 0 1 2 3 4
Difficulty in falling asleep, broken sleep, unsatisfying sleep and fatigue on waking, dreams, nightmares and night terrors.

5   Intellectual 0 1 2 3 4
Difficulty in concentration, poor memory.

6   Depressed mood   0 1 2 3 4
Loss of interest, lack of pleasure in hobbies, depression, early waking, diurnal swing.

7   Somatic (muscular)   0 1 2 3 4
Pains and ache, twitching, stiffness, myoclonic jerks, grinding of teeth, unsteady voice, increase muscular tone.

8   Somatic (sensory)   0 1 2 3 4
Tinnitus, blurring of vision, hot and cold flushes, feeling of weakness, pricking sensation.

9   Cardiovascular symptoms   0 1 2 3 4
Tachycardia, pain in chest, palpitations, throbbing of vessel, fainting feeling, missing beat.

10   Respiratory symptoms   0 1 2 3 4
Pressure or constriction in chest, choking feelings, sighing, dyspnoea.

11   Gastrointestinal symptoms   0 1 2 3 4
Difficulty in swallowing, wind abdominal pain, burning sensation, abdominal fullness, nausea, vomiting, borborygmi, looseness of bowel, loss of weight, constipation.

12   Genitourinary symptoms   0 1 2 3 4
Frequency of micturition, urgency of micturition, amenorrhoea, menorrhagia, development of frigidity, premature ejaculation, loss of libido, impotence.

13   Autonomic symptoms   0 1 2 3 4
Dry mouth, flushing, pallor, tendency to sweat, giddiness, tension headache, raising of hair.

14   Behaviour at interview   0 1 2 3 4

Fidgeting, restlessness or pacing, tremors of hand, furrowed brow, strained face, sighing or rapid respiration, facial pallor, swallowing etc.

Table no. 1 Effect of therapy on Hamilton's Anxiety rating scale

	Mean± SD		P-Value	% improvement
	0 day	14th day		
Anxious mood	2.90± 0.72	1.34± 0.61	0.0000014	53.57
Tension	2.97± 0.87	1.38± 0.68	0.0000056	53.49
Fear	1.48± 1.09	0.66± 0.81	0.0001848	55.81
Insomnia	3.52± 0.69	1.59± 0.82	0.0000015	54.90
Intellectual	2.97± 0.78	1.45± 0.78	0.0000053	51.16
Depressed Mood	2.48± 0.95	1.17± 0.71	0.0000066	52.78
Muscular Complains	2.62± 1.05	1.03± 0.82	0.0000035	60.53
Sensory Complains	2.55± 0.99	1.10± 0.72	0.0000031	56.76
CVS	1.69± 0.76	0.62± 0.49	0.0000037	63.27
RS	2.00± 0.71	0.93± 0.59	0.0000071	53.45
GIT	2.72± 1.00	1.86± 0.88	0.0000139	31.65
GUS	1.86± 0.64	0.83± 0.66	0.0000015	55.56
Other Autonomic symptoms	2.41 ± 0.95	1.28± 0.65	0.0000146	47.14
Behaviour during Interview	2.59± 1.05	1.45± 0.91	0.0000146	44.00
Hamilton Total score	34.72± 6.31	16.66± 4.44	0.0000025	52.04

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| Fig. no. 1 Hamilton Total score before and after treatment | Fig. no. 2 Overall improvement in patients |

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Formulation and Evaluation of Polyherbal Face Pack for Antibacterial and Radiant Skin Care

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ABSTRACT

Human skin has grown more sensitive and vulnerable to a range of skin conditions due to the increase in pollution, fungi, allergies, bacteria, and other environmental factors. Herbal facial treatments are a proven method to minimize wrinkles, pimples, acne, and dark circles on the skin. Furthermore, they aid in enhancing the skin's smoothness and fairness. Certain important ingredients are present in the natural face packs, such as vitamins, which are beneficial to skin health. The aim of this study is to formulate and assess different polyherbal face pack powders using herbal elements such as nutmeg, turmeric powder, aloevera, sandalwood, orange peel powder, and multani mitti, in different ratios with the purpose of replacing chemical-containing cosmetics. As a result, we discovered F1, F2, F3 and F4 formulations of the face packs can be used as cosmetics on people. Among all the formulations F3 showed better antibacterial potential and stability.

Keywords: Skin, Facial, Treatment, Face pack, Herbal, Evaluate, Antibacterial

INTRODUCTION

Since ancient times, people have used cosmetics to clean, beautify, and increase beauty. Given the importance of the facial skin to the body, Ayurveda treats acne, pimples, scars, markings, and pigmentation using an herbal paste known as "mukhalepa" in facial treatment. Smooth powder paste called a face pack is applied to the face and allowed to dry for 15 to 30 minutes, creating a film that tightens, fortifies, and cleanses the skin. One of the most ancient and

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exquisite ways to cleanse skin is through polyherbal face packs, of which Ayurveda describes several varieties. These are less expensive, have no negative side effects, and possess nourishing, healing, cleansing, astringent, and antibacterial qualities [1,2]. This study consider the preparation and assessment of herbal face masks for radiant skin that may be made at home with natural ingredients like neem, turmeric, aloe vera, sandalwood powder, orange peel powder, and multani mitti. Skin disorders, according to Ayurveda, are typically brought on by toxins acquired by unhealthful diet and lifestyle choices and blood impurities. The face packs promote healthy skin and improve blood flow in the veins on the face; they are easier to use and less difficult. For a regular glow, facial packs should be used 2-3 times a week [3,4].Polyherbal face masks contains many herbs improve the brightness and smoothness of the skin while eliminating oil, debris, wrinkles, dark circles, acne, and breakouts. They provide skin a youthful, healthy appearance, replenish radiance, and stop premature ageing [5,6]. Because of their antibacterial qualities, ingredients shrink pores, get rid of blackheads, whiteheads, freckles, heal sunburns, lessen blemishes, and cure acne. They have an effect on the skin by making the veins on the face more vascular [7].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials
Multani mitti (manufactured by Indus Cosmeceuticals Pvt. Ltd), Aloe vera, Turmeric, Sandal wood powder (manufactured by Indus Cosmeceuticals Pvt. Ltd), Orange peel powder (manufactured by VedaOils), Neem leaf, and Nutmeg powder (manufactured by Keya), Principen® were collected from a reputable vendor in the Barasat local market in Kolkata, 700125.

Microorganisms
Escherichia coli a gram-negative bacteria was collected from microbiology lab of department of Pharmaceutical Technology, Brainware University, Barasat, 700125.

Instruments
Electronic balance (Mettler Toledo ME204), Morter and Pestle (Jainco Lab), Laminar air flow were used to manufacture herbal face pack powder.

Formulations
Natural treatments for a variety of skin conditions include sandalwood, haridra, neem powder, and multani mitti. Reduces pores, gets rid of blackheads, lightens freckles, relieves sunburns, cleanses the skin, increases blood flow, and lessens acne using multani mitti. The anti-inflammatory and anti-allergic herb haridra is used with neem powder to treat eczema, psoriasis, and scalp infections. Moreover, neem powder lessens scars and blemishes from acne. The anti-tanning and anti-aging herb sandalwood shields skin from pollutants and enhances skin health. Nutmeg helps in acne treatment. Powdered orange peel Enhances complexion, neutralizes odours, relieves sunburn, eliminates suntan, exfoliates skin, and combats acne as well as lessens hyperpigmentation. Different formulations (F1 to F4) of polyherbal face pack powder using Multani mitti, Turmeric, Aloe vera, Sandal wood, Orange peel, Neem, Nutmeg are shown in Table 1.

Preparation of Turmeric powder
Turmeric had to be peeled, cleaned, grated, strained, stored, dried, and sifted. Finally weighed turmeric powder was used for preparing polyherbal face pack.

Preparation of Neem powder
Neem leaves were dried for two days to eliminate moisture before being ground into a fine powder and kept in a sealed container.

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Preparation of polyherbal face pack powder
The pulverized dried natural materials were measured precisely, sieved through #85 mesh, and then combined geometrically for the consistent mixture described in Figure 1. After the face pack was made, it was kept in a self-sealable polyethylene bag so that different parameters could be assessed labelled and utilized in subsequent research.

Procedure of Face Pack application
The required amount of prepared face pack powder was taken, and water or rose water was added to mix. It is then thoroughly combined and put to the facial skin. Additionally, it covered are the areas of blemishes and acne followed by twenty to twenty-five minutes of full drying and cleaned with cold water.

Evaluation of Face Pack Powder

Organoleptic Characterization
The organoleptic characteristics of the substance such as its nature, colour, consistency, and odour was carefully evaluated for their physical attributes.

Physicochemical evaluation
The physicochemical characteristics like pH, and ash value were carefully ascertained.

Ash content
A crucible containing 2-4g of pulverized, air-dried material was heated to 500–600°C until the substance turned white.

pH
The pH of a 1% aqueous solution was measured using a calibrated digital pH meter.

Rheological properties determination
Physical characteristics including untapped (Bulk) density (D'), tapped density (D), angle of repose, Hausner's ratio, and Carr's index were used to assess the rheological characteristics of a produced pack.

Angle of repose
It is described as the highest angle (Θ) that can exist between the powder pile's surface (2r) and the horizontal flow (h).

Bulk density and Tapped Density
Bulk density is the connection between a powder's mass and bulk volume. A 50 ml measuring cylinder was filled with the required amount of powder when it was dried and reached the 50 ml mark. The cylinder was then dropped onto a hard wood surface at intervals of two seconds, from a height of one inch. The amount of powder was measured and weighed. To obtain average results, repeated this process. By mechanically tapping a container containing the powder sample, an enhanced bulk density known as "tapped density" was obtained. Following the initial observation of the powder volume or mass, the measuring cylinder or vessel was mechanically tapped for one minute, and readings of the volume or mass were taken until minimal changes in the volume or mass were noted. The unit of measurement was grams per cubic centimetre, or g/cm^3. The formulas were shown below is used to compute the rheological property [8].

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Bulk Density (D') = Bulk volume/Mass,   Tapped Density (D) = Tapped volume/Mass $\tan\Theta = h/r$,   Hausner's ratio $= D/D'$, Carr's Index $= (D-D')/D*100$

Wash ability
By applying a paste formulation to the skin and physically washing it off with one litre of water, the wash ability of the product was determined.

Irritancy test
On the left dorsal surface, a 1 square centimetre region was separated. The specified area was covered with a specific quantity of ready-made face packs, and the application time was noted. Any signs of erythema, edema, or irritability were noted and monitored for up to 24 hours at regular intervals [9].

Stability studies
During a month-long period of storage at various temperatures, the produced formulation underwent stability testing. The formulation's packed glass vials were examined for physical characteristics such colour, odour, pH, consistency, and feel. They were also maintained at different temperatures, such as room temperature, 35°C, and 40°C.

Microbial Assay
Four formulations were tested for antibacterial activity using a modified agar well diffusion technique. A 24-hour broth culture of *Escherichia coli* was seeded onto nutrient agar plates, and 0.5 ml of herbal extracts was randomised and added to each well. After the plates were incubated for 24 hours at 37°C, the zones of inhibition were assessed and compared with Principen® (ampicillin antibiotic) solution [10].

RESULTS

Organoleptic Characterization
The organoleptic characteristics shown in Table 2 were evaluated for the polyherbal face pack powder. The composition had a yellow to greenish hue and a pleasant scent, and smooth texture.

Physicochemical evaluation
The physicochemical characteristics displayed in Table 3 were assessed for the polyherbal face pack. Near neutrality was observed in the formulation's pH.

Rheological properties determination
For the polyherbal face pack powder, the rheological characteristics indicated in Table 4 were assessed. Here, it is demonstrated that the values of tap density, bulk density, and angle of repose are appropriate.

Irritancy test and Washability test
Throughout irritancy testing, the formulations did not cause any redness, edema, irritation, or inflammation. Skin usage of the formulation is safe and easily washable showed in Table 5.

Stability studies
The stability test indicates a slight change in the formulation's pH when it was maintained at 40°C, but neither at the ambient temperature nor at 35°C revealed significant alterations. There was no change in colour or odour at the otherstability parameters indicated in Table 6.

Microbial Assay

After the plates were incubated for 24 hours at 37°C, the zones of inhibition[Figure 2] were assessed using *Escherichia coli* gram negative bacteria and compared with Principen® (ampicillin antibiotic) solution for determining the antibacterial potential has been shown in Table 7.

CONCLUSION

This study confirmed that the safe application of herbal components in cosmetics to treat a range of skin conditions. The study focused on an herbal face pack powder with elements including aloevera, multani mitti, turmeric, sandal wood, orange peel, neem, and nutmeg which improve skin fairness, reduce acne. Among all of the formulations (F1 to F4), F3 formulation has shown better Stability (pH and other properties were not much hampered by changing temperature), Rheological property (Carr's Index: 14-Good) and Antibacterial property against *Escherichia coli*. So, it can be concluded that F3 formulation has good qualities, didn't irritate the skin, and were consistent even after stable storage. Polyherbal face packscan be regarded as an effective and long-lasting method of enhancing skin look.

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Table 1: Different formulations of polyherbal face pack powder

Ingredients	F1(gm)	F2(gm)	F3(gm)	F4(gm)
Multani mitti	24	30	20	25
Turmeric	7	10	5	15
Aloe vera	30	20	15	10
Sandal wood powder	12	15	20	20
Orange peel powder	10	12	20	15
Neem leaf powder	15	8	16	10
Nutmeg powder	2	5	4	5
Total	100	100	100	100

Table 2: Evaluation of Organoleptic Properties of Polyherbal face pack powder

Sl No	Parameters	Observation			
		F1	F2	F3	F4
1	Appearance	Powder (Free flowing)	Powder (Free flowing)	Powder (Free flowing)	Powder (Free flowing)
2	Colour	Lime Green	Creamish Yellow	Lime Green	Light Yellow
3	Odour	Pleasant	Pleasant	Pleasant	Pleasant
4	Texture	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine
5	Grittiness	Not gritty	Not gritty	Not gritty	Not gritty

Table 3: Physicochemical Parameter Evaluation of Polyherbal face pack

Sl No	Parameters	Observation			
		F1	F2	F3	F4
1	Ash content	90	88	91	93
2	pH	6.5	6.3	6.7	6.6

Table 4: Rheological Properties Evaluation of Polyherbal face pack powder

Sl No	Parameters	Observation			
		F1	F2	F3	F4
1	Angle of Repose	33.1º	32.09º	31.90º	32.12º
2	Tap Density	0.537g/cc	0.525g/cc	0.520g/cc	0.514g/cc
3	Bulk Density	0.465g/cc	0.440g/cc	0.455g/cc	0.429g/cc
4	Hausner Ratio	1.15	1.19	1.14	1.19
5	Carr's Index	15	19	14	19

Table 5: Irritancy test and Washability test of Polyherbal face pack

Sl No	Evaluation	Formulations	Observation			
		F1	F2	F3	F4	
1	Irritant	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-No Irritant
2	Edema	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-No Irritant
3	Erythema	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-No Irritant
4	Wash ability	Washable	Washable	Washable	Washable	Washable

Table 6: Parameters of Stability studies of F3 formulation of Polyherbal face pack

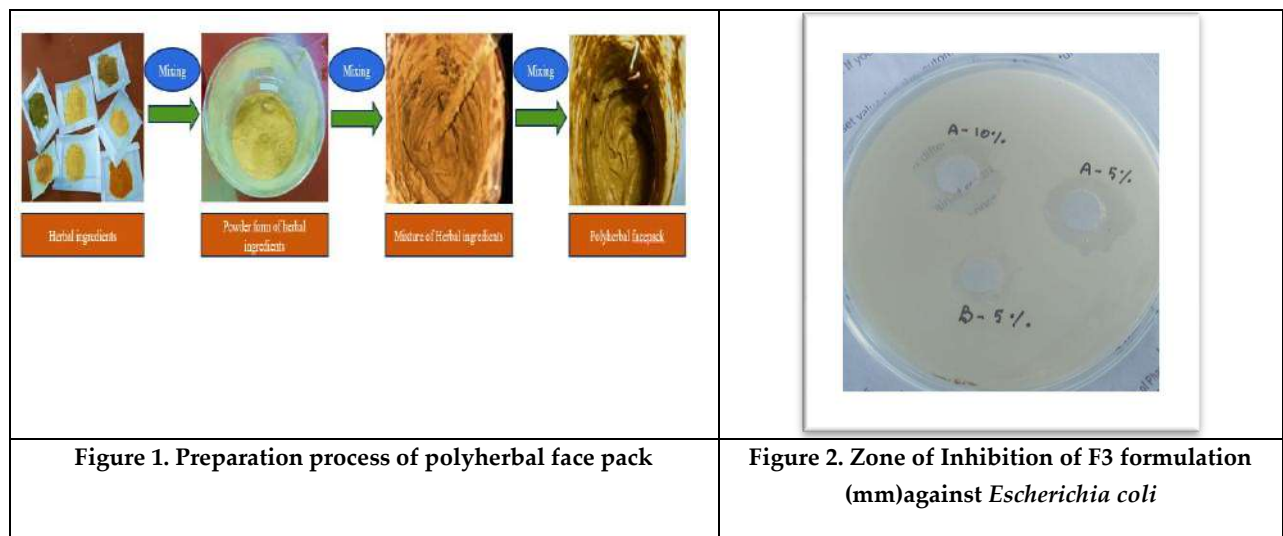| Sl No	Parameters	Observations (F3)		
		Room Temperature	35±0.5ºC	40±0.5ºC
1	Colour	No change	No change	No change
2	Odour	No change	No change	No change
3	pH	6.7	6.7	6.8
4	Texture	Fine	Fine	Fine

Table 7: Determination of Antibacterial Potential against *Escherichia coli*

Bacteria	Zone of Inhibition of Poly herbal face pack formulations (mm)				
	F1	F2	F3	F4	Principen® solution (S)
Escherichia coli	35	40	45	39	62

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Figure 1. Preparation process of polyherbal face pack	**Figure 2. Zone of Inhibition of F3 formulation (mm)against** *Escherichia coli*

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The Psychology of Adapting to Change: An Inquiry on Dr. Spencer Johnson's Who Moved My Cheese? and The Present

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ABSTRACT

Being flexible and dealing with change is the ability of an entity or organism to alter itself or its responses to the changed circumstances or environment. Any life is a life of change. Every one of us undergoes transitions in work and relationships, changes in physical and mental health, and new events in local communities and world. Sometimes, people know a change will occur, while other times changes come swiftly and surprisingly. It may come as a wonderful surprise or a disappointment. Many people spend a great deal of time and energy trying to avoid change, but it will certainly catch up to them. If one learns to cope with change, one will lower the risk of anxiety and depression. Human relationships will flourish, and human body and mind will feel healthier, if one can cope with changes.

Keywords: Psychology, challenges, emotional, anxiety, present.

INTRODUCTION

The human brain when exposed to any change of routine, will be on guard and ready to pounce, immediately considering the possible threat the change can carry. Several research studies show that in the process of evolution, human beings develop these neural pathways to adapt to life, so when we encounter change our brain shifts into a protective mode. Unlike humans fear, the brain will not be troubled. Changes can be both internal and external. They can be physical, emotional, or mental in nature. Changes are anything that require an individual to adapt and grow in some way to succeed. When faced with a new challenge, every individual may experience a range of psychological responses, including excitement, curiosity, anxiety, and stress. These responses will vary depending on the individual's personality, past experiences, and the nature of the challenge itself. People feel excited or curious

about the challenge, seeing it as an opportunity for growth and development. Some may feel a sense of motivation and purpose as they work towards overcoming the challenge. Others may feel anxious or stressed about the challenge, worrying about the potential risks or the possibility of failure. And also, they may experience negative self-talk and doubt their abilities to overcome the challenge.

The psychological response to new challenges will also be influenced by an individual's beliefs about their abilities. As Saraswathy (2019) points out, people must learn to adapt to positive changes in order to experience a comfortable and contented life and most importantly people ought to be bold and confident to take right decisions in life. The level of motivation an individual will also impact his psychological response to new challenges. When individuals are intrinsically motivated such as personal interest or enjoyment, they may be more likely to feel excited about new challenges and see them as opportunities for growth. On the other hand, when individuals are extrinsically motivated by external factors such as rewards or punishment, they may be more likely to feel anxious about challenges and worry about the consequences of failure. Practicing different ways of thinking and being in the present can boost the ability to deal with change and create a life that is adaptive to new places and unexpected events. Evaluating the level of control, practicing self-care, checking the thought patterns and being in the present are some of the ways to cope with changes in life. Hence, the present study focuses on analysing the works of Dr. Spencer Johnson in which he has dealt with the ways to adapt to changes in life and live in the present. The works *Who Moved My Cheese?* and *The Present* are studied in detail.

Dr.Spencer Johnson, one of the world's most influential thinkers and beloved authors, was born on January 1, 1940 in South Dakota, United States. He has done his B.A. degree in psychology from the University of Southern California. His education also includes an M.D. from the Royal College of Surgeons and Medical Clerkships at Harvard Medical School and the Mayo Clinic. Following medical school, Dr.Spencer Johnson did his residency at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, DC. Dr.Spencer Johnson has served as the Medical Director ofCommunications for Medtronic, the original innovators of cardiac pacemakers. He is a research physician at the Institute for Inter-Disciplinary Studies, consultant to the Center for the Study of the Person and the School of Medicine, University of California, Leadership Fellow at the Harvard Business School and is an advisor to Harvard's Center for Public Leadership. Dr. Spencer Johnson is also the chairman of Spencer Johnson Partners, a firm that puts his books to work, partnering with organisations to help them prosper from change. He has also completed a course at the Hollywood Film Institute. In March 2004, Spencer established Skyrocket Productions, LLC, a full-service independent film and television production company located in Prince George's County, Maryland. It is in high school, while reading Edgar Allen Poe's work, he came to know that he has an interest in psychology. This is evident when he says that all of Poe's stuff is about disturbed people and he showed the pathology of the human psyche. Studying Edgar Allen Poe and the technology of film making sowed the seeds for Spencer's destined literary journey. Referred to as "The King of Parables" by 'USA Today', Dr. Spencer Johnson is described as the best at taking complex subjects and presenting simple solutions that work. The universal principles and practical tools found in his books have also made them record-breaking bestsellers in many countries.

DEALING WITH CHANGE

The present study aims to analyse adaptability as one of the ways to accept changes positively. Adaptability is the basic skill needed to accept changes. I t refers to the ability to adjust and accommodate to changes and often unpredictable physical, interpersonal, cultural and professional environments. People with the ability to adapt themselves to new situations are often described as cognitively and temperamentally flexible. They also actively alter to uncertainty and ambiguity. It helps a person to be resilient and tackle any kind of situation and overcome challenges. Flexibility on the part of the employer is also expected because it will help the workers with the ability to move and work with freedom, which is gaining importance in the present day work environment. Sennet (1998) reports about the need for flexibility thus:

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Today … the emphasis is on flexibility. Rigid forms of bureaucracy are under attack, as are the evils of blind routine. Workers are asked to behave nimbly, to be open to change on short notice, to take risks continually, to become ever less dependent on regulations and formal procedures. This emphasis on flexibility is changing the very meaning of work.

In general, flexibility has been defined as 'adaptability' (Toffler 1985) or 'preparedness' (Ansoff 1978). Today's employers consider flexibility, efficiency and good communication skills as the criteria in the selection process. The ability to adapt oneself in the workplace is very important. It is essential for the employer and employee to be flexible as it creates a streamlined workforce. In the present workplace culture, a person must be open to new changes or ideas, must be able to work independently or in teams or carry out tasks that are not intended for one person only. Since employers are shifting from single roles to rotation of roles and flexible job descriptions, adaptability is the sought after skill that the employee has to possess. It is needed to meet the changing needs of the customers and trends in technology. It can also be considered as an element tied to career growth as the employee becomes more equipped. To stay competitive and to survive, employers and employees must maintain the best business practices and constantly evaluate and evolve to meet the needs of the customers. An adaptable person is the one who carries out compound tasks and manages multiple assignments by setting priorities and making changes to attitude to merge with new culture. In order to function in the modern world in any situation, adaptability is required for an individual.

Dealing with Change in *Who Moved My Cheese?*

Who Moved My Cheese? by Dr.Spencer Johnson, is a parable that shows how individuals must deal with changes positively. When the supply of cheese dwindles in Cheese Station C, Sniff and Scurry, the two little mice, are not surprised. They get mentally prepared beforehand and begin their hunt for new cheese together. The characteristics of the little mice tell the reader that if one moves sooner and adapts to changes fast and accept reality optimistically, one will enjoy success in life. On the other hand, Hem gets angry and demands, *Who moved my cheese?* This is because they expect the cheese supply to be constant and are unprepared for the eventuality. The next day, Hem and Haw find the same place without cheese and get dejected. Haw realises the situation and searches for new cheese. But Hem is set in his victimised mindset and dismisses the suggestion.

Meanwhile, Sniff and Scurry find Cheese Station N where there is a lot of new cheese available. But at Cheese Station C, Hem and Haw are affected by the absence of cheese and blame each other for their problem. However, Haw again proposes a search for new cheese. But Hem feels comfortable by his old routine and gets frightened about the unidentified change. Haw realises that he should simply move on and not complain about the past. He enters the maze and chisels "If You Do Not Change, You Can Become Extinct" (Johnson 1998a) on the wall of Cheese Station C for his friend to ponder. Haw fears that he would not get new cheese. But soon he recovers courage and writes on the wall, "What Would You Do If You Weren't Afraid?" (Johnson 1998) and begins his venture. He realises the truth that when one moves beyond one's fear, one can feel free. After crossing another empty cheese station, Haw goes back to Hem with a few bits of new cheese which he manages to find.

But to Haw's disappointment, Hem refuses the new cheese and so Haw heads back into the maze alone and gets deeper into the maze and feels inspired by the bits of new cheese found there. He leaves a trail of writings on the wall. These writings echo his thoughts and give him hope that it will guide his friend during his search for new cheese. Haw travels through the maze and one day comes across Cheese Station N, which is abundant with cheese. He ponders returning to see his old friend. But Haw decides to let Hem find his way himself. Finding the largest wall in Cheese Station N, he writes the following:

Change Happens
They Keep Moving the Cheese

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Anticipate Change
Get Ready for the Cheese to Move

Monitor Change
Smell the Cheese Often so You Know When it is Getting Old

Adapt to Change Quickly
The Quicker You Let Go of Old Cheese, the Sooner You Can Enjoy New Cheese

Change
Move with the Cheese

Enjoy Change!
Savor the Adventure and Enjoy the Taste of New Cheese!

Be Ready to Change Quickly and Enjoy it Again & Again!
They Keep Moving the Cheese (Johnson 1998b).

Haw becomes cautious from the experiences of the past and inspects CheeseStation N daily. He also explores the different parts of the maze regularly.

Sniff and Scurry quickly accept the loss of the cheese and go ahead in the maze in search of other sources. People who act like Sniff and Scurry tend to cope with changes the best way possible and are able to succeed and get ahead when change comes their way. They also become the risk takers and the ones who succeed. On the contrary, Hem and Haw, the little people, feel that they have built their lives around the huge cheese and when the cheese gets reduced, they feel that they are the victims of some kind of theft. Many people are like Hem and Haw crippled by inaction, denial, and fear of leaving the comfort zone. The book advocates adaptability which means that instead of seeing change as the end of something, one must learn to see it as a beginning. People who fear change cannot realise the abundant talent in themselves and resources waiting to be discovered. The essence of the story *Who Moved My Cheese?* is about the ways to handle changes that take place in one's life. This is a part of everyone's life and a necessary life skill.

LIVING IN THE PRESENT

Living in the present or present moment awareness over time has also been found beneficial while dealing with changes in life as it decreases stress and has more control over human thoughts. But it is not always easy to live in the present because human thoughts overwhelm with memories of the past and anxieties about the future. Researchers of human behavior have found that people are often distracted from the task at hand for several reasons. They argue that reminiscing, thinking ahead or daydreaming tends to make people more miserable, even when they are thinking about something pleasant. They recommend meditation as the best practice in everyone's lives to learn to live in the present. They also suggest individuals to perform random acts of kindness which will help a person to focus his/her attention on the present moment. This can be done by incorporating at least one new habit at regular intervals. The importance of living in the present is opined by several great thinkers and philosophers. One of the most important qualities that a person will discover when he/she starts experimenting with the present is an improved social skill. Human beings have the unique ability to focus on things that aren't happening right then, and this allows them to reflect on the past and learn from it. It also allows them to anticipate and plan for the future and imagine things that might never occur, says Matthew Killingsworth, a doctoral student in psychology.

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LIVING IN THE PRESENT IN *THE PRESENT*

The Present is an interesting story of a young man's journey to adulthood, and his untiring search for the present, a mysterious and elusive gift he first hears from a wise old man. It begins with a boy and a wise old man, who tells the boy about something called *The Present* which he says the boy will find to be the most valuable gift of all. The old man observes the boy fully engaged in cutting grass. When the boy asks about the present and how he can get it, he is told that it is so wonderful and will make him happier and more successful than anything else he can receive. The boy grows into his teens and he keeps wondering about how and where he can find the present. When he meets the old man, he is given the reply that he already knows about the present and is reminded how engaged he is when he is cutting the grass. The boy does not understand, and the old man tells him that the present is a gift that one has to give oneself. As the boy grows into a young man, he abandons the search for the present, and he begins running into problems at work and in his personal life. He goes to see the old man who advises him to spend some time in the mountains and to reflect on times when he has been most happy. As the young man is sitting in front of a fireplace in the cabin in the mountains, he notices how well made it is, by a craftsman who must have been as engaged as he was when he was cutting the grass. Suddenly in a rush, it hits him: he realises that he is living in the present. He understands that the present means focusing on what is happening right then.

Flush with his discovery, he returns to work with new energy and enthusiasm, and for a time he prospers as he is more engaged than ever before. But after a while, a female colleague lets him down by not doing her share of a common task and his performance suffers as he tries vainly to fill the gap. His passion and commitment catch the attention of his boss. But one day when the boss scolds him, the young man returns to see the old man who advises him that there is another element to live in the present: learn from the past. He returns to work, confronts his colleague and resolves the problem, and once again moves forward happily in his work.

The young man is promoted in his job to a new position and does well for a while until he is overwhelmed as a result of attempting too many tasks and wasting time on things that are not important. He consults the old man again and is advised that there is a third element to live in the present: plan for the future. The young man starts planning his day, his week, his month, and once again finds that he is able to resolve his problems. At a budget meeting, when the firm is considering cutting down expenditure on research activities for at least a year, the young man is able to point out that it is short-sighted, since the quality of the firm's products is already in question. Later in the week, he is able to paint a picture of what a brighter future for the firm will look like, and indeed, in due course, one of the products developed becomes hugely successful. As the young man grows into maturity, suddenly the old man dies. This causes the young man to reflect on his life and conclude that the old man must have had an element that he lacks, that is, purpose. He realises now that this is the final element. It is only when he lives with purpose that life lived in the present has meaning. He hears the wisdom of his own voice saying,

It is wise for me to think about the past and to learn from it, but it is not wise for me to be in the past, for that is how I lose myself. It is also wise for me to think about the future, and to prepare for my future, but it is not wise for me to be in the future, for, that is how I lose myself. I lose what is precious to me (Johnson 2003). The young man decides that his purpose will be to help others discover what he has learnt about the present. Over the years, the man uses what he has learnt over and over again. He advances to become the head of his company and is admired by all around him because he listens better than others and is able to anticipate and solve problems. He has a loving family. And he enjoys sharing the present with others. Eventually, he becomes an old man and as the story ends, he is telling a young girl about the Present. From the story it is clear that it can be a challenge to stay in the present and be peaceful in the moment in modern life.

CONCLUSION

Daily stress, hectic schedules, a struggling economy and concerns about the future take a toll on one's health, happiness and well- being. It is not easy to fully be present in the very moment you are living. It takes a strong will to let go of the past and allow the unknown future to unfold itself without worry and this becomes possible only through living in the present. Thus, the present study highlights the ways suggested by Dr. Spencer Johnson to deal with changes in life. The study will also go on a long way in helping the readers understand the psychology of coping with changes.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Bio Regulators-Enhanced Poultry Manure on the Alfisol's Nutrient Release Pattern

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ABSTRACT

An incubation experiment was done to investigate the nutrient release pattern in soil over a 28-day period following the use of bioregulator-enriched poultry manure. The processed experimental soil samples, weighing 1 kilogramme, were placed in polyethylene containers with closed lids and incubated for 28 days with different bio regulator-enriched poultry manures and a control. The moisture content stayed at field capacity throughout the testing. The soil's nutrient release pattern was monitored on the first, third, seventh, tenth, fifteenth, twenty-first, and twenty-eighth days of incubation. Throughout the study, all treatments with bio regulator-enriched poultry dung produced considerably more accessible nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and sulphur than the control group. Using enriched poultry manure can improve nutrient mineralization and solubilization, making nutrients more available to plants over time.

Keywords: Bio regulators, enriched poultry manure, incubation and nutrient release pattern.

INTRODUCTION

Global agriculture practices are shifting toward a more environmental friendly and sustainable model due to growing demand and understanding of the harm that excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides can do to the

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environment and human health (Avis *et al.,* 2008; Leach and Mumford, 2008). The presence of organic matter is known to enhance plant nutrient availability and soil health. Over the past few years, organic waste application to soil has become a popular and affordable alternative waste management technique worldwide.

REVIEW ARTICLE

To provide agricultural systems with the necessary amount of nutrients, large amounts of organic waste, either composted or uncomposted, are applied. Furthermore, it is well recognized that using necessary amounts of amino acids may improve crop quality and production. Despite the fact that plants are naturally able to biosynthesize all of the amino acids they need from nitrogen, carbon, oxygen, and hydrogen, the process is very intricate and energy-intensive. As a result, the plant may conserve energy by using amino acids throughout this process, which can then be used to improve plant development at crucial growth phases (Shaheen*et al.,* 2010). Commercially available amino acid stimulants may boost the rate of photosynthetic respiration and dry matter partitioning, improve fertilizer absorption, and increase nutrient and water intake, all of which contribute to higher crop yields (Papenfus*et al.,* 2013). By giving the plant highly bioavailable L-amino acids, you may increase pollination rate, fruit development, and the plant's ability to withstand abiotic challenges. A novel method for converting composted waste into value-added manure is to supplement it with nitrogen fertiliser (urea) and biologically active substances (BAS) like glutathione and methionine. The potential interaction of organic and inorganic N forms during absorption by plant roots is one factor that calls into question the relevance of organic N compounds as a source of N for plants (Thornton and Robinson, 2005). Experiments with plants pre-treated with amino acids and then exposed to NH4+ or NO3−, or vice versa provide the majority of known knowledge on these interactions. The current research aims to investigate how nitrogen and bio regulator-enriched organics are appraised in connection to nutrient release of Alfisol.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The incubation study was undertaken to examine the pattern of nutrient release in soil after adding bio regulator-enriched poultry manure at different incubation times. Soil samples were collected, dried briefly, and sieved through a 2 mm sieve before being utilised in an incubation experiment. An adjacent farm provided the well-decomposed chicken dung, which was collected, dried in the open for three days, and sieved through a 2 mm sieve. Seven days before incubation, processed chicken dung was supplied with nitrogen at a 1:10 ratio. In the instance of bio-enriched chicken manure, bioregulators were added according to the application method. Soil samples were combined with bio-enhanced chicken dung (T1 - Control, T2 - Soil + 60 kg N/ha, T3 -PM @ 5 t/ha, T4 – Enriched Poultry Manure @ 2.5 t/ha, T5 -Enriched Poultry Manure@ 2.5 t/ha + AA1 (Glutathione 10 mg/kg + methionine 10 mg/kg) @ 2.5 kg/ha, T6 -Enriched Poultry Manure@ 2.5 t/ha+ AA1 @ 5 kg/ha, T7 -Enriched Poultry Manure@ 2.5 t/ha + AA2 (Glutathione 25 mg/kg + methionine 25 mg/kg) @ 2.5 kg/ha, T8 -Enriched Poultry Manure @2.5 t/ha+ AA2 @ 5 kg/ha, T9 -Enriched Poultry Manure@2.5 t/ha + AA3 (Glutathione 10 mg/kg + methionine 10 mg/kg + humic acid 10 mg/kg), T10 - Enriched Poultry Manureat 2.5 t/ha plus AA3 at 5 kg/ha, It was done twice using a factorial completely randomised block design (FCRBD). T11 -Poultry Manure@5 t/ha + AA1 @2.5 kg/ha; T12 - Poultry Manure@5 t/ha + AA1 @5 kg/ha; T13 -Poultry Manure@5 t/ha + AA2 @2.5 kg/ha; T14 - Poultry Manure@5 t/ha+ AA2 @5 kg/ha; T15 -Poultry Manure@5 t/ha + AA3 @2.5 kg/ha; and T16 - Poultry Manure@5 t/ha+ AA3 @5 kg/ha.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Changes in chemical properties of soil
The amount of soil organic carbon (SOC) is commonly used to determine how fertile the soil is and how long a farming system will survive. It enhances the soil's physical, chemical, and biological qualities. On different preparation days, the amount of oxidizable organic carbon in the manures ranged from 3.4 to 4.0 times that of the soil. The amount of organic carbon in the manures increased dramatically as the growing times increased, eventually

reaching 28 days. When artificial additives like nitrogen and bio regulators were added, the numbers went up, which clearly shows that the additives helped the breakdown process. This might be because nutrient elements help the breakdown process along while it's being incubated. Bio regulators like glutathione and methionine give carbon and nitrogen to soil microbes, which speeds up the breakdown process. This could be because important nutrients are easier to get, and microorganisms can use degradable organic molecules as fuel. The amount of nitrogen that was available in the soil was raised by adding 100% N and bio-regulators to chicken dung along with AA3 at a rate of 5 kg per ha. The higher amount of N in the soil could be because of enriched materials and the fact that enriched organic manures and chicken manure take a long time to break down, which leads to a small increase in N. Adding improved chicken dung to the soil causes microbes to break down nitrogen in the soil's nitrogen pool. The addition of bio regulators (amino acids) may have sped up the activity of microbes, which in turn sped up the rate of metabolism and increased the amount of nitrogen that was available. These results are like the ones Sridevi (2005) reported. The link between manure and incubation time also had a significant impact on soil phosphorus availability.

The increased availability of phosphorus in the soil could be attributed to the addition of nitrogen-rich manures and bio regulators (glutathione, methionine, and humic acid). Amino acids may have also contributed to phosphate breakdown by enhancing microbial activity. These findings are consistent with Gundappa (1999). The amount of potassium (K) in the soil went up slightly as the incubation time went up, all the way up to 28 days. It ranged from 79.2 to 80.5. This study examined various amounts of manure and discovered that 100% nitrogen and bio regulators (AA3)-enriched poultry dung had the highest quantity of accessible potassium in the soil. This was followed by 100% nitrogen and bio-regulator (AA2) enriched poultry manure. The quantity of sulphur in soil increased dramatically as the incubation period extended to 28 days. This was demonstrated by greater levels in all treatments at the conclusion of the incubation period, ranging from 11.0 to 15.7 mg kg-1, 12.6 to 16.7 mg kg-1, 15.4 to 20.3 mg kg-1, and 18.4 to 22.3 mg kg-1.The highest usable sulfur level was found in 100% nitrogen and bio regulators-enriched chicken dung at 15.7, 16.7, 20.3 and 22.3 mg kg-1, no matter how long it was incubated. The treatment control (no fertilizer) had the least amount of sulfur in the soil almost all the time during the incubation phase.The results are in line with what Poldma*et al.* found earlier (2010). Adding more organic waste increased the breakdown of sulfur, which led to the production of more sulfate. Adding improved chicken manure to the soil increased the organic N fraction.The treatment T16 had the highest hydrolysable N (155 mg/kg), hexosamineN (50 mg/kg), and ammoniacal N (140 mg/kg).

Enzyme activity

The largest amount of peroxidase enzyme was found in treatment T16, which had 0.231 µ mol/hr/g soil and 2.5 t ha-1 of 100% nitrogen-rich chicken dung plus 5 kg ha-1 of AA3. That could be because adding increased organic matter to the soil can make it have more organic matter, since the amount and location of phenol oxidase and peroxidase will change depending on the plants and microbes that live there. Soil organic matter is the result of many oxidation processes that are hard to control by external factors like the amount of water and oxygen available and the make-up of organic matter (Sinsabaugh, 2010).

CONCLUSION

There were much higher amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and sulfur in all the solutions when bio-regulated enriched chicken manure was added compared to the control group. This means that improved chicken dung might be able to be used to slowly release more nutrients. It was discovered that chicken dung with added bio regulators helped plants use nutrients better. It may be the best clean way to give plants nutrients for a longer time.

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Table 1. Impact of nitrogen and bio regulators enriched organics on soil organic carbon (g/kg) at different days of incubation period

Treatments	0	3	7	10	15	21	28	Grand Mean
T_1-Control	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.5
T_2-100 per cent N	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6
T_3-PM@5t/ha	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.6
T_4-100 % N enriched PM@2.5t/ha	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6
T_5- PM+ AA_1@ 2.5 Kg/ha	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.5
T_6- PM+AA_1@ 5.0 Kg/ha	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6
T_7 - 100 % N enriched PM+AA_1@ 2.5 kg/ha	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6
T_8- 100 % N enriched PM+AA_1@ 5.0Kg/ha	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6
T_9- PM+AA_2 @ 2.5 Kg/ha	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7
T_{10}- PM+ AA_2@ 5.0 Kg/ha	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8
T_{11}-100 % N enriched PM+AA_2 @ 2.5Kg/ha	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7
T_{12}-100 % N enriched PM+AA_2@ 5.0 Kg/ha	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7
T_{13}- PM + AA_3@ 2.5Kg/ha	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.8
T_{14}- PM+ AA_3@ 5.0 Kg/ha	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8
T_{15}- 100 % N enriched PM + AA_3@ 2.5Kg/ha	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.7
T_{16}- 100 % N enriched PM+AA_3@ 5.0 Kg/ha	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.8
Mean	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7
	T			**P**			**TxP**	
SE d	**0.0024**			**0.0016**			**0.0065**	
CD(0.05)	0.0049			0.0032			0.0129	

Table 2. Impact of nitrogen and bio regulators enriched organics on soil Peroxidase enzyme (μ mol/ hr/g) at different days of incubation period

Treatments	0	3	7	10	15	21	28	Grand Mean
T_1-Control	0.203	0.204	0.202	0.214	0.228	0.224	0.228	0.215
T_2-100 per cent N	0.203	0.205	0.204	0.214	0.229	0.224	0.231	0.216
T_3-PM@5t/ha	0.204	0.206	0.206	0.214	0.230	0.226	0.233	0.217
T_4-100 % N enriched PM@2.5t/ha	0.205	0.209	0.207	0.216	0.234	0.227	0.235	0.219
T_5- PM+ AA_1@ 2.5 Kg/ha	0.206	0.209	0.209	0.216	0.234	0.229	0.234	0.220
T_6- PM+AA_1@ 5.0 Kg/ha	0.205	0.208	0.207	0.215	0.232	0.228	0.237	0.219
T_7 - 100 % N enriched PM+AA_1@ 2.5 kg/ha	0.204	0.208	0.211	0.220	0.229	0.231	0.241	0.221
T_8- 100 % N enriched PM+AA_1@ 5.0Kg/ha	0.204	0.21	0.209	0.217	0.236	0.239	0.238	0.222
T_9- PM+AA_2 @ 2.5 Kg/ha	0.206	0.212	0.212	0.219	0.239	0.233	0.242	0.223
T_{10}- PM+ AA_2@ 5.0 Kg/ha	0.208	0.212	0.214	0.221	0.241	0.244	0.242	0.226
T_{11}-100 % N enriched PM+AA_2 @ 2.5Kg/ha	0.206	0.211	0.216	0.221	0.241	0.249	0.245	0.227
T_{12}-100 % N enriched PM+AA_2@ 5.0 Kg/ha	0.211	0.214	0.217	0.225	0.245	0.230	0.252	0.228
T_{13}- PM + AA_3@ 2.5Kg/ha	0.211	0.214	0.217	0.224	0.243	0.241	0.248	0.228
T_{14}- PM+ AA_3@ 5.0 Kg/ha	0.213	0.216	0.219	0.228	0.247	0.246	0.259	0.233
T_{15}- 100 % N enriched PM + AA_3@ 2.5Kg/ha	0.212	0.215	0.218	0.226	0.235	0.249	0.254	0.230
T_{16}- 100 % N enriched PM+AA_3@ 5.0 Kg/ha	0.215	0.220	0.221	0.232	0.247	0.251	0.263	0.236
Mean	0.207	0.211	0.212	0.220	0.237	0.236	0.243	0.224
	T			**P**			**TxP**	
SE d	0.0031			0.0021			0.0083	
CD(0.05)	0.0062			0.0041			NS	

REVIEW ARTICLE

The Role of Epigallocatechin Gallate In Chemoprevention - A Review

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ABSTRACT

Epigallocatechin Gallate (EGCG) is an ingredient which is obtained from the leaves of green tea. This polyphenolic compound is a major catechin which is associated with various potential health and medical benefits such as antioxidant effects, chemoprevention, antiviral effects, cardiac protection, helps in losing weight and keeps the skin safe from UV radiation. This review mainly focusses on the clinical and medical significance of EGCG in chemoprevention. A general mechanism of the mode of action of EGCG and its clinical significance in medical field especially cancer is narrated in this paper.

Keywords: EGCG, Cancer, Green tea, Clinical trials

INTRODUCTION

Green tea is a most sought out beverage which is consumed widely throughout the world and is well known for its role in providing various benefits in health care. Initially it originated in China and later spread to other countries in East Asia. The three important types of tea are green, black and oolong tea [1] which was made using various disparate processing methods but was prepared from the same tea plant (*Camellia sinensi*). Phytochemical Flavonoid and metabolite catechins are some of the polyphenolic components of green tea obtained from the buds and unoxidised leaves of *Camellia sinensis* [2]. Some of the significant catechins that exist in green tea are Galloepicatechin, Epigallocatechin-3-Gallate (EGCG), Epicatechol and Teatannin out of which EGCG is present in huge quantity [3]. EGCG is the esterified product of gallic acid [4] and Epigallocatechin and is widely known for its stance in health care and medical benefits such as stroke ,chemo preventive effects, Alzheimer's disease, heart disease etc. Many research articles have demonstrated that EGCG is associated with antiviral, antibacterial, anti-proliferative, antimutagenic, antioxidant and chemo protective effects. This paper will highlight the clinical significance of EGCG and along with its chemo protective role in cancer management.

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METHODOLOGY

An extensive study of literature pertaining to EGCG and chemoprevention were carried out in the internet using articles published in Google scholars, Pubmed, Medline and other academic databases. The search did not impose any limitations on the date of publication and generally focused on articles which were recently published. Many search terms such as "EGCG", "health benefits", "clinical significance", "chemoprevention" was used to select relevant literatures in the broad inclusion criteria. Literatures which were a part of broad inclusion criteria were further narrowed down to be more specific to the current study. 150 research papers and 50 review articles were obtained based on the search criteria. After viewing the 200 articles, we could get 175 more relevant ones. These 175 papers were further screened for broad inclusion criteria, in which 98 articles were excluded. Finally, 43 articles were used for the current paper by screening the remaining 77 articles to meet the narrow criteria as shown in Fig 1.

DISCUSSION

EGCG which is an important constituent in tea plant is involved in the prevention of many diseases. It protects our heath by offering various benefits (Table 1) such as anti-arthritic, anti-carcinogenic, antiviral, antibacterial, antioxidant [5], anti-diabetic and neuroprotective effects. Additionally, it also protects our skin against the damage caused from exposure to UV radiation and also helps in losing excess weight. Many studies have been published which demonstrate the mechanism of the protective properties of EGCG in various diseases especially cancer. Amongst the various health benefits of EGCG, chemoprevention is the most significant one. EGCG aids in chemoprevention [29] of various types of cancer due to its anticarcinogenic properties. Various clinical trials (Table 2) have been conducted which substantiate the role of EGCG as a chemopreventive agent. Cancer is a disease which is feared and dreaded throughout the world. Various researches are being conducted by scientists all over the world to completely analyse the clinical management of cancer. M. Sporn [39] discovered the phrase 'Cancer chemoprevention' in 1976 which refers to the chronic intake of substances to prevent the occurrence of cancer. Due to the complex nature of cancer, various alternative managements have been introduced to enhance the potency of medical treatments and also to improve the patients' well-being. Combination of green tea extracts especially EGCG along with chemotherapy drugs results in synergistic [40] enhancement of anticancer effects and thereby plays a significant part in cancer chemoprevention by increasing the efficacy of cancer treatment. Green tea catechins are extensively involved in Primary cancer prevention, Secondary cancer prevention and Tertiary cancer prevention. From various researches conducted, it is noted that drinking a lot of green tea is interlinked with primary cancer prevention since it delays the onset [40] of cancer. Green tea when consumed especially with anticancer drugs by cancer patients following cancer treatment facilitates prevention of tumor recurrence and metastasis.
Some of the mechanisms by which EGCG aids in chemoprevention are briefly discussed below.

Antioxidant Effect
The anticancer activity of EGCG is mainly attributed to its antioxidant effect. Green tea extracts can have both direct and indirect antioxidant effects.
1. Direct Antioxidant effect: EGCG can act as direct antioxidants by scavenging free radicals [28] and by producing stable unreactive molecules. It also facilitates chelation of transition metals, thereby decreasing the redox potential and thus stabilising the oxidised metal ions.
2. Indirect Antioxidant effect: EGCG can also act as indirect antioxidants by playing a role in the up-regulation [28] of enzymes involved in the phase two metabolic reactions in the event of redox imbalance and thereby aids in restoring the balance. This up-regulation is carried out via Nrf2 signalling or by the stimulation of MAPK pathway.

Inhibition of angiogenesis and anti-proliferative effects
Angiogenesis is one of the major events involved in the growth of tumor which provides nutrient to the tissues of tumor and thereby promotes tumorigenesis. Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor is (VEGF) a protein with

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angiogenic properties which is significantly involved in the growth of tumor. EGCG inhibits angiogenesis and tumor growth by down-regulating VEGF in the cells of the tumor. Apart from modulating the signalling [41] of Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR), EGCG also decreases the expression of Platelet-derived growth factor receptor (PDGFR).

Modulation of EGFR signalling by EGCG is done via various methods such as:

- Inhibits EGFR autophosphorylation.
- Increases EGFR phosphorylation by p38 mitogen-activated protein kinase at Ser1046/1047 which finally leads to a decrease in EGFR expression.
- Induces internalisation of EGFR into the endosomes.
- Inhibits binding of EGF to EGFR.

In addition to inhibiting EGFR signalling via the above methods, EGCG also modulates PDGFR signalling by inhibiting PDGFR β-phosphorylation.EGCG also plays a major role as an anti-proliferative agent by inducing apoptosis and arresting the G1 phase in cell cycle [42].

Decreases the activity of migration of tumor and invasion of tumor

EGCG play a pivotal part in management of various cancer types by inhibiting the infiltration and migration of cancer cells through multiple ways such as:

- Down-regulation of hepatocyte growth factor - induced matrix metalloproteinase - 9 [43] and the up-regulation of urokinase-type plasminogen activator (uPA).
- Inhibition of HGF-Met signalling.
- By inhibiting HGF-Met signalling in melanoma cells, EGCG decreases the stimulation of uPA and lowers the expression ofmetalloproteinase - 9 and metalloproteinase - 2.
- Modulation of small guanosine triphosphatase proteins (Rho and Rac) in oral squamous cell carcinoma.
- Decreases Rho A activation.
- Down-regulation of vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein expression by inhibiting Rac1 activity.

Induction of cell death

Certain studies suggested that EGCG induces cell death via various mechanisms and thereby takes a huge part in the inhibition in the growth of cancer cells [41]. Some of the methods by which induction of cell death occurs are:

1. Caspase dependent apoptosis:In both extrinsic and intrinsic pathway, modulation of apoptosis is carried out via proteases called caspases. Apoptosis is majorly associated in the induction of programmed cell death. Disruption in the fine balance between the antiapoptotic Bcl-2 families (Bcl-2 and Bcl-xL) and proapoptotic Bcl-2 families (Bax and Bak) can lead to apoptosis.
2. Caspase independent apoptosis:Caspase-independent programmed cell death is carried out by an apoptosis-inducing factor (AIF) which is a flavoprotein and a mitochondrial protein called endonuclease G (ENDOG). These factors enhance apoptosis by translocating to the nucleus and cleaving the DNA. Moreover, it was noted that caspase inhibitor has no impact on cell death which is stimulated by EGCG. EGCG decreases the potential of mitochondrial membrane and thereby induces a change in the location of apoptosis inducing factor and EndoG into the nucleus.
3. Cell Death Triggered by Lysosomal Membrane Permeabilisation:Certain studies suggested that EGCG has anticancer activity by inducing cell death via Lysosomal membrane permeabilisation. Lysosomes are membrane-bound organelles found in the cytoplasm and has proteolytic enzymes in it. This cytoplasmic organelle aids in the digestion of intracellular components. By inducing LMP, epigallocatechin gallate facilitates nonapoptotic forms of cell death that ultimately results in the release of acidic enzymes into the cell. This mechanism is dependent extensively on cathepsins and thus cathepsin inhibitors block EGCG-mediated cell death.
4. Autophagy:Autophagy is a physiological process in which there is a breakdown of dysfunctional components of the cell. This multistep process facilities the repair of the cell and also play a role in recycling the damaged cellular components. EGCG induces autophagy via various ways such as:
   - Increasing Beclin-1 expression
   - Decreasing reactive oxygen species generation

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- Decreasing p62 expression
- Causing LC3 transition

Adjuvant

EGCG enhances anticancer effects of the chemotherapeutic drugs when used as an adjuvant [26] and this occurs via pharmacokinetics modulation. By modulating the expression of P glycoprotein, EGCG can be used to overcome multi-drug resistance in cancer cells. P glycoprotein which is encoded by the gene ABCB1 pumps out anticancer drugs out of the cancer cells.

Induction of epigenetic mechanisms of EGCG

Epigallocatechin gallate acts as an epigenetic modulator by modulating DNA methylation [26] andhistone modifications. Various research articles indicate that green tea has an key role in chemoprevention by modulating the epigenetic mechanism and thereby regulating the expression of gene. Recent studies suggest that by inhibiting DNMT and HAT activity, EGCG induces epigenetic changes through the modulation of hTERT activity, which is over-expressed in 90% of cancer and is the major subunit of telomerase.

CONCLUSION

Green tea is a nonalcoholic beverage preferred by the inhabitants around the world. Epigallocatechin gallate is a predominant active component in green tea which exhibits a wide range of health benefits including anticancer properties. EGCG functions as an anti-arthritic, anti-carcinogenic, antiviral, antibacterial, antioxidant, anti-diabetic and neuroprotective agent. Various studies demonstrate the anti-cancer effect of EGCG. Many chemopreventive trials are carried out to interpret the effect of Epigallocatechin gallate in the clinical management of cancer. Further research is still however needed to fully fathom the use of Epigallocatechin gallate in chemoprevention and its significance in treating cancer.

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Table 1: Clinical significance of EGCG

Clinical Significance	Mechanism	References
Cardiac Protection	Antioxidative effects, lowers cholesterol, Anti-inflammatory effects, Reduces risk of atherosclerosis, Anti-Thrombotic Effect.	6,7
Antidiabetic	Anti-inflammatory effect, increases glucose tolerance, decreases glucose	8,9,10

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effects	uptake, Increases insulin sensitivity.	
Antiobesity effect	Enzyme inhibition, SNS activation and upregulation of mRNA which: Increases dissipation of energy, Decreases absorption of nutrient, Increases oxidation of fat molecules.	11
Neuroprotective effects	Antioxidant effects, Iron chelating activity, Modulation of cell signaling pathways, Decrease lipid peroxidation.	12, 13, 14
UV protection	Antioxidant effect, Immunomodulatory effect, Chemopreventive effect, Antiphotoaging action,	15,16,17,18,19
Antiviral effect	Interferes with the attachment of virions to surface of the target cell and thereby inhibits viral entry, Inhibition of viral replication, Induction of complete autophagy of virus.	20,21
Antiartheritic effect	Decreases the expression of COX-2 (cyclooxygenase-2), Inhibits the expression of IL-1 induced protein kinase, Inhibition of Cδphosphorylation, Suppression of chemokines and collagenases production in RA synovial fibroblasts.	22,23
Anticarcinogenic effect	Antiproliferative effect, Antioxidant effects, Inhibition of telomerase, Suppresses the migration of tumor cells, Inhibits the invasion of tumor cells, Suppresses the angiogenesis process, Suppresses the proliferation of tumor cells, Induction of cell death, Induction of epigenetic changes.	24,25,26,27
Antioxidant effect	Scavenges free radicals (ROS) via transfer of hydrogen atom, chelation of metals and electron transfer, Upregulation of Phase II antioxidant enzymes.	28

Table 2: Clinical trials using EGCG in Chemoprevention.

| Cancer Type	Author	Study	References
Leukoplakia in oral cavity	Li *et al.*(1999)	By using a mixture of tea products, the authors conducted a double-blind trial in patients diagnosed with leukoplakia in oral cavity who were assigned randomly. After a period of 6 months, decrease and increase in oral lesion size was seen in patients treated with Epigallocatechin gallate in green tea and in patients treated with placebo. Increase in lesion size (in percentage) in patients treated with EGCG is 3.4 and Placebo is 6.7. Decrease in lesion size (in percentage) in patients treated with EGCG is 37.9 and Placebo is 10.	30
	Tsao *et al.*(2009)	The authors in this study conducted a trial where patients with a high susceptibility to premalignant lesions in the oral mucosa were randomly assigned and treated with EGCG.	31
Lung Cancer	Hakim *et al.*(2003)	A randomized controlled trial (RCT) was conducted by the authors to know more about the effect of frequently drinking (black /green) decaffeinated tea on oxidative stress induced DNA damage in those who smoke. This can be interpreted by measuring the level 8-OHdG in the urine. It is noted that the level of urinary 8OHdG was lowered in those who drank green tea for 4 months.	32
	Hakim *et al.*(2004)	This trial (RCT) was carried out by the authors to know more about the impact of drinking green tea on DNA oxidative damage and also to analyze the role of GST genotypes as effect modifiers.	33

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	Hakim *et al.*(2008)	In this study, the authors wanted to evaluate the impact of hOGG1 polymorphism on the intervention effects on 8OHdG.	34
Prostate Cancer	Bettuzzi*et al.*(2006)	In this RCT study, the authors wanted to evaluate the prevention of the cancer of prostate gland by the consumption of extracts in the green tea by those who were diagnosed with HG-PIN.	35
	McLarty *et al.*(2009)	In this paper, the impact of the consuming antioxidant Polyphenon E which is present in green tea on the level of prostate-specific antigen in those diagnosed with prostate cancer was briefly studied.	36
Colorectal Cancer	Shimizu *et al.*(2008)	In this study, the authors wanted to evaluate the chemopreventive activity of Epigallo-catechin gallate on metachronous type of colorectal cancer in those who frequently drink green tea.	37
Breast cancer	Crew *et al.*(2012)	In this study the authors wanted to evaluate the significance of consuming antioxidant polyphenon E in those who are diagnosed with breast cancer that falls under the category of hormone-negative.	38
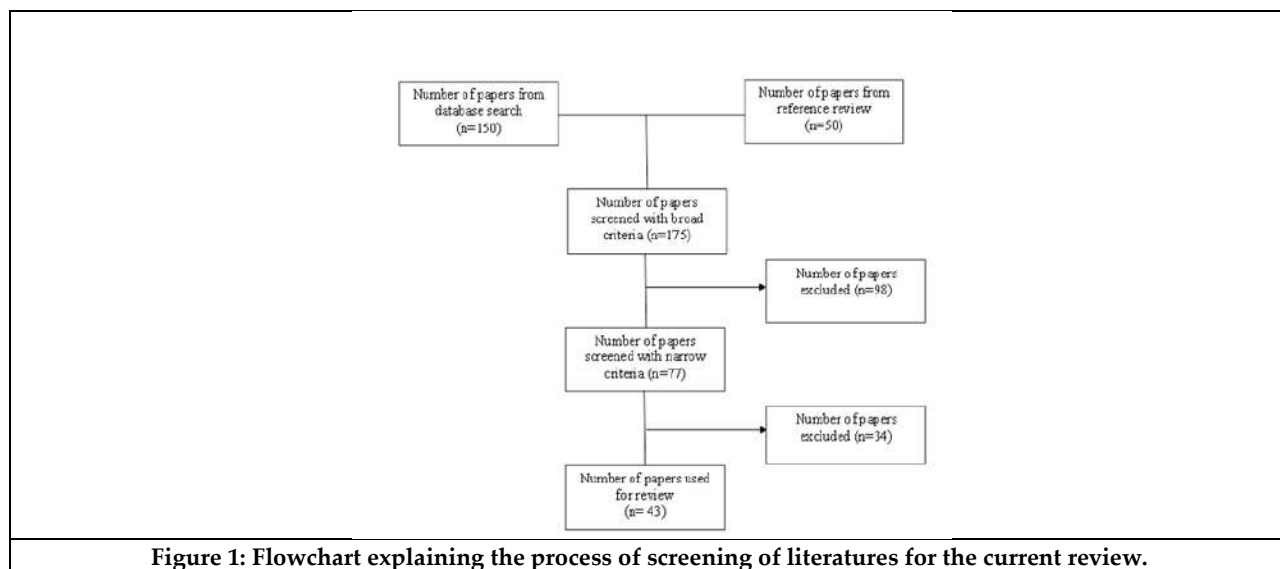
Figure 1: Flowchart explaining the process of screening of literatures for the current review.

REVIEW ARTICLE

Oxadiazole and its Derivatives: A Review on Recent Progress in an Anti-Diabetic Activity.

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ABSTRACT

The United States ranks third in the world in terms of the number of deaths related to diabetes. In the treatment of diabetes mellitus, antidiabetic drugs control blood glucose levels. Except for insulin, exenatide, and pramlintide, most drugs are taken orally. During this review, we will discuss six main types of oxadiazole-containing anti-diabetic drugs: Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR) agonist, PAR *alpha* and *gammareceptor*agonistG protein-coupled receptors 119 (GPR119) agonist and G protein-coupled receptors 40 (GPR40) agonist, inhibiting DPP-4**,** inhibiting α-amylase, inhibiting α-glucosidase, inhibiting advanced glycation end-product (AGEPs) formation. Among the recently reported anti-diabetic agents is oxadiazole, which has several pharmacological targets. Reviews of recent approaches and developments in oxadiazole derivatives for anti-diabetes treatment are presented in this review, including characteristics, structure-activity relationships, functional mechanisms, expression regulation, and pharmacological applications.

Keywords: Anti-diabetic drugs ,diabetes mellitus, oxadiazole, and heterocyclic ring

INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a metabolic disorder that affects millions of people around the world. Diabetes was estimated to be prevalent in 366 million people in 2011, and it is projected to reach approximately 552 million cases by 2030.(1)As diabetes prevalence has increased, global health burdens have increased accordingly.(2) There are

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many chronic conditions and disorders associated with DM, such as obesity,(3) hypertension,(4) heart disease,(5) and atherosclerosis,(6) which contribute to a significant reduction in life expectancy. DM has a multifaceted etiology, making its management another challenge.(7-8) Researchers in the fields of medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry are interested in heterocyclic compounds containing nitrogen atoms, such as oxadiazole moiety.(9)Known as a heterocycle, an oxadiazole is a five-membered ring containing one oxygen, two carbon atoms, two nitrogen atoms, and two double bonds.(10) Due to its versatile biological effects, the oxadiazole heterocyclic ring is one of the most important heterocyclics.(11) Oxadiazole exists in four different isomers such as 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,3-oxadiazole, 1,2,5-oxadiazole, and 1,3,4-oxadiazole. Among these, 1,3,4-oxadiazoles and 1,2,4-oxadiazoles are better known and studied by researchers due to their wide range of chemical and biological properties. There are currently more than ten classes of molecules used in DM treatment, and several new ones are in development.(12-13)Approximately 40 years ago (between the mid-1950s and the mid-1990s), the only treatments available were insulin, sulfonylureas, and biguanides.(13-14) 1995 brought the discovery and development of a new class of DM therapeutics. During this review, we will outline six types of pharmacological actions of oxadiazole derivative as anti-diabetic drugs: Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR) agonist, PPAR *alpha* and *gammareceptor*agonistG protein-coupled receptors 119 (GPR119) agonist and G protein-coupled receptors 40 (GPR40) agonist, inhibiting DPP-4, inhibiting α-amylase, inhibiting α-glucosidase, inhibiting advanced glycation end-product (AGEPs) formation.(15) We will also discuss some of the recent reports on Oxadiazole as a anti-diabetic agent with its multi-target pharmacological actions. Recent advances in Oxadiazole derivative as an anti-diabetes treatment are discussed about characteristics, structure-activity relationships, functional mechanisms, expression regulation, and applications in medicine. In this study, we have examined the anti-diabetic activity of different oxadiazole derivatives that containamide, mercaptobenzimidazole, thiazolidinedione, pyridinyl, methoxyphenyl, benzothiazole, triphenyl, tetra hydroquinolin, benzofuran, fattacid, indole, benzothiazole, thiazolidinone, transacryliacid, pyrimidine, azaspirocycle s groups in this regard

A REVIEW ON RECENT PROGRESS IN AN ANTI-DIABETIC ACTIVITY.

Xu*et al* (2005) (16)sythesized anti-substituted b-methylphenylalanine derived amides which proven to be potent DPP-IV (*Dipeptidyl peptidase-* IV) inhibitors which showhigh-quality selectivity over each DPP-VIII and DPP-IX. These are a number of the most potent compounds pronouncedto this pointmissing electrophilic traps. Authors further processed to improvise potency and selectivity over QPP (quiescent cell prolinedipeptidase) also tried substitution on phenyl group at 3-position by incorporating a heterocyclic ring with low potency. In authors suggested that there is a fine balance among lipophilicity, selectivity, and oral bioavailability. The incorporation of a polar group at the b-position led to further optimization of these properties. The most potent compound amongst those is 5-oxo-1,2,4-oxadiazole, DPP-IV has shown in Figure1 Xu *et al* (2006)researchers have developed a novel series of oxadiazole-based amides that exhibit excellent selectivity over a variety of DPP-4 homologs. Compound 43 exhibited excellent selectivity over a wide range of DPP-4 homologs. In authors suggested that The stereochemistry at the b-position plays an important role in the binding potency of this series because the anti-diastereoisomer of the corresponding syn-diastereoisomer is typically tenfold less potent. In the absence of an electrophilic trap, these compounds are among the most potent reported. Because of differences in binding modes, this series displays a change in stereochemistry (syn over anti) compared to biaryl derivatives.(17) Shingalapuret al. (2010)author synthesized and tested 1,3,4-oxadiazoles 6 (a - j) containing a 2-mercaptobenzimidazole moiety for in vivo antidiabetic activity using the oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT). The active molecules (6c), (6d), (6h) and (6i) had excellent antidiabetic properties, and pharmacophore derived from them suggested a common feature of all active molecules: the presence of OH groups. These compounds (6c), (6d), (6h) and (6i) exhibited outstanding activity against Glibenclamide and were deemed significant in comparison to diabetic control groups.(18) Iqbal et al (2012) in this research author claimed thatusing phenyl rings linked by a carbon atom, the researcher synthesized heteroatom-linked thiazolidinediones, similar to the pharmaceutical pioglitazone. Oxadiazole was tested in vivo for its effects on hypolipidemia and diabetes, and it was found to have insulin-sensitizing properties. Besides the standard compound, compounds 10h, 11c, and 11d were tested in hypoglycemic and hypolipidemic trials. Blood glucose

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levels and triglycerides are also decreased with 10h, 11c, and 11d, which are important for hyperglycemia as well as cardiovascular problems. According to these results, the combination of thioethyloxy linkage and oxadiazole may lead to the development of new potent drugs.(19) Shyma et al (2015) according to the author Three new series of 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivatives such as 2-[3-(6-methylpyridinyl)]-5-aryl-[1,3,4]-oxadiazole (3a-e), 2-[3-(6-methylpyridinyl)]-4-substitutedaminomethyl-[1,3,4]-oxadiazole-5-thione (5a-e) and 2-[3-(6-methyl pyridinyl)]-5-substituted benzylthio-[1,3,4]-oxadiazole (6a-e) were synthesized. The synthesized compounds were evaluated for their anti-diabetic and antioxidant properties. Compounds 3d and 5a are effective inhibitors of α-amylase and α-glucosidase compared to the standard.(20) In conclusion, 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivatives with pyridine moiety may have therapeutic properties and should be investigated further. Zahanich et al (2015) in this research author mentioned that Oxadiazole derivatives were synthesized and studied for their GPR40 (G-protein receptor 40) agonistic activity. EC_{50} values of 0.0058μM and 0.30 μM were determined for oxiadiazole as the most potent GPR40 agonist. The compounds in each of these chemotypes could be identified, and then those with excellent properties in terms of solubility in water, microsomal stability, Caco-2 permeability, plasma protein binding, and inhibition of cytochrome P450 could be selected. As well as providing promising new starting points for further preclinical development, both lead compounds have similarities in potency with the clinical candidate TAK-875 (FLIPR EC50 0.014 m).(21) Taha et al (2015) in this research to identify potent anti-diabetic agents, compounds synthesized from 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole were evaluated for their antiglycation activity. The IC_{50} value for 1–6 and 8 was 295.09 * 1.04 m higher than rutin (IC_{50} values of 160.2 to 290.17 m). The compound 6 series is the second most active.

These compounds are dihydroxylated analogs. The different number of hydroxyl groups on the phenyl ring causes minor differences in activity. If a compound only contains one hydroxyl group, its activity declines. The experimental data reveal that all compounds containing hydroxyl groups exhibit antiglycation properties.(22) Rathore et al (2017) according to the author an oxadiazole moiety 6(a-l) was synthesized in analogous derivatives. The hypoglycemic activity of benzothiazole derivatives with oxadiazole was evaluated in rats induced with alloxan-induced diabetes. At 350 mg/kg body weight, compound 6f was able to lower glucose levels the most, while compound 6d was the least effective. It may be compound 6i that lowers glucose the most due to its heterocyclic amine (morpholine) content. Compound 6g's anti-diabetic effect was strongest at 350 mg/kg compared to all other synthesized derivatives. Summary Compound may have a maximum effect on lowering blood sugars due to its heterocyclic amine composition (morpholine).(23) Khosravi et al (2017)author stated that*in vitro* screening was conducted for the activity of 3,4,5-triphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazole derivatives against α--glucosidase. Oxadiazole derivatives 6a-k were investigated for their ability to inhibit Saccharomyces cerevisiae α-glucosidase. The docking studies revealed that II-anion and II-alkyl interactions, such as lipophilic interactions, were distinct between 6c and 6d with the residue in the active site. The two compounds can bind freely to the active site of the enzyme and have important binding interactions as compared with acarbose, the reference standard.

Molecular docking studies were also supportive of the *in vitro* results of compounds 6c and 6d. For the most active compounds, the IC_{50} values are 215± 3, 256 ±3, and 295 ± 4 μM. Kinetic analysis of compound 6c revealed that it is a competitive inhibitor of Saccharomyces cerevisiae α-glucosidase with a Ki of 122 μM. According to our study, our synthesized compounds have potential for development as new α-glucosidase inhibitors that can be used to treat postprandial hyperglycemia.(24) Wang et al (2018) 5-(2-((1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin7-yl)oxy)pyridin-4-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazoles as novel agonists of GPR119. Increasing the substituent size (larger than 3 carbons: 36 and 37) and substituents at the 3-position of the 1,2,4-oxadiazole moiety CF_3 group adversely affects the efficacy on the cyano receptor. As a result of its reduced activity on the cyano receptor, 1,2,4-oxadiazole is well tolerated compared to 1,3,4-oxadiazole. Fluoro- or chloro-substituents are added to the oxygen on the tetrahydroquinoline ring to maintain potency yet reduce in vivo clearance in rats. 5-(2-((1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3, 4-tetrahydroquinolin-7-yl)oxy)pyridin-4-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazoles as a novel class of GPR119 agonists, and presented the SAR in detail.(25) Ibrahim et al (2018)author mentioned that The anti-diabetic activities of 27 Oxadiazole derivatives were studied *in-silico*. This study may lead to the design of new anti-diabetic compounds that have better inhibitory activity against α-glycosidase, an enzyme responsible for hydrolyzing carbohydrates to produce excess glucose. The

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results of this study show that the binding affinity generated is in accordance with the work done by other researchers on this series of compounds.(26) Kapooret al (2018)This research focused on designing, synthesizing, performing docking, and testing whether the selected synthesized derivatives of fatty acid and oxadiazole moiety could reduce glucose level in normal rats and anti-diabetic effect on diabetic rats. A total of twenty-two compounds showed good activity, with compound M_{15} more potent than the standard drug due to the presence of an electron-withdrawing group fluoro, and therefore may be explored further in search of potential new agents for type II diabetes. Thus, by substituting amines with modified fatty acids that have a polar chain and an oxadiazole moiety at the end, new mannich base derivatives were synthesized that have this type of model. (27) Nazir et al (2018) Oxadiazole scaffolds containing 8a-l N-substituted acetamides were synthesized in good yields and inhibited yeast α-glucosidase enzyme with an IC_{50} as low as that of the reference compound. Compound 8 l bearing the methyl-substituted pyridine ring showed excellent inhibitory potential and was found to be most active among all synthetic derivatives (IC_{50} = 9.37 * 0.03 m) not related to its involvement with the enzyme's active site. Compound 8e with ethoxy group at para position had greater activity as compared to the standard, however, a decrease in the activity was observed when the position of ethoxy was shifted from para to ortho in 8d may be due to the increased steric factors.(28) Bhutani et al (2018) A small library of new benzothiazole clubbed oxadiazole-Mannich bases (M-1 to M-22) were synthesized compounds, nine compounds were selected based on docking score and evaluated for their *in vivo* anti-diabetic activity using Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT) in normal rats followed by Streptozotocin (STZ) – induced diabetes. The results showed that compound M-14 (161.39 * 4.38) showed the greatest reduction of blood glucose in the STZ model comparable to that of the standard drug glibenclamide (140.29 * 1.24).

Other compounds exhibited moderate to good antihyperglycaemic activity.The compounds under study showed significant anti-diabetic activity in oral glucose tolerance tests in normal rats and in streptozotocin-induced rats, with the best results observed with compounds containing two electron-withdrawing groups and lacking phenyl rings.(29) Bhutaniet al (2019) To search for potential anti-diabetic agents, a series of new benzothiazole-1,3,4-oxadiazole-4-thiazolidinone hybrid analogs (Tz1-Tz28) were synthesized. Compounds Tz21 (with diethylamine group at para position and hydroxyl group at ortho position of phenyl ring at 2nd position of 4-thiazolidinone), Tz17 (having methoxy substituent at para position of phenyl ring at 2nd position of 4-thiazolidinone), Tz10 (with dimethyl amine group at para position of phenyl ring at 2ndposition of 4-thiazolidinone) caused significant lowering in blood glucose level. Compounds containing electron-withdrawing groups such as 4-chloro, 4-nitro and 4-trifloromethyl also displayed good anti-diabetic effect but a decrease in blood glucose level was less as compared to compounds having a substitution of electron-donating groups on the phenyl ring of 4-thiazolidinone.(30) Kaur et al (2020) These compounds possess aryl/methylene linkers linking the pharmacophore head to the lipophilic tail to create PPAR (peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor) alpha/gamma agonists.

It has been concluded that the electron-withdrawing group shown to be over active at the 4th position on 1,2,4-oxadiazole based and trans-acrylic acid derivatives can serve to be an alternative treatment in better management of type 2 diabetes mellitus. These compounds possess an aryl/methylene linker between the pharmacophore head and the lipophilic tail so they are capable of acting as dual PPAR alpha and PPAR gamma agonists.(31) Lalpara*et al* (2020)This study synthesized pyrimidine derivatives containing 1,3,4-oxadiazole condensations and tested their antidiabetic activity *in vitro*. A-amylase inhibition assays of synthesized compounds and acarbose are performed. The synthesized compounds show moderate to good a-amylase activity. Compounds were screened for their anti-diabetic activity *in vitro*; many of them had very good potency compared to acarbose, a standard reference drug.(32) Radia et al (2021) *In vitro*antidiabetic screening of 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivatives containing azaspirocycles synthesized by the author. *In vitro*antidiabetic screening of synthesized compounds by α-amylase inhibition. The compound 6a has a high activity and an inhibition percent very close to acarbose. The synthesis of bioactive and potent heterocycles using the combination of two different pharmacophores, 1,3,4-oxadiazole and azaspirocycles, was tested for antidiabetic activity to obtain significant results. (33)

CONCLUSION

Currently, there are several diabetes drugs on the market, and scientists are conducting extensive research to determine whether these drugs are effective or not novel anti-diabetes drugs. However, we have not yet been able to cure diabetes. The challenge for medicinal chemists is to diagnose or treat diseases efficiently. Thus, oxadiazole is safer, more effective, and safer is always in demand in medicinal chemistry. The current review has highlighted seven major types of oxadiazole as anti-diabetes drugs, namely Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR) agonist, PPAR *alpha* and *gamma receptor*agonistG protein-coupled receptors 119 (GPR119) agonist and G protein-coupled receptors 40 (GPR40) agonist, inhibiting DPP-4**,** inhibiting α-amylase, inhibiting α-glucosidase, inhibiting advanced glycation end-product (AGEPs) formation. A comparison of different oxadiazole derivatives as anti-diabetic drugs' multi-target pharmacological actions was also reported. All of these agents reveal the effects on all of the major targets of diabetes, such as- Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR) agonist, PPAR *alpha* and *gammareceptor*agonistG protein-coupled receptors 119 (GPR119) agonist and G protein-coupled receptors 40 (GPR40) agonist, inhibiting DPP-4**,** inhibiting α-amylase, inhibiting α-glucosidase, inhibiting advanced glycation end-product (AGEPs) formation etc. and showed effective and promising activities towards diabetes disease. With their promising activities and mechanism of action against diabetes, most of the discussed oxadiazole derivatives as can help to synthesize novel oxadiazole derivatives and also help to design oxadiazole derivatives as novel anti-diabetes drugs.

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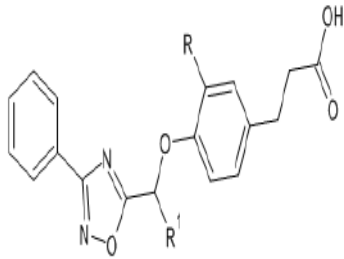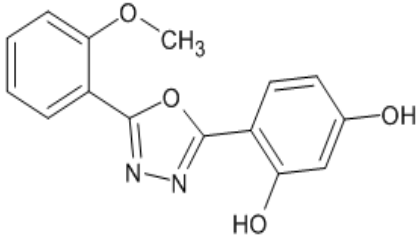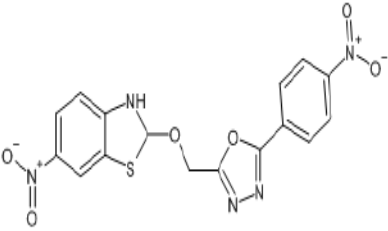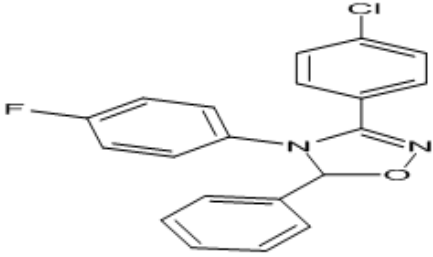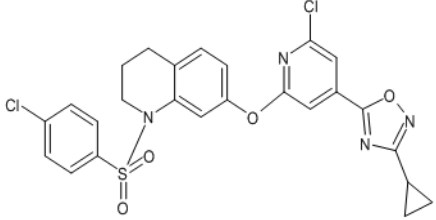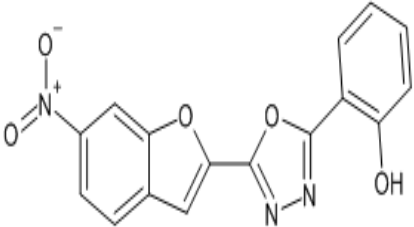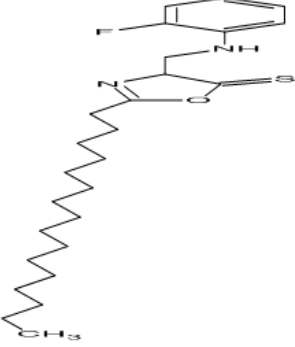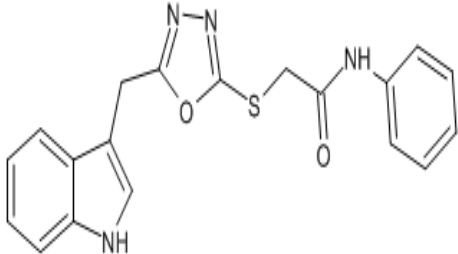
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Figure 2: 2-amino-4-cyclopropyl-3-(3-(2-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)-1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butan-1-one

Figure 3: 4-(5-{[(1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]methyl}-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)phenol

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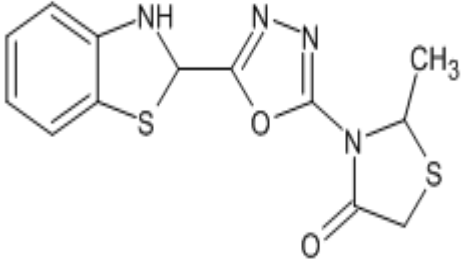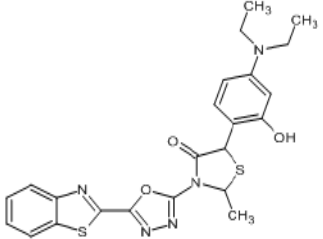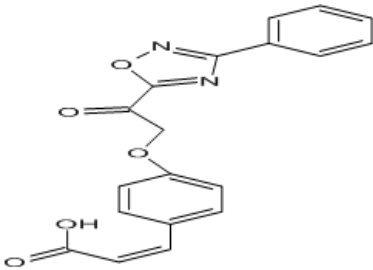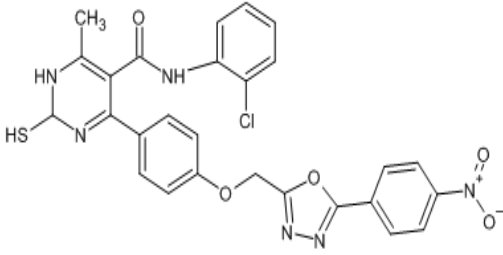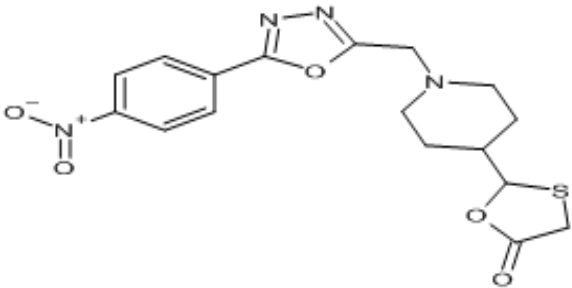
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Figure 6: 4-[5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]benzene-1,3-diol

Figure 7: 6-nitro-2-{[5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methoxy}-2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzothiazole

Figure8: 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazole

Figure 9: 5-(2-chloro-6-((1-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-7-yl)oxy)pyridin-4-yl)-3-cyclopropyl-1,2,4-oxadiazole

Figure 10: 2-[5-(6-nitro-1-benzofuran-2-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]phenol

Figure 11: 4-(((2-fluorophenyl)amino)methyl)-2-hexadecyloxazole-5(4H)-thione

Figure 12:2-({5-[(1H-indol-3-yl)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl}sulfanyl)-N-phenylacetamide

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Figure 13: 3-[5-(2,3-dihydro-1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]-2-methyl-1,3-thiazolidin-4-one

Figure 14: 3-(5-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)-5-(4-(diethylamino)-2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylthiazolidin-4-one

Figure 15: (2Z)-3-{4-[2-oxo-2-(3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}prop-2-enoic acid

Figure 16: N-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-mercapto-6-methyl-4-(4-((5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)methoxy)phenyl)-1,2-dihydropyrimidine-5-carboxamide

Figure 17: 2-(1-{[5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl}piperidin-4-yl)-1,3-oxathiolan-5-one

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Exploring the Nutritional and Therapeutic Potential of Ash Gourd (*Benincasa hispida*): A Comprehensive Analysis of Health Benefits, Consumer Awareness and Marketing Strategies

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ABSTRACT

The present research focuses on the investigation of the health benefits, consumer preferences, and promotional strategies of the ash gourd (*Benincasa hispida*) due to its high nutritional and therapeutic potential. The study also places emphasis on the customer acceptability and/ or preferences of ash gourd juice and products based on its taste, palatability, cultural perspectives and culinary applications. The research is based on an empirical pilot study carried out in a suitable geographic location using the Opportunity Sampling technique with a modest sample size and descriptive research design. As a research tool, the survey recorded respondent's feedback using a pre-structured questionnaire that focused on the availability, palatability, validation, therapeutic benefits and drawbacks of ash gourds, as well as their marketing strategy in the food industry. The study aims to bridge the gap between the scientific knowledge and consumer preferences for this crucial but under-utilized resource. Ash gourd's numerous health benefits, culinary versatility and the growing appeal of Asian cuisine suggest that it has a promising future in the food sector. Farmers, traders and consumers and other stakeholders will benefit when detailed support of scientific literature & study about nutritional properties, health benefits as well as consumer preference is available.

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INTRODUCTION

Ash Gourd, *Benincasa hispida* is commonly called hairy melon, wax gourd, winter melon, ash pumpkin & "Kushmanda" in Ayurveda. It is known to be a nutritive source as well as a medicine. It is used as an anti-mercurial, antidote for alcohol poisoning, laxative, diuretic and to cure internal hemorrhages and constipation. The research explores the nutritional and therapeutic potential of Ash Gourd (*Benincasa hispida)*, aiming to understand its health benefits, consumer preferences, and marketing strategies. The findings can contribute to public health awareness and the agricultural market. The study's scope is multifaceted, encompassing a thorough investigation into the nutritional and therapeutic attributes of Ash Gourd. Creating awareness for the exploration of Ash Gourd's nutritional and therapeutic potential involves disseminating information through various channels, such as educational campaigns, workshops, and digital media platforms. Collaborating with health professionals, nutritionists, and agricultural experts can amplify the dissemination of findings. Engaging with communities and conducting outreach programs can also foster awareness and understanding. Aligning the findings of the exploration into Ash Gourd's potential with government policies involves advocating for supportive measures. Engaging with relevant health and agricultural authorities to share research outcomes can influence policy considerations, such as recommending incentives for farmers cultivating Ash Gourd, promoting its inclusion in public health programs, or incorporating it into dietary guidelines. Collaboration with policymakers and presenting evidence on the nutritional and therapeutic benefits can contribute to the formulation of policies that encourage the adoption of Ash Gourd for public health improvement and economic growth within the agricultural sector. Ash gourd's future in juice and ready-to-eat products depends on consumer acceptance, innovation, and marketing. As consumer preferences shift towards healthier, natural products, ash gourds could become a significant presence. The Indian food and beverage industry could benefit from value-added products and nutritional benefits. Ash gourd's GDP contribution varies by country and region.

Statement of problem
The search contains a specific statement of the problem related to consumer awareness, preference, marketing, and health benefits of ash gourd. The problem statement revolves around the need to increase consumer awareness and preference for ash gourd, develop effective marketing strategies to promote its benefits, and educate the public about its health benefits, particularly in the context of its potential to reduce toxicity and support overall well-being.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Prerna Gupta et al (2021) Ash gourds are rich in all the nutrients needed to sustain good health, according to studies on their nutritional and medicinal qualities. Medicine can be obtained from the pulp, leaves, seed, and flowers. Because it contains a high amount of total dietary fiber, it lowers blood cholesterol and lowers the risk of bowel disorders and coronary heart disease. People with diabetes and hypertension can benefit greatly from its low carbohydrate content, which makes it an excellent source of energy. A high soluble fiber content minimizes stomach acidity and increases feelings of fullness. Given its high vitamin content, it aids in the healing of migraines, the flu, pneumonia, and common colds. The intestinal micro biota, which is vital to human health, is altered by ash gourd juice, which enhances gut health. Therefore, Ash gourd juice improves gut health by changing the intestinal micro biota, which plays critical roles in the health of humans. **Sunitha D'Souza (2022)** This has been reported that the administration of B. hispida aqueous extracts significantly corrected ranitidine-induced hypochlorhydria in rats, according to a study by Mandal et al. The concentrations of pepsin, vitamin C, and chloride in the gastric juice with antioxidant activity were found to have significantly increased. Ash gourd may reduce vascular inflammation in diabetic patients and prevent atherosclerosis by reducing oxidative stress, according to a 2009 study by Moon et al.

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Ash gourd therefore has a great potential to reduce inflammation by raising proinflammatory cytokines. Renal protective activity & works well for Alzheimer's patients. **Tushar Undegaonkar (2023)**mentioned, Ash gourd has anti-nutritional elements (phytates, oxalate, etc.) that may hinder the body's absorption of nutrients. Ash gourd consumption in excess can increase the risk of calcium deposition, which can result in calcium renal calculi. Ash gourds may be safe and may not have any negative effects until and unless consumed in excess, according to a number of animal toxicological studies. Though amla is an astringent fruit and has a bland taste, ash gourd is pale in color, and together they have little nutritional value. As a result, they are not commonly used for table purposes, but they have a great deal of potential when processed into other high-quality products. Ash gourds are not very popular despite their many health advantages. The advancement of ash gourd processed products has received very little attention. Ms. Sudharani N et al. attempted to create instant juice and soup mixes using amla and ash gourd, which showed great potential, after taking into account their nutrients and nutraceutical qualities. They saw that most consumers approved of the developed instant mixes.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To explore the ways to foster promotion of Ash gourd among the buyers.
2. To analyze the awareness of nutritional benefits of Ash Gourd among the buyers.
3. To give appropriate suggestions to enhance the awareness of benefits of Ash Gourd among the buyers.

Hypothesis
H$_0$: The awareness of Nutritional Benefits of Ash Gourd among the buyers is Low (Mean score < 3)
H$_1$: The awareness of Nutritional Benefits of Ash Gourd among the buyers is High (Mean score>3)

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The present study used a mixed research design. To explore the ways to foster promotion of Ash gourd among the buyers a qualitative approach was used using NVIVO 14.35 managers of Supermarket were interviewed face-to-face, and the conversations were transcribed. Additionally, data from 60 Ash gourd buyers is gathered using non-probability purposive sampling (structured questionnaire) to assess the awareness of Nutritional benefit. According to Faul et al., 45 is the minimum sample necessary to execute a one-tailed t-test. R studio is the tool used for the descriptive study design.

Data Analysis and Interpretation
From Table 1 it can be explored that the promotion of Ash Gourd can be foster using social media campaign with 30 counts and 13.64 weighted percentage , influencer marketing with 28 counts and 12.73 weighted percentage , content marketing with 26 counts and 11.82 weighted percentage , educational workshop with 25 counts and 11.36 weighted percentage , recipe contest with 24 count and 10.91 weighted percentage , Packaging innovation with 23 count and 10.45 weighted percentage, Nutritional labeling with 20 count and 9.09 weighted percentage, Email marketing with 18 count and 8.18 weighted percentage , Virtual farm tour with 16 count and 7.27 weighted percentage and flash sales with 10 counts and 4.55 weighted percentage. From the above figure (1) it can be explored that the promotion of Ash gourd are social media campaign, influencer marketing, content marketing, educational workshop, recipe contest , Packaging innovation, Nutritional labeling, Email marketing and Virtual farm tour and flash sales. Parametric one sample t – test (one tailed) is applied to examine mean score of Awareness of Nutritional health benefits of Ash gourd among the buyers. It is seen that P (value)< 0.05 in case of are Improve digestion, Aids weight loss and Lower cholesterol indicating High awareness. In most of the health benefits of Ash gourd p (value)> 1 indicating low awareness of Nutritional benefit of Ash gourd towards Treating Urinary disorder, Cures stomach ulcers, Strength respiratory process, improves appetite, reduces body heat, Boost immunity, removes acidity, regulates blood sugar, Helps stop internal bleeding and Detoxifies kidneys. As most of the p(value) > 5% level of

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significance (α) thus failed to reject Ha and it can be concluded that the awareness of Nutritional Benefits of Ash Gourd among the buyers is Low (Mean score < 3).

Analysis and interpretation

In our present study, out of the three objectives, the last two objectives are measurable ones while the first one is exploratory or qualitative in nature for which testing of hypothesis is not done but we tried to find out the keywords which is achieved with the help of text mining technique using NVIVO software for which summary table and word cloud is made. Second objective being quantitative in nature which is related to descriptive research design for which data is collected and analyzed by applying one sample one tailed T-test and the solution is the low awareness. The above research is mixed research (qualitative & quantitative) and in qualitative, hypothesis testing is not done and many other techniques are used including Text mining Thematic Analysis, Sentiment Analysis. For quantitative we make structured questionnaires and collect the data. Basically, when objectives are descriptive in nature, at that time we do testing of hypotheses. In our research, there is one hypothesis at base but from that we can make a good number of sub-hypotheses.

Findings of the Study

There is very low awareness of nutritional benefits of Ash Gourd among the buyers. Ash gourd, also known as "petha" in India, has a potential future in the juice and ready to eat industry. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in using ash gourd as an ingredient in various food and beverage products due to its nutritional benefits and versatility.

CONCLUSION

Supply and demand dynamics, production costs, and government policies all have an impact on the price of ash gourd products. Oversupply, poor infrastructure, or a lack of a strong pricing policy can all contribute to low pricing. Although the effectiveness of government interventions to support farmers and control prices varies, examples of such measures include minimum support prices and market stabilization funds. Advocating for policy improvements that balance the interests of farmers, consumers, and the agricultural economy can be made easier for those who are directly impacted by ash gourd pricing by getting involved with local agricultural authorities or industry organizations. The acceptance of ash gourd by consumers, continued product innovation, and successful marketing tactics are critical to the vegetable's future success in these sectors. Ash gourd may become increasingly prominent as consumer tastes move towards more natural and healthful options. To further improve its chances in the Indian food and beverage industry, value-added product development and emphasis on nutritional benefits are recommended.

Recommendations

The dynamics of supply and demand, production costs, market conditions, and governmental regulations all have an impact on the price of ash gourd products. A surplus of inventory, shoddy infrastructure for storage and delivery, or a deficiency of strong pricing and marketing strategies could all be the cause of low pricing.

Policies and regulations like minimum support prices and market stabilization funds are common ways that governments intervene in agricultural markets to support farmers and control prices. Other suggestions received by field survey such as:

1. Arrange Educational Campaigns: Launch educational campaigns through various channels such as social media, websites, and workshops to inform consumers about the nutritional value and health benefits of Ash gourd.
2. Juice Recipe Sharing: Create and share easy-to-make recipes featuring Ash gourd to demonstrate its versatility in cooking, juice and highlight its taste and health benefits.
3. Partnerships with Health Professionals: Collaborate with nutritionists, dietitians, and health experts to endorse the benefits of Ash gourd through articles, videos, and seminars.

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4.   Sampling Programs: Organize sampling programs in grocery stores, farmers' markets, and community events to allow consumers to taste Ash gourd preparations and experience its benefits firsthand.

5.   Packaging and Labeling: Ensure clear and informative packaging and labeling of Ash gourd products, including nutritional information and health benefits, to attract buyers' attention and encourage them to make informed choices.

FUTURE SCOPE OF STUDY

Collaborating with the food ministry could significantly enhance the production and distribution of Ash Gourd. Seeking their support for subsidies, research grants, or awareness campaigns can encourage farmers to cultivate Ash Gourd. Establishing partnerships with the ministry could streamline distribution channels, ensuring wider accessibility. By showcasing the nutritional and therapeutic benefits, the food ministry can play a pivotal role in promoting Ash Gourd as a valuable addition to the food supply, aligning with public health goals and contributing to overall well-being. Further comparative study can be conducted on preference of buyers towards Ash Gourd and its products including juices. Future study can be conducted on finding the difference of nutritional benefits and the type of Ash Gourd. Here are five potential research titles related to the consumer awareness, preference, marketing, and health benefits of ash gourd for further study. (1)"Health Benefits of Ash Gourd Consumption: An Exploratory Study on Consumer Perceptions" (2) "The Role of Consumer Education in Promoting Ash Gourd Consumption: A Marketing Perspective"

Conflict of interest
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Data availability
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Table 1 Keywords fostering Promotion of Ash gourd

Keyword	Count	Weighted Percentage (%)
Social media campaign	30	13.64
Influencer marketing	28	12.73
Content marketing	26	11.82
Educational Workshop	25	11.36
Recipe contest	24	10.91
Packaging innovation	23	10.45
Nutritional labeling	20	9.09
Email marketing	18	8.18
Virtual farm tour	16	7.27
Flash sales	10	4.55

Keyword Count Weighted Percentage (%)

Table 2 One sample t test

Items	t – statistics	P – value	Result
Improve digestion	15.00	0.000	High awareness
Aids weight loss	16.98	0.000	High awareness
Detoxifies kidney	-17.35	1	Low awareness
Helps stop internal bleeding	-17.32	1	Low awareness
Remove acidity	-16.45	1	Low awareness
Regulates blood sugar	-16.33	1	Low awareness
Boost immunity	-16.24	1	Low awareness
Lower cholesterol	15.72	0.000	High awareness
Reduces body heat	-15.23	1	Low awareness
Improve appetite	-18.45	1	Low awareness
Treat urinary disorder	-17.90	1	Low awareness
Strength respiratory process	-15.38	1	Low awareness
Cures stomach ulcer	-17.11	1	Low awareness
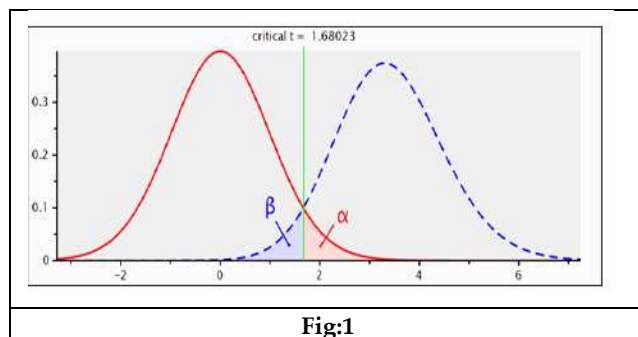
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Data-Driven Predictive Modeling of BMI Utilizing Nutrition Data: A Machine Learning Perspective

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ABSTRACT

This study extensively analyzes a primary nutrition dataset obtained via in-person interviews with students in educational institutions. Its primary objective is to investigate the methodology employed to calculate Body Mass Index (BMI) values, which are calculated using factors including weight, height, and dietary patterns. Systematically examining the dataset uses sophisticated machine-learning techniques to predict BMI values. The results clarify noticeable patterns, demonstrating a significant incidence of underweight children in comparison to a negligible proportion identified as obese. This suggests that dietary practices are inherently unbalanced. However, a significant proportion of the populace demonstrates strong health indicators. After evaluating various machine learning algorithms, Extreme Gradient Boosting demonstrates the highest level of precision, as evidenced by its Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of 0.5061. This algorithm effectively fits the dataset and accurately determines BMI values. This study makes a substantial scholarly contribution to the comprehension of nutritional patterns, underscoring the critical importance of advocating for preschoolers to adopt healthy dietary practices. Moreover, it emphasizes the potential effectiveness of machine learning in forecasting BMI values, thereby offering practical insights that can inform the development of approaches to tackle the prevalent nutritional imbalances among school students.

Keywords: Bagging and Boosting, BMI, Deep Learning Models, Nutrition, Regression

INTRODUCTION

Nutrition, a fundamental process for obtaining and utilizing essential substances from food, encompasses the study of various food components and their interactions within the body. Its significance lies in promoting overall well-being, bolstering the immune system, maintaining a healthy body weight, enhancing cognitive and physical performance and reducing the risk of chronic diseases like obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular ailments and certain cancers. While the quantity of food consumed is a factor in nutrition, equal importance must be given to food quality to ensure a comprehensive approach to meeting nutritional needs. Skipping meals can result in inadequate nutrient intake and imbalances in macronutrients like carbohydrates, proteins and fats as well as micronutrients such as vitamins and minerals. Breakfast, often dubbed the most important meal of the day, breaks the overnight fasting period and provides the necessary energy to start the day. Neglecting meals can lead to decreased energy levels, difficulty concentrating and an increased likelihood of overeating or making unhealthy food choices later in the day. Furthermore, it can disrupt blood sugar levels and have a negative impact on metabolism. Incorporating a diverse range of fruits into the diet allows individuals to obtain a broad spectrum of essential nutrients, antioxidants and fibre. It is recommended to consume fruits of various colours to ensure a diverse nutrient intake and maximize the nutritional benefits they offer. It is essential to acknowledge that height and weight are just two factors among many that influence nutrition. Other factors such as age, sex, physical activity level, metabolism and specific health conditions also play a role in determining individual nutritional needs. For personalized nutritional guidance, consulting with a registered dietitian or healthcare professional that can consider all relevant factors and provide tailored advice is recommended. BMI is a commonly used metric to evaluate the relationship between an individual's weight and height. For children and teenagers (2-18 years), BMI is interpreted differently compared to adults due to their changing body composition as they grow. In this age group, BMI is expressed as a percentile and is compared to growth charts that account for age and sex. This research paper aims to predict BMI values by utilizing a nutrition dataset, advanced machine learning algorithms and deep learning techniques. The findings obtained will contribute to understanding the relationship between nutrition and BMI and will provide insights for addressing nutritional imbalances. This study aims to identify the most accurate algorithm for predicting BMIby exploring the impact of height, weight, food habits. The research outcomes will help inform strategies for promoting healthy eating habits and maintaining optimal BMI levels, thereby contributing to improved public health outcomes.

REVIEWS

The study explores the link between nutrition knowledge and BMI, revealing no significant correlation. It challenges the idea that knowledge gaps are the main barriers to healthier diets in overweight individuals, highlighting the importance of practical behaviour which change techniques for diet habits [1]. A study suggests that BMI commonly used to assess fatness and health risk, has limitations, lacking precision in measuring body fat distribution and showing age related variations in death rate [2]. This study highlights the BMI limitations in assessing young children overweight and obesity, suggesting a more general approach with fat mass index for identifying those at risk of weight related heart issues [3]. The study reveals that schools permitting more food practices associated with frequent snacking and unhealthy food consumption showed an adverse association with students' body mass index [4]. This paper suggests that consuming food during stress may contribute to a high risk in increasing obesity compared to eating under normal conditions [5]. The study indicates that reducing low nutrient, energy dense foods in schools, especially reducing the frequency of offering desserts and french fries, could be effective in controlling childhood obesity by influencing total calorie taking and BMI [6]. The study indicate that eating carbs reduces lower BMI, especially if they come from whole grains. Choosing a low fat diet with fiber rich foods like whole grains may be good for health and help with weight management [7]. The study aimed at reducing childhood overweight did not lead to sustained BMI reduction, despite improvements in parent-reported nutrition, suggesting that brief individualized approaches may not be effective, highlighting potential limitations in intensity or GP training [8]. The study finds that among overweight children, height weight ratio is more strongly associated with risk factor levels

than BMI for age or skinfold thickness [9]. This study identifies dietary self efficacy, nutritional quality of breakfast and socio-economic status as key essentials of BMI in Australian school children, emphasizing the potential impact of breakfast programs for low economic status students, in preventing childhood obesity [10]. Study significantly enhances adding skinfold measurements to BMI significantly improves body fat predictions, mainly for non-overweight children, highlighting the importance of including skinfold assessments for more accurate body fat evaluations in kids [11]. The study shows that using adult standards overestimates thinness in Indian teens (15 - 19 years) and points out a high prevalence of stunting. It recommends separately assessing adolescents in future health surveys for a more accurate view of their nutritional status [12]. The study concludes that BMI above the 95th percentile is a specific indicator of excess fatness in children in identifying those at risk for harmful health outcomes [13]. The study describes that using the 99th percentile of BMI is effective in identifying children at a very high risk for biochemical issues and severe adult obesity, emphasizing the potential need for more proactive weight control strategies in this subgroup [14]. The study indicates that both obesity and overweight pose cardiovascular risks. Integrating BMI into daily medical practice for disease prediction and prevention across various medical fields [15].

In relation to obesity and overweight, another research shows that body mass index (BMI) and waist circumference are robust predictors of cardiovascular disease[16]. A study insists on BMI for assessing weight-related health risks, and tracking changes over time [17]. This study in Indian children highlights differences in diet between urban and rural areas. Findings suggest that Food variety scores (FVS) and Dietary diversity scores (DDS) both are correlated with micronutrient capacity, growth, and health [18]. The study shows links between body measurements (BMI and WC) and certain heart and metabolic risks, indicating that body fat is just one aspect of these risks [19]. This study tells that obesity is linked to lifespan, high obesity indicates higher risk of cardiovascular diseases compared to normal BMI [20]. This study explores the predictive value of BMI in assessing the risk for chronic conditions [21]. This study highlights that as obesity and weight gain in young adults, risk of heart disease in adults increases [22]. The study highlights how machine learning helps detect and predict obesity early, guiding global efforts to prevent health issues and implement public health strategies [23]. The study introduces a machine learning based system for accurate food image classification and attribute estimation, showcasing promising results in achieving higher classification accuracy across various food categories [24]. This study suggests a smart phone based assistive calorie measurement system using deep learning that gives accurate food recognition and provides a promising solution for effective dietary monitoring in obesity prevention and treatment [25]. This study describes the recommended weight prediction system (RWPS) utilizing BMI, BMR, DFI, and neural network to effectively predict the time required for an individual to achieve normal weight, providing a potential tool for assessing and addressing eating disorders [26].

This research finds that gender, briskness, and endurance are key factors influencing BMI. Endurance and briskness play a role in explaining how gender relates to BMI [27]. The findings of this research emphasize gender disparities in the perception of body weight, body mass index (BMI), and contentment with weight among medical and nursing students. For the purpose of addressing the possibility of eating disorders in this demographic, they need specialist therapies [28]. The study reveals a continuous increase in adult obesity in the US, reaching 42.8% in 2017 – 2018 but no significant change in annual growth rate in 2003 – 2004 [29]. The study spanning 1975 - 2014 reveals a global rise in mean BMI and obesity rates meeting the 2025 obesity target. If the current trend continues obesity rate projected to reach 18% in male, 21% in females [30]. The study predicts a significant increase in weight and obesity rate in India by 2040. Particularly among rural residents and older age groups and need to take proactive measures for future non communicable disease [31]. The paper discusses India's efforts to reduce malnutrition and achieve the UN's Zero Hunger goal before 2030, stressing the need in rural areas and highlighting schemes like the 2017 Poshan Abhiyan [32]. Study shows high abdominal obesity in India, especially among women aged 30 – 49. Need for interventions in urban areas and higher socioeconomic groups [33]. The study emphasizes that the WHO's 2022 report reveals a concerning obesity pandemic in Europe, with 60% of citizens overweight or obese. Covid-19 helped governments, the scientific community and the food industry to address and combat obesity [34]. The study cautions that during the pandemic, people shifted to cooking at home, buying more pasta and flour. These choices, while reflecting symbolic values, may not always be healthy [35]. This study tells that Italians do not follow a Mediterranean diet, eating too little recommended food and preferring meat and sweets over healthy food. Targeted interventions,

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including personalized tools and healthcare support, are crucial for improving nutritional habits and lifestyle choices [36]. This paper highlights that the Mediterranean diet contains rich nutrients and anti-inflammatory benefits, not only lowers cancer and heart disease risks, improves nutrition and it could be a useful tool in public health to prevent nutrient deficiencies [37].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The information for the project was collected:
In-person using direct interaction with students and student's height and weight were measured and recorded as part of the data collection. The data collected was transformed for the purpose of data analysis with Python. Plots and graphs, i.e., exploratory data analysis, were used for visualization purposes. The analysis was done using machine Learning techniques using Python to obtain insights from it.
The machine learning techniques that were used were:

Linear Regression
Linear regression applies a linear equation to the data to examine the relationship between the dependent variable and one or more independent variables. This technique allows for accurate modeling of the relationship between the variables. The linear regression with multiple independent variables is given as:

$$X = m_0 + m_1y_1 + m_2y_2 + \ldots + m_ny_n \tag{1}$$

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here,
m_0= y-intercept.

$$m_1, \ m_2, \ldots \ldots \ldots \ m_ny_n = \text{coefficients of independent variables } y_1y_2 \ldots y_n$$

Decision Tree
A powerful tool in machine learning, the decision tree algorithm operates through guided instruction and can tackle classification and regression tasks. Its procedure entails dividing the data into smaller subsets at each stage, selecting the most significant attribute. This attribute is identified using metrics like gini impurity (classification problems)and MSE (regression problems), ensuring accurate and efficient results.
The decision tree is generated using the following parameter for regression,

$$MSE = \sum(y_i - \hat{y})/N \tag{2}$$

Where, y_{i} = actual value, $\hat{y}$= predicted value.

Random Forest
It is a powerful ensemble learning technique, frequently utilised in both machine learning classification and regression tasks. Its method involves creating numerous decision trees during the training process and ultimately producing the most commonly occurring class in classification or the average prediction in regression from all of these individual trees.
The random forest runs on the aggregate method,

$$\hat{Y} = \sum f_j(a)/N \tag{3}$$

Where, N = number of models.
$f_j(a)$ = prediction of the j-th model for input a.

Bagging
Bagging is a powerful method for boosting the reliability and precision of machine learning algorithms. Its key concept is to train numerous iterations of a base algorithm on diverse samples of the training data and then merge their outputs into a single prediction.
The Bagging algorithm works on the formula,

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$$\hat{Y} = \sum f_j(a) / N$$
(4)

Where, N = number of models.

$f_j(a)$ = prediction of the jth model for input a.

AdaBoosting

AdaBoost, also known as Adaptive Boosting, is a powerful ensemble learning method designed to enhance the performance of weak learners. These are models that only marginally outperform random guessing. The concept was first introduced in 1996 by Yoav Freund and Robert Schapire.

$$AdaBoost\,(x) = Sign\left(\sum a_n h_m(x)\right)$$
(5)

Where, n = number of weak learners.

a_n = weight assigned to the n^{th} weak learner.

$h_m(x)$ = prediction of the m^{th} weak learner for input x.

Gradient Boosting

Gradient Boosting is an impressive ensemble method, similar to AdaBoost, designed to elevate the proficiency of feeble learners and form a solid forecasting model. It functions by sequentially creating a chain of decision trees, each one striving to rectify any mistakes made by its predecessors.

$$Fj(x) = Fj - 1(x) + \eta j \,.\, hj(x)$$

$$GradientBoosting(x) = F_T(x)$$
(6)

Where, T is the number of weak learners.

$F_j(x)$ is the prediction of the ensemble after j iterations.

$h_j(x)$ is the prediction of the j-th weak learner.

η_j is the learning rate for the j-th iteration.

Extreme Gradient Boosting

XGBoost is a highly versatile and powerful machine learning algorithm. This innovative tool utilises a scalable and distributed approach, making it ideal for tackling a wide range of problems, including regression, classification and ranking. In fact, it's widely regarded as the top choice for these types of machine learning tasks.

The XGBoost uses the formula for it's functioning,

$$\Omega(fk) = \gamma.T + (½).\lambda.\sum \omega k . \hat{y}_{2ik}$$
(7)

Where, ω_k = weight assigned to each leaf.

γ = regularisation parameter controlling the number of leaves.

T = penalty term for having too many leaves.

λ = regularisation parameter controlling the impact of leaf values.

$\hat{y}_i$ = predicted value.

Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

ANNs or Artificial Neural Networks, take inspiration from the intricate design and functioning of the human brain. As a part of the broader category of machine learning algorithms, they strive to imitate the complexity of biological neural networks. These networks are composed of interconnected nodes or artificial neurons, arranged in layers. ANNs are a versatile tool, utilised for tasks ranging from classification and regression to pattern recognition. The ANN operates with

Input layer

$z_d^{(1)} = \sum w_{ad}^{(1)}.x_a + b_d^{(1)}$ and $a_d^{(1)} = f(z_d^{(1)})$
(8)

Where, $z_d^{(1)}$ = weighted sum of the d-th neuron of the hidden layer.

$W_{ad}^{(1)}$ = weight of the a-th neuron in input layer and d-th neuron in hidden layer.

x_a= a-th input.

$b_d^{(1)}$= bias term for the d-th hidden layer neuron.

$a_d^{(1)}$ = activation function of the d-th neuron in the hidden layer.

Output layer

$z_e^{(2)}=\sum w_{de}^{(2)} \cdot a_d^{(1)} +b_e^{(2)}$ and $a_e^{(2)} = f(z_e^{(2)})$ (9)

Where, $z_e^{(2)}$ = weighted sum of the d-th neuron of the hidden layer.

$w_{jk}^{(2)}$ = weight of the d-th neuron in the hidden layer and e-th neuron in the output layer.

$a_d^{(1)}$= d-th hidden layer neuron's output.

$b_e^{(2)}$ = bias term for the e-th output neuron.

$a_e^{(2)}$ = final output of the e-th neuron in the output layer.

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

CNN is a powerful type of deep neural networks specially crafted to handle visualised data like image and video recognition, image classification, and object detection. Through their ability to identify spatial hierarchies and patterns in images, CNNs have become an essential technology in the realm of computer vision.

The CNN works using the formula,

Convolution Operation:

$z_{ij}^{(l)}=\sum \sum x_{(i+m-1),(j+n-1)}^{(l-1)} \cdot w_{mn}^{(l)} +b^{(l)}$ and $a_{ij}^{(l)} =f(z_{ij}^{(l)})$ (10)

Where, $z_{ij}^{(l)}$= weighted sum of the (i,j)-th neuron in layer l.

$x_{(i+m-1),(j+n-1)}^{(l-1)}$= input of the (i+m-1),(j+n-1) layer (l-1).

$w_{mn}^{(l)}$ = weight associated with (m,n)-th filter l and input in layer (l-1).

$b^{(l)}$= bias term in layer l.

$a_{ij}^{(l)}$= final output for the (i,j)-th neuron in the layer l.

Pooling Operation

$a_{ij}^{(l+1)} =pooling(a_{(i\times s),(j\times s)}^{(l)})$ (11)

Where, $a_{ij}^{(l+1)}$ is the output of the pooling layer for the (i,j)-th location in layer (l+1).s is the pooling stride.

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN)

RNNs, also known as Recurrent Neural Networks, are specifically designed to handle data that comes in sequences. RNN have connection which form directed cycles. They are extensively utilised in various fields such as natural language processing, speech recognition, time-series forecasting and many others that heavily rely on the order and context of data. The RNN uses the below formula for it's functioning,

$y_t = \sigma(W_{ts} \cdot h_i + b_s)$

(11)

Where, y_t = output at time step t.

W_{ts} = weight for output connections.

h_i= update of hidden state.

b_s= bias vector.

In the context of model evaluation, a lower Mean Absolute Error (MAE) value and higher r square value is considered indicative of a well-performing model. Therefore, a model with a lower MAE value is generally regarded as favourable and indicative of its effectiveness in making accurate predictions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The analysis of the data revealed that only 72% of students in the study sample reported consuming breakfast, lunch and dinner regularly. Additionally, 19% of students reported having meals twice a day, while the remaining 9% reported consuming food only once per day. Based on the findings of the study, an overwhelming majority of

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students, specifically 96%, expressed a positive inclination towards fruits, highlighting a strong preference for this food category among the surveyed student population. In Fig 1 we can see that the dataset is divided into four categories. In that 272 students are underweight, 244 students are healthy, 65 students are overweight and 34 students are obese. So, we can see that only 36% of the students are healthy BMI value. In the Fig 2 left line plot, we can find that the X-axis contains the number of students' data points, and the Y-axis contains the values of BMI. Here, BMI values are calculated for students of age 10 - 13 years. After forecasting, we predicted that the BMI would be in the range of 15-20. In the future years, they might be in the same situation if they don't have a nutritious diet. There are 13 students classified as underweight and 20 students classified as having a healthy weight. No student falls into the overweight or obese categories based on these weight ranges. In the right line plot BMI values are calculated for students of age 14 - 18 years. After forecasting, we predicted that the BMI would be in the range of 15 - 25. In the future years, they might be in the same situation if they don't have a nutritious diet. There are 4 students classified as underweight, 14 students classified as having a healthy weight and 4 students classified as overweight. No students fall into the obese category based on these weight ranges. In Fig3, according to male students, 19 students are classified as underweight, 12 students are classified as having a healthy weight, and 5 students are classified as overweight. No students fall into the obese category based on these weight ranges. According to female students, there are 12 students classified as underweight, 48 students classified as having a healthy weight, 8 students classified as overweight, and 1 student classified as obese. Table 1 shows that after implementation of all Machine Learning Algorithms and advanced machine Learning Algorithms or Deep Learning Algorithms, we have the following RSquare(R^2), Mean Absolute Error (MAE) and Mean Square Error (MSE) values. As we can see, Extreme Gradient Boosting has the lowest MAE value that is 0.1595 and 0.5061, in both training & testing datasets and among all machine learning algorithms, and the highest R-square value we got was for Extreme Gradient Boosting, which is 0.99, and the lowest MSE value was in Gradient Boosting with the 0.9633. When considering Deep Learning algorithms, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) is the best fit for the nutrition dataset. The CNN model values follow R-Square with 0.97, MAE 0.64 and MSE 0.76. For forecasting the future values of the target variable, that is, the BMI attribute, we have selected the XGBoosting algorithm.

CONCLUSIONS

In summary, our investigation revealed that a significant portion of students aged 10 to 18 may face health risks if they do not prioritize monitoring their BMI (Body Mass Index) values. Emphasizing a nutritious diet is crucial for enhancing their BMI values. Conversely, students aged 18 to 21 exhibited healthier BMI values on average. However, a prevalent trend among students is a disregard for dietary quality, leading to adverse impacts on their BMI levels.
Our study underscores the efficacy of machine learning methodologies in discerning health concerns associated with BMI values. It is imperative for children to adhere to tailored dietary regimens aimed at bolstering their BMI levels and fostering overall health. Notably, our analysis identified Extreme Gradient Boosting as the most effective machine-learning model for our dataset.

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Table 1 - Metrics of Algorithms for training and testing

| Machine Learning Model	Training			Testing		
	R²	MAE	MSE	R²	MAE	MSE
Linear Regression	0.97	0.5075	0.6747	0.9612	0.6082	1.0468
Decision Tree	0.9969	0.4009	0.1009	0.9186	0.7918	2.1997
Random Forest	0.9181	0.8071	0.1285	0.9535	0.8071	1.2566
Bagging	0.9822	0.3506	0.4011	0.9529	0.5744	1.2726
ADABoosing	0.9194	1.044	1.8174	0.8875	1.2683	3.0412
Gradient Boosting	0.9858	0.3528	0.3191	0.9643	0.5501	1.9633
XG Boosting	0.9971	**0.1595**	0.0641	0.9961	**0.5061**	1.064
Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)	0.8986	5.6001	51.7692	0.8326	4.0161	27.9315
Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)	0.9761	0.3282	0.5374	0.9716	0.6447	1.7667
Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN)	0.9408	0.7013	1.3327	0.9308	0.8399	1.8714
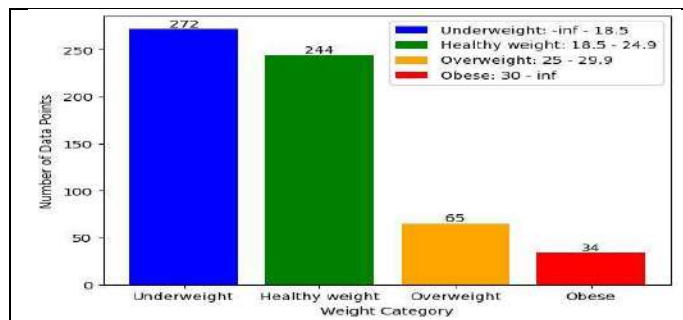
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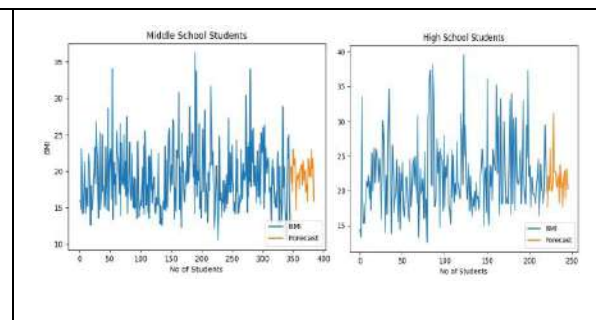
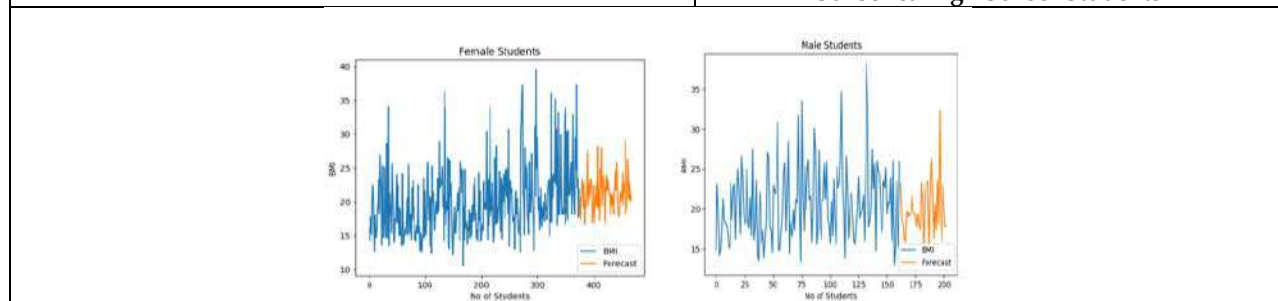**Fig 2. Forecasted Graph using XGBoost for Middle School & High School Students**

Fig3.Forecasted Graph using XGBoost for Male and Female Students

RESEARCH ARTICLE

An Explorative Study On Formulation And Analysis Of Healthy Snacks And Tea Using Herbs & Spices

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ABSTRACT

Snacking is part of people's diets at every stage of life. The quality and type of snacking affects health throughout life. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to identify healthy snacks for different demographic groups, from children to older adults, across the life span. The World Health Organization adopted a major policy change by accepting that most developing countries should rely on more traditional medical methods for primary health care. Herbs and spices are added to traditional dishes and snacks to beneficially improve the health status of consumers without altering taste. Flavors and seasonings are important considerations for snacks and herbs can be used as both flavorings and functional ingredients in snack products. In order to identify the healthy snacks and Tea with the infusion of herbs was carried out and prepared in Three forms of Tea namely Tisane using (*Catharanthusroseus, Clitoriaternatea, Ixoracoccinea, Hibiscus rosasinensis, Menthaspicata, Ocimumbasilicum, Elettariacardamomum),* Immune tea using (*CinnamomumzeylanicumBreyn* , *Syzygiumaromaticum*, *Curcuma longa L.*, *Piper nigrum* , *Zingiberofficinale*, *Citrus limon* , *Ocimum sanctum* leaves , *Menthapiperita L.* leaves and *Azadirachtaindica* Flower) and Lemon grass Tea using (*Cymbopogoncitratus*).The sensory evaluation and Nutrient composition of these tea was carried out. Among the prepared Tea Lemon grass tea prepared with country sugar has an excellent Taste, Appearance , Colour and Flavour. The Tisane prepared without sugar and with mint has excellent acceptability than tisane prepared without mint. Both the tea has good micronutrient content than Immune tea which has considerable essential oils and polyphenols. Three healthy snacks like Murruku using (*Solanum trilobatum*),Thattai using

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(Kedrostisfoetidissima), and Shakkar Para using *(Cissusquadrangularis)* are also prepared and analysis of Nutrients and Acceptance by the consumers were analysed using the hedonic scale of sensory evaluation, Thattai using *(Kedrostisfoetidissima)*, and Shakkar Para using *(Cissusquadrangularis))* has the Excellent acceptance. Among the three snacks Thattai using *Kedrostisfoetidissima* has higher amount of Calcium, Iron and Phosphorous. Thus a Healthy alternative to the Evening snacks has a better impact on Physical, Mental and Social health of the individual.

Keywords: Healthy Snacks, Tea, Herbs, Spices, Sensory evaluation, Flavours, Seasoning

INTRODUCTION

India's snack industry is evolving due to urbanization, lifestyle shifts, and convenience. Traditional snacks are increasingly including healthier choices like baked chips, roasted almonds, gluten-free, and functional components. Plant-based snacks are becoming more and more popular among vegetarian and vegan customers. The sector is adapting to shifting consumer demands while preserving historical tastes. Tea is an aromatic beverage or a drink that is produced from the combination of cured leaves of *Camellia sinensis*(Tea) plant with hot water. Drinks made from botanicals other than *Camellia sinensis* bush should be called herbal infusions or tisanes. Murruku, Thattai and Shakkar Para are also received as a tea-time snack in several Indian households is because of its nutritional value [1]. This study envisions the preparation of Healthy Tea as Tisane, Immune tea and Lemon grass tea with infusions of Herbs & Spices and Healthy Lite leafy fries by incorporating *Solanum trilobatum*,*Kedrostisfoetidissima* and *Cissusquadrangularis*in Murrukku, Thattai and Shakkar Para.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

It is not difficult to develop a recipe for a new product, but it is difficult to develop a new product that meets the expectations of the assumed number of consumers and is profitable to sell [2].The fresh leaves and flowers of *Catharanthusroseus*(English:Madagascar periwinkle; Tamil: Nithyakalyani), *Clitoriaternatea*(English:Butterfly pea; Tamil: Sangupoo),*Ixoracoccinea* (English:Flame of the woods; Tamil:Vetchi poo), *Hibiscus rosasinensis*(English; Chinese hibiscus;Tamil : Sembaruthi), *Menthaspicata*(English: Spearmint ; Tamil: Pudina), *Ocimumbasilicum*(English: Basil;Tamil: Thulasi), *Cymbopogoncitratus*(English:Lemon grass; Tamil; Narandhampul),*Solanum trilobatum*(English:Red Pea Eggplant; Tamil:Thoothuvalai),*Kedrostisfoetidissima (*English: Stinking Kedrostis; Tamil: Appakovai), *Cissusquadrangularis (*English: Veldt grape; Tamil:Thoothuvalai)and *Murrayakoenigii*(English:Curry Leaves ;Tamil: Karuveppilai)[3]for the preparation of Tisane ,Lemon grass tea, Thattai, Murruku and Diamond Cuts (Shakkar Para) are collected from the home grown areas which are under regular maintenance in the Local areas. The ingredients for Immune tea have been collected from the local Departmental stores.The raw ingredients like Sugar,Palm Jaggery,Wheatflour,Ghee,Cardamom,Country Sugar, Rice flour, urad dhal, Chilli Powder, Sesame seeds, Asofoetida, Salt, Ghee, Ajwain, Besan Flour has been purchased from the local shops.

Preparation of Tisane
Tisanes are infusions of aromatic herbs and plants either served as hot or cold.It is said that they combined the words "ti" and "sans" which translates to tea without tea [4]. The aerial parts of the *Catharanthusroseus, Clitoriaternatea, Ixoracoccinea*, *Hibiscus rosasinensis, Menthaspicata,*and *Ocimumbasilicum* were collected and cleaned. The stems and leaves of *Catharanthusroseus, Clitoriaternatea, Ixoracoccinea* and *Hibiscus rosasinensis* were removed. The healthy flowers were collected discarding infected Sepals and Petals. Leaves of *Menthaspicata* and *Ocimumbasilicum* were picked, collected and cleaned. The collected aerial parts were washed well under running tap water and covered with dry cloth to remove moisture. Then it was shade dried for 4-5 days and stored in an air tight container. It was prepared using 250 ml of water as Standard, Variation I and Variation II. The Ingredients and its quantity used for tisane is given in the Table-I.The mentioned Ingredients were taken in the indicated amount and added to the 250 ml

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of boiling water. They were steeped for 15 minutes and then strained. Then the sugar was added to it. The preparation can be done in stainless steel vessel or in ceramic tea pots. The usage of aluminum vessels has negative correlation with the prepared tisane. The ingredients used and prepared product is given in the Plate-I

Preparation of Lemon grass tea

The leaves of *Cymbogoncitratus* are carefully chosen. The diseased, damaged, decayed and old leaves are discarded or trimmed and the matured, healthy and fresh leaves were collected from the Home grown garden. The additional ingredients like cardamom and dry ginger was purchased from the local Market. They were cleaned in a running tap water to remove the dirt and spray residues and sun dried for 3-5 days. Then after the complete drying, these three ingredients were grinded into a smooth powder and sieved thoroughly to remove the uneven particles. It was prepared using 250 ml of water as Standard, Variation I and Variation II. The Ingredients used for Lemon grass tea is given in the Table-II.

Preparation of Immune Tea

The immune tea has been prepared using*CinnamomumzeylanicumBreyn* ,*Syzygiumaromaticum*, *Curcuma longa L., Piper nigrum* , *Zingiberofficinale*, *Citrus limon* , *Ocimum sanctum* leaves , *Menthapiperita L.* leaves and *Azadirachtaindica*Flower.The immune tea has been prepared with 250 ml of water in a kettle,Bring the water to boil,then add 1.5 g *Syzygiumaromaticum, CinnamomumzeylanicumBreyn*and*Piper nigrum.Allow it to boil for about one minute or until getting the aromatic fragrance.Add 2 g the grated Zingiberofficinale*and bring it to boil for about one minute.Add a pinch of *Curcuma longa L.* Powder,Now add freshly washed 2 g of *Ocimum sanctum* leaves ,*Menthapiperita L.* leaves and *Azadirachtaindica* Flower and allow it to boil for about 3 minutes. Remove it from the flame once it reaches yellow brown colour.Add 5g of Sugar as pointed as Standard ,Variation I and Variation II using Cane Sugar, Palm Sugar and Jaggery followed by addition of 1 ml of *Citrus limon* Juice. The Ingredients and its quantity used for Lemon grass tea are given in the Table-III.

Preparation of *Kedrostisfoetidissima*leaves incorporated Thattai

The Kedrostisfoetidissima (Jacq.) Cogn., showed significant levels of calcium, phosphorus, crude protein, total ash and gross energy[5].*Kedrostisfoetidissima* leaves and Curry leaves were collected from the home garden. The diseased, damaged, decayed and old leaves are discarded or trimmed and the matured, healthy and fresh leaves were collected. The *Kedrostisfoetidissima* leaves were dried under shade, powdered by using mixer and sieved to remove dirt. The splited black gram was dry roasted for 5 minutes with constant stirring, cooled for 5 minutes and grinded into fine flour. Riceflour, Bengal gram flour, redchilli powder, Sesame seeds ,chopped curry leaves and *Kedrostisfoetidissima* leaves powder were added .Then,ghee was added and mixed well. The dough was kneaded with required amount of water and Salt. The dough was spread into thin circle with ¼ inch in a cloth or greased sheet .Slide the thin dough into the preheated Sunflower oil. Cookiit until reached golden brown in both the sides. The Standard was prepared without the incorporated Leaves and the Variation I and Variation II, was prepared with the incorporation of *Kedrostisfoetidissima* leaves with the variation in quantity. The ingredients, quantity and preparation is given in the Table-IV and Plate-II

Preparation of *Solanum trilobatum* leaves incorporated Murukku

 'Murukku' is one of Indian traditional savory snack produced from rice flour with combination of chickpea flour or black gram flour, natural flavorings and spices [6].*Solanum trilobatum* leaves were collected from the home garden. The diseased, damaged, decayed and old leaves are discarded or trimmed and the matured, healthy and fresh leaves were collected. The leaves were dried under shade, powdered by using mixer and sieved to remove dirt. The splited black gram was roasted till it turns Light brown, cooled for 5 minutes and grinded into fine flour. All the ingredients were added and kneaded well with required amount of water and it is important to ensure adequate dispersion of butter. Add the kneaded dough into the Murukku press maker. The oil should be greased to Murukku press maker to avoid sticking of dough. Press the murukku press maker and move into rounds as concentric circles or the spirals on to the greased spotted spatula. Break the dough towards the end and press it to the last concentric circle to avoid

fall apart during frying. Slide the spotted spatula and flip the murukkuinto the preheated Sunfloweroil. The Standard was prepared without the incorporated Leaves and the Variation I,VariationII, Variation III was prepared with the incorporation of *Solanum trilobatum* leaves with the variation in quantity. The ingredients, quantity and preparation is given in the Table-V and Plate-III

Preparation of *CissusQuandrancularis* leaves incorporated Diamond cuts (Shakkar Para)
CissusQuandrancularis leaves were collected from the home garden. The diseased, damaged, decayed and old leaves are discarded or trimmed and the matured, healthy and fresh leaves were collected. The leaves were dried under shade, powdered by using mixer and sieved to remove dirt. Sieve wheat flour and brown sugar separately. Add the Wheat flour, Brown sugar, crushed cardamom, ghee and dried leaves powder of *CissusQuandrancularis*. It was kneaded into a dough and kept for about 30 minutes. Roll the dough into thin sheets andcut the dough into diamond shape. Preheat the oil and add the diamond cuts dough and fry until it cooks on both the sides. The ingredients, quantity and preparation is given in the Table-VIand Plate-IV.

Sensory evaluation of healthy Snacks and Tea
Sensory Evaluation is a scientific discipline used to evoke, measure, analyze and interpret human reactions to meet sensory characteristics of food material as they are provided by Sight Smell, Taste, Touch and Hearing[7]. Hence ,the Healthy tea has been evaluated by 150 semi trained panelists using the Score Card envisioning the criteria as follows Taste, Texture, Flavour, Colour and Appearance. Hedonic relates to the psychology of pleasurable and non-pleasant states of consciousness. In hedonic Scale, psychological states of like and dislike are measured on a rating scale. The nine points numerical scale has been most extensively used for new product development and Consumer studies. Through Hedonic scale evaluators can respond to the queries with previous experience. Hence, the healthy snacks has been evaluated in hedonic scale by 150 semitrained panelists with the criteria Like extremely, Like very much, like moderately, like slightly, Neither Like nor dislike, Dislike Slightly, Dislike moderately, dislike very much and dislike extremely.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

COMPARISON OF NUTRIENTS PRESENT IN TISANE, LEMON GRASS TEA AND IMMUNE TEA
Today, the nutrient content of a given diet is generally calculated with special software programmes that are based on available Food Composition Data Bases. Although it is theoretically possible to analyse directly the nutrient content of the consumed food, this is rarely carried out and is not applicable to large-scale assessments required for representative national nutrition surveys [8].The Nutrient Composition of Herb and spices infused Tisane, Lemon grass tea and Immune Tea was calculated using the Food Composition Tables given by NIN,2017[9].The undenied Macro and Micronutrients has been calculated and has been given in the Table VII.

COMPARISON OF NUTRIENTS PRESENT IN THATTAI, MURUKKU AND DIAMOND CUTS (SHAKKAR PARA)
The nutritive value of the healthy snacks prepared by the infusion of *Kedrostisfoetidissima, Solanum trilobatum* and *CissusQuandrancularis* incorporated Thattai,Murukku and Diamond Cuts were prepared. The standard was prepared without the infusion of herbs and Variation I and II of all the three snacks were prepared with infusion of herbs with various quantities. The Nutritive value of the prepared snacks has been depicted in the Table-VIII as follows

SENSORY EVALUATION OF HEALTHY SNACKS AND TEA USING HERBS AND SPICES
The sensory evaluation of healthy snacks and tea prepared was done using score card and hedonic rating. The results of the sensory evaluation has been tabulated in Table-IX and Table-X Among the prepared Tisane, Lemon grass tea and Immune tea, Standard tisane has highest acceptability followed by Standard Lemon grass tea and least acceptance for the Standard immune tea due to its flavor and appearance. This has been illustrated in the Figure-I.Among the developed snacks, Variation –I of each snacks in *CissusQuandrancularis* leaves incorporated Diamond

cuts, *Solanum trilobatum* leaves incorporated Murukku and *Kedrostisfoetidissima* leaves incorporated Thattai has highest consumer acceptability. The highest preference is for Diamond cuts followed by murukku and the least preference is for Thattai is illustrated in Figure-II

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The best way to boost immune system is by consuming immune tea, tisane and Lemon grass tea. The herbs and spices used in its preparation are considered as herbal medicines to treat minor sickness. They possess antiseptic, antimicrobial and antiviral properties and contain bioactive compounds or a phytochemical constituent which may have the beneficial effects in the prevention of metabolic disorders. The leaves used in preparation of snack items have several medicinal properties and provides many health benefits. They also enhance the nutritional benefits and can be considered as value added lite leafy fries. Hence, this Healthy food product development paves the way for sustainable research in Health Care and food.

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Table-1: Quantity of Ingredients for Tisane

S.No	Ingredients	Standard (g)	Variation I (g)	Variation II (g)
1	*Catharanthusroseus*	5	5	5
2	*Clitoriaternatea*	5	5	5
3	*Ixoracoccinea*	5	5	5
4	*Hibiscus rosasinensis*	5	5	5
5	*Menthaspicata*	5	5	5
6	*Ocimumbasilicum*	5	2	-
7	*Elettariacardamomum*	3	3	3
8	Country Sugar	8	8	8

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Table-2: Ingredients for Lemon Grass Tea

S.No	Ingredients	Standard (g)	Variation I (g)	Variation II (g)
1	*Cymbogoncitratus*-(Dry Weight)	10	10	10
2	*Elettariacardamomum*	3	3	3
3	Dry ginger	3	3	3
4	Cane Sugar	5	-	-
5	Palm Sugar	-	5	-
6	Jaggery	-	-	5

Table-3: Ingredients for Immune Tea

S.No	Ingredients	Standard (g)	Variation I (g)	Variation II (g)
1	*CinnamomumzeylanicumBreyn*	1.5	1.5	1.5
2	*Syzygiumaromaticum,*	1.5	1.5	1.5
3	*Curcuma longa L* Powder	a pinch	a pinch	a pinch
4	*Piper nigrum*	1.5	1.5	1.5
5	*Zingiberofficinale*	2	2	2
6	*Ocimum sanctum* leaves	2	2	2
7	*Menthapiperita L.* leaves	2	2	2
8	*Azadirachtaindica* Flower	2	2	2
9	*Citrus limon*Juice	1	1	1
10	Cane Sugar	5	-	-
11	Palm Sugar	-	5	-
12	Jaggery	-	-	5

Table-4: Quantity of Ingredients for *Kedrostisfoetidissima* Leaves Incorporated Thattai

S.No	Ingredients	Standard (g)	Variation I (g)	Variation II (g)
1	*Kedrostisfoetidissima*leaves	-	15	25
2	Rice flour	120	120	120
3	SplitedBlack gram	60	60	60
4	Bengal gram flour	60	60	60
5	Chilli Powder	12	12	12
6	Sesame seeds	10	10	17
7	Asofoetida	5	5	5
8	Salt	9	9	9
9	Ghee	24	24	24
10	Curry leaves	12	12	12
11.	Oil(For frying)	As Required	As Required	As Required

Table-5: Quantity of Ingredients for *Solanum Trilobatum* Leaves Incorporated Murukku

S.No	Ingredients	Standard (g)	Variation I (g)	Variation II (g)
1	*Solanum trilobatum* leaves Powder	-	15	25
2	Rice flour	120	120	120
3	SplitedBlack gram	60	60	60
4	Chilli Powder	12	12	12
5	Sesame seeds	10	17	17
6	Asofoetida	5	5	5
7	Salt	17	17	17

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8	Ghee	14	14	14
9	Ajwain	7	7	7
10	Oil(For frying)	As Required	As Required	As Required

Table-6 Quantity of Ingredients for *Cissusquandrancularis* Leaves Incorporated Diamond Cuts (Shakkar Para)

S.No	Ingredients	Standard (g)	Variation I (g)	Variation II (g)
1	*CissusQuandrancularis* leaves Powder	-	12	20
2	Wheat flour	120	120	120
3	Cane Sugar	60	60	60
4	Ghee	10	10	10
5	Cardamom	5	5	5
6	Oil(For frying)	As Required	As Required	As Required

Table-7: Quantification of Nutrients in Herbs and Spices Infused Tea

Nutrients (per 250 ml)	TISANE			LEMON GRASS TEA			IMMUNE TEA		
	Standard	Variation I	Variation II	Standard	Variation I	Variation II	Standard	Variation I	Variation II
Energy (KCal)	39.76	35.11	35.11	178.3	178.3	179.5	39.41	37.46	38.66
Carbohydrate	1.55	1.48	1.43	34.44	34.395	34.22	9.157	9.112	8.937
Protein(g)	0.47	0.34	0.24	2.405	2.475	2.42	0.734	0.804	0.749
Fat(g)	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.69	0.695	0.695	0.373	0.378	0.378
Vitamin C (mg)	0.86	0.34	Nil	0.5	0.5	0.52	2.817	2.817	2.817
Niacin(mg)	0.38	0.35	0.34	1.232	1.232	1.232	0.0068	0.0068	0.0068
Iron(mg)	0.68	0.42	0.25	8.58	8.58	8.58	1.2476	1.2476	1.2476
Calcium (mg)	21.59	15.44	11.34	79	89.65	82.4	43.22	53.87	46.62
Manganese (mg)	1.19	1.16	1.14	5.25	5.24	5.38	0.86	0.85	0.984

Table-8: Quantification of Nutrients in Herbs Infused Snacks

Nutrients(per 100 g)	*Kedrostisfoetidissima* leaves incorporated Thattai			*Solanum trilobatum* leaves incorporated Murukku			*CissusQuandrancularis* leaves incorporated Diamond cuts (Shakkar Para)		
	Standard	Variation I	Variation II	Standard	Variation I	Variation II	Standard	Variation I	Variation II
Energy(KCal)	387	443	480.28	738	744	748	279.5	284	286.96
Carbohydrate (g)	67.16	68	68.61	71.31	72	72.46	49.124	50	50.584
Protein(g)	13.295	15	16.137	14.415	15	15.39	6.856	7	7.096
Fat(g)	12.237	13	13.509	11.895	12	12.07	5.964	6	6.024
Fiber (g)	2.163	3	3.558	3.54	4	4.276	2.784	3	3.144
Calcium	72.7	128.3	165.4	140.9	191	224.4	-	76	130

(mg)								
Phosphorous (mg)	237.8	251	251.88	254.6	265	271.24	68	74	78
Iron(mg)	1.08	6.18	9.58	4.25	5	5.5	3.748	4	4.168

Table-9: Average Acceptability Score of Tisane, Lemon Grass Tea and Immune Tea
No.of Semi trained Panelists:150

Criteria for Sensory Evaluation using Score Card	TISANE			LEMON GRASS TEA			IMMUNE TEA		
	Standard	Variation I	Variation II	Standard	Variation I	Variation II	Standard	Variation I	Variation II
Taste	4	2	3	5	4	3	3	3	3
Texture	5	4	4	5	5	4	4	4	3
Flavour	5	3	2	4	4	3	4	3	2
Colour	5	4	4	5	4	4	3	3	3
Appearance	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	2
Overall Acceptability	**24**	**17**	**17**	**23**	**21**	**17**	**17**	**16**	**13**

Table-10 Average Acceptability of Thattai, Murukku and Diamond Cuts in Hedonic Rating Scale

Criteria for Sensory Evaluation using Hedonic Scale	*Kedrostisfoetidissima* leaves incorporated Thattai			*Solanum trilobatum* leaves incorporated Murukku			*CissusQuandrancularis* leaves incorporated Diamond cuts		
	Standard	Variation I	Variation II	Standard	Variation I	Variation II	Standard	Variation I	Variation II
Like Extremely	15	20	-	40	100	13	89	130	21
Like Very Much	35	30	80	40	40	22	33	20	30
Like Moderately	70	80	20	35	10	21	12	-	40
Like Slightly	30	20	11	15	-	34	16	-	38
Neither Like nor Dislike	-	-	39	20	-	60	-	-	21
Dislike Slightly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dislike Extremely	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dislike Very Much	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Dislike Moderately	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Figure-1: Acceptability of Herb and Spices Infused Tea	Figure-2: Acceptability of Herb and Spices Infused Snacks
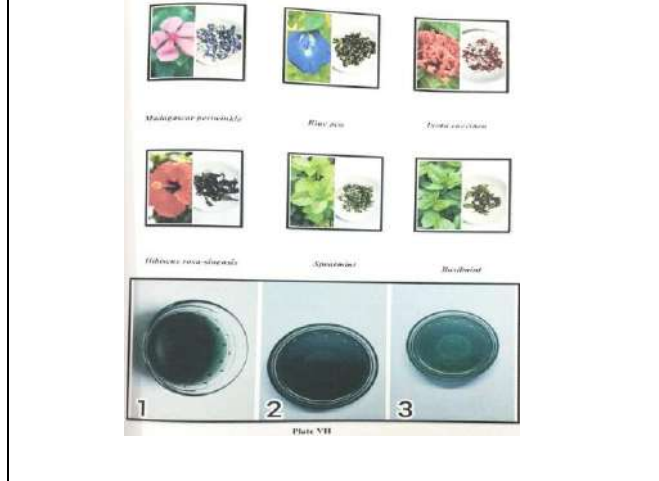
Plate-I	Plate-II Preparation of Thattai

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Plate-III Preparation of Murukku	**Plate-IV Preparation of Diamond Cuts**

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Nutrient Content, Phytochemical Constituents and Extracted Protein Quality of *Lantana camara* Leaves

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ABSTRACT

Lantana camara is a widespread species belonging to the *Verbenaceae* family and is also known as wild sage or red sage. In the current scenario, the demand for novel plant proteins is increasing. Plant proteins play an important role in food security. This study focuses on the quality of proteins extracted from *Lantana camara* leaves. Nutrients and phytochemical constituents were investigated using the standard methods. Leaf protein of *Lantana camara* leaves was extracted and the qualitative analysis of amino acids were done. Nutrient analysis and phytochemical analysis were done using the standard methods as per Analysis of Association of Official Analytical Chemists. The protein extraction was done by two methods TCA-acetone/Phenol Extraction and Phosphate Buffer Extraction Method. Amino acid analysis was done using the Thin Layer Chromatography. The results of proximate analysis depicts that the content of crude protein was higher when compared to other nutrients like Carbohydrates, Fat and Fibre with 17.5g/100g.Fat content was comparably less with 2g/100g.   The moisture content of the *Lantana camara* leaves was 60%.The minerals were analyzed and results showed that Iron content of the leaves were high when compared to other minerals with 0.87mg/kg and the magnesium seems to be very low

with 0.03mg/kg. Qualitative analysis of phytochemicals in ethanol and 10%Hydroethanol extract showed the presence of alkaloids, tannins, Saponins, steroids, phenolic compounds, flavonoids and Triterpenoids. The extracted protein from the *Lantana camara* leaves depicted the yield of TCA-Acetone/Phenol extraction was 17.6g/100g which was comparably low to the protein yield of Phosphate buffer extraction with 18.5g/100g.The protein quality of extracted protein of *Lantana camara* leaves were done in the Thin Layer Chromatography showed that presence of 5 essential amino acids in the TCA-Acetone/Phenol extraction as follows Lysine, Methionine, Histidine, Leucine and Valine than the phosphate buffer with 4 essential amino acids except Methionine. Extracted protein of *Lantana camara* leaves can be used as a protein supplement in the animal and human diets when blended with other amino acids deficient in extracted protein.

Keywords: Crude protein, Extracted protein, Phytochemical constituents, Essential amino acids.

INTRODUCTION

Nutrients called proteins are essential to human health. They are a component of body tissue in addition to serving as a fuel source. A kind of malnutrition known as "protein-energy malnutrition" (PEM) is typified by a range of clinical issues that arise from a concurrent shortage in protein and energy in varying proportions. These days, one of the few nutrients in the planet is protein. Even plant proteins are becoming more expensive due to the struggle between humans and their animals for different sources of protein. Proteins are made up of non-essential, essential, and conditionally essential amino acids. The growth and overall health of a person are significantly impacted by essential amino acids. The body needs amino acids to do a number of tasks, including as building muscle, initiating chemical reactions, transporting nutrients, and defending off sickness. *Lantana camara* is a plant that thrives in wastelands and contains therapeutic components and secondary metabolites. These leaves include biosynthetic enzymes with a crucial mechanism that enhances the reaction products via enzyme activity. More field research is suggested to find out which species animals would prefer to eat if given the choice, due to the high crude protein content of *Lantana camara*. The population's need for nutrients will be addressed by the careful inspection and processing of plant material (1).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

For the present study, as per the convenience of the investigator, *Lantana camara* leaves were collected from the local fields . The plant and the herbarium was authenticated by The Botanical Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. The ethical clearance was given by the Institutional Human Ethical Committee, Avinashilingam Institute of Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore. Nutrient analysis were done using the standard methods (2).Carbohydrates, Protein, Fat, Crude Fibre, Ash, Moisture, Vitamin-C, Calcium, Iron and Phosphorous are analyzed using standardized procedures in the Nutrition Research Laboratory, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore. Qualitative analysis of Phytochemical Constituents in *Lantana camara* leaves was done by using 500 grams of *Lantana camara* leaves. It was washed with running tap water followed with distilled water and allowed for shade drying for about one week and then dry weight of the leaves were taken and then it was be pulverized using blender and was stored in desiccators for further extraction. Extraction of leaves was done by taking 50g of powdered plant material with 250 ml of Ethanol and 10%Hydroethanol in two separate beakers and kept closed for 48 hours with slight shaking. The extraction was done using Whatmann No.1 filter paper at room temperature and then the filtrate was collected and dried to concentrate the samples. The residual powder was weighed and redissolved with ethanol and distilled water to obtain final concentration of about 10mg/ml. The powder should be stored in airtight containers at refrigeration temperature and used for further Phytochemical

analysis (3). Qualitative analysis of Phytochemical constituents like alkaloids, Tannins, Phenols, Flavonoids, Phenolic Compounds, Triterpenoids and Steroids were done. The protein extraction was done by two methods TCA-acetone/Phenol Extraction and Phosphate Buffer Extraction Method (4). Amino acid analysis was done using the Thin Layer Chromatography (5).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Taxonomy of *Lantana camara* plant
Taxonomy
Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order : Lamiales
Family: Verbenaceae
Genus: Lantana
Species: *Lantana camara*(6)

Nutrient content of the *Lantana camara* leaves
Proximate analysis of the *Lantana camara* leaves
The stability in the moisture content plays a prominent role in extending the storage life of the herbal leaves (7).The moisture content of the *Lantana camara* leaves was 60 percent. The ash content is a reflection of the mineral contents preserved in the leaf and this indicates the mineral composition of the plant especially in case of Leaves (8).The ash content of the leaves was calculated as 8g/100g.The crude fiber present in *Lantana camara Leaves* is 14g/100g.Fiber plays an important role in satiety by adding bulk to the diet The carbohydrates present in *Lantana camara* leaves was calculated and estimated as 15.5g/100g of leaves. The Carbohydrates plays an important role by providing energy to the body along with protein and fat. As the **Table 1**depicts proximate analysis of *Lantana camara* leaves. The leaf proteins are playing a major role in meeting out the global demand for protein. The protein was estimated as 17.5g/100g which is higher in quantity in comparison with other important nutrients like Carbohydrates, Fat and Fiber. Energy plays a major role in meeting out the energy needs of the individuals, the part of all three nutrients like carbohydrates, protein and fat are converted in to energy by multiplying 4,4 and 9, followed by addition of the same. The energy content of the *Lantana camara* leaves was estimated as 150 kilo calories per 100g.The vitamin C is a powerful antioxidant which also helps in Iron absorption and also scavenging activity against reactive oxygen species. The amount of Vitamin C present in 100g of leaves was calculated as 7.85mg.

Mineral composition of *Lantana camara* Leaves
As per **Figure 1**,The iron, calcium and phosphorous were estimated by the method of AOAC. Potassium, Magnesium, Manganese ,Copper and Sulphur was calculated by Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy. Calcium, Phosphorus and Iron content of the *Lantana camara* leaves was estimated to be 0.06,0.08 and 0.87 mg per 100g.Magnesium and potassium together increase the cellular metabolism. The copper is important for the iron utilisation (9).

Phytochemical constituents of *Lantana camara* leaves
Lantana camara contains various phytochemical constituents which reveals it can be used for various therapeutic purposes and can be used in modern medicines.It is used in the treatment for various disorders such as antiulcer, analgesic ,anti inflammatory and anticancer activities, still further investigation to be implemented to analyse the mechanism of action of constituents with other therapeutic activities (10) . Phytochemical constituents present in *Lantana camara* leaves were analyzed in Ethanol Extract and 10% Hydro ethanol Extract and the presence of the constituents is depicted in the **Table-2**. 10% Hydroethanolic extract shows the presence of appreciable amount of

Saponins, Phenolic Compounds and Triterpenoids whereas the ethanolic extract has appreciable amount of Tannins, Saponins and Steroids.

Extraction of Protein from *Lantana camara* leaves

Leaf protein concentrate will play a major role in overcoming protein deficiency; leaves can be used to prepare Leaf protein concentrate not only as byproduct and manure. Leaf protein concentrate will serve as best alternative for the edible protein and it will increase the human consumption. In addition, the tender stem portion as well as pressed crop residue left after the preparation of Leaf protein concentrate can be successfully used in animal nutrition. It helps in overcoming protein deficiency and malnutrition. Plants can be used carefully for the efficient use of plant nutrients (1). The phosphate buffer extraction is the method used in the extraction of protein from the *Lantana camara* leaves in which it shows about 18.5 g of proteins per 100g of the *Lantana camara* fresh leaves. The TCA/acetone method is the effective method used in the extraction of leaf proteins is 17.5g per 100g. Leaf protein concentrates were prepared by manual method yields only 1 gram of protein concentrate per 100g of the fresh leaves of *Lantana camara.* The comparison of protein yield of *Lantana camara* leaves shows higher in phosphate buffer extraction followed by TCA /acetone buffer extraction. The leaf protein concentrates seems to be very less yield. The Quantity of Protein Extracted from the *Lantana camara* leaves is given in the **Table-3**.

Amino acid analysis of extracted protein:

The amino acids were analysed for the extracted protein by using thin layer chromatography techniques .The amino acids essential for human health and high biological value proteins. The nine essential amino acids were taken are as follows Histidine, Isoleucine, Leucine, Lysine, Methionine, Phenyl alanine, Threonine , Tryptophan and Valine. The qualitative analysis of amino acids of Extracted proteins is given in the **Table-4.** The two types of extraction which has high protein yield has been carried out with Thin Layer Chromatography techniques. Thin layer chromatography give the qualitative data regarding the type of essential amino acids present.Both the extracted protein contains Lysine , Methionine, Leucine and Valine. Leucine plays an important role in protein synthesis and prevents the proteolysis (11). Methionine deficiency can cause methylation related disorders such as fatty liver, atherosclerosis and tumor formation, It helps in DNA synthesis and repaired defects in gene expression (12).Valine is an important source of nitrogen, an important component in alanine and glutamine synthesis in the muscles (13). Lysine is the most limiting amino acid in the food supply but this *Lantana camara* leaves has lysine. This four essential amino acids were qualitatively analyzed in the extracted protein and the TCA/Acetone method shows the another essential amino acid Methionine to meet the amino acid demand in the extracted protein.

CONCLUSION

Lantana camara leaves has protein in highest in quantity in comparison with other important nutrients like Carbohydrates, Fat and Fiber. Energy plays a major role in meeting out the energy needs of the individuals. The energy content of the *Lantana camara* leaves was estimated as 150 kilo calories per 100g.Mineral Composition of *Lantana camara* was in negligible amounts and it does not meet the mineral needs. Anti nutritional factors like Tannins, Saponins, Phenolic Compounds, Triterpenoids, Steroids and Flavonoids were found in appreciable amounts which should be eliminated for complete absorption of nutrients by the human system..Among the two methods of Protein extraction, Phosphate buffer extraction shows higher yield in comparison with TCA/Acetone buffer extraction. This type of extraction will also help in the elimination of interfering substances and high yield of the leaf protein. The extracted protein showed the presence of Lysine, Methionine, Histidine, Leucine and Valine. This shows that the leaf protein increases the protein utilization in the present scenario of increasing protein demand. The utilization of leaf protein also helps in the ecological significance with biodiversity.

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Table 1: Proximate analysis of *Lantana camara* leaves

S.No	Nutrients	Quantity /100g
1.	Ash Content g	8
2.	Moisture Content %	60
3.	Crude Fibre g	14
4.	Carbohydrate g	15.5
5.	Protein g	17.5
6.	Fat g	2
7.	Energy kcal	150
8.	Vitamin C mg	7.85

Table-2:Phytochemical constituents of *Lantana camara* leaves

S.No	Phytochemical Constituents	Extracts	
		Ethanol	10%Hydro ethanol
1.	**Alkaloids**	++	+
2.	**Tannins**	+++	++

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3.	**Saponins**	+++	+++
4.	**Phenolic compounds**	+	+++
5.	**Flavonoids**	++	++
6.	**Cardiac Glycosides**	-	-
7.	**Triterpenoids**	++	+++
8.	**Steroids**	+++	++

'+++'-Appreciable amounts, '++'-Moderate amount, '+'-Trace Amounts ,'-'-Nil

Table-3:Extracted Protein of *Lantana camara* Leaves

S.No	Type of Extraction	Quantity g /100g
1.	Phosphate Buffer extraction	18.5
2.	TCA /Acetone extraction	17.6
3.	Leaf protein concentrates	1.0

Table-4: Qualitative Analysis of Amino acids

Phosphate buffer Extracted Protein	TCA/Acetone buffer extracted Protein
❖ Lysine ❖ Methionine ❖ Histidine ❖ Leucine	❖ Histidine ❖ Leucine ❖ Methionine ❖ Valine ❖ Lysine
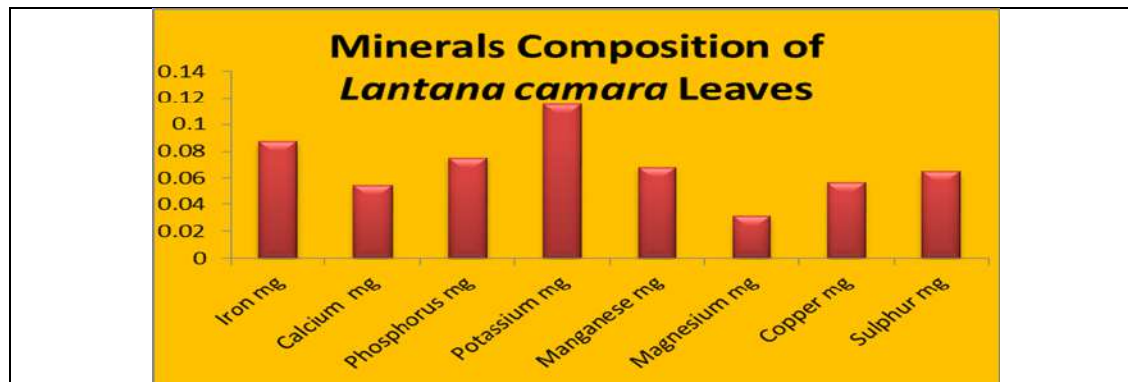
Figure 1 : Minerals composition of *Lantana camara* Leaves

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Fish Scales and their Degradation from the Environment and their use as Potential Sources of Fungi

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ABSTRACT

During fish consumption a lot of wastes are being generated like scales, bones, head and so on. These wastes specially the scales are rich in keratin and are not being easily degraded thus causing a serious threat to the environment causing an unattractive and filthy environment. Hence these wastes are required to be managed properly. A valuable supply of organic fertilizer and an environmentally acceptable method of managing solid waste might result from the right treatment of these wastes of fish. Fish scales contains proteins and elements like calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, sodium and sulphur. Fungal enzymes have been used in the processing of food, generation of biofuel, textile manufacture, and medicines. Fungal-based biodegradation techniques are used in waste management, bioremediation, and recycling with the use of hair baiting technique the fungi growing on fish scales are isolated, the isolated fungi is named J1 and is identified Albifimbria verrucaria using 18s rRNA and are further analyzed for enzymatic assays and screening to check their potentiality in degrading fish wastes. The morphological study of Albifimbria verrucaria is also done here along with the phylogenetic analysis of the species and its close relatives were determined. The protein concentration of media M1 obtained from keratinase assay is 0.101 and medium M2 is 0.076 which shows that medium M1 is a better degrading media than M2.

Keywords: Degradation, Fish Scales, Keratin, Molecular Techniques, Sustainable Management.

INTRODUCTION

Fish waste, a significant environmental concern, can lead to contamination and disrupt the food chain (Gibson et al., 2020).We estimate that different microbial communities, including bacteria and fungus, will play important roles in fish scale degradation, with fungal species potentially dominating in some situations. Based on the composition of fish scales and their biodegradability, we believe that they provide favorable circumstances for fungal colonization and proliferation, potentially promoting the establishment of various fungal populations. To address this, research has focused on extracting and identifying fungi from fish waste, which are essential for nutrient cycling and organic material breakdown. Fungi are known for their metabolic plasticity and ability to decompose complex organic substances, making them significant participants in waste management processes. Earlier work done on fish scales degrading includes degradation by a fungi of the genus *Pascilomyces*, and the enzyme extracted was confirmed as protease after assay with casein. But it was also found that completely inhibited by EDTA (ethylene diamine teraacetates), hence the search for other enzymes or different genus of fungi is necessary. Isolating new fungal species that have the potential of degrading fish scales can contribute to solving this issue of environmental contamination. Fish waste offers a good substrate for fungal development due to its high organic content and nutritional availability (Menezes et al., 2021).Isolating and identifying fungi from fish waste can provide insights into their variety, distribution, and ecological roles. Fungi isolated from fish waste have demonstrated potential properties for bioactive chemicals, enzymes, and biofertilizers, which have potential in various sectors(X. et al.,2020). However, some fungi can create mycotoxins, which can infect fish and fish-derived goods (Ezeokoli et al., 2017). Identifying the variety of fungi in fish waste is vital for determining potential dangers related to mycotoxin contamination and adopting appropriate control measures (Guptaet al., 2019). Understanding the metabolic capacities of fungi isolated from fish waste can lead to the identification of new enzymes with commercial uses.Investigating fungi from fish waste can lead to sustainable waste management techniques, innovative uses in various sectors, and improved fish-derived goods safety (Błaszkowskiet al., 2018). Fungi can be used as probiotics(Rehman et al.,2022),remove heavy metals through bioremediation, and decontaminate polluted aquatic ecosystems. Understanding microbial communities in fish waste can help understand nitrogen cycling and ecosystem dynamics (Boonyarittichaikijet al., 2015). Additionally, fungi-produced bioactive substances may have pharmaceutical uses, potentially creating new medication candidates for various disorders.

MATERIALS & METHODS

Materials used during sample collection
A sterilized spatula with ethanol is used for soil collection from the study site, followed by a white polythene zip lock bag to prevent contamination. (Abarca et al., 2020).

Collection of the samples
For sample collection a site is selected where fish scales are being dumped for many years, and one such place is Kharar market, Bhagomajra, Punjab as this place is a fish market and fish scales are being dumped here for many years.From the site upper dust is removed, soil collected, and also fish scales using sterilized spatula to avoid contamination. (Aghaie-Khouzaniet al., 2016). The samples i.e. fish scales and soil are bought 10 grams each to the lab, soil is sterilized in an autoclave, fish scales are washed with detergent and sun dried for 48 hours. Thesesterilized scales and soil are kept in glass conical flasks that are sealed with cotton plugs to prevent contamination before the analysis.

Culturing of the fungi
Fungi are isolated and cultured on PDA (Potato Dextrose Agar) media. The media is sterilized, then transferred to a Laminar Air Flow (LAF) and allowed to cool (Kauret al., 2019).The fungi are then streaked onto a sterilized inoculation loop and incubated for 3/4 days at 28°C (Batra, R. 2005).The spread plate method's simplicity and adaptability make it a popular choice in many laboratory settings for regular fungal isolation and enumeration

operations. The spread plate method enables the enumeration of fungal colonies, providing quantitative data on the abundance of various fungal species present in the sample.This approach includes spreading a dilute solution of the sample over the surface of a solid growth medium in a Petri dish, allowing individual fungal spores or hyphae to form distinct colonies.

Sub-culturing of the fungi
Fungi are sub-cultured to obtain purest form and avoid multiple species growth on a single plate, observing growth patterns and color (Carmichael et al., 2012).The growth medium used for growing the fungus, such as agar plates and liquid brothare sterilized. A tiny amount of the fungal culture from densely populous areas such as mycelium or spores from the original culture are transfered to the new growing medium using sterile procedures. This can be accomplished by using a loop or needle to inoculate. Regularly check the subcultured plates kept in the incubator for the development of fungi. It takes 3 /4 days for noticeable growth to manifest. Number of subculturing rounds for obtaining purity were 8 rounds.

Obtaining the purest form of culture
Pure cultures are uniform, uncontaminated, and consistent in shape and size. They are determined by examining the culture with eyes, microscope, and streaking techniques, yielding uniform colonies with distinct morphologies if contamination occurs (Bučkováet al. 2021). Methods used to confirm absence of contamination are by observing under a microscope for any indications of contamination, such as foreign particle presence, odd growth patterns, or unexpected organism existence. Contaminants can be identified by observing the cultural traits on selective media, such as colony form, growth rate, pigmentation, and other properties. Lastly cultures were observed with a scanning electron microscope to get a detailed morphology of the fungi.

Screening of the fungi
Fungi is screened in milk agar plates to check the potentiality of the fungi (Biswas et al., 2021).

Keratinase production assays
Enzymatic assays of fungi enable understanding of metabolic capacities, enzyme synthesis, and research in biotechnology, industrial processes, and healthcare (Chenet al., 2020). Keratinase production was studied using two media M1 and M2, with fungal mat and fish scales removed for further examination (Dograet al., 2020).M1 media was prepared using 5g fish scales, 2g glucose, 5g peptone, 5g yeast extract, 1g K2HPO4; 3g KH2PO4; 1g CaCl$_2$ and 1g MgSO4; in 1000ml flask. M2 media containing 5g fish scales, 0.5g MgSO4.7H2O; 0.01g FeSO4.7H2O and 0.005g ZnSO4.7H2O in 1000ml with a pH of 7.8 were employed for keratinase production. Each flask was grown in 250ml capacity Erlmeyerflask containing 50ml of sterilized basal medium with 200mg of pre sterilized fish scales as the only source of keratin were inoculated with inoculum disc 6mm in diameter obtained with a sterile circular cutter from the periphery of actively growing seven days old culture in PDA. Another flask containing medium inoculated with disc of agar without the fungus served as control. Flasks were incubated at 28±2°C for more than 2 weeks static conditions. At the end of 20 days, or growth period, the fungal mat and fish scales were separated for culture medium by filtering through glass wool. The culture filtrates were used for further analysis of keratin assay.

Analytical method for keratinase production
The Dozie et al. technique was used to quantify keratinase activity, using feather, NaOH buffer, and enzyme dilution. UV-1700 Shimadzu UV-Visibk spectrophotometer readings were used to evaluate proteolytic products (Elahiet al., 2021).

Morphological characterization
The study utilized an Olympus BX50 light microscope, a 64MP camera, and a scanning electron microscope to examine the micromorphology of fungal isolates.

Phylogenetic analysis
Clustal W aligned fungal sequences from GenBank database (Chaudharyet al. 2018), BLAST examined, and MEGA11's Analyze User Tree created phylogenetic trees (Kaneet al., 2012)submitted to NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information) for accession number SUB14140098.

RESULTS

The isolate's morphological features are as follows:
The colony in PDA, measuring 60-65 mm in diameter, had a bright yellow back (fig 2) and white front, medium to heavy sporulation, and an amorphous form with level terrain and undulated margin (fig 1).

Micromorphogenetic study of isolate
Sporodochia are cupulate or discoid, dispersed or gregarious with white peripheral hypha, conidial mass, and light olivaceous-green at immature stage. Conidiophores are hyaline, smooth, septate, and branch frequently, producing multiple conidia.

Culture characteristics
Conidia grow on PDA, reaching 40mm diameter after two weeks. Mycelium is dense, white, and grows quickly. Sporothia appears after 12 days.

Screening of the culture of isolate
The screening of the fungi is done on two plates and a clear zone is formed in 3 days, after which the diameter of the clear zone is measured whose report is noted as: Measuring colony diameters is a common method of screening fungus for their capacity to generate bioactive chemicals. We found that the average colony diameter of the fungus screened was 0.6 cm, which suggests that the growth was moderate under the studied circumstances. This result implies that the investigated fungal strains proliferate at a modest pace on the given growth medium. Even while this diameter could appear modest in comparison to certain fungal species that develop quickly, it's crucial to take into account the specifics of the strains that have been looked at as well as the context of our screening aims. The variables influencing fungal growth rates and their connections to ecological dynamics or biotechnology uses might be investigated in more research.

Keratinase activities of M₁ and M₂

Keratinase activities of M_1 and M_2

The keratinase activities of media 1 and 2 are compared with a control media and found that media 1 has higher efficiency than media 2. The fungus strains' enzymatic activity varied greatly depending on the growth conditions. A mean absorbance of 0.98 ± 0.05 indicated the greatest keratinolytic activity of control. On the other hand, Media 1 had much less activity, as evidenced by its mean absorbance of 0.101 ± 0.03, which was lower than that of the control. Similar to this, Media 2 mean absorbance of 0.076 ± 0.02 indicated very little keratinolytic activity. The enzymatic breakdown of keratin is greatly influenced by the composition of the culture medium, as indicated by the observed variances in keratinolytic activity across the fungal strains. While the control exhibited robust keratin degradation on the standard medium, the addition of keratin to Media 1 and Media 2 appeared to inhibit enzymatic activity. These results highlight the significance of nutritional parameters and substrate availability in controlling fungal keratinolytic activity.

PHYLOGENETIC ANALYSIS
The Neighbourhood-joining approach was used to infer the evolutionary history. The ideal tree is displayed. The branches are accompanied with the percentage of replicate trees in which the linked texa grouped during the bootstrap test (1000 repetitions). The evolutionary distances, which are measured in base substitutions par site, were calculated using the Maximum Composite Likelihoodtechnique. There were four nucleotide type sequences in this

analysis(Kaneet al. 2012).For each set of sequences, all ambiguous locations were eliminated (pairwise deletion option).The final data set contained 1762 locations altogether in Mega11, evolutionary analysis were carried out.

DISCUSSION

Albifimbria verrucaria, a fungus, can degrade fish wastes containing keratin, a difficult material to degrade. Further research is needed to understand their taxonomy, variety, and commercial applications. These keratinophilic fungi can be used in waste management, bioremediation, and creating valuable products from keratin-rich waste materials. Their identification and understanding can lead to novel applications in various industries and efficient waste treatment methods. The fungus, has been isolated from fish scales disposal areas using hair baiting techniques. This plant infection is widespread worldwide and is used as a biopesticide to control nematodes and weeds. The active component of the pesticide is the dead fungus and the liquid used to cultivate it. Since 1998, the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) has tested *A. verrucaria* as a biological insecticide against kudzu vines. The fungus's keratinase assay and screening results show promising potential in this field. However, *A. verrucaria*'sslow growth time may delay degradation, but can be managed by optimizing nutrient conditions, pH and temperature, increasing aeration and oxygen availability, and using genetic modification in some cases.There are important ramifications for environmental science and applied industries from the study of how environmental conditions degrade fish scales and the possible use of related fungus. Comprehending the processes by which fish scales deteriorate illuminates the complex relationships found in aquatic environments, expanding our knowledge of the resilience and health of the environment. Furthermore, the discovery of fungus that can break down fish scales opens up new possibilities for creative waste management and environmental cleanup approaches. Through the utilization of these fungi's metabolic potential, enterprises might create environmentally friendly methods for handling organic waste and reducing pollution in aquatic settings. Therefore, this study emphasizes the need of multidisciplinary cooperation and shows how natural processes may be used to address urgent environmental issues. To learn more about the processes behind fish scale breakdown and the possible uses of related fungi, more investigation is necessary. Using sophisticated molecular and bioinformatics approaches, future research might concentrate on clarifying the precise fungus species and enzymatic pathways involved in this process. Researchers in the fields of ecology, materials science, biotechnology, and microbiology may work with transdisciplinary to create new approaches and methods for using fungus in waste treatment and environmental management. Long-term monitoring and evaluation of the ecological effects of fish scale degradation in aquatic environments is also necessary in order to guide sustainable aquaculture methods and environmental conservation initiatives. Through tackling these areas for further research, we may keep improving our comprehension of the complex interactions between creatures as well as their environments, ultimately fostering more resilient and sustainable ecosystems.

CONCLUSION

Using unwanted fish wastes as a low-cost feedstock in place of dumping is a better option for producing value-added products than dumping. *Albifimbria verrucaria*, which was discovered from fish scales, also gives us great hope that this fungus can be used for many processes in the chemical and agricultural industries in the future, and that it will benefit us greatly. It could assist improve the economy of the fish business in addition to controlling the solid waste produced by the fish industry. Therefore, in order to investigate the feasibility and potential of fish processing waste closer to the creation of commodities with added value for the benefit of human civilization, more study and public awareness are needed.

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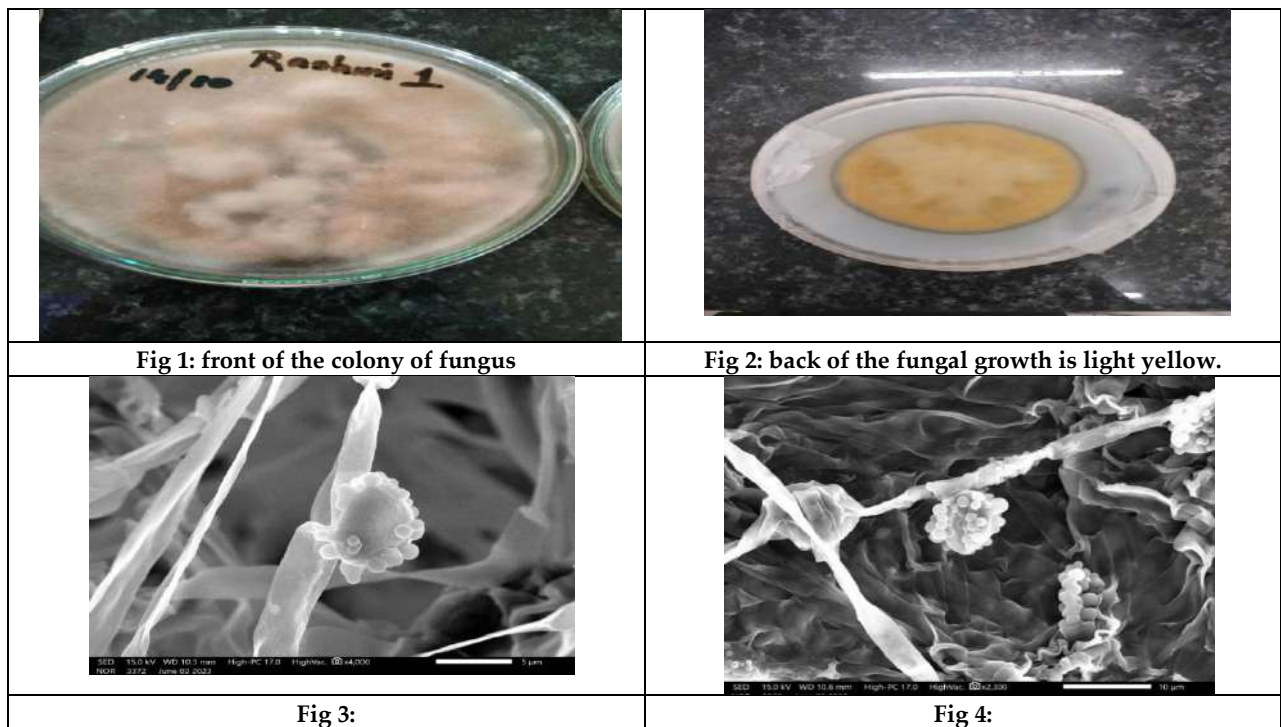
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Table 1: Screening measurements of two plates of culture J1.

Plate number	Growth	Growth +Clearing zone	Clearing zone
1	4.3cm	4.9cm	0.6cm
2	5cm	5.6cm	0.6cm

Table 2: Keratinase assay of the media.

Media	Spectrophotometry measurements at 280nm
Control	0.98
M_1	0.101
M_2	0.076

Fig 1: front of the colony of fungus	**Fig 2: back of the fungal growth is light yellow.**
Fig 3:	**Fig 4:**

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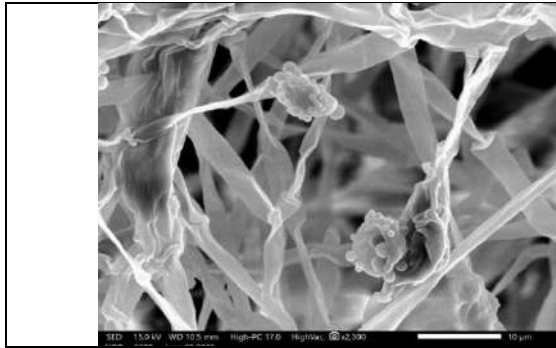
Fig 5: SEM images of the conidia of *Albifimbria verrucaria*.
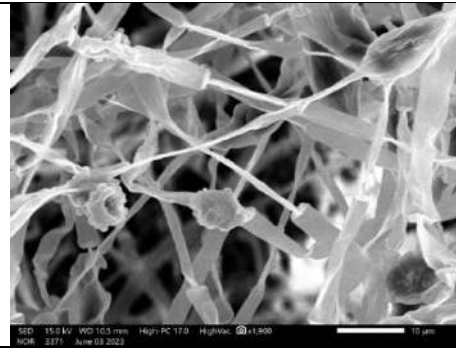
Fig 6: Hyaline of *Albifimbria verrucaria*.
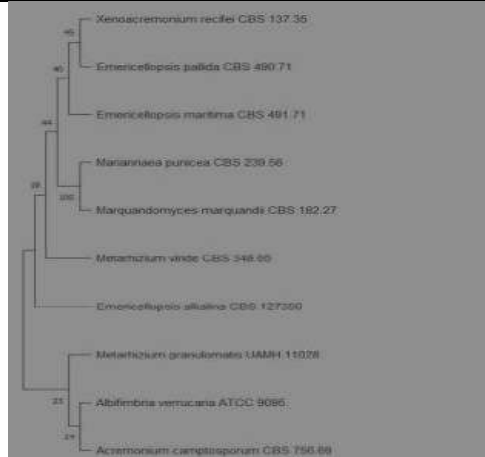
Fig 7:The study used MEGA11 and the neighbourhood joining method to build a phylogenetic dendrogram of Albifimbria verrucaria, comparing its nucleotide sequences with those of Acremonium camptosporum and related species.

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Steady MHD Flow and Heat Transfer on a Stretched Vertical Permeable Surface in Presence of Heat Generation, Thermal Radiation, Soret Effects and Chemical Reaction

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ABSTRACT

A continuous MHD flow through a viscous conducting fluid across a stretched vertical permeable surface accompanied by thermal radiation, Soret effects, chemical reactions, and heat generation and absorption has been examined. The BVP4C approach was utilised in the development and solution of the boundary layer equations pertaining to temperature, concentration, and velocity. Graphs have shown the profiles of temperature, concentration, and velocity. Tables for various values of relevant fluid characteristics include skin friction, mass transfer, and the rate of heat transfer stated. The fluid flow is seen to be diminished by the Soret number, magnetic field, and porosity due to the impact of the retarding Lorentz force, which also lowers the rate of heat and mass transfer. It is important to remember that the temperature differential from the stretched surface is lessened as the radiation parameter is increased.

Keywords: MHD, Soret Effect, Thermal Radiation, Heat Generation, Chemical Reaction

INTRODUCTION

An important subject in fluid mechanics with real-world applications is the study of fluid flow across a stretched surface. The intricate relationships between fluid flow, heat transfer, and surface stretching are studied by researchers using analytical and numerical methods, yielding important details for industrial operations. With its ever-increasing unavoidable uses in industries and technical processes, fluid flow across a stretched surface is seen

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as being extremely important. Extrusion of polymer sheets from a dye, drawing, thinning, and annealing of copper wires, the manufacturing of glass fibre and paper, the cooling of a metallic plate in a cooling bath, and other processes are among the uses of stretching surface difficulties. The melt must emerge from a slit and be stretched in order to achieve the required thickness during the manufacturing of these sheets. The ultimate outcome of the manufacturing operations is contingent upon the pace of cooling. The boundary-layer behaviour on a continuous solid surface moving at a constant speed was initially studied by Sakiadis [2].The thermal diffusion i.e. the Soret effect is the phenomenon where there is a mass transfer caused by a temperature gradient in a mixture of gases or liquids. The various numerical studies in MHD flow with Soret and Dufour effects are done by various researchers[5][7][18] Multiple slip effects in the presence of Soret and Dufour with suction/injection on a continuous MHD flow past a non-isothermal stretching surface[11]. Pal and H. Mondal[13] studied the effects of Soret along with chemical reaction and thermal radiation on MHD non-Darcy unsteady mixed convective heat and mass transfer over a stretching sheet. Goud, Reddy, and Asogwa[15] studied about the effects of chemical reaction, Soret, and Dufour on magnetohydro dynamic heat transmission With slip effects, Casson fluid flows over an increasingly porous stretched surface. Das and Patgiri[19]researched on MHD Casson fluid flow with Soret and Dufour effects, activation energy, around an elongating sheet. The stretching sheet problem, to put it broadly, occurs when a flat sheet is continually stretched or constricted, allowing fluid to flow over its surface. The analysis becomes more complicated due to the existence of a porous media. The heat transfer[14] aspect includes the study of how heat is transferred from the sheet to the fluid and, if applicable, within the porous medium[10].

Soundalgekar[17] researched about the magnetohydrodynamic Flow Over a Stretching Sheet. This issue is pertinent to a number of industrial operations, including the production of polymer films, material cooling, and other procedures requiring fluid flow across surfaces. Any substance that has holes or blank areas in it that allow fluids to pass through it is called a porous media. Porous media are studied by scientists and engineers to forecast fluid behaviour, optimise processes, and solve problems in a variety of sectors, such as chemical engineering, environmental science, and geophysics. Heat transfer in porous medium is an important topic for the researchers[1][3-4][9]. Capillary conduction of liquids through porous medium was studied by Richards[6]. The effects of Hall current, rotation and Soret effects on MHD free convection heat and mass transfer flow past an accelerated vertical plate through a porous medium was analysed by Sarma and Pandit[16]. The current study's goal is to examine the effects of mass transfer and heat on a continuous MHD flow via a stretched vertical permeable surface[12] when Soret effects, thermal radiation, chemical reactions and heat generation/absorption are present.The current study's uniqueness includes the elements: The inclusion of the porous matrix allows for more heat loss prevention and faster cooling/heating as the case may be acting as a heat exchanger. This is because the porous matrix functions as an insulator during flow and heat transport operations. Another factor lowering flow instability is a porous medium's permeability. Because the effects of radiation are crucial to determining thermal effects in processes involving high absolute temperatures, thermal radiation is taken into consideration. Additionally, thermal radiation is a significant factor in the efficient regulation of the thermal boundary layers. Since heat generation and absorption significantly regulate the rates of heat transmission in the thermal boundary layer, they are included. Soret is a phenomenon in which concentration distribution is affected by temperature gradient. Since the fluids may be chemically reactive, the mass transfer equation must include a factor for chemical reactions.

Formulation of the Problem

Consider the following scenario: a two-dimensional, constant, laminar, and incompressible flow of an electrically conducting viscous fluid with mass transfer and thermal energy transmission via a vertical porous surface under varying species concentrations. Along with thermal radiation and heat generation and absorption, the fluid moves constantly across a permeable vertical surface. Fig. 1 illustrates the application of a uniform transverse magnetic field in the direction of flow. Assuming that the applied magnetic field is greater than the induced magnetic field and that the magnetic Reynolds number is small (less than unity). Both the electric field from the polarisation of charges and the external electric field are zero. In addition, the moving vertical surface in the hydrodynamic flow field emits species that are chemically reactive. It disperses into the liquid and is then subjected to a straightforward, homogenous, isothermal chemical process. When combined with the standard Boussinesq approximation, these

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assumptions result in the following continuity, momentum, energy, and concentration equations regulating the above boundary layer flow:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \tag{2.1}$$

$$v\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = v\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + g\beta(T - T_\infty) + g\beta^*(C - C_\infty) - \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho}u - \frac{\vartheta}{K_p^*}u \tag{2.2}$$

$$v\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \frac{k}{\varrho c_p}\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{Q_0}{\rho C_p}(T - T_\infty) - \frac{1}{\varrho C_p}\frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y} \tag{2.3}$$

$$v\frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = D\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} - \lambda(C - C_\infty) + D_T\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \tag{2.4}$$

The initial and boundary conditions are

$$u = -u_w \; ; v = v_w \; ; T = T_w \; ; \; C = C_w \quad at \quad y = 0 \tag{2.5}$$

$$u \to 0; \; T \to T_\infty; \; C \to C_\infty \quad as \quad y \to \infty \tag{2.6}$$

Using Rosseland approximation, thermal radiation is simulated, and therefore the radiative heat flux $q_r^{'}$ is given by,

$$q_r = -\frac{4\sigma_1}{3k_1}\frac{\partial T^4}{\partial y} \tag{2.7}$$

where σ_1 is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant and k_1 is the Rosseland mean absorption coefficients. Since, the temperature difference in the flow becomes very small. This results in the following approximation

$$T^4 \approx 4T_\infty^3 T - 3T_\infty \tag{2.8}$$

and thus, the gradient of heat radiation term can be expressed as:

$$\frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y} = -\frac{16\sigma_1 T_\infty^3}{k_1}\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \tag{2.9}$$

Let us use some similarity transformations[8]:

$$\eta = y\sqrt{\frac{u_w}{vx}}, \qquad u = -u_w f^{'}(\eta), \qquad v = -\sqrt{\frac{u_w v}{x}}f(\eta),$$

$$\theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty}, \; \phi(\eta) = \frac{C - C_\infty}{C_w - C_\infty} \tag{2.10}$$

Applying these similarity transformations, eqns. (2.2) -(2.6) takes the form:

$$f^{'''} + ff^{''} - G_r\theta - G_c\phi - \left(M^2 + \frac{1}{K_p}\right)f^{'} = 0 \tag{2.11}$$

$$(1 + R)\theta^{''} + P_r f\theta^{'} + P_r Q\theta = 0 \tag{2.12}$$

$$\phi^{''} + S_c f\phi^{'} - K_c S_c \phi + S_c S_r \theta^{''} = 0 \tag{2.13}$$

$$f^{'} = 1, \qquad f(0) = f_w, \qquad \theta = 1, \qquad \phi = 1 \quad at \; \eta = 0$$

$$f^{'} \to 0, \; \theta \to 0, \; \phi \to 0 \quad as \; \eta \to \infty \tag{2.14}$$

Where, $f_w = \frac{-v_w}{\sqrt{(vu_w/x)}}$ is the Suction parameter, $G_r = \frac{g\beta(T - T_\infty)x}{u_w^2}$ is the thermal Grashof number, $G_c = \frac{g\beta^*(C - C_\infty)x}{u_w^2}$ is the mass Grashof number, $M = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma B_0^2 x}{\rho u_w}}$ is the magnetic parameter, $K_P = \frac{u_w K_p^*}{vx}$ is the permeability parameter, $P_r = \frac{v\rho C_p}{k}$ is the Prandtl number, $R = \frac{16\sigma_1 T_\infty^3}{3kk_1}$ is the thermal radiation parameter, $Q = \frac{Q_0 x}{\rho C_p u_w}$ is the heat absorption/generation parameter, $K_c = \frac{\lambda x}{u_w}$ is the chemical reaction parameter, $S_c = \frac{\vartheta}{D}$ is the Schmidt number and $S_r = \frac{D_T}{D}\frac{T_w - T_\infty}{C_w - C_\infty}$ is the Soret number.

Solution of the Problem

With the use of dimensionless quantities, the equations (2.1) to (2.4) with boundary conditions (2.5) to (2.6) are converted into non-dimensional equations (2.10) to (2.12) with boundary conditions (2.13). These equations are then solved in MATLAB using the BVP4C technique. Finding the fluid's temperature, velocity, and species concentration

may also be done numerically with this approach. For different parameters the value of Skin Friction, Nusseltand Sherwood numbers are also examined numerically.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

A presentation has been made on the numerical solution of equations that describe the flow through a continuously moving, isothermal vertical surface in a porous material. The effects of Grash of number (G_r) and modified Grashof number (G_c) on the velocity profile has been depicts in fig2-3. Form the figures it is clear that, with the rise of both the G_r and G_c; the velocity gets reduced. Fig 4-7 represents the effects of permeability parameter (K_P), magnetic parameter (M), Prandtl number (P_r) and Soret number (Sr) on the velocity profiles. The velocity profile will rise with rising value of K_P, P_r And Sr but falls down with rising value of M. The rising porosity parameter in the velocity profile suggests that the presence of porous material reduces the flow's capacity to move through and penetrate it. The decrease in the Prandtl number causes a reduction in momentum diffusivity relative to thermal diffusivity. Consequently, thevelocity profile becomes steeper as momentum diffuses less effectively compared to heat. Effects of magnetic parameter (M), Prandtl number (P_r), Soret number (Sr) and thermal Radiation parameter (R) on temperature profiles are shown in figs. 8-11. Temperature profile will rise with increasing value of M. The rate of thermal diffusion is decreased by an increase in thermal diffusivity with respect to momentum diffusivity. As a result of improved heat transmission towards the sheet, the temperature profile broadens and becomes smoother, and the temperature gradient at the surface increases, this result is shown in fig-9. Higher values of Soret number correspond to higher temperature gradient. Here the temperature profiles will falls down with increasing value of Sr and R. The effects of magnetic parameter (M), Prandtl number (P_r), Soret number (Sr) and Schimdt number (Sc) on concentration profile are depicts in fig.12-15. The concentration will increase with increasing value of M; the concentration profile will decrease with rising value of P_r, Sr and Sc. The increase in thermal diffusivity compared to mass diffusivity leads to greater mass diffusion away from thes urface. As a result, the concentration profile becomes more diffused and less steep near the sheet; shown in fig-13. The Soret phenomenon is the result of a temperature gradient influencing the distribution of concentrations. larger Soret numbers on a physical scale correlate with larger temperature gradients, which impede convective movement.

The concentration distribution therefore contracts. A decrease in the Schmidt number for the concentration profile means that the relative importance of mass diffusion is reduced compared to viscous effects. Skin friction values for various values of M, K_P, G_r and G_c are listed in Table 1. The values of skin friction are found to grow with the strength of the magnetic field rises, but they decrease when the value of K_P increases. Table 2 lists the values for the rate of heat transfer. It is observed that when the magnetic parameter increases, the rate of heat transmission decreases. On the other hand, as the Prandtl number rises, the Nusselt number rises significantly. In the presence of a source, the rate of heat transfer decreases for air at $P_r = 0.71$ and increases for water at $P_r = 7$. It is also observed that, independent of heat generation or absorption, the Nusselt number increases in the presence of a magnetic field with a larger Prandtl value. It is also evident that thermal radiation should be decreased in order to hasten the cooling process since it lowers the pace at which heat is transferred from the surface. Table 3 shows how M, Kp, Sc, and Sr affect the Sherwood number. As the magnetic field intensity increases, the Sherwood number values fall. The Sherwood number decreases even more with the permeability parameter. Nonetheless, the same characteristic that rises the Sherwood number is provided by an increase in the chemical reaction parameter and Schmidt number values. However, a higher Sr value results in a lower Sherwood number.

CONCLUSION

This study examines the impact of radiative heat and mass transfer on a continuous MHD flow over a vertically extended permeable surface in the presence of chemical reactions and heat generation/absorption through numerical analysis. The findings are outlined for the primary physical factors, and an organised investigation into how the

different parameters affect the features of flow, heat, and mass transfer is done. The current investigation has shown that flow reversal occurs relatively near to the vertical permeable surface. The flow velocity is decreased by the Grash of number and modified Grash of number. Due to the Lorentz force being retarded, the magnetic field lowers the flow velocity. The thermal boundary layer increases as a result of an increase in flow velocity caused by the Prandtl number, porous matrix, and Soret number. The thermal boundary layer thins as a result of the sluggish rate of thermal diffusion in the presence of a porous matrix and a magnetic field. When the Prandtl number is large, there is a sudden increase in temperature, which causes the thermal boundary layer to aggregate. The temperature gradient of the stretched surface under consideration increases as the radiation parameter increases and the temperature decreases. As the value of the Soret number increases, the temperature likewise drops. When there is a chemical reaction present and the Schmidt number rises, the concentration falls sharply, causing the concentration boundary layer to shrink. The concentration decreases with increase in the Prandtl and Soret number values. It is important to note that as the magnetic field strength increases, so do skin friction and the rate of heat transfer; however, the concentration gradient exhibits the opposite effect. At every flow domain point, the permeability parameter lowers both the concentration gradient and skin friction. The increase in the Prandtl number causes a significant increase in the rate of heat transfer. Soret value will cause a reduction in the mass transfer rate.

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Table 1 : Values of Skin friction (C_f) for $Q = 1, K_c = 2, S_c = 2, R = 2, P_r = 0.71, Sr = 1$

M	K_P	G_r	G_c	C_f
0	1	1	1	2.81
2	1	1	1	3.61
2	2	1	1	3.54
2	2	3	1	3.99
2	2	3	3	4.34

Table 2 : Values of Nusselt number (N_u) for $K_p = 1, S_c = 0.6, Sr = 1, G_r = 1, G_c = 1, K_c = 2$

M	Q	P_r	R	N_u
0	-1	0.71	0	1.29
2	-1	0.71	0	1.28
2	-1	0.71	1	1.26

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2	-1	7	1	5.21
2	1	0.71	0	0.77
2	1	7	0	4.45
2	1	7	1	3.14

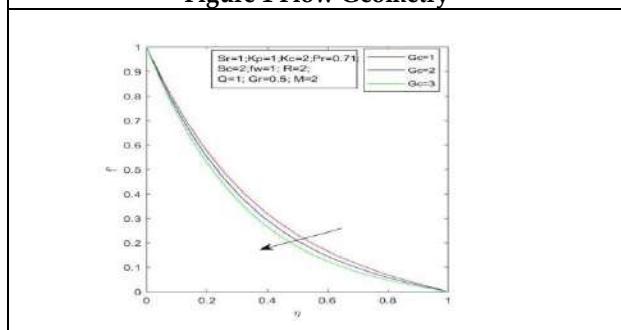**Table 3: Values of Sherwood number (S_h) for $Q = 1, R = 2, \ P_r = 0.71, \ G_r = 1, G_c = 1, K_c = 2$**

M	K_p	S_c	Sr	S_h
0	1	0.6	1	0.94
2	1	0.6	1	0.93
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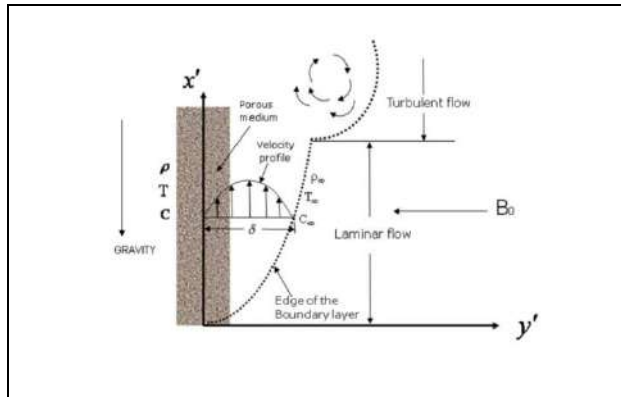
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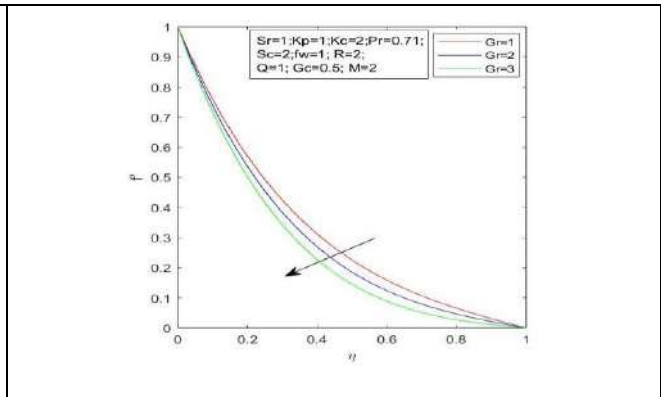
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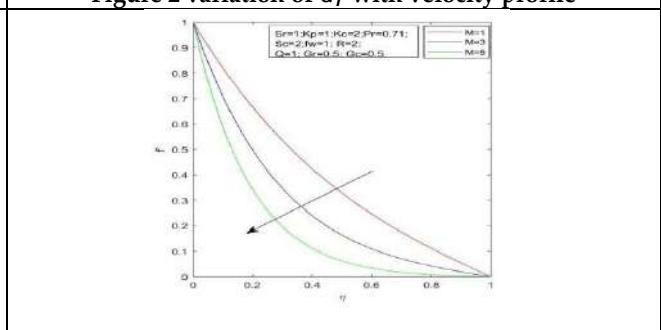
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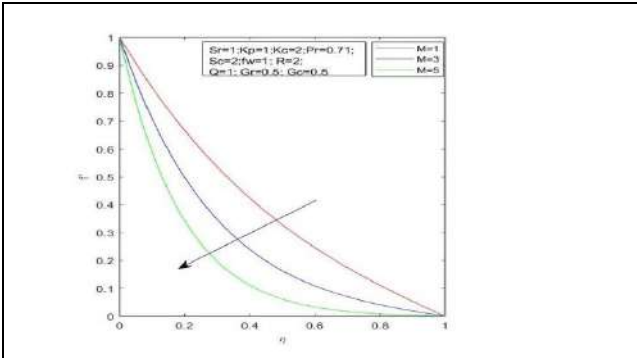
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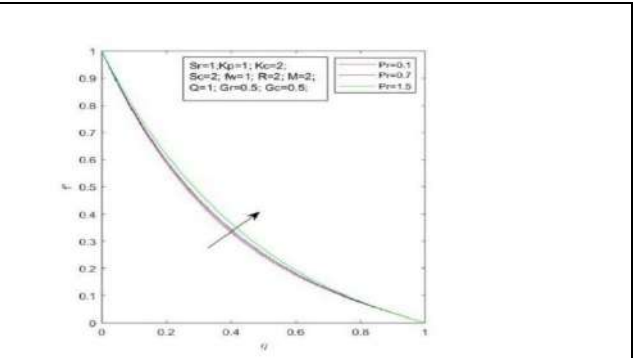
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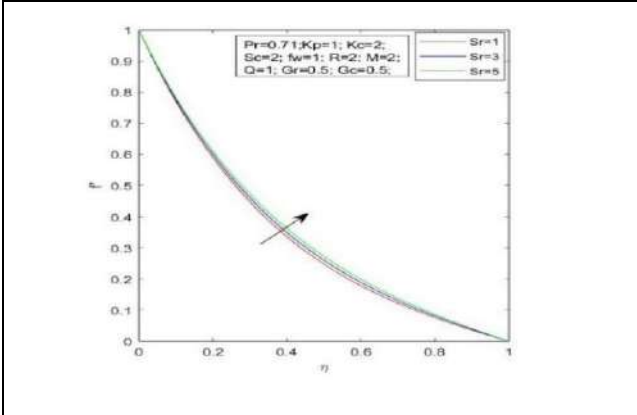
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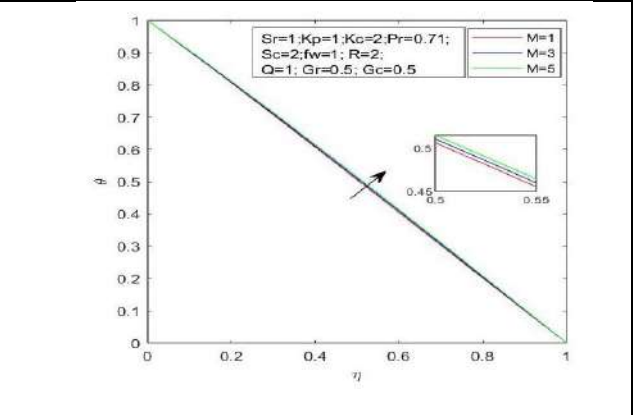
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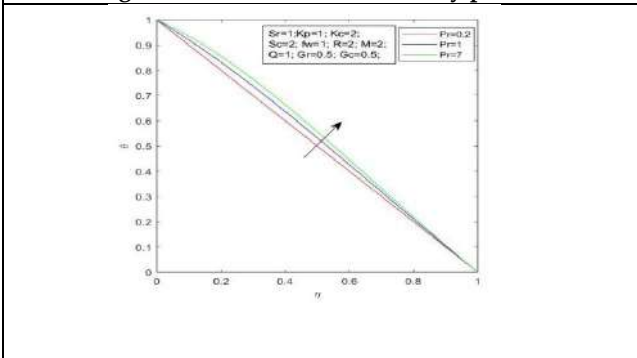
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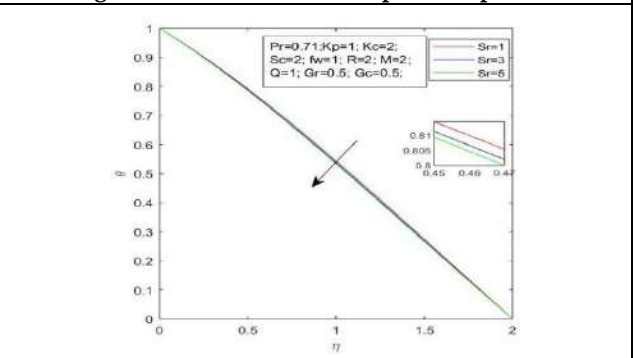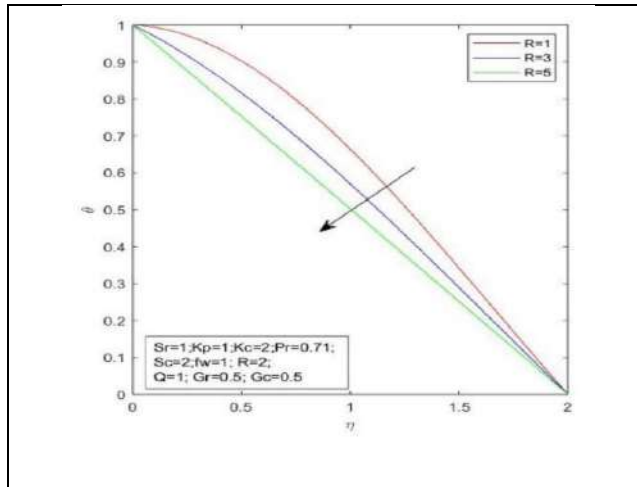

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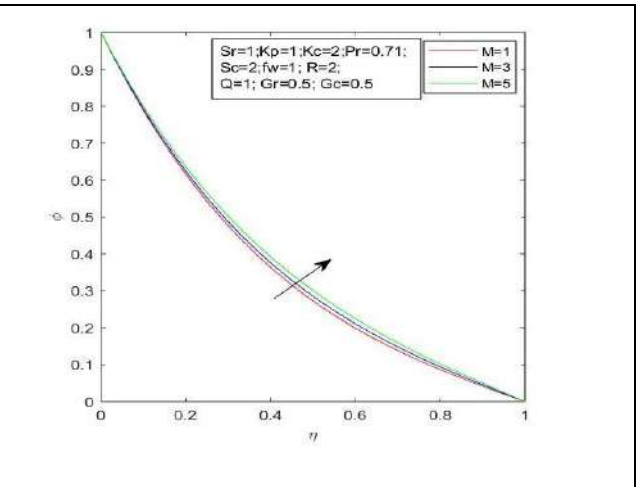
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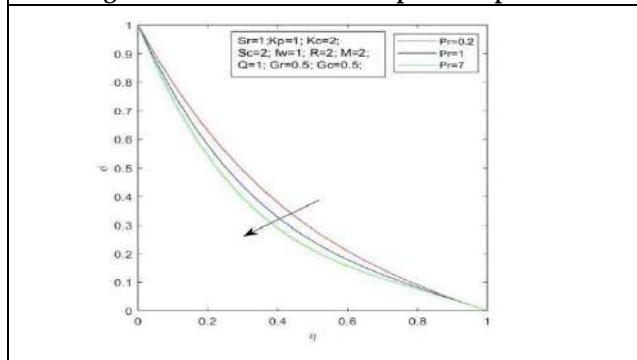**Figure 12 Effects of M on concentration profile**

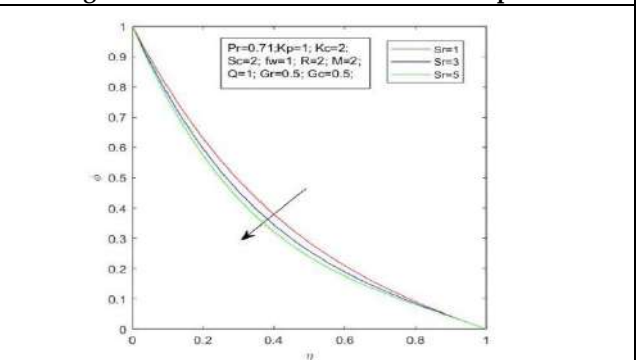**Figure 13 Effects of P_r on concentration profile**

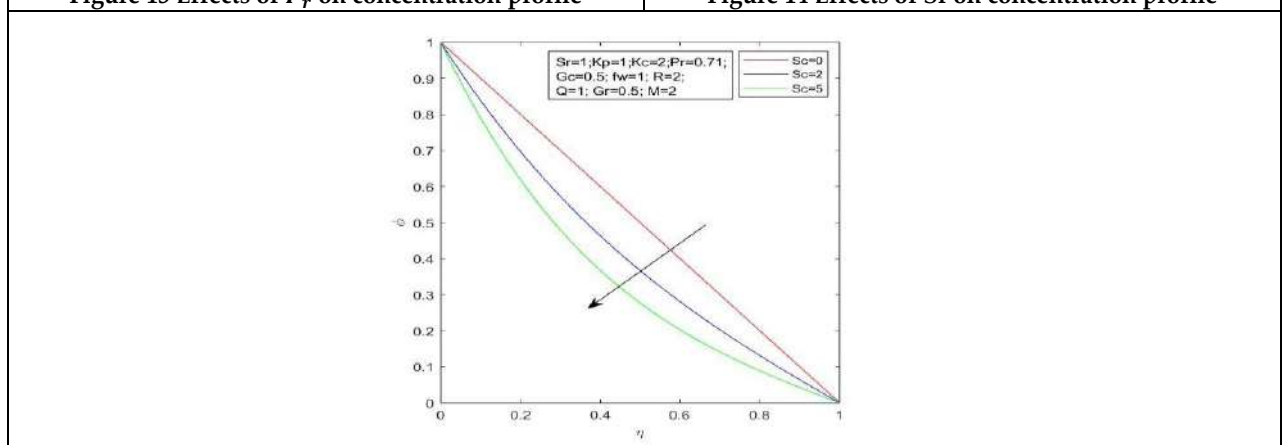**Figure 14 Effects of Sr on concentration profile**

Figure 15 Effects of Sc on concentration profile

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Transient Suffering, Enduring Hope: Mamet's Dark Pony and the Power of Humanism

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ABSTRACT

This paper examines the humanistic outlook in David Mamet's play 'Dark Pony'. Humanism is a philosophy that prioritizes solving problems through reason and logic over relying on religious beliefs. The play highlights a few important principles of humanism relevant to modern society. It emphasizes the basic goodness inherent in human nature and believes in our ability to find solutions using our own minds and resources. The play also boosts humans' confidence by reinstating their capacity to face struggles and to forge genuine fulfillment.

Keywords: Humanism, suffering, optimism, compassion, fulfillment

INTRODUCTION

David Alan Mamet, a creative and inexhaustible playwright of the 20th century, was born on the 30th November in 1947 in Chicago. Chicago and the playwright's experiences there have not only made him a master of language in his plays (a "language playwright" as Kroll puts it), but they have also become the fuel for his subject matter. As Bigs by points out, his plays focus on individuals who feel lost and disconnected from their spirituality, a sense of being spiritually dispossessed, people alienated by the forces of capitalism, feeling like products rather than individuals and characters who seek to replace meaningful relationships with fleeting sensations and fantasies as a way to cope. Mamet's early return to Chicago in 1972 marked a turning point in his career. While his initial plays like 'The Duck Variations' and 'Sexual Perversity in Chicago' garnered critical acclaim, it was 'American Buffalo' in 1975 that brought him widespread recognition. This success continued with the premieres of four diverse plays – 'Dark Pony,''The Water Engine, ''The Woods,' and 'A Life in the Theatre' - across America in 1977.

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His mastery of language reached new heights with the revised version of 'Lakeboat' in 1979. The 1982 production of 'Glengarry Glen Ross'flagged his status as a major dramatist, earning both the Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. With additional accolades like the Obie, Joseph Jefferson, and Outer Circle Awards, as well as prestigious grants, Mamet solidified his position as a leading figure in American theatre. This paper aims to examine the humanistic outlook in 'Dark Pony (DP).'**David Mamet's concern for humanity shines through his works, suggesting a rich vein of humanism waiting to be explored.**Although recognized as a talented wordsmith, moral commentator, social critic, and realist, understanding Mamet's humanist vision would be a **significant contribution**to offer a fresh perspective on Mamet's oeuvre andspark further research and discussion about Mamet's humanist vision.Humanism, as defined in the seventh edition of the New Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, is a philosophy that prioritizes solving problems through reason and logic over relying on religious beliefs. It emphasizes the basic goodness inherent in human nature and believes in our ability to find solutions using our own minds and resources. Corliss Lamont, in his book 'Humanism as a Philosophy' , often seen as the cornerstone of the humanist movement, defines humanism as a powerful belief system, though not in the traditional religious sense, with a core principle: **focusing on the well-being, advancement, and happiness of all humans, during this one and only life on this earth.**

Renowned as a 'Language Playwright', Mamet introduces his story-telling technique in almost all his plays. Sometimes, the stories come as bed time stories and sometimes, they are given in the form of anecdotes. Here, in 'DP,' produced in 1977, the whole play is a story narrated by a father to his daughter. The story is about a brave Indian boy called Rainboy. The boy makes everyone around him happy by telling stories and by being cheerful. He has a good friend in a wild horse called Dark Pony, which rescues him whenever he is in danger. The story tells how, once, Rainboy has been saved by the Dark Pony from a gang of wolves. Though the story has been narrated by the father several times, it never loses its thrill, which is understood when the daughter, along with father, repeats some of the lines which are interesting and add life to the story narration.

The play highlights a few important principles of humanism relevant to modern society. In their struggle against life's odds, humans break down many a time, because they do not realize that all the sufferings in life are transient in nature. With this main focus, 'DP' also boosts humans' confidence by reinstating their capacity to face struggles and to forge genuine fulfillment. It also underlines that people should extend their kindness not only to their fellow beings, but also to the objects of nature. Mamet (1998) quotes Huddie Ledbetter, the blues singer, who commented on the usage of a knife thus: "You take a knife, you use it to cut the bread, so you'll have strength to work; you use it to shave, so you'll look nice for your lover; on discovering her with another, you use it to cut out her lying heart." Likewise, Mamet uses the story telling technique for different purposes to ease an anxious mind, to fill the listener's mind with some expectations, to resolve a complex situation, so on and so forth. In 'DP,' he uses it to highlight the momentary nature of suffering. Human beings, even in their imagination, will like to identify themselves with characters imbibed with heroic qualities. Hence, Mamet presents the Rainboy, the central character of the story, with heroic qualities. He is a brave boy,

> Who fights in war
> A young man
> And his body was like Iron
> And he could see like an Eagle
> And he could run like a Deer (Mamet 1979b).

In his valour and strength, the Rainboy is compared with iron, the strongest of all metals. He is like an eagle in his capacity for observation and shrewdness. He is also as active as a deer. All these comparisons portray the Rainboy as an energetic and enthusiastic human being.

Mamet wants to delineate the Rainboy as a complete human being. A person with bravery alone cannot be called complete. He or she should be humane by nature:

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Father :….. And he was beloved by all his tribe
Because he was both brave and gay
And he brought happiness to all around him just by smiling
If times were bad (Mamet 1979b).

The Rainboy takes care of others and brings happiness into the lives of others. Humanists do not contain happiness within themselves; they spread their happiness. It is this quality of spreading happiness around him that makes the Rainboy a humanist. Another important trait of a humanist in Rainboy is that he finds a genuine friend in a wild horse, which is considered an object of nature. The wild horse is described as a 'special friend' (Mamet 1979b). Like a human being, who will take care of a true friend, Dark Pony looks after the Rainboy during the times of need:

If he was wounded, pick him up and carry him away upon his back.
If he was thirsty, bring him cool stream water in a hide.
If he was hungry, bring him food (Mamet 1979b).

Like a human friend, or more than a human friend, the Dark Pony helps the Rainboy and takes care of his needs, because even as an animal, the Dark Pony understands the good nature of the Rainboy. Thus, Mamet reiterates the need for treating animals with a caring attitude as they can be helpful to humans.

People, who undergo sufferings in life, become stronger than ever before. All human beings in this world, whether they are rich or poor, good or bad, face hardships in life. Though the Rainboy is a good human being, he faces dangerous situation in his life. But, once human beings overcome the suffering, life becomes easier and more meaningful. Mamet makes the audience understand this by making the central character face problems.

Father : When he woke up, what did he see?
The eyes of wolves ! …. Glaring at him from the darkness. Orange eyes and howling (Mamet 1979b).

The Rainboy was really frightened on seeing the wolves. Like in real life, he gets the help, in the form of the horse, only after some anxious moments. These anxious moments of wait for help can be compared with the tense moments which everyone undergoes during the phase of suffering. Mamet's intention in delaying the help to the Rainboy is to make the audience feel that like the stage of suffering the Rainboy has crossed, any torment which enters humans' lives will have to pass away, even if there is a slight delay. As Kanchanamala et al.(2022) state in an analysis of Hemingway's characters,"Often their world is violent and disorderly, it is the spirit and grace which help them handle pressure and eventually emerge as heroes with a difference". The Rainboy is one such individual with free-will who endures suffering since he understands that the miseries in life are short lived and emerge successfully as a hero. The story takes the audience to an imaginary world, where the hero is found facing a problem. But, the problem is sorted out and he emerges victoriously. Mamet wants his audience to identify themselves with the hero. He wants them to compare their problems with the problems of the hero. As the problems of the central character get solved, he gives reassurance to the audience that their problems will also be solved, because as Bigsby (1985) says, "there is no genuine human need which is not met, no terror which cannot be neutralized. Anxiety, fear, betrayal and desertion may exist, but only momentarily, only as a preparation for a more complete security." Though the story is about a boy's experience in the past, Mamet is not trying to link the past with the present, because unlike Miller's "Mamet's characters have no functional past. They are stranded in the present. The past is inert, disfunctional, like the discarded objects in Don Dubrow's resale store in 'American Buffalo'" (Bigsby 2000). This can be applied universally. A person, who worries about the past, can neither live in the present nor think about the future. When humans gain hope about their lives, they acquire strength to face any problem. Mamet advocates such humanistic approach which appeals to the entire mankind.

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While some interpretations suggest that 'DP'offers a straightforward promise of fulfilled needs and unwavering optimism through Rainboy's character, a closer look reveals a more nuanced exploration of humanism. The Rainboy's actions and eventual 'victory' can be viewed as stemming not from guaranteed fulfillment, but from his choice to embody compassion and bring joy to others despite his own struggles. This highlights the agency within a humanist perspective, where individuals actively contribute to a better world rather than passively waiting for it. Instead of presenting suffering as merely transient, the play acknowledges its reality but suggests that hope and joy can coexist with hardship, a core tenet of humanism. Thus, 'Dark Pony' goes beyond simplistic optimism, showcasing a complex and active form of humanism that emphasizes compassionate connections between humans and nature as a source of strength and meaning. Stressing the transient nature of suffering, the play also suggests that any genuine interest of human beings will be fulfilled. It further highlights man's capacity and need to face and overcome hardships in life, which makes life worth living on this earth.

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